Liberty Comprehensive Plan Survey Results 10-10-06

Table 1: Age of Survey Respondents		
Age Group	Percent	
18-25	1.40%	
26-35	5.20%	
36-45	12.20%	
46-55	23.10%	
56-65	24.50%	
66-70	9.80%	
71-75	8.40%	
76 and older	15.40%	

Table 2: Area of Residence		
Location	Percent	
Village of Liberty	39.70%	
White Sulphur Springs	16.60%	
Parksville	8.40%	
Swan Lake	7.70%	
Ferndale	6.80%	
Other	20.90%	

Table 3: Duration/Status of Residency		
Residency Status	Percent	
Full-Time Resident	69.90%	
Part Time Resident	5.40%	
Lifelong Resident	23.00%	
Long-Term Resident	27.70%	
New to Liberty	5.40%	
Planning to Leave	5.60%	
Other	3.40%	

Table 4: Description of Residency		
Description	Percent	
Homeowner	82.90%	
Business Owner	12.30%	
Renter	14.50%	
Landowner	16.10%	
Other	2.00%	

Table 5: Dominant Land Use of Area			
Land Use	Percent		
Residential	61.20%		
Commercial	2.00%		
Farmland/Agricultural Uses	4.80%		
Forest/Open Space	4.40%		
Residential and Commercial	17.40%		
Residential & Open Space	9.20%		
Other	1.00%		

Table 7: Municipal Services Received		
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Service Provided	Percent	
Public Sewer	43.70%	
Public Water	52.80%	
Trash/Recycling Pickup	34.90%	
Road Maintenance	78.00%	

Table 6: Top 5 Reasons to Live in Liberty				
Reason	Percent			
Rural Atmosphere	60.10%			
Environment and Open Space	52.00%			
Close family/friends	46.20%			
Grew up here	36.60%			
Close to work	30.20%			
Enjoy neighborhood	29.80%			
Recreational Opportunities	18.60%			
Close to metro area	17.00%			
Housing Opportunities	11.10%			
Quality of Schools	8.70%			
Shopping Opportunities	5.90%			
Cultural Opportunities	4.20%			
Quality of Services	2.80%			
Other	10.70%			

Table 8: Desirable Services and Businesses		
Service/Business	Percent	
Retail Stores	76.10%	
Health Services	56.80%	
Light Manufacturing	55.80%	
Rec./Entertainment	54.40%	
Art/Cultural Facilities	49.00%	
Tourism Attractions	48.00%	
Motels/B&Bs/Etc.	39.60%	
Prof./Corp. Parks	35.10%	
Res. & Dev. Firms	33.30%	
Residential Dev.	32.70%	
Warehousing/Dist.	23.30%	
Heavy Industry	9.40%	

Table 10: Types of Housing Needed in Liberty		
Housing Type	Percent	
Local Families	77.70%	
Senior Housing	48.90%	
Second Homes	39.00%	
Rental Housing	20.70%	
Low Income	15.10%	
Other	7.80%	

Table 9: How often do you visit the following business districts?					
District	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less Often	
Main Street Liberty	23.10%	34.90%	15.20%	26.80%	
Rt. 52 Com. District	18.30%	65.70%	10.20%	5.80%	
Sullivan Avenue	14.70%	41.80%	18.80%	24.80%	
Swan Lake	7.80%	6.20%	11.50%	74.50%	
Parksville	5.80%	7.20%	14.30%	72.70%	
White Sulphur Springs	14.40%	7.90%	13.80%	63.80%	
Other	3.20%	36.50%	15.90%	44.40%	

Table 11: Would you support a tax increase for the following initiatives?					
Initiative	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Protect Environmental Resources	18.10%	34.80%	14.90%	14.90%	17.40%
Preserve Open Space	18.60%	33.60%	13.90%	14.50%	19.30%
Farmland/Forest Protection	20.20%	32.80%	16.00%	13.50%	17.40%
Road Improvements	25.80%	37.80%	10.40%	11.30%	14.70%
Sewer/Water Improvements	14.70%	27.20%	21.00%	18.00%	19.10%
Public Transportation	21.10%	22.70%	17.70%	17.70%	20.90%
Increased Police Services	15.70%	29.00%	19.90%	15.50%	19.90%
Parks and Recreation	13.70%	27.10%	21.70%	17.70%	19.80%
Village/Town Consolidation	21.30%	15.50%	22.50%	11.90%	28.80%

Table 12: Overall Impression of Liberty since 2000 (or since you came to Liberty)				
Impression Percent				
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It has improved	30.10%			
It has not changed 16.00%				
It has declined 53.80%				

Table 13: Top Five Priorities for Liberty					
Priority	Percent				
Property Tax Reform	58.00%				
Sustainable Economy	55.60%				
Main St. Preservation/Revitalization	54.80%				
Increase Shopping Opportunities	54.60%				
Beautification/Property Maintenance	38.00%				
Create Youth Programs	37.50%				
Open Space Preservation	29.70%				
Explore Alternative Energy	29.50%				
Improve Code Enforcement	23.90%				
Parks/Recreational Facilities	20.70%				
Farmland Preservation	20.50%				
Recycling/Solid Waste Disposal	20.50%				
Manage Residential Development	17.50%				
Improve Municipal Services	16.50%				
Preserve Historic/Archeological Sites	12.90%				
Improve Pedestrian Safety	10.40%				
Other	9.40%				

Table 14: How satisfied are you with the following aspects of Liberty?							
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Aspect of Liberty	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied		
Rural Atmosphere	26.20%	35.70%	28.80%	4.20%	5.10%		
Environmental Protection	6.80%	23.50%	48.90%	12.50%	8.30%		
Municipal Government	3.00%	12.40%	43.70%	23.30%	17.60%		
Notification of Issues	2.50%	10.60%	40.20%	23.80%	22.90%		
Zoning Regulations	2.30%	9.50%	52.70%	20.30%	15.30%		
Code Enforcement	3.30%	9.00%	45.30%	22.00%	20.40%		
Municipal Services	4.10%	17.40%	47.10%	16.50%	14.90%		
Road Maintenance	7.40%	21.00%	22.30%	22.30%	27.10%		
Traffic	6.40%	21.30%	48.90%	12.30%	11.20%		
Neighborhood Appearance	4.70%	15.50%	25.20%	26.70%	27.80%		
Quality of Schools	5.40%	16.60%	36.60%	20.70%	20.70%		
Recreational Opportunities	3.70%	22.70%	36.80%	20.90%	15.90%		
Job Opportunities	1.30%	2.40%	21.60%	29.40%	45.20%		
Shopping Opportunities	2.10%	7.80%	14.60%	29.70%	45.80%		
Variety of Local Businesses	1.30%	7.50%	19.70%	31.10%	40.30%		
Overall Quality of Life	7.20%	29.30%	33.80%	18.90%	10.80%		