

Environmental Finance Center Inlet Community Survey

Final Report

Respondent Comments¹

Question 10. In your opinion, what is the biggest strength of your community?

1. N/A
2. Inlet has not tried to be a Lake George or Old Forge tourist trap!
3. Environment, Lakes.
4. Peaceful, friendly, beautiful area full of good people.
5. Concerned members of the Town Board
6. Strong leadership by our supervisor and pro-business environment.
7. N/A
8. Good and cohesive services for this small town.
9. (Illegible) of town and residents.
10. Town Park, community is centralized, physically small size.
11. Land and water resources, classic Adirondack character of the town, commitment of people/leadership to the town.
12. Magnificent natural beauty and easy access to it.
13. N/A
14. Its residents and Adirondack environment.
15. 4th Lake and Adirondack natural setting.
16. Inlet stays the same.
17. Natural resources/assets- waterways, trails, Moose River Plains.
18. Tax rates.
19. Natural Beauty- absence of excessive commercial development.
20. Small size, good government response to questions- residents are heard by the Town Board. Police respond promptly.
21. Natural Beauty.
22. Downtown not overly commercial.
23. N/A
24. It was the local people, the crowd at Drake's. Now they are irrelevant to the town.
25. The way people ban together to help each other.
26. People.
27. Rural character.
28. Size and close proximity to beautiful lakes and forest areas.
29. Its small and homey- everyone friendly and helping others.
30. The people and the location.

¹ All surveys were numbered as they were received and entered. Numbered comments under each question refers to the same survey. N/A means there was no comment on that survey.

31. Active group of full-time residents. Beauty of surroundings, clean, quiet, variety of activities. Not very commercial!
32. N/A
33. N/A
34. N/A
35. Community spirit- keeping Inlet free from overwhelming business development, cleanliness, available wholesome recreation.
36. Friendly people, beautiful surroundings.
37. Volunteer services- especially for fire and ambulance.
38. Friendly residents, hard working local government employees, community spirit and activities, seasonal tax base for town services.
39. Library, people.
40. Tourism and natural resources.
41. Beauty of surroundings.
42. I don't know.
43. Access to natural beauty of Adirondacks, on Fulton chain, good hiking trails, nice sized Adirondack town.
44. Tourism.
45. Small, mostly friendly.
46. Close proximity to central NY population areas.
47. Great vacation location- keep it wild!
48. Parks, recreational facilities, Adirondack setting.
49. Rural Adirondack setting.
50. A large part of 7th lake is forever wild and has public access. So our lakes are a good mix of private/public use. Same for Limekiln Lake.
51. Location, small town atmosphere, limited souvenir shops, great public services- i.e. transfer station, government park.
52. Quiet, clean.
53. The natural beauty and the residents.
54. Relationship of permanent residents and seasonal residents is positive. Recreational opportunities.
55. N/A
56. Natural setting, lakes.
57. N/A
58. N/A
59. Good local businesses, good neighbors, good response from local leaders when problems arise.
60. Its natural beauty.
61. There is a spirit of cooperation in the town and necessary things get done.
62. Winter- snowmobiling. Summer- lakes, campsites, tourism in general.
63. Location.
64. Its small size and resistance to blatant commercialism i.e. Enchanted Forrest. Its dedication to her natural beauty.
65. The lakes.
66. A small town feel- an easy place to feel comfortable.

67. Strong community involvement by permanent residents as well as by the seasonal people.
68. The lakes, mountain, and forest.
69. Beautiful setting and natural environment.
70. Quiet Adirondack village- quiet and peaceful.
71. N/A
72. ?
73. N/A
74. Simple uncluttered downtown area.
75. Its small size.
76. Location, natural beauty, proximity to recreational activities.
77. The lake and community spirit.
78. Friendly, quaint, god's country. Great for grandchildren (all 13)- concern of Board of Directors- good people that mean well.
79. N/A
80. Location.
81. People to people ties and the commitment and longevity of local families.
82. Lakes, natural beauty.
83. Friendliness, willingness to help, "small town" virtues. Recreation at Arrowhead Park- tennis, swimming, baseball for children and adults, good trades-people to provide needed services.
84. Recreational opportunities/clean, quiet lakes.
85. N/A
86. Welcoming atmosphere.
87. The lakes, quality of lake water, snowmobile trails.
88. Natural beauty, mountains, and lakes.
89. Open space, recreation- water and land, restricted development, summer community programs and activities.
90. N/A
91. Volunteers and people- neighbors coming together in need.
92. N/A
93. 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Lakes, trails, camping areas, nature.
94. Quiet, great place for family vacations, lots of outdoor activities.
95. Natural resources.
96. Adirondack mountain location, the local long-time residents, nature, lakes.
97. N/A
98. Preservation of land and water.
99. Small town.
100. I really don't know.
101. Natural Beauty.
102. Lakes, trees, friends.
103. N/A
104. The "volunteerism" is excellent and the interest of seasonal people to protect the lakes- especially Fulton chain.
105. Friendliness.
106. N/A

107. The public services, small congestion, easy access.
108. Good, friendly people.
109. Location.
110. N/A
111. N/A
112. Beautiful setting, small size.
113. N/A
114. Good police, fire, and EMS departments. Road and snow removal good.
115. The peacefulness of the area with its mountains, lakes, woods, wildlife, etc.
116. Quiet, not overly commercialized.
117. N/A
118. Fire protection and emergency medical service.
119. Location in Adirondack Park.
120. N/A
121. Beautiful natural setting.
122. N/A
123. N/A
124. People are friendly, seems to run well, great fire department and ambulance service.
125. Our neighbors and proximity to the park.
126. Natural setting.
127. The lakes and preservation of wooded areas.
128. Natural beauty and the Adirondacks.
129. The charm of an Adirondack village which is friendly and welcoming. Neat, clean, and pretty.
130. Ambulance and EMS services.
131. It has not yet become like Old Forge, but it is approaching it!
132. N/A
133. N/A
134. People that live in Inlet (90%).
135. Rustic, quiet setting. Lakes.
136. Outstanding natural environment, lake water quality, recreational choices.
137. Small community serving most needs and not over-come with amusement parks. We like the atmosphere of the old, historic Adirondacks.
138. Lack of “chain” stores- Rest.
139. The people.
140. N/A
141. Inlet’s slogan in the past has been: “enjoy our good nature”. Inlet should retain its individuality and not try to become a Lake George/Old Forge. It should avoid the glitz and retain its small Adk town image. Don’t spoil the we love nature image. Also, I feel the glitzy gold “welcome to Inlet” signs were a step in the wrong direction. The former raccoons on signs gave Inlet a personality all its own.
142. Merchants, town hall employees, postal workers, summer people, as well as a week/day visitors.
143. Waterways.
144. Community leaders are reliably consistent in their dedication and effort to carry out their duties.

145. Promoting tourism.
146. Its geographic location.
147. It continues to retain a “small town” atmosphere despite July and August high tourism activity.
148. The lake.
149. N/A
150. Good government and private planning to keep appropriate (i.e. rustic, tourist) clean to our community. Also very well maintained and attractive public areas.
151. Small town community in a beautiful mountain lake setting.
152. Good citizens.
153. Year round friendly residents seem friendly and committed to providing services.
154. Easy access to x-country ski and hiking trails. Easy access to many bodies of water. Also excellent snowmobiling.
155. That it maintains an uncommercial atmosphere.
156. Small community with limited room for expansion.
157. Tourism dollars generated by businesses.
158. MTS.
159. N/A
160. N/A
161. Nice lakes, mountains, fresh air.
162. New business owner and residents.
163. N/A
164. Building a program to enhance tourism in town.
165. People.
166. Strategic planning by town leadership.
167. People.
168. Location.
169. Adk setting.
170. N/A
171. Location in Adirondack Park.
172. Lakes, mountains, and overall beauty of area.
173. Protecting the natural environment.
174. Winter/summer tourist destination.
175. N/A
176. Beauty and Natural Resources.
177. N/A
178. Natural Beauty.
179. The setting, the natural resources, the hard working community.

Question 12a. If you answered yes to the benefits of economic development, what do you think are the biggest obstacles to economic development?

1. Route 28 needs repairs, it has for years!
2. N/A
3. No infrastructure (water sewer). No big attractions- theme park, ski lift, water park.

4. N/A
5. N/A
6. Adirondack Park Agency, State Insurance, workmen compensation laws, and a state tax rate.
7. Money!!
8. Many smart people in the area. Need more training for work at home, web-based businesses.
9. Space available to expand.
10. More good restaurants.
11. Unplanned growth that destroys the character of the town.
12. Harsh winters- companies are reluctant to locate in such areas. General decline of US-based manufacturing and other industries.
13. N/A
14. As a summer resident I'd be happy to have Inlet stay the way it is, but that is probably not in the best interests of the permanent residents. That statement sometimes seems to keep Inlet caught between development and "nostalgia".
15. N/A
16. Seasonal.
17. Identifying businesses that can be successful on a seasonal basis or find good year-round businesses.
18. N/A
19. Helpful to strengthen tax base- but not at cost of natural beauty- careful balance needed.
20. N/A
21. N/A
22. I don't know. I would hate to see it become as touristy as Old Forge.
23. N/A
24. Guys like me and the guys at Drake's!
25. Lack of fine dining in downtown district.
26. N/A
27. N/A
28. Lack of year round visitors.
29. Gas prices traveling to Adirondacks. Restrictions on Sea Do's.
30. Our septic situation which creates an obstacle to growth in town.
31. The cyclic nature of summer residents and winter visitors.
32. Need development to aid permanent residents. Cannot allow town to become seasonal town where locals can find work.
33. Size of village, lack of housing for workers.
34. Unrealistic regulations.
35. N/A
36. N/A
37. N/A
38. Local government leadership, lack of encouragement for new business, failure to listen to the needs of taxpayers/tourists, Route 28.
39. Keep taxes low.
40. Closed minds among existing business owners- too self-centered.

41. Tourist based economy dependent on the weather and economic condition of county which are out of business person's control- very difficult to make a living.
42. Water, mountains, trails.
43. Balance needed to SPT environment and business. I oppose jet skis yet that would affect tourism.
44. Seasonal.
45. Local government should work in harmony to see public and environment work together.
46. Terrible condition of major highway access (RTE 28).
47. N/A
48. Lack of funding, inability to attract new business.
49. APA.
50. Seasonal nature of tourism.
51. Affordable housing for permanent residences.
52. N/A
53. N/A
54. We'd like to see local businesses prosper (ex Mountain Man, Pedals and Petals). They know the obstacles better than we do. But income in the winter must be one!
55. N/A
56. Lack high speed internet, cable.
57. N/A
58. N/A
59. Rising taxes, rising interest rates, high cost of utilities, high fuel costs (gasoline).
60. N/A
61. The small population.
62. Water/sewer.
63. APA.
64. Maintaining the natural setting, water and sewer in Inlet, income for businesses on a 12 month term, Route 28.
65. N/A
66. What do you mean by "benefit"? Some will but most will not.
67. But need to balance it so that the natural beauty of the area is not compromised.
68. High taxes, high energy costs, highway system.
69. Depressed economy- circular down spiral.
70. N/A
71. N/A
72. Not much for visitors to do, need a good restaurant downtown.
73. DEC and EPA
74. N/A
75. N/A
76. Seasonal occupancy- sometimes there is a great deal of money in town other times there is not. Adirondack park agency is too restrictive.
77. N/A
78. Illegible.
79. N/A
80. Seasonal circumstances make it difficult.

81. Locals need jobs- but development needs to consider environment and Adirondack Park regs. That is important.
82. N/A
83. N/A
84. Lack of year round population.
85. N/A
86. The seasonal nature of the Adirondacks.
87. Mother nature.
88. N/A
89. N/A
90. N/A
91. N/A
92. No interest in development.
93. Hard on a business because the area is seasonal.
94. Not enough room for growth.
95. Restrictions imposed by both the town and New York State.
96. Cost of housing/living. Property that can be developed for low income housing for employees.
97. N/A
98. The beauty of the Adirondacks is that it has not become too commercial.
99. N/A
100. N/A
101. N/A
102. N/A
103. N/A
104. Cost and difficulty to attract business to such a poor economic area.
105. Seasonal nature of the tourist business.
106. N/A
107. Lack of population hence scarcity of demand.
108. Taxes- too high (both NYS and local mandatory taxes/fees on small business).
109. N/A
110. N/A
111. N/A
112. N/A
113. N/A
114. Get rid of Adirondack Park Agency. We need big companies like factories and warehouses for steady employment and for paying the exorbitant tax rates here. Mom and pop places just don't do it.
115. N/A
116. Size of community.
117. N/A
118. N/A
118. Taxes are too high.
120. The business district needs a sewage and water system, not the entire community.
121. Government red tape.
122. N/A

123. Too far away from crisis.
124. N/A
125. We are happy with the area the way it is.
126. Need more motels and restaurants in town!!!
127. N/A
128. N/A
129. Seasonal nature of location.
130. Too many gift shops and not enough bars and restaurants.
131. As a 35 year resident this has no clear answer. The present approach is not clear or in many ways rational.
132. Water, sewer, roads, short tourist season.
133. N/A
134. Lack of space.
135. N/A
136. N/A
137. N/A
138. N/A
139. Sewage and drinking water.
140. Environmental issues.
141. I do not think that Inlet could capitalize on its location.
142. If Inlet grows too large its quality would be lost.
143. N/A
144. N/A
145. Hunting.
146. Waste water treatment- it's not a year round community- continuous tax increases.
147. N/A
148. Government focus is too much on short-term and getting dollars to full-time residents rather than long-term environmental issues which are central to a tourist economy although difficult with election cycle.
149. N/A
150. N/A
151. Seasonal nature of travelers. Businesses have to be willing to make in 3 months what they need to stay solvent.
152. Resources to develop other than tourist area probably are scarce.
153. Distance from urban centers, winter climate, black flies.
154. N/A
155. N/A
156. Limited room for expansion.
157. Local government.
158. Local attitude- wants money but not people that come with it.
159. N/A
160. Existing buildings in town are old and need extensive work.
161. Taxes on property, only the rich will own property.
162. Affordable housing- land to build reasonably priced.
163. N/A

164. The town is big on tourism; the shops/business owners need to “spruce” up their establishment and the town needs to provide off-street parking and enforce the speed limit in town.
165. N/A
166. N/A
167. Undecided.
168. N/A
169. Inertia, and economy of central NY in general.
170. N/A
171. Must maintain integrity of Adirondack Park.
172. Variable weather conditions play havoc both summer and winter for tourism industry.
173. N/A
174. A thoughtful, well developed, achievable plan.
175. Town politics- they’re all related or involved in business together and are closed minded to outside involvement, unless it furthers their personal careers.
176. Seasonality of population (much increased in summer and small in winter).
177. Because the area is very seasonal many people wouldn’t want to take the risk of having a “poor” season.
178. Adirondack Park plan.
179. Development that does not damage the exact natural setting that is its strongest asset and attracts people who respect it.

Question 13. What are some other ways that the quality of life in Inlet could be improved?

1. N/A
2. Do not expand any local businesses or tourism. No need to turn Inlet into Lake George or Old Forge.
3. Town Board is self-centered around personal agendas, i.e. personal businesses. Needs to address broader scope to seasonal residents and their needs.
4. We like it just the way it is!
5. N/A
6. Need to provide lower income housing and have a community indoor recreation center.
7. N/A
8. Follow up on available grant money that would benefit everyone. Tourism is not the only source of good jobs and pay.
9. N/A
10. Another gas station/car repair place, more ATM’s cell-phone coverage, something to do at night; improve Movie Theater, coffee/magazine shop open in evening.
11. Protecting the water quality of the 4th Lake by installing proper treatment system for the town and enforcing strict inspections/testing on septic systems around the lake.
12. Noise restrictions on floatplanes and personal watercraft.
13. No jet skis. Limit on size of motor boats and speed.
14. N/A

15. Improve Route 28.
16. More accessible buildings. Our son is disabled and uses a wheelchair.
17. Remove the building next to ACE Hardware and make into a parking lot, improve community center to have gym and indoor pool, route snowmobile trails through and around town, put in a Byrne Dairy, consider a storage facility just outside of town, tax incentives to improve/attract businesses, repair road, build a warming hut on the "A" Trails, lift PWC restrictions, enforce existing laws including the new boat license law, need to improve the boat launch on the 4th Lake, needs to be well lighted, improve lighting in the town, establish mountain bike trails, have to figure out ways to get people to come to Inlet.
18. N/A
19. Lake water quality is a critical issue.
20. A decrease in black flies would be good. Maybe a larger library or small convenience store that is open until midnight rather than close before 9:00pm.
21. All is well as is.
22. N/A
23. N/A
24. Stop trying to make it what it is not- you are going to drive out the good people and replace them with "yuppies" and "summer people".
25. Get rid of the black flies.
26. N/A
27. Unincorporate.
28. N/A
29. N/A
30. Lack of housing which is affordable. We cannot bring in enough workers.
31. Introduce full-time "educational centers", low environment impact tourism (economic growth is good, but if it destroys the beauty of the environment what have you gained?).
32. N/A
33. N/A
34. N/A
35. ?
36. N/A
37. N/A
38. Creation of job/housing opportunities for residents, create a civic center for local and seasonal youth, attract grant money programs from private/non-profit sources, improve Route 28, transparent government actions.
39. N/A
40. Peace of mind from proper water and sewage system, senior citizen housing.
41. Less government secrecy, especially more timely reporting on meetings and more notice for when they will be held.
42. (Illegible).
43. I like Inlet because it isn't the busiest of towns. There are some great landmarks that I think are suffering like Holl's Inn. Since we purchased our place consumer trends have changed. Price of gas/economy... I think the biggest help would be found in improved marketing of existing resources.

44. For us, a road on our side of the lake would be wonderful! We could then have more time there.
45. New business, more night life, concerts.
46. Improve appearance of many of the existing businesses.
47. Pretty fine now!
48. Medical services, auto repair shop, bank, 2nd gas station, expanded library hours, new business in empty store fronts.
49. Public water and sewer system.
50. N/A
51. Affordable housing for permanent residences.
52. We are quite satisfied.
53. Public water system to replace well or lake water.
54. Wireless internet access. Defense against invasive species.
55. Lower taxes.
56. Ban jet skis on 6th and 7th lake.
57. N/A
58. N/A
59. Not many improvements are needed on a large scale. We like the small town atmosphere of peace and quiet.
60. N/A
61. Downtown Inlet is physically unattractive- a good deal of renovation is needed.
62. N/A
63. Tourism related businesses.
64. A small health center, grocery store with competitive prices, encourage mountain sports, more eating places with reasonable prices.
65. There is no reason for Inlet to have a school. This is a waste of taxpayer money.
66. N/A
67. N/A
68. More hiking/biking trails, better roads.
69. N/A
70. Ban personal watercraft on all lakes. Road access to all lakefront property.
71. N/A
72. N/A
73. N/A
74. Some type of control of absentee-landlord purchase on run-down camps for rent to “party” groups. Difficult issue.
75. We are very happy with our quality of life in Inlet.
76. N/A
77. More good restaurants and fresh produce/grocery store.
78. Illegible.
79. N/A
80. The town has a picturesque setting, but business signage could use improvement, probably by using a simple uniform style sign instead of relying on large size and splashy colors.
81. N/A
82. Very important to maintain a rustic community appeal- that’s why people come.

83. During summer “high season” parking is a major problem.
84. N/A
85. N/A
86. Ban jet skis.
87. More snowmobile trails, stop jet skis within 400’ of the shore, more restaurants on the lake.
88. Less development.
89. Reduce or eliminate jet skis.
90. N/A
91. Stores being open all year round- not just ACE Hardware and Screaming Eagle. They need shops open to attract people. Otherwise people will go to Old Forge to shop.
92. Traffic lights in town.
93. Health center.
94. Have a restaurant and lounge in town.
95. Build on what you already have, not what you don’t have.
96. More local businesses open year round.
97. N/A
98. Strict rules for expansion.
99. Keep small town atmosphere affordable.
100. No other ways- I’ve loved it since 1946 just the way it is now or then.
101. Less emphasis on catering to winter business i.e. snowmobiling. More emphasis on improving walking trails etc, to enhance summer residents and visitors.
102. Mountains, small rural atmosphere, lower tax rates.
103. N/A
104. Have more cultural events such as the Syracuse Symphony- which is excellent!
105. N/A
106. N/A
107. N/A
108. NY state should help in keeping 6th, 7th, and 4th Lakes free of Eurasian milfoil damaging plants.
109. Less “souvenir” junk shops. Focus on community instead of “tourist trap”.
110. N/A
111. N/A
112. Respect the rights of individual property owners.
113. N/A
114. Start transportation system, buses and such so you can get around if needed.
- LOWER TAXES. Have Niagara Mohawk get a second electric to area, when power goes out they have no back-up system. Have a cell receptor tower put in for cell phones, there is no service up here.
115. Regulate renting.
116. N/A
117. N/A
118. Controlled growth in environmentally sensitive areas.
119. Lower taxes, reduce governmental infrastructure.
120. Reduce the number of rental units. There is a limit/trend to turn one family owned seasonal camps into commercial rentals. Where there used to be one family occupying a

camp now a camp is rented out maximizing the occupancy. Now the camp will have 10 – 15 people instead of 3 – 5. Although a cabin may have 3 bedrooms it is frequently rented out to double or triple its occupancy. This over taxes the old septic systems and significantly changes the quiet atmosphere.

121. N/A

122. Should have less control from state agencies and larger communities.

123. None.

124. N/A

125. None.

126. No snowmobiles!!!

127. Fairer taxes- enforce non-smoking in bars and restaurants, better movie theater.

128. Better control of housing development through planning at the town government level.

129. N/A

130. Lower taxes and keep McDonald's out of town.

131. N/A

132. Village water and sewage system. Improve road between Old Forge and Inlet.

133. N/A

134. N/A

135. Eliminate seaplanes on the lakes.

136. Waste treatment center in town center to eliminate water pollution of waterways and lakes.

137. Reduce high speed boat traffic and wakes and personal watercraft annoyances.

138. N/A

139. Difficult to really know. Changing things too much would change one of the things I really love about Inlet- it is so unchanging over the years.

140. N/A

141. Less glitz and more nature/small town quality of life. Hmmm--- how about relocating the remaining original raccoon sign somewhere at Arrowhead--- as a lasting remembrance and link to the past.

142. Road side walls, mark trails start/end with distance and larger signs and directions, loop trails, wooded trails between tourist points not just parking lots, petal bike trails.

143. NYS inspection station, good family restaurant.

144. Healthier local economy such that existing businesses can survive- controlled growth both of these elements are important so that local government doesn't have to be so desperate to relax zoning laws.

145. Affordable housing for local residents.

146. N/A

147. More senior services, water control regarding boating.

148. Do less to encourage people to come for day/weekend to fill motels, bag groceries, and do more to improve sewage, water, and appearance of town. This will generate more \$ for town in the longer term.

149. N/A

150. Higher quality stores.

151. Abandoned restaurants tear down the community. There is no restaurant in Inlet where you can walk and enjoy a family meal other than pizza and burgers.

152. Ban jet skis on our lakes.
153. I actually think it's very good in the summer.
154. Continue to study effects of acid rain and eventually reduce or eliminate the source.
155. Health service, banking service, local restaurant.
156. N/A
157. Control spending, reduce taxes, black fly control, cell phone coverage.
158. Clean out "old guard".
159. N/A
160. N/A
161. More restaurants in the immediate village.
162. Encourage restaurant/bar business. Tax break to businesses that are improving.
163. N/A
164. N/A
165. Focus on natural resources- not fast food type business but family type stores.
Activities- music activities, discovery type activities.
166. Improved access to health care services. Continued development of state land for recreational multi-use: hiking, biking, etc.
167. As a summer resident I find Inlet to fill my needs and family's.
168. Keep level of current services.
169. Personally, I would prefer fewer, not more, tourists. But for the health of the town more tourism. Oh, and get the bike path up and running.
170. Its natural beauty is what makes it such a wonderful place to live. It needs to stay the way it is.
171. N/A
172. N/A
173. Treat lakes for acid rain and other toxins.
174. N/A
175. Town growth in general- more community involvement to establish growth and keeping business here along with tourist for the summer and winter trade.
176. More/continued summer and winter events.
177. N/A
178. Keep government agencies off our backs.
179. Create a viable non-industrial economic enterprise(s) that will attract business and consumers to the area.

Discussion of other issues not addressed in this survey:

1. N/A
2. Please do not change any zoning or expand businesses. Leave Inlet the way it is—community that supports local people.
3. Town officials own the businesses, major lack of long range planning!!
4. We live in a wonderful community full of down to earth, caring people. I hope we can retire here. Healthcare is necessary; we would welcome a bus service connecting Inlet to Utica and surrounding towns.
5. N/A

6. The lawmakers in Albany need to significantly lower costs for businesses in New York. Until this happens erecting Economic Development Zones and other gimmicks will not yield desired results.
7. N/A
8. The percentage of kids that go to college shows what this area has to offer. The internet-age should allow those that choose to remain year round to earn a “city” type income. Tourism tends to have service level wages for all but the investors, likely from out of the area.
9. N/A
10. Bed and breakfast in town, restore power lines behind buildings, a place to buy kerosene, DSL service, more arts places.
11. Several large parcels on the lake and in the town are likely candidates for subdivision in the future. The town should address these planning issues now before unplanned development overwhelms the town, the lake, and our public services.
12. I want to keep out “big box” retail stores. Their economic impact would devastate locally-owned businesses and make Inlet just like every where else. The same goes for giant fast-food chains which would wreck local restaurants and discourage local year-round residents from considering starting a restaurant.
13. 1 hour parking in the channels, fishing boats and sightseers keep 100 feet from land and docks.
14. My property does not have access to public services like water, sewer, and road services therefore I cannot judge such services.
15. N/A
16. Please allow more accessibility for wheelchairs.
17. See question 3 answer.
18. N/A
19. N/A
20. We would not be in favor of any development that destroys or jeopardizes the natural wildlife and beauty of the area. The Adirondack wilderness should be preserved.
21. N/A
22. I feel that Inlet as a community is quite cohesive. I’m active in the church and other activities all summer long. There is a senior center where we play bridge, and the library is a wonderful place. Reopening the Wood Hotel is a boom to the town.
23. N/A
24. It is rapidly losing its character as an Adirondack town and becoming a long-distance suburb. There is no town bar, there are at least four gift shops. Now there will be water and sewer, why would I want to stay?
25. Highway department is under-worked. The fact they put one gutter hanger on the salt shed and stopped work. I feel they are thumbing their noses to the Town Board.
26. N/A
27. The town is being run by idiots who are only interested in their own interests and those of their friends.
28. N/A
29. N/A

30. As a seasonal property owner my business is dependent on people wanting to come here. I see a need to continue toward updating our infrastructure to support guided growth.
31. Adequate source of potable water and the treatment of septic wastes has been an ongoing problem in the village of Inlet for years. Also, the large increase in assessments of seasonal homes has placed an undue financial burden on those full-time local residents, the very people that must remain to conduct business and local government.
32. N/A
33. N/A
34. N/A
35. N/A
36. N/A
37. N/A
38. Local government leadership is not responsive to taxpayer opinions/requests. Too much action without disclosure. Government needs to be transparent as to reasons for its actions instead of finding ways to prevent disclosure or community involvement.
39. N/A
40. Money spent on too much police department could be used better on water and sewage management.
41. I also have a business in downtown Inlet- are you going to surveying business owners? Some answers could be different for business property.
42. I don't think we are a united community. The local residents need income to survive. We non-residents want the pleasure derived from being on the water and away from daily activities at home. We need to be more of one community.
43. Inlet's livelihood is based on tourism.
44. N/A
45. When I was a young boy I used to go to concerts in Eagle Bay 1965-66-68 to see bands of that day play there. It was really exciting and made me want to come back again and again.
46. Should this (or any other) survey lead to improvement of the water and sewer availability in the Inlet Hamlet itself, same should be funded by a charge against a benefit district, and not a charge against the entire town tax base as a whole.
47. Keep area wild- stop proliferation of small town. Stop zoning changes that hurt wilderness. Stop large land developments, especially those that impact water and sewage standards.
48. N/A
49. N/A
50. Tyler Road is one of two areas ("downtown" is the other) that does not comply with water quality due to small lots- septic tanks are necessarily too close to wells. Development of sewage treatment for these areas is important.
51. N/A
52. N/A
53. N/A
54. I am not clear on what the absence of waste water treatment downtown does to the possibility of "recycling" some of the buildings and businesses. For instance, is this why

there is no full scale restaurant in town? (Although there are several excellent restaurants within 10 miles).

55. Taxes are too high- property and camps etc. - are too expensive to purchase for people.

56. The noise from jet skis destroys much of the natural beauty and serenity. Also need total ban on ATVs. Most of businesses attractive, some in downtown area shabby.

57. This survey is an invasion of privacy. You are violating the 4th Amendment of the Constitution of the USA. Did the Town of Inlet put you up to this?

58. N/A

59. Note: the map below is a very poor rendition of our area and our location. We are on 6th Lake, off of 7th Lake Road, Inlet, NY.

60. N/A

61. N/A

62. My property is on 5th Lake and the canal between 4th and 5th Lake is very shallow. I know the town doesn't want boats on 5th Lake but for us on 5th it's hard to go through there.

63. I don't have confidence in town supervisor's tax and spend mentality. I'd like to ATV trails with strict enforcement of speed.

64. N/A

65. The town supervisor needs to stop bullying people. He acts like a despot! The town has spent many tax payer dollars on lawyers to fight for his agenda. He lacks integrity and compassion!

66. Growth in this area is unavoidable. However, growth without careful planning and fully regulated growth is a plan for community suicide. Consideration must be given to those residents who were born/raised and stayed to serve their community. To do otherwise is just plain ignorance!

67. I would like to know more about this survey and what you are finding.

68. Route 28 between Old Forge and the lake is in terrible condition.

69. Tasteful, educated tourism and development are very important- area could easily be spoiled by thoughtless development- i.e. Lake George.

70. I am a seasonal resident- only in Inlet July and August. My property is on the west shore of 6th Lake and has no road access or any other services other than electricity and telephone. My first priority is road access to my property. I pay over \$4300 per year in taxes on my property with virtually no services- ABSURD!!!!

71. N/A

72. Our politicians are out of control with their spending.

73. N/A

74. Somehow control or limit the use of Ski-Dos on a lake as small as 6th Craft can be dangerous when used as a toy and the constant whine is annoying to residents.

75. Get the feeling this has more to do with a water system and waste treatment system. Good idea if only those who could connect to these systems pay for the installation and maintenance- town and county taxes already too high.

76. Snowmobiling on trail through the interior of the park is important to me. I don't want to see the relocation of trails near existing roads which would exclude the use of interior trails.

77. N/A

78. Sorry I didn't realize this space existed- I write like I talk- forever. We love the Inlet area it's truly god's country. We have 13 grandchildren and at age 75 our grandchildren will be the new generation who will own our camp.
79. N/A
80. Even though I have criticized local business I am aware of the economic difficulty they embrace because of the seasonal nature of the area.
81. N/A
82. What separates Inlet from communities like Old Forge is that the natural beauty of the area has not been compromised for the development of new businesses.
83. There are no banking services, trash collection, health care services, drinking water, or septic system maintenance provided by Inlet. There should be a place to indicate "excellent" which would apply to fire protection, emergency ambulance service, and the Inlet library. There is no public water supply, and the only waste water treatment yet proposed (but not passed) applied to a limited area in the business center of town. Volunteers from the local lake association and trained by the DEC do weekly surveys of water quality in 6th and 7th Lakes.
84. The conservative nature of the Adirondack Park properly addresses and protects its wilderness nature. Modest improvements- sewer/water in population centers could add to quality and protection of water, but cost/benefit of such need careful study.
85. N/A
86. For those of us with out road access, ensuring that septic systems work and that we have clean drinking water is a constant concern.
87. N/A
88. N/A
89. You mention nothing about schooling of the local students.
90. N/A
91. N/A
92. N/A
93. Too much of the tax burden is placed on the seasonal residents.
94. Yes, we need a town sewer and water treatment facility but is it economically realistic?
95. Press the state to act on restoring the fishery in 7th Lake i.e. lacks of baitfish for the salmon. Recent state survey classified fishery as dismal. This body of water lies entirely within the Town of Inlet and has excellent access for fisherman and tourists. Utilize it.
96. I answered this survey for Rocky Point which is a Townhome Resort in Inlet. All homes (40) are privately owned only 1 family is a year-round resident. I have been the property manager here for 10 years and have lived and raised my family here for 27 years. My home is 3 miles from Inlet in the Town of Webb.
97. N/A
98. N/A
99. Highway, police, and schools should be combined with the Town of Webb to reduce costs.
100. I don't want to see Inlet or any other place in the Adirondacks overrun with condos and apartments or anything that doesn't fit in the "forever wild" concept.
101. N/A
102. N/A

103. N/A
104. N/A
105. N/A
106. Need to improve fishing conditions- acid rain, mercury, etc. I think it is a factor in the popularity of tourism- not the only factor but still a factor.
107. N/A
108. N/A
109. N/A
110. It would be nice if the town provided good drinking water.
111. N/A
112. N/A
113. N/A
114. (1) All voters in Inlet should be able to vote on waste water or drinking water system. People who aren't in the area for hook-ups would still have to pay for hook-up to town buildings, not fair to tax them if they can't vote on it. (2) People should be allowed to vote on library and post office acquisition. Town Supervisor liked the idea for the town to buy them so he and the council just went ahead and spent the money \$150,000 to buy the two buildings w/o letting the taxpayers vote on it. Should have been town-wide referendum. (3) Town employees should not have two paying jobs with town. Ex. Police dispatcher is supervisor's secretary. (4) Town supervisor is a 20 hour per week part time job. This small town doesn't have enough work for him to be putting in 50 hours per week. Due to a few people in town, lowered water level of lakes more than usual to kill milfoil and seaweed. (5) Due to this dry hydrants did not work during house fire and house was lost. Only 1 hydrant worked which was 2 miles away at a pond near the town garage. Black River Regulating and Town Council should have had more sense. (6) LOWER TAXES.
115. People come to Inlet because of its quiet laid back setting. If you change that too much people will find somewhere else to go. The most important changes Inlet needs to make are wastewater and drinking water systems.
116. N/A
117. I don't have a clue what this is a map of!
118. N/A
119. N/A
120. N/A
121. N/A
122. N/A
123. Small town, 10 miles to go to doctor, 60 miles to go to hospital, 10 miles to go to bank. Too many people leave in winter so the grocery store will close for 6 months. Most other stores will close too. We own a liquor store which will be sold soon. I also own a cross country ski shop for over 30 years but business was poor this winter.
124. As a seasonal resident I am happy to be able to stay there in the summer. I will continue unless the assessments keep going up. That would force me to sell. It would make me feel better if I knew that all the camps were complying with clean water rules.
125. N/A
126. (Illegible).
127. N/A

128. N/A
129. N/A
130. Lower taxes.
131. See 2-page addition to survey.
132. N/A
133. N/A
134. Very poor map!
135. N/A
136. We need to retain the natural beauty and outdoor activities- hiking, kayaking, sailing- and wild flowers, birds, swimming, fishing, and strictly regulate/eliminate jet skis, oversized boats, ATVs- that create noise pollution and disturb wildlife- particularly coons and fish; and lesson water quality.
137. The best thing about Inlet is the old-time historic atmosphere of the Adirondacks. I would hate to see that change with increased tourist trap type establishments.
138. N/A
139. N/A
140. N/A
141. Further questions? Call me at 518-483-3652.
142. Controlled use of power water craft and individual land rentals, more effort to enforce existing regulations.
143. N/A
144. Town leadership seems committed and dedicated but it's a struggle for local businesses to survive- given the lack of budget the town does a lot of things to promote civic pride such as arts and crafts fair, Syracuse Symphony, fire and ice in the winter, music in the park. The town needs more funds to support winter recreation other then snowmobiling.
145. N/A
146. Continual tax increases may ultimately force a sale. The day will come when my entire income will go to pay taxes- not just property taxes in Inlet- government at all levels need to contain spending. I have 1 rental camp- I am extremely considerate and selective in who I rent to- Any laws which restrict my ability to rent my property will force a sale.
147. "Town meetings" at least once during the summer months- one should be held on a Saturday morning or afternoon to give seasonal/weekenders property owners the opportunity to attend and participate.
148. Too much night light around the lake. Confidential responses to survey.
149. N/A
150. As a seasonal resident my biggest concern is the large increase in property assessments (good I suppose for the community (illegible) modest cabin). As for water quality I have no knowledge of these issues as water for my property comes from the lake. Of course I am very concerned it remains good.
151. We have a nice town park that attracts many visitors but then they have to get in their cars to enjoy a sit-down meal with a glass of wine/beer. We don't need more t-shirt shops. The town recycling center is well-run but fire prevention/protection is at question when the house on (something) Road- located very near the firehouse- burned down because the house had to be laid down to Fifth Lake where there is no road access or

town water or sewage disposal. Our drinking water is from a mountain spring checked for coliform regularly and it's almost 99.99 pure. Our septic system was hand dug on a mountain side. Our lake is mostly quiet except for jet-skis plus that the town refuses to ban them on our lake. We don't need more police officers we have the county and state police available as back-up or lead officers as the (illegible) dictates.

152. N/A

153. It would be nice if the children of year-round residents were able to find year-round employment in the area (assuming an average of two children per family). But an increase in year-round population will cost the community money and could easily ruin the natural environment that makes this a desirable area.

154. N/A

155. I believe the town budgets too much for police protection in this crime-free little town. I checked not important on attracting new business etc. because I believe Inlet's charm lies in its small-town atmosphere. I am not interested in sewage disposal or water systems because everyone has invested a lot of money in creating their own. A local health service in this town of old people is very important! We need a good local restaurant.

156. N/A

157. Inlet is not as popular as it was in the 1960's with substantially less tourism now. Yet the town seems to want to spend more money on projects that we cannot possibly pay for and might not even need.

158. Do not need Inlet school, reduce local taxes- they are taking advantage of tax assessment and driving the folks that have been there for years and enjoy taking care of environment- high costs/taxes drive us out and let in NYC, NJ, Conn folks who use and abuse- but have \$ (for now). Short sight \$ driving out long time campers- this will eventually ruin what they/we have.

159. N/A

160. We pay a very large tax to keep the local school open which has so few kids. It doesn't seem fair that we foot the bill for something not necessary when there is a bigger school 10 miles away.

161. Lower taxes, not raising them will help all concerned.

162. The town board and supervisor should be vigorously moving forward with a sewage and water system downtown so businesses can improve and grow.

163. N/A

164. The whole survey smells like plans are still on the burner for a waste system plant to benefit only a small portion of the town and yet everyone in the town will end up paying for it. I live in an area that has only 3 year-round residents and have a septic system that will last for years!!!! A waste plant proposal has already been turned down once...

165. More handicap access parking.

166. N/A

167. N/A

168. We would be opposed to any and all major projects which would create an increase in the present property tax rate.

169. The town cannot afford to ignore the water/sewer problems within the village. Money will have to be spent. It would be nice if seasonal home owners could vote, but

since we can't this is a nice effort to include our perspectives, but I hope the town didn't pay EFC too much for this survey.

170. N/A

171. N/A

172. N/A

173. Real property assessments are too high for older dwellings.

174. We are concerned about the general deterioration of business in town.

175. A water treatment and sewer plant is necessary for this town's growth- the NY Department of Health is now more involved in the cottage and business colonys for water testing monthly and other cost factors because the people voted down the sewer design that was proposed because the Inlet board couldn't answer all concerns and had no cost factor to residents. It was a poor attempt to acquire state and federal money. So now the residences need to pull out more money to satisfy NY Department of Health- one big political game but the cost factor is passed on as usual to the residences and business owners. Business leave, people leave.

176. N/A

177. Inlet needs a fairy to come and touch it with charm! The empty storefronts should be enhanced in some ways. The local businesses should be required to maintain their outside appearance. They are truly in need of some eating establishments.

178. N/A

179. Possibly hold an economic brainstorming session that would explore the paradox of how to attract business without destroying your attraction e.g. a worldwide center of research and teaching of "productive thriving of the aging populations". How do geezers make themselves useful and live longer?