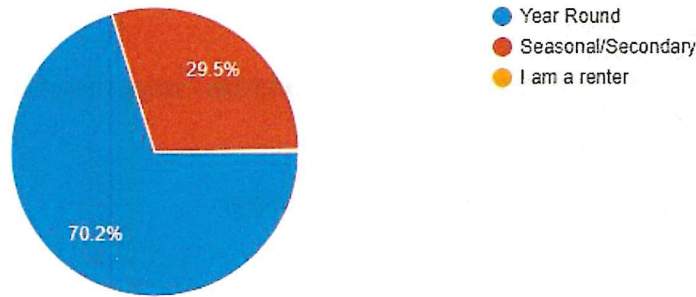


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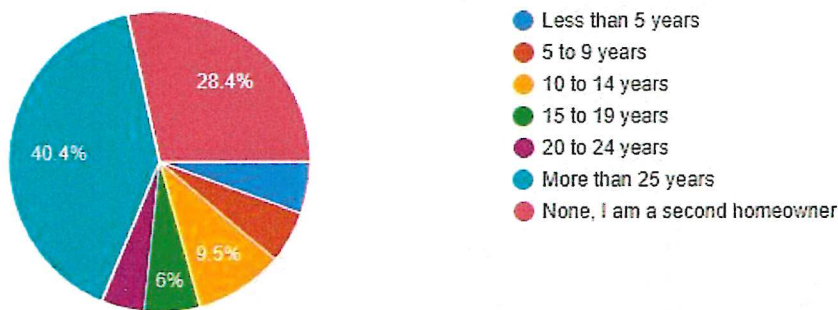
How would you describe your residence?

295 responses



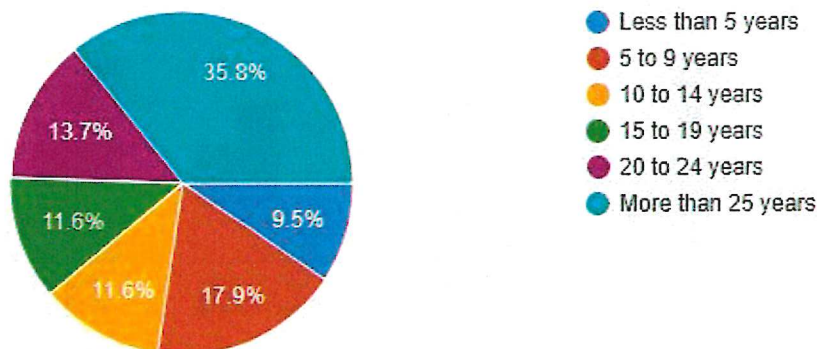
How long have you lived full time in the Town of Jefferson?

285 responses



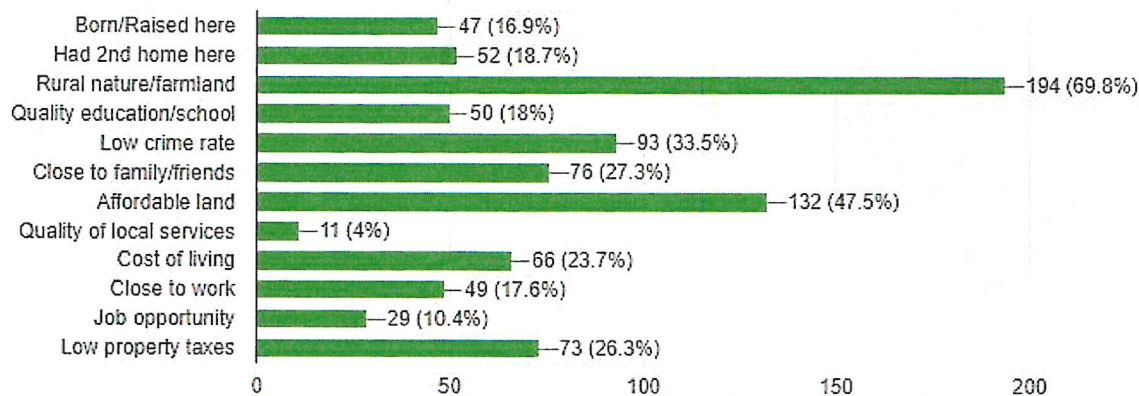
If you are a second homeowner, how long have you owned your home?
(Primary residents please leave this question blank)

95 responses

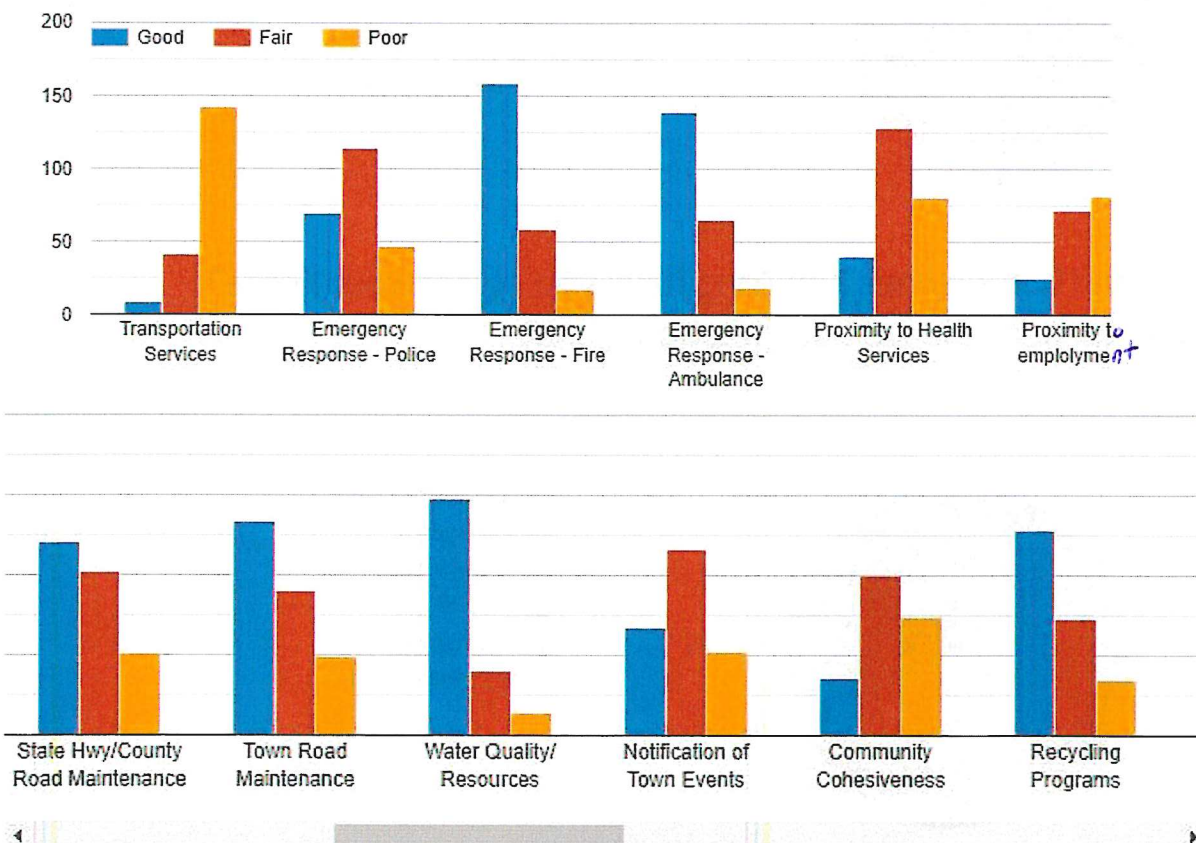


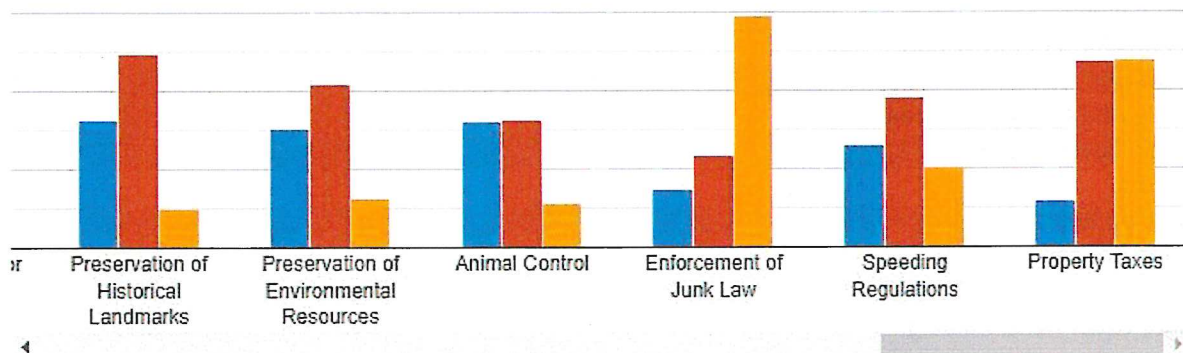
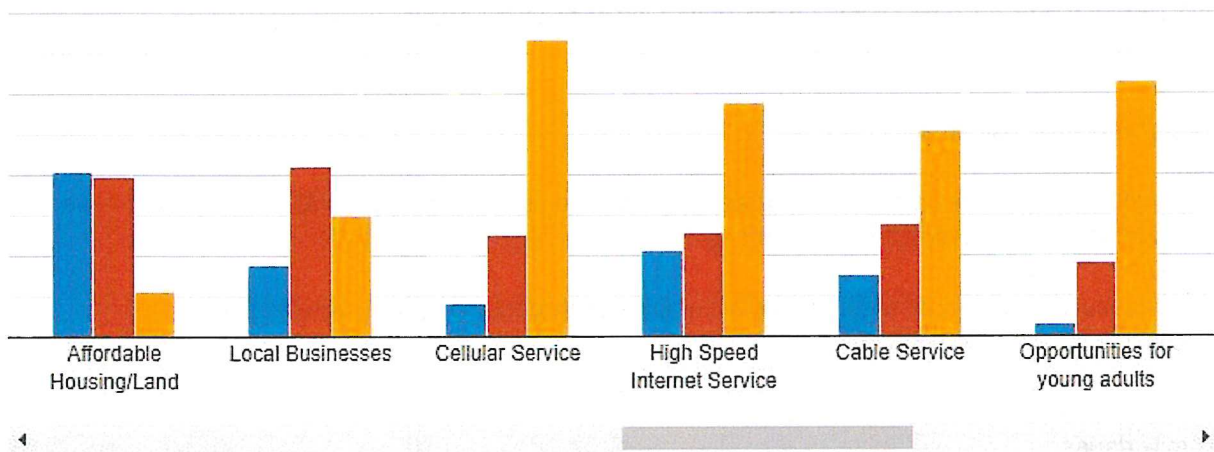
What most influenced your decision to live here? Choose all that apply.

278 responses

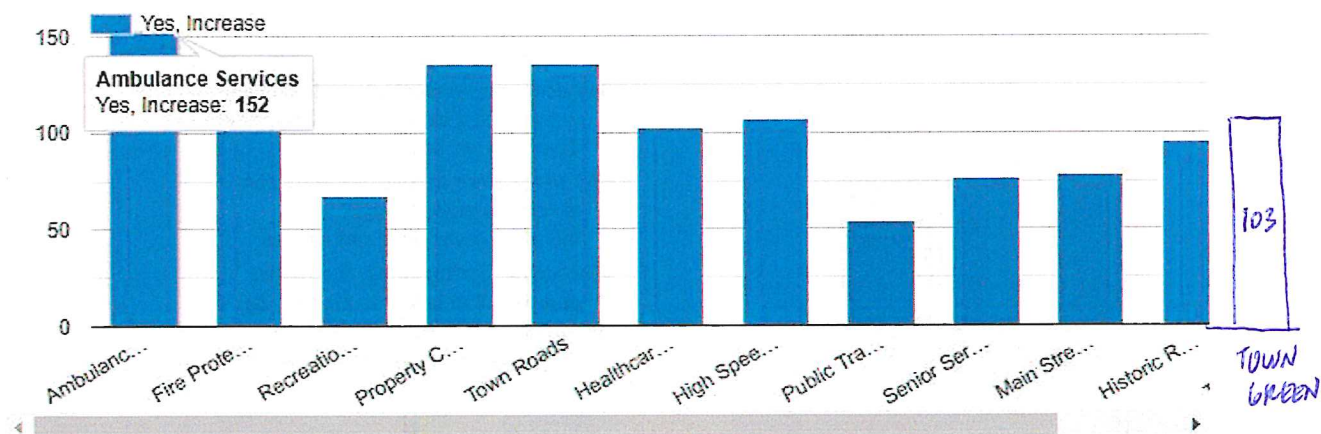


How would you rate the quality of life in Jefferson with respect to the following?





Which of these public services would you favor spending your tax money on ADDING or IMPROVING?



6.2 If "other" in response to the prior question please describe:

cell service

Support of low-income, long time residents.

Plant trees on Green

I do not approve of any increases in taxes and would prefer to see services cut to lower taxes AND would like to see greater private investment to improve character and economy

Improve parking in town

I am in favor of historic preservation, but believe it can be accomplished through non profit organizations.

Better lit roadways. Local adult education courses.

lower taxes

** In response to healthcare services: was tried, did not work.

Farms, organic raw milk daries

Refund back to tax payer

Services for homeless/stray animals

Garbage collection with a fee

NYS safety track regulations

Speeding on Rt 10 esp North of the village

Bring business to Town.

Upgrade phones cable and cellular services!

Encouraging economic development

Recycle metal, cars, etc.

Encourage tax producing businesses

Tear down abandoned houses

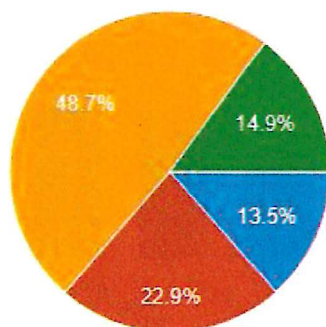
Animal protection

Why waste tax dollars when we are dieing.

Which of the following statements best describes your view of Zoning as a method of dealing with land use issues?



275 responses



- I don't know enough about it and I am unsure about the costs and benefits of Zoning for my community.
- I view Zoning as an infringement on my private property rights and, therefore, favor other approaches.
- I support Zoning but favor a limited approach that balances property rig...
- I want to see a very strong Zoning law that addresses all major land devel...

8. Please indicate what suggestions you may have for land use, development, or business in the Town of Jefferson with possible locations:

Work on creating an identity for Jefferson, possibly the historical nature of the town, much like Hobart has with the Book Village. I think that these identities help attract quality people and businesses to our area and enhances the quality of life in Jefferson for everyone.

Community park with longer trails for hiking and nature watch behind town hall. Laundromat, car wash, barber shop/hair salon. May

Preserve the rural character of the town/village

We will never have any outside business come to Jefferson because of certain groups. "No historic District"

For businesses; tool/equipment rental, real estate office, garden shop. For development in tow; musical instrument store, wifi/fiberoptic cafe, clothing store. As far as land use... get the NYSDEC or NYCDEP involved.

No developments. A new store or two for convenience would be great.

No dumps or Junkyards, watershed protection, water pollution protection- any business development should be open.

Erosion protection, no mining or natural gas development- keep Jefferson rural and beautiful.

Cell tower

Comprehensive zoning which can balance a focus on Agricultural use, historical preservation can service both full and part time residents. Creating an attractive Main St promotes investment and increases tax base.

It would have been good if a Dollar Store would have come to Jefferson.

More business use to offset taxes on land owners.

Keep building that cannot conform to "rural" appearance & small (house) size to out of town limits. Public trans to a large shopping area or big town is a plus. Also- in my experience strong zoning seems to breed "corruption" and changes with \$ offered.

Town Board needs to seek out grants/monies to improve hamlet.

Any agricultural based businesses in open land, textile manufacturing, eco-friendly clothing design, graphic designer (on main street), paintball park

Agricultural based business such as Christmas Tree Farm, Textile manufacturing, seamstress, shoemaker with local leather, graphic designer including label printing and publishing, the development of an office/services park similar to a WEWORK space. I really miss having a local dairy for milk, yogurt, butter etc. Also, a paper or grain mill would support agricultural land and forests.

Let them develop and build to regulations.

Keep lot sizes to minimum of 5 acres

The planning board, heritage soc. and the concerned citizens of Jefferson have driven any new business away from Jefferson! Until you get rid of those people and their veiws Jefferson will not change!

I use my home for the first 25 years, what has always appealed to me was the beauty. Maintaining that is most important. Get a Dollar General Store, family type restaurant, solar farm, wind turbines, commercial businesses to help increase tax base and provide good jobs.

New business is nice, but I believe the center of town should retain a more residential look, even if it is a business, rather than a modern commercial look.

1) Need to encourage a few more services in the village: hardware store, liquor store, grocery or larger convenience store.

2) Okay with solar or wind farms in suitable locations.

1. Develop a community garden/greenhouse- encourage healthy eating community & help needy. 1. We need more access to medical/dental care- private practices. 3. Bus service to/from larger towns: Cobleskill, Oneonta, Delhi, etc. for all. 4. Improved designated hiking/horseback trails. 5. Develop bird sanctuary near wetlands. 6. Encourage small businesses using local products/crafts/distillery/dairy/wool/wood crafts. 7. Make solar power more accessible (solar farms)

The more rural, the better!

Revitalize Main Street--particularly derelict properties; make the town a destination

Barber shop, car wash, laundromat, less light pollution, big town park behind town hall, sewer system, off street parking in village

Improvements in the core downtown area school on Rt 10 to town hall should be a priority. Enhance the existing parts, Maple Museum. Promote Historic significance. Pharmacy/variety store. Protect established business.

What about a large and attractive map on the Green. Indicating historical points of interest, local businesses and artisans, outdoor opportunities, annual fairs/events, lunch & breakfast spots, farms and gardens which can be visited. Available lectures, such as organic farming/wind energy etc.

Allow business to come in, not make zoning so difficult they go elsewhere!

Regulations discourage future economic development

No more large animals in the hamlet.

Small family owned organic dairy farms selling raw milk "organic fruit and vegetable farms (not hydroponic) biodynamic permaculture farms with chickens pigs sheep cows.

Renewable energy from wind turbines along ridge tops in West Jefferson. A hardware store in the Main Street district.

More business in town. Years ago there were many and that was fine.

Unsure at the moment.

Keep development of commercial sites out of core of town.

I would like to see the development of businesses that emphasize Jefferson's rural character and make it a tourist destination. Preferably not far from its center of town.

Develop standards for new store fronts

That people do not use their property as junk yards, leaving unregistered vehicles and garbage.

You want to regulate my property maybe town should pay my taxes cause they sure don't go down or have town board members stop driving around reporting people.

Some small chain companies should be allowed to conduct business in the town to support tax budget, some job opportunity, and bring some convenience to the residents.

Get the liberal lunatics out of town and bring in businesses to improve the tax base!

Let's encourage more independent businesses.

Would prefer no increase in commercial building- keep the town as rural as possible.

The historic preservation of the town of Jefferson is important.

No subdivisions Support for small businesses in hamlet No large outside businesses that don't fit the hamlet

Encourage success of local businesses since dollars spent at local businesses remain here.

I like the current comp plan and rural land development law. Preserving heritage, maintain historic character.

Encourage locally owned businesses and tourism. Say NO to large corporate owned business.

Would very much like to see a Dollar General Store in Jefferson Township. They carry a little of everything and would be I am sure well shopped.

I do not want to see farms subdivided for trailers or close-housing.

We hope to retire in our home in Jefferson- I would like to see more business, shopping, eateries but keep the integrity and rural feel of Jefferson- these could help with taxes- thank you.

No solar panel farms

Medical centers to services. Business development for employment opportunities.

Leave us alone we like Jefferson the way it is!

Stop voting against businesses. Stop trying to save falling down buildings.

More regulations to prevent construction contractor abuse.

Need cell phone tower & high speed internet. Continued beautification of the hamlet area.

Should be done on a case by case situation.

Bring small farms back and go after the people who think they can have animals on 1 acre of land that's animal cruelty.

Preservation of land. Development of businesses limited to local farm stands, farmers markets etc. Revitalize Town of Jefferson Main St

Not sure at this time.

The Town could use a Dollar General store.

Allow businesses from homes with no restrictions unless a certain size lot is needed.

Keep small village as is but develop a small commercial strip with necessary businesses- keeping regulations on out of door displays and uses under control.

I would like to see zoning laws that protect our rural character but encourages small town development.

Town is restrictive on what property can be used as.

Set up industrial park by the Jewish Children's Camp on the way to Stamford. Businesses like Dollar General can build there. The Town would get tax revenue and the character of the Town would not be impacted by commercialization. No new businesses in town center!

This town needs growth which equates to revenue in order to do any of this.

Jefferson has become business unfriendly. This has to be changed! All of Jefferson including the hamlet has to be open for business.

Clean up property

Would like to see more retail ie. Dollar Stores or something similar.

- Local shops in town- not just farmer markets and B&B's - Stop taking properties/buildings off tax rolls - Be open to all private and corporate owned business - Coffee shop with wi-fi

Need more privately owned businesses state & federal grants should be sought for Town Revitalization. The town was in better condition 30 years ago. It's nice to see new home renovations going on.

Affordable shopping (with a look to the building that fits in historically with our village). Its ridiculous to have to go 30-55 minutes for shopping or get ROBBED at the gas station.

Protect the hamlet from inappropriate development. Keep business small scal and locally-based.

Water and sewer upgrades/expansion. Dollar General or the like. North Rd/Rt 10. More kids activities. Off street parking for activities across from Savatiri Inn. Bigger, more improved park for families/kids behind Town Hall.

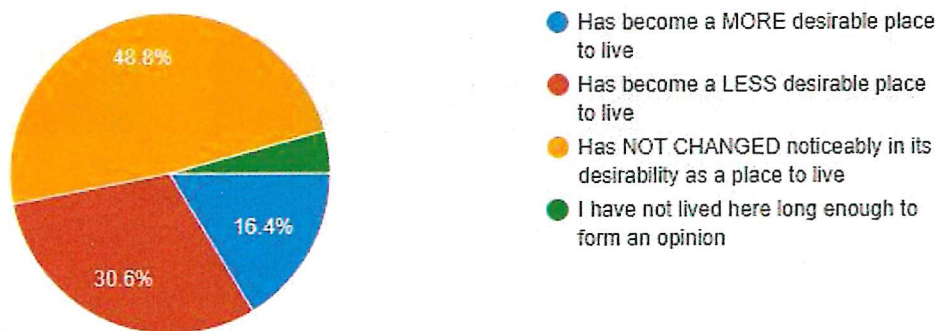
We want to keep the historical preservation of our community. We do not want to see fracking or other business that would destroy the natural beauty and resources . Once gone, they cannot be replaced.

New homse/trailers should be required to be built/placed on 5 acres of land. Closure of Scotch Valley ski area and potential closure of JCS down the road are negative impacts.

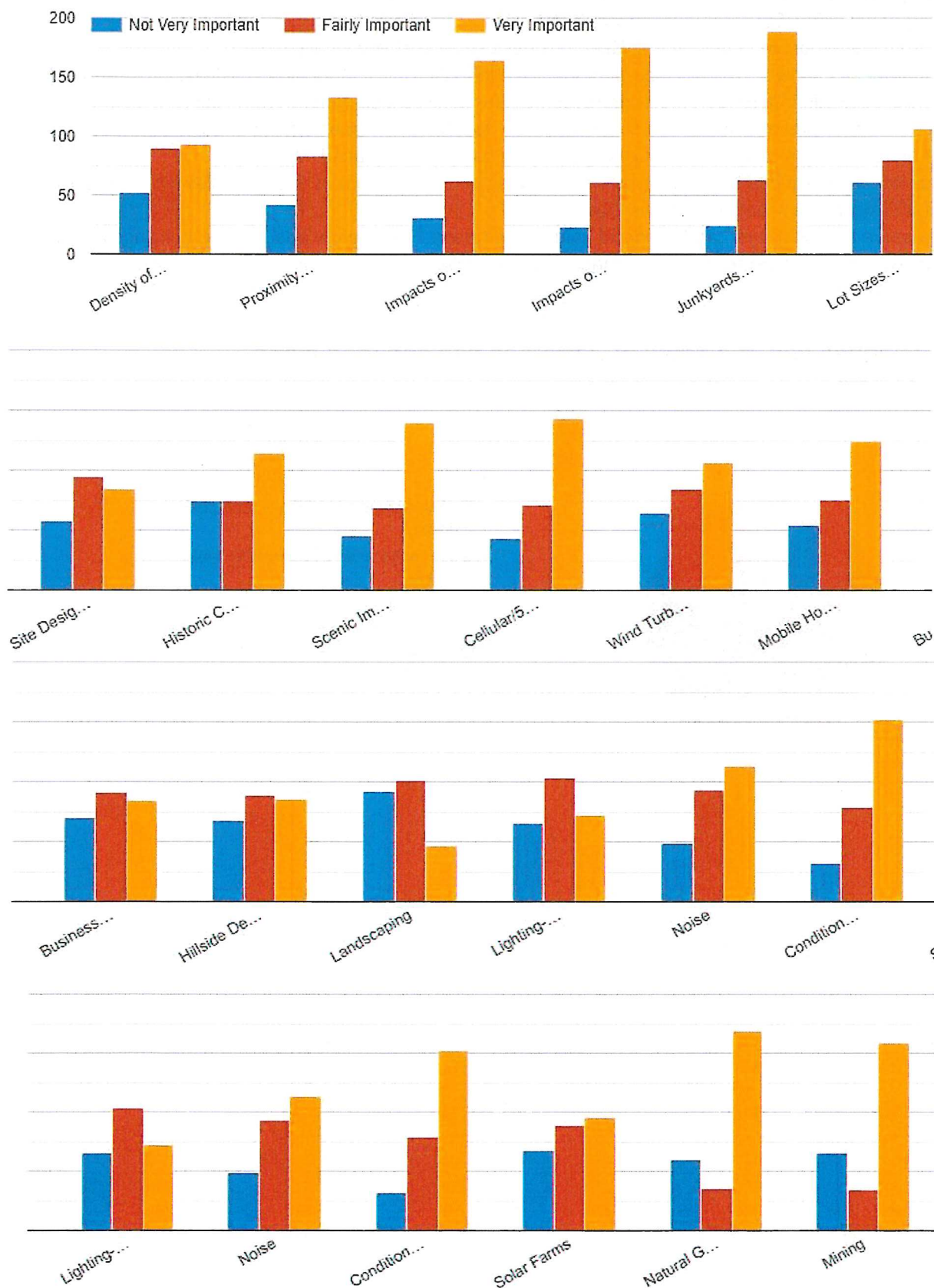
We would like to preserve the "character" and historical value of Jefferson. Restore the beautiful old buildings and keep the hamlet attractive and unique. It will put us on the map in a positive way.

Which best describes how the Town of Jefferson has changed since you have lived here?

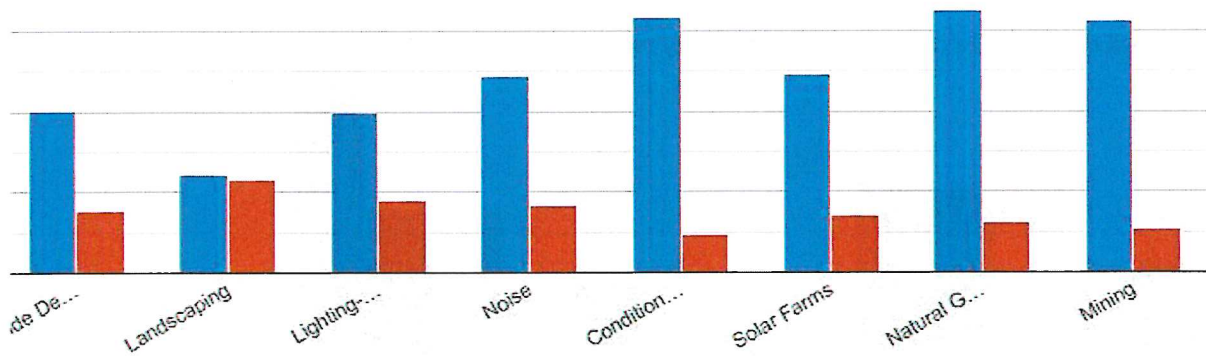
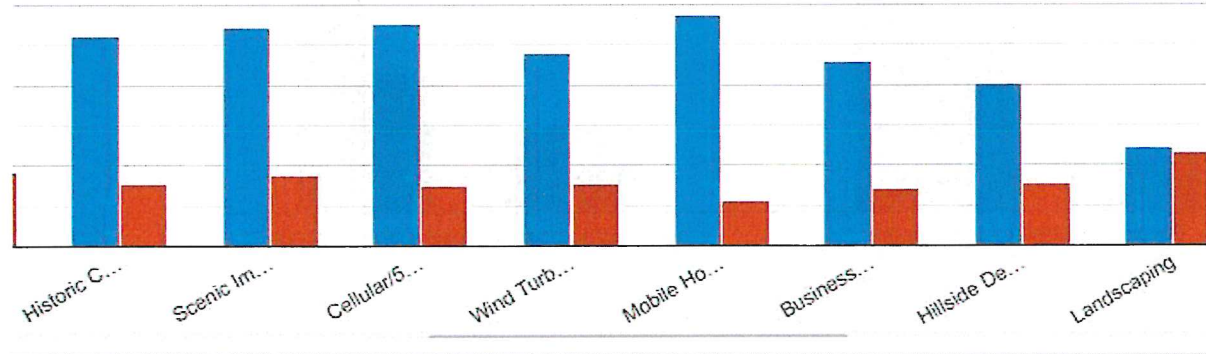
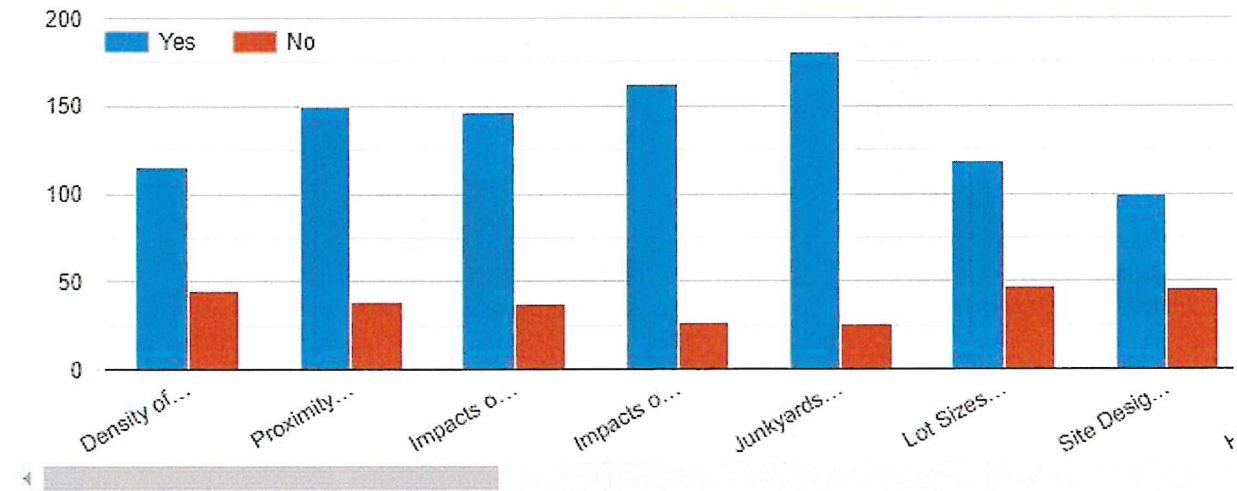
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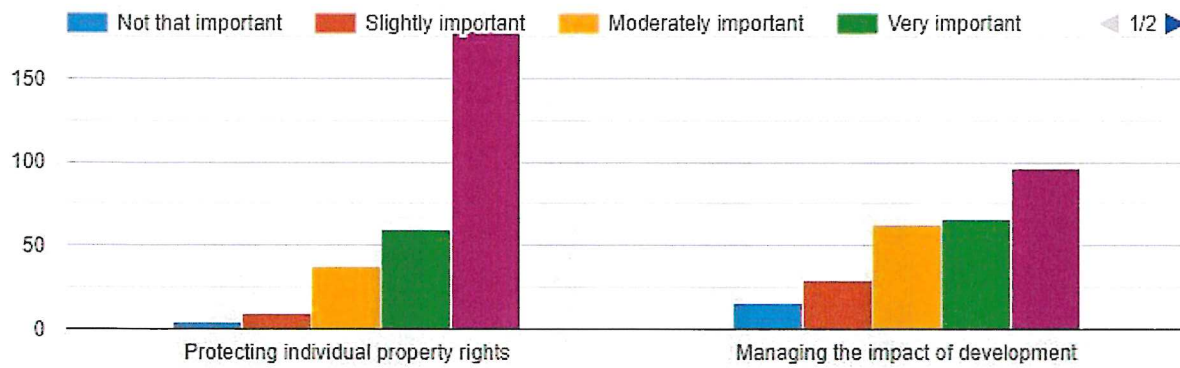
How important is it for the Town of Jefferson to review/regulate each of the following aspects of developments? 



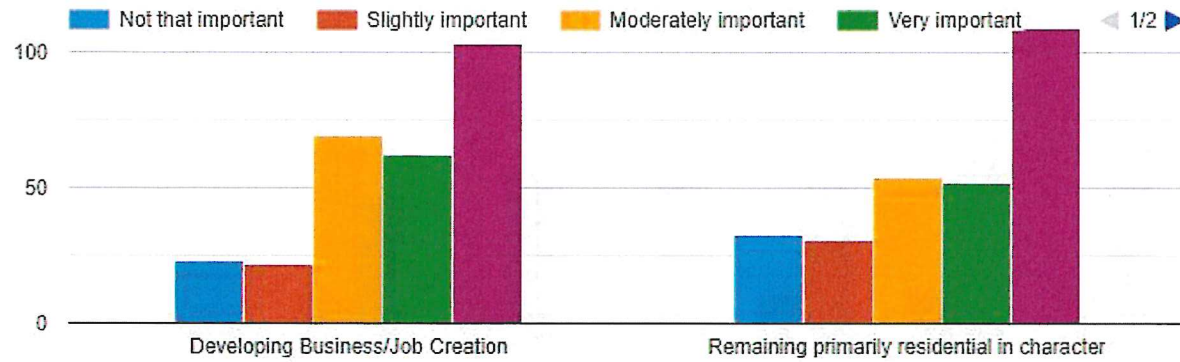
Should the Town establish or improve local controls/regulations with respect to these issues?



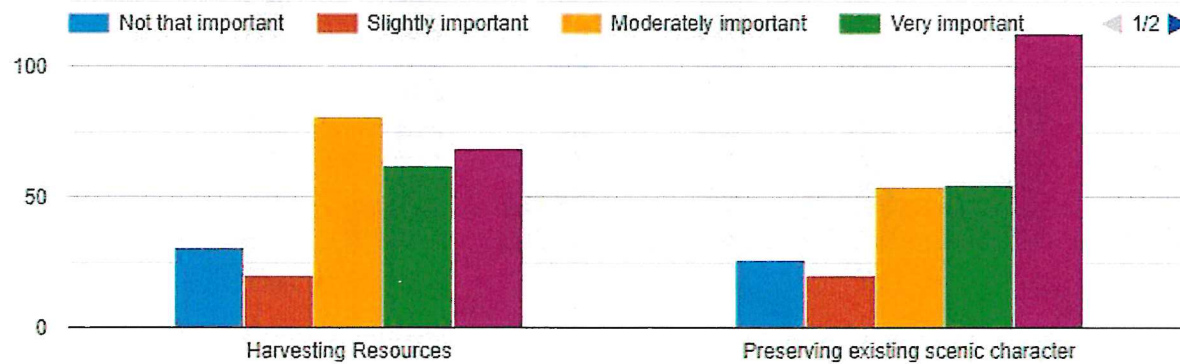
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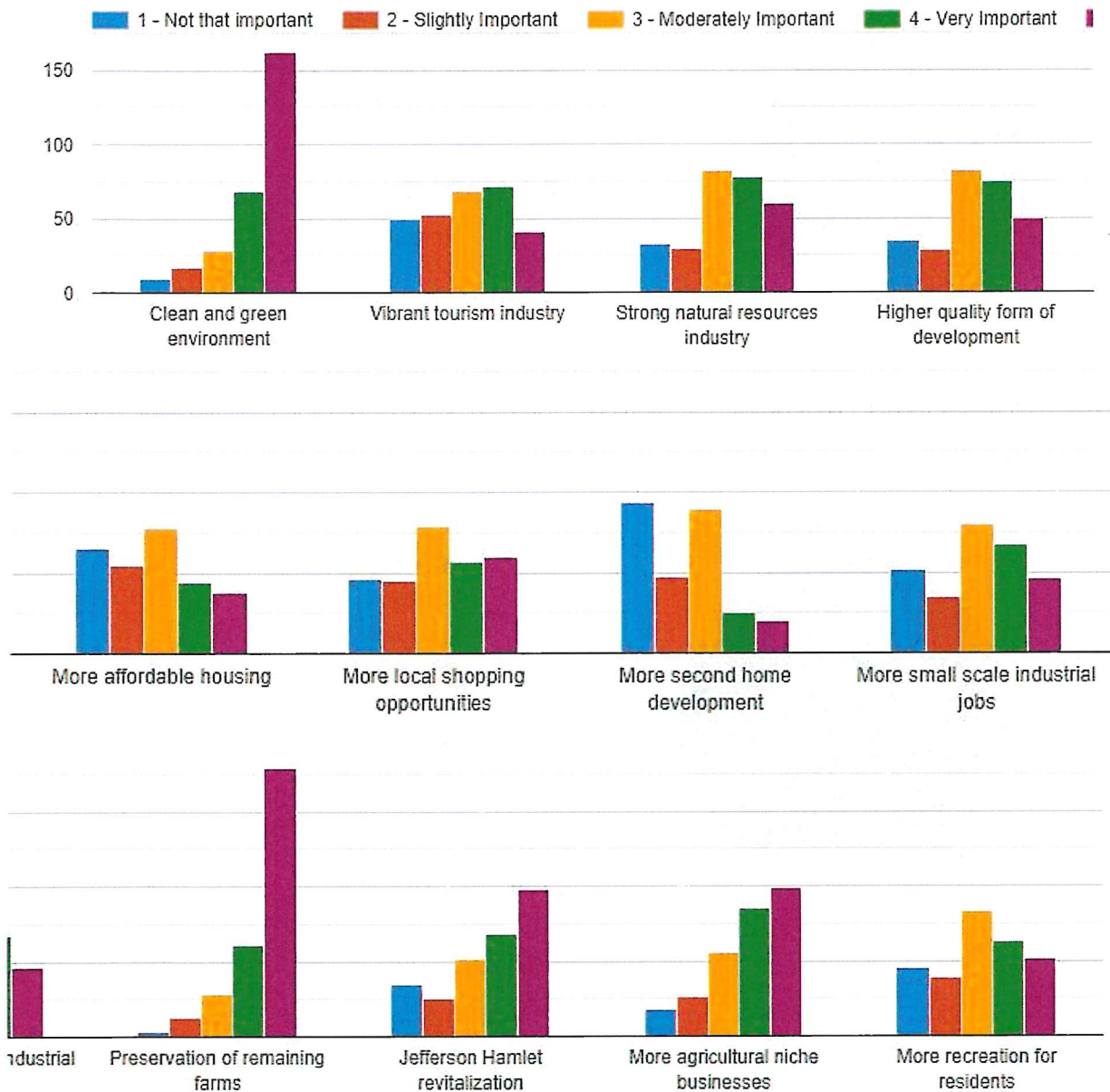
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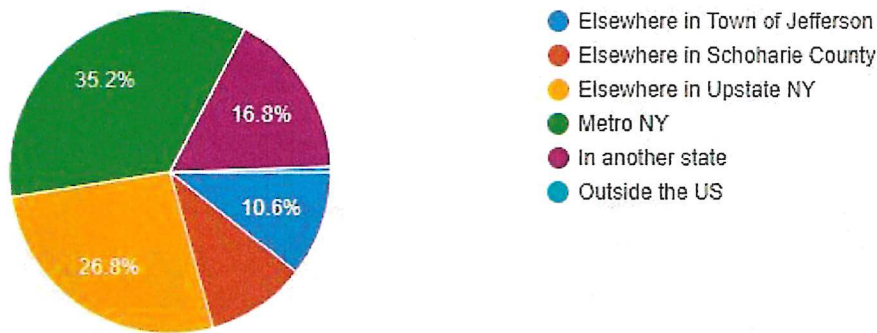


Please indicate where you would like to see the community in the next 10-20 years by rating how important the following aspects are to you.



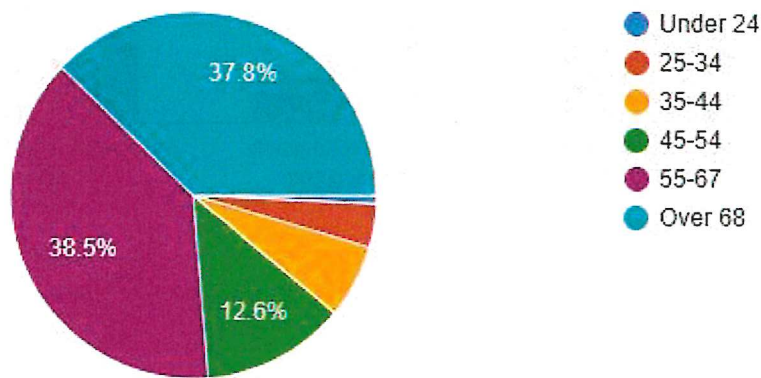
If you currently reside in Jefferson, what was the last place you lived prior to moving to your current address:

179 responses



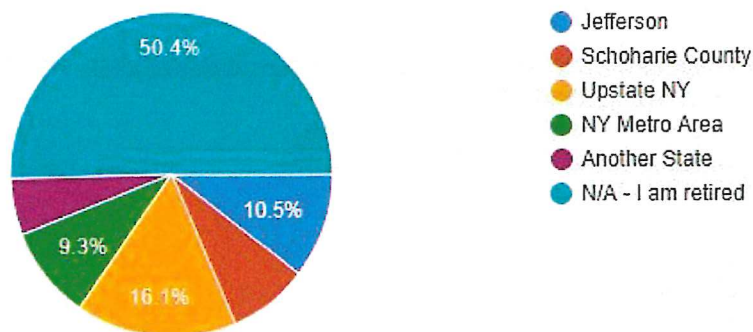
Please indicate your age bracket

262 responses



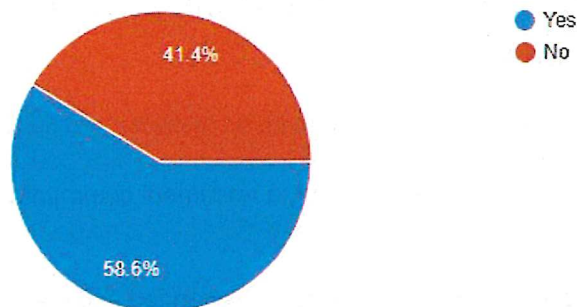
If you are currently employed, please indicate where you work:

248 responses



If you are employed in the Town of Jefferson, is it a home based business? (If you are not employed in Jefferson please leave blank)

29 responses



16.2 Please describe your home based business if applicable: 18 responses

Farm

Artist

Attorney

Architect

self-employed

Farmer and Agritourism

Farmer and agritourism

Low income housing

I worked in Jefferson prior to retirement. I currently work/volunteer for two Jefferson farm families.

Campground

house painter

Freelance writing/consulting

Writing, publishing, freelance curatorial jobs.

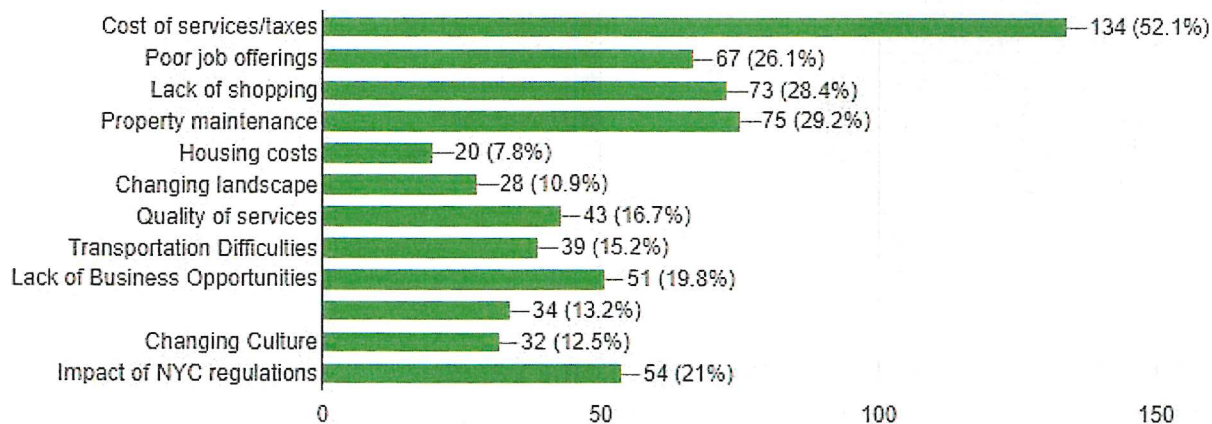
Small Farm

Small engine repair

Before retirement, worked in Delaware County and self employed in Jefferson

What do you like LEAST about the Town of Jefferson? (Please check no more than 3)

257 responses



17.2 If what you like least about Jefferson is NOT listed in the prior question, please describe briefly below what is:21 responses

There is a lot in this survey that could be important but is too big of a task to do all at once. I would like to see steady progress of many of these issues over time.

lack of parking in village. decline in school enrollment because it's becoming a retirement community.

Lack of broadband

Community cohesiveness

The school and town budgets are unjustifiable. The school environment has also changed and does not offer enough opportunity or involvement.

I believe the school, town, and fire department budgets are too high and that too much revenue is squandered. High taxes make it very difficult to reinvest in our businesses and properties, and to save for retirement.

lack of cell service

Rigid town board and failure to embrace change. Difficulty understanding the number of 501(c)1 non profits within a short radius? Main st.

Lack of vision and communication from local government

*Do not adopt any NYC regs/remain independent

Divisive board member

4 wheelers going where they please and police won't respond.

Local attitude to 2nd homeowners

Lack of cell service/internet

Lack of internet, hi-speed cable

Poor cell/internet service

Upkeep of owned property

#11: Property maintenance meaning junk, not mowing, landscape, all natural is great.

NYS safetrack NOISE

Highway noise/speeding on RT 10

ROADS

Any other comments you wish to submit:277 responses

(M)

The Planning Board let the town down by not doing more for the Dollar General. Hope that doesn't apply to future businesses.

M

Don't over-assess homeowners who make visible improvements to their homes & property.

(M) This survey does not seem to really describe life in Jefferson. Industry? HA! This is a small town, if you want industry move to Albany. Dollar General would have been a welcomed convenience.

(M) I moved here because it's beautiful, clean, quiet, light and friendly- all the best characteristics of the best of rural living. By encouraging agricultural niche businesses and expanding smart green energy, these characteristics could be preserved while giving jobs to locals. Development of a historic nature would also grow the local economy if marketed well. I would like to see Jefferson preserved.

Thank you for enacting this survey! I believe that land use zoning with an emphasis on agri-tourism as well as focusing on Main Street development & preservation would be worthwhile and achievable long range goals. Land use regulations and preserving views and historic preservation actually attract investment and will enable job growth and good development. Great hunting and fishing. After retiring as a lineman for the electrical Co in NJ the winters were too much so we bought a smaller place there and moved full time back to new Jersey. We really like coming up on weekends and hunting seasons. The town needs more business competition. Instead of just one small corner store that half the time you can't get into the parking lot to get gas. Also more business to offset tax base for land owners. Not the homeowner to pay more taxes to pay for beautification of f town!

Please enforce residents to keep their homes clean, remove junk cars and clean up the environment. To attract future land investors. The highway dept. needs substantial improvements in their actions to keep roadways maintained.

(M) We pay more school taxes for children we don't have than combined taxes for roads, govt, maintenance, professionals, and all other tax generated services "combined". Lots of retired pensioners move here to stretch their income and your killing them (lack of clinic, medical services, etc) to support your school. People aren't moving here with children to raise kids. They are getting away from congested city environments.

(M) The town should seek out more grant money to improve the hamlet- improve sidewalks, better parking, make the Green dog friendly with bag & trash stations, plant trees, install water fountain on Green.

The most enjoyable part about our area of NY is the open space and use of the land for farming and agriculture. I would like to maintain the peace and quiet of the area without heavy regulation or an increase in cost.

I would like to see the protection of open space, development of agricultural businesses, and the preservation of the towns historic character, BUT NOT if it requires raising taxes.

(M) I truly believe that the planning board/comp plan are overstepping my personal rights as a tax payer and land owner. If you do not own it you do not have a say in what I do. Capitalism works, got a problem, buy the place and fix it.

(M) There is so much junk collectors, poor property maintenance by residents.

(M)Where do I start! We have a town board full of bobbleheads that seem to say yes to everything! Got a hwy superintendent with 30+ violations, that's okay give him a raise! A planing board chair you try to get rid of and turn around give it back to him! We have the town board telling people to clean up their yard when the supervisor has a barn falling down for 20+ years! Another board member with cars all over his property but wants his neighbor to clean up his yard! We have a planing board that did everything they could think of to drive business out of town, but they're about "what's best for Jefferson"! That's a joke! If it doesn't fit the planing board, heritage society's, and the concerned citizens of jefferson's agenda, the planing board shuts it down. The town board which has power over them has allowed them to do it! Then the concerned citizens of jefferson send a letter hoping to get people to sway their opinion! Really I don't want a historical district! And there's no hamlet in Jefferson! The above people should ask the residents that live on main street what they want! And stop taking pics of people's houses without getting their permission. You call yourselves concerned citizens of Jefferson, historical society but don't have the common curtesy to ask permission from your neibor! Rude! you ask what we should change about emergancy services! first thing get rid of the guy who ordered an \$800,000 fire truck! There's no reason we need one and tax payer money shouldn't be used for some fireman's ego trip! We should be looking at the 180K+ we give the fire dept every yr and reduce it! You can read my comments and bobblehead board members will do as they always do! Nothing, that is unless planning board chairman tells them too! So good luck with your survey!

(M) From 1979 until 2002 I actively visited my farm, it is currently rented. As I worded earlier the beauty of the area is very important!

(M) Lack of cell service is a huge issue for safety purposes ie: accident, bad roads, winter driving. Town board should have final decision on all projects brought before planning board. Planning board in Jefferson has too much power.

Jefferson was a wonderful and beautiful place to grow up and I thank the townspeople who volunteer their time to preserve its beauty and heritage while also helping it to grow economically. It's not easy to make everyone happy, but it's important to try.

(M) A great village and town. The village could use a few more services. High speed internet is a must. No mining or fracking but timber harvest, solar and wind farms okay if modest. Public transportation would be nice, even a taxi service. Family farms should be encouraged. Thanks for asking!

(M) This town needs more than just a gas station to shop in. The town missed the opportunity for the Dollar General to come in.

(M) We would like to see Jefferson remain residential/rural. This is the main reason for moving here away from big cities/business. By providing improved transportation, roads, adult education, small local business, hiking, bike/horse trails, community center/volunteer opportunities, church fundraising, this town can be a rare gem where people come to enjoy the beauty/resources of Jefferson, but we leave the landscape intact for future generations.

(M) Good to see restoration of historic buildings.

(M) I support whatever the year round residents need and desire. I completed this survey for my true opinions outside of the town's needs. I love all the time I spend in Jefferson. Except when it rains every day!

(M) I understand zoning laws. Perhaps in light of past events Town Board should give consideration to changing them--there is no future for young people, and a town cannot grow without the youth. Much as I treasure history and the buildings that make up a historical landmark, progress, jobs, opportunity are inevitable lest we become locked in a time warp.

(M) Be more business friendly.

Love Jefferson. Want to see more sense of community--politics aside--in this very special town.

(M) A very confusing survey! I hope I did it to reflect my idea properly.

(M) My family and I love the open space and farm community we have found here. Improvement to the "Down Town" area (some going on now at private properties) should be encouraged. The Town should develop plan for improvements along this corridor by using grant funding in conjunction with county, state, and federal legislators.

(M) In response to #7: Why do we have to regulate everything. Why not move to the city! We are a country w/ rights and private regulation not needed!!!

(M) #3: Primary doctor good; hospital fair; specialists--testing poor (Albany or Cooperstown!) #7: To what extent. Too much regulation is a bad, perhaps worse, than none. With inept management in this area could "drag" along and be ineffectual in the long run. We both feel that too much "study" in the past has resulted in nothing. Other comments: (A) First and foremost: cell phone tower. Decision needed now preferable before year end. Back and forth talk is over. This is not a luxury but a potential life/death necessity not only for the students but passersthrough, as well, who are unable to summon aid in an emergency if required. In event of power outage "cable bundled" phones and land line could be knocked out as well since verizon has not been maintaining back up batteries on their poles as they had in past. Argument seems to revolve around compromised scenic views. How often does one look up at the clouds. How often does one drive through town? I love Jefferson, but let's stop talk about "scenic views" right there. (B) Encourage small business. Dollar General wasn't the right fit, perhaps, but an alternative plan for small "mall" was intriguing, but died on the vine. But we must also bear in mind not to undermine the efforts of our 4 corners. Gas station providing "quick need" items without needing 50 mile round trip to Oneonta or Cobleskill or the 20+ to Stamford. And we can't afford to drag on when business shows interest in setting up here.

(M) Moratorium/put a stop to "storage" containers on properties. Junk cars/get rid of them.

(M) It's not right for taxes to be continually increased year after year. The Historical Society should not be able to tell people how they can paint or side their homes. I understand keeping the town looking good but that decision should be from the homeowners, who is paying taxes, not a committee!

(M) More organic grass fed only cows & sheep farming. Thank you. More organic raw milk grass fed dairy farms please.

(M) I pay over \$500/per month in taxes! and what do I get - a school that should consolidate with Stamford and/or C-R. Has anyone ever considered trying to lower taxes!!

(M) It would be a convenience to have a business on Main Street that could replace Jefferson Hardware or the Jefferson General Store (or both).

(M) Spend money they don't have by raising tax

(M) All the rules/laws from the comprehensive plan have to be enforced. No more Mr. nice guy to these people who say they have no money to clean their place. They have the money to buy more junk. Houses & yards need to be cleaned up.

(M) The winter road maintenance needs to be addressed. Cross the line to Blenheim and see the difference. I'd rather pay a little more in taxes than the high cost of fixing the car.

(M) Keep rural Help Farmers Preserve Nature

(M) Wonder why all the time people move in and want to change Jefferson you moved here because the way it was leave us alone. Also why barn outside of jefferson was made to be torn down and cleaned up and one on Foote Rd was torn down and still a mess is it cause building inspector has breakfast asll the time since they own the property. And we needed the dollar general, I hope the people that bought it are held to same standards but I bet not since the women that bought it there husbands are on planning board and bunch of b.s. Also most of town board are bobbleheads stand up for jefferson thats why u where voted in.

(M) If you improve your home tax assessor almost doubles your taxes!

(M) We can still maintain our identity as small town america, While also allowing new businesses and people into the town.

This is the greatest town, let's make it even better. Sorry I replied to this after July 19, hope my opinion still helps.

(M) As a property owner and tax payer, I feel I should have the right to vote in local elections, even though this isn't my primary residence. It's kind of like "taxation without representation" I am taxed like a resident but have no say in local politics.

(M) When we purchased our land in 1986 we were ecstatic. It was, and is, exactly what we wanted and continue to enjoy. Our hope, obviously, is that nothing changes. Our biggest concern is business and commercial development. We found Stamford, Cobleskill and Oneonta more than adequate for officials to keep working hard to preserve our character! Thank you.

(M) The Historic preservation of the Town of Jefferson is of high importance. It's what makes this Town so significant, relished and enjoyed.

(M) Too many second homeowners from NYC that think they own the place.

(M)

(M) Bring back the Maple Festival

(M) Small agricultural businesses should be encouraged. People need to be encouraged to take care of their properties. We have a wonderful little village that we love being a part of.

(M) Don't think we have the right to keep a Dollar Store out of town - whether I am for it or not. E&P has big truck deliver items.

(M) This survey does not allow for a vision for Jefferson's future. We need to restore the hamlet (downtown) into a vibrant area that will attract people who seek a small town community that values its history and its architecture. This is necessary to bring in families who will send their children to JCS, who will start new businesses or bring jobs with them, and will use locally supplied construction, plumbing, electrical, lawn services and local entertainment. We need to support and encourage local, value added agricultural efforts and we need to address decrepit buildings by encouraging homeowners to take pride in their community.

(M) As a seasonal owner my family and I always look forward to the beautiful rural, quieter, cleaner air of the Town of Jefferson. The people are both friendly and helpful. I know some development is necessary to move forward but it must meet or exceed reviews and regulations or the development may destroy what so many residents love about Jefferson.

(M) I moved here not to be bothered by government small or big.

(M) In response to #7: Too many controls/regulations ruining the rurall area.

(M) More homes and businesses so people want to stay here. Update technologies. Jefferson is so far behind the rest of the state in everything. Not happy in Jefferson anymore. Taxes go up but nothing changes :(

(M) Would like to see an improved better playground for the kids.

(M) What are NYC regulations?

(M) Jefferson is a desirable place to live that's why we moved here from a large city. As best we can hope things do not change- would like to have cell service.

(M) I own a second home in Jefferson, so when I am there I still have to work. The lack of high speed/internet/cable make that difficult. I have satellite TV and internet and if weather is bad, service goes out.

(M) In the town, small lots should not have livestock etc. Not fair to animals. Within town (Main St) ordinances, town is looking rough.

(M) Would be nice to see some centralized area for use for businesses and job creation, but not to create another city area like Oneonta and Cobleskill. We need to preserve the beauty and tranquility for our residents and wildlife.

(M) Jefferson needs a revaluation very badly. Property taxes are high enough in New York and to have them unevenly skewed due to old value is a great problem. Fix this and you fix many other problems. Money well spent.

(M) Residential road maintenance is awful. Some roads in town have been paved twice while others not at all and full of pot holes. School taxes too high for school population (cost/student too high)

(M) I, we, believe everyone has property rights that need to be protected. However, whatever your interests, or hobbies, are or even if you are a collector of junk, it should not be visible from the street or neighbors house.

(M) Absentee land owners should be responsible for property maintenance. (Example) mowing the lawn. Second home owners should leave garbage in trash cans not garbage bags to be ripped apart by animals and left for days until trash pick up.

(M) This Town has no vision for the future, will not support economic development, restricted use of existing natural resources ie. wind, solar, snowmobiling, logging, maple - Taxes are too high to support young people staying in Town. Now Employment opportunities, no shopping available for older residents. - Town has turned into a playground for downstate people that think they can move here and try to change town like little Long Island.

(M) Just in case some members of this so called "Comprehensive Plan Committee" are transplants from NYC or it's surroundings, please be advised that we don't need your liberal progressive mumbo jumbo. We are happy with our community as it stands now.

(M) No commercialization of town center by national companies. Niche businesses can locate in existing buildings. Maintain rural nature of area. New businesses (non niche) should build in area by the Jewish Camp. No trailer parks. Seek state resources/advice on how to preserve hamlet character of Jefferson.

(M) Taxes (property and school) are too high! - I don't think we need to impose several regulations on the town. If you want regulations move back to Long Island, NYC and New Jersey. - The town needs business development and a larger tax base to pull from. Not "non-profit" organizations that do not create revenue for the town. - "The concerned citizens of Jefferson" have sent out a letter to bias this survey. This is unprofessional and should be noted.

(M) You should have included stamps on the return envelop, or perhaps have a link to complete online as well.

(M) Jefferson playground should be replaced. Have people clean up garbage on their property. Cell tower would be great.

(M) Many of the options in Section 7 are already covered by existing Federal, State and Town Laws - I've been coming to Jefferson since the 1970's. Now there seems to be a change in atmosphere. What had once been a tight knit community is now very divided. Some wealthier retirees are steam rolling everyone else with their agenda which is negatively impacting the majority of residents.

(M) We are very happy to see the restoration and improvement of homes in the Town. We would like to see this trend continue to encourage more young families to settle in Jefferson. The village green is being used more now, the flowers look beautiful, local events should be supported and encouraged. #9: No huge corporate businesses, yes to local businesses

(M) Our taxes have doubled since we have moved here. We pay higher taxes but no increase in services... We would prefer to have "transfer" station similar to Harpersfield, for proper recycling, garbage, tires, as an everyday availability to our homeowners. Instead of having to pay individually for these services as extra (IE transporting to MOSA). Paints/garbage/etc.

(M) Our town taxes are outrageous! No sidewalks, no lights, no water, no garbage pick up, horrible road maintenance and we have no emergency services! Don't get me started on the school HORRIBLE! Bullying- sub standard.

(M) No mining, no drilling!

(M) Town Highway Dept doesn't put down sand or cinders, they put down "DIRT" which makes "MUD." It's unsightly, slippery, dangerous, and takes forever to clean up in spring. It is a quality of life issue. People hate driving in Jefferson in Winter. Buy quality sand and sweep earlier. ALSO: most of guardrails are gone and not replaced. Town and County roads- dangerous!

(M) Hello. Thank you for the questionnaire. I am a seasonal resident, but hope to retire in Jefferson. My hometown, which I no longer live in, was very similar to Jefferson. However in the 2000's the major developed it into a tourist tract attracting/marketing to residents of NYC. The town is no longer a hometown as it has forced myself and several long time residents to escape, so I believe what your doing now of preservation and enrichment locally are positive steps. I would love to see someone open a general store for shopping of dry goods bc the guy at the gas station price gauges. Thanks!

(M) We live in Jefferson because of its quiet, scenic, rural character and historic connections. These qualities should be maintained and protected, which requires oversight and regulations. Town officials should look forward to potential threats and act beforehand- not wait until the problem arrives as is the current practice.

(M) If we don't encourage all business to come to our town we are dying and losing all our young people. We are so worried about regulations on something that isn't even here. Our seniors need more shopping opportunities here in our town. By creating shopping our town keeps a portion of sales tax. This helps all residents. Right now there is no vision to help the people save tax dollars. All this town is looking to do is keep the landscape the same not let anyone in and chase the young people away. We are dying off we aren't dead yet and without a vision to create business why should I stay or anyone else. I am losing faith in this town and the ones running it.

(M) Please find someone to review and rewrite this survey questionnaire it is way too convoluted. Online survey way simpler. And try to save us taxpayers the cost of a stamp for return postage if you want better returns.

(M) We were very disheartened to have NYSEG come and cut down over 100 of our Fir trees, leave them on our property, covering our stone walls. There were sharp tree stumps left from all the trees and were a danger to us, and our dogs. this happened to a lot of our neighbors and we can't believe this was legal.

(M) Sirs/Madams The biggest mistake that the area communities made was allowing the Scotch Valley ski area to close. It brought in tourists to the area and created many seasonal jobs. Now we have Oohrah which does provide some jobs but no other benefits that I can see. The problems faced by Jefferson are no different than many other upstate towns: no jobs and limited opportunities. Unless you have a public sector job (preferable the state) are a teacher in the medical field, or have your own business, there is not much in the way of economic opportunities in the immediate area of Jefferson. As a result, many of the best and brightest of the younger generations leave the area. As one person said, NY's number one export are its children. This is evident in the sharp decline in the number of students in area schools including Jefferson. The Town of Jefferson prohibiting large landowners from selling land parcels to whoever is plainly wrong and should be repealed. Am all in favor of requiring a minimum of 5 acres for new home construction or placement of a new/used trailer. I have no problems with subdivision development such as Taber Woods. I do have a problem with subdivision development that you see in urbanized areas. This type of subdivision is not appropriate in rural towns like Jefferson. Second home development should be encouraged in Jefferson. There is minimal cost to the town and Jefferson would benefit from the school and property taxes. Down the road, some second homes will be occupied with full time instead of part time. Seems like a win-win for the town. Many of the new 2nd and permanent home constructions are far more attractive than many of the older homes in the area. NY is going green (so it claims) which means numerous wind turbines and solar farms to meet its energy needs. Down the road, I am confident that the state will negate local laws that prohibit such development in their area. NY banning fracking was a big mistake that resulted in the loss of many high paying jobs, school and property taxes, and royalty fees to area landowners. At the time, the State was addressing environmental and safety concerns. Jefferson could have developed local regulations requiring well paid development to be built away from the roads and therefore less visible to passerby. A very big lost opportunity for Jefferson and upstate NY. Sure hope you have differing viewpoints on the planning board or whatever group that will develop the zoning regulations for the Town. Good luck with this.

(M) As of today (July 2019) there is an ugly divisiveness in our little town. We feel that this is ridiculous and energy-sapping. How is it possible that some people don't applaud the many new positive inputs such as restoring old building to their former glory. Why do some people find a Farmers Market with local vendors selling local healthy products not a good idea? There are now many FREE cultural events that enrich the minds of young and old. Why is this seen as a negative influence? We should encourage anybody who donates their time to make Jefferson a nicer place to be. We should encourage all volunteers who work with our kids and who truly have the best intentions to make Jefferson a wonderful place where people appreciate each other. In the past I remember nobody cleaned up the Maple Museum and there was very little happening there. The Masonic Hall was a dead building, nothing was going on there. Now there are LOTS of wonderful events and all for FREE. We would love to see a unity and a working together to make Jefferson a town you can be proud of. Put your energy to use and watch Jefferson flourish for all of us and for the future of the next generation.

