

TOWN OF NEWSTEAD OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION SURVEY

The Town of Newstead presently has about 2/3rd of its area undeveloped but is beginning to see considerable development pressures both for residences and businesses. The Town is very interested in your opinions about future town population and business growth. We thank you for taking the time to answer this survey.

1 .The Town and Village combined have a present population of approximately 9000 people. Increased population is extremely likely. At what rate would you like to see the population grow?

100 or less per year (2006 rate approx 80) approx 500 per year 1000 or greater per year

2 .Business growth is likely. What would you most like to see in the Town outside of the Village. Rate #1, #2, and #3 with 1 most desired.

Small locally owned retail shops Plaza of small or medium stores Big Stores (Walmart Size)

3 .In your opinion how important is it to preserve the following:

(Please check your answer.)

Sites containing significant, unique or historically important geologic features such as the "Sinks" or the Onondaga Escarpment?

important no opinion not important

Sites containing endangered, threatened, regionally declining or ecologically sensitive species?

important no opinion not important

Sites that possess unusual wildlife abundance or diversity?

important no opinion not important

Sites that contain swamps, marshes, wetlands, ponds or waterways?

important no opinion not important

Sites containing a 100 year flood plain or spillway?

important no opinion not important

Sites containing open fields, meadows, hedge rows, historic stone fences or fence lines?

important no opinion not important

Sites containing scenic vistas, slopes, ridgelines or forest views that contribute to the beauty or unique character of the township?

important no opinion not important

Sites containing forest or woodlands?

important no opinion not important

Sites containing active farmland?

important no opinion not important

Sites containing highly productive agricultural soils?

important no opinion not important

4. Do you believe the Town should be preserving open space/farmland?

Yes Maybe No

5. There are many "preservation" methods. Please rank the following in decreasing order (1,2,3) of what you would like to see used in the town with 1 the most preferred.

Town purchase the property

Use of town, state and federal funds to purchase development rights but not property.

Property owners volunteer development rights for property tax incentives.

6 If the Town hosted a public discussion on open space preservation would you attend?

Yes Maybe No