

TOWN OF ENFIELD, NY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2013
COMPLETE COMMENTS
182 Surveys returned

The Comprehensive Plan survey was made available to all residents of Enfield and non-resident land-owners. A paper copy was inserted in the Enfield Community Currents/Town of Enfield Newsletter, which is mailed to approximately 950 residences. It was made available on paper at the Enfield Town Hall. It was also available for either printing or completion on-line at the Town of Enfield web site.

The survey was developed by a committee of residents using elements from comparable surveys from the towns of Freeville, Hector, Newfield, Caroline, and Ulysses.

See the document *Comprehensive Plan Survey Results Report 2013* for the survey results, including summaries of the comments submitted.

See below for the complete comments.

OVERVIEW:

The complete free-form comments for questions 23 to the end follow. The text responses to each question have been grouped by category. In cases where more than one topic was addressed by a respondent, that person's response was split as appropriate where possible (sometimes resulting from a comma at the end of the comment below). There were some cases, however, where it was not possible to split the response and so a judgment was made as to which category to include the comment even though it applies to more than one category. No comment was repeated for the sake of having it represented in more than one category. Thus these categories are only meant to facilitate a general understanding of the comments.

These comments appear exactly as people submitted them (no spelling, grammar, or punctuation was changed or corrected) except in a handful of instances where references to a specific name or address was masked with asterisks or, in 2 cases, removed from the text to maintain confidentiality or eliminate personal attack from the final document. The Planning Board has seen the unedited document.

Question 23 comments: What do you like most about Enfield?

Natural Environment

- Rural, open spaces
- The beauty and peacefulness.
- The rural atmosphere, with plenty of open space for agriculture, recreation, hunting, etc.
- like that it's rural and quiet
- There is lots of space.
- I like that it's quiet and beautiful, the water is pure and the air clean. I love growing my garden and walking in the woods, seeing the wildlife, flowers and trees.
- Rural environment, clean water
- Rural residential areas. Natural Beauty. Quiet.
- Rural setting
- Rural living with clean air and water
- Quiet rural atmosphere
- Rural character;
- The natural beauty, tranquility,

- The beauty of the natural surroundings
- Rural character;
- natural beauty
- the land and the amazing quality of water
- Rural settings.
- I like the rural agricultural character, natural beauty and views.
- SMALL SIZE
- Its rural landscape, the size, the beauty,
- Rural character and that I have cows for neighbors
- what the country has to offer - natural beautiful setting!!
- It is quiet, still retains a lot of undeveloped areas,
- rural landscape, clean water and air
- Natural beauty, quiet
- The rural character and natural beauty;
- The water. We have the best water in the area. Wildlife.
- Natural Beauty and privacy. It's quite and peaceful most of the time. The waterways and state park are also jewels.
- Rural environment, amount of forest
- The natural beauty, uncrowded spaces, clean water and air
- Open space
- Rural character, landscape, hills
- Rural, tranquil, clean air and water
- Farms, parks, historic structures,
- rural
- Rural, peace and quiet, natural beauty,
- Rural character, natural beauty,
- The open spaces
- the rural nature of the town
- The rolling green hills, frame and open land
- The rural environment,
- Living in the country. Quiet, beautiful vistas throughout the town. The mix of farms, and forests.
- rural character, birds, and wildlife
- open space
- Scenery
- I like the rural characteristic of Enfield and its state parks and natural beauty.
- I love the rural aspect of our community.
- Rural Beauty, peace and quiet, parks, trails.
- The rural character
- its rural setting
- The natural beauty
- The falls
- quiet, rural, peaceful character; natural beauty;
- Small Town rural area
- I like it alot, it is quite, beautiful colors in the fall, some snow, nice breeze in the summer.
- natural diversity of native plants and animals on our land
- Quiet, rural living, our great water that is now in jeopardy
- Beauty, relative quiet, lots of open space
- natural beauty/rural
- Natural beauty; hills, fields, forests, streams; Treman park, especially Upper Enfield.
- Rural character,
- Open Space
- Natural beauty

- Rural character
- Natural beauty.
- Open space & natural beauty.
- Rural character.
- very scenic
- Natural beauty.
- Beautiful, quiet countryside.
- Natural beauty and rural character
- The quiet country setting
- Rural natural beauty
- The rural feel
- That I was born/raised here and it's still as beautiful.
- The beauty,
- Natural environment small town feel with close proximity to Ithaca.
- Natural areas, beauty
- Small size, open spaces, serenity
- Rural setting
- Quiet, rural character & natural beauty.
- Quiet, beauty, privacy.
- The natural beauty, rural character, clean air, clean water,
- The fall leaves
- The beautiful farm scenery.
- Every beautiful rock that catches my eye in the sunlight as I walk the fields with our dogs, the different places berries pop up each year to our surprise. I love this place for its beauty and for the feeling of 'being rooted' that it gives me.
- Rural, close to nature, peaceful
- Stunning beauty, air and water quality
- Rural character, scenery,
- Beauty, water , rural nature,
- Rural setting, parks,

Outdoor Recreation

- lots of great places to hike
- fishing, swimming, hiking
- recreational opportunities nearby;
- The access to the outdoors for recreation, Treman State Park, the Finger Lakes Trail, etc.
- good cycling, great access to parks,
- hilly terrain with some relative wilderness to hike and bike and cross country ski in,
- Access to trails for cross country skiing and hiking,

Farming/Agriculture

- Room for farming
- Farming
- opportunities for organic agriculture,
- , farming community.

Lack of heavy industry

- It's small and there's no heavy industry,
- and no fracking or heavy industrial farming,
- The environmental concerns re. No hydrofracking or green industry
- fracking moratorium.
- Small size, rural, no industry.
- It's a great rural town, but I'm worried about fracking. Otherwise, there's no place I'd rather be.

Proximity to other places

- Rural location, but close to Ithaca.
- it's people, close enough to city, but far away enough to enjoy the peace and quiet(but that's changing due to slum lord rentals. bad for peace and quiet and land values.
- proximity to Ithaca, the natural beauty of the area
- close to Ithaca.
- close commute to Ithaca
- The fact it's close to Ithaca, but still far enough away to be rural.
- proximity to Ithaca
- Proximity to Ithaca and surrounding parks,
- close to state parks
- Rural country living near to Ithaca.
- When purchasing our home, it was very important that we are in the Ithaca City School district and near a TCAT bus line.
- It's rural atmosphere with proximity to Ithaca;
- the proximity to Ithaca, Treman Park.
- I like that it's rural and close to Ithaca.
- and is a nice proximity to Ithaca, Trumansburg, etc.
- State parks
- I like being close to T-burg and Ithaca but the feel of being out in the country.
- closeness to Ithaca, Watkins Glen, and state parks.
- The proximity to Ithaca.
proximity to Ithaca/Elmira/Corning,
- close to Ithaca,
- distance from Ithaca and Watkins Glen. Robert Treman State Park.
- Closeness to Ithaca and parks
- I can get to Ithaca in 20 minutes,
- It's beauty and proximity to parks and Ithaca.
- and proximity to Ithaca and state parks.
- We are close to Ithaca, part of the Ithaca City School District, but have a lot of access to land for gardening, hiking, and other outdoor activities.
- nearby parks, lakes
- The abundance of natural landscapes, the clean water & air, the rural character,
- I like the rural nature of the town and that it is close to the state parks, the national forest and close to Ithaca and Trumansburg.
- proximity to Ithaca and Treman park.
- Its rural nature as well as its proximity to the cultural offerings of the Ithaca area.
- Its rural character, yet it is very close to Ithaca.
- home price and proximity to Ithaca combo,
- Proximity to parks.
- proximity to Ithaca
- close to Ithaca
- & proximity to Ithaca
- It's small and rural but close enough to Ithaca for convenience.
- proximity to parks, the lake.
- The countryside is what brought me here along with the close proximity to Ithaca
- Beautiful rural setting close to services in Ithaca
- proximity to Ithaca.
- It's rural natural setting and its proximity to Ithaca for work.
- close to Ithaca

The People/Community

- and sense of community.
- it's sense of community.
- FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS, LAID BACK RURAL CHARACTER
- Great community.
- people
- & the sense of community
- community involvement and good neighbors
- Enfield's unique economy comprised of people who know how to do just about anything.
- I also enjoy the sense of community and public involvement that appears to be growing in Enfield.
- Quirky nature loving residents,
- the growing sense of community.
- the community mindedness of so many people.
- & concerned neighbors
- Peaceful atmosphere, neighbors.
- Rural community
- Sense of community
- friendly community,
- the people.
- Lived here since a baby, sense of community.

Regulation

- Lack of zoning
- Low taxes, minimal government interference
- but the countryside is getting too junky. There are a lot of homeowners who do not care about their properties and a code enforcement officer who does not enforce NYS code etc.

Services

- and the excellent police and fire protection services.
- fire protections, roads

Quality of life

- The low density of traffic on Enfield's roads is a real bonus.
- Its quiet for the most part.
- My home and the sense of community Events, activities and planning should support the live-ability of Enfield balancing the cost benefit ratio. No more "Shudaben" development where the taxpayers have to pay to bail out residents from greedy developers.
- peace and quiet
- quiet;
- low impact/volumn of traffice;
- lack of traffic
- The peaceful setting.
- Small, quiet
- Relaxing atmosphere primarily. Room to breath, quiet to think. Privacy
- Beautiful, good quality water, quiet, not much traffic,
- peace and quiet, privacy, clean air, clean water, I can walk for recreation and exercise and not get run over by trucks or (in general) chased by unleashed dogs.
- being able to live in close to nature and grow my own food, being the steward of my land and live in a healthy way , while also being in close proximity to Ithaca.
- That you can swim in a local spring-fed pond and know that water is about as clean as it can get. More affordable than most towns in Tompkins County.
- dark and quiet nights out here.
- That it's a small town
- I like the privacy we get in other rural towns it doesn't seem the same as here.

- PEACE AND QUIET
- low population density,
- There is not a lot of traffic and noise, except on 79,
- Good quality of life, fresh air and water.
- The fresh air and natural beauty, the peace and quiet,
- Rural, clean and
- Sleepy; pretty, mostly quiet, nature around me.
- affordable living
- I can afford to live here. Would move outside Tompkins county if that changed.
- Rural, small community
- Nice place to live & raise children.
- not expensive.
- It is a small quiet little community that should remain so.
- I love that it is a small town full of natural beauty and seems to be less tainted by greed than many of the big cities.
- Country setting, away from city, quiet
- Quiet rural setting
- Small, quiet
- Small town.
- Quiet,

Progress

- that a wind farm is opening up! That's so exciting! I will cry for joy when it happens.
- That it is now coming into the 21st century.
- I've seen some new improvement like new Enfield Highway Building.

General

- It's where my families land is located.
- I know everybody because i grew up here.
- I grew up here its my home I love it. My family lives next door to me. I really like that we can share this space together and be so close.
- Best place to live.
- Always home
- I like that we have history here. It feels right to be here and to consider this the place we will always be. I know our family's land like the back of my hand. My head is full of stories from relatives long lost and of my own experience...tromping through the swamp, learning to drive a Ford 9N on my own under the instruction of my granddad.

Question 24: What is your biggest concern about the future of Enfield?

Agriculture

- I am strongly opposed to industrial farming/"right-to-farm policies" that produce toxic air and can contaminate water.
- Recent so-called "conventional" farming that destroys hedgerows, lovely woods, creek valleys.
- My biggest concern is for the possible commercialization of the town. Many remember the "Pig Farm" years ago. I certainly do, as I lived downwind of it. This type of commercial farming, as in the Town of Lansing, can downgrade the environment of the town and should be discouraged.
- I would not support CAFOs as they are essentially agriculture fracking.
- Loss of farmlands
- Restrictions on Farming

- It is extremely important to protect the environment by enacting regulations which prevent practices such as spraying of chemicals on the soil. We need to encourage green energy, organic farming, and preserving the land for future generations to enjoy.

Environment & Health

- I am very concerned that heavy industrialization associated with fracking or other heavy industries will ruin our roads, pollute our aquifer and deplete our clean water resources.
- I am strongly opposed to hydrofracking that produces toxic air and can contaminate water.
- I am very concerned about the possible effects of natural gas development (fracking) on our community. The effects on water quality and the increase in truck traffic and noise are of particular concern. I believe it would so degrade the quality of life here that we would be forced to move.
- Hydro-fracking ruining the water & roads
- Fracking
- My biggest concern is that our community and water will be destroyed by hydrofracturing.
- fracking could wreck everything
- I am very concerned that fracking will ruin not only my well water but also the air and noise quality of my home. I moved here for the natural beauty and quiet. I don't want these taken away because of fracking.
- fracking
- fracking would change everything and could destroy my land and water
- That they allow Fracking in Enfield or any were else. Because Fracking will ruin the land and destroy everything. I dont want to have to live with all the spills, loudness and most improtantly traffic. I also dont want my water to catch on fire.
- The potential negative consequences of hydro-fracking.
- The possibility of fracking. I am part owner of a lake property in PA and we worry greatly about the quality of both our lake and our well water. There have been many instances of contaminated well water in neighboring communities. I can't take a drink from the tap and not wonder if it's safe to do so. I can't say how comforting it is to know that my water here is safe for myself and my dogs. It seems as though people take clean well water for granted, particularly those who have never experienced the fear of contamination.
- Hydrofracking, polluted water and air, unsafe deteriorating roads, homes surrounded with trash, junk, garbage and vehicles.
- That fracking will destroy the water supply and general health of the area.
- Fracking
- The threat of fracking.
- Changes that will occur if hydrofracking comes to town
- That frackers come! I will hit them over the head with a baseball bat if they come on my land! Maybe we should frack their land how would they like that! I don't want my land and water contaminated!!!!!!
- protect Enfield lands from activities such as hydraulic fracturing and other such damaging activities
- Worried about fracking & wall water, fracking & beauty, fracking & incoming of rough necks.
- Gas drilling
- Hydrofracking's impact on environment
- being overrun by oil and gas exploration companies.
- The effects of fracking, including traffic and water quality.
- Fracking
- Industrial development/hydrofracking
- Fracking
- High volume slick water hydrofracking is a danger to the community and could easily destroy our wonderful community.
- Nothing is even remotely more important than to ban fracking
- RIGHT NOW WE MUST BAN HIGH VOLUME SLICK WATER HORIZONTAL HYDROFRACTURING
- Fracking
- impact of fracking either in or nearby Enfield
- concerned that fracking will be allowed
- Allowing an irrevsable hyrofracking in our community

- that hydrofracking will come and poison everything
- Fracking will change the entire rural nature of the town, destroy natural beauty, destroy water, air and community.
- Fracking for natural gas and its impact on the environment, especially water quality
- do not want gas drilling here
- Hydraulic fracturing for natural gas and the pollution that will ensue.
- I'm most concerned that gas drilling will be allowed in the area, placing a hazard on our water table, air quality and rural nature of the town. I'm concerned that we will lose the agricultural nature of the town and would like to encourage more farming and less industrial development.
- hydrofracking will turn the town into an industrialized zone for years and i'll be forced to sell my home at a reduced value and leave..
- The possibility of fracking. Leave the gas in the ground.
- I dread extraction of natural resources of any sort without long term considerations of sustainability. Right now it is fracking. Global warming is coming to all of us and that is actually my largest concern. We need to get off fossil fuels.
- Hydrofracking
- Fracking would destroy enfield and must be avoided at all costs.
- The possibility of fracking makes me hesitant to buy a home or start a business as I do not believe that in the event of water and land contamination that anyone will be held responsible in a reasonable amount of time which means there is no deterrent for those seeking profit.
- I am concerned that Enfield could become industrialized due to natural gas extraction techniques and other large scale commercial agriculture or industrial ventures. I want to continue to live in a healthy , quiet rural environment. We need to protect our air, land and water and the overall quality of our rural life.
- I really do not want to see it become a fracking town I know of people that live in Pennsylvania in a tracking town before they came in it was great another wonderful rural town in the United States one four corner stop sign with a small town store the fracking company's came in the roads are thrashed they have to wait at a stop light for sometimes up to fifteen minutes for a long line of gas trucks. They were invaded they can't sell there land because no one wants to buy it in a town over run by fracking company's they are concerned about there children's health.
- The most awful future I can imagine is an Enfield dotted with gas drilling rigs pounding 24/7, spewing diesel fumes into the air & turning clean water into chemical stew. We have such a treasure of beautiful woods & streams, farmland & meadows--how can we even consider turning such an environment into a dirty industrial zone?
- hydrofracking and wind farms changing the landscape and noise levels
- That hydrofracking will ruin the water supply and cause many homes to be worthless.
- That the town become home to increased heavy-industrial activity and accompanying pollution that goes along with fossil fuel extraction. It's really important to protect our valuable and thus far plentiful water supply through an aquifer study and local laws.
- My home is my biggest investment and if hydrofracking is allowed its diminished value is assured. Lower land values will lead to diminished tax base for town maintenance and repair of the destructive nature of the drilling practices so apparent in Pennsylvania. The noise air and water pollution will prompt many to leave, it is a slippery slope that has left many communities in desperation. I do not want to leave Enfield but am not willing to live in the midst of these installations.
- That hydro fracking will be allowed and a spill will contaminate our water. Even if there is no spill the industrial development of Enfield would most likely drive us away at great cost to us.
- That we won't adequately protect our community against high volume natural gas drilling- Ban fracking in Enfield!
- Possibility of fracking, at this time.
- Messing up the place with fracking.
- I am very concern about fracking. We are on a well and I would really HATE to loose our water supply.
- That hydrofracking or other heavy industrial development will destroy the clean air, water, peacefulness and quality of life that we have here.

- 1. That hydrofracking NOT be allowed here, and that we have the right to determine that as a town.
- Possibility of hydrofracking
- No Fracking! No fracking! No drilling! No, No, No!
- Fracking
- Fracking- Don't Want!
- Fracking and what it could do to our water and air, especially 2 years down the line when the chemicals have had time to disperse and seals have had time to break.
- High volume drilling for natural gas (fracking)
- Allowing fracking for gas wells
- Don't want to see hydro-fracking and the heavy industrial look that accompanies it.
- Fracking coming here
- Although I am not necessarily opposed to developing natural gas, I am none the less concerned about the effect it will have.
- The big businesses and gas drilling will come here. We NEED to encourage solar and wind energy.
- Hydrofracking will render homes uninhabitable, destroy property values, increase taxes by destroying tax base and increase infrastructure maintenance cost.
- Stop fracking!
- I'm very concerned about fracking.
- Threat of hydrofracking
- Eventual approval of hydrofracking and resulting environmental and traffic impacts
- Fracking
- Pollution of air and water. Industrialization through natural gas development or CAFOs.
- Hydrofracking. We will leave town if it comes.
- Fracking
- Fracking is a huge threat to our quality of life. I strongly oppose drilling and hydrofracking in the Town of Enfield.
- I'm concerned that our community will change...it's way too small of an area to invite huge industrial operations like gas drillers in to disrupt and pollute this beautiful landscape. I'm saddened that people who claim to be the most concerned about the land have more regard for making money at the expense of their neighbors than really, and seriously considering the damage that will occur to the land if high volume slick water hydraulic fracturing is allowed to commence. Even if there was never to be a spill, the toll that this type of activity will take on the surface, the landscape, the terrain...it will change it forever. This type of mindset is disappearing. It isn't realistic in today's society and it isn't sustainable in a community the size of ours.
- losing access to parks and lakes
- Increased pollution
- Water well protection.
- Pollution of ground water and bodies of water.

Governance

- EVFC Members should not serve on the Town Board. The Town employs too many family members. Town clerk, code officer, brother and sister, councilperson married to code officer, etc. Conflicts!

Growth & Development

- Commercialization of natural resources
- That decisions being made now are based on fear and speculation. This town could use an economic boost and writing an entire industry out of a plan is short-sighted. This town should welcome ANY industry into our tax base. So my biggest fear is creating a plan that prohibits the growth of this community.
- Development
- That it is not over-developed, or the countryside ruined for someone's profit
- Currently I would be most concerned about property taxes continuing to go up
- Taxes will become so high that residents will sell and move because of affordability. We need to think long and hard before spending beyond our basic needs. We cannot continue to increase taxes at the expense of our residents.

- Cost of services and taxes for unfunded state and federal mandates
- Increasing Property taxes- especially for residents on fixed incomes.
- I'm concerned about what the large landowners will do with their land to make money. I can only hope that they will consider the community when making decisions.
- No plan for the infrastructure to meet the future needs of the town. No in town housing for the elderly, no community center or recreational space (ball fields, basketball courts, etc.)for our young. We don't even have a decent Town Hall and the center of our town in distened for slum lord city!
- Commercial development
- Development with no safe pedestrian spaces.
- Increased population
- over population
- Lack of proper land use, ie small home/lot sizes. Min size 3 ars.
- It will lose its rural charm.
- Over development of industry.
- Over expansion of public buildings
- Sprawl development ruining the rural area. I grew up outside Philadelphia in a rural area where farms were replaced completely by strip malls and housing developments, each uglier than the last. Result is no community identity, no way to walk or use public transport to services. No beautiful landscape. Just endless, characterless sprawl and crowded roads and everyone living atomized lives. I think fostering community and stewardship of land and resources should be the top priorities.
- Take over by "oil companies"
- Big brother (oil co) taking over
- too many indians and not enough chiefs.
- Growth.
- I'd hate to see it become like Ithaca, over run by students with no respect for those who live and work here.
- traffic on t. 79 and back roads

Housing Quality & Maintenance

- Come look at the properties on either side of me! Deteriorating buildings. The "newest" buildings made out of scrap.
- Deteriorating housing stock.
- too many welfare section 8 housing opportunities. attracting bad acting and scary people to our area.

Lack of Services

- That we get a better gas station and for the TCAT to come out here more and for the town to get a program for people that need help with services and food and the children.
- Lack of good cell service.
- 2. The lack of affordable high-speed internet service, except for those who have Haefele TV, which provides internet services.
- Lack of choices of Internet providers.
- Lack of public transportation.

Rights & Restrictions

- Planning should not change the character of Enfield so large landowners can make a buck on the backs of hardworking middle class residents as has happened in past.
- Losing its free rural lifestyle.
- loss of property owner's rights through poor planning
- Lack of zoning will lead to undesirable uses establishing businesses near my home or my neighbors.
- Lack of zoning, lack of code enforcement.
- Unregulated buildings.
- Lack of building/zoning regulations
- unplanned growth
- Unregulated housing development, esp. mobile homes.

- Lack of zoning
- NOSY NEIGHBORS PUSHING THEIR AGENDAS ON OTHERS
- Rights of the minority are being trampled by the majority.

Threats & Nuisances

- Break-ins to rural homes
- Drugs.
- Road racing.
- Drugs.
- Lower class people making it a dumpy area.
- Slum landlords w/flop houses.
- Dogs across the road left out all the time, barking and whining (SPCA will not do anything unless formal charges are pressed).
- Drugs.
- Continued transient, low or no income people wandering around.
- Welfare will be the primary employer

Question 25 Comments: What would you change in Enfield?

Town Government

- More planning, controls
- Some consistency in our Town management would be a plus
- I would hold more referendums to encourage inclusiveness in Town of Enfield policy & planning.
- I would like to see more of the kind of community involvement in Town events and governance we've seen over the last couple of years.
- I'd like to see the Town make a greater effort to create and maintain a town-wide e-mail list so that announcements about meetings and laws are more readily available. People could be encouraged to stay in touch with the Town website more than they do. We'd become a more cohesive community.
- Find a way to acknowledge the contributions of the few residents that keep the town running and safe (elected officials, employees, fire company personnel -- all volunteer far more time than most residents realize).
- the town board, too many conflicts of interest
- Transparency of the Fire Company
- focus of town government
- New people in town Gov.
- Land owners should have more input on major financial decisions.

Community

- To see everyone work for the common good of our community. We have a lovely firehouse but no community events can be held there, why? Would like to see more community involvement and support with our Grange.
- I would like to see more community socializing. While it would be great to have an actual community center building to meet in, I think we could be creative as a community until the time that's possible. Perhaps some open houses a few times a year or once a month...open our homes for snacks and meeting new people. Maybe a progressive dinner a couple times a year. I have loved getting to know so many people who live here. Really, it's such a small population, it is possible to know nearly everyone here in some capacity sooner or later. The more we know one another, the more committed we are to one another in making our community strong.
- more recreational opportunities
- too much influence from Ithaca

- I wish there was more of a community here - more gatherings or a place to gather (cafe?). Would be nice to have some small businesses here or kid-orientated activities for families to come together.
- Enhancing sense of community
- Idealistically, I would work on changing the attitude that "what I do on/with my land is nobody else's business". Fostering an attitude of "I care that what I do on/with my land affects my neighbors" could be a worthwhile goal.
- More community events to bring residents together and to "get to know" some of our neighbors
- There seem to be a lot of people living in very marginal-looking structures. Info and connections - perhaps via the website - about how residents could help neighbors in need would be nice.
- feed the hungry, encourage our young people, and have more of a sense of a caring community
- More activities for children.
- Get people to get to know each other better. Have more opportunities to meet your neighbors.
- repurpose fire hall to a community facility,
- increase communication and cooperation of citizens on individual and community projects.
- I would like to see more opportunities for the kids- a bigger space for them to gather in, more resources for after school activities and programming.
- Less sense of "I can do whatever I want to my property" and greater awareness of the public good.
- Encourage more community learning opportunities and use of facilities for adult classes and education.
- That more to be done to encourage the community to stay small.
- People like me who are not involved enough. I/we should be. More engaged with neighbors. Can we start a community cafe like Dryden? Need better relationships between new comers & old timers. Less arrogance from new-comers towards rural families. More mutual respect.
- I would build a community center for all to use.
- Need a community center so people have a place to run into each other.
- I would increase the sense of community by not splitting us into so many different school districts.

New or Improved Infrastructure desired

- We need a sustainable model of development that includes improved internet access, improved public transportation access
- I would also really LOVE to have high speed internet!
- High speed internet availability.
- I would improve cell service and internet options to invite small, home-based businesses into our community.
- Develop high speed internet access
- We need improved internet access that is more affordable- we don't have cable or DSL. Satellite internet access is expensive and not always reliable.
- I've only lived in Enfield for 6 months, but I am very happy with everything so far and glad to have bought property here. If I had to pick one thing, access to high-speed internet would be really nice. I am only able to access that at work.
- Modernize ie Internet - High speed
- Poor cell phone coverage and no legitimate Internet access. Needs to be addressed as soon as possible.
- I'd bring in affordable high-speed internet service. The state broadband map has been wrong. It shows Time Warner Cable serving Enfield, and also shows other internet services that are not available. I have been in touch with the state Broadband Commission on numerous occasions to help them correct the errors on the map, because they need to know that there is little to no high-speed internet service in Enfield.
- Bike paths on major roads. So it will be safer for the people who are biking.
- make the busy roads safer by creating bike paths.
- More safe pedestrian spaces -- sidewalks and walking/bike trails.
- a town water system, sewer system, connection to the world due to cable, telephone cables, maybe a small movie theater, etc. for residents to enjoy.
- More commercial activity and urban landscaping in Enfield town center.
- I would bring on the farms/restaurants/parks/bike lanes/ all the other good ideas mentioned above.
- More public green space, perhaps more local businesses in the center of Enfield

- Make a real town center (see below). Add sidewalks and more street lights so pedestrians stop walking in the road, especially on Enfield Main. Encourage *small* business development and better quality affordable housing, and elder care. Elder care would need to come with proper public transportation and a small grocery store in the center of town. Above I indicated that I wanted to increase certain types of housing, but I would not want to see massive housing developments with identical houses on postage-stamp sized plots of land. If housing is increased I would want it to be done thoughtfully, and with priority placed on keeping the rural nature of our community.
- maybe start a park to encourage some sort of visiting to the area. Start small and grow.
- It would be wonderful to have our roads more pedestrian and cyclist friendly. It would also be great to have a recreational park nearby with a playground.
- I would love to see some storefronts in downtown Enfield.
- The town area needs a little renovation.
- Historic preservation and re-purposing of existing structures in a planned focused way to build a community center.
- A restaurant or two would be nice, but maybe unrealistic.
- I would like to see sidewalks along Enfield main road and a proper bus stop across from the town hall.
- develop bike paths
- I would build a stronger town center area
- Build a bus shelter for riders.
- Better internet service,
- Replace Kuma's with a regular tavern.
- Make a nice center of town. People associate Valley Korner as the center and that doesn't promote the gentle character of Enfield.
- Make the village center more attractive.
- Shooting range-
- The establishment of a traditional general store would serve as a community "watering hole", community center, grocery and retail store, while fitting with the character of the community.
- A place to bring lawn clippings, leaves, Christmas trees, etc.

Cleanup encouraged

- Improve condition of buildings and maintenance of green areas,
- I'd also like to see the gravel piles moved out of the center of town to the new highway department site.
- get ride of junk sites near the roads
- Improve the town hall and meeting Facilities
- Demolish the corner store- bring in new store with a paved parking lot and affordable prices.

Energy

- people shouldn't be wishy washy about this -- just ban it before it's too late
- the weather, but if you can't do that at least stop the frackers!
- I'd definately want to leave if fracking were allowed.
- Pass a ban on gas drilling to protect us from fracking and other high volume industrial drilling techniques which will ruin our way of life here in Enfield.
- Ban Fracking forever.
- And I would like to see a ban on high volume hydrofracking in the town.
- Change the moratorium to a ban on hydrofracking.
- I would like to see Enfield focus on green energy, like the wind farm that is going to be built on Black Oak Rd and
- Introduce a moratorium on fracking.
- A ban on fracking until it can be done safely.
- the moritorium on fracking to a complete ban on fracking
- I would change the fracking moratorium to a fracking ban
- make the moratorium into a ban on fracking
- I would enact a ban on high volume hydraulic fracturing.

- Institute a Ban on Hydrofracking
- Slowness of relictivity (?) to ban fracking
- ban hydrofracking,
- Put a ban on Hydro Fracking in place.
- The slow move to ban fracking. It needs to be done NOW!
- Natural Gas drilling when safer forms would be Ok
- ban tracking.
- Town should adopt a BAN on Hydrofracking.
- Ban hydrofracking
- Reduced cost electrical power through wind energy and a ban on hydro-fracking would make me very proud.
- Also, if farmers are allowed to "frack" their land, the environment of the town will be so adversely affected that it becomes beyond repair.
- I would institute a ban on fracking as soon as possible.
- also green renewable energy sources in more abundance I think it's great the outside lights in the parking lot at the school are solar powered cudos that's great
- more emphasis on energy conservation, development of renewable energy technologies.
- I do think that every effort should be made to incorporate green energy wherever possible. A wind farm would only be an asset. Any other moves toward green energy would be welcome.
- increase energy efficiencies of all buildings.
- Build/approve wind farm and solar generation. Energy independence without toxic waste.
- The addition of a wind farm.
- Complete wind farm

Agriculture

- and "new agriculture" ventures that do not contaminate the land or air, and that have genuine respect for the well being of neighbors in what is becoming a more residential area.
- I would encourage farmland protection laws and any programs that would encourage farmers to keep large tracts of farmland intact.
- Explore ways to enable land to stay open space so that it's available for current and future (green) agriculture.
- Farmers used to be the primary protectors of the land. Ever increasingly, they use and abuse the land to maximize profits. The increasing use of herbicides and pesticides will eventually adversely affect all aspects of the environment,
- I would love to see huge embrace of development of renewable energy and organic farming. We are in the perfect place for it with Ithaca so close by.
- Not much it would be nice to see more organic farmers in the area
- fostering of small-scale agriculture,
- NO MORE CAFOS!

Housing

- More housing
- improve substandard housing
- Limit manufactured housing

Roads and Transportation

- More bus service.
- Better public transportation to more areas of Enfield. For example, the Enfield Falls area is not served at all. A small feeder bus along Rt.327 four times a day to connect to the lines at the Enfield Town Hall or on Route 13 would be nice. Could be served by some 8 passenger van. There is a need, but there may not be enough folks using the service in the beginning, thus a relatively small public transport vehicle would suffice.
- I don't understand the resistance to having a bus stop at the new highway facility. I think it would be very useful to have a bus stop there.
- public transportation options,

- reroute TCAT to a loop that runs to the new highway barn crosses over to Bostwick Rd. and over Sheffield to Meck Rd. ;
- Stop digging such huge trenches on the sides of the roads. Drainage is one thing but standing water (now a problem in front of my place) leads to more mosquitoes (West Nile virus problem) and big problems for minor skids in the winter.
- Bus service to all of Enfield
- Better Winter plowing.
- Better road repair
- Small TCAT buses or vans operating more frequently and coming out to S. Buck Hill Rd. (County/Town line)

Regulations/policies

- Enforcement of junk yard code / dog licensing.
- More zoning and more enforcement of property code requirements; it's embarrassing to drive visitors around certain areas of Enfield, the way some of the properties look
- stricter codes and enforcement regarding property maintenance.
- Develop a long term plan for sustainable development. Countryside residents across the country have realized too late that zoning would have protected them from big trucks running over their dogs, or that loud noise that keeps them up at night, and the traffic that doubles their commute. There is room in Enfield for industry, commerce, multifamily homes, etc... but we must have a plan that is realistic for keeping traffic reasonable, allowing space for recreation, and not disturbing the existing rural character of Enfield.
- I would encourage stronger land use planning/ zoning to maintain the rural and agricultural nature of the community. I am concerned about the effect of substandard housing on the nature of the community and the schools.
- Realistically, I would like the town to explore the idea of land use zoning to see if some form of it would work for Enfield.
- Put in place a noise ordinance.
- Get farm/animal run-off under control.
- stricter rules to prevent industrial development
- At least enforce building codes and maybe have some zoning regulations
- I would love to see zoning in Enfield, like you see in every other town in the country.
- I would like to see the sheriff's dept. out here more often setting up speed traps.
- I also have some concerns about recreational gun usage.
- I am very glad that the ATV track on Shudaben Rd. closed. That was quite a noise nuisance and is a concern. I would discourage the development of another ATV or dirtbike track.
- I would like to see some sort of code to help people learn to keep junk cars and junk trailers and general level of extremely unsightly waste limited, behind fences and NOT right along our beautiful creeks. I hike at night and smell burn barrels all the time. I don't know how to locate exactly where they are coming from.
- I'd like more zoning, more protective ordinances, as an example no single-wides. Would like noise ordinances on dirt bikes and four wheelers.
- Much less illegal shooting on properties adjacent to mine.
- Well, we need zoning...
- consider zoning and get some law enforcement protection full time. I think the town could provide free housing to a young police officer willing to make this area their home for their family.
- It would be nice if junk laws were enforced- Clean up our town- get rid of junk cars-
- To enforce the speed by the school and
- Impose fewer restrictions on commercial farm land use.
- get rid of road racing, loud car stereos.
- Disabled veterans in most of the United States pay no school tax and no land tax. Why not here, please tell me why. Cornell is tax free.
- Now that Bostwick between Applegate and 327 has been so improved, speeding (esp. vehicles w. little or no mufflers) and littering is out of control...speed bumps, signage? Enforcement.

Business/Services

- incubator for small businesses to get started and employ more Enfield residents.
- I would encourage small, low impact businesses
- encouragement for small businesses and definitely another grocery/gas station store
- more education, better access to educational resources
- more food pantry times in this town.

Environment

- Enfield's pure air and water, its natural beauty , its organic gardening and maple syrup industries are very important to me.
- Not sure how, but more encouragement of nature and wildlife.
- Control water use and contamination from all sources, including agriculture, industry and residents. Control outdoor burning to minimize environmental impact.
- As little as possible about the natural environment.
- Encourage responsible land use regulating to preserve open space and view sheds.
- The water is extremely hard.

About change in Enfield

- Nothing
- Nothing. What's wrong with a small town? Evrything doesn't have to change. If it works, leave it alone.
- Nothing special at this time.
- Peoples stubbornness to change
- not sure
- Not much.
- nothing at the moment
- Not sure
- Nothing- Leave it alone!
- Not much.
- More of what is suggested

Question 26 Comments: Do you believe Enfield is changing for the better or worse and why?

Town Government

- it's taken awhile to get away from the families that usually ran the town "residents are slowly getting things done by vote, better local government leaders, etc.
- For reasons stated above. No plan and the lack of caring out a plan if there was one. We have a huge turnover rate with our elected officials which adds to this problem.
- When I grew up politicians and political appointees looked out for those who they represented verus their personal interest. Can you folks who are charged with planning really tell me you are looking out for the concerns of all residents or positioning yourselves to make more money at the expense of the rest of us, You call it capitalism and it's okay when in fact you've benefited from tax breaks and government subsidies which is socialism.
- I appreciate the responsiveness of the Town Board to community concerns and have faith that it bods well for Enfield's future
- Town is attempting to make improvemens for a better Enfield.
- I am concerned that the planning board may not represent the wishes of the majority of the Town who would welcome some reasonable land use regulation.
- The Town Board listens to the concerns of the people and neighbors help each other through the fire department , the churches and the school.
- same kind of problems, no matter who is "in charge"

- I believe that the town of Enfield Board is thoughtful and caring about this community.
- don't know...maybe better as the town board meetings are now so open and inviting?
- I think the effectiveness of our Planning Board & Town Board is also on the rise. Their effectiveness will certainly be put to the test during the next year as the issue of a hydrofracking ban comes front & center!
- town government is becoming more responsive to the voice of the citizens-including the newcomers,
- Environmental concerns are being addressed appropriately by the Town.
- The Town Board meetings have become very respectful, and more welcoming of input from residents.
- I am glad the Planning Board is inviting community participation on their committees for updating the Comprehensive Plan.
- there is some forward thinking, planning, but not enough and not fast enough.
- Finally a town board that works in relative harmony for the betterment of the town.
- The town leaders are asking the right questions and seeking input from town residents.
- it's thinking carefully about its future and trying to do what's best for most of us.
- Lots of great new/old board members
- Town board seems to have forgotten the fact that they are charged with protecting our town and posterity (?), new small business, the board needs to be more pro-active instead of re active - protect our land and water.
- The Board seems less concerned about water/environmental issues and appears to be preparing to let "oil companies" do damage.
- Town board that works together. More town info available through website, ENSAW mailings, etc.
- I am so pleased to see a new mindset on the Town Board. Including the constituents in the process is the American way.

Community

- Lots of new people taking an interest in the town
- If we can continue that success with a complete ban on fracking, the community can come together to continue this model of engagement and development that meets the needs of more of Enfield's citizens.
- People are getting involved more and more, and that's a good thing.
- I'm optimistic that increased involvement in local Enfield government by many thoughtful residents can help build a more prosperous and caring community for the 21st Century.
- Enfield appears at a cross roads with large old time resident land owners wanting to making a financial wind fall at the expense of folks who enjoy living here.
- i guess this is what its like to live in a growing community
- Sense of investment and real care for the place amongst the community.
- This is how community is built.
- I live in the area and hear nothing, ever, about anything. There is no sense of community involvement that I have felt in 18 years.
- Being new to Enfield, I am heartened by the number of people who actively care about the town and want to
- Involved community members.
- more community involvement
- I think youth are the life-blood of a community. They bring energy and fresh ideas.
- I like Enfield's community events like the chicken barbecues and fall harvest festival.
- However, I do want you to know I appreciate the attempt to build community with chicken bbq's, fall harvest festivals, and the like, and the yearly (spring) dumpster in the center of town has been hugely beneficial for us. Please continue these efforts.
- The continuing harvest Festival & ECC programs
- I am feeling more sense of community among the residents here.
- too many political agendas of large land owners
- People care and are willing to work hard to keep each other safe and healthy.
- Far too political
- becoming polarized
- Perhaps because of the hydrofracking threat, Enfield's citizens seem to be getting more involved in the political process.

- Also ENSAW and this survey are good indicators of positive change because they indicate community activity.
- There have been more opportunities for community gatherings like movies and dances, and more public information presentations.
- Citizens are paying attention to things that affect their lifestyle..
- Just a gut feeling. Seeing lots of people get involved in ENSAW (including my wife and mother in law) give me hope that things can change.
- More people are becoming involved/taking action to protect the town and quality of life here.
- A few landowners want to become oil tycoons and the expense of everyone else.
- Only permanent residents should have say regarding land use.
- Residents are becoming more progressive minded & want to plan for the future.
- Not enough co-operation by political opposites.
- I think people are trying hard to build bridges and increase communication and respect in the community.
- Organization & community awareness.
- Seems to be more citizen input, more intellectual discourse. More of a community feel to the town.
- Relatively new (10-20 yrs) residents are becoming involved in community events
- It's a blessing to work with our fellow neighbors to make our community better and to keep it safe.

Physical environment

- seems like the large truck travel is getting worse
- I like the new lamp posts along Enfield main road and I am looking forward to all the gravel piles being moved out of the center of town. The recycling / dump program that Enfield conducted every spring for the last few years was also a great service.
- When we paid taxes to have the new highway building built, I expected the eyesore of the old town highway building to be addressed - preferably torn down. Especially the piles of road materials need to be relocated to the new building. The center of town needs to be improved now that that new highway facility exists; instead it continues to languish unattended. Please finish what we paid you to start!
- Junk has been getting cleaned up in general but I think there is still a little ways to go.
- The beautification of Enfield Center.
- Nice treatment of Enfield Center with the plantings, signs, streetlights
- town remains rural
- Because I love this place.
- Its being cleaned up.
- New highway dept. building,
- It seems there is an effort to keep Enfield looking good.
- Enfield center is more attractive than it used to be. The Enfield is top-notch. could something be done with the old "Gregg's Market"? It's a eye-sore.
- Recycling, road maint., parks
- I would like to create a natural world healing and education center and have Enfield be its home. As a small town that has not yet been taken over by big business and greed/selfishness, we have a rare opportunity to be a model town that thrives while still existing in harmony with our earth and each other!

Energy

- The passing of a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing is a very positive first step toward protecting the natural resources on which this community will thrive. The people that have worked together to bring this about have helped create a new sense of community that was lacking in the past.
- It depends on whether or not fracking is banned
- don't know, it depends on whether or not they allow fracking
- better to have a wind farm but it'll be a nightmare if they allow fracking
- That depends on whether or not Enfield bans fracking
- Fracking
- Hydrofracking is even a possibility

- The culture of non-education leads to carelessness regarding protection of natural resources. Acceptance of hydrofracking will quickly lead to wholesale destruction of those resources. Poisoning the water will make agriculture impossible. Affluent citizens, including those who make money from fracking leases, will leave, and rising food costs means that low income residents will be in worse trouble than ever. In short, fracking will drive the local economy into the ground.
- amazing turnout by residents to speak from their hearts against fracking
- Ban on hydrofracking.
- I am pleased with the sense of community that has developed in opposition to the possibility of fracking. I was pleasantly surprised to see so many people in our community stepping forward to protect the Town. I hope to see further action towards a full ban and an aquifer study and aquifer protection law.
- Because our little community is under the direct threat of HVSWH hydrofracking, it forces us to get out there, meet & talk to each other & start thinking about questions 23-26.
- The community involvement around hydro-fracking has been very positive. I am also excited about the potential of the wind farm.
- Until a ban on fracking is put in place, and until there is some good zoning, I can only give this a 3 instead of a 1.
- Moratorium on Hydrofracking
- I can't say that we are changing for the better until the board finally agrees to a ban on hydro-fracturing in the Town of Enfield. We have fought long and hard to be heard, now it is time for the Town Board to take a stand on behalf of its residents.
- Better because the fracking moratorium was passed. If a permanent ban isn't passed then things will be worse.
- We're making progress toward banning hydrofracking, and a wind farm is going to be built.
- They are committed to stopping the oil companies from destroying our way of life and the health of our children.
- The time and energy that the Board has dedicated to learning about the issue of fracking is heartening and I am grateful that the Board passed the moratorium and am very hopeful that the Board will pass a ban on Fracking
- Well that's to be determined. I now that the majority of the land is owned a few people and most a pro fracking I hope that the town doesn't get ruined by the greed of a few
- I've seen the outpouring of concern for Enfield as far as the fracking issue is concerned. Many residents have devoted time and effort and study and outreach with the belief that the possibility of going forward with that kind of gas drilling could have dire effects not only for us who live in Enfield, but for many future generations. I've heard the many perspectives of those who oppose fracking and it's only reminded me to appreciate what we have and also what we stand to lose.
- alternative energy is being explored,
- The major change I have seen in my time here is the election of town board representatives that worked to move the wind farm project ahead instead of holding it back. Green energy is good for the world, and I would rather look at and hear a wind tower than look at the coal fired plum across the lake.
- Regarding Wind farm and large scale solar- with current technology, not cost effective for Enfield area.
- Because people are getting together and fighting against the gas companies.
- I'm impressed by the large number of citizens who oppose and are willing to fight hydrofracking.
- I like the wind farm and similar green projects.
- Well we were told a wind farm was coming to Enfield. Where is it? The high cost of electricity through NYSEG is over the top. Why aren't there a solar energy here in Enfield encouraging everyone to use it and or wind.
- Decrease in organic farmers moving in to the town/ starting agricultural businesses as they fear that gas drilling may be permitted. Documented cases of farmers refusing to purchase until the matter is settled. Decrease in real estate purchases for the same reason.
- Against fracking
- Interested buyers waiting to see how fracking issue is resolved. Problems for real estate agents selling in Enfield.
- No complaints now but am concerned about future development, especially hydrofracking.

Agriculture

- growth of organic farming
- We are a community small enough to be self-sufficient in a whole host of categories including food & energy.
- I think that Enfield is attracting young people with a strong interest in the environment and new agriculture.
- We have at least one successful organic farmer in the town.
- I see many people moving here who are starting organic farming activities and other healthy environmental activities who care about Enfield and want to participate to make it a better place.
- smaller scale agriculture is on the rise,
- encouraging farming
- Also, a lot of contemporary agricultural endeavors are making their home Enfield. From seedling businesses to organic grain growers and millers...they give me hope that there will be a sweeping change in the way we treat our land for the purposes of growing.

Housing

- Too much section 8 housing with sex offenders and drug users; residents allowed to build ugly and probably dangerous buildings that are an eyesore and lower property values;
- increased influx of homeless and drug court people being moved out of Ithaca city and into Enfield multi-unit houses, apartments and the trailer parks contribute to unsafe feeling of long time residents. Enfield has 3 unsolved murders over the past few years.
- There has been a lot of housing development in our neighborhood, and some of the rural character has been lost.
- Too much low quality housing being built that doesn't generate enough of a tax revenue increase to balance increased services and drains resources--especially groundwater
- home improvement.
- Increase in poorly constructed apts.
- People taking pride in their homes.
- Development-sprawl from Ithaca for cheap housing

Roads and Transportation

- A real bus stop in the center of town would help a lot of people who use public transportation - just to let people get out of the rain, snow, and wind while they're waiting.
- I see that Enfield has gotten so populated now with people it seems good. But the TCAT don't.
- Also, kudos to Buddy and his crew for doing such a good job on our public thoroughfares.

Regulations

- Again, the community needs to better support the organizations that it has. We also need zoning so that we can clean up the "junk", makes the town look trashy, or maybe code enforcement can help accomplish this.
- Since we bought property in Enfield, the Town has adopted a leash law and junk car law.
- Even though planning has emerged in the town, and a junk code has been put in place, many areas of the town are essentially trash heaps, which are not only unsightly, but tend to degrade the environment and lower property values. However, county assessment does not believe so. These "trash heaps" are also unsightly. I speak from experience, as several years ago the property was purchased next to my beautiful home, and has been allowed to become a disgusting junk yard. Too bad there is not a real and enforceable junk law on the books.
- Too many rules & regulations.

Taxes

- I haven't seen any changes except tax increase.
- I also think that the increasing residential population is good for the tax base.
- I have not seen any growth nor anything being done to correct its present situation. It's all about money and doing
- less but yet take the money, increase taxes for less services.

About change in Enfield

- Haven't noticed much changing.
- I haven't lived here long enough to know
- N/A Have only been here 3 years...not sure at this time if things are better, not changing, worse.
- I see great if not unlimited potential in Enfield. Let's make it heaven on Earth.
- I have lived here from the age of 5 and I have not noticed that Enfield has changed that much.
- Haven't lived here long enough to identify how things have changed.
- I haven't lived here long enough to answer.
- To slow of a process to get things done
- HAVEN'T BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH TO TELL
- can't tell
- It doesn't seem like it is changing too much and I think that that is good. I would like to accentuate the good qualities of the town.
- In the year I have lived in enfield I have seen no development of any kind. Once I did witness two road workers slap some tar into pot holes on my road. Beyond that I have not seen or heard any mention of progress or growth.
- I have not noticed any major or rapid changes. Growth has been steady and within the natural capacity of the environment.
- I don't do much with the town of Enfield.
- We do not see any changes, so we can not answer this.
- Too many people looking for easy fixes.
- Since I've been here, I haven't seen a lot of change.
- Quickly enough
- Same as it was years ago.

FEEL FREE TO WRITE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BELOW (organized by topic)

About the Survey (14 Comments)

- THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAILING ME THAT LITTLE POSTCARD!
- I HAD NO IDEA THERE EVEN WAS A townofenfield.org!
- I GENUINELY FEEL THAT MY INPUT IS IMPORTANT.
- THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME.
- WHOEVER HAD THE IDEA FOR THIS ECP SURVEY NEEDS A PROMOTION!"
- Thank you for considering my comments!
- This survey is a sign by itself, that we are on the right path.
- Thank you for offering this survey.
- Thank you for your work and consideration.
- Thank you so much for creating this way for all of us in Enfield to have a voice.
- Thank you for doing this survey and for the public service that you are providing.
- Thank you for all your time and hard work on this very important document!
- Congratulations to the Planning Board for the care in constructing this survey.
- Thank you, neighbors, for working on this plan.

Town Government (9 Comments)

-The town board is proving to be a great asset in the furtherance of democracy.
-I am also happy with the current supervisor and town board.
- Town clerk and deputy clerk do not have to be at the Town Hall the same time-this is an area that can be cut back on!
- The process of putting new members on the planning board should be more democratic. Either have our elected officials nominate and put them in or have them run in an election, voted on by the public.
- Question #20- Checked "Increase" for Town Hall svcs/hours- also commented: or at least install a drop box outside
- For the last couple of years the town board has been more open to listen to residents and I applaud them.....Let's keep it that way. If we all work together for a common goal we will accomplish so much more.
- Page 1 Comment- I would love to be on the committee, but as a single mom, would need to bring my kids to meetings. Would this be OK?
- I love this town. I am proud of the Town Board and the way it has become a professional group of individuals with the goals of a whole community in mind. I would like to see the behavior of the Planning Board members checked. It is often very unpleasant, and not impressive at all, to see the way a select couple of Planning Board members obstruct processes that benefit our community and don't take their charge seriously. I'm disappointed to say the least. It shows a lack of respect to the community and is a shameful way to conduct themselves.
- People are in office for their own personal gain....

Roads (7 Comments)

- Roads are very hazardous for joggers and cyclists. 70 mph with no shoulder and lots of dips in the road means the fairly late number of joggers, cyclists and walkers are constantly in danger. The desire of residents to use roads for recreation is quite clear. They should be made safe for this use because I don't think you can disallow it. Bike lanes are expensive. But in the meanwhile we could work on the culture so that drivers and pedestrians and cyclists can more safely share the roads. there could be info campaigns about safe speeds, reflective lights and clothing, etc.
- Please complete the road use agreement.
- #20. Re: Snowplowing. We have been plowed in with 4 feet of densely packed snow, more than once, when the plow turns right from **** Rd onto **** Rd.
- Too much unnecessary and destructive work being done- road maintenance- ruining the small roads with huge equipment, damaging trees, unnecessary road widening, can this be stopped? Snow plowing seems too frequent.... Pave the dirt roads.
- Snow plowing is excellent.

- No selections in #20 but comments as follows: Under the “decrease” column for Snow Plowing was the comment : poor
- I love the Highway Department! They are professional, thorough, conscientious & responsive. I'm very impressed with the quality of service. Thank you Highway Dept!

Fire Protection (3 Comments)

- The taxpayers pay too much for nothing (Fire protection)
- Not many fires now, more of a rescue service. Fire company has too much equipment that never gets used at tax payer's expense. Town board needs to get a back bone and cut back the EVFC!
- No selections in #20 but comments as follows: Under the “appropriate” column for Fire Protection/rescue was the comment: good

Police Protection (2 Comments)

- No selections in #20 but comments as follows:
- Under the “decrease” column for Police Protection was the comment: very poor
- Look at the roads where people are road racing, spinning tires. 1. Motorcycles 2. race cars 3. Spinning tires (late at night) boom boxes in cars 4. garbage burning

Zoning – Housing (8 Comments)

- I'd be glad to share "before" pictures of our property--the code enforcement officer has already seen them. We've worked hard to make our place look nice, only to have our neighbors make us wish for 12-foot fences.
- The major trailer park in the town should also be seriously looked at by town officials, It is an eyesore and and a magnet for crime, especially domestic violence. The owners of the park should be required to enhance the aesthetics of the park and take steps to work with local law enforcement agencies to reduce the crime rate in the park. The owners are simply taking money in from the park and giving nothing back to the community. How about a tree or two?
- 5 because I am concerned about the increase in sub standard housing. Residential development, multiple unit dwellings, mobile home parks, townhouses/condominiums, and affordable housing should only be encouraged if kept up and looking nice.
- There are some “dumps” in the town of Enfield, one being the trailer on right of road just before Waterburg Rd coming from Enfield."
- More residential/townhouse/condo/mobile home parks can be developed if public transportation improved. Building code enforcement- Need better enforcement- junk code same, too much junk in Enfield and getting worse all the time
- Years ago it was worth living here. Now there is too much junk and people running the town for their personal gain.
- Residential multiple unit dwellings- The ones we have now are dumps especially if owned by ***** and/or *****.
- Also am concerned about large houses in poor repair being turned into multi-person housing, landlords need to be held accountable for extra burdens these properties put on Town services.

Zoning – Business (3 Comments)

- Grocery/retail stores should be clustered within village. Light industrial/manufacturing depends on specific impacts: noise, energy, water-use, waste management, etc. needs regulation.
- #22 next to Encourage Light Industrial/manufacturing was the comment: if aesthetically appropriate
- Commercial development can be encouraged depending upon the type.

Zoning – General (5 Comments)

- #19 – some of the criteria listed seem biased; why not have the opposite of lack of zoning/lack of regulation? It would be very important to me to have more zoning
- Rd: #19. We do not like a LACK of zoning/reduced regulation. It leads to slovenliness and makes the town look run down.
- There is no zoning, wish there was, or at least better enforcement with NYS Regs.

-we need some basic zoning- campers parked in yards for extended periods, etc. ...
- We really do need to face the fact that we NEED zoning, very badly. I don't care that the "old-timers" say about having the right to do anything they want; the world doesn't work that way. We all need to take others into account, and that will mean zoning, if we want to make it into the 21st (or maybe 20th....) century!

Zoning – Signs (1 Comment)

- I feel shame for our neighborhood every time I drive by *****'s property with those huge political signs. I know it's freedom of speech, but that's how I feel.

Zoning – Dogs (1 Comment)

Just about everyone has a dog- courts need to be stricter

Site Plan Review (1 Comment)

Thank you for the Site Plan Review. I hope it's being honored.....

I would like to suggest and see included in the plan:

1. Support for an aquifer study, the determination of aquifer and re-charge locations and appropriate protection areas, and support for the adoption of protection regulations
2. Floodplain and stream buffer protections
3. Protections for Unique Natural Areas, such as conservation zones
4. Protections against fragmenting agricultural lands and intact forest
5. Industrial land use definitions
6. Differentiation between heavy and light industry, and buffers between industrial land uses and other uses
7. Priorities that would support a ban on high volume hydrofracking in Enfield
8. Identification of local Critical Environmental Areas to ensure protection from harm
9. Prevention of any heavy industry that could potentially:
 - pollute the local air and water
 - create disturbing noise or light pollution
 - risk damage to our roads and natural resources
 - put at risk the health and well being of the local residents
 - risk the lowering of our property values
 - interfere with the viability of other already established businesses that depend on clean air, water, and soil and/or tourism
 - interfere with the integrity of, use and enjoyment of Treman State Park
10. Limit uses that might impact the quantity or quality of water in our principal aquifers, streams, and wetlands
11. Define the range of illicit discharges from construction activities or industrial development to be covered by local law, and specify the enforcement mechanism. Establishment of a reporting and tracking system for those discharges.
12. If industry attempts to put gathering lines in Enfield (pipelines with smaller diameter and lower pressure that fall below the thresholds for which the Public Service Commission regulates, and are not regulated by any agency –except where lines go through environmentally sensitive areas), then regulate gathering lines by adopting a local law that specifies the conditions and requirements for building and inspecting those gathering lines.

Fracking (21 Comments)

- I am very against fracking. Thank you for all of the public hearings on the Town Board about this issue.
- The town board, even after multiple meetings still doesn't get it. NO FRACKING . Any board member having a gas lease should recuse themselves from any voting on the issue because of conflict of interest. HEY! BAN FRACKING!!!!!!
- I think we have an opportunity to build a very desirable community with a more solid and stable tax base, long term, by rejecting fracking and industrial farming as part of our comprehensive plan. I also think we need to be very clear that hydrofracturing someone's land is NOT farming/agriculture, or, as some would like to suggest, "harvesting" the gas! The community is clearly and substantially opposed to the toxicity and

industrial nature and impact of fracking, and I think that should be reflected in our discussion of agriculture in the comprehensive plan.

- The things that attract me to Enfield are threatened by the natural gas industry. If it comes, even to Tompkins County, The things that make this area what it is will slowly disappear even if we get lucky and our water does not get polluted. Rather than a bucolic rural place, it will become an industrial place. That is not why I live here. Ban hydrofracking now.
- Fracking may be seen by some as a way to get rich, but after the damage to the environment, those citizens will not want to stay. The money that they make will likely not be returned to the community. Enfield can not bear the cost of hydrofracking.
- I like the fact that Enfield “seems” like a laid-back sleepy town, but everyone got together to try and stop fracking. It shows that everybody does care a great deal about the quality of life in this town.
- Please enact a ban on fracking before the current moratorium expires.
- If fracking is allowed in Enfield we will move to a town with a ban.
- If fracking is permitted in Enfield my answer to the above question (#26) will change to a 5. What bothers me is how will I live here if I can no longer drink the water? Fracking is safe right up to the point where it isn't and then it's too late.
- Most of all, PLEASE BAN FRACKING!!!
- I really want there to be info about the bad aspects of fracking to be distributed to Enfield residents.
- Hydrofracking would bring many negative side effects , in addition to pollution. It would have a boom town aspect to it. The workers coming in would be a wild bunch bringing in drug and alcohol use, prostitution, domestic violence, and criminal behavior.
- Please protect our environment from hydrofracking. It will ruin our water and ruin the tourist industry in the Finger Lakes.
- Without safe water we have nothing. No Fracking!
- because I am pleased with the growing community involvement around the fracking issue and protection of watershed and natural beauty of the area.
- Have not heard anything positive or safe about hydro-fracking
- Talk of a water treatment plant to add costs to the residents so they don't fight against “fracking”? Most of us have fine water, why would we want to pay for something extra unless the ""board"" has already decided to put our water at risk.
- The implications for damage to our lands and water supply by fracking is terrific. I am so personally proud of my town of Enfield for its leadership in proceeding with such caution about a decision that could impact our town and our lives forever.
- I have really appreciated the careful cautious approach town officials have taken to date on fracking. I'm just concerned that they will come under increased pressure to allow it in the future, possibly lawsuits. I hope they will remain resolute. Fracking is easily the biggest risk we face to our environment, safety, our whole way of life.
- Question #21- Discourage High Volume drilling for natural gas (fracking) then commented: “I think the dangers of hydrofracking go way beyond poisoning our water. We need to look at the big picture of what this will do to our planet.”
- Encourage any natural gas development (future technologies beyond fracking). The person who owns the land and pays the taxes should protect it. Anyone with common sense isn't going to harm their land, air, or water. Personally I don't need a plan to tell me how to protect what I own.

Wind Farm (1 Comment)

- Question #21. Next to Wind Farm- Chose “No Opinion” but also commented: ”not enough info”

Water Quality (3 Comments)

- #9 - I have arsenic in my well water at levels above drinking water standards; I wonder how many other people have tested for arsenic and whether it is generally a problem?
- I'm concerned about what may be leaching out of the old Enfield town dump on Waterburg Road, that was buried. This could be quite a liability for the community should there be problems with contamination from the site down the road, or should someone want to develop this piece of property.
- Water quality should be paramount....

Aquifer Study (2 Comments)

- I would like to support an aquifer study. I thought there was going to be a public hearing about it, but don't see any information....?
- Thank you for moving forward with the aquifer study.

Organic Farming (6 Comments)

- ...I want to encourage organic farming. I don't want to discourage conventional farming. Can conventional farming exist along side organic farming? If the answer to this is yes, then I wish to encourage conventional farming. If the answer is no, then I wish to discourage conventional farming.
- ...I would like to encourage organic and small scale farming. I would like to discourage CAFOs. I don't know quite what is meant by conventional farming.
- I'd rather encourage organic agriculture. but if that isn't happening, then keep the farmland and the farming going
- I'm happy to see us encourage organic agriculture.
- #22 next to Discourage Conventional Farming was the comment: "encourage change to organic"
- Organic farming is not as good as some people think.

Conventional Farming (5 Comments)

- ...I support small to moderate scale, traditional as well as new economy (e.g., organic) agriculture in Enfield,....
- ... I think conventional agriculture at the levels we have it is fine.
- I wrote "no opinion" on light manufacturing and conventional farming. These are fine if they do not harm the environment....
- ...I would encourage small scale manufacturing and farming businesses.
- ...but it just isn't clear that discouraging conventional agriculture is what we need. Conventional agriculture is better than a lot of other things that could happen

Large or Industrial Farming (7 Comments)

-and no industrial zones including operations such as the pig farm as they are incompatible with quality residential living.
- I think we have an opportunity to build a very desirable community with a more solid and stable tax base, long term, by rejecting fracking and industrial farming as part of our comprehensive plan. but I do not NOT support farming operations that include and/or create potentially significant/toxic air, water or noise pollution that puts neighbors' lives and/or lifestyles at risk -- E.g., I'm strongly opposed to allowing the collection and distribution of large pools of liquid manure, often connected to certain kinds of larger scale livestock operations. I also think we need to be very clear that hydrofracturing someone's land is NOT farming/agriculture, or, as some would like to suggest, "harvesting" the gas! The community is clearly and substantially opposed to the toxicity and industrial nature and impact of fracking, and I think that should be reflected in our discussion of agriculture in the comprehensive plan.
- I'm opposed to increasing large-scale agriculture if increased use of pesticides, manure lagoons, and other practices that pollute the air and ground come with it."
- I would not want to see Enfield become a center for industrialization, a treeless expanse of large-scale housing developments, a place full of large tour buses in the summer, or a place for large-scale commercial farming, which can pollute our air and water also.

- I do not want to see large scale industrial farms, such as the big manure type, or manufacturing which is noisy and pollutes the air/land/water.
- I have a great reluctance about chemical agriculture
- I am concerned about (and hope the plan will address):
 - preventing nutrient and pesticide runoff from contaminating our freshwater sources
 - preventing the storage and spreading of large quantities of manure produced by large scale dairy or swine farms
 - I don't want natural gas to be considered a harvest-able crop

Public Transportation (9 Comments)

- Rather than adding strip malls, add transport to Ithaca and Tburg.
- TCAT goes up 79, but with no park 'n' ride and no night service, it is impractical for me."
- See that like me I can drive so that's how I go places during the week.
- More park & ride space at old hwy dept or existing site.
- Bus service as far as Mecklenburg during commute hours at their park & ride- carpool
- Restore van ride service
- (Agenda: I walk 1.4 miles to the Park & Ride. I am 67 and don't know how much longer I can do that, especially in bad weather)
- I use bicycle for primary transportation until the snow flies, then use TCAT.
- Taking the TCAT costs the same as driving!

******* Enfield's Future *******

Sidewalks & Streetlights (3 Comments)

- Sidewalks along Rt. 79 and to the school. Very dangerous currently between Sandy Creek & the store/gas station.
- The main road could have sidewalks put in in certain areas.
- Street lights- a few benefit at the tax payer's expense.

Community Events & Facilities (9 Comments)

- A community center for all, Young and mature residents. Center would have, court, town offices, youth center and gathering space for adults and community gatherings-like family reunions and weddings
- I wish ***** would donate the old fairgrounds for a youth center.
- Community events should be increased- but not under the Community council.
- Youth svcs- parents should be more responsible, very few benefit or use this service now.
- Seniors have a good program now.
- Availability of buildings- Increase- especially the Fire company. We are paying but can't use the facility.
- Community Center- not a lot would benefit only a certain few would.
- Library-not needed.
- A great community center with lots of activities.

Community Development (13 Comments)

- The town of Enfield needs to develop revenue from other sources than just property taxes.
- I would like to see small shops in the center, especially if they are attractive and inviting. They would give it more of a community feel.
- Would like to see municipal water on 79 for more businesses to come to Enfield.
- Restaurant and banking.
- I'd like to see Enfield redevelop some of its economic and social independence from Ithaca. More small businesses clustered in the village, more multi-family units, affordable with good transportation.
- You should look to the future and make Enfield self-sufficient, gas banking, restaurant, store, sr. housing, municipal park, farmer's market, businesses on main street, etc. Make it so medium and higher income residents would want to live here and quit catering to low income residents and what they will bring to a small town.
- In #22, a check mark was in both Encourage and No Opinion under the row for "Service business" so no choice was entered as it was unclear which it would be.
- Question #22- Grocery/retail stores- Possibly a natural food store
- Question #22-Professional offices, etc...Safe natural healing and Western medicine
- Should continue to contract with Tompkins County SPCA in order to ensure appropriate animal care & emphasis on adoption/reuniting with families. No kill policy
- Green energy will be the future. We should get involved as soon as possible.
- Internet connectivity is a major problem for us
- In order to have our students on an equal footing with those from other towns, we need better internet and cell phone service. Also, why not make town hall part of the town- put up decorations along street like rest of town.

General Comments about Enfield (3 Comments)

- If it isn't broken, don't fix it.
- hopefully, i'll live long enough to see some of these changes come to fruition.
- We live in a beautiful place with great opportunities for the future.

Miscellaneous (6 Comments)

- Enjoy Kayaking
- Student who works part time.
- "Question #1 answered Full time AND self-employed.
- In Question #1- Part time AND Retired were selected.
- Question #2- Chose Town of Enfield and Town or City of Ithaca
- Question #14- Trumansburg school district- would really like this to change!