

## Liberty Comprehensive Plan Youth Survey Open Ended Responses

Question #2: Where do you live (“Other”)?

- Town of Liberty (not in a hamlet) (9)
- Hurleyville (3)
- Youngsville
- North Branch
- Livingston Manor
- Loch Sheldrake

Question #3: What is the dominant land use of your neighborhood (“Other”)?

- Forest and residential (3)
- Farms and forest (2)
- Lake (2)
- Forest and commercial
- Residential, farmland and forest
- Section 8 housing
- Dumpsters and broken streets
- The highway

Question #4: What are your plans after high school?

### *Majors*

- Major in Business (16)
- Major in Psychology (9)
- Major in Architecture (7)
- Major in Sports management/Physical Education (6)
- Major in Engineering (4)
- Major in Art (4)
- Major in Education (4)
- Major in Culinary Arts (4)
- Major in Forensics (3)
- Major in Photography (2)
- Major in Music (2)
- Major in Elementary Education (2)
- Major in Accounting
- Major in Finance
- Major in Communications/Public Relations
- Major in Art Education
- Major in Theater (i.e.: musicals, backstage theater)
- Major in History

- Major in Science
- Major in Biology
- Major in Environmental Studies
- Major in Animal Nutrition
- Major in Anthropology
- Major in Sports Medicine
- Major in Baking/Pastry Arts
- Major in English
- Major in French
- Major in Geology
- Major in Meteorology
- Major in Computer Networking
- Major in Math

### *Occupations*

- Nursing (8)
- Play professional sports (7)
- Doctor/Pediatrician (7)
- Construction/Excavation (6)
- Criminal justice/Law Enforcement (5)
- Law school (5)
- Teacher (4)
- Athletic Director/Trainer (3)
- Early childhood education (3)
- Computer design (3)
- Forestry (3)
- Physical Therapist (3)
- Veterinarian (3)
- State Trooper/Police Officer (3)
- Journalism (2)
- Creative Writing (2)
- Music Education (2)
- Chiropractor (2)
- Interior Design
- Fashion merchandise manager
- Fashion designer
- Graphic Design
- Video game design/digital animation
- Art Design
- Stage Craft
- Beauty School
- Massage Therapist
- Music production
- Auto-body repairs

- Auto mechanics
- Custom car building
- Diesel engine technician
- Computer mechanics
- Operations engineer/operate heavy equipment
- Egyptologist/Archaeologists
- DEC
- Pharmacy
- Sonography (sonograms)
- Child psychologist
- Social Worker
- Secretary at hospital
- Therapist
- Occupational Therapy
- Medical field
- Science teacher
- Agri-Business
- Landscaping
- Fireman
- Full-time bike rider
- Stewardess
- Building rides like roller coasters

#### *Military Service*

- Marines (5)
- Air Force (3)
- Army (3)
- Coast Guard
- Aviator
- Pilot
- Navy

#### *Schools*

- Tech School
- SCCC (3)
- OCCC
- SUNY New Paltz
- New England Tech
- UTI
- West Point
- NYU
- UCLA
- St. Mary's
- Berkley

*Other*

- Undecided (19)
- Open my own business (4)
- Post Office (2)
- Union worker
- I would like to open a pizzeria.
- Traveling
- Leaving Liberty

Question #6: Where do you do most of your shopping?

- Middletown (103)
- Galleria (47)
- WalMart (36)
- NYC (29)
- ShopRite (22)
- Palisades (15)
- Liberty (12)
- Monticello(11)
- Great American (9)
- Online (9)
- New Jersey (7)
- Binghamton (6)
- Woodbury Commons (3)
- Orange County (2)
- Dollar Tree (2)
- Cross Gates (Albany) (2)
- American Eagle (2)
- Syracuse (2)
- Dans Comp. (2)
- All around the area, no place specifically (2)
- Television
- Dollar General
- Honesdale
- Paramus
- Thrift shops
- Waterbury
- Westchester
- Florida
- Toys R Us
- AC More
- Aldis
- Pacific Sunwear

- Newburg
- Moonshines
- Not in Sullivan County
- Not in Liberty

Question #7: What kind of housing should Liberty try to attract (“Other”)?

- We don’t need anymore housing (4)
- High end housing (“Rich people homes”) (2)
- Castles (2)
- Lofts
- Middle class
- College housing
- Quality affordable housing
- Take a town survey and see what is most needed
- Hotels
- Decent homes that make the neighborhood look nice.
- Big houses

Question #8: What types of businesses should Liberty Try to attract?

#### Retail Stores

- Clothing stores (19)
- Shopping center/Mall (18)
- WalMart (5)
- Shoe stores (5)
- American Eagle (3)
- Skateboard store (3)
- Zumiez (3)
- Sneaker stores (2)
- Bookstores (2)
- K-Mart (2)
- Food establishments (2)
- Home improvement stores
- Outlet stores
- Payless
- Electronic stores
- Trendy stores
- Finish Line
- Lowes
- Home Depot
- More stores
- Target
- Staples
- JC Penny

- Old Navy
- Wet Seal
- Hollister
- Name-brand clothing
- Bargain stores
- FYE
- Hot Topic
- Spencer Gifts
- There isn't a place in Liberty where you can get a decent pair of socks and underwear.
- No more Dollar Trees
- Mandee
- Weis
- Hallmark
- Macy's
- EB Games
- Games
- Biglots
- Charlotte Rouse
- H & M
- Music Store
- Supermarkets
- Pacific Sunwear
- KFC

#### Health Services

- Doctor's offices (4)
- Dentists (3)
- Different hospital (2)
- Fitness center (2)
- Pediatrics
- Family doctors
- Clinics
- People are going to get sick, so it's needed.
- Veterinary Clinics
- Urgent Cares
- Teen and pregnancy help groups
- Job shadowing
- Pediatricians

#### Tourism Attractions

- Hotels/resorts (5)
- County fair
- Commercial businesses

- Eateries
- History of Liberty
- Sports dome
- Mini golf
- Playing fields
- Snowmobile trails
- Liberty's signature item that everybody wants to see before they die
- More people
- Monuments

#### Art/Culture/Recreation

- Skate parks (8)
- Movie theater (7)
- Places for teens to hang out (6)
- Museums (6)
- Parks (5)
- Denny's (3)
- Art show rooms (3)
- Theater/Playing halls (3)
- (Teen) clubs (2)
- Dirt bike track (2)
- Art attractions
- Places to keep teens away from drugs
- Coffee shops
- Dance clubs
- Hobby stores
- Toy stores
- Art schools
- Six Flags/Theme parks
- Bike Parks
- Family centers
- Hiking
- Hunting/Fishing
- Ceramic workshops and pottery places
- Public pool

#### Professional Offices

- Dental (2)
- Hair and nail salons (2)
- Law
- We need more tradesmen and jobs
- Big business

#### "Blue Collar" Industries

- Car companies (2)
- Food factories
- Job opportunities
- Manufacture clothing
- Real money making businesses

Question #10a: Why would you or would you not return to Liberty?

Why

- My family and friends are here (39)
- I grew up here/It's my home town (15)
- I'm happy here/Like the area (6)
- To see what kind of change happens (6)
- Visit old teachers (4)
- Memories (3)
- It's not a bad place (3)
- I would like to raise my kids here (3)
- I like the atmosphere (2)
- I would like to start a business here
- So I can live at home and save money on rent while looking for a job.
- I had a good time growing up here and didn't do so bad.
- I want to find a relaxed place to get away from it all
- I like the rural setting
- If it changes for the better I would come back, and if not I would work hard to change Liberty. I like the proximity to the city but it's a wooded area.
- I like the size and lifestyle.
- Liberty needs to grow business and people wise.

Why Maybe

- It depends on where my career takes me/location of job (2)
- It depends on what opportunities are available in terms of housing and work.
- I would like to have a life with a career in sports and helping other people, and just try to fix everything bad or wrong with a place.
- Just to visit, not to stay
- My family is here and it's my hometown, but I don't really like it right now.
- I like Liberty but I'm more of a city girl.
- I'd like to see if anything improves
- I was born and raised here, but there's nothing here to come back to.

Why Not



- I don't like the Town (22)
- There is nothing for people/teens to do (18)
- Job opportunities not good/low wages/preferred career not available (12)
- I'd like a town that has more to offer (9)
- There is nothing for me here to come back to (6)
- I don't like the school/Schools aren't that good (5)
- It's a slum and needs to be cleaned up (5)
- Town is too small (3)
- I'd like to live in a city environment (3)
- No shopping opportunities (3)
- I don't want to raise my family here (if nothing changes) (3)
- Main Street is scary to walk down and the neighborhoods are run down. (3)
- I want to travel (2)
- Want to try something new (2)
- I've lived here long enough. (2)
- Road maintenance is poor (2)
- I just don't want to be in Liberty anymore. (2)
- There is no skate park/can't skate without getting in trouble (2)
- I don't like the people in Liberty
- Liberty is not my choice of place to live.
- My family is leaving the area.
- Liberty has no life and you can't get noticed
- You cannot get proper recognition when you live in a place like Liberty.
- You don't have a future in Liberty
- There is nothing prestigious about this town.
- It is too expensive to live here (tax rates, cost of land). It would be easier upstate.
- Taxes are high and increasing
- I am going to return to my home country.
- I want a more rural atmosphere
- It doesn't seem like Liberty is going to change.
- It's only good for retirees.
- No good tourist attractions
- There will be nothing to miss.
- Because I answered "No" to all of the above (referring to question 9)
- It is an overall poor area.
- I need a change of scenery.
- I need to see change and Liberty has to grow
- There is garbage everywhere
- There is nothing to do unless you have a car.
- I don't like the cops
- Upstate offers more family friendly areas than Liberty
- Liberty is filled with fake people
- I want to live near the ocean

- I would like to move out of this country
- I don't want to become one of the locals you see hanging out on the street.
- I'm not from the area and haven't seen anything to make me stay.
- Because Liberty is going downhill and no one is trying to fix it.
- Liberty is not a very nice place to live.
- No bike park
- I live in the present and future and going back would be painful.

Question #10b: If you would not return to Liberty, what types of things would you like to see developed in the area that would make you change your mind?

- More shopping/quality stores (41)
  - JC Penny
  - Kohl's
  - Macy's
  - Wal-Mart
  - Big mall
- (More) Jobs (31)
  - Jobs that require college education
  - Retail jobs for teens
  - Professional offices
  - Teen jobs
  - Available to Non-American citizens (i.e.: provides working visa)
- Fun things to keep teens occupied/out of trouble (23)
- (Affordable) Restaurants/Eateries (12)
- Movie theaters (10)
- Spot for teens to hang out/Teen clubs (9)
- Skate park/roller-skating (9)
- Youth opportunities (6)
- Clean up the town (6)
- More/Better businesses (5)
- Housing/rental buildings need to be improved. (5)
- Higher wages (4)
- More people/More youth (4)
- Recreational facility (i.e.: YMCA) (4)
- Improve school system/new school (4)
- Nothing (4)
- Arcades/game rooms (3)
- Improve overall quality of life in Liberty (3)
- An "extreme makeover"/Building facades need to be fixed (aesthetics) (3)
- Fix the roads/Finish construction (3)
- Fix the sidewalks (2)
- Affordable quality housing (2)
- More recreational opportunities (2)
- Dirt bike track (2)

- Sports complex (2)
- The town needs development and expansion. (2)
- Get rid of the trashy people that live in town (2)
- Revised curfew (2)
- Better cops/better security downtown (2)
- Crack down on drugs (2)
- Get rid of the gangs (2)
- Youth community services
- Opportunity for a successful future
- Things for seniors
- Bigger businesses
- Less violence
- Gym
- Pool hall
- Parks
- Public pool
- Cafes
- Computer outlet, like a cyber café, where kids can get access to the internet.
- Skateboarding should be allowed. It's not a crime.
- Bike park
- Basketball courts
- Less drama
- Fine homeowners who don't take care of property.
- Fix Liberty
- More business to decrease taxes (although cost of land would skyrocket)
- A hospital that is not Harris
- Any kind of development
- Improve downtown
- Commercial growth
- Fix parking lots
- Don't try to make Liberty something that it is not.
- Traffic circle a waste of tax payer dollars
- Better sense of community
- More urban lifestyle
- Evict drug addicts from Liberty.
- I would like the community to be more involved with school activities (i.e.: football).
- Everyone should be able to do what they want.
- More room
- More ATV/Snowmobile tracks
- Hotels
- I would like to see these changes now before I move.

Question #11: Additional Comments

- Fix the movie theater so kids can watch movies in their own town.
- We need more stores and businesses.
- More job opportunities. Give children more consideration and provide opportunities so that they can achieve their career goals.
- Cleaning up the town is really necessary.
- More shopping
- YMCA
- Local courts
- More opportunities for youth
- Fix the roads/finish construction
- There is no place to enjoy your time in town.
- I like small town life but this place does not offer an opportunity or hopeful life for people.
- Liberty needs to get things back to the way it used to be in the 70s and 80s.
- Get rid of section 8 and other welfare
- We need a Kohl's and Denny's.
- I miss Pizza Hut.
- There are undesirables that harass young girls.
- The water sucks
- Money is being wasted on construction instead of building places for people to live.
- Kids should be allowed to be at the elementary park as long as there are no little kids apparent or kids vandalizing the park.
- Don't be cheap, get new stuff.
- I think Liberty is beautiful and on the rise.
- Liberty needs to grow.
- I went to a Town Board meeting and they discussed the issue of culvert pipes in people's driveways. In the long run it will be cheaper to replace them instead of telling the landowner to, because what if they don't have the money to fix it? Then the pipe gets clogged and it ruins the road, and now the Town has to fix it.
- Everything starts with education. Everything would improve overall if our school system was better and if it attracted more affluent people.
- Casino gaming is not the answer to our problems. It will only attract more crime and drugs.
- Our road maintenance is the poorest in the state. Many of the back roads need to be re-paved; not just filled in!
- Put a bike/skate park in town and tell the cops to lay off.
- The town needs work! Looks dull. I would help with beautifying our town. You should hold a meeting so we can attend.
- They need to clean the water
- Have a town with a better appearance and more things to keep young kids/teenagers busy.
- Learn how to run a town.

- The roads in Parksville are not maintained very well. Just recently they built the bridge up and it was closed for a longtime. The roads on the whole aren't well kept.
- I think Liberty is spending way too much time and effort and wasting valuable tax payers' money on bringing unnecessary junk to Liberty! Instead of bringing psychic reading stores and other things, we need more youth opportunities and parks.
- Better ideas for businesses instead of a business that will diminish in a short amount of time.
- Stop pulling people over for speeding and start breaking down doors and arrest the drug dealers!
- Kids need something to do and somewhere to go.
- I just think that good stores should be brought here and that people should have to take care of the house or apartment building they are living in, even if they are just renting.
- The people that walk on Main Street shouldn't be as obnoxious and trashy looking. I think that there should also be places to help bums so they don't sit on benches outside of local stores, making the town look bad.
- I want the town to be friendly, where people don't fight. I wish the school would be bigger. I wish the town was nicer looking, and that the houses were nicer and some didn't look like junkyards. It's going to take some time, but when I move back after college hopefully I'll see that these things have been changed.
- Wealthier people/big business owners should get higher tax rates and the poorer class should get tax cuts.
- Ideal snacks promised to hire Liberty people, but instead hired a lot of immigrants that work for low pay.
- Kids don't have many jobs. They need jobs to keep them off the streets so they can make money and start their lives.
- More housing available in the Village
- More shopping interests
- Make Liberty better
- We need more things for kids to do, like a skate park, baseball fields, sports complex, etc.
- The Town of Liberty is horrible. There is a lot of violence, drugs and bad things.
- Utilize space and make things for teens to do besides hanging out on the streets.
- We need a sports complex.
- In the morning the traffic by the school is a problem because of all the buses.
- Get the scum off the street and clean up Liberty and think about everybody instead of just downtown and stop building apartments and townhouses because it ruins the hunting and ATV/snowmobile riding.
- They need to get better entertainment so kids do that instead of smoking pot or something. The only movie theater they had they took down, and we need stuff like that.

- I don't like how NYS charges us to register our snowmobiles and we don't have any local trails. A percentage of the registering price is supposed to go to building trails.
- More clothing stores.
- Our town is dead. Nobody wants to rent space in town for a business because the price is too high and half the stores aren't used. We have the only movie theater in Liberty and it's closed. Kids have nothing to do around here, so they get caught up in drugs or get pregnant. Few people want to make something out of themselves around here.
- Build a skate park
- Knock down the whole town and start over.
- There should be more supervision downtown.
- Make a skate park
- They should hurry up on the construction areas
- Racism is high and the town is full of drugs. That's why I want to be a cop, so I can get the drugs off the streets.
- Rip up the skateboarding law.
- Groups that hang out downtown are very scary and make me feel unsafe.
- Please, we need a place for teenagers to hang out and have fun like an arcade or something.
- I wish teens had things to do that either do not require transportation or has transportation provided. That's why kids get in trouble, there's nothing else to do.
- Not enough things to do for kids my age. We stay home or hang out downtown.
- I think the road maintenance needs to be much better because there are too many potholes.
- There is nothing to do in Liberty, so I think the Town should have more entertainment and town occasions like affairs, plays and other things. We need something to do instead of sitting home all the time.
- The Town needs to fix the Huschbe road. There are too many potholes and patching doesn't last long. No more traffic circles!