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2009 TOWN OF MARSHALL COMMUNITY SURVEY

Thank you in advance for participating in the Town of Marshall Survey. Your answers will help us understand how different groups of citizens feel about the directions the town might take as they plan for the future.

A plan is evolving that will decide the direction in which the Town of Marshall will progress. In 2006, the Town of Marshall Planning Board began the process of revising the Master Plan. The plan written in 1967 is outdated and a new one waits to be written. We have the desire and the right to create the kind of community that promotes a better quality of life for our children and the many generations thereafter.

In order to fulfill this goal, an investment needs to be made. Your ideas, concerns and time are valuable to this process. Please invest them. Over the next several months you will be given opportunities to voice your opinions; this survey is one of those opportunities that we hope you will participate in.

The planning board will diligently piece it all together, but the content will be derived from you. The board meets the third Wednesday of every month. Please feel free to contact any one or all of the Planning Board members – Russell Stewart, Jo-Anne Faulkner, Bill Marsh, Jamie Peck and Betty Hughes. Additional information will also be posted on the town website: www.townofmarshall.com

Please know that your responses to the questions in this survey are confidential. Data will be tabulated by Cornell Cooperative Extension and cannot be traced back to you.

1. Residency - Please check (✓) only one.

I am a **permanent resident** of the Town of Marshall () Yes () No
I am a **seasonal resident** of the Town of Marshall () Yes () No
I am a **not a resident** of the Town of Marshall () Yes () No

2. Location - Please check (✓) only one.

I reside within the **Village of Waterville** () Yes () No
I reside within the **Hamlet of Deansboro** () Yes () No

3. Ownership - Please check (✓) only one.

I am a **land or property owner** in the Town of Marshall () Yes () No
I am a **renter** in the Town of Marshall () Yes () No

4. Business - Please check (✓) only one.

I own a **Sole proprietorship** in the Town of Marshall () Yes () No _____ # of employees
I own a **Partnership** in the Town of Marshall () Yes () No _____ # of employees
I own a **Corporation** in the Town of Marshall () Yes () No _____ # of employees

5. Primary Land Use – Which best describes the property you own or rent - Please indicate the number (#) of acres.

() Residential () Agricultural () Commercial/Retail () Industrial
() Woodland () Vacant () Municipal / Public () Other _____

6. Length of Residency - How long have you lived in the Town of Marshall - Please check (✓) only one.

() Non-resident () less than 1 year () 1-5 years () 6-10 years () 11-15 years () More than 15 years

- 7. Age** - How many members in each category live in your household? - *Please indicate the number (#)*.
 under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 over 65
- 8. Employment** - How many members in each category live in your household? - *Please indicate the number (#)*.
 College Student Employed full time Employed part time Unemployed Retired
- 9. Education** - What is your highest level of education? - *Please indicate the number (#)*.
 Non graduate High school/ GED Associates Bachelors Masters Post graduate
- 10. Commuting** - What is the typical distance in miles? - *Please indicate the number (#)*
 Work School Shopping Entertainment Medical Facilities Activities/Sports
- 11. Transportation** - What type of transportation is needed in the local area? - *Please check (✓) all that apply.*
 Cab Service VA/ Medical Transport Car Share Park & Ride Shuttle / Bus Service
- 12. Factors** - Which influenced you to live and/or own property in this town? - *Please check (✓) all that apply.*
 Distance to work Tax rates Proximity to friends and relatives
 Affordable housing Cost of land Recreational opportunities
 Low crime rate School district Sense of community
 Friendly People Social scene Rural setting
 Access to the arts Proximity to health care Other: _____
- 13. Quality of Life** - How satisfied are you with the quality of life in this town? - *Please check (✓) only one.*
 Very satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied No opinion
- 14. Quality of Housing** - How satisfied are you with the quality of housing in this town? - *Please check (✓) only one.*
 Very satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied No opinion
- 15. Amenities** - How satisfied are you with the convenience of amenities to this town? - *Please check (✓) only one.*
 Very satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied No opinion
- 16. Aesthetics** - How important is it to preserve the visual image of this town? - *Please check (✓) only one.*
 Very Important Important Somewhat Important Not Important No opinion
- 17. Incentives** - Do you think the Town should give any incentives for the following? - *Please check (✓) all that apply.*
 Green architecture Land conservation New businesses Existing businesses Other _____
- 18. Production** - Which is the most recognizable industry in your community? - *Please check (✓) only one.*
 Manufacturing Cottage / In-home business Processing Agri-business Other _____
- 19. Growth** - In which areas would you like to see expansion? - *Please check (✓) all that apply.*
 Retail Roads / Sidewalks Snowmobile / ATV trails
 Light industry / Distribution Parking Hike, bike & ski trails
 Business Park / Offices Campgrounds Hunting / Fishing access
 Cottage / In home business Town parks Sports facilities
 Service Industry Tourist attractions State/ Donated land
 Downtown revitalization Arts / Cultural venues Other _____
- 20. Protection** - Which areas are worthy of special protection for the future? - *Please check (✓) all that apply.*
 Streams / waterways Wetlands Good farm land
 Cemeteries Woodlands Personal Property
 Historic buildings & sites Open space / parks Trails
 Views Gorges and waterfalls Other _____
- 21. Development Types** - Which would be compatible for our community? - *Please check (✓) all that apply.*
 Campgrounds/RV parks Tourism/recreational businesses Entertainment venues
 Bio-mass / Bio-fuel Wind turbine development Solar Energy
 Natural gas development Communications / Cell towers Broadband access
 Farms/Agricultural business Small family farm/Co-Op Farmers market
 Community supported produce Community Gardens Retail / commercial
 Junkyards Light industry Other _____
- 22. Emergency** - What does your household have in case of a natural disaster? *Please check (✓) all that apply*
 Generator for backup power Supply of non-perishable food Supply of potable water Battery operated radio
 Alternative heat source such as woodstove Extra medication Medical condition that needs special attention
 Other items your household has in the event of a natural disaster _____
- 23. Environment** - How do you feel about the following in our community? - *Please check (✓) the one that best describes your opinion of each:*

	For	Against	Don't Know
Recycling center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound / Noise pollution limits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light/ Neon pollution limits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Billboard / Signage restrictions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24. Housing Types – What would you like to see in our community? - Please check (✓) the one that best describes your opinion for each:

	None	Less	More	No opinion
Single family homes	()	()	()	()
Multi-family homes	()	()	()	()
Subdivision housing	()	()	()	()
Tract or development housing	()	()	()	()
Condominiums/town houses	()	()	()	()
Apartments complex	()	()	()	()
Dwellings converted to apartments	()	()	()	()
Mobile homes on single lots	()	()	()	()
Mobile home parks	()	()	()	()
Senior housing	()	()	()	()
Group housing	()	()	()	()
Affordable housing	()	()	()	()
Green development	()	()	()	()
Communes/cooperatives	()	()	()	()
Other _____	()	()	()	()

25. Change - How do you feel the community has changed in the past five years? - Please check (✓) if there was a significant change and check (✓) your satisfaction with each of the following:

	Less	More	No Change	Satisfied	Dissatisfied
Farming	()	()	()	()	()
Population	()	()	()	()	()
Housing	()	()	()	()	()
Logging	()	()	()	()	()
Recreational Development	()	()	()	()	()
Businesses	()	()	()	()	()
Abandoned Structures	()	()	()	()	()
Road Conditions	()	()	()	()	()
Traffic	()	()	()	()	()
Junk / Debris	()	()	()	()	()
Trailers / Mobile Homes	()	()	()	()	()
Tourists / Visitors	()	()	()	()	()
Crime	()	()	()	()	()
Other _____	()	()	()	()	()

26. Town Services - How satisfied are you with the following? - Please check (✓) the one that best describes your opinion for each:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	No Opinion
Town Hall facility	()	()	()	()	()
Recreational and park facilities	()	()	()	()	()
Building code enforcement	()	()	()	()	()
Property assessment	()	()	()	()	()
Senior services	()	()	()	()	()
Solid waste collection	()	()	()	()	()
Fire protection	()	()	()	()	()
Zoning code enforcement	()	()	()	()	()
Road maintenance	()	()	()	()	()
Snow removal	()	()	()	()	()
Emergency services	()	()	()	()	()

27. Concerns - How do you feel about the following? - Please check (✓) the one that best describes your opinion for each of the following:

	Very Concerned	Concerned	Not Concerned	No Opinion
Property taxes	()	()	()	()
Road maintenance	()	()	()	()
Uncontrolled dogs	()	()	()	()
Fire & police service	()	()	()	()
Pollution problems	()	()	()	()
Stream quality	()	()	()	()
Hunting & fishing	()	()	()	()
ATV's	()	()	()	()
Snowmobiles	()	()	()	()
Tourist business	()	()	()	()
Jobs	()	()	()	()
Minimum lot size	()	()	()	()
Wind farm development	()	()	()	()
Storm Water	()	()	()	()
Noise	()	()	()	()
Other _____	()	()	()	()

28. **Shared Services** - How do you feel about the following for your community? - Please check () the one that best describes your opinion:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>
Shared highway superintendent with one or more neighboring towns	()	()	()
Shared code enforcement with one or more neighboring towns	()	()	()
Shared assessing unit with one or more neighboring towns	()	()	()
Shared municipal buildings with one or more neighboring towns	()	()	()
Shared public works service with one or more neighboring towns	()	()	()
Shared equipment with one or more neighboring towns	()	()	()
Joint planning and zoning boards with one or more neighboring towns	()	()	()
Consolidation of your town government with one or more neighboring towns	()	()	()

29. What do you like most about your community? _____

30. What do you like least about your community? _____

31. Name the best place, event or experience to show someone visiting Marshall _____

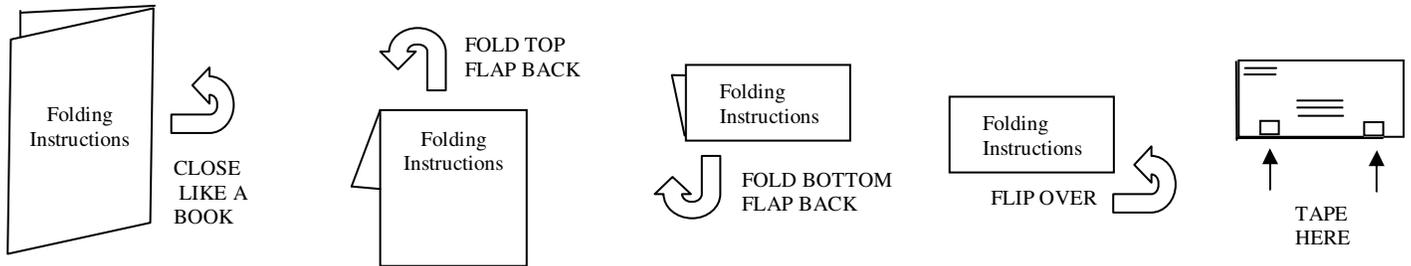
32. Name the place, event or experience that you wouldn't show someone visiting Marshall _____

33. List two words that most accurately describe the people who live here _____ & _____

34. Please include any additional comments _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Please return your completed survey by folding the survey as indicated below so that the return address is showing. Then drop it in the mail or you can place it in a drop box at Marshall Town Hall or Waterville Library.



Close the survey like a book so you can read these instructions right side up. Then, fold the top flap down & away from you (cover the words '2009 Town of Marshall Community Survey' on the back) Now, fold the bottom flap up & away from you (cover answers for questions 28-34 on the back). The survey is now folded like a letter. Flip it over so you can read the mailing address for the 'Municipal Offices'. Tape the edges closed. Return by mail. Additional copies are available to the Marshall Town Hall / Waterville Public Library.

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