



### 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"/>				
Low density population	<input type="radio"/>				
Rural residential community	<input type="radio"/>				
Natural resources	<input type="radio"/>				
Proximity to family	<input type="radio"/>				
Location relative to employment	<input type="radio"/>				
Outdoor recreation opportunities	<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
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Accessory apartments	<input type="radio"/>				
Apartment buildings	<input type="radio"/>				
Elderly housing	<input type="radio"/>				
Condominiums	<input type="radio"/>				
Assisted living	<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"/>				
Multi-family Residential	<input type="radio"/>				
Conservation land/open space	<input type="radio"/>				
Seasonal use	<input type="radio"/>				
Recreational facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
Industrial/Light industrial, Commercial	<input type="radio"/>				
Municipal facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
Agricultural or Forestry uses	<input type="radio"/>				
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>				

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"/>				
Restaurants	<input type="radio"/>				
Pharmacy	<input type="radio"/>				
Banking	<input type="radio"/>				
Cafe/Bakery	<input type="radio"/>				
Retail	<input type="radio"/>				
Hardware store	<input type="radio"/>				
Pub	<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"/>				
Rivers/streams	<input type="radio"/>				
Wetlands	<input type="radio"/>				
Forests	<input type="radio"/>				
Farms	<input type="radio"/>				
Scenic views	<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)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 1.2em;"></div>				

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"/>				
Hiking/walking/nature trails	<input type="radio"/>				
ATV/snowmobile trails	<input type="radio"/>				
Basketball courts	<input type="radio"/>				
Softball/baseball fields	<input type="radio"/>				
Parks/playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>				
Access for fishing/hunting	<input type="radio"/>				
Cross country skiing	<input type="radio"/>				
Mountain biking	<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"/>				
Improve transfer station	<input type="radio"/>				
Develop recreational facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
Develop/build community or youth center	<input type="radio"/>				
Purchase/obtain open space	<input type="radio"/>				
Improve public safety	<input type="radio"/>				
Improve accessibility at public properties and buildings	<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"/>				
Ambulance services	<input type="radio"/>				
Police services	<input type="radio"/>				
Community library	<input type="radio"/>				
Animal Control services	<input type="radio"/>				
Code Enforcement and community Planning services	<input type="radio"/>				
Recreation programs	<input type="radio"/>				
Maintenance/public works services	<input type="radio"/>				
Solid waste and recycling services	<input type="radio"/>				
Cemetery and sexton services	<input type="radio"/>				
General assistance and heating assistance	<input type="radio"/>				
Municipal communications	<input type="radio"/>				
Town website	<input type="radio"/>				
Age friendly and older resident support services	<input type="radio"/>				
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>				

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"/>				
Bicycle and pedestrian paths	<input type="radio"/>				
Sidewalks in the village area	<input type="radio"/>				
ATV/Snowmobile trails	<input type="radio"/>				
Public transportation services for those with limited mobility or restricted driving abilities.	<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"/>				
Periodic mailings	<input type="radio"/>				
Signage and message boards	<input type="radio"/>				
Local publications (local newspapers, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>				
Facebook and social media	<input type="radio"/>				
The town's website	<input type="radio"/>				
Email and email subscription lists, such as E-Alerts	<input type="radio"/>				
Direct text messaging	<input type="radio"/>				
Town newsletters	<input type="radio"/>				
Livestream public meetings	<input type="radio"/>				
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>				

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?

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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.