

# 2012 Town of Gaines Comprehensive Plan

## Community Survey

The Town of Gaines Comprehensive Plan (CP) is an evolving document that establishes a common vision for what the Town will look like over the next 20 to 30 years. The CP provides guidance for a variety of issues that directly affect the quality of life for its residents, including creating a sense of community in existing and new development, provision of Town services, growth management, open space protection, to name just a few. The community vision contained in the CP guides decision makers and helps to prioritize community values. Your involvement will ensure that the Comprehensive Plan reflects the needs and desires of the residents of the Town. Thank you in advance for your participation.

**THIS SURVEY SHOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY 5 TO 10 MINUTES TO COMPLETE**  
(If your family requires additional surveys, copies are available at the Gaines Town Hall)

Gender:  M / F

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Are you a \_\_\_\_\_?** (Select all that apply)
  - A. Home Owner
  - B. Land Owner
  - C. Business Owner
  - D. Renter
  - E. Land owner living outside of Town
2. **Which of the following best describes the type of housing in which you reside?**
  - A. Single-family house
  - B. Two-family house
  - C. Apartment building
  - D. Manufactured/ Mobile home
  - E. Summer cottage
3. **How long have you lived in the Town of Gaines?**
  - A. 5 years or less
  - B. 5-10 years
  - C. 11-20 years
  - D. 21-35 years
  - E. 36-50 years
  - F. Over 50 years
4. **What where the main reasons you chose to live in the Town of Gaines?**  
(Select all that apply)
  - A. Born and raised here or in the surrounding area
  - B. Close to relatives or friends
  - C. Want to live in a rural community
  - D. Near employment
  - E. Affordable housing and land values
  - F. Town services and facilities
5. **What is your present household size?**
  - A. 1 person
  - B. 2 persons
  - C. 3 persons
  - D. 4 persons
  - E. 5 persons or more
6. **Where do you work?**
  - A. At home
  - B. Within Orleans County
  - C. In Monroe County
  - D. In Niagara County
  - E. In Erie County
  - F. In Genesee County
  - G. I am unemployed
  - H. I am retired
7. **Where do you shop for everyday items?**
  - A. Village of Albion
  - B. Town of Albion
  - C. Elsewhere in Orleans County
  - D. Outside of Orleans County
  - E. None of the above

8. Which of the following are the reasons you shop outside of Orleans County?  
(Select all that apply)
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|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| A. More convenient | C. Better selection of merchandise |
| B. Lower prices    | D. Better service                  |
9. As we plan for our future, what theme(s) should be built upon? (Select all that apply)
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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A. Rural Country              | D. Orderly business development |
| B. Agriculturally based       | E. Orderly residential growth   |
| C. Recreational (town/family) | F. History/Tourism              |
10. Should future land use and growth management policies protect the rural character of the Town of Gaines?
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| A. Agree | B. Disagree |
|----------|-------------|
11. If parkland were to be developed, what types of recreational facilities do you feel are most needed? (Select all that apply)
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|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| A. Picnic Pavilions/gazebo              | D. Trails (hiking, biking, jogging, etc.) |
| B. Ball Fields (baseball, soccer, etc.) | E. Restroom Facilities                    |
| C. Playground Equipment                 | F. Tennis Courts                          |
12. What kinds of attractions would you like to see developed? (Select all that apply)
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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Festivals                                | D. Youth Center                                                        |
| B. Development of natural resources (parks) | E. Recreational development (hiking, walking trails, ball field, etc.) |
| C. Senior Center                            |                                                                        |
13. The Town should identify new Commercial sites and encourage growth and development.
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|----------|-------------|
| A. Agree | B. Disagree |
|----------|-------------|
14. What kind of businesses would you like to see developed? (Select all that apply)
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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| A. Specialty Shops             | D. Medical Offices |
| B. Restaurants                 | E. Business Park   |
| C. Hotel/Motel/Bed & Breakfast | F. Retail stores   |
15. Do you think that the Town should conduct a study to determine if local government can be streamlined through the consolidation or merger with other Villages/Towns?
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|----------|-------------|
| A. Agree | B. Disagree |
|----------|-------------|
16. Do you think the Town of Gaines should do more to promote tourism within the Town?
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| A. Agree | B. Disagree |
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17. How do you find out about what's happening in your Town? (Select all that apply)
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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Attending Town Board Meetings | D. Town Newsletter (Gaines Citizens Courier)                               |
| B. Attending Public Hearings     | E. Newspapers (PennySaver, Batavia Daily News, The Journal-Register, etc.) |
| C. Town's Website                |                                                                            |

**For the following questions, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the statement.**

18. "Existing zoning and other local laws adequately regulate development in my area."
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|-------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| A. Strongly Agree | B. Agree | C. Disagree | D. Strongly Disagree | E. No Opinion |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
19. "Existing local zoning regulations are adequately enforced."
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|-------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| A. Strongly Agree | B. Agree | C. Disagree | D. Strongly Disagree | E. No Opinion |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|

**20. "I am satisfied with the way the buildings and properties in my area are maintained."**

**A. Strongly Agree B. Agree C. Disagree D. Strongly Disagree E. No Opinion**

**21. "Conflicts between farms and residential neighbors are a problem in my area."**

**A. Strongly Agree B. Agree C. Disagree D. Strongly Disagree E. No Opinion**

**22. "Property taxes are equitably distributed between residents, businesses and farmers."**

**A. Strongly Agree B. Agree C. Disagree D. Strongly Disagree E. No Opinion**

**23. "I would like to see regular evening hours for all services that my town offers."**

**A. Strongly Agree B. Agree C. Disagree D. Strongly Disagree E. No Opinion**

**How do you rate the quality of each of the following local government services?**

**24. "Road maintenance and mowing of Town-owned property"**

**A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion**

**25. "Snow plowing of roads"**

**A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion**

**26. "Water system improvements"**

**A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion**

**27. "Town Historian"**

**A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion**

**28. "Building Code Enforcement"**

**A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion**

**29. "Public Safety (Sheriff, State Police)"**

**A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion**

**30. "Fire Protection"**

**A. Very Good B. Good C. Bad D. Very Bad E. No Opinion**

**Have more to say? Additional comments are welcome, will be kept in confidence, and can be addressed to:**

**Town of Gaines**

**14087 Ridge Road**

**Albion, New York 14411**

**Attn: Chairman - Comprehensive Plan Committee**

**or can be placed in the Water Department drop- box to the right of the Town Hall entrance.**

**Survey deadline has been extended as we continue to work on the Comprehensive Plan**

**Thank You for your time and interest in YOUR future!**