



Solon Comprehensive Plan~ Community Survey

***The purpose of these survey questions is to gather general feedback;
the town may not take action based solely on the responses.***

1. What best describes you?

- ☐ Year-round resident and property owner
- ☐ Year-round resident renting property
- ☐ Occasional use resident and property owner
- ☐ Occasional use resident renting property
- ☐ Non-resident and property owner
- ☐ Other (please specify)

2. How important were each of the following to you when choosing to live in Solon?

| | Very unimportant | Unimportant | Neutral | Important | Very important |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Schools | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Low density population | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Rural residential community | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Natural resources | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Proximity to family | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Location relative to employment | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Outdoor recreation opportunities | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

3. If you have school-aged children, what type of school program are they enrolled in?

- ☐ Public
- ☐ Home School
- ☐ Private
- ☐ Not Applicable
- ☐ Other (please specify)

4. Your employment:

- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Work in town
- ☐ Work at home
- ☐ Not employed
- ☐ If you work outside of town, what town do you work in?

5. What is your opinion on residential development in the past decade?

- ☐ There has been too little residential development
- ☐ There has been too much residential development
- ☐ There has been the right amount of residential development
- ☐ No opinion
- ☐ Other (please specify)

6. What types of housing initiatives should the town consider or pursue?

- ☐ Expansion of non-conventional means (accessory apartments/garage apartments)
- ☐ Conventional multi-family dwellings (condos, apartments, town houses, elderly housing)
- ☐ Permanent elderly housing
- ☐ Greater density (cluster, open space)
- ☐ Housing affordable to middle income individuals
- ☐ No town action
- ☐ Other (please specify)

7. Do you feel there is a need for housing alternatives other than single family housing in town?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion
- ☐ Other (please specify)

8. If you feel there is a need for optional housing types, please rate the following in terms of importance:

| | Very unimportant | Unimportant | Neutral | Important | Very Important |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Accessory apartments | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Apartment buildings | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Elderly housing | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Condominiums | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Assisted living | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

9. Should the following land use types be encouraged, limited, or discouraged?

| | Strongly encourage | Encourage | Neither | Limit | Discourage |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Single-family Residential | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Multi-family Residential | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Conservation land/open space | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Seasonal use | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Recreational facilities | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Industrial/Light industrial, Commercial | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Municipal facilities | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Agricultural or Forestry uses | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

10. What types of businesses would you like to see in town?

11. Currently, Solon does not regulate short term rentals (AirBnBs). Should Solon:

- ☐ Continue not regulating short term rentals
- ☐ Begin regulating short term rentals
- ☐ No opinion
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. The town should encourage new businesses and/or industrial development:

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

13. What types of commercial/industrial development would you like to see in town?

14. What are your thoughts on the town's need for the following? (The answers may be in addition to something that already exists in town.)

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Outdoor recreational store | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Restaurants | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pharmacy | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Banking | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Cafe/Bakery | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Retail | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Hardware store | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pub | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

15. Do you feel that recent development aligns with the character of town?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No opinion

☐ Other (please specify)

16. How important are each of these natural resources to you?

| | Very important | Important | Neutral | Unimportant | Very unimportant |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Lakes | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Rivers/streams | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Wetlands | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Forests | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Farms | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Scenic views | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

17. How important do you feel it is to protect and promote farms and farmland?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not so important
- ☐ Not at all important
- ☐ Other (please specify)

18. How important are each of these open space categories to you?

| | Very important | Important | Neutral | Unimportant | Very unimportant |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Active recreation (ball fields, sports programs, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Passive recreation (walking, hiking, biking, nature preserves) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Wildlife habitat protection | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Stream/wetland/waterbody protection | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Protection of town appearance and character | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Protection of large parcels of land | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Protection of areas open for boating/fishing/water access | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Protection of scenic views | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

19. Public facilities include schools, roads, parks and municipal buildings and other municipally owned or maintained structures. These facilities and the services they provide are paid for, in part, through the taxes that citizens pay. The following questions are designed to allow the town to determine what level of facility improvements would be supported. Please indicate how important each of the following recreation categories are to you.

| | Very important | Important | Neutral | Unimportant | Very unimportant |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Swimming areas | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Hiking/walking/nature trails | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ATV/snowmobile trails | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Basketball courts | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Softball/baseball fields | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Parks/playgrounds | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Access for fishing/hunting | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Cross country skiing | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mountain biking | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

20. How important are each of the following categories to you?

| | Very important | Important | Neutral | Unimportant | Very unimportant |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Improve municipal buildings | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Improve transfer station | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Develop recreational facilities | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Develop/build community or youth center | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Purchase/obtain open space | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Improve public safety | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Improve accessibility at public properties and buildings | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

21. How important are each of the following public service categories to you?

| | Very important | Important | Neutral | Unimportant | Very unimportant |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fire Department | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Ambulance services | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Police services | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Community library | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Animal Control services | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Code Enforcement and community Planning services | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Recreation programs | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Maintenance/public works services | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Solid waste and recycling services | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Cemetery and sexton services | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| General assistance and heating assistance | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Municipal communications | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Town website | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Age friendly and older resident support services | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

22. Currently, the town's police services are provided by the County Sheriff's Department and the State Police. Do you feel that this is sufficient?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion
- ☐ Other (please specify)

23. Solon's Emergency Medical Services (EMS- ambulance services) are currently provided by Reddington-Farview Ambulance, Anson-Madison-Starks Ambulance, and Upper Kennebec Valley Ambulance. Do you feel this is sufficient?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No opinion

☐ Other (please specify)

24. How important are each of the following areas to the future of transportation in town?

| | Very important | Important | Neutral | Unimportant | Very unimportant |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Paving publicly owned gravel roads | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Bicycle and pedestrian paths | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Sidewalks in the village area | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ATV/Snowmobile trails | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Public transportation services for those with limited mobility or restricted driving abilities. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

25. Do you feel the amount of sidewalks in town are adequate?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No opinion

☐ Other (please specify)

26. Rate how would you like to be kept informed about happenings in the town?

| | Very important | Important | Neutral | Unimportant | Very unimportant |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Public meetings and hearings | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Periodic mailings | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Signage and message boards | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Local publications (local newspapers, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Facebook and social media | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The town's website | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Email and email subscription lists, such as E-Alerts | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Direct text messaging | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Town newsletters | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Livestream public meetings | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

27. What do you like best about the town?

28. What do you like least about the town?

29. What problems would you most like to see local government address?

30. What problems would you most like to see local government address?

31. What might we choose to do today that will be appreciated by people who live here 10 or more years from now?

32. Please include any other thoughts and comments.