

TOWN OF ENFIELD, NY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY 2013 RESULTS

182 Surveys returned

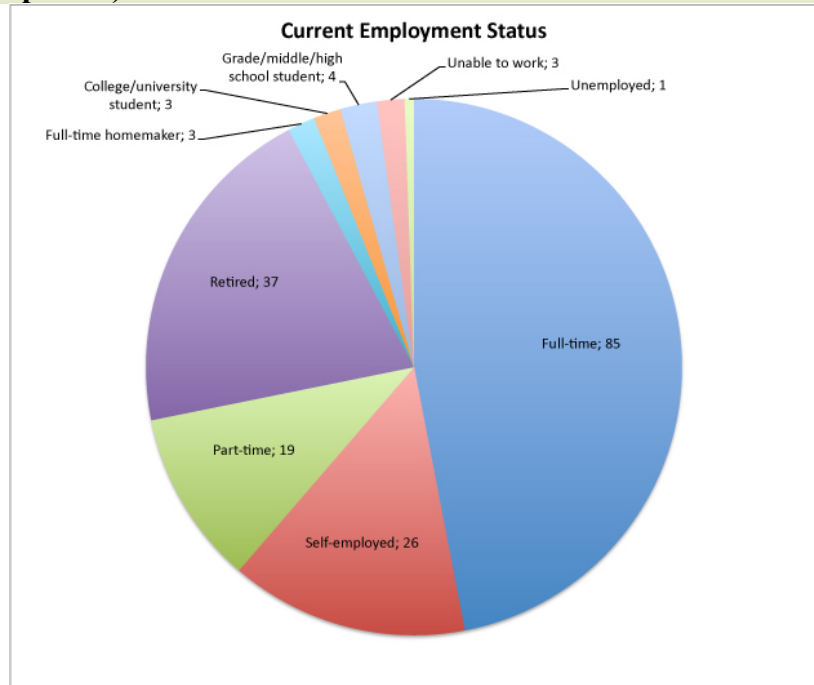
The Comprehensive Plan Survey was made available to all residents of Enfield and non-resident land-owners. A paper copy was inserted in the Enfield Community Currents/Town of Enfield Newsletter, which is mailed to approximately 950 residences. It was made available on paper at the Enfield Town Hall. 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.

A summary of the data collected follows.

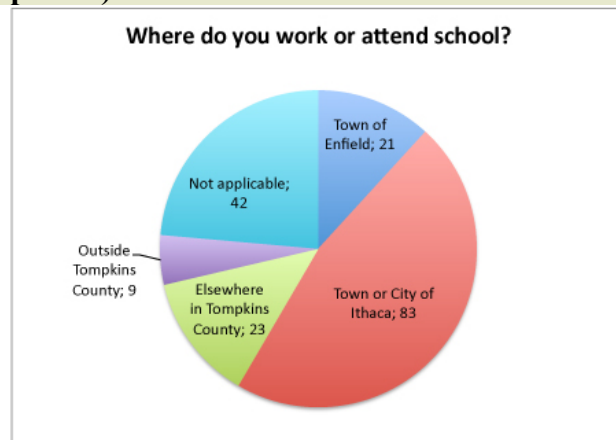
1. Current employment status (181 responses)

<i>Status</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Full-time	85	47.0
Self-employed	26	14.4
Part-time	19	10.5
Retired	37	20.4
Full-time homemaker	3	1.7
College/university student	3	1.7
Grade/middle/high school student	4	2.2
Unable to work	3	1.7
Unemployed	1	0.6



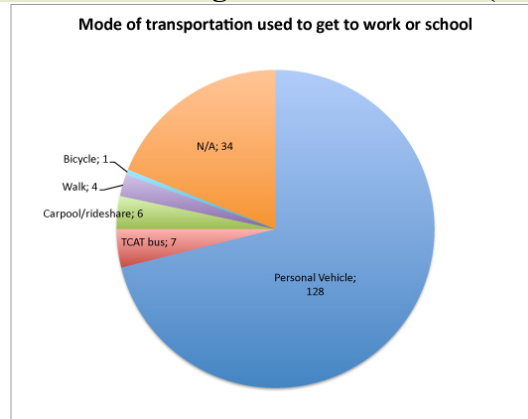
2. Where do you work or attend school? (178 responses)

<i>Location</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Town of Enfield	21	11.8
Town or City of Ithaca	83	46.6
Elsewhere in Tompkins County	23	12.9
Outside Tompkins County	9	5.1
Not applicable	42	23.6



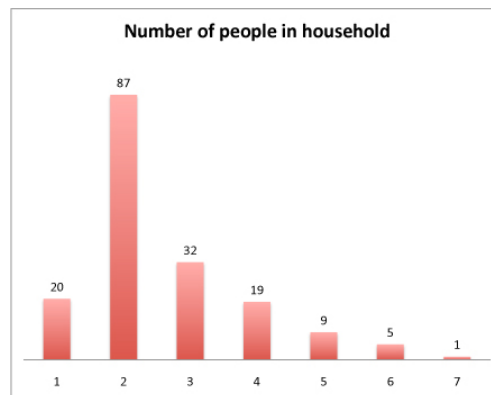
3. What mode of transportation do you most often use to get to work/school? (180 responses)

<i>Mode of transportation</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Personal Vehicle	128	71.1
TCAT bus	7	3.9
Carpool/rideshare	6	3.3
Walk	4	2.2
Bicycle	1	0.6
N/A	34	18.9



4. How many people live in your household? (173 responses)

<i># of people</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
1	20	11.6
2	87	50.3
3	32	18.5
4	19	11.0
5	9	5.2
6	5	2.9
8	1	0.6

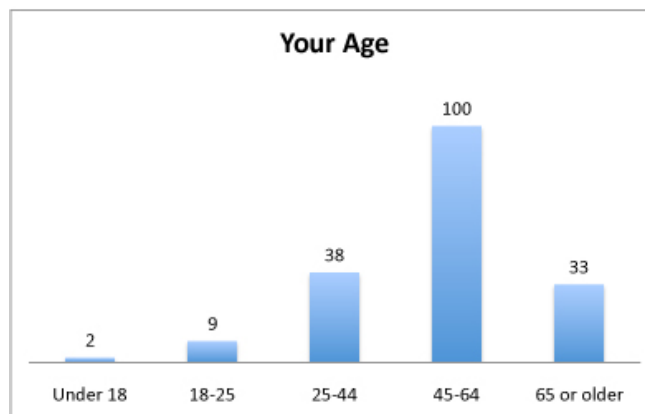


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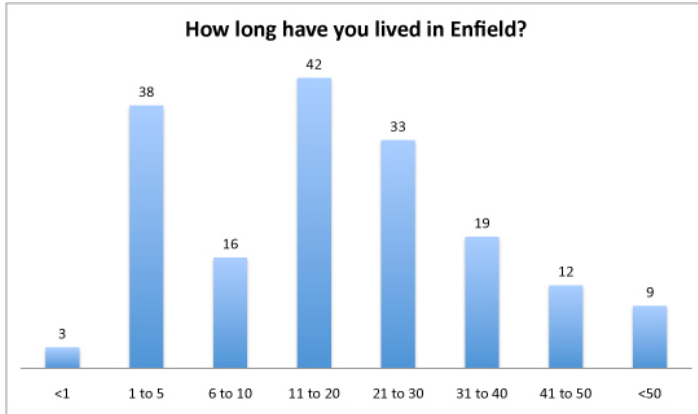
Median:
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5. Your age bracket (182 responses)

<i>Age bracket</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Under 18	2	1.1
18-25	9	4.9
25-44	38	20.9
45-64	100	54.9
65 or older	33	18.1



6. How long have you lived in Enfield (177 responses)

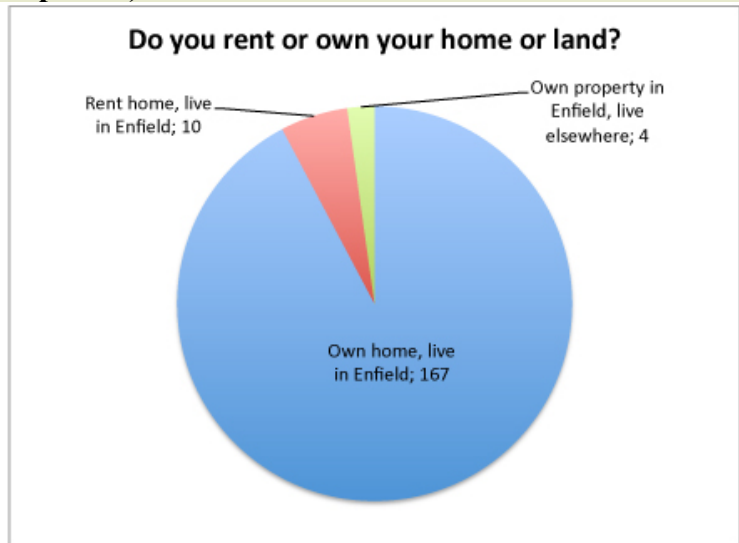


Five respondents answered “All my life”. These were excluded from the chart as it was not possible to determine how many years they had lived in Enfield. These five answered question 5 “Age bracket” as follows:

- 45-64 1
- 25-44 2
- 18-25 1
- Under 18 1

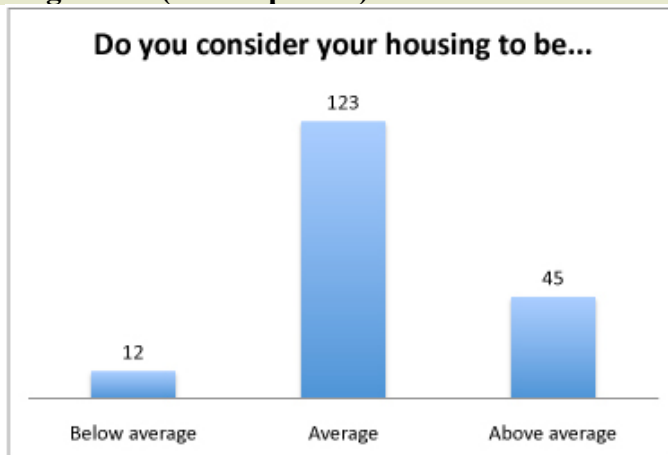
7. Do you rent or own your home/land (181 responses)

<i>Rent or own</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Own home, live in Enfield	167	92
Rent home, live in Enfield	10	6
Own property in Enfield, live elsewhere	4	2



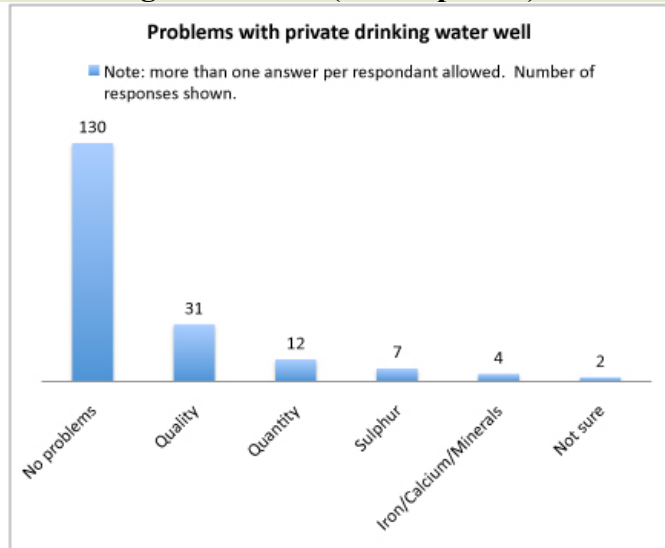
8. Do you consider the quality of your housing to be? (180 responses)

<i>Housing</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Below average	12	6.7
Average	123	68.3
Above average	45	25.0



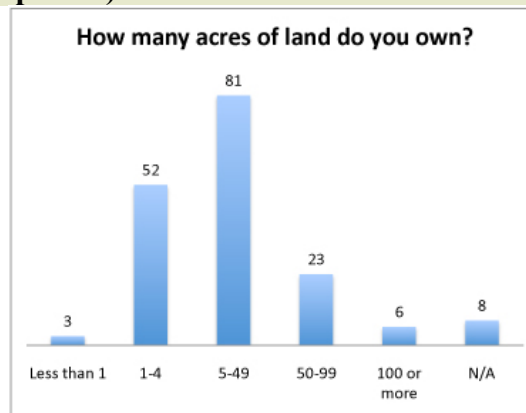
9. Do you have any problems with your private drinking water well? (182 responses)

<i>Water well issues</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Quality	30	16.5
Quantity	10	5.5
Quality/Quantity	1	0.5
Sulphur/Quantity	1	0.5
Sulphur/ Iron	2	1.1
Sulphur	4	2.2
High calcium	1	0.5
Minerals	1	0.5
No problems	130	71.4
Not sure	2	1.1



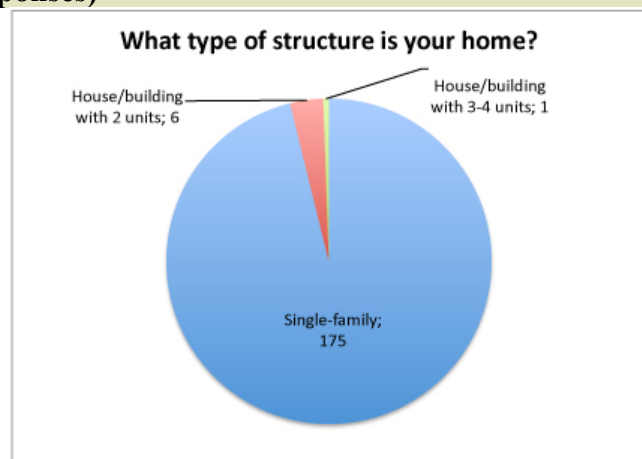
10. If you own land, how many acres? (173 responses)

<i>Acres</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Less than 1	3	1.7
1-4	52	30.1
5-49	81	46.8
50-99	23	13.3
100 or more	6	3.5
N/A	8	4.6



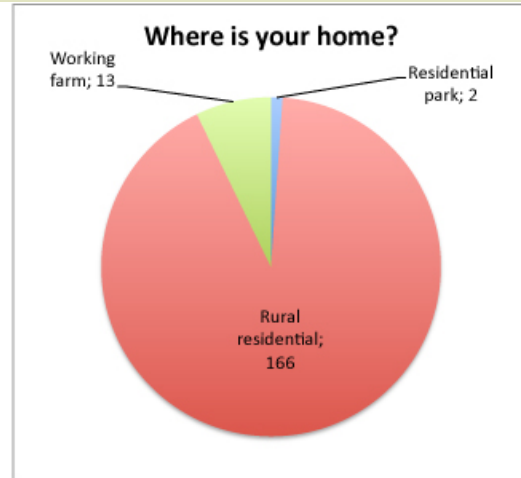
11. What type of structure is your home? (182 responses)

<i>Type of Structure</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Single-family	175	96.2
House/building with 2 units	6	3.3
House/building with 3-4 units	1	0.5



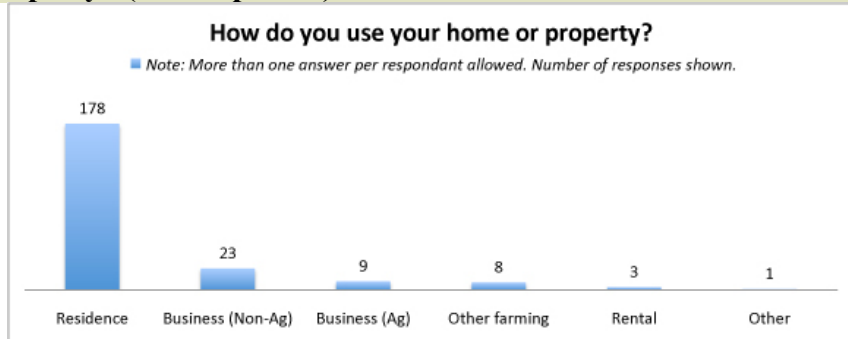
12. Where is your home? (181 responses)

Type of location	Count	%
Residential park	2	1.105
Rural residential	166	91.713
Working farm	13	7.182



13. How do you use your home or property? (180 responses)

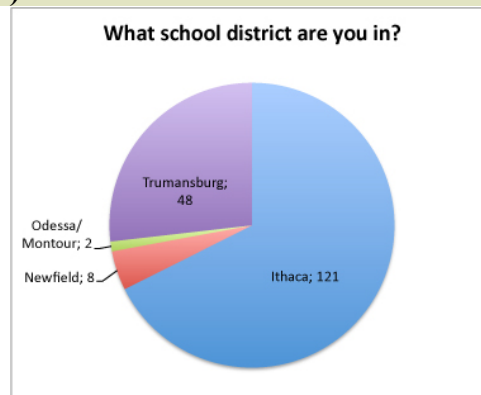
Type of use	Count	%
Residence	178	98.9%
Business (Non-Ag)	23	12.8%
Business (Ag)	9	5.0%
Other farming	8	4.4%
Rental	3	1.7%
Other	1	0.6%



“Other farming” included subsistence growing, homesteading, wood lot, hay fields, tree farm. A decision was made to place these in the category “Other farming” because the respondents had declined to categorize them as “Business (Ag)” though there is probably overlap.

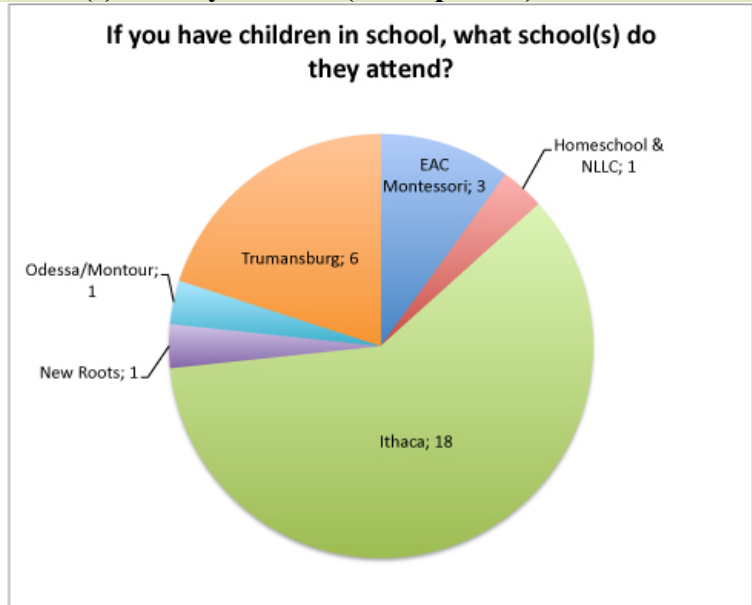
14. What school district are you in? (179 responses)

School district	Count	%
Ithaca	121	67.6
Newfield	8	4.5
Odessa/Montour	2	1.1
Trumansburg	48	26.8



15. If you have children in school, what school(s) do they attend? (39 responses)

<i>School</i>	<i>Count</i>
EAC Montessori	3
Home school & Northern Light Learning Center	1
Ithaca	18
New Roots	1
Odessa/Montour	1
Trumansburg	6

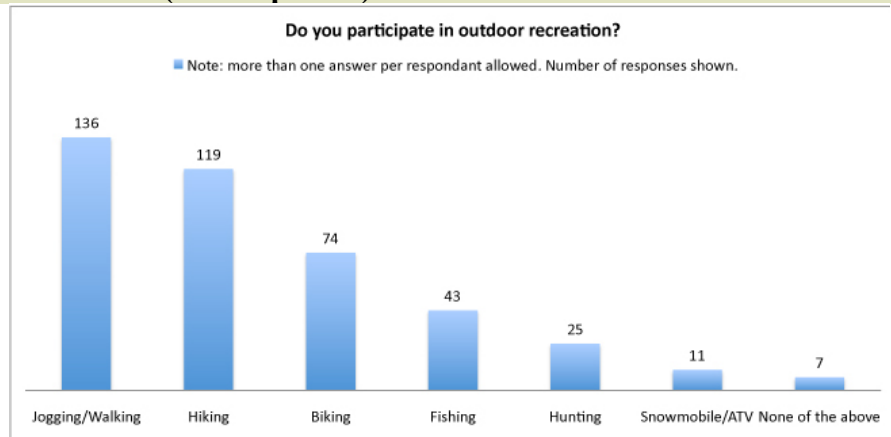


16. Household income (147 responses)

The data for this question is invalid. An error was made on the on-line version of the survey such that one of the income ranges was not represented.

17. Do you participate in outdoor recreation (171 responses)

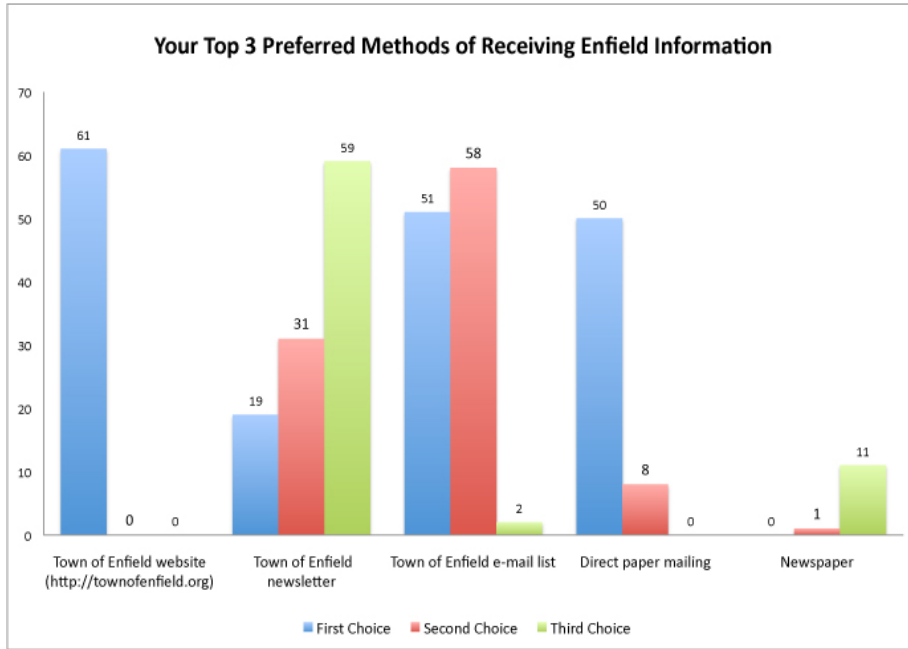
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Count</i>
Jogging/Walking	136
Hiking	119
Biking	74
Fishing	43
Hunting	25
Snowmobile/ATV	11
None of the above	7



18. How would you prefer to get information about community news/events, Board meetings, etc.? (181 responses)

Data represents overall number of first, second, and third choices.

	<i>First Choice</i>	<i>Second Choice</i>	<i>Third Choice</i>
Town of Enfield website	61	0	0
Town of Enfield newsletter	19	31	59
Town of Enfield e-mail list	51	58	2
Direct paper mailing	50	8	0
Newspaper	0	1	11



19. Reason you live in Enfield

Very important reasons (in descending order):

<i>Reasons</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Not very important</i>	<i>Somewhat Impt</i>	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Total</i>
Natural beauty	4	1	15	157	177
	2.26%	0.565%	8.47%	88.7%	
Rural character	3	4	31	138	176
	1.70%	2.27%	17.6%	78.4%	
Proximity to Ithaca	4	7	50	115	176
	2.27%	3.98%	28.4%	65.3%	
Proximity to State Parks	7	18	66	82	173
	4.05%	10.4%	38.2%	47.4%	
Housing cost	21	15	64	76	176
	11.9%	8.52%	36.4%	43.2%	
School district	40	44	37	53	174
	23.0%	25.3%	21.3%	30.5%	

Somewhat important reasons (in descending order):

<i>Reasons</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Not very important</i>	<i>Somewhat Impt</i>	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sense of community	11	32	86	44	173
	6.36%	18.5%	49.7%	25.4%	
Town size	12	39	79	43	173
	6.94%	22.5%	45.7%	24.9%	

Not very important reasons (in descending order):

<i>Reasons</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Not very important</i>	<i>Somewhat Impt</i>	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Total</i>
Businesses	40	96	25	9	170
	23.5%	56.5%	14.7%	5.29%	
Lack of zoning/ reduced regulation	23	80	41	27	171
	13.5%	46.8%	24.0%	15.8%	
Investment opportunity	59	75	29	8	171
	34.5%	43.9%	17.0%	4.68%	
Public transportation	41	55	47	28	171
	24.0%	32.2%	27.5%	16.4%	

Not applicable reasons:

<i>Reasons</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Not very important</i>	<i>Somewhat Impt</i>	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Total</i>
Grew up here	121	8	10	31	170
	71.2%	4.71%	5.88%	18.2%	

20. Level of service

Services to Increase (in decreasing order):

<i>Service</i>	<i>Appropriate</i>	<i>Decrease</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>No opinion</i>	<i>Total</i>
Internet connectivity	38	0	128	12	178
	21.3%	0%	71.9%	6.74%	
Cell service	59	0	115	4	178
	33.1%	0%	64.6%	2.25%	
Public transportation	58	2	102	18	180
	32.2%	1.11%	56.7%	10%	
Notification of proposed development	55	1	98	24	178
	30.9%	0.562%	55.1%	13.5%	
Pedestrian/bike lanes	49	6	95	30	180
	27.2%	3.33%	52.8%	16.7%	
Junk code enforcement	69	4	82	23	178
	38.8%	2.25%	46.1%	12.9%	
Hiking trails/bike paths	73	2	77	25	177
	41.2%	1.13%	43.5%	14.1%	
Services/activities for youth	47	1	75	56	179
	26.3%	0.559%	41.9%	31.3%	

Services at an appropriate level:

<i>Service</i>	<i>Appropriate</i>	<i>Decrease</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>No opinion</i>	<i>Total</i>
Fire protection/rescue	158	2	6	12	178
	88.8%	1.12%	3.37%	6.74%	
Recycling	146	1	28	3	178
	82.0%	0.562%	15.7%	1.69%	
Snow plowing	140	5	30	5	180
	77.8%	2.78%	16.7%	2.78%	
Town hall services/hours	135	0	13	31	179
	75.4%	0%	7.26%	17.3%	
Road maintenance	131	4	42	3	180
	72.8%	2.22%	23.3%	1.67%	
Police protection	127	3	33	17	180
	70.6%	1.67%	18.3%	9.44%	
Building code enforcement	117	3	27	30	177
	66.1%	1.69%	15.3%	16.9%	
Street lights	116	15	21	26	178
	65.2%	8.43%	11.8%	14.6%	
Dog control	112	2	29	34	177
	63.3%	1.13%	16.4%	19.2%	
Community events	95	0	60	22	177
	53.7%	0%	33.9% %	12.4	
Public recreational opportunities	95	0	52	32	179
	53.1%	0%	29.1%	17.9%	
Availability of buildings for public use	94	1	44	38	177
	53.1%	0.565%	24.9%	21.5%	

Services with no opinion:

<i>Service</i>	<i>Appropriate</i>	<i>Decrease</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>No opinion</i>	<i>Total</i>
Services/activities for seniors	53	2	59	65	179
	29.6	1.12	33.0	36.3	

21. Land Use Development

Development to Encourage:

<i>Types of development</i>	<i>Discourage</i>	<i>Encourage</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Total</i>
Protection of air, soil, and water quality	1	173	3	1	178
	0.6%	97.2%	1.7%	0.7%	
Protection of natural areas/open space	3	168	4	0	175
	1.7%	96.0%	2.3%	0.0%	
“Green” building construction	1	158	10	9	178
	0.6%	88.8%	5.6%	5.1%	
Organic agriculture	2	155	8	13	178
	1.1%	87.1%	4.5%	7.3%	
Public green space	8	137	19	14	178
	4.5%	77.0%	10.7%	7.9%	
Wind farm	15	137	11	13	176
	8.5%	77.8%	6.3%	7.4%	
Town park for recreation	14	129	20	15	178
	7.9%	72.5%	11.2%	8.4%	
Large-scale solar installation (commercial)	17	127	15	16	175
	9.7%	72.6%	8.6%	9.1%	
Affordable housing	5	121	45	6	177
	2.8%	68.4%	25.4%	3.4%	
Senior/assisted living	8	121	29	18	176
	4.6%	68.8%	16.5%	10.2%	
Bike paths/lanes	12	116	29	22	179
	6.7%	64.8%	16.2%	12.3%	
Residential development: single family homes	21	98	52	6	177
	11.9%	55.4%	29.4%	3.4%	
Sidewalks	25	69	49	32	175
	14.3%	39.4%	28.0%	18.3%	
Conventional agriculture	11	49	33	6	99
	11.1%	49.5%	33.3%	6.1%	

Development to Discourage:

<i>Types of development</i>	<i>Discourage</i>	<i>Encourage</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Total</i>
High volume drilling for natural gas (fracking)	161	8	8	3	180
	89.4%	4.4%	4.4%	1.7%	
Mobile home parks	120	2	50	7	179
	67.0%	1.1%	27.9%	3.9%	
Townhouses/condominiums	66	40	58	11	175
	37.7%	22.9%	33.1%	6.3%	
Commercial development	65	51	40	15	171
	38.0%	29.8%	23.4%	8.8%	

Development to keep the same:

<i>Types of development</i>	<i>Discourage</i>	<i>Encourage</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Total</i>
Residential development: multiple unit	64	36	68	8	176
	36.4%	20.5%	38.6%	4.6%	

22. Type of Development: Business/Municipal

Development to increase (in decreasing order):

<i>Type of development</i>	<i>Discourage</i>	<i>Encourage or Increase</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>total</i>
Organic farming	0	160	17	177
	0%	90.4%	9.60%	
Businesses offering “green” energy services	5	150	20	175
	2.86%	85.7%	11.4%	
Farmers market	5	149	22	176
	2.84%	84.7%	12.5%	
Home-based businesses	5	148	23	176
	2.84%	84.1%	13.1%	
Community center	9	136	32	177
	5.08%	76.8%	18.1%	
Business centered on tourism	11	135	28	174
	6.32%	77.6%	16.1%	
Elder care	3	131	40	174
	1.72%	75.3%	23.0%	
Day care	1	124	48	173
	0.578%	71.7%	27.7%	
Library	23	114	40	177
	13.0%	64.4%	22.6%	
Service businesses	22	98	50	170
	12.9%	57.6%	29.4%	
Professional offices	28	92	54	174
	16.1%	52.9%	31.0%	
Conventional farming	30	91	48	169
	17.8%	53.8%	28.4%	
Grocery/retail stores	40	89	45	174
	23.0%	51.1%	25.9%	
Additional gas station/convenience store	53	66	57	176
	30.1%	37.5%	32.4%	
Light industrial/manufacturing	58	64	46	168
	34.5%	38.1%	27.4	

**Summary of Question 23:
What do you like most about Enfield?**

163 people responded to this question. Their responses 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. 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. No comment was repeated for the sake of having it represented in more than one category.

The complete comments can be found at: <http://townofenfield.org/content/Generic/View/15>

Categories and topics	<i># of people</i>
Natural Environment	
Natural beauty	73
It is rural	72
Peaceful/quiet	43
Parks, trails, national forest	25
Clean water	17
There is open, undeveloped space and it is not crowded	13
Clean air	11
Outdoor Recreation	
Hiking/walking	7
General outdoor recreation	4
Swimming	2
Cycling	2
Cross country skiing	2
Hunting	1
Fishing	1
Farming/Agriculture	
Farming (general)	8
Gardening, growing own food	3
Organic agriculture	1
Lack of heavy industry	
No fracking	4
No heavy industry	2
No heavy industrial farming	1

Proximity to other places

Proximity to Ithaca	38
Proximity to Trumansburg	3
Proximity to Watkins Glen	2
Proximity to Elmira/Corning	1

The People

Sense of community	11
The people (general)	5
Good neighbors	4
Friendly	2
Less greed than in city	1
Laid back	1
Resourceful	1

Regulation

Affordable/low taxes	6
No zoning/minimal government interference	2

Services

Excellent fire protection	2
Roads	1
Excellent police protection	1
On TCAT bus line	1

Buildings

Historic structures	1
New highway building	1

Quality of life

Small town	15
Low traffic density	6
Privacy	5
Healthy living	2
Ithaca City school district	2
Nice place to raise children	1

Progress

It is now coming into the 21st century	1
Wind farm coming	1

General

Grew up here/family land here	8
My home	1
Being steward of my land	1
Best place to live	1

Summary of Question 24:

What is your biggest concern about the future of Enfield?

166 people responded to this question. Many people wrote comments addressing more than one topic. The text responses were organized by category. Within each category items are in order by the number of responses from high to low.

The complete comments can be found at: <http://townofenfield.org/content/Generic/View/15>

Categories and Topics

of people

Agriculture

Industrial farming	4
Loss of farmlands	1
Restrictions on farming	1
Use of chemicals on the soil	1

Environment & Health

Fracking	114
Quality of water	2
Losing access to parks/lakes	1
Pollution	1

Governance

Too many family members in town government	1
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Growth & Development

Over-population/overbuilding/no safe pedestrian spaces	7
Increasing taxes	4
Increased commercial development	2
Takeover by oil companies	2
Too much growth	2
Deteriorating housing stock	2
Commercialization of natural resources	1
Concerned that Enfield might not welcome industry	1
Large landowners making money-driven decisions bad for community	1

No plan for infrastructure	1
Overexpansion of public buildings	1
Sprawl, strip malls, etc.	1
Too many Indians and not enough chiefs	1
Traffic on 79 and back roads	1
Too much section 8 housing	1
Junk vehicles and trash	1

Lack of Services

Lack of high-speed internet	2
Better gas station	1
Lack of cell service	1
Lack of public transportation	1

Rights & Restrictions

No zoning, regulation	7
Loss of property owner's rights/ increase of restrictions	2
Large landowners getting unfair advantages	1
Nosy neighbors pushing their agendas on others	1
Rights of the minority being trampled by the majority	1

Threats & Nuisances

Drugs	3
Flophouses, dumpy surroundings	2
Break-ins to rural homes	1
Lack of dog control	1
Road racing	1
Transients	1
Welfare will be primary employer	1

Summary of Question 25:

What would you change in Enfield?

145 people responded this question. Many people's comments addressed more than one topic. The text responses were organized by category. Within each category items are in order by the number of responses from high to low. The second column shows how many people commented on each item.

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Categories and topics	# of people
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Town Government

Town management needs improvement	4
Acknowledge contributions of people who run the town	1
Improve the town-wide e-mail list	1
More inclusiveness in policy and planning	1
Land owners should have more input on major financial decisions	1
Greater transparency of fire company	1

Community

Work toward increased/stronger community and mutual respect	16
More recreational opportunities	4
Use fire hall for community events	2
Too much Ithaca influence	1
Don't split us into so many school districts	1

New or Improved Infrastructure desired

Stronger, more developed town center	13
Improve internet	12
Bike paths/lanes	6
Community center building	5
Sidewalks	3
Grocery store	2
Improve cell service	2
Town water/sewer	2
Park/playground	1
Improve town hall and meeting facilities	1
Designate a place for lawn clippings, leaves, Christmas trees	1
Replace Kuma's with a regular tavern	1
Movie theater	1

Cleanup encouraged

Clean up town center	2
Move gravel piles out of center of town	1
Demolish old store	1
Develop a shooting range	1

Energy

Anti-frack	24
Encourage wind power	6
Embrace renewable energy	4
Energy independence	1
Open to "safe" gas drilling	1
Increase energy efficiency of all buildings	1

Agriculture

Encourage organic farming and related businesses	5
Encourage farmland protection	2
Discourage CAFOs	1

Housing

Limit manufactured housing	1
Improve substandard housing	1
More housing	1

Roads and Transportation

Improved public transportation	10
Better road maintenance/repair	2
Improved plowing	1

Regulations/policies

Better code enforcement	7
Zoning to maintain rural, agricultural character	6
More planning/controls/zoning	5
Control speeding	3
Noise ordinance	3
Stop open trash burning	2
Control farm and animal run-off	1
Less recreational gun usage	1
More law enforcement	1
Fewer restrictions on commercial farmland use	1
No road racing	1
Zoning to improve properties	1
Discourage ATV or dirtbike track	1
Limit growth	1
Don't tax disabled vets	1
Discourage road racing	1

Business/Services

Encourage small, low impact business	1
Elder care	1
More food pantry times	1
More educational resources	1

Environment

Encourage open space	3
Encourage public green space	3
Encourage nature/wildlife	2
Protect the water	1

About change in Enfield

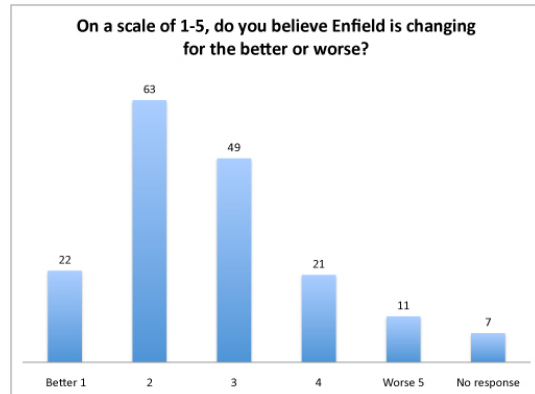
In favor of no change	7
Unsure	2

Summary of Question 26:

Do you believe Enfield is changing for the better or worse and why?

166 people responded to the numeric portion of this question which asked for a numeric assessment on scale of 1-5 whether Enfield was changing for the better or worse.

<i>Response</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Better 1	22	12.7%
2	63	36.4%
3	49	28.3%
4	21	12.1%
Worse 5	11	6.4%
No response	7	4.0%



126 of these also included written comments. Many people who wrote comments addressed more than one topic.

The text responses were organized by category. Within each category items are in order by the number of responses from high to low. In some cases seeing whether the comment was coming from a negative or positive point of view is helpful for understanding the intention. The second column shows this. The third column shows how many people commented on each item.

The complete comments can be found at <http://townofenfield.org/content/Generic/View/15>

Categories and topics	<i>Positive or negative</i>	<i># of people</i>
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Town Government

Town Board and its meetings have improved	P	16
Planning Board issues need to be addressed	N	5

Community

Better community in Enfield	P	25
Appreciative of community events	P	4
Enfield is becoming polarized/political	N	4
Supportive of “new blood” in Enfield	P	3
Enfield has no sense of community	N	1
Large land-owners’ agendas are not good for the community	N	1
Non-permanent residents should have no say about land use	N	1

Physical environment

Appreciative of beautification effort, parks, overall improved overall cleanup, environmental considerations, recycling	P	14
Love Enfield the way it is	P	3
Appreciative of new highway building	P	1
Old “Greggs” building is an eyesore	N	1
Need improved junk cleanup including removal of old town barn	N	1
Truck traffic has increased	N	1

Energy

Anti-fracking	-	34
Supportive of wind farm	-	6
Supportive of solar energy	-	3
Opposed to large scale wind/solar because of current technology limitations	-	1

Agriculture

Enfield should continue to enhance conditions that support increasing organic agriculture and related businesses	-	6
Enfield should continue support both conventional and organic agriculture	-	1

Housing

Too much section 8 and low quality housing (along with influx of crime)	N	4
Too much sprawl	N	3
People are taking pride in their homes	P	1

Roads and Transportation

Appreciative of current road maintenance	P	2
Would like to see improved TCAT service	-	1

Regulations

Enfield needs zoning	-	2
Enfield needs improved code enforcement	N	1
Enfield has too many rules and regulations	N	1
Appreciative of leash law and junk car law	P	1

Taxes

Opposed to tax increases	N	2
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About change in Enfield

No change perceived	-	11
Not here long enough to have an opinion	-	7
Change has been too slow	N	4
Too many people looking for easy fixes	-	1