

APPENDIX A

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Town of LaGrange Open Space Plan Community Survey

1) How important is it to you to conserve rural character and open space resources in LaGrange?
Circle one.

- a. Very Important b. Somewhat Important c. Not Important d. Undecided

2) In order to help prioritize future choices for open space efforts in the Town of LaGrange, what most closely matches your preferences for future open space protection projects?

Circle three (3).

- a. Aquifers & Lands for Water Quality
b. Active Farm Lands & Orchards
c. Nature Preserves & Wildlife Habitat
d. Lands for Active Recreation
e. Scenic Roads & Views
f. Forested Hillside & Ridges
g. Historic Buildings, Hamlets & Sites
h. Town-Wide Paths & Trails for Pedestrians
i. Other (please write in): _____

3) Studies have shown that residential development often consumes more in services than it generates in tax revenue (raising taxes). Commercial lands, agricultural lands and open space generally produce more in tax revenue than they require in town services. Do you believe the town should protect open space resources as an investment in keeping the Town of LaGrange fiscally healthy and affordable? **Circle one.**

- a. Yes b. No c. Undecided

4) Would you like to see the town actively pursue strategies for the concentration of growth in or near existing higher density areas? **Circle One**

- a. Yes b. No c. Undecided

5) In pursuing any level of an open space protection program, the Town of LaGrange will maximize all available sources of outside grants and funding, and existing planning tools and methods to protect open space. These outside funding sources are highly competitive; and these sources generally require **local matching** funds. What amount do you feel comfortable with spending per average household to initiate and implement the local share of an open space program?

Circle one.

- a. \$15 to \$30 cost per year per average household
b. \$31 to \$60 cost per year per average household
c. \$61 to \$90 cost per year per average household
d. Other _____

6) Active farmland still exists. Do you feel the Town should implement strategies that would help retain agricultural activity in the community? **Circle one.**

- a. Yes b. No c. Undecided

Farm names if known _____

7) As part of an open space preservation plan, a future land acquisition and/or conservation easement program could be developed by the town, based upon voluntary participation by interested and willing landowners.

If you are a landowner of 10 acres or greater, would you be interested in participating in a voluntary program to conserve your land? Yes _____ No _____

Owner / Contact _____

Phone Number _____

THANK YOU for your participation in this survey! Public input is vital to the plan's success.

Please mail your completed survey by Friday June 30, 2006, or drop it off at the town clerk's office, at the Town of LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Rd, LaGrangeville, NY 12540-5507

Town of LaGrange Open Space Survey Results July 23, 2006

Question 1: How important is it to you to conserve rural character and open space resources in LaGrange?

	Totals	% of Total
A: Very Important	493	82
B: Somewhat Important	66	11
C: Not Important	17	3
D: Undecided	4	1
Total	599	97



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Question 2: In order to help prioritize future choices for open space efforts in the Town of LaGrange, what most closely matches your preferences for future open space protection projects?

	Totals	% of Total
B: Active Farm Lands and Orchards	377	22.3
A: Aquifers and Lands for Water Quality	336	19.9
C: Nature Preserves and Wildlife habitat	306	18.1
F: Forsted Hillsides and Ridges	158	9.4
E: Scenic Roads and Views	150	8.9
H: Town wide Paths and Trails	134	7.9
D: Lands for Active Recreation	120	7.1
G: Historic Buildings, Hamlets and Sites	89	5.3
Other Hiking and x-country skiing	10	0.6
Other bike trails	6	0.4
Other Bridle Paths	1	0.1



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Question 3: Do you believe the town should protect open space resources as an investment in keeping the Town of LaGrange fiscally healthy and affordable?

	Total	% of Total
A: Yes	531	88.6
B: No	30	5.0
C: Undecided	28	4.7



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Question 4: Would you like to see the town actively pursue strategies for the concentration of growth in or near existing higher density areas?

	Total	% Total
A: Yes	362	60.4
B: No	112	18.7
C: Undecided	85	14.2



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Question 5: What amount do you feel comfortable with spending per average household to initiate and implement the local share of an Open Space Program?

	Total	% of Total
A: \$15 - \$30 per year	159	26.5
B: \$31 - \$60 per year	156	26.0
C: \$61 - \$90 per year	155	25.9
D: Other \$10	36	6.0
Other Zero	54	9.0
Other Whatever it takes	4	0.7
Other assess new homes	1	0.2
Other \$5	2	0.3
Other \$100	5	0.8
Other \$120	1	0.2
Other \$150	3	0.5
Other \$250	1	0.2



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Question 6: Do you feel the Town should implement strategies that would help retain agricultural activity in the community?

	Total	% of Total
A: Yes	504	84.1
B: No	28	4.7
C: Undecided	32	5.3



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Question 7: Landowners of more than 10 acres interested in participating in an Open Space Preservation Plan.

Result: 22 Interested Landowners

