

Environmental Finance Center Inlet Community Survey

Final Report

Compiled survey responses by area¹

<u>Total Surveys Mailed</u>	<u>Surveys Returned</u>	<u>Return Rate</u>
382	180	47.1%

<u>Area</u>	<u>Number Returned</u>	<u>% of Total Returned</u>
1	9	5%
2	10	5.5%
3	35	19.4%
4	19	10.5%
5	63	35%
6	24	13.3%
Unspecified	20	11.1%

#1 How long have you owned this property in Inlet?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Less than 10 years</u>	<u>10-20 years</u>	<u>More than 20 years</u>	<u>No Response</u>
All surveys	18%	21%	60%	
1	33%	22%	44%	
2	50%		40%	10%
3	31%	31%	37%	
4	11%	32%	57%	
5	16%	19%	65%	
6	4%	8%	88%	
Unspecified	5%	25%	70%	

¹ Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding or non-response to some questions.

#2 Are you a permanent or seasonal resident?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
All surveys	16%	84%
1	22%	78%
2	30%	60%
3	29%	61%
4	16%	84%
5	11%	89%
6	0%	100%
Unspecified	15%	85%

#3 & 4 How many bedrooms and bathrooms does your property have?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Bedrooms</u>	<u>Bathrooms</u>
All surveys	4	1.9
1	3.7	2.2
2	5.3	1.7
3	4.25	2.4
4	3.1	1.6
5	3.7	1.5
6	4	1.9
Unspecified	3.8	2

#5a If you are a seasonal resident, what months do you stay in Inlet?

<u>Area</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>D</u>
All surveys	11%	14%	10%	13%	50%	75%	99%	98%	72%	37%	14%	13%
1	14%	14%	14%	14%	71%	71%	86%	86%	71%	29%	14%	14%
2	14%	14%	14%	14%	43%	71%	100%	100%	71%	29%	14%	14%
3	24%	32%	32%	20%	52%	80%	100%	100%	72%	52%	32%	20%
4	6%	6%	0%	13%	56%	75%	100%	100%	69%	38%	13%	13%
5	13%	16%	9%	13%	46%	77%	98%	96%	71%	36%	14%	11%
6	4%	4%	4%	8%	24%	60%	100%	100%	56%	16%	0%	8%
Unspecified	0%	0%	0%	6%	59%	71%	100%	100%	76%	65%	12%	6%

#5b Do you rent this property to the public?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
All Surveys	13%	84%
1	0%	86%
2	10%	70%
3	20%	80%
4	5%	95%
5	16%	81%
6	8%	92%
Unspecified	15%	85%

#6 Identify which of the following utilities applies to your property:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Well</u>	<u>Septic System</u>	<u>Cable TV</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Generator</u>	<u>Electricity</u>	<u>Fuel Oil</u>	<u>Propane</u>
All Surveys	71%	97%	35%	94%	17%	97%	21%	71%
1	44%	100%	22%	100%	22%	100%	11%	78%
2	70%	80%	40%	80%	30%	80%	50%	70%
3	77%	97%	57%	94%	17%	97%	34%	71%
4	63%	95%	26%	95%	16%	100%	16%	74%
5	79%	95%	40%	92%	8%	98%	11%	73%
6	44%	100%	4%	100%	20%	100%	12%	52%
Unspecified	85%	100%	35%	95%	30%	90%	30%	70%

#7 Approximate age of well

<u>Area</u>	<u>Less than 5 years</u>	<u>10 years</u>	<u>15 years</u>	<u>More than 20 years</u>
All surveys	15%	25%	18	41%
1	0%	44%	0%	56%
2	0%	0%	20%	50%
3	2%	29%	14%	26%
4	16%	16%	11%	21%
5	13%	17%	14%	33%
6	12%	8%	8%	16%
Unspecified	15%	10%	15%	45%

#8 Approximate age of septic system

<u>Area</u>	<u>Less than 5 years</u>	<u>10 years</u>	<u>15 years</u>	<u>More than 20 years</u>
All surveys	17%	33%	22%	28%
1	11%	44%	11%	11%
2	30%	0%	40%	0%
3	9%	43%	17%	23%
4	32%	26%	21%	16%
5	13%	33%	21%	27%
6	20%	12%	12%	52%
Unspecified	15%	40%	10%	35%

9. Regarding the Town of Inlet, how would you rate the following?²

<u>Service</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
Streets and Roads	73%	24%	2%	.5%	.5%
Snow Removal	58%	1.8%	0%	33%	7.8%
Flood Control	39%	1.8%	0%	44%	14.2%
Police Protection	78%	13%	1%	1.8%	2%
Fire Protection	73%	14%	1%	9%	3%
Drinking Water Quality	42%	8%	12%	29%	9%
Drinking Water Supply	46%	10%	7%	27%	10%
Trash Collection/Disposal	60%	12%	4%	15%	10%
Septic System Maintenance	28%	6%	2%	46%	14%
Overall Appearance of Community	57%	37%	4%	.5%	1.5%
General Appearance of Businesses	44%	45%	8%	.5%	2%
Maintenance of Public Areas	83%	14%	0	.5%	2%
Restaurants	43%	46%	8%	2%	1%

² Survey results for questions 9 and 11 represent all surveys; responses by area for selected questions are reported at the end of this report.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
Motels/Cottages	41%	27%	3%	27%	2%
Banking Services	12%	6%	31%	33%	18%
Postal Services	82%	7%	.05%	8%	1%
Government Leadership	40%	29%	10%	16%	5%
Planning and Development	27%	34%	13%	21%	3%
Tax Rates	19%	43%	33%	2%	3%
Cost of Housing/Living	22%	37%	18%	16%	7%
Health Care Services	15%	17%	24%	34%	10%

#11. In your opinion, how important is each of the following for your community?

<u>Service</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
Improve Police Service	17%	24%	43%	8%	8%
Improve Fire Protection	24%	28%	31%	10%	7%
Improve Road Maintenance	23%	39%	24%	3%	10%
Maintenance of Adirondack natural setting	82%	12%	3%	0%	3%
Community Appearance	68%	24%	2%	0%	5%
Attract new business	32%	39%	22%	2%	5%
Expand local business	29%	42%	21%	2%	6%
Expand tourism industry	32%	31%	29%	2%	6%
Construction of a Wastewater Treatment System	33%	22%	23%	17%	5%
Construction of a Drinking Water System	27%	24%	27%	16%	6%
Pollution Control—solid waste	52%	24%	7%	10%	7%
Drinking water quality	52%	17%	10%	13%	8%

<u>Service</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
Lake water quality – recreational/fishing/boating	84%	12%	.05%	.05%	3%
Groundwater protection	70%	16%	.05%	16%	6%

#12 Do you feel that the area would benefit from economic development (tourism, business, etc.)?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Response</u>
All Surveys	61%	32%	7%
1	67%	22%	11%
2	60%	20%	20%
3	60%	26%	14%
4	47%	47%	5%
5	54%	43%	7%
6	76%	20%	4%
Unspecified	70%	20%	10%

Survey responses by area for specific questions related to community services

#9a Regarding the Town of Inlet, how would you rate the Drinking Water Quality?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
All Surveys	42%	8%	12%	29%	9%
1	11%	22%	11%	44%	11%
2	50%	0%	0%	10%	40%
3	51%	9%	14%	26%	0%
4	58%	5%	5%	32%	0%
5	30%	11%	13%	35%	11%
6	28%	8%	12%	40%	12%
Unspecified	50%	5%	5%	25%	15%

#9b Regarding the Town of Inlet, how would you rate the Drinking Water Supply?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
All Surveys	46%	10%	7%	27%	10%
1	22%	11%	11%	44%	11%
2	50%	0%	0%	20%	30%
3	60%	6%	9%	23%	3%
4	53%	0%	5%	42%	0%
5	33%	11%	6%	37%	13%
6	36%	8%	4%	40%	12%
Unspecified	35%	15%	5%	30%	15%

#9c Regarding the Town of Inlet, how would you rate the Septic System Maintenance?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
All Surveys	28%	6%	2%	46%	14%
1	22%	22%	0%	44%	11%
2	20%	0%	0%	30%	50%
3	34%	0%	3%	49%	14%
4	63%	0%	0%	37%	0%
5	22%	11%	3%	49%	14%
6	12%	4%	4%	56%	24%
Unspecified	20%	5%	0%	40%	35%

#9d Regarding the Town of Inlet, how would you rate the Planning and Development?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
All Surveys	27%	34%	13%	21%	3%
1	11%	56%	11%	22%	0%
2	40%	20%	10%	0%	30%
3	14%	49%	20%	17%	0%
4	32%	42%	5%	21%	0%
5	29%	32%	11%	21%	8%
6	28%	40%	8%	16%	8%
Unspecified	30%	15%	20%	30%	5%

#11a In your opinion, how important is Construction of a Wastewater Treatment System for your community?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
All surveys	33%	22%	23%	17%	5%
1	89%	11%	0%	0%	0%
2	30%	30%	30%	0%	10%
3	40%	11%	31%	6%	11%
4	21%	16%	42%	16%	5%
5	30%	25%	21%	19%	5%
6	24%	24%	20%	24%	8%
Unspecified	25%	30%	5%	35%	5%

#11b In your opinion, how important is Construction of a Drinking Water System for your community?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
All surveys	27%	24%	27%	16%	6%
1	56%	33%	0%	0%	11%
2	20%	30%	40%	0%	10%
3	26%	20%	31%	11%	11%
4	16%	16%	47%	16%	5%
5	30%	24%	25%	17%	3%
6	28%	20%	24%	16%	12%
Unspecified	20%	35%	10%	30%	5%

#11c In your opinion, how important is Drinking water quality for your community?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
All surveys	52%	17%	10%	13%	8%
1	67%	11%	0%	11%	11%
2	70%	10%	10%	0%	10%
3	46%	17%	14%	9%	14%
4	47%	26%	16%	5%	5%
5	52%	19%	8%	16%	5%
6	56%	8%	8%	16%	12%
Unspecified	50%	20%	0%	20%	10%

#11d In your opinion, how important is Lake water quality – recreational/fishing/boating for your community?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
All surveys	84%	12%	.05%	.05%	3%
1	89%	11%	0%	0%	0%
2	80%	0%	0%	10%	10%
3	80%	11%	0%	0%	9%
4	84%	16%	0%	0%	0%
5	87%	11%	2%	0%	0%
6	84%	16%	0%	0%	0%
Unspecified	75%	15%	0%	5%	5%

#11e In your opinion, how important is Groundwater protection for your community?

<u>Area</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
All surveys	70%	16%	.05%	16%	6%
1	78%	11%	0%	0%	11%
2	80%	0%	0%	10%	10%
3	69%	14%	0%	6%	11%
4	68%	16%	0%	11%	5%
5	75%	17%	3%	3	2%
6	72%	8%	8%	0%	12%
Unspecified	45%	30%	20%	0%	5%

Survey responses by residential/seasonal residents for specific questions related to community services

Residential

<u>Service</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
Construction of a Wastewater Treatment System	29%	25%	18%	21%	7%
Construction of a Drinking Water System	25%	14%	32%	18%	11%
Drinking water quality	43%	11%	14%	18%	14%
Lake water quality – recreational/fishing/boating	79%	18%	0%	0%	3%
Groundwater protection	75%	14%	0%	4%	7%

Seasonal

<u>Service</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Important</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>No Response</u>
Construction of a Wastewater Treatment System	34%	21%	24%	16%	5%
Construction of a Drinking Water System	28%	26%	26%	15%	5%
Drinking water quality	55%	18%	9%	12%	6%
Lake water quality – recreational/fishing/boating	85%	11%	.06%	1%	2%
Groundwater protection	70%	16%	1%	8%	5%