

APPENDIX A

Village of Hobart

***Smart Growth
&
Strategic Planning
Survey***

March 2004

Methodology

The Village of Hobart contracted with Matousek & Associates to manage questionnaire distribution, data collection and data analysis for the current project, which sought to gather residents' opinions on various issues related to smart growth and strategic planning. The survey was written by representatives of the Village of Hobart.

During the last week in March, 2004, 1939 questionnaires were mailed to Hobart residents who were asked to complete and return the survey to Matousek & Associates by April 19, 2004. Only surveys returned using the original business reply envelopes that were enclosed with the surveys were accepted. The final data analysis includes responses from 716 surveys, resulting in a 37% return rate. This return rate is considered very good for a survey of this type.

Sampling error for a sample size of 716 (and identified population size of 1939) is +/-2.9%.

In addition to the questionnaires distributed by mail, 153 surveys were given to the Village of Hobart office for distribution. These surveys are not included in the return rate calculation.

Only total sample responses are discussed in the report. Accompanying data books have data broken out by size of lot, years of residence, area of residence and gender.

Issues and Opportunities

Residents were presented with several issues and opportunities for the Village of Hobart and were asked if that opportunity should be available for residents. Of the issues and opportunities presented, 'having safe neighborhoods for families' and 'providing high quality fire protection' were rated highest, with 96% and 94% of residents, respectively, agreeing that these should be available.

Roads necessary to handle current and planned development and high quality police protection were in the next tier of important issues, with 88% and 87% of residents agreeing that these services should be available.

In the third tier of important issues, having a water supply that meets EPA standards, having parks and green space and having homes in a middle price range were named. Eighty-two percent, 81% and 77% of residents, respectively, agreed that these opportunities should be available in the Village.

	Should be available ? Percent Respondin g "Yes"
Having safe neighborhoods for families	96%
Providing high quality fire protection	94%
Providing roads necessary to handle current and planned development	88%
Providing high quality police protection	87%
Having a water supply that meets or exceeds EPA standards	82%
Having enough parks and green space	81%
Providing enough homes in a middle price range	77%
Providing homes in a low price range	30%
Providing enough rental housing that people can afford	26%
Base (n)	716

Issues and Opportunities (continued)

Those respondents who felt that a particular issue or opportunity should be made available in the Village of Hobart were asked to indicate the amount of improvement needed for that feature (“a lot”, “a little” or “none”).

Having a safe water supply and roads necessary to handle current and planned development are the areas that the greatest proportion of residents feel that “a lot” of improvement is needed. Forty percent of residents who responded that a water supply that meets EPA standards should be available to residents believe that the current water supply needs “a lot” of improvement, with an additional 34% responding that “a little” improvement is needed. For roads, 31% responded that “a lot” of improvement is needed, with an additional 48% indicating that “a little” improvement is needed.

For the two issues that the highest proportion of residents felt should be available—safe neighborhoods and fire protection, residents indicated that they are generally satisfied with the quality currently provided. Forty-seven percent of residents who desire safe neighborhoods believe that no improvement is needed, with 43% indicating that “a little” improvement is needed. For those who feel fire protection should be available, 49% feel no improvement is needed and 40% feel that “a little” improvement is needed.

	Amount of Improvement Needed			Base (n)
	A lot	A little	None	
Having a water supply that meets or exceeds EPA standards	40%	34%	24%	590
Providing roads necessary to handle current and planned development	31%	48%	18%	630
Having enough parks and green space	22%	44%	31%	581
Providing enough rental housing that people can afford	22%	34%	41%	183
Providing homes in a low price range	18%	36%	45%	211
Providing enough homes in a middle price range	12%	50%	36%	550
Providing high quality police protection	10%	45%	43%	619
Providing high quality fire protection	9%	40%	49%	673
Having safe neighborhoods for families	7%	43%	47%	687

Planning for Growth

In the next section of the survey, residents were asked to what degree they supported or opposed several types of growth in the Village. Overall, with the exception of residential developments that include apartments, over half of residents supported each type of plan for growth. However, the proportions of those “strongly” or “somewhat” supporting the plans varied by plan. The table below is listed (in descending order) according to the proportion of residents who “strongly support” the plans.

Encouraging new business to locate to the village was “strongly supported” by nearly one half of respondents, and “strongly” or “somewhat” supported by a total of 80% of residents. Next, new residential developments (without apartments) received residents’ support, with 38% “strongly supporting” and 37% “somewhat supporting” this type of growth.

Other types of development that were somewhat or strongly supported by at least half of residents included: new retail shopping in the village (60%), new business nearby, but outside of the village (57%), housing options for seniors (74%), new shopping nearby, but outside of the village (58%) and housing for people with disabilities (67%).

Of the issues presented, residential developments that includes apartments was opposed by the highest proportion of residents, with 51% indicating that they “strongly oppose” this type of development and 28% indicating that they “somewhat oppose” it.

	Strongly support	Somewhat Support	Oppose Somewhat	Oppose Strongly	Base
Encouraging new business to locate in our village	48%	32%	9%	10	716
New residential development that includes homes, but NO apartments	38%	37%	16%	8%	716
Locating new retail shopping in our village	26%	34%	16%	22%	716
Encouraging new business to locate nearby, but outside our village	21%	36%	24%	17%	716
Housing options for seniors	20%	54%	15%	10%	716
Locating new shopping nearby but outside our village	20%	38%	24%	16%	716
Housing for people with disabilities	15%	52%	21%	10%	716
New residential development that includes apartments as well as homes	4%	16%	28%	51%	716

Housing

With regard to housing, the next section of the survey asked residents to indicate whether or not several different types of housing should be available to residents.

Moderately priced homes was the type of housing that the greatest proportion of residents indicated should be available in the Village, with 82% giving this response. In the next tier of desirable housing were higher priced homes (73%) and single family homes for first-time buyers (69%).

Assisted living for seniors was endorsed by 63% of residents.

Of the different lot sizes presented to residents, the two and a half acre and one acre parcels were endorsed most, with 60% and 61% of residents indicating that these type of lots should be available. The other lot sizes, while still endorsed by over half of residents, were endorsed by slightly fewer residents—54% felt one and a half acre lots should be available and 53% felt five to ten acre lots should be available. The quarter-acre lots were endorsed by only 28% of residents.

The majority of residents were opposed to multi-unit buildings, with fewer than half of residents indicating that any of these types of housing should be available. Of the types of multi-unit dwellings, condominiums were viewed most favorably with 46% of residents responding that these should be available in the Village. Other types of buildings were endorsed by fewer than one-third of residents: townhouses and duplexes (32%) and rental housing for families and young people (29%).

	Should be available ? Percent Respondin g “Yes”
Moderate priced homes	82%
Higher priced homes	73%
Single family homes for first-time buyers	69%
Assisted Living for Seniors	63%
Development of 2 _ acres WITH well and septic.	61%
Development of 1 acre rural WITH city Sewer and Water	60%
Development of 1 _ acres WITH well and septic	54%
Development of 5-10 acre rural residential lots WITH well and septic	53%
Condominiums	46%
Townhouses and duplexes	32%
Rental housing for families	29%

and young people	
Development of _ acre lots city high density WITH sewer and water	28%
Base (n)	716

Housing (continued)

Again, if residents felt that a particular type of housing should be available in the Village, they were asked to rate the amount that is currently needed (“a lot”, “a little” or “none”).

Development of one acre and one-quarter acre lots are the areas that the greatest proportion of residents feel that “a lot” are needed. Thirty-six percent of residents who responded that one acre lots should be available believe that “a lot” of such lots are needed, with an additional 49% responding that “a little” are needed. For quarter-acre lots, 34% responded that “a lot” are needed, with an additional 43% indicating that “a little” are needed.

For the two types of housing that the highest proportion of residents felt should be available—moderately priced and higher priced homes, residents feel that some are needed. For moderately priced homes, 18% of residents who feel such homes should be available in the village felt that “a lot” are needed, and 61% felt that “a little” are needed. For those who indicated that higher priced homes should be available, 16% indicated that “a lot” are needed and 47% felt that “a little” are needed.

	Amount Needed			Base (n)
	A lot	A little	None	
Development of 1 acre rural WITH city Sewer and Water	36%	49%	11%	428
Development of ¼ acre lots city high density WITH sewer and water	34%	43%	20%	200
Development of 1 ½ acres plus WITH well and septic	24%	55%	17%	383
Development of 2 ½ acres WITH well and septic.	23%	53%	19%	435
Development of 5-10 acre rural residential lots WITH well and septic	21%	53%	20%	381
Moderate priced homes	18%	61%	19%	590
Assisted Living for Seniors	17%	67%	13%	448
Higher priced homes	16%	47%	33%	524
Condominiums	14%	63%	20%	330
Single family homes for first-time buyers	13%	59%	26%	497
Rental housing for families and young people	9%	57%	31%	205
Townhouses and duplexes	8%	63%	27%	229

Transportation

Next, residents were asked to give their opinions on different transportation issues within the Village. Overall, over half of residents “strongly” or “somewhat” agree with most of the issues presented.

The highest proportion of residents agree that the traffic volume within the village has gotten heavier. One half of residents “strongly agree” and an additional 40% “somewhat agree” with this statement. Residents are also in consensus concerning issues related to street maintenance and street improvement, with 82% either strongly or somewhat agreeing that maintenance is needed and 80% strongly or somewhat agreeing that improvement is needed.

Residents also agree that access to highways is an issue to be addressed. Sixty-eight percent felt that on-off ramps for Hwy. 29/32 are needed and 67% felt that better and safer access is needed.

Other issues to which one-half or more of residents agreed are: addressing the problems of excess speed (58%), need for new hiking / biking trails (59%) and need for stricter enforcement of laws (50%).

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Our traffic volume has gotten heavier	50%	40%	6%	1%
We need better street and road maintenance	41%	41%	13%	4%
We need On-Off ramps for highway access (Hwy. 29/32)	38%	30%	19%	11%
We need improved streets and highways	37%	43%	12%	7%
We need better and safer access to our highways	33%	34%	20%	12%
We have an excess speed problem on our roads	29%	29%	31%	9%
We need new hiking or biking trails	27%	32%	19%	20%
We need stricter enforcement of laws	19%	31%	33%	16%
We need more speed limit signs	15%	29%	38%	16%
We need new streets and highways	13%	33%	33%	19%
We need lower speed limits	9%	17%	45%	28%
We need more stop signs at more intersections	8%	23%	45%	22%

Base = 716

Agriculture, Nature and Cultural Resources

Residents were next asked to indicate whether they supported or opposed / agreed or disagreed with several aspects of agriculture, nature and cultural preservation.

Eighty-four percent of residents indicated that the overall quality of the environment in Hobart is excellent. Further, the vast majority of residents support preserving existing woodlands (87%).

With regard to existing farmland use, nearly three-quarters of residents feel that farmlands should be preserved. When presented with plans for farmland development, the support for the plans vary depending upon the type of use, with those plans that alter the use of, but keep farmland largely intact receiving the highest support. Specifically, 78% of Village residents indicated that using existing farmland for wildlife areas would be appropriate and 59% indicating that using such land for parks and trails would be appropriate.

With respect to substantial development of farmland, housing is the most acceptable use, with half of residents supporting this type of farmland development. Resident support for using farmland for shopping or industrial use is lowest, with 32% supporting farmland development for shopping and 25% supporting development for industrial use.

Water quality issues are again addressed, and residents continue to indicate the importance of this issue. Slightly more than half (53%) of residents feel stricter water quality regulations are needed, presumably to maintain the excellent ground water quality that 56% of residents indicated that they currently enjoy. Further, 78% of residents feel that educational materials should be provided to property owners regarding groundwater issues.

Imposing restrictions on how close homes can be to livestock and existing crop operations are also generally supported, with 68% supporting restrictions for livestock operations and 52% supporting restrictions for crop operations.

Finally, residents prefer to invest more in maintaining existing parks and open spaces (63%) than to invest in neighborhood beautification projects (48%) or creating more parks and open spaces (44%).

	Support / Agree	Oppose / Disagree	No Answer
Preserving existing woodlands	87%	10%	3%
Our overall quality of environment in Hobart is excellent (air, streams, water)	84%	13%	3%
We need to provide educational materials to property owners regarding groundwater issues.	78%	20%	2%
An appropriate use of existing farmlands would be for wildlife areas	78%	20%	2%
Preserving Farmlands	72%	25%	3%

Base (n) = 716

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	Support / Agree	Oppose / Disagree	No Answer
How do you feel about restricting how close homes can be built to existing livestock operations?	68%	28%	4%
Investing more in maintaining our existing parks and open spaces	63%	34%	3%
An appropriate use of existing farmlands would be parks and trails.	59%	39%	2%
We have excellent ground water quality	56%	37%	7%
Stricter water-quality regulations	53%	43%	5%
How do you feel about restricting how close homes can be built to existing crop operations?	52%	45%	4%
An appropriate use of existing farmlands would be housing	50%	48%	2%
More neighborhood beautification projects	48%	49%	3%
Investing more in creating new parks and open spaces	44%	53%	3%
An appropriate use of existing farmlands would be commercial use such as retail shopping	32%	65%	2%
An appropriate use of existing farmlands would be industrial use.	25%	73%	2%

Base (n) = 716

Economic Development

Economic development of the Village was next addressed. Residents were asked to indicate whether the Village was strong, needed to improve, or was weak with regard to providing areas for several types of economic development.

No one area stood out as a strength—nor as a weakness, for the residents. The two categories that stand out as areas of improvement are providing incentives to businesses to locate and grow here (45%), and having a good transportation system for goods that are produced (42%).

	We are Strong	We Need to Improve	We are Weak	No Answer
Providing areas for Hotels / Motels	31%	27%	28%	14%
Providing areas for Convenience Store	31%	34%	23%	13%
Having a good transportation system for goods that are produced	31%	42%	14%	13%
Providing areas for Day Care Services	30%	37%	21%	12%
Providing areas for Banking / Financial	27%	34%	26%	13%
Providing areas for Health Care Clinics	26%	39%	24%	12%
Providing areas for General Retail	26%	32%	29%	14%
Providing areas for Restaurants	25%	34%	29%	12%
Providing incentives to businesses to locate and grow here	18%	45%	26%	12%

Community Services

As with the general issues and opportunities and housing sections of the survey, residents were asked to indicate whether or not several types of community services should be available. Follow-up questions assessed whether the Village needs “a great deal more”, “a little more” or “no more” of that community service.

Ninety percent or more of residents indicated that they want all of the community services listed to be available. Road maintenance and fire protection top the list, with 95% of residents desiring those services.

Again, residents indicated that road maintenance is an issue for the Village, with 41% indicating the need for “a great deal more” and 46% indicating the need for “a little more” in the way of road maintenance.

Forty-five percent of residents feel that the Village could use “a little more” ambulance and paramedic services, while 13% feel “a great deal more” is needed. Similarly, 48% of respondents feel that the Village could use “a little more” first responders and 9% feel “a great deal more” are needed.

Residents are generally satisfied with garbage collection, snow plowing and police protection, and fire protection with 82%, 62%, 53% and 51% of residents, respectively, indicating that the Village “needs no more.”

	Should be available ? Percent Responding “Yes”
Road Maintenance	95%
Fire Protection	95%
First Responders	93%
Snow Plowing	92%
Ambulance and paramedic services	92%
Police protection	90%
Garbage Collection	90%

	Need a Great Deal More	Need a Little More	Needs No More	Base
Road Maintenance	41%	46%	12%	679
Ambulance and paramedic services	13%	45%	38%	657
Police protection	9%	36%	53%	647
First Responders	9%	48%	39%	664
Snow Plowing	8%	28%	62%	655
Fire Protection	8%	37%	51%	678
Garbage Collection	4%	12%	82%	642

Paying for Services

Nearly three-quarters of residents (71%) indicated that they would like to “pay about the same for current services.” Sixteen percent are willing to cut services and pay less, and 8% are willing to pay more for more services.

<i>Most true for you</i>	
To pay less for fewer services	16%
To pay about the same for current services	71%
To pay more for more services	8%
No answer	6%
Base (n)	716

Land Use and Development

Next, residents were asked to indicate to what extent they agreed with several land use and development issues. The vast majority (91%) of residents agreed that the Village needs to protect the unique qualities of the community. To that end, the majority of residents strongly or somewhat agreed with each of the plans or issues presented, which all incorporated planned growth and development principles.

The issue for which the highest proportion of residents disagreed was to offer incentives to new businesses, with 45% of residents indicating that they disagreed with this action.

However, in a related question, 66% of residents agreed that it is important to attract new businesses and jobs to Hobart to make the economy stronger. Further, earlier survey questions also indicated support of business growth and development. This disparity may have surfaced because that while most residents are open to some type of controlled business and economic growth, actively seeking businesses through incentives is viewed as too aggressive or beyond to limited business development that residents would like to see in the Village.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Answer
We need to protect the unique qualities of our community	63%	28%	5%	1%	3%
We need to plan to make sure that new housing developments in our area include parks and green space even if it means that houses will cost more to buy	38%	35%	16%	9%	2%
Have established guidelines based on failure rates that trigger water and sewer expansion for existing neighborhoods	33%	37%	10%	12%	10%
It is important to attract new business and new jobs to Hobart to make our economy stronger	32%	34%	17%	14%	3%
We need to limit new home construction in order to preserve farmland surrounding our community	28%	33%	24%	12%	3%
We need to limit business development in order to preserve farmland surrounding our community	27%	32%	25%	13%	3%
We should encourage new businesses to locate in our community by offering incentives	18%	34%	23%	22%	4%

Open-ended Responses

Finally, residents were asked to respond, open-ended, to three different issues:

- ◆ What are the three most important things you feel would help Hobart maintain its identity?
- ◆ What are the three most important issues facing Hobart’s future?
- ◆ What are the three areas Hobart needs to work on developing?

The responses that were given by 3% or more of respondents are listed in the tables below and on the following pages. For a complete listing of responses, please see data books accompanying this report.

In order to maintain its identity, residents feel that Hobart should primarily focus on keeping its rural atmosphere (21%), preserving green space (19%) and maintaining large lot sizes (16%).

In terms of future concerns and areas of improvement, residents are primarily concerned with water quality and availability (52%). Of secondary concern are growth and planned development (22%) and increasing property taxes (21%). Further, a substantial number of residents indicated communication with the Oneida Nation (11%) and a unified Village government (9%) are important.

Finally, residents feel that Hobart should work on developing roads (18%) and its plan for business growth (18%) including the size and types of businesses that should be allowed by the Village (18%). Other issues mentioned earlier, such as plan for water supply (13%), and green space and woodland development (12%) were mentioned again as areas the Village should work on developing.

<i>What are the <u>three</u> most important things you believe would help Hobart maintain its identity?</i>	
Don't know / no answer	30%
All other	26%
Maintain rural atmosphere / country / no lights	21%
Preserve green space / woodlands / Duck Creek	19%
Maintain large lot sizes / 2.5 acres / 1 acre	16%
Long range plan for development / controlled development	10%
Maintain quality homes / home development / individual	9%
Allow limited business expansion/ light / retail	8%
Farmlands / keep farmlands	8%
Lower taxes / cheaper taxes	8%
Maintain roads / highways / ditches	6%
Safe community / police / fire / lower speed limits	5%
Water / continue water expansion / solve water problem	5%
No apartments / rental property	5%
Government / communicates with residents / strong leaders	5%
Keep businesses out of Hobart / no commercial industry	5%
Base (n)	716

Open-ended Responses (continued)

<i>What are the <u>three</u> most important issues facing Hobart's future?</i>	
Water / water expansion / water availability / water problem	52%
All other	28%
Growth/ how to handle growth / control growth / planned development	22%
Property taxes / skyrocketing taxes	21%
Don't know / no answer	20%
Sewer / sewer expansion	16%
Communicate with / work with Oneida Nation	11%
Government / communicate more / no in-fighting/ stand for all	9%
Business development plan / long range / retail / light	8%
Improving roads / roadways / ditches / potholes	7%
Land coming off the tax rolls	7%
Safety / fire and rescue / speed limits / access to Hwy	7%
Debt / paying off debt	5%
Base (n)	716

<i>What are the <u>three</u> areas that Hobart needs to work on developing?</i>	
All other	28%
Don't know / no answer	28%
Roads / improving roads / ditches / ramps	18%
Business plan / what type what in / size / number	18%
Water plan / water from Green Bay / Lake Michigan	13%
Greenspace / woodlands / bike trails	12%
Government / more efficient / communicate / work for people	12%
Safety / police / fire / speed limits	10%
Plan for growth / long range plan for growth	9%
Increase cooperation with Oneida tribe	8%
Property taxes / property tax stability	8%
Water and sewer services	7%
Find way to increase tax base / less land off tax rolls	5%
Plan for housing development / neighborhoods / type	3%
Base (n)	716

Demographics	
Lot Size	
Less than one acre	23%
1 to 5 acres	65%
6 – 35 acres	8%
More than 35 acres	3%
Refused	1%
Age	
18 – 24	0%
25 – 34	6%
35 – 44	21%
45 – 54	32%
55 – 64	23%
65+	16%
Refused	1%
Mean (based on midpoint of range)	50.95
Children in Household	
Yes	36%
No	62%
Refused	1%
Ages of Children (Base = 260; multiple response question)	
Up to 5 years	49%
6 to 12	72%
13 to 18	58%
Length of Residency in Hobart	
Less than 5 years	24%
5 to 10 years	17%
11 to 20 years	27%
More than 20 years	30%
Refused	2%
Mean (based on midpoint of range)	12.34
Income	
Less than \$25,000	4%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	14%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	21%
\$75,000 - \$100,000	21%
\$100,000 or more	32%
Refused	9%
Mean (based on midpoint of range)	\$75,540
Base (n)	716

Demographics (Continued)	
Education	
Less than high school	3%
High school graduate	15%
Some college / tech school	22%
College / tech school graduate	40%
Advanced degree	19%
Refused	2%
Gender	
Male	65%
Female	32%
Refused	3%
Area	
Area 1	26%
Area 2	11%
Area 3	18%
Area 4	16%
Area 5	6%
Area 6	8%
Area 7	10%
Refused	5%
Base (n)	716

APPENDIX A

Survey

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March 2004**

I. Issues and Opportunities

For each of the following questions in this section, please circle the “Yes” or “No” as to whether this item should be available in the Hobart. For each question answered “Yes”, please circle whether that area needs (1) a lot of improvement, (2) a little improvement or (3) no improvement at all.

ITEM	Should be available	Needs a lot of improvement	Needs a little improvement	Needs no improvement
a. Providing homes in a low price range	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
b. Providing enough homes in a middle price range	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
c. Having enough parks and green space	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
d. Providing roads necessary to handle current and planned development	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
e. Having a water supply that meets or exceeds EPA standards	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
f. Providing enough rental housing that people can afford	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
g. Providing high quality police protection	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
h. Providing high quality fire protection	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
i. Having safe neighborhoods for families	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3

II. Planning for Growth

Please circle whether you support or oppose each of the following items in this section.

ITEM	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Oppose Somewhat	Oppose Strongly
a. New residential development that includes apartments as well as homes.	1	2	3	4
b. New residential development that includes homes, but NO apartments	1	2	3	4
c. Housing options for seniors	1	2	3	4
d. Encouraging new business to locate in our village	1	2	3	4
e. Housing for people with disabilities	1	2	3	4
f. Encouraging new business to locate nearby, but outside our village	1	2	3	4
g. Locating new retail shopping in our village	1	2	3	4
h. Locating new shopping nearby but outside our village	1	2	3	4

III. Housing

For each of the following questions in this section, please circle the “Yes” or “No” as to whether this item should be available in the Hobart. Then for each question” Yes”, please circle whether (1) Need a lot more, (2) Need a little more or (3) Don’t need any more.

ITEM	Should be available	Need a lot more	Need a little more	Don’t need any more
a. Single family homes for first-time buyers	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
b. Assisted Living for Seniors	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
c. Rental housing for families and young people	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
d. Moderate priced homes	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
e. Higher priced homes	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
f. Condominiums	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
g. Townhouses and duplexes	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
h. Development of _ acre lots city high density WITH sewer and water	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
i. Development of 1 acre rural WITH city Sewer and Water	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
j. Development of 1 _ acres plus WITH well and septic	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
k. Development of 2 _ acres WITH well and septic.	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
l. Development of 5-10 acre rural residential lots WITH well and septic	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3

IV. Transportation - Please circle your response to each of the following items.

ITEM	Strongly Agree	Agree somewhat	Disagree somewhat	Strongly Disagree
a. We need new streets and highways	1	2	3	4
b. We need improved streets and highways	1	2	3	4
c. We need new hiking or biking trails	1	2	3	4
d. We need better and safer access to our highways	1	2	3	4
e. We need better street and road maintenance	1	2	3	4
f. Our traffic volume has gotten heavier	1	2	3	4
g. We have an excess speed problem on our roads	1	2	3	4
h. We need more speed limit signs	1	2	3	4
i. We need more stop signs at more intersections	1	2	3	4
j. We need stricter enforcement of laws	1	2	3	4
k. We need lower speed limits	1	2	3	4
l. We need On-Off ramps for highway access (hwy 29/32)	1	2	3	4

V. Agriculture, Nature and Cultural Resources

Please circle whether you support or oppose each of the following items.

ITEM	Support/Agree	Oppose/ Disagree
a. Investing more in maintaining our existing parks and open spaces	1	2
b. Preserving Farmlands	1	2
c. Stricter water-quality regulations	1	2
d. Investing more in creating new parks and open spaces	1	2
e. More neighborhood beautification projects	1	2
f. Preserving existing woodlands	1	2
g. Our overall quality of environment in Hobart is excellent (air, streams, water)	1	2
h. We have excellent ground water quality	1	2
i. We need to provide educational materials to property owners regarding groundwater issues.	1	2
j. How do you feel about restricting how close homes can be built to existing livestock operations?	1	2
k. How do you feel about restricting how close homes can be built to existing crop operations?	1	2
l. An appropriate use of existing farmlands would be housing	1	2
m. An appropriate use of existing farmlands would be commercial use such as retail shopping	1	2
n. An appropriate use of existing farmlands would be industrial use.	1	2
o. An appropriate use of existing farmlands would be parks and trails.	1	2
p. An appropriate use of existing farmlands would be for wildlife areas	1	2

VI. Economic Development

Please circle whether the Village of Hobart is strong, needs to be improved or whether they are weak in each of the following economic development areas.

ITEM	We are strong	We need to improve	We are weak
a. Providing incentives to businesses to locate and grow here	1	2	3
b. Having a good transportation system for goods that are produced	1	2	3
c. Providing areas for Health Care Clinics	1	2	3
d. Providing areas for Day Care Services	1	2	3
e. Providing areas for Restaurants	1	2	3
f. Providing areas for Banking / Financial	1	2	3
g. Providing areas for Convenience Store	1	2	3
h. Providing areas for Hotels / Motels	1	2	3
i. Providing areas for General Retail	1	2	3

VII. Community Services

For each of the following questions in this section, please circle the “Yes” or “No” as to whether this item should be available in the Hobart area. For each question answered “Yes”, please circle whether that area needs a great deal more, needs a little more or needs no more.

	Should be available	Need a great deal more	Need a little more	Needs no more
a. Ambulance and paramedic services	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
b. First Responders	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
c. Police protection	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
d. Fire Protection	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
e. Road Maintenance	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
f. Garbage Collection	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3
g. Snow Plowing	Yes = 1 No = 2	1	2	3

VIII. Land Use and Implementation

Please circle whether you strongly agree, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or strongly disagree to each of the land use and development items mentioned below.

ITEM	Strongly Agree	Agree somewhat	Disagree somewhat	Strongly Disagree
a. It is important to attract new business and new jobs to Hobart to make our economy stronger.	1	2	3	4
b. We need to plan to make sure that new housing developments in our area include parks and green space even if it means that houses will cost more to buy.	1	2	3	4
c. We need to limit new home construction in order to preserve farmland surrounding our community.	1	2	3	4
e. We need to limit business development in order to preserve farmland surrounding our community.	1	2	3	4
f. We should encourage new businesses to locate in our community by offering incentives	1	2	3	4
g. We need to protect the unique qualities of our community.	1	2	3	4
h. Have established guidelines based on failure rates that trigger water and sewer expansion for existing neighborhoods.	1	2	3	4

IX. What are the three most important things you that would help Hobart maintain its identity?

X. What are the three most important issues facing Hobart’s future?

XI. What are the three areas that Hobart needs to work on developing?

XII. Which of the following is most true for you. I would prefer:

- a) To pay less for fewer services
- b) To pay about the same for current services
- c) To pay more for more services

XIII. **Demographics** - The following questions are for classification purposes only.

1. Which of the following categories best describes your lot size?

- Less than one acre----- 1
- 1 – 5 acres----- 2
- 6 – 35 acres----- 3
- More than 35 acres-----4

2. Into which of the following categories does your age fall?

- 18-24----- 1
- 25-34----- 2
- 35-44----- 3
- 45-54----- 4
- 55-64----- 5
- 65+----- 6

3. **Do you have children under the age of 18 living in your household?**

- Yes----- 1 What are their ages? _____
- No----- 2

4. **How long have you been a resident of Hobart?**

- Less than 5 years----- 1
- 5-10 years----- 2
- 10-20 years----- 3
- More than 20 years----- 4

5. **Into which of the following categories did you total household income fall before taxes in the year 2003?**

- Less than \$25,000----- 1
- \$25,000 - \$49,999----- 2
- \$50,000 - \$74,999----- 3
- \$75,000 - \$100,000----- 4
- \$100,000 or more----- 5

6. Which of the following best describes the highest level of schooling you have completed?

- Less than high school----- 1
- High school graduate----- 2
- Some college / tech school----- 3
- Graduate college / tech school----- 4
- Advanced degree----- 5

7. GENDER:

- Male----- 1
- Female----- 2

8. Lastly, please look at the enclosed map of Hobart and circle which number of the area of Hobart that you live in. Use the map on the back of the cover letter to determine which area you are in. These areas are NOT the same as voting districts. Circle the area in which you live.

- Area 1
- Area 2
- Area 3
- Area 4
- Area 5
- Area 6
- Area 7

Thank you for participating in this survey. Please insert your survey into the enclosed business reply envelope and mail. ALL individual responses will be kept anonymous!