

**Community Needs Survey
Somers, Connecticut**

The following questions are intended to assess the community needs for the town of Somers, as part of its Plan of Conservation and Development. Information from this survey will be used to inform town officials in decisions over the next 10 years.

ALL RESPONSES TO THIS SURVEY ARE COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS

- 1) Number of adults living in household _____
- 2) Number of children under 18 living in household _____
- 3) Age of Adults: 18-24 ____ 25-40 ____ 41-64 ____ 65+ ____ (Indicate number in each category)
- 4) Age of children: under 5 ____ 5-10 ____ 11-13 ____ 13-18 ____ (Indicate number in each category)
- 5) How many of the children are involved in sports now or will be in the next 5 years? _____
- 6) Do you rent or own your home? Rent ____ Own ____ (Please check one)
- 7) Do you see yourself living in Somers 10-15 years from now? Yes ____ No ____
- 8) What is your highest level of education?
High School ____ Vocational/Technical School ____ Associates Degree ____
Undergraduate Degree ____ Masters and/or Doctorate Degree ____
- 9) How would you rate the overall quality of life here in Somers?
Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____ Poor ____
- 10) If you plan to reside in Somers 10 years from now, in what type of residence do you expect to live?
Current owner occupied home ____ Smaller owner occupied home ____ Larger own occupied home ____
55+/Active Adult Development ____ Rental property ____
- 11) What type of development would you like to see increase in the next 10 years? (Check all that apply)
Owner occupied homes on 1 acre lots ____
Owner occupied homes on less than 1 acre, but with equivalent surrounding open space ____
Affordable housing ____ 55+ developments ____ Condominiums ____
- 12) The Kibbe Fuller Building is required to be used for educational purposes. Please indicate which potential use you feel is most desirable?
(Rank order: 1 = Most Desirable, 2, 3, 4 = Least Desirable)
____ Arts and Design Center
____ Small business incubator (offer a low cost, start-up environment for small businesses to develop)
____ Other Educational Use
____ Other (please specify) _____

- 13) Would you be willing to pay an additional \$100 per year in property taxes to provide more sports fields in Somers? Yes ___ No___
- 14) Would you be willing to pay an additional \$100 per year in property taxes to increase the maintenance of the sports recreation fields in Somers? Yes ___ No___
- 15) How would you describe the rate of development in Somers?
 Too slow ___ Just right ___ Too fast ___
- 16) Would you be willing to pay an additional \$100 per year in assessed property taxes to provide revenue for the open space fund? Yes___ No___
- 17) Should the two commercial zones in Somers and Somersville be expanded to include the I-190 corridor, connecting the two business districts in town?
 Yes ___ No ___ No ___, expand commercial zoning elsewhere (please specify)_____
- 18) How would you describe the condition of the town infrastructure (for example, roads, sidewalks, sewage drains, etc.)? Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor___
- 19) Would you be willing to pay an additional \$100 per year in assessed property taxes to finance a road improvement plan in Somers? Yes ___ No___
- 20) How would you rate the overall quality of care or maintenance of town buildings?
 Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor___
- 21) Given continuing declines in state funding for education and other town services, would you support an equivalent increase in your property taxes to maintain the *existing* level of funding for education and other services?
 Yes___ No___

Any other Comments or Suggestions:

Please return this survey using the included postage paid envelope or by dropping it off at the Land Use Office in the Town Hall.