

## Appendix I

### Community Survey

# Middlesex Community Survey

## Planning for a Better Middlesex

### **Dear Middlesex Resident:**

You were selected by a statistically random process to participate in a survey about Middlesex. The Middlesex Planning and Conservation Commissions are currently in the process of updating the Town Plan and **your participation is very important**. By completing this survey you are helping direct the future of Middlesex. To help save costs we randomly selected the survey participants but it also means that we need everyone's response. **Please** complete this survey and put it back in the mail before **April 15<sup>th</sup> 2006**. Again, your participation is critical; by completing and returning this questionnaire you will help ensure that the Town's resources spent on this project are not wasted. Thank you very much!!!



**I believe Middlesex should move toward these combinations of community types:**

	100%- 80%	60%- 79%	40%- 59%	20%- 39%	0%- 19%
A bedroom community where residents commute out of town for work					
A retirement community					
A second home community					
A tourist community					
An agricultural and natural resources community					
A community where most people work in town					
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 %</b>				

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Please place an X in the box that most closely matches your opinion for each statement.**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The Town Plan can and should be used to direct growth					
Zoning bylaws should be used direct growth					
Now that Welsh Industrial Park is almost full, Middlesex should set aside more land for light industry.					
Middlesex should attract more small businesses					
Middlesex should charge fees on new development to raise revenues for town's construction needs.					
The town needs more indoor recreation opportunities					
The town needs to improve its public safety services					
The town needs more day care services					
The town needs improved elderly care services					
The town needs more retail businesses that provide for basic household needs					
The town should have a large-scale, modern grocery store					
The town should have large scale retail businesses that attract shoppers from neighboring municipalities.					

**You may elaborate here on any question above:**

**Recreation**

<b>Please check the box that most closely matches your opinion: The trails in Middlesex should accommodate the following uses:</b>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Horses					
Mountain Bikes					
ATV/Dirt Bikes					
Foot travel (snowshoeing & hiking)					
Cross Country Skiing					
Rollerblades/Strollers(paved path)					
None					

**Would you consider allowing a public trail on your property for any of the following uses?**

**Please check all the uses that you would consider:**

- ATVs/Dirt bikes
- Foot Travel (such as hiking, skiing and snowshoeing)
- Horses
- Mountain Bikes
- Rollerblades/strollers (paved path)
- Snowmachines
- None

<b>Please check the box that most closely matches your opinion on the trails in Middlesex:</b>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
There is adequate access to recreational trails in Middlesex (other than Class 2 and 3 roads).					
Class 4 roads and public rights of way (legal trails) are public resources that should be maintained for recreation.					
I would be willing to have a recreational trail on my property subject to certain conditions.					
If a trail project was underway in Middlesex I would be willing to volunteer time or resources to the project.					
Assuming that typography and other environmental conditions allowed, I believe that motorized and non-motorized activities should share the same unpaved trail.					

Please check the box that most closely indicates how often you engage in the following activities during the appropriate season	At least twice per week	About once per week	Once or twice per month	Once or twice per season	Never
ATV/Dirt Biking					
Bicycling on pavement					
Boating (motorized)					
Boating (non-motorized)					
Camping					
Cross Country Skiing					
Hiking/ Walking					
Horse back riding					
Hunting/Fishing					
Mountain Biking					
Picnicking					
Playing at a park or playground with kids					
Playing team sports					
Rock Climbing					
Rollerblading					
Snowshoeing					
Swimming/wading/or relaxing by water					

Please check the box that most closely indicates how often you use the following trails	At least twice per week	About once per week	Once or twice per month	Once or twice per season	Never
Class 2 and 3 Roads					
Class 4 Roads and Legal Trails					
Designated Public Hiking Trails					
Trails on Private Land					
VAST Trails					
None of the Above					
Other (please specify)					

**About you**

Remember, your answers to all questions are strictly anonymous. We can not trace the answers to any individual.

I have lived in Middlesex (circle one)

1. Less than one year
2. 1-2 years
3. 3-5 years
4. 6-10 years
5. 11-20 years
6. 21-40 years
7. more than 40 years

I live here because: (circle all that apply)

1. I was born here
2. To be with family
3. To be with spouse
4. To be with friends
5. Employment opportunities
6. For the recreational amenities
7. Came for a place to retire
8. Climate
9. Winter
10. Summer
11. Scenery
12. Rural atmosphere
13. Friendliness
14. Cultural opportunities
15. Cheap land values
16. Other:

Within the next **10 years** do you expect to:

	Almost Certain	Likely	Not Sure	Not likely	Don't expect	Not Applicable
Sell some or all of my farm land						
Move to a warmer climate						
Retire and live in Middlesex						
Retire and live elsewhere						
Relocate for employment reasons						
Relocate for education reasons						
Sell my Middlesex vacation property						
Leave Middlesex because it's too expensive to live here						

How many children under the age of 18 live in your household? (Please write in number of children) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your age? (Please write in your age in years) \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You Very Much!!**

**Please seal the questionnaire with a staple or tape and place it in the mail**

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