

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS  
FOR THE CROTON PLAN  
TOWN OF PATTERSON

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## **1. Introduction**

On January 12, 2001 three thousand six hundred and thirty nine questionnaires were sent by mail to the residents of the Town of Patterson, seeking their opinion on issues related to water quality and community character. The survey was distributed by bulk mailing in the 12563 zip code area, as residents located within the 12563 zip code area are also all residents of Patterson and this was the most economical method of distribution for this zip code area. However there are three other postal zones which service Patterson residents; 10509, 10512 and 12563. Distributing the survey by bulk mailing in these zip codes would have meant that the survey would also be received by a great many people that do not live in the Town of Patterson. In each of these postal zones surveys were individually mailed to residential properties using addresses obtained from the E-911 database. In order to increase the likelihood that residents would return the survey, it was designed with a pre-addressed business reply mail cover. Once the individual survey had been completed, the respondent merely had to re-fold the survey and drop it back into the mail to be returned to the Town. The survey had a return date of February 15, 2001. After only four days from its initial release the completed surveys began returning to Town Hall. By March 2 seven hundred and sixty seven “usable” surveys had been returned. This represented a 21% rate of return, generally considered excellent for this type of survey.

The purpose of the survey was to assist Patterson in its on-going effort in the preparation of the Croton Plan. To this end the survey questions were designed to elicit the community’s sentiment towards issues of community character, future development policies and watershed protection strategies. The survey consisted of fifty questions divided into four categories; General Planning, Open Space and Recreation, Watershed and Water Quality and General Survey Information. Although a number of questions were modified and added, a conscience effort was made to design the survey to mirror a similar survey conducted in March of 1991 by the Town of Patterson and the Environmental Law Foundation. This was done so that a comparison could be made between the results from the two surveys.

In addition to the questions on community character and land use, each respondent was requested to provide additional information on the location in Patterson in which they resided, where they work and how long they had lived in Patterson, all of which might provide additional insight into the responses. The Town was divided into seven different geographic areas and respondents were requested to identify the area in which they resided. In general the number of completed surveys returned from each location followed the population distribution patterns for the Town, with the Putnam Lake areas having the largest number of completed surveys and also the largest number of residentially-developed properties. Conversely the Route 22 corridor which has the least number of residentially developed properties also had the least number of returned surveys.

Residents that have resided in Patterson for more than fifteen years were the greatest number responding to the survey (34.4%), followed closely by people that have lived in Patterson for less than five years (28.7%). What was interesting to note was that almost one-half (47.1%) of the respondents indicated that they had lived in Patterson for less than ten years. Overwhelmingly respondents to the survey were owners (94.5%) of a single family home, as opposed to those that rented their place of residence. Of those that responded to the survey, the most frequently

occurring household had two adults (73.8%) and either no children (46.7%) or one to two children (41.1%). It was also interesting to note that there was a 15% increase from the 1991 survey in the number of respondents that indicated they had two or more children in their household. The age of the average respondent was between 35 and 54 years old (62.6%) followed by persons over 55 years old (22.9%). Over eighty percent of the respondents have completed at least some college and the majority of respondents had an annual household income that exceeded \$60,000. The majority of respondents commuted to either Westchester or New York City (62.7%) with only 21.1% indicating their commute was Putnam County.

## **2. General Planning Questions**

A number of questions were asked of the residents of Patterson to determine the qualities that they feel make up the Town of Patterson, and also to determine the qualities that they feel are important for developing the type of Town they would like to see Patterson become. When asked specifically “What type of Town is Patterson”, 40% of the respondents felt that Patterson was still a rural community. Throughout the survey the rural character of Patterson was considered an important characteristic of the Town to the people who live here. The “natural environment” was given as the most important reason why the residents chose to live here. However the majority of respondents recognized that this rural character is being threatened. The majority of respondents (47%) to this question believe that Patterson is in transition from a rural community to one with a more suburban character. When asked about the biggest problems currently facing Patterson, “undesirable development” and “loss of open space” were ranked in the top four problems.

The respondents also found that “favorable housing prices” and “good schools” were two other very important characteristics of the Town which led them to choose Patterson as their home. The two least important reasons why people chose to live in Patterson were “structured recreational opportunities” and “entertainment/cultural activities”. This response could indicate that either these activities are not sufficiently available in Patterson, or that they simply are not important activities to the people that live here. Reviewing the responses to subsequent questions indicates that these are, in fact, activities that the respondents would like to see more of in Patterson. Over seventy-one percent of the respondents felt that entertainment and cultural facilities were deficient or inadequate and 66.4% of the respondents felt that these activities should be expanded in Patterson.

The survey requested that respondents rate the level of service for seven different general services used by a community. Of the services listed in the survey, respondents rated five of the seven as deficient or inadequate. In addition to “entertainment/cultural facilities”, a majority of the respondents felt that local job opportunities were also deficient or inadequate.

When asked about the types of development they would favor or oppose, 79% of the respondents said they would favor “single family homes on large lots”. They also favored the development of neighborhood and small shopping centers. Types of development that were generally not favored included “apartments”, “large mixed use developments” and industrial development. Although respondents generally did not favor “single family homes on small lots” or “houses clustered around common parks”, 49.1% of the respondents indicated that they would support greater density of development in designated areas in order to minimize the impact of development on open space lands.

Respondents were less certain concerning Patterson’s town center. While 44.9% of the respondents indicated that they felt Patterson did have a town center, almost an equal number (41.3%) indicated that Patterson did not have a town center. When asked about the location of the town center(s), surprisingly 87.9% of the respondents felt that the Front Street area was the Town Center. Only 2.5% of the respondents considered Putnam Lake a town center and 7.8% considered both Putnam Lake and Front Street town centers. Forty-five percent of the

respondents felt that the town center(s) should be either expanded or renovated. Overwhelmingly respondents felt that there should be a single town center in Patterson.

Question #10 was a variation of Question #4 in that it requested respondents to rate the importance of developing consumer-related business opportunities. Similar to the responses from Question #4, respondents did not favor developing “heavy industry” business opportunities. Business opportunities that respondents felt should be expanded included “public adult/youth recreation facilities”(66.4%) followed by “restaurants” and “neighborhood retail” (57% and 55%, respectively)

The majority of respondents (68.4%) if they left Patterson they would move to a rural or semi-rural area. Nine percent said they would move to a suburban subdivision and 8.9% indicated that they would move to a residential village. Only 1.4% indicated that given the opportunity that they would relocate to a small or large city. Eighteen respondents provided locations other than those suggested which included a variety of other states and two respondents indicated that they would prefer to move to a tropical island. When asked what type of residence was preferred, overwhelmingly respondent chose a “single family home on a large lot”(74.7%). Least preferred were “apartments” (0.8%), “two-family house” (1.2%) and “townhouse/condominium” (6.6%). Fifteen respondents provided responses other than those suggested or which eleven respondents would chose to relocate to a farm.

The Survey provided a list of twelve problems and respondents were asked to rank the problems in order of their importance. Respondents using the methods suggested in the survey (which we will call response #1) rated “traffic” as the number one problem currently facing Patterson, followed by “undesirable development” and loss of open space. “Crime” was ranked as the least important problem currently facing Patterson. Many of the individuals responding to the survey did not follow the methodology that the survey requested be used for a response to Question #13. Rather than ignore these responses, they were used to develop a “weighted” response for Question #13. While the ranking between the results of the surveys for response #1 and the “weighted” response were basically similar, there were some small changes. “Threats to water quality” ranked #4 under response #1, was ranked the number one problem facing Patterson under the “weighted” responses.

Finally, respondents were asked to indicate which problems were so severe that they would be willing to pay to solve the problem. The response provided were ranked in order of the number of individuals that would be willing to pay to solve the problem. It should be noted that 21.3 % of the returned surveys did not provide any response to this question. The number one ranked problem that residents indicated that they would be willing to pay to solve was “threats to water quality” followed by “loss of open space” and “traffic”.

### **3. Open Space and Recreation Questions**

The quantity and location of open space within a community is the single most important element within the landscape for defining the character of a community. Large tracts of land held as open space will enhance the rural nature of a community. Equally important is how the open space and developed land are integrated into the landscape of the community. Developed properties, suitably buffered by linked corridors of open space will convey the appearance of a rural community. Conversely development improperly designed or placed within the viewshed of a community will detract from a community's rural atmosphere, regardless of the amount of protected open space that exists within that community. An important consideration in planning for the open space protection is the types of recreation valued by the residents. Where the recreational needs of a community are predominantly for passive recreation which can be satisfied by protected open space lands, there will generally be greater community support for open space protection.

Respondents to the survey were asked if the Town should protect and preserve more land as open space. Almost seventy percent of the respondents stated that the Town should be preserving more land as open space, with only 13% saying that the Town should not preserve any more open space. To understand which features of the landscape were important to residents and therefore should be considered a priority in any plan protecting open space, respondents were also asked to rate the importance of eleven unique natural features. While all of the features were found to be important to a majority of the respondents, some features were found to be more important than others. For example, "underground water supplies" were found by 86.7% of the respondents as an important resource followed by "lakes and ponds"(81.4%) and "scenic views"(76.8%). It is interesting to note that although respondents rated "scenic views" third out of eleven natural features they found important, "steep slopes, ridges and hillsides" was rated tenth. It would appear from the responses to these two questions that residents do not associate protection of steep slopes and ridges with viewshed protection. Three hundred and eighteen responses were provided identifying open space lands that the residents felt are important to the character of Patterson. Overwhelmingly the most important open space lands identified by the residents was the Great Swamp (122 responses). Further in protecting the Great Swamp, 38.2% of the respondents felt that recreational opportunities should not be developed in the Great Swamp. Other important lands included existing farm lands (18), Cranberry Mountain/Birch Hill area (22) and Ice Pond (9).

There were three hundred and twenty-two usable responses provide on the most scenic views in Patterson. After reviewing the responses it was apparent that most of the responses could be further categorized into ten different categories as follows:

View	Number of Responses
● views west along NYS Route 22 from Watchtower to Pawling	107
● views west from Birch Hill and Quaker Hill	54
● view of Putnam Lake	39
● view south/southeast from Bullet Hole Road	25
● view east from Cushman/Mooney Hill Road	13
● view east from Cornwall/Couch Road	12
● Cushman Road streetscape	6
● view east from Big Elm Road	5
● view of waterfall/gorge at Merritt Park	2
● view east from Mountain View Road	1

Respondents were provided a number of different ways in which they could take action to preserve open space and the rural character of Patterson and asked of the methods presented which would they be willing to do. In addition, respondents were also provided an option to indicate that they felt there is already sufficient open space. Only 23.2% of the respondents felt that there was sufficient open space already protected. The highest number of responses indicated that they would vote for a land acquisition bond, although at 33.9%, the response did not represent a majority of the respondents.

Respondents were asked to rate the importance of the types of recreation that they participate in. Hiking was the highest rated form of recreation that Patterson residents participate in, followed by biking and canoeing/boating. Baseball/softball was rated sixth and basketball and hunting were rated 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> respectively as to their importance. Respondents were also asked to list in order of importance the top four recreational activities that they would like to see developed or expanded. Because respondents were asked to list the activities relative to their importance a “weighted” ranking was developed of the responses provided (see Question #22, Section 7). Respondents provided forty-six different recreational activities or facilities that they would like to see developed or expanded. Bike paths and hiking trails were ranked as the top two activities that should be expanded or developed. It should be noted that both of these activities are generally activities occurring on dedicated open space lands. It should also be remembered that ranking the types of recreation is solely to present the survey results in a prioritized fashion. While basketball or hunting may be the lowest rated among the types of recreation respondents felt important, they are no less important to the individuals participating in them, and given the opportunity these activities should be expanded.

#### **4. Watershed and Water Quality Questions**

The underlying reason for conducting the survey was to gain community opinion regarding issues of community character and water quality problems and to integrate these opinions into Patterson's Croton Planning effort. A key component of this survey, which was not included in the previous survey was several questions concerning the residents perception of water quality and NYC DEP's watershed regulations. In addition several questions were aimed at eliciting the respondents opinion on implementing new land use controls that, if supported by the community would have a positive impact on water quality.

Although the respondents were divided on whether New York City's initiative to protect their water supply also benefitted their property, a majority of the respondents (56.1%) did support New York City's initiative. Respondents (67.5%) also recognized that the quality of the water within the watershed affects the value of their property. Generally, the respondents to the survey felt that the water quality within the area is between good and excellent (66.7%). Respondents also recognized a responsibility in protecting water quality in the area (93.8%).

Respondents were asked to identify any problems that they had observed concerning the lakes and streams in Patterson. Less than 5% of the respondents indicated that they had observed any stream bank erosion and less than 35% of the respondents indicated that they had observed any deterioration in a lake or stream whatsoever. The respondents provided a list of potential problem areas which included seventeen streams within Patterson that may have some stream bank erosion. 30.2% of the respondents (of which approximately two-thirds were from the Putnam Lake area) indicated that they believe there is an aquatic weed problem in their lake.

One of the issues that will be considered by the Croton Plan is septic system maintenance. Respondents were asked the frequency in which they have their septic tank pumped. More than half the respondents indicated that they have their septic tank pumped with a frequency of less than three years.

One of the important considerations of maintaining a healthy watershed is the amount of the watershed that remains forested versus the amount of the watershed that exists as impervious surface. Recognizing that trees and other types of vegetation within the landscape help to maintain a healthy watershed, respondents were asked if they would support regulations that restricted the removal of vegetation. 63.7% of the respondents indicated that they would support restricting the clearcutting of trees and bushes on 5 or more acres. As the restriction on the removal of vegetation became more strict, the number of respondents that would support those restrictions declined slightly. For example, only 48.7% of the respondents supported a limitation on the removal of ten or more trees per acre.

When asked whether they would support the creation of a special improvement district in order to manage and fund stormwater improvements, 33.7% of the respondents indicated that would support a district while 41.5% were not sure.

In formulating a Croton Plan , the Town will need to consider several different strategies to

address water quality protection. However for the Plan to be effective, the strategies that are proposed by the Plan must be supported by the community. One of the methods that must be considered are the imposition of additional regulations designed to protect water quality. Respondents were asked to respond to a series of statements on the use of land use regulations to protect water quality. Their responses can be used to gauge whether, and to what degree additional regulations designed to address water quality protection may be acceptable to the community. However with 73% of the respondents indicated that they were not familiar with Patterson's regulations, it was understandable that when ask how well the existing regulations protect water quality that the majority of the respondents were either undecided or provided no response at all. For those that did respond to the series of questions concerning land use regulations, some general observations can be made.

Respondents were equally divided as to how adequately the existing land use regulations protect water quality. Although respondents expressed concern over imposing additional regulations, they did not feel that the current land use regulations are too strict and recognized that new regulations may be needed to protect water quality. These same sentiments were expressed when the Question was limited to those respondents that indicated a familiarity with Patterson's land use regulations, although the difference in opinion was slightly more pronounced. The majority of respondents that were familiar with the current regulations also believed that the current regulations are not too strict and do not destroy property rights. While the results do not indicate an outright endorsement of new regulations, they do recognize that new regulations may in fact be needed to protect water quality. However support for new regulations is likely to depend on how restrictive the regulations are to the individual property owner. Further, in order to address the fact that most residents are not familiar with the current regulations or their impact on water quality and their quality of life, a strong educational component must be included in the implementation of any water quality protection strategies.

Respondents were also asked if they would pay to protect water quality in the area. 28.8% of the respondents indicated that they would not be willing to pay, 34% indicated they would be willing to pay less than one hundred dollars and 23.7% indicated that they would be willing to pay between one hundred and four hundred dollars.

Respondents were asked to provide any significant sources of pollution that they may be aware of affecting water quality. Over one hundred responses were provided of predominantly generic activities that affect water quality such as road salt, septic tanks and water fowl.

Finally, a number of respondents included additional comments in the surveys on a variety of topics. Most of these comments have been included in Section 7. These comments indicate that Patterson residents are generally concerned over high taxes and over-development of the Town. Several respondents indicated that there is a serious problem with water fowl on Putnam Lake. Likewise a number of respondents stated that there is too much sand and salt placed on the roads. One respondent indicated that their well had 300 ppm of salt. Many respondents stated that they did not know enough about the Town's regulations or other community issues to answer the questions. Several respondents suggested that the Town needs to do more to inform the residents about the current regulations and community affairs.

## **5. Discussion**

Patterson over the years has grown into a bedroom community, with residential development being the predominant type of development occurring within the Town. The recently released United States 2000 Census figures indicate that Patterson's population had grown by 30.3% since the last census in 1990. The results of the Community Survey indicates that the respondents feel that many of the services necessary to support the people living in Patterson are inadequate and/or deficient. Patterson's current land use policies and regulations are promoting the types of development generally felt to be inappropriate by the community, i.e. residential subdivisions that consume large areas of land and industrial types of uses. In order to address the concerns of the residents, a major shift will need to occur in the land use policies of the last 25 years. New land use policies and regulations should be adopted which protect the rural character of the Town and promote uses that provide much needed services to the residents of Patterson.

Many of the respondents equated agriculture with a rural character and open space protection, and felt (43%) that agriculture in Patterson should be expanded. These results take on special meaning in light of the recent discussions concerning the formation of an Agricultural District for Putnam County and in the Town of Patterson. The survey results indicate that the Town should be pro-active in protecting farmland. At the same time the Town should proceed cautiously, ensuring that any farmland protection strategies will actually accomplish their intended goals. For example, while an agricultural district may protect farmland from overly restrictive regulations, it does not guarantee long term protection against the loss of farmland to development.

The survey results indicate one area that will prove very challenging to community leaders. While the survey indicates a desire on the part of Patterson residents to maintain the rural character of the town, respondents generally opposed homes on small lots or clustered around a common park. Two survey questions (#11 & #12) in particular were asked to further clarify the character of the community and the type of development that residents wish to see Patterson become in the future. For Question #12 respondents indicated that they would move to a "single family home on a large lot"(74.7%). In Question #11 the majority of respondents said if they left Patterson they would move to a rural or semi-rural area (68.4%). Only 12.9% of the respondents indicated that they would move to a "single family home on small lot surrounded by shared open space area". These responses are indicative of the paradox faced by community leaders. On the one hand residents prefer single family homes on large lots. However this type of "sprawl" development that the respondents indicate they prefer tends to consume large areas of land and is contrary to the desire of the residents to protect open space and the rural character of the Town.

Generally respondents felt that taxes were already too high and that the taxes currently collected should be sufficient to address many of the problems included in the survey. Further a person's willingness to pay for a problem was directly related to the level of importance they placed on the problem.

Several of the survey questions take on special significance in light of a pilot program being conducted by the Town of Patterson and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. (NYC DEP). The Town received funding from the NYC DEP to conduct a pilot program which

examines the feasibility of creating a special improvement district for the purpose of managing stormwater. The district encompasses the drainage area east of the Croton River running along NYS Route 22 from the Patterson/Pawling Town line to the Haviland Hollow Road intersection. As with most municipalities, the current method of managing or maintaining stormwater infrastructure used by the Town of Patterson does not provide a management structure which sufficiently addresses stormwater quality concerns. Essentially maintenance is limited to the Town Highway Department annually sweeping the roads and cleaning the catchbasins and road-side grass swales. Implementing a special improvement district for stormwater allows the Town to create an administrative and funding mechanism to address water quality concerns and maintenance of the stormwater infrastructure.

The survey responses from individuals whose residence is located in the proposed district were separated from the surveys returned from other areas of the Town. Generally respondents located in the proposed district recognized that the quality of the water in the area affects the value of their property. More than ninety-six percent of the respondents indicated that the area's water quality had an impact on their property values. When asked if they felt they bear a responsibility in protecting water quality, almost 97% of the respondents indicated that they held at least some responsibility. However when asked if they would support the creation of a special improvement district to manage and fund stormwater improvements, only 32.8% of the respondents said yes. Further 41% of the respondents indicated that they would not be willing to pay to protect water quality and 37.7% would not be willing to pay more than one hundred dollars.

In 1991, the Town in conjunction with the Environmental Law Foundation mailed to all the residential property owners a similar survey. A total of 701 surveys were returned which yielded a 20.4% response rate. However 26 of the surveys were returned with little or no information, reducing the total number of usable surveys to 19.6%. A comparison was made of the two surveys to see if the community's sentiment had changed over the last ten years. In almost all of the category the responses to the 2001 survey were identical to the responses in the 1991 survey. There were a few noteworthy exceptions. In the 2001 survey there was less support for residential development at higher densities such as "single family homes on small lots", "two-family homes" and "apartments". There was also less support for industrial types of development. The most notable change between the 2001 survey and the 1991 survey was in the area of traffic patterns. Approximately 23% of the respondents indicated that they had noticed a change in the traffic patterns within the last five years. In the 2001 survey, 57.6% of the respondents indicated that the change was significant as opposed to the 1991 survey where only 21.3% indicated a significant change. The concerns demonstrated by the respondents over traffic was further illustrated when asked which problems are so severe that the respondents would be willing to pay to solve them. In the 1991 survey, respondents ranked traffic ninth out of 10 possible problems. Ten years later traffic was ranked third out of ten possible problems.

**SECTION 6**

**GENERAL SURVEY RESPONSES**

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**Part 1.**  
**General Planning Questions**

**Question #1. What type of town do you consider Patterson?**

	# of responses	Percent
Rural town	303	40%
Suburban town	83	11%
Town in transition from rural to suburban	358	47%

**Question #2. Rate the importance of each of the following reasons as to why you chose to live in Patterson.**

2.a. Family roots in the area

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	134	17.4%	134	17.4%
Somewhat Important	74	9.6%	208	27.1%
Important	102	13.3%	310	40.4%
Not very important	68	8.9%	378	49.2%
Not Important	358	46.6%	736	95.8%
No Response	31	4.0%	767	100%

2.b Favorable housing prices.

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	317	41.3%	317	41.3%
Somewhat Important	179	23.3%	496	64.6%
Important	160	20.8%	656	85.4%
Not very important	47	6.1%	703	91.5%
Not Important	35	4.6%	738	96.1%
No Response	29	3.8%	767	100%

2.c Favorable taxes

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	289	37.6%	289	37.6%
Somewhat Important	155	20.2%	444	57.8%
Important	161	21.0%	605	78.9%
Not very important	49	6.4%	654	85.2%
Not Important	69	9.0%	723	94.1%
No Response	44	5.7%	767	100%

2.d Good Schools

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	318	41.4%	318	41.4%
Somewhat Important	139	18.1%	457	59.5%
Important	119	15.5%	576	75.0%
Not very important	39	5.1%	615	80.1%
Not Important	117	15.2%	732	95.3%
No Response	35	4.6%	767	100%

2.e Access to transportation (trains, bus, highway)

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	245	31.9%	245	31.9%
Somewhat Important	188	24.5%	433	56.4%
Important	159	20.7%	592	77.1%
Not very important	60	7.8%	652	84.9%
Not Important	89	11.6%	741	96.5%
No Response	26	3.4%	767	100%

2.f Structured recreational opportunities (golf, tennis, swimming)

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	67	8.7%	67	8.7%
Somewhat Important	121	15.6%	188	24.5%
Important	171	22.3%	359	46.7%
Not very important	125	16.3%	484	63.0%
Not Important	244	31.8%	728	94.8%
No Response	39	5.1%	767	100%

2.g Passive recreational opportunities (hiking, cross country skiing, biking)

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	128	16.7%	128	16.7%
Somewhat Important	161	21.0%	289	37.6%
Important	195	25.4%	484	63.0%
Not very important	102	13.3%	586	76.3%
Not Important	152	19.8%	738	96.1%
No Response	29	3.8%	767	100%

2.h Natural environment

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	418	54.4%	418	54.4%
Somewhat Important	186	24.2%	604	78.7%
Important	93	12.1%	697	90.8%
Not very important	26	3.4%	723	94.1%
Not Important	25	3.3%	748	97.4%
No Response	19	2.5%	767	100%

2.i Close to Work

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	145	18.9%	145	18.9%
Somewhat Important	130	16.9%	275	35.8%
Important	184	24.0%	459	59.8%
Not very important	78	9.6%	537	69.9%
Not Important	196	25.5%	733	95.4%
No Response	34	4.4%	767	100%

2.j Shopping opportunities

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	81	10.5%	81	10.5%
Somewhat Important	121	15.8%	202	26.3%
Important	224	29.2%	426	55.5%
Not very important	131	17.1%	557	72.5%
Not Important	174	22.7%	731	95.2%
No Response	36	4.7%	767	100%

2.k Entertainment/cultural activities

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	50	6.5%	50	6.5%
Somewhat Important	97	12.6%	147	19.1%
Important	198	25.8%	345	44.9%
Not very important	158	20.6%	503	65.5%
Not Important	217	28.3%	720	93.8%
No Response	47	6.1%	767	100%

**Question #2 Summary**

	Very Important or Somewhat Important	Not Very Important or Not Important
Family or roots in the area	27.1%	55.5%
Favorable housing prices	64.6%	10.7%
Favorable taxes	57.8%	15.4%
Good Schools	59.5%	20.3%
Access to transportation	56.4%	10.4%
Structured Recreational Opportunities	24.5%	48.1%
Passive recreational opportunities	37.6%	33.1%
Natural environment	78.7%	6.6%
Close to work	35.8%	35.7%
Shopping opportunities	26.3%	39.7%
Entertainment/cultural activities	19.1%	48.8%

**Question #3. How would you rate Patterson’s present levels of service for the following?**

**3.a Shopping**

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Exceptional	12	1.6%	12	1.6%
Very Good	71	9.2%	83	10.8%
Adequate	320	41.7%	403	52.5%
Deficient	211	27.5%	614	80.0%
Inadequate	144	18.8%	758	98.7%
No Response	9	1.2%	767	100%

**3.b Entertainment/cultural facilities**

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Exceptional	3	0.4%	3	0.4%
Very Good	10	1.3%	13	1.7%
Adequate	190	24.7%	203	26.4%
Deficient	317	41.3%	520	67.7%
Inadequate	230	29.9%	750	97.7%
No Response	17	2.2%	767	100%

### 3.c Affordable housing

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Exceptional	21	2.7%	21	2.7%
Very Good	145	18.9%	166	21.6%
Adequate	406	52.9%	572	74.5%
Deficient	105	13.7%	677	88.2%
Inadequate	60	7.8%	737	96.0%
No Response	30	3.9%	767	100%

### 3.d Structured recreation facilities (ballfields, pools, gyms)

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Exceptional	10	1.3%	10	1.3%
Very Good	81	10.5%	91	11.8%
Adequate	308	40.1%	399	51.9%
Deficient	202	26.3%	601	78.3%
Inadequate	147	19.1%	748	97.4%
No Response	19	2.5%	767	100%

### 3.e Local job opportunities

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Exceptional	5	0.7%	5	0.7%
Very Good	27	3.5%	32	4.2%
Adequate	272	35.4%	304	39.6%
Deficient	250	32.6%	554	72.1%
Inadequate	167	21.7%	721	93.9%
No Response	46	6.0%	767	100%

3.f Health care facilities

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Exceptional	11	1.4%	11	1.4%
Very Good	86	11.2%	97	12.6%
Adequate	299	38.9%	396	51.6%
Deficient	215	28.0%	611	79.6%
Inadequate	137	17.8%	748	97.4%
No Response	19	2.5%	767	100%

3.g Access to open space (trails. etc.)

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Exceptional	94	12.2%	94	12.2%
Very Good	220	28.6%	314	40.9%
Adequate	282	36.7%	596	77.6%
Deficient	103	13.4%	699	91.0%
Inadequate	45	5.9%	744	96.9%
No Response	23	3.0%	767	100%

Question #3 Summary

	Exceptional or Very Good	Deficient or Inadequate
Shopping	10.8%	46.2%
Entertainment/cultural facilities	1.7%	71.2%
Affordable housing	21.6%	21.5%
Structured recreation facilities	11.8%	45.4%
Local job opportunities	4.2%	54.3%
Health care facilities	12.6%	45.8%
Access to open space trails	40.9%	19.3%

**Question #4. How strongly do you favor or oppose the following types of developments in Patterson?**

4.a Single family homes on large lots.

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	298	38.8%	298	38.8%
Favor	309	40.2%	607	79.0%
No opinion	65	8.5%	672	87.5%
Oppose	48	6.3%	720	93.8%
Strongly oppose	24	3.1%	744	96.9%
No response	23	3.0%	767	100%

4.b Houses clustered around common parks

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	50	6.5%	50	6.5%
Favor	212	27.6%	262	34.1%
No opinion	147	19.1%	409	53.3%
Oppose	207	27.0%	616	80.2%
Strongly oppose	114	14.8%	730	95.1%
No response	37	4.8%	767	100%

4.c Single family homes on small lots

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	19	2.5%	19	2.5%
Favor	184	24.0%	203	26.4%
No opinion	104	13.5%	307	40.0%
Oppose	236	30.7%	543	70.7%
Strongly oppose	193	25.1%	736	75.8%
No response	31	4.0%	767	100%

#### 4.d Two-family homes

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	12	1.2%	12	1.2%
Favor	132	17.2%	144	18.8%
No opinion	168	21.9%	312	40.6%
Oppose	213	27.7%	525	68.4%
Strongly oppose	214	27.9%	739	96.2%
No response	28	3.7%	767	100%

#### 4.e Apartments

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	13	1.7%	13	1.7%
Favor	105	13.7%	118	15.4%
No opinion	115	15.0%	233	30.3%
Oppose	232	30.2%	465	60.6%
Strongly oppose	280	36.5%	745	97.0%
No response	22	2.9%	767	100%

#### 4.f Townhouses

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	17	2.2%	17	2.2%
Favor	212	27.6%	229	29.8%
No opinion	176	22.9%	405	52.7%
Oppose	169	22.0%	574	74.7%
Strongly oppose	167	21.7%	741	96.5%
No response	26	3.4%	767	100%

4.g Large mixed-use developments with town houses,  
apartments and single-family homes

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	24	3.1%	24	3.1%
Favor	120	15.6%	144	18.6%
No opinion	117	15.2%	261	34.0%
Oppose	225	29.3%	486	63.3%
Strongly oppose	249	32.4%	735	95.7%
No response	32	4.2%	767	100%

4.h Neighborhood shopping centers

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	153	19.9%	153	19.9%
Favor	377	49.1%	530	69.0%
No opinion	86	11.2%	616	80.2%
Oppose	77	10.0%	693	90.2%
Strongly oppose	49	6.4%	742	96.6%
No response	25	3.3%	767	100%

4.i Small shopping centers

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	120	15.6%	120	15.6%
Favor	387	50.4%	507	66.0%
No opinion	97	12.6%	604	78.7%
Oppose	84	10.9%	688	89.6%
Strongly oppose	50	6.5%	738	96.1%
No response	29	3.8%	767	100%

#### 4.j Regional shopping centers

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	123	16.0%	123	16.0%
Favor	246	32.0%	369	48.1%
No opinion	94	12.2%	463	60.3%
Oppose	140	18.2%	603	78.5%
Strongly oppose	136	17.7%	739	96.2%
No response	28	3.7%	767	100%

#### 4.k Commercial

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	87	11.3%	87	11.3%
Favor	262	34.1%	349	45.4%
No opinion	122	15.9%	471	61.3%
Oppose	152	19.8%	623	81.1%
Strongly oppose	115	15.0%	738	96.9%
No response	29	3.8%	767	100%

#### 4.l Offices

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	91	11.8%	91	11.8%
Favor	347	45.2%	438	57.0%
No opinion	135	17.6%	573	74.6%
Oppose	89	11.6%	662	86.2%
Strongly oppose	79	10.3%	741	96.5%
No response	26	3.4%	767	100%

4.m Industrial

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly favor	47	6.1%	47	6.1%
Favor	141	18.4%	188	24.5%
No opinion	105	13.7%	293	38.2%
Oppose	208	27.1%	501	65.2%
Strongly oppose	236	30.7%	737	96.0%
No response	30	3.9%	767	100%

**Question #4 Summary**

	Exceptional or Very Good	Oppose or Strongly oppose
Single family homes on large lots	79.0%	9.4%
Houses clustered around common parks	34.1%	41.8%
Single family homes on small lots	26.4%	55.9%
Two family homes	18.8%	55.6%
Apartments	15.4%	66.7%
Townhouses	29.8%	43.8%
Large mixed use developments with town houses, apartments and single family homes	18.6%	61.7%
Neighborhood shopping centers	69.0%	16.4%
Small shopping centers	66.0%	17.5%
Regional shopping centers	48.1%	35.9%
Commercial	45.4%	34.8%
Offices	57.0%	21.9%
Industrial	24.5%	57.8%

**Question #5. Would you support greater density of development in designated areas of Patterson in order to minimize the impact of development on open space and rural lands?**

	# of responses	Percent
Yes	377	49.1%
No	189	24.6%
Not Sure	182	23.7%
No Response	19	2.5

**Question #6a. A town center has homes, stores, offices and businesses located near each other. Some developing townships choose one section of town to be the town center, while others plan for a number of smaller neighborhood centers and still others do not plan any center at all. Would you say that at the present time Patterson has a town center?**

	# of responses	Percent
Yes	345	44.9%
No	317	41.3%
Not Sure	83	10.8%
No Response	22	2.9%

**Question #6b. Where do you consider the town center(s) to be?**

	# of responses	Percent
Front Street, Patterson Post Office, Train Station, Route 311 (Maple Ave. to Rt. 22)	283	87.9%
Putnam Lake	8	2.5%
Putnam Lake and Front Street	25	7.8%
Other locations	6	1.7%
Total	322	41.2%

**Question #6.c Would you like to see this town center**

	# of responses	Percent
Expanded	162	21.1%
Renovated	186	24.2%
Moved	12	1.6%
No Response	407	53.1%

**Question #7. With regard to a town center in Patterson, would you prefer to see:**

	# of responses	Percent
Several neighborhood centers	146	19.0%
Single town center	511	66.5%
No town center	26	3.4%
Not Sure	67	8.7%
No Response	17	2.2%

**Question #8. Regarding traffic patterns in the area, has your daily commute or travel within Patterson changed in the past five years.**

	# of responses	Percent
No	221	28.8%
Yes	512	66.7%
No Response	234	30.5%

**Question 8.a If yes, to what extent**

	# of responses	Percent
Significant change	291	57.6%
Moderate change	167	33.1%
Minor change	47	6.1%

**Question #9. Please indicate to where you commute.**

	# of responses	Percent
Putnam County	153	21.1%
Westchester County	280	38.7%
New York City	174	24.0%
Out of State	73	10.1%
Other neighboring county	44	6.1%

**Question #10. Which of the following business opportunities should be expanded in Patterson. Please rate their importance.**

10.a Agriculture

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	179	23.3%	179	23.3%
Fairly Important	151	19.7%	330	43.0%
Important	184	24.0%	514	66.9%
Somewhat Important	77	10.0%	591	77.0%
Not very Important	43	5.6%	634	82.6%
Not Important	89	11.6%	723	94.1%
No Response	44	5.8%	767	100%

10.b Heavy Industry

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	14	1.8%	14	1.8%
Fairly Important	25	3.3%	39	5.1%
Important	58	7.6%	97	12.6%
Somewhat Important	68	8.9%	165	21.5%
Not very Important	120	15.6%	285	37.1%
Not Important	439	57.2%	724	94.3%
No Response	43	5.6%	767	100%

10.c Service industry

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	89	11.6%	89	11.6%
Fairly Important	147	19.1%	236	30.7%
Important	200	26.0%	436	56.8%
Somewhat Important	115	15.0%	551	71.7%
Not very Important	71	9.2%	622	81.0%
Not Important	103	13.4%	725	94.4%
No Response	42	5.5%	767	100%

10.d Light industry

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	82	10.7%	82	10.7%
Fairly Important	123	16.0%	205	26.7%
Important	178	23.2%	383	49.9%
Somewhat Important	126	16.4%	509	66.3%
Not very Important	90	11.7%	599	78.0%
Not Important	134	17.4%	733	95.4%
No Response	34	4.5%	767	100%

10.e Commercial business/office

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	145	18.9%	145	18.9%
Fairly Important	178	23.2%	323	42.1%
Important	185	24.1%	508	66.2%
Somewhat Important	95	12.4%	603	78.5%
Not very Important	44	5.7%	647	84.2%
Not Important	85	11.1%	732	95.3%
No Response	35	4.6%	767	100%

10.f Public adult/youth recreation facilities

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	321	41.8%	321	41.8%
Fairly Important	189	24.6%	510	66.4%
Important	134	17.4%	644	83.9%
Somewhat Important	50	6.5%	694	90.4%
Not very Important	21	2.7%	715	93.1%
Not Important	31	4.0%	746	97.1%
No Response	21	2.7%	767	100%

10.g Neighborhood Retail

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	192	25.0%	192	25.0%
Fairly Important	230	29.9%	422	55.0%
Important	166	21.6%	588	76.7%
Somewhat Important	55	7.2%	643	83.7%
Not very Important	32	4.2%	675	87.9%
Not Important	62	8.1%	737	96.0%
No Response	30	3.9%	767	100%

10.h Shopping centers

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	165	21.5%	165	21.5%
Fairly Important	142	18.5%	307	40.0%
Important	166	21.6%	473	61.6%
Somewhat Important	62	8.1%	535	69.7%
Not very Important	65	8.5%	600	78.1%
Not Important	139	18.1%	739	96.2%
No Response	28	3.7%	767	100%

10.i Restaurants

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	220	28.6%	220	28.6%
Fairly Important	218	28.4%	438	57.0%
Important	177	23.0%	615	80.1%
Somewhat Important	52	6.8%	667	86.85
Not very Important	27	3.5%	694	90.4%
Not Important	58	7.6%	752	97.9%
No Response	15	2.0	767	100%

**Question #10 Summary**

	Very Important or Fairly Important	Not very Important or Not Important
Agriculture	43.0%	17.2%
Heavy industry	5.1%	72.8%
Service industry	30.7%	22.7%
Light industry	26.7%	29.2%
Commercial business/office	42.1%	16.8%
Public adult/youth recreation facilities	66.4%	6.8%
Neighborhood retail	55.0%	12.2%
Shopping centers	40.0%	26.6%
Restaurants	57.0%	11.1%

**Question # 11. If you had the opportunity to leave Patterson and migrate to another area, what type of area would you choose?**

	# of responses	Percent
Rural area	291	37.9%
Small City	43	5.6%
Suburban subdivision	69	9.0%
Large City	11	1.4%
Residential Village	68	8.9%
Semi-rural area	234	30.5%
Other	22	2.9%
No Response	29	3.8%

**Question #12. If you had the opportunity to live in any type of residence, which type of residence would you select?**

	# of responses	Percent
Single family home on a large lot	574	74.7%
Townhouse/condominium	51	6.6%
Apartment	6	0.8%
Two-family house	9	1.2%
Single family home on small lot surrounded by shared open space area	99	12.9%
Other	19	2.5%
No Response	9	1.2%

**Question #13. What are the biggest problems currently facing Patterson? Please rank the following issues in terms of their importance to you.**

(Ranked in order of response)

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|--|--|
| 1. Traffic   | 7. Lack of entertainment/ cultural opportunities |
| 2. Undesirable development                                 | 8. Lack of shopping opportunities                |
| 3. Loss of open space for vegetation, wildlife, recreation | 9. Lack of jobs                                  |
| 4. Threats to water quality                                | 10. Lack of affordable housing                   |
| 5. School quality  | 11. Lack of senior citizen housing               |
| 6. Health threats posed by pollution                       | 12. Crime  |

**Question #13 (cont.)**

(Ranked in order of “weighted” response)

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|--|--|
| 1. Threats to water quality                                | 7. Lack of shopping opportunities                |
| 2. Loss of open space for vegetation, wildlife, recreation | 8. Lack of entertainment/ cultural opportunities |
| 3. Traffic   | 9. Lack of jobs                                  |
| 4. Undesirable development                                 | 10. Lack of affordable housing                   |
| 5. School quality  | 11. Lack of senior citizen housing               |
| 6. Health threats posed by pollution                       | 12. Crime  |

**Question #14. Which of the following problems are so severe you would be willing to pay to solve the problem?**

Problem	# of responses	Percent of total surveys	Problem	# of responses	Percent of total surveys
Traffic	217	28.3%	Health threats posed by pollution	202	26.3%
Lack of affordable housing	45	5.9%	Threats to water quality or quantity	307	40.0%
School quality	182	23.7%	Lack of recreation	201	26.2%
Health care facilities	82	10.7%	Lack of cultural opportunities	127	16.5%
Crime	66	8.6%	Other	51	6.6%
Loss of Open Space	234	30.5%			

**Part 2.**  
**Open Space and Recreation Questions**

**Question #15. Do you think that the Town should protect and preserve more land as open space?**

	# of responses	Percent
Yes	532	69.3%
No	100	13.0%
Don't know	103	13.4%

**Question #16. Patterson has many unique features. For each feature listed below, please indicate its importance to you.**

16.a Forests

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Most Important	376	49.0%	376	49.0%
Somewhat Important	212	27.6%	588	76.7%
Important	109	14.2%	697	90.7%
Not very important	19	2.5%	716	93.2%
Least Important	13	1.7%	729	94.9%
No Response	38	5.0%	767	100%

16.b Underground water supplies

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Most Important	555	72.3%	555	72.3%
Somewhat Important	111	14.5%	666	86.7%
Important	51	6.6%	717	93.4%
Not very important	8	1.0%	725	94.4%
Least Important	11	1.4%	736	95.8%
No Response	31	4.1%	767	100%

16.c Scenic views

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Most Important	352	45.8%	352	45.8%
Somewhat Important	238	31.0%	590	76.8%
Important	117	15.2%	707	92.1%
Not very important	15	2.0%	722	94.0%
Least Important	17	2.2%	739	96.2%
No Response	28	3.7%	767	100%

16.d Wetlands

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Most Important	363	47.3%	363	47.3%
Somewhat Important	174	22.7%	537	69.9%
Important	124	16.2%	661	86.1%
Not very important	39	5.1%	700	91.2%
Least Important	37	4.8%	731	95.2%
No Response	30	3.9%	767	100%

16.e Lakes, ponds

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Most Important	392	51.0%	392	51.0%
Somewhat Important	233	30.3%	625	81.4%
Important	89	11.6%	714	93.0%
Not very important	20	2.6%	734	95.6%
Least Important	8	1.0%	742	96.6%
No Response	27	3.3%	767	100%

16.f Steep slopes, ridges and hillsides

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Most Important	237	30.9%	237	30.9%
Somewhat Important	187	24.4%	424	55.3%
Important	191	24.9%	615	80.1%
Not very important	64	8.3%	679	88.4%
Least Important	52	6.8%	731	95.2%
No Response	36	4.7%	767	100%

16.g Farmlands

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Most Important	255	33.2%	255	33.2%
Somewhat Important	204	26.6%	459	59.8%
Important	180	23.4%	639	83.2%
Not very important	64	8.3%	703	91.5%
Least Important	52	6.8%	755	98.3%
No Response	12	1.6%	767	100%

16.h Historic sites/buildings

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Most Important	233	30.3%	233	30.3%
Somewhat Important	195	25.4%	428	55.7%
Important	181	23.6%	609	79.3%
Not very important	85	11.1%	694	90.4%
Least Important	41	5.3%	735	95.7
No Response	32	4.2%	767	100%

16.i Scenic Roads

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Most Important	262	34.1%	262	34.1%
Somewhat Important	216	28.1%	478	62.2%
Important	173	22.5%	651	84.8%
Not very important	51	6.6%	702	91.4%
Least Important	36	4.7%	738	96.1%
No Response	29	3.8%	767	100%

16.j Meadows

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Most Important	272	35.4%	272	35.4%
Somewhat Important	220	28.7%	492	64.1%
Important	167	21.7%	659	85.8%
Not very important	52	6.8%	711	92.6%
Least Important	23	3.0%	734	95.6%
No Response	33	4.3%	767	100%

16.k Floodplains

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Most Important	228	29.7%	228	29.7%
Somewhat Important	174	22.7%	402	52.3%
Important	163	21.2%	565	73.6%
Not very important	106	13.8%	671	87.4%
Least Important	41	5.3%	712	92.7%
No Response	55	7.2%	767	100%

**16.I Other**

	# of Responses
Most Important	24
Somewhat Important	8
Important	5
Not very important	1
Least Important	3
Total Other Responses	41

**Question #16 Summary**

	Most Important or Somewhat Important	Not very Important or Least Important
Forests	76.6%	4.2%
Underground water supplies	86.8%	2.4%
Scenic Views	76.8%	4.2%
Wetlands	70.0%	9.9%
Lakes and ponds	81.3%	3.6%
Steep slopes, Ridges and hillsides	55.3%	15.1%
Farmlands	59.8%	15.1%
Historic Sites and buildings	55.7%	16.4%
Scenic Roads	62.2%	11.3%
Meadows	64.1%	9.8%
Floodplains	52.3%	19.1%

**Question #19. To preserve open space and rural character in Patterson, would you:**

	# of responses	Percent
Contribute land to the Town	48	6.3%
Place a conservation easement on your land	108	14.1%
Contribute voluntarily to a conservation fund	213	27.7%
Sell land to the Town	53	6.9%
I think there is already sufficient open space protected	178	23.2%
Contribute land to a land trust	70	9.1%
Vote for a land acquisition bond	260	33.9%
Rewrite your deed to limit future use	104	13.5%
Pay higher taxes to the Town to acquire land for parks.	131	17.1%

**Question #20. What are important forms of recreation in Patterson in which you participate?**

20.a Swimming

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	202	26.3%	202	26.3%
Somewhat Important	91	11.9%	293	38.2%
Important	113	14.7%	406	52.9%
Not very important	44	5.7%	450	58.6%
Least Important	98	12.8%	548	71.4%
No Response	219	28.6%	767	100%

20.b Fishing

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	169	22.0%	169	22.0%
Somewhat Important	122	15.9%	291	37.9%
Important	111	14.5%	402	52.3%
Not very important	49	6.4%	451	58.7%
Least Important	107	13.9%	558	72.7%
No Response	209	27.2%	767	100%

20.c Downhill skiing

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	146	19.0%	146	19.0%
Somewhat Important	99	12.9%	245	31.9%
Important	92	12.0%	337	43.9%
Not very important	47	6.1%	384	50.0%
Least Important	156	20.3%	540	70.3%
No Response	227	29.6%	767	100%

20.d Hunting

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	91	11.9%	91	11.9%
Somewhat Important	41	5.3%	132	17.2%
Important	63	8.2%	195	25.4%
Not very important	42	5.5%	237	30.9%
Least Important	270	35.2%	507	66.0%
No Response	260	33.9%	767	100%

20.e Basketball

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	83	10.8%	83	10.8%
Somewhat Important	70	9.1%	153	19.9%
Important	102	13.3%	255	33.2%
Not very important	58	7.6%	313	40.8%
Least Important	191	24.9%	504	65.6
No Response	263	34.3%	767	100%

20.f Canoeing/boating

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	174	19.1%	174	19.1%
Somewhat Important	141	18.4%	315	41.0%
Important	127	16.5%	442	57.6%
Not very important	40	5.2%	482	62.8%
Least Important	83	10.8%	565	73.6%
No Response	202	26.3%	767	100%

20.g Hiking

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	239	31.1%	239	31.1%
Somewhat Important	153	19.9%	392	51.0%
Important	92	12.0%	484	63.0%
Not very important	35	4.6%	519	67.6%
Least Important	68	8.9%	587	76.4%
No Response	180	23.5%	767	100%

20.h Cross-country skiing

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	94	12.2%	94	12.2%
Somewhat Important	59	7.7%	153	19.9%
Important	112	14.6%	265	34.5%
Not very important	62	8.1%	327	42.6%
Least Important	179	23.3%	506	65.9%
No Response	261	34.0%	767	100%

20.i Biking

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	210	27.3%	210	27.3%
Somewhat Important	142	18.5%	352	45.8%
Important	104	13.5%	456	59.4%
Not very important	41	5.3%	497	64.7%
Least Important	66	8.6%	563	73.3%
No Response	204	26.6%	767	100%

20.j Baseball/softball

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Very Important	135	17.6%	135	17.6%
Somewhat Important	101	13.2%	236	30.7%
Important	109	14.2%	345	44.9%
Not very important	45	5.9%	390	50.8%
Least Important	135	17.6%	525	68.6%
No Response	242	31.5%	767	100%

20.k Other

	# of Responses
Very Important	61
Somewhat Important	15
Important	5
Not very important	2
Least Important	13
Total Other Responses	96

**Question #20 Summary**

	Very Important, Somewhat Important or Important	Not very Important or Least Important	No Response
Swimming	52.9%	18.5%	28.6%
Fishing	52.3%	20.3%	27.2%
Downhill skiing	43.9%	26.4%	29.6%
Hunting	25.4%	40.7%	33.9%
Basketball	33.2%	32.5%	34.3%
Canoeing/boating	57.6%	16%	26.3%
Hiking	63.0%	13.5%	23.5%
Cross-country skiing	34.5%	31.4%	34.0%
Biking	59.4%	13.9%	26.6%
Baseball/softball	44.9%	23.5%	31.5%

**Question #21. Should recreational opportunities be developed in the Great Swamp?**

	# of responses	Percent
Don't know	241	31.4%
No	293	38.2%
Yes	190	24.7%

**Part 3.  
Watershed and Water Quality Questions**

**Question # 23. Do you support New York City's initiatives to protect their water supply?**

	# of responses	Percent
Yes	431	56.1%
No	121	15.8%
Not Sure	194	25.3%

**Question # 24. Do you feel that living in New York City's watershed is beneficial to your property?**

	# of responses	Percent
Agree	302	39.3%
Disagree	174	22.7%
Not Sure	273	35.6%

**Question #25. How much of an effect do you feel water quality has on the value of your property?**

	# of responses	Percent
Major impact	518	67.5%
Limited impact	146	19.0%
No impact	53	6.9%
Not sure	40	5.2%

**Question #26. How would you rate the water quality of the area you live in?**

	# of responses	Percent
Excellent	158	20.6%
Good	354	46.1%
Fair	172	22.4%
Poor	60	7.8%
Don't know	14	1.8%

**Question #27. Do you feel you bear a responsibility in protecting water quality in the area?**

	# of responses	Percent
Agree	516	67.2%
Somewhat agree	204	26.6%
Disagree	17	2.2%
Don't know	16	2.1%

**Question #28. Does your property contain any of the following:**

	# of responses	Percent
Wetlands	94	12.2%
Streams or Rivers	110	14.3%
Other bodies of water	57	7.4%

**Question #29. Have you noticed any deterioration in a lake or stream in the following period?**

	# of responses	Percent
In the last year	21	2.7%
In the last 5 years	96	12.5%
In the last 5-10 years	76	9.9%
In the last 10-25 years	67	8.7%
None whatsoever	114	14.8%
Not sure	312	40.6%

**Question #30. Stream bank erosion is described as the wearing away or enlargement of a stream channel. Have you noticed any areas where stream bank erosion is a problem?**

	# of responses	Percent
No	326	42.5%
Not Sure	303	39.5%
Yes	36	4.7%

**Question #31. Do you believe that there is an aquatic weed problem in you lake?**

	# of responses	Percent
Yes	232	30.2%
No	54	7.0%
Not Sure	125	16.3%
I don't live near a lake.	283	36.9%

**Question #31a. How serious would you rate the aquatic weed problem?**

	# of responses	Percent
Very serious	80	10.4%
Somewhat serious	140	18.2%
Not at all serious	11	1.4%
Not sure	44	5.7%

**Question #32. How frequently do you have your septic tank pumped?**

	# of responses	Percent
Annually	78	10.2%
1-3 years	356	46.4%
3-5 years	154	20.1%
5-10 years	79	10.3%
Never	44	5.7%

**Question #33. Vegetation helps to improve water quality. Would you support legislation which restricted the removal of vegetation in the following ways:**

33.a Restricted the removal of ten or more trees per acre.

	# of responses	Percent
Yes	374	48.7%
No	149	19.4%
Not Sure	197	25.7%

33.b Prohibited clearcutting of trees and bushes on one or more acres.

	# of responses	Percent
Yes	436	56.8%
No	120	15.6%
Not Sure	164	21.4%

33.c Prohibited clearcutting of trees and bushes on 5 or more acres.

	# of responses	Percent
Yes	489	63.7%
No	85	11.1%
Not Sure	147	19.1%

**Question #34. Would you support the creation of a special improvement district for your area in order to manage and fund stormwater improvements?**

	# of responses	Percent
Yes	259	33.7%
No	148	19.3%
Not Sure	319	41.5%

**Question #35. How familiar are you with Patterson’s present land use regulations?**

	# of responses	Percent
Very familiar	25	3.3%
Somewhat familiar	182	23.7%
Not very familiar	326	42.5%
Not at all	216	28.1%

**Question #36. Please rate each of the following as a means of dealing with the protection of water quality in the watershed.**

36a. The land use regulations presently in existence are adequate to protect water quality.

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly agree	67	8.7%	67	8.7%
Agree	114	14.8%	181	23.6%
Undecided	338	44.0%	519	67.6%
Disagree	78	10.2%	597	77.7%
Strongly disagree	45	5.9%	642	83.6%
No response	125	16.3%	767	100%

36b. Current regulations do not adequately protect the water quality of the area.

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly agree	70	9.1%	70	9.1%
Agree	92	12.0%	162	21.1%
Undecided	332	43.2%	494	64.3%
Disagree	86	11.2%	580	75.5%
Strongly disagree	57	7.4%	637	82.9%
No response	130	17.0%	767	100%

36c. We do not need more land use controls as there are natural limits on what people can do on their land.

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly agree	76	9.9%	76	9.9%
Agree	113	14.7%	189	24.6%
Undecided	210	27.3%	399	52.0%
Disagree	120	15.6%	519	67.6%
Strongly disagree	117	15.2%	636	82.8%
No response	131	17.1%	767	100%

36d. Current land use regulations are too strict.

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly agree	32	4.2%	32	4.2%
Agree	45	5.9%	77	10.0%
Undecided	317	41.3%	394	51.3%
Disagree	153	19.9%	547	71.2%
Strongly disagree	91	11.9%	638	83.1%
No response	129	16.8%	767	100%

36e. Land use regulations destroy property rights.

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly agree	62	8.1%	62	8.1%
Agree	104	13.5%	166	13.5%
Undecided	221	28.8%	387	28.8%
Disagree	158	20.6%	545	71.0%
Strongly disagree	97	12.6%	642	83.6%
No response	125	16.5%	767	100%

36f. Regulations do not slow down the rate of development.

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly agree	61	7.9%	61	7.9%
Agree	139	18.1%	200	26.0%
Undecided	195	25.4%	395	51.4%
Disagree	151	19.7%	546	71.1%
Strongly disagree	91	11.9%	637	82.9%
No response	130	17.0%	767	100%

36g. If there are too many regulations controlling land use, it will not be worth living here.

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly agree	90	11.7%	90	11.7%
Agree	117	15.2%	207	27.0%
Undecided	174	22.7%	381	49.6%
Disagree	114	14.8%	495	64.5%
Strongly disagree	127	16.5%	622	81.0%
No response	145	18.9%	767	100%

36h. Water quality should only be protected by methods other than more land use regulations.

	# of Responses	% of Responses	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
Strongly agree	56	7.3%	56	7.3%
Agree	91	11.9%	147	19.1%
Undecided	260	33.9%	407	53.0%
Disagree	121	15.8%	528	68.8%
Strongly disagree	98	12.8%	626	81.5%
No response	141	18.4%	767	100%

**Question #36 Summary**

	Strongly agree or agree	Strongly disagree or disagree	Undecided	No Response
36a. The land use regulations presently in existence are adequate to protect water quality.	23.5%	16.1%	44.0%	16.3%
36b. Current regulations do not adequately protect the water quality of the area.	21.1%	18.6%	43.2%	17.0%
36c. We do not need more land use controls as there are natural limits on what people can do on their land.	24.6%	30.8%	27.3%	17.1%
36d. Current land use regulations are too strict	10.1%	31.8%	19.9%	16.8%
36e. Land use regulations destroy property rights	21.6%	33.2%	28.8%	16.5%
36f. Regulations do not slow down the rate of development	26.0%	31.6%	25.4%	17.0%
36g. If there are too many regulations controlling land use, it will not be worth living here.	26.9%	31.3%	22.7%	18.9%
36h. Water quality should be protected by methods other than more land use regulations.	19.2%	28.6%	33.9%	18.4%

**Question 37. Would you be willing to pay per year to protect water quality in the area.**

	# of responses	Percent
No	221	28.8%
Less than \$100	261	34.0%
\$100 to \$400	182	23.7%
Greater than \$400	28	3.7%

**Part 4.**  
**General Survey Information**

**Question #39. If Town meetings were held to discuss open space/development/planning/watershed, etc. would you attend?**

	# of responses	Percent
Don't know	257	33.5%
No	72	9.4%
Yes	420	54.7%
No Response	18	2.4%

**Question #40. Do you personally feel that you can make a difference in shaping your community?**

	# of responses	Percent
Don't know	216	28.1%
No	168	21.9%
Yes	365	47.5%
No Response	18	2.4%

**Question #41. How many years have you been a resident of Patterson?**

	# of responses	Percent
0-5 years	217	28.7%
5-10 years	141	18.4%
10-15 years	138	18.0%
More than 15 years	264	34.4%

**Question #42. Is your residence a:**

	# of responses	Percent
Private home	691	90.0%
Condominium or townhouse	47	6.1%
other	20	2.6%

**Question #43. Please check the area which best describes the location of your residence in Patterson.**

	# of responses	Percent
Old Route 22, Rt. 164, Farm to Market	153	19.9%
Town Hall, Cushman Road area, Rt. 311 to Hamlet, Fair Street	184	24.0%
Rt. 22- north to Dutchess; south to Brewster	24	3.1%
Patterson Hamlet	75	9.8%
Putnam Lake	231	30.1%
East Branch Road/Haviland Hollow/Brimstone Rd.	43	5.6%
Birch Hill	37	4.8%

**Question #44. Do you own or rent your residence?**

	# of responses	Percent
Own	726	94.5%
Rent	30	3.9%
No response	12	1.6%

**Question #45. Number of adults living in your household?**

# of persons	# of responses	Percent	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
1	94	12.6%	94	12.6%
2	549	73.8%	643	86.4%
3	71	9.5%	714	96.0%
4	23	3.1%	737	99.1%
5	5	<1%	742	99.7%
6	1	<1%	743	99.9%
7	1	<1%	744	100%
Total	744			

**Question #46. Number of children living in your household.**

	# of responses	Percent	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Percent
0	335	46.7%	335	46.7%
1	105	14.6%	440	61.4%
2	190	26.5%	630	87.9%
3	69	9.6%	699	97.5%
4	15	2.1%	714	99.6%
5	2	0.3%	716	99.9%
6	1	0.1%	717	100%

**Question #47. School district in which children attend school.**

	# of responses	Percent
Carmel	311	47.9%
Brewster	332	51.2%
Pawling	6	0.9%

**Question #48. What age group are you in?**

	# of responses	Percent
18-19	2	0.2%
20-24	6	0.7%
25-34	86	11.2%
35-44	250	32.6%
45-54	230	30.0%
55-64	105	13.7%
Over 65	70	9.1%

**Question #49. Indicate the highest level of education you have completed.**

	# of responses	Percent
Some high school	11	1.4%
High school graduate	78	10.2%
Post-highschool/vocational training	45	5.9%
Some college	184	24.0%
College graduate	276	35.9%
Graduate degree	162	21.1%
No Response	11	1.5%

**Question #50. What was the total household income before taxes last year?**

	# of responses	Percent
\$10,000 to \$19,999	15	2.0%
\$20,000 to \$34,999	41	5.3%
\$35,000 to \$59,000	152	19.8%
\$60,000 and over	485	63.2%
No response	74	9.7%

**SECTION 7**

**QUESTIONS 14L, 17, 18, 20L, 22,  
30B, 31B, 38 and Miscellaneous Comments**

## QUESTION 14L RESPONSES

"Already pay too much"  
"amount of taxes we pay should cover all these"  
"Assessments & tax base increases"  
"conflict for the town of 2 separate areas /rt22"  
"development"  
"ecological preservation"  
"expansion of mining & materials recycle plants"  
"Fire Depts"  
"Fix up downtown and historic sites"  
"haphazard development"  
"Heroin problem"  
"Immigrants from south of border"  
"improve appearance"  
"lack of public transit to Patterson proper"  
"lack of retail tax levy"  
"lack of shopping centers"  
"lack of tax base"  
"Libraries, Museums, sidewalks for exercise"  
"litter control"  
"local government"  
"maintaining rural character"  
"Mall w/clothing stores"  
"need stricter building code"  
"Nepotism and individuals employed to deal with taxpayers"  
"nesting of illegal aliens"  
"None of the above"  
"over development"  
"over development of houses"  
"over development of housing"  
"Patterson's own school"  
"poor code enforcement"  
"possibility of cell tower"  
"Public Transportation to Westchester"  
"retail shopping"  
"Rising taxes"  
"scenic parks w/ponds and animals"  
"senior housing"  
"senior/youth recreation"  
"senior-adult facilities"  
"shopping opportunities, quaint downtown"  
"Shopping, movies"  
"sprawl - would pay to purchase open land"  
"stop commercial development"

**QUESTION 14L RESPONSES (cont.)**

"taxes"

"Taxes are a major problem"

"taxes much to high- property"

"teen center"

"the 2 one-lane underpasses on Rt 164 are dangerous"

"Town Pool"

"undesired development"

"why aren't our taxes already covering this"

"would pay fees but not tax increase"

"YMCA, Boys Club"

## QUESTION #17

<u>Open Space Lands</u>	<u>Why Important</u>
800 donated acres off Cushman Rd all lakes, wetlands, forested areas all lakes and reservoirs along Rt 22 Along Rt 22 entire length	beauty, peace
any open fields between Route 22 & Great Swamp between Rt 311 & 164 Big Birch Hill Big Birch mountain	minimizes congestion of buildings keep rural feeling Scenic snow sports
Big Elm Farm bike path Birch Hill Birch Hill forest Birch Hill Ski property	scenic  animal habitats bio-diversity
Birch Hill Ski Slope Birch Hill, Stage Coach Rd area Birch Hill/Stage Coach Rd/ Quaker Hill Rd	Close available for kids nature preserve Recreation, Hiking Scenic, Haven for animals
Bullet Hole Rd Burdick Farm	farm/rural Scenic beauty, unique habitat
Burdick Farm Land Burdick Farms Burdick Farms Burdick Farms	scenic views & safety from traffic beautiful vista My water, scenic views, forests development will create traffic & lose scenic view
Burdick Farms	Beautiful views, meadows, wetlands
Burdick land Camp Brady Camp Herrlich Camp Herrlich Cascade Farm	link to the past    doing the right thing
Clough Park Clough Preserve corner of Rt 84 and Rt 311	Preserve rural landscape from Rt 84

**QUESTION #17 (cont.)**

Open Space Lands	Why Important
Couch Road Cranberry Hill	
Cranberry Mountain	wildlife, fishing
Cranberry Mountain	
Cranberry Mountain	scenic view
Cranberry mountain	hiking
Cranberry Mountain Preserve	
Cranberry Mt	
Cranberry Mt.	
Cranberry Mtn	
Cranberry Mtn	recreation, views
Cranberry Mtn	game area
Cranberry Mtn	
Cranberry Mtn	
Cranberry Mtn	hunting
Cranberry Preserve	haven for wildlife
Cranberry Preserve	natural beauty
Croton Watershed	unique habitat, protect drinking water
Cushman Land	link to the State Park
Cushman Mtn	
Cushman Park	for walking
Cushman Property	
Cushman Property (state land)	natural preserve
Cushman Rd	Natural beauty
Cushman Road	
Deerwood	
farm fields & wooded areas along Rt 22	protect open spaces
Farm Land	Either side of Rt 22
Farm Land	
farm land	
Farm Lands	wildlife, scenery
Farm on Rt 22	natural beauty
farmland	
farmland	agriculture

**QUESTION #17 (cont.)**

<b>Open Space Lands</b>	<b>Why Important</b>
Farmland, any remaining farmlands farmlands	
Farmlands on Rt 311 farms Farms and fields farms on Rt 311 Field Farm	agriculture, animals scenic beauty  Preserve Open Spaces
fields bordering Rt 22 & 311 forest on mountains forests undeveloped hillsides forests forests	rural setting prevent mud slides  air quality
Girl Scout Camp Great Meadow, Rt 22 & 311 Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp	Some or the most beautiful and rugged land  wildlife, fishing for the wildlife
Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp	large ecosystem Protect water supply Uniqueness For beauty & wildlife
Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp	Water supply, multi ecosystems  Valuable asset to the ecosystem Sensitive ecological area
Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp	wildlife habitat Aquifer education & recreation Water Quality & Wildlife valley area for tourism

**QUESTION #17 (cont.)**

<b>Open Space Lands</b>	<b>Why Important</b>
Great Swamp	for water quality and wildlife protection
Great Swamp	its our aquifer
Great Swamp	gives Patterson a unique character
Great Swamp	Ecosystem
Great Swamp	wildlife & scenic
Great Swamp	recreation, water quality
Great Swamp	Unique ecosystem
Great Swamp	Environmental treasure
Great Swamp	for recreation
Great Swamp	for local wildlife
Great Swamp	purify for water to city & wells
Great Swamp	Unique area
Great Swamp	for wildlife/birds
Great Swamp	its unique
Great Swamp	water system, animal habitat
Great Swamp	wildlife, beauty
Great Swamp	for natural preserve
Great Swamp	Aquifer, Wildlife, hunting & fishing
Great Swamp	for water purity
Great Swamp	unique area
Great Swamp	#1 water source in Putnam
Great Swamp	water quality
Great Swamp	groundwater resource
Great Swamp	natural habitat for wildlife

**QUESTION #17 (cont.)**

<b>Open Space Lands</b>	<b>Why Important</b>
Great Swamp	preserve Aquifer
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	unique for canoeing
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	Environment, filtration
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	water quality, nature preserve
Great Swamp	wildlife, water quality
Great Swamp	filters out pollutants, absorbs flooding
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	natural resource, prevent floods
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	water supply
Great Swamp	Its unique
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	aquifer
Great Swamp	quality of life
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	wildlife habitat
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	natural beauty and ecology
Great Swamp	water quality
Great Swamp	potable water supply
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	beautiful and important water filter
Great Swamp	wildlife Preservation
Great Swamp	important ecosystem
Great Swamp	major contributor of "Comm. Character"
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	recreation, scenic beauty, water quality
Great Swamp	Ice Pond area
Great Swamp	water quality, environmental
Great Swamp	water recharge
Great Swamp	

**QUESTION #17 (cont.)**

<b>Open Space Lands</b>	<b>Why Important</b>
Great Swamp	recreation/wildlife
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	water quality
Great Swamp	preservation of plants & animals
Great Swamp	for wildlife
Great Swamp	recreation
Great Swamp	Ecological, clean water
Great Swamp	water, wildlife, open space
Great Swamp	natural environment
Great Swamp	famous/environmentally critical/beautiful
Great Swamp	Preserve for wild habitat
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	water quality, wildlife, natural wonder
Great Swamp	habitat for wildlife
Great Swamp	preserve nature wildlife and water quality
Great Swamp	must preserve wetlands
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	wildlife
Great Swamp	fishing, Hunting, Hiking, boating, nature
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	Recreation
Great Swamp	Ecological & recreation
Great Swamp	Water Supply
Great Swamp	preserve nature
Great Swamp	Natural waterway/educational/scenic
Great Wetlands -Swamp	Eco-balance
Great wetlands -Swamp	part of water supply
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	for environment & wildlife
Green Chimneys	
Green Chimneys	culture, education, natural beauty
Green Chimneys area	
Haviland Hollow	hiking trails, fishing
Haviland Hollow	very pretty
Haviland Hollow area	green space

**QUESTION #17 (cont.)**

Open Space Lands	Why Important
Haviland Hollow Rd hill tops historical landmarks I84 and Route 311 east Ice Pond	Scenic viewshed  gateway to Hamlet fragile rare ecosystem
Ice Pond Ice Pond Ice Pond Ice Pond Ice Pond area	wildlife, beauty   scenic
Ice Pond Preserve Ice Pond Rd Ice Pond/Burdick Farm its all important Kessman Farm	educational & recreation  last vestige of undeveloped land  Great Swamp
land along I-84 land along Rte 22 lands surrounding Great Swamp Little League Fields Local farms	scenic beauty scenic beauty to protect habitat  provide scenic & small or family business
Maybrook line meadow Memorial Park Memorial Park Merritt Park	at corner of Rt 311 and Rt 22 recreational facility
mountains open land off Couch Road Open space along Rt 311 & Rt 22 open space hunting Open Space Lands	view    because they contribute to attractiveness of Town
open space (all) is important open spaces (all current) open spaces (all) that are left other natural space (all)	Keep Patterson rural and beautiful  wildlife & hunting

**QUESTION #17 (cont.)**

Open Space Lands	Why Important
other undeveloped land (all)	your life depends on them
all parks undeveloped lands (all) vacant land(all) Opposite Deacon Smith Rd Parks	link to state park open space
Patterson Flea Market Patterson Swamp Patterson Swamp Patterson Swamp Patterson Swamp	Farmland of yesteryear wetlands give variety of animals protections  canoeing, fishing
Patterson Swamp Patterson Veterans Park Pine Island PLCC parklands preserve on Farm to Market Rd	important to the ecology  natural area to protect lake buffer to Great Swamp
preserve open land preserve trees property around Christ Church Public open space Putnam Lake	fresh air  recreation community focus
Putnam Lake Putnam Lake Putnam Lake Putnam Lake Putnam Lake	fishing & water supply for birds/wildlife because it's the center piece of our community
Putnam Lake Putnam Lake Recreation Field on Haviland Dr remaining farms Reservoirs	visually attractive  for Little League and Grownups Baseball
Robin Hill rolling fields & woodlands	

**QUESTION #17 (cont.)**

Open Space Lands	Why Important
Route 22 Rt 22 before 311 Rt 311 meadows	Great Swamp scenic oasis shows Country & open space for rural feeling of Town
Ski Area ski area Stagecoach Rd steep slopes steep slopes and ridgetops	recreation, open space, jobs  viewshed protect scenic and wildlife resources
Sterling Farm Preserve streams/wetlands swamp Swamp the lakeshore on Putnam Lake	flood control/recharge water quality & nature protection
the valley by the Jehovah complex Thunder Ridge Thunder Ridge Thunder Ridge Thunder Ridge Ski Area	skiing recreation
Thunder Ridge Ski Area Town Park Town Park Town Parks Turtle Pond	scenic & non polluting recreation  Used by all residents Recreational wildlife, beauty
undeveloped areas unused rail lines for bike trails valley view west viewshed along Rt 22	protect more rural character
Walter G. Merritt Park Walter g. Merritt Park Watchtower Watchtower Farm Watchtower Farm	hiking, scenic views wildlife/recreation  scenic scenic view, rural atmosphere

**QUESTION #17 (cont.)**

<b>Open Space Lands</b>	<b>Why Important</b>
Watchtower Farmland watershed property/reservoirs	beautiful
Wetlands wetlands Wetlands	for water quality
Wetlands, all Wetlands, all wetlands wetlands Wolgast property	protect against pollution,  for the wildlife proximity to Great Swamp
Wonder Lake Wonder Lake Woodward Farm	horseback trails buffer to commercial development

## QUESTION 20L RESPONSES

"bowling"  
"gardening"  
"hockey"  
"gymnastics"  
"lake skating"  
"hockey and tennis"  
"Antiquing"  
"golfing"  
"Horseback Riding"  
"Frisbee golf"  
"Jogging"  
"Walking"  
"Tennis"  
"Walking/Jogging"  
"Tennis"  
"Walking"  
"outdoor ice skating"  
"Tennis Courts"  
"Nature walks"  
"hockey rink"  
"soccer"  
"Pee Wee Football League"  
"golf"  
"Aerobic Walking"  
"Paintball"  
"Tennis, soccer"  
"tennis"  
"running trail"  
"golf"  
"ice skating"  
"Motorcycle riding"  
"Quading"  
"skateboarding"  
"photography"  
"Skating, roller blading"  
"tennis court"  
"activities for young children"  
"motorcycling"  
"horseback riding"  
"golf"  
"Tennis courts"  
"golf"

## QUESTION 20L RESPONSES (Cont.)

"day camp program"  
"walking"  
"Theater/bowling/horseback riding"  
"horseback riding"  
"walking"  
"shooting range"  
"tennis"  
"horseback riding"  
"horse back riding"  
"walking"  
"soccer"  
"bird watching"  
"woodland trails"  
"Camp Herrlich"  
"Aerobics"  
"walking"  
"camp for kids"  
"walking/hiking"  
"visiting animals at Green Chimneys"  
"horseback riding"  
"cultural events"  
"camping"  
"antique auto shows"  
"golf"  
"clamming"  
"large community center"  
"Golf"

**QUESTION #22**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Bike Paths	1	350
Hiking Trails	2	273
Swimming	3	201
Swimming Pool	4	86
Basketball	5	23
Cross Country Skiing	6	75
Skiing	7	40
Walking/Jogging/Running Trails	8	36
Ball Fields	9	39
Parks (improved)	10	40
Canoeing/Boating	11	38
Fishing Areas	12	35
Tennis Courts	13	28
Recreation Center	14	32
Hunting Areas	15	26
Ice Skating areas/rinks	16	26
Horseback Riding	17	21
Golf	18	17
Gym-YMCA	19	9
Camping	20	9
ATV Trails	21	8
Roller Blading Areas	22	11
Skate Board Park	23	3
Rifle/Pistol Range	24	4
Hockey Rink	25	4
Mountain Biking	26	3
Dog Meets/Parks	27	2
Concerts in the Park	28	4
Soccer Fields	29	2

**QUESTION #22 (cont.)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Rock Climbing	30	2
Handball Court	31	2
Snowmobile Trails	32	2
Animal Farm	33	1
Cultural/Performing Arts Center	34	2
Parks (mini)	35	1
Playground	36	1
Bowling	37	1
Bird Watching Areas	38	2
Handball Court	39	2
Lacrosse	40	1
Volley Ball Courts	41	1
Sleigh Riding Area	42	1
Martial Arts	43	1
Water Park	44	1
Skate Board Park	45	1
Billiards	46	1

## **QUESTION 30B RESPONSES**

"Putnam Lake"  
"stream off of Michael Way"  
"in area by Green Chimneys"  
"Stephens Brook, Muddy Brook"  
"Stream next to Birch Hill Road"  
"Rt 311 between Rt 22 & Firehouse stream always runs over bank"  
"within Patterson Village Condo"  
"Croton River"  
"erosion of road frontage on Old Rt 22"  
"Putnam Lake"  
"Mooney hill - RR track embankment"  
"Rt 292"  
"East Branch of Croton (next to stables)"  
"stream off of Stage Couch road"  
"small streams running under Lake Shore Dr"  
"Rt 311"  
"Runoff from Conn. going to Putnam Lake"  
"entry to Lake Carmel from Rt 311"  
"East Branch Rd"  
"Muddy Brook"  
"Doansberg Road, several spots"  
"our own stream cost us a business load of \$25,000"  
"around and behind Thunder Ridge"  
"Putnam Lake"  
"after strong rain streets erode and wash into Putnam Lake"  
"Haviland Hollow Road"  
"Lake Carmel Beach Areas"  
"Rte 311 between I-84 and Bloombergs"  
"Rte 312"  
"stream from New Fairfield to Valley Road entrance"  
"Croton River"  
"where construction is on Rt 311"  
"Around Putnam Lake"  
"Along Birch Hill Rd"  
"Cornwall Hill rd by bridge after RR tracks"

## QUESTION 31B RESPONSES

"water seems to be turning green quicker in summer"  
"geese droppings"  
"too many geese"  
"Putnam Lake has become murky & gross"  
"geese feces"  
"lake is very dirty and weed ridden"  
"algae bloom"  
"Many more weeds in last 5-10 years in area lakes"  
"Natural Eutrophication"  
"Always green and slimy"  
"Lake stinks - looks like a swamp"  
"Putnam Lake water turns green faster than before"  
"High weed count indicating heavy nitrogen from sep"  
"Water quality not changing just the amount of it"  
"Putnam Lake has improved somewhat in the last 10 y"  
"Water quality seemed fair last summer while swimming"  
"Has improved in last 5 years"  
"Green most the time"  
"Weeds in the lower area of the lake"  
"More plants in water"  
"leaching of aging septic systems"  
"Mendel Pond - weeds have worsened in last 5 yrs"  
"color not clear"  
"smells, kids getting sick, water green color"  
"much more weed growth, water fowl feces"  
"more algae"  
"septic tanks"  
"Mucky. Weeds dirty- drywells leach into it"  
"Putnam Lake has stagnate and still water/goose droppings"  
"Putnam Lake filthy"  
"murky, floating weeds"  
"Lake turns brown"  
"murky water w/ odor"  
"more growing weeds"

## QUESTION 31B RESPONSES (cont.)

"sediment in water"  
"algae-odor excessive weed growth"  
"none"  
"Putnam Lake seems very dirty"  
"muck, slime"  
"heavy amounts of algae, seaweed"  
"Putnam Lake's water tests are excellent - are available"  
"Twin Hill pond looks dirty"  
"more algae earlier, more weeds"  
"much dirtier and not being maintained"  
"Turtle Pond overgrown with lilies"  
"lots of duck weed, algae, seaweed"  
"more minerals"  
"sand & salt"  
"the river-lake on 301 is very low"  
"Canadian Geese"  
"Putnam Lake cloudy, stained water mid to late summer"  
"algae bloom"  
"septic tank runoff"  
"more green slime around its banks"  
"lake all green and smells bad"  
"Putnam Lake has ducks all year round"  
"Mendel Pond and Putnam Lake"  
"Geese"  
"Not Clear- foul smell"  
"more dead fish and weeds are so thick"  
"Algae Blooms early"  
"weed problem in Putnam Lake"  
"Mendel Pond"  
"Geese"  
"excess green algae in Putnam Lake"  
"geese"  
"weeds - not clear water"  
"fish gone"

## QUESTION 31B RESPONSES (cont.)

"pond at corner of Cornwall Hill Rd is covered with water lilies"

"some algae, some debris along RR tracks"

"cloudy, green, aquatic weeds"

"water slimy and not clear"

"the stream by my house seems to have an oily film on top"

"summer months water is murky"

"more sediment, cloudy - more weeds and algae"

"lakes are full of weeds"

"there are soap suds in stream from above us"

"Putnam Lake in August smelled more, weeds, red color"

"heavy algae growth in shallow areas of Putnam Lake"

"less clear, more algae, too many geese"

"slimy debris floating"

"duck waste"

"discoloration"

"Overgrowth of vegetation in water"

"A lot of algae in our pond"

"Mendel's Pond becomes choked with aquatic weeds"

"Green slime almost all year"

"Putnam Lake Water Quality appears to be deteriorating"

## QUESTION 38 RESPONSES

"litter"

"bird droppings"

"gravel pit on Rt 311 near fire station"

"lawn pesticides"

"septic tanks"

"pesticides & herbicides"

"Kessman's Farm and stumps"

"Kessman Farm"

"septic tank leaking"

"septic tanks"

"Kessman Farm/dump should be addressed"

"Septics leaking into Put Lk/washing machines"

"Leaking septic systems by houses surrounding Putnam Lake"

"Roads drain into Putnam Lake"

"Road runoff/unchecked erosion from development"

"Septic fields in poor shape near streams & lakes"

"Not aware of any sources"

"People change car oil & dump it in street"

"septic"

"Kessman's Farm"

"Burning of leaves & garbage/ to much noise from cars"

"Improper maintenance of septic systems"

"Road salt"

"Lawn fertilizers"

"Geese"

"septic systems to close to east shore of Croton River"

"to many fertilizers"

"to much litter on roads"

"C&D in Great Swamp"

"Kessman Dumping"

"None in my area"

"ducks & swans on lakes & ponds"

"Junk yards, improperly maintained cars"

"by the house on Haviland Dr where ice never freeze"

## QUESTION 38 RESPONSES (cont.)

"Salt from roads"  
"drywells, poor septic systems"  
"huge empty lumbering county buses"  
"too many large commercial retail and industrial developments"  
"old dump sites & septic around Put Lk"  
"salting and sanding roads in winter"  
"Septics leaking in hamlet area"  
"poor septic drainage from area houses"  
"washing machine runoff and trash in lake"  
"Poor septic at Putnam Lake Market"  
"lack of stormwater collection"  
"septic systems"  
"poor monitoring/regulations of private septic system"  
"People dumping garbage on Brimstone"  
"runoff appears to contain contaminant"  
"Patterson Flea Market was filled with Medical waste"  
"runoff- animal waste"  
"weeds in Putnam Lake"  
"Burdick Farms"  
"excessive or inappropriate development"  
"construction debris pile on Kessman Farm property"  
"ApavingcompanylocatedinGreatSwamponRt22"  
"Jacobson,Mooney Hill Rd makes jewelry, puts acid on property"  
"over use of highway road salts"  
"people dump yard waste by lake"  
"construction of homes too close to wetland/streams"  
"suburban development"  
"septic/drywells discharging into Put Lk"  
"road runoff"  
"Putnam Lake Market Sewer"  
"our spring near 164 is polluted by cesspool runoff"  
"septic leakage"  
"Peckhams, Kessmans"  
"septic and road runoff into Putnam Lake"

## QUESTION 38 RESPONSES (cont.)

"gasoline from gas stations"  
"residents using pesticides for tick control"  
"Geese"  
"yard waste disposal in yards near water"  
"salting of Rt 22 may impact water quality"  
"large bird feces"  
"illegal dumping"  
"road salt"  
"Patterson Materials"  
"dump site off Fair St"  
"oil spills from gas stations"  
"Kessman's tree stumps"  
"washing machines draining into storm drains at Putnam Lake"  
"swan & goose droppings"  
"water fowl, illegal dumping"  
"poor septic systems in the older homes, Put LK"  
"over fertilization"  
"Putnam Lake Market septic"  
"Veteran's Memorial Park use to be more frogs, etc"  
"Burdick Farms"  
"ATVs destroying vegetation and creating erosion"  
"Patterson Village and Covington Greens"  
"lawn fertilizers"  
"Patterson A&P shopping on the Great Swamp"  
"Putnam Lake Market"  
"dumping in the swamp behind Mathew Paterson"  
"septic drains into Put Lk by Lake Shore"  
"over development in northern Putnam Lake area"  
"Kessman Farm"  
"people dumping dirty water into street drains"  
"don't know"  
"Parking lot water runoff and runoff from roads"  
"Runoff from the development at DeBourbons"  
"Chemical fertilizers, road salt"

**QUESTION 38 RESPONSES (cont.)**

"Home owners using weed killers for beautiful lawns"

"To many water fowl are fouling the Lake"

"wants town water supply instead of individual well"

"Littering by customers of Thunder Ridge"

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- 16 Run-off from the development currently underway at Old DeBourbon Place, they need to address problem immediately (across from Burke's Pub.
- 26 Stated "We need a tax base". Also responded to Question #16 asking to rate the importance of various natural features "Natural features are all we have, preserve them.
- 27 Suggested that the town check out the Mt Pleasant town pool in Vahalla/Thornwood.
- 28 "Too many water fowl are fouling the Lake" (Putnam Lake)
- 32 Questioned "Why can't we use these watershed regions to create a town water supply instead of relying on individual well water?"
- 41 Complained about littering by customers of Thunder Ridge.
- 46 "I moved from Westchester because it was getting too urban and built up, keep Patterson rural and beautiful".
- 50 I fished the Croton watershed lakes for over 50 years. In the last 5-10 years I have noticed more weeds and the water is much more discolored. 40-50 years ago I would drink water directly from the Lake, not now.
- 53 "Kessman farm/dump should be addressed"
- 59 Taxes are a major problem. There is no place for kids in Putnam Lake. Stop building homes too close to the water.
- 61 Putnam Lake water turns greener faster than before.
- 78 Putnam Lake water quality has improved in last five years.
- 85 Would be willing to pay higher taxes to the Town to acquire land for parks "especially Putnam Lake. Disappointing that Putnam Lake is not owned and run by Town as Patterson is." Also commented he has salt in his water.
- 90 Residents constantly burn leaves and garbage in their yards. Additionally the cars in this area make a lot of engine noise because they are so large. Putnam needs more public transportation.
- 95 Nepotism and individuals employed to deal with taxpayers. Not what you know but who you're related to.
- 96 Homeowners that do not have children should receive a discount on the school taxes. Stop building in our Town. NY State should pay to protect water quality. Numerous neighbors use "ChemLawn" type services on their lawns. These chemicals seep into our wells and cause toxicity.
- 102 Don't want over development
- 114 Too much litter on the roads. Laws need to be enforced.
- 134 Ducks and swans (large population) on lakes and ponds (Putnam Lake resident)

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- 140 Need beautification laws
- 146 To keep community in balance we should try to maintain farms. The tax I pay are high enough to support Civic Activities. Patterson has to become more efficient.
- 164 Please air on RCN the Town Board meetings like all the other Towns do. It is so important to see what is going on but many people can't make the meetings.
- 171 #1 problem is taxes
- 191 The Great Swamp. It is Patterson. Remove or destroy it and you could spell Patterson with one "T". There is a reason why I don't live in N.J.
- 195 People moved here from the city and now this place is going to become overdeveloped. Stop commercial and home development.
- 207 Town Park with swimming pool, what are you waiting for
- 209 In response to "would you be willing to pay to protect water quality" they responded "New York City should pay"
- 210 Respondent indicated that taxes are too high and many of the questions should be already covered by Town taxes.
- 211 #1 problem is taxes – nothing else is a problem in comparison with the tax problem.
- 218 Recreational opportunities developed in the Great Swamp should be natural, non-polluting, non-invasive, non-commercial. A significant source of pollution is the huge empty lumbering county buses. Why not use smaller units?
- 219 I would be willing to pay \$100 to \$400 to protect water quality "if all the big developers go away." "Too many large commercial, retail and industrial developments
- 234 Putnam Lake seems very dirty – I wish it would be cleaned out. My kids have gotten many ear infections from swimming in that lake. Why don't they put sewers in – get rid of septic tanks!! Get rid or well water.
- 239 [A significant source of pollution is] a development in progress right now – Burdick Farms. 81 homes with requests for numerous variances - our water, sewer, slope, etc will have a dramatic negative effect and set a horrible precedence. Our Town Officials should be ashamed and driven out of office if this is allowed!!
- 244 Putnam Lake's water tests area excellent- they are available.
- 248 The biggest issue is the lack of a well thought out and effectively communicated plan for this Town. Further, officials promise tax relief with increased development but it does not happen. [Its] not fair to ask residents to pay for solutions to problems that were caused by Town Officials policies on development that the residents opposed in the first place. If Patterson Officials need funding – they need to more

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- effectively manage current budget and go to Albany. I would support an internal audit of current Town Budget and review of county, state and federal grants available.
- 255 I don't like to see a paving company located in the Great Swamp on Rt 22. there has to be a high risk there [with]oil, trucks, grease.
- 256 I moved here for the natural aspects and low development. Look at it now. No more development. [Also] I pay enough taxes.
- 316 [A problem so severe that I would be willing to pay for is the] lack of aesthetics, create stricter build codes – Connecticut and Westchester do a much better job within their villages than Putnam or Patterson.
- 321 I think taxes are already competing with Westchester but there are no decent facilities i.e. town park, pools tennis, libraries, etc.
- 329 Any open fields [are important open space lands to the character and community of Patterson] – no development- try to restrict development to wooded areas – preserve wooded buffer along roads. Better landscaping from developers.
- 370 Water runoff from drywells/septic into Putnam Lake is a major problem. Has been for years.
- 386 Too much development of single family homes on 1 acre properties. We need less homes, more protected land..
- 389 We pay enough [taxes] already thank you. Leave the land in its natural state of preservation. Don't fool with mother nature. I've been a resident of Patterson for 44 years. It is just as beautiful as it has been for the 44 years.
- 399 [A severe problem] is the lack of retail tax levy- property taxes very high.
- 402 Patterson is terribly deficient on keeping its residents informed about anything. The last survey I recall receiving was a questionnaire asking me if we wanted private garbage collection or town pickup.
- 409 Keep Patterson green. Putnam Lake feces problem. Goose or septic leakage. Sewer system for Putnam would be great.
- 410 We pay more taxes (total) than any of my colleagues who live in Westchester, Rockland or Fairfield Counties in similar housing. Something is wrong.
- 412 New York City should pay [to protect water quality], I have my own well. Should be allowed to hunt on [NYC} property.
- 429 Beautification laws are needed in the Town of Patterson.
- 446 In response to identifying any significant sources of pollution one individual responded "not sure- well water on my property is not used for drinking or cooking;

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- chemical content too noxious”.
- 461 Survey not worded to denote true feeling and concerns of tax payers. Example – taxes too high, roads poor, etc, zoning bad.
- 471 I moved to Patterson in 1978 because of the rural character of the town and scenic beauty. In 23 years here I have become more and more distressed to see it becoming just another suburb. We have the chance to stop this course of events now and retain some of our Town’s unique character.
- 475 Our taxes are too high and should cover all or the above [in response to problems so severe you would be willing to pay to solve]
- 486 Can’t afford to pay much more but loss of open space is a concern.
- 504 [The Town should] look more carefully at development before proceeding with construction.
- 516 This is the second or third questionnaire – stop talking about it and start doing something. Get funding from Senator Leibell and other government agencies and do something.
- 556 I would move before I would pay to solve any problems.
- 583 We need tax relief – build the tax base.
- 624 [One of the biggest problems currently facing Patterson is] residents not following town codes and caring for their property.
- 653 I believe New York City should help pay since they use the water supply in great demand.
- 665 [would attend Town meeting to discuss issues but] I don’t have a car; need a ride.
- 666 Our present laws were adequate however the accessory apartment law changed all that. Plus Town does nothing about complaints of abuse of laws. Town Board does what it damn pleases – above any objections. [I] attended meeting to discourage accessory apartment in Putnam Lake but your mind was already made up and you passed it at a zoning meeting. Why bother going to meetings. Still illegal apartments here...people using residence for tree cutting biz
- 693 The two underpasses on Rte 164 are very dangerous, especially for school buses. Please help find a way to make them safer for all who use them and everyone who must use them. Thank you.
- 709 New Fairfield and Sherman have started Land Trusts to help preserve the rural/natural feeling and protect the land. I feel this may be necessary for Patterson. If this were to happen I would be a part of it.
- 713 Taxes are getting too high in Patterson.

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- 728 Ban hunting before someone gets hurt. Hunting ruins the tranquility of our community. I don't feel safe enjoying outdoor activities during hunting season, you can't even go hiking in the autumn in established park areas for fear of getting shot.
- 759 [A problem so severe that I would be willing to pay to solve is] poor code enforcement.
- General Many respondents stated that taxes are too high
- General A number of respondents stated that Putnam Lake as a serious problem with water fowl.
- General Many respondents stated that there is too much sand and salt placed on the roads. One resident indicated their well had 300 ppm.
- General Many residents stated that they did not know enough about the Town's regulations or other issues to answer the questions. Several suggested that the Town should do more to inform the residents.

SECTION 8  
COMMUNITY SURVEY

## QUESTION 14L RESPONSES

"Already pay too much"  
"amount of taxes we pay should cover all these"  
"Assessments & tax base increases"  
"conflict for the town of 2 separate areas /rt22"  
"development"  
"ecological preservation"  
"expansion of mining & materials recycle plants"  
"Fire Depts"  
"Fix up downtown and historic sites"  
"haphazard development"  
"Heroin problem"  
"Immigrants from south of border"  
"improve appearance"  
"lack of public transit to Patterson proper"  
"lack of retail tax levy"  
"lack of shopping centers"  
"lack of tax base"  
"Libraries, Museums, sidewalks for exercise"  
"litter control"  
"local government"  
"maintaining rural character"  
"Mall w/clothing stores"  
"need stricter building code"  
"Nepotism and individuals employed to deal with taxpayers"  
"nesting of illegal aliens"  
"None of the above"  
"over development"  
"over development of houses"  
"over development of housing"  
"Patterson's own school"  
"poor code enforcement"  
"possibility of cell tower"  
"Public Transportation to Westchester"  
"retail shopping"  
"Rising taxes"  
"scenic parks w/ponds and animals"  
"senior housing"  
"senior/youth recreation"  
"senior-adult facilities"  
"shopping opportunities, quaint downtown"  
"Shopping, movies"  
"sprawl - would pay to purchase open land"  
"stop commercial development"

**QUESTION 14L RESPONSES (cont.)**

"taxes"

"Taxes are a major problem"

"taxes much to high- property"

"teen center"

"the 2 one-lane underpasses on Rt 164 are dangereou"

"Town Pool"

"undesired development"

"why aren't our taxes already covering this"

"would pay fees but not tax increase"

"YMCA, Boys Club"

## QUESTION #17

Open Space Lands	Why important
800 donated acres off Cushman Rd all lakes, wetlands, forested areas all lakes and reservoirs along Rt 22 Along Rt 22 entire length	beauty, peace
any open fields between Route 22 & Great Swamp between Rt 311 & 164 Big Birch Hill Big Birch mountain	minimizes congestion of buildings keep rural feeling Scenic snow sports
Big Elm Farm bike path Birch Hill Birch Hill forest Birch Hill Ski property	scenic animal habitats bio-diversity
Birch Hill Ski Slope Birch Hill, Stage Coach Rd area Birch Hill/Stage Coach Rd/ Quaker Hill Rd Bullet Hole rd Burdick Farm	Close available for kids nature preserve Recreation, Hiking Scenic, Haven for animals farm/rural Scenic beauty, unique habitat
Burdick Farm Land Burdick Farms Burdick Farms Burdick Farms Burdick Farms	scenic views & safety from traffic beautiful vista My water, scenic views, forests development will create traffic & lose scenic view Beautiful views, meadows, wetlands
Burdick land Camp Brady Camp Herrlich Camp Herrlich Cascade Farm	link to the past  doing the right thing
Clough Park Clough Preserve corner of Rt 84 and Rt 311 Couch Road Cranberry Hill	Preserve rural landscape from Rt 84
Cranberry Mountain	wildlife, fishing

## QUESTION #17

Open Space Lands	Why important
Cranberry Mountain	
Cranberry Mountain	scenic view
Cranberry mountain	hiking
Cranberry Mountain Preserve	
Cranberry Mt	
Cranberry Mt.	
Cranberry Mtn	
Cranberry Mtn	recreation, views
Cranberry Mtn	game area
Cranberry Mtn	
Cranberry Mtn	hunting
Cranberry Preserve	haven for wildlife
Cranberry Preserve	natural beauty
Croton Watershed	unique habitat, protect drinking water
Cushman Land	link to the State Park
Cushman Mtn	
Cushman Park	for walking
Cushman Property	
Cushman Property (state land)	natural preserve
Cushman Rd	Natural beauty
Cushman Road	
Deerwood	
farm fields & wooded areas along Rt 22	protect open spaces
Farm Land	Either side of Rt 22
Farm Land	
farm land	
Farm Lands	wildlife, scenery
Farm on Rt 22	natural beauty
farmland	
farmland	agriculture
Farmland, any remaining	
farmlands	
farmlands	
Farmlands on Rt 311	
farms	agriculture, animals

## QUESTION #17

Open Space Lands	Why important
Farms and fields farms on Rt 311 Field Farm	scenic beauty  Preserve Open Spaces
fields bordering Rt 22 & 311 forest on mountains forests undeveloped hillsides forests forests	rural setting prevent mud slides  air quality
Girl Scout Camp Great Meadow, Rt 22 & 311 Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp	Some or the most beautiful and rugged land  wildlife, fishing for the wildlife
Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp	large ecosystem Protect water supply Uniqueness For beauty & wildlife
Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp	Water supply, multi ecosystems  Valuable asset to the ecosystem Sensitive ecological area
Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp	wildlife habitat Aquifer education & recreation Water Quality & Wildlife valley area for tourism
Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp	for water quality and wildlife protection its our aquifer gives Patterson a unique character Ecosystem wildlife & scenic
Great Swamp Great Swamp Great Swamp	recreation, water quality  Unique ecosystem

## QUESTION #17

Open Space Lands	Why important
Great Swamp	Environmental treasure
Great Swamp	for recreation
Great Swamp	for local wildlife
Great Swamp	purify for water to city & wells
Great Swamp	Unique area
Great Swamp	for wildlife/birds
Great Swamp	its unique
Great Swamp	water system, animal habitat
Great Swamp	wildlife, beauty
Great Swamp	for natural preserve
Great Swamp	Aquifer, Wildlife, hunting & fishing
Great Swamp	for water purity
Great Swamp	unique area
Great Swamp	#1 water source in Putnam
Great Swamp	water quality
Great Swamp	groundwater resource
Great Swamp	natural habitat for wildlife
Great Swamp	preserve Aquifer
Great Swamp	unique for canoeing
Great Swamp	Environment, filtration
Great Swamp	water quality, nature preserve
Great Swamp	wildlife, water quality

## QUESTION #17

Open Space Lands	Why important
Great Swamp	filters out pollutants, absorbs flooding
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	natural resource, prevent floods
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	water supply
Great Swamp	Its unique
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	aquifer
Great Swamp	quality of life
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	wildlife habitat
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	natural beauty and ecology
Great Swamp	water quality
Great Swamp	potable water supply
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	beautiful and important water filter
Great Swamp	wildlife Preservation
Great Swamp	important ecosystem
Great Swamp	major contributor of "Comm. Character"
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	recreation, scenic beauty, water quality
Great Swamp	Ice Pond area
Great Swamp	water quality, environmental
Great Swamp	water recharge
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	recreation/wildlife
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	water quality
Great Swamp	preservation of plants & animals
Great Swamp	for wildlife
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	recreation
Great Swamp	Ecological, clean water
Great Swamp	water, wildlife, open space
Great Swamp	natural environment
Great Swamp	famous/environmentally critical/beautiful

## QUESTION #17

Open Space Lands	Why important
Great Swamp	Preserve for wild habitat
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	water quality, wildlife, natural wonder
Great Swamp	habitat for wildlife
Great Swamp	preserve nature sildlife and water quality
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	must preserve wetlands
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	wildlife
Great Swamp	fishing, Hunting, Hiking, boating, nature
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	Recreation
Great Swamp	Ecological & recreation
Great Swamp	Water Supply
Great Swamp	preserve nature
Great Swamp	Natural waterway/educational/scenic
Great Wetlands -Swamp	Eco-balance
Great wetlands -Swamp	part of water supply
Great Swamp	
Great Swamp	for environment & wildlife
Green Chimneys	
Green Chimneys	culture, education, natural beauty
Green Chimneys area	
Haviland Hollow	hiking trails, fishing
Haviland Hollow	very pretty
Haviland Hollow area	green space
Haviland Hollow Rd	Scenic
hill tops	viewshed
historical landmarks	
I84 and Route 311 east	gateway to Hamlet
Ice Pond	fragile rare ecosystem
Ice Pond	
Ice Pond	wildlife, beauty
Ice Pond	
Ice Pond	scenic
Ice Pond area	

## QUESTION #17

Open Space Lands	Why important
Ice Pond Preserve	educational & recreation
Ice Pond Rd	
Ice Pond/Burdick Farm	last vestige of undeveloped land
its all important	
Kessman Farm	Great Swamp
land along I-84	scenic beauty
land along Rte 22	scenic beauty
lands surrounding Great Swamp	to protect habitat
Little League Fields	
Local farms	provide scenic & small or family business
Maybrook line	
meadow	at corner of Rt 311 and Rt 22
Memorial Park	recreational facility
Memorial Park	
Merrit Park	
mountains	view
open land off Couch Road	
Open space along Rt 311 & Rt 22	
open space hunting	
Open Space Lands	because they contribute to attractiveness of Town
open space (all) is important	
open spaces (all current)	Keep Patterson rural and beautiful
open spaces (all) that are left	
other natural space (all)	wildlife & hunting
other undeveloped land (all)	your life depends on them
all parks	
undeveloped lands (all)	
vacant land(all)	
Opposite Deacon Smith Rd	link to state park
Parks	open space
Patterson Flea Market	Farmland of yesteryear
Patterson Swamp	wetlands give variety of animals protections
Patterson Swamp	
Patterson Swamp	
Patterson Swamp	canoeing, fishing
Patterson Swamp	important to the ecology

## QUESTION #17

Open Space Lands	Why important
Patterson Veterans Park	
Pine Island	natural area
PLCC parklands	to protect lake
preserve on Farm to Market Rd	buffer to Great Swamp
preserve open land	
preserve trees	fresh air
property around Christ Church	
Public open space	recreation
Putnam Lake	community focus
Putnam Lake	
Putnam Lake	fishing & water supply
Putnam Lake	for birds/wildlife
Putnam Lake	because it's the center piece of our community
Putnam Lake	
Putnam Lake	visually attractive
Recreaton Field on Haviland Dr	
remaining farms	for Little League and Grownups Baseball
Reservoirs	
Robin Hill	
rolling fields & woodlands	
Route 22	Great Swamp scenic oasis
Rt 22 before 311	shows Country & open space
Rt 311 meadows	for rural feeling of Town
Ski Area	
ski area	recreation, open space, jobs
Stagecoach Rd	
steep slopes	viewshed
steep slopes and ridgetops	protect scenic and wildlife resources
Sterling Farm Preserve	
streams/wetlands	flood control/recharge
swamp	water quality & nature protection
Swamp	
the lakeshore on Putnam Lake	
the valley by the Jehovah complex	
Thunder Ridge	skiing

## QUESTION #17

Open Space Lands	Why important
Thunder Ridge	recreation
Thunder Ridge	
Thunder Ridge Ski Area	
Thunder Ridge Ski Area	scenic & non polluting recreation
Town Park	
Town Park	Used by all residents
Town Parks	Recreational
Turtle Pond	wildlife, beauty
undeveloped areas	
unused rail lines for bike trails	
valley	
view west	
viewshed along Rt 22	protect more rural character
Walter G. Merrit Park	hiking, scenic views
Walter g. Merrit Park	wildlife/recreation
Watchtower	
Watchtower Farm	scenic
Watchtower Farm	scenic view, rural atmosphere
Watchtower Farmland	beautiful
watershed property/reservoirs	
Wetlands	
wetlands	for water quality
Wetlands	
Wetlands, all	
Wetlands, all	protect against pollution,
wetlands	
wetlands	for the wildlife
Wolgast property	proximity to Great Swamp
Wonder Lake	
Wonder Lake	horseback trails
Woodward Farm	buffer to commercial development

## QUESTION 20L RESPONSES

"bowling"  
"gardening"  
"hockey"  
"gymnastics"  
"lake skating"  
"hockey and tennis"  
"Antiquing"  
"golfing"  
"Horseback Riding"  
"Frisbee golf"  
"Jogging"  
"Walking"  
"Tennis"  
"Walking/Jogging"  
"Tennis"  
"Walking"  
"outdoor ice skating"  
"Tennis Courts"  
"Nature walks"  
"hockey rink"  
"soccer"  
"Pee Wee Football League"  
"golf"  
"Aerobic Walking"  
"Paintball"  
"Tennis, soccer"  
"tennis"  
"running trail"  
"golf"  
"ice skating"  
"Motorcycle riding"  
"Quading"  
"skateboarding"  
"photography"  
"Skating, rollerblading"  
"tennis court"  
"activities for young children"  
"motorcycling"  
"horseback riding"  
"golf"  
"Tennis courts"  
"golf"

## QUESTION 20L RESPONSES (Cont.)

"day camp program"

"walking"

"Theater/bowling/horseback riding"

"horseback riding"

"walking"

"shooting range"

"tennis"

"horseback riding"

"horse back riding"

"walking"

"soccer"

"bird watching"

"woodland trails"

"Camp Herrlich"

"Aerobics"

"walking"

"camp for kids"

"walking/hiking"

"visiting animals at Green Chimneys"

"horseback riding"

"cultural events"

"camping"

"antique auto shows"

"golf"

"clamming"

"large community center"

"Golf"

**QUESTION #22**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Bike Paths	1	350
Hiking Trails	2	273
Swimming	3	201
Swimming Pool	4	86
Basketball	5	23
Cross Country Skiing	6	75
Skiing	7	40
Walking/Jogging/Running Trails	8	36
Ball Fields	9	39
Parks (improved)	10	40
Canoeing/Boating	11	38
Fishing Areas	12	35
Tennis Courts	13	28
Recreation Center	14	32
Hunting Areas	15	26
Ice Skating areas/rinks	16	26
Horseback Riding	17	21
Golf	18	17
Gym-YMCA	19	9
Camping	20	9
ATV Trails	21	8
Roller Blading Areas	22	11
Skate Board Park	23	3
Rifle/Pistol Range	24	4
Hockey Rink	25	4
Mountain Biking	26	3
Dog Meets/Parks	27	2
Concerts in the Park	28	4
Soccer Fields	29	2

**QUESTION #22 (cont.)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Rock Climbing	30	2
Handball Court	31	2
Snowmobile Trails	32	2
Animal Farm	33	1
Cultural/Performing Arts Center	34	2
Parks (mini)	35	1
Playground	36	1
Bowling	37	1
Bird Watching Areas	38	2
Handball Court	39	2
Lacrosse	40	1
Volley Ball Courts	41	1
Sleigh Riding Area	42	1
Martial Arts	43	1
Water Park	44	1
Skate Board Park	45	1
Billiards	46	1

## QUESTION 30B RESPONSES

"Putnam Lake"  
"stream off of Michael Way"  
"in area by Green Chimneys"  
"Stephens Brook, Muddy Brook"  
"Stream next to Birch Hill Road"  
"Rt 311 between Rt22 & Firehouse stream always runs over bank"  
"within Patterson Village Condo"  
"Croton River"  
"erosion of road frontage on Old Rt 22"  
"Putnam Lake"  
"Mooney hill - RR track embankment"  
"Rt 292"  
"East Branch of Croton (next to stables)"  
"stream off of Stage Couch road"  
"small streams running under Lake Shore Dr"  
"Rt 311"  
"Runoff from Conn. going to Putnam Lake"  
"entry to Lake Carmel from Rt 311"  
"East Branch Rd"  
"Muddy Brook"  
"Doansberg Road, several spots"  
"our own stream cost us a business load of \$25,000"  
"around and behind Thunder Ridge"  
"Putnam Lake"  
"after strong rain streets erode and wash into Putnam Lake"  
"Haviland Hollow Road"  
"Lake Carmel Beach Areas"  
"Rte 311 between I-84 and Bloombergs"  
"Rte 312"  
"stream from New Fairfield to Valley Road entrance"  
"Croton River"  
"where construction is on Rt 311"  
"Around Putnam Lake"  
"Along Birch Hill Rd"  
"Cornwall Hill rd by bridge after RR tracks"

## QUESTION 31B RESPONSES

"water seems to be turning green quicker in summer"  
"geese droppings"  
"too many geese"  
"Putnam Lake has become murky & gross"  
"geese feces"  
"lake is very dirty and weed ridden"  
"algae bloom"  
"Many more weeds in last 5-10 years in area lakes"  
"Natural Eutrophication"  
"Always green and slimy"  
"Lake stinks - looks like a swamp"  
"Putnam Lake water turns green faster than before"  
"High weed count indicating heavy nitrogen from sep"  
"Water quality not changing just the amount of it"  
"Putnam Lake has improved somewhat in the last 10 y"  
"Water quality seemed fair last summer while swimming"  
"Has improved in last 5 years"  
"Green most the time"  
"Weeds in the lower area of the lake"  
"More plants in water"  
"leaching of aging septic systems"  
"Mendel Pond - weeds have worsened in last 5 yrs"  
"color not clear"  
"smells, kids getting sick, water green color"  
"much more weed growth, water fowl feces"  
"more algae"  
"septic tanks"  
"Mucky. Weeds dirty- drywells leach into it"  
"Putnam Lake has stagnate and still water/goose droppings"  
"Putnam Lake filthy"  
"murkey, floating weeds"  
"Lake turns brown"  
"murky water w/ odor"  
"more growing weeds"  
"sediment in water"  
"algae-odor excessive weed growth"  
"none"  
"Putnam Lake seems very dirty"  
"muck, slime"  
"heavy amounts of algae, seaweed"  
"Putnam Lake's water tests are excellent - are avai"  
"Twin Hill pond looks dirty"  
"more algae earlier, more weeds"  
"much dirtier and not being maintained"

## QUESTION 31B RESPONSES (cont.)

"Turtle Pond overgrown with lilies"  
"lots of duck weed, algae, seaweed"  
"more minerals"  
"sand & salt"  
"the river-lake on 301 is very low"  
"Canadian Geese"  
"Putnam Lake cloudy, stained water mid to late summer"  
"algae bloom"  
"septic tank runoff"  
"more green slime around its banks"  
"lake all green and smells bad"  
"Putnam Lake has ducks all year round"  
"Mendel Pond and Putnam Lake"  
"Geese"  
"Not Clear- foul smell"  
"more dead fish and weeds are so thick"  
"Algae Blooms early"  
"weed problem in Putnam Lake"  
"Mendel Pond"  
"Geese"  
"excess green algae in Putnam Lake"  
"geese"  
"weeds - not clear water"  
"fish gone"  
"pond at corner of Cornwall Hill Rd is covered with water lilies"  
"some algae, some debris along RR tracks"  
"cloudy, green, aquatic weeds"  
"water slimy and not clear"  
"the stream by my house seems to have an oily film on top"  
"summer months water is murky"  
"more sediment, cloudy - more weeds and algae"  
"lakes are full of weeds"  
"there are soap suds in stream from above us"  
"Putnam Lake in August smelled more, weeds, red color"  
"heavy algae growth in shallow areas of Putnam Lake"  
"less clear, more algae, too many geese"  
"slimy debris floating"  
"duck waste"  
"discoloration"  
"Overgrowth of vegetation in water"  
"A lot of algae in our pond"  
"Mendel's Pond becomes choked with aquatic weeds"  
"Green slime almost all year"  
"Putnam Lake Water Quality appears to be deteriorating"

## QUESTION 38 RESPONSES

"litter"  
"bird droppings"  
"gravel pit on Rt 311 near fire station"  
"lawn pesticides"  
"septic tanks"  
"pesticides & herbicides"  
"Kessman's Farm and stumps"  
"Kessman Farm"  
"septic tank leaking"  
"septic tanks"  
"Kessman Farm/dump should be addressed"  
"Septics leaking into Put Lk/washing machines"  
"Leaking septic systems by houses surrounding Putnam Lake"  
"Roads drain into Putnam Lake"  
"Road runoff/unchecked erosion from development"  
"Septic fields in poor shape near streams & lakes"  
"Not aware of any sources"  
"People change car oil & dump it in street"  
"septic"  
"Kessman's Farm"  
"Burning of leaves & garbage/ too much noise from cars"  
"Improper maintenance of septic systems"  
"Road salt"  
"Lawn fertilizers"  
"Geese"  
"septic systems too close to east shore of Croton Ri"  
"too many fertilizers"  
"too much litter on roads"  
"C&D in Great Swamp"  
"Kessman Dumping"  
"None in my area"  
"ducks & swans on lakes & ponds"  
"Junk yards, improperly maintained cars"  
"by the house on Haviland Dr where ice never freezes"  
"Salt from roads"  
"drywells, poor septic systems"  
"huge empty lumbering county buses"  
"2 many large commercial and industrial developments"  
"old dump sites & septic tanks around Put Lk"  
"salting and sanding roads in winter"  
"Septics leaking in hamlet area"  
"poor septic drainage from area houses"  
"washing machine runoff and trash in lake"  
  
"Poor septic at Putnam Lake Market"

"lack of stormwater collection"  
"septic systems"  
"poor monitoring/regulations of private septic syst"  
"People dumping garbage on Brimstone"  
"runoff appears to contain contaminants"  
"Patterson Flea Market was filled with Medical wast"  
"runoff- animal waste"  
"weeds in Putnam Lake"  
"Burdick Farms"  
"excessive or inappropriate development"  
"construction debris pile on Kessman Farm property"  
"ApavingcompanylocatedinGreatSwamponRt22"  
"Jacobson,Mooney Hill Rd makes jewelry, puts acid on property"  
"over use of highway road salts"  
"people dump yard waste by lake"  
"construction of homes too close to wetland/streams"  
"suburban development"  
"septics/drywells discharging into Put Lk"  
"road runoff"  
"Putnam Lake Market Sewer"  
"our spring near 164 is polluted by cesspool runoff"  
"septic leakage"  
"Peckhams, Kessmans"  
"septic and road runoff into Putnam Lake"  
"gasoline from gas stations"  
"residents using pesticides for tick control"  
"Geese"  
"yard waste disposal in yards near water"  
"sidening of Rt 22 may impact water quality"  
"large bird feces"  
"illegal dumping"  
"road salt"  
"Patterson Materials"  
"dump site off Fair St"  
"oil spills from gas stations"  
"Kessman's tree stumps"  
"washing machines draining into storm drains at Putnam Lake"  
"swan & goose droppings"  
"water fowl, illegal dumping"  
"poor septic systems in the older homes, Put LK"  
"over fertilization"  
"Putnam Lake Market septic"  
"Veteran's Memorial Park use to be more frogs, etc"  
"Burdick Farms"  
  
"ATVs destroying vegetation and creating erosion"  
"Patterson Village and Covington Greens"

"lawn fertilizers"  
"Patterson A&P shopping on the Great Swamp"  
"Putnam Lake Market"  
"dumping in the swamp behind Mathew Paterson"  
"septic drains into Put Lk by Lake Shore"  
"over development in northern Putnam Lake area"  
"Kessman Farm"  
"people dumping dirty water into street drains"  
"don't know"  
"Parking lot water runoff and runoff from roads"  
"Runoff from the development at DeBourbons"  
"Chemical fertilizers, road salt"  
"Home owners using weed killers for beautiful lawns"  
"To many water fowl are fouling the Lake"  
"wants town water supply instead of individual well"  
"Littering by customers of Thunderridge"

## GENERAL PLANNING QUESTIONS

In the past years, Patterson has experienced a significant change. We are interested in knowing your experience with this change. By answering the following questions you will be helping to plan Patterson's future.

<b>1. What type of town do you consider Patterson?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural town	<input type="checkbox"/> Suburban town	<input type="checkbox"/> Town in transition from rural to suburban		
<b>2. Rate the importance of each of the following reasons as to why you chose to live in Patterson.</b>	1 = very important	2	3	4	5 = not important
Family or roots in the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Favorable housing prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Favorable taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to transportation (trains, bus, highway)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structured recreational opportunities ( golf, tennis, swimming)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passive recreational opportunities (hiking, cross country skiing, biking)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close to work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shopping opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment/cultural activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. How would you rate Patterson's present levels of service for the following?</b>	Exceptional	Very Good	Adequate	Deficient	Inadequate
Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment/cultural facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structured recreation facilities (ballfields, pools, gyms)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local job opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health care facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to open space (trails, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**GENERAL PLANNING QUESTIONS (cont.)**

4. How strongly do you favor or oppose the following types of developments in Patterson?	Strongly favor	Favor	No opinion	Oppose	Strongly oppose
Single family homes on large lots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Houses clustered around common parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single family homes on small lots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two family homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apartments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Townhouses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large mixed use developments with town houses, apartments and single family homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neighborhood shopping centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small shopping centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional shopping centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Would you support greater density development in designated areas of Patterson in order to minimize the impact of development on open space and rural land?			<input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
6. A town center has homes, stores, offices and businesses located near each other. Some developing townships choose one section of town to be the town center, while others plan for a number of smaller neighborhood centers and still others do not plan any center at all. Would you say that at the present time Patterson has a town center?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Where do you consider the town center(s) to be? _____ Would you like to see this town center <input type="checkbox"/> expanded <input type="checkbox"/> renovated <input type="checkbox"/> moved				<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
7. With regard to a town center in Patterson, would you prefer to see:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Several neighborhood centers	<input type="checkbox"/> Single town center	<input type="checkbox"/> No town center	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure		
8. Regarding traffic patterns in the area, has your daily commute or travel within Patterson changed in the past five years.					
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes; to what extent (check one)? <input type="checkbox"/> Significant change <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate change <input type="checkbox"/> Minor change				
9. Please indicate to where you commute?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Putnam County	<input type="checkbox"/> Westchester County	<input type="checkbox"/> New York City	<input type="checkbox"/> Out of State	<input type="checkbox"/> Other neighboring county: _____	

**GENERAL PLANNING QUESTIONS (cont.)**

10. Which of the following business opportunities should be expanded in Patterson. Please rate their importance.	1 = very important	2	3	4	5	6 = not important
Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Heavy industry	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Service industry	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Light industry	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Commercial business/ office	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Public adult/youth recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Neighborhood retail	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Shopping centers	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>					

**11. If you had the opportunity to leave Patterson and migrate to another area, what type of area would you choose. (please check only one)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Rural area	<input type="checkbox"/> Large city	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify
<input type="checkbox"/> Small city	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential village	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Suburban subdivision	<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-rural area	_____

**12. If you had the opportunity to live in any type of residence, which type of residence would you select (check one)?**

<input type="checkbox"/> Single family home on a large lot	<input type="checkbox"/> Apartment	<input type="checkbox"/> single family home on small lot surrounded by shared open space area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Townhouse/condominium	<input type="checkbox"/> Two family house	<input type="checkbox"/> other - please specify; _____

**13. What are the biggest problems currently facing Patterson? Please rank the following issues in terms of their importance to you, using numbers 1 through 12 with 1 = most important and 12 = least important.**

Traffic	Undesirable development	Health threats posed by pollution
Lack of affordable housing	Lack of shopping opportunities	Lack of jobs
Crime	Loss of open space for vegetation, wildlife, recreation	School quality
Lack of senior citizen housing	Threats to water quality	Lack of entertainment/cultural opportunities.

**GENERAL PLANNING QUESTIONS (cont.)**

14. Which of the following problems are so severe you would be willing to pay to solve the problem (check all that apply)?					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of recreational opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of open space	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of cultural opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/>	School quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health threats posed by pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other; please explain: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health care facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Threats to water quality or quantity		

**OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION QUESTIONS**

15. Do you think that the Town should protect and preserve more land as open space?		<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know		<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
16. Patterson has many unique natural features, For each feature listed below, please indicate its importance to you.		1 = Most important	2	3	4	5 = least important	
Forests		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Underground water supplies		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scenic views		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wetlands		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lakes, ponds		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Steep slopes, ridges and hillsides		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Farmlands		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historic sites/buildings		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scenic roads		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Meadows		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floodplains		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other : _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Are there any open space lands that are important to the character and community of Patterson? If so, please list these lands and indicate why they are important.							
Open space lands.....				Why important			

**OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION QUESTIONS (cont.)**

18. What do you consider to be the three most scenic views in Patterson?		Is this viewpoint?	
View of...	View from ....	On private property	Accessible by the public
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**19. To preserve open space and rural character in Patterson, would you (check all the apply)?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Contribute land to the Town	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contribute land to a land trust
<input type="checkbox"/>	Place a conservation easement on you land	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vote for a land acquisition bond
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contribute voluntarily to a conservation fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rewrite your deed to limit future use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sell land to the Town	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pay higher taxes to the Town to acquire land for parks
<input type="checkbox"/>	I think there is already sufficient open space protected		

20. What are important forms of recreation in Patterson in which you participate	1 = very important	2	3	4	5 = least important
Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Downhill skiing	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Canoeing/boating	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Cross-country skiing	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Biking	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Baseball/Softball	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other; please explain _____	<input type="checkbox"/>				

21. Should recreational opportunities be developed in the Great Swamp?	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: please indicate type of recreation:

**OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION QUESTIONS (cont.)**

**22. List in the order of importance the top four recreation activities that you would like to see developed or expanded in Patterson (e.g.; specific hiking areas, bike routes, cross-country skiing area, swimming).**

1.

2.

3.

4.

**WATERSHED AND WATER QUALITY QUESTIONS**

The Town of Patterson is located in the East Branch Croton watershed of the New York City water supply. The following questions are being asked to guide Patterson in developing a plan to protect water quality in New York City's watershed.

**23. Do you support New York City's initiatives to protect their water supply?**

Yes

No

Not sure

**24. Do you feel that living in New York City's watershed is beneficial to your property?**

Agree

Disagree

Not sure

**25. How much of an effect do you feel water quality has on the value of your property?**

major impact

limited impact

no impact

Not sure

**26. How would you rate the water quality of the area you live in.**

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

Don't know

**27. Do you feel you bear a responsibility in protecting water quality in the area.**

Agree

somewhat agree

disagree

don't know

**28. Does your property contain any of the following:**

Wetlands

Streams or Rivers

other bodies of water

**29. Have you noticed any deterioration in lake or streams in the following time periods?**

in the last year

in the last 5 years

in the last 5 - 10 years

in the last 10 - 25 years

none whatsoever

Not sure

**30. Stream bank erosion is described as the wearing away or enlargement of a stream channel. Have you noticed any areas where stream bank erosion is a problem**

No

Not sure

Yes (If yes, please provide locations) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**31. Do you believe that there is an aquatic weed problem in your lake?**

Yes

No

Not Sure

I don't live near a lake

**WATERSHED AND WATER QUALITY QUESTIONS (cont.)**

<b>31a. If you answered YES, how serious would you rate the aquatic weed problem? (Please check one)</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> very serious	<input type="checkbox"/> somewhat serious	<input type="checkbox"/> not at all serious	<input type="checkbox"/> not sure		
<b>31b. Please describe any recent changes in lake water quality you have observed.</b>					
<b>32. How frequently do you have your septic tank pumped?</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 years	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	
<b>33. Vegetation helps to improve water quality. Would you support legislation which restricted the removal of vegetation in the following ways:</b>					
Restrict the removal of ten or more trees per acre	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure		
Prohibit clearcutting of trees and bushes on one or more acres	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure		
Prohibit clearcutting of trees and bushes on 5 or more acres.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure		
<b>34. Would you support the creation of a special improvement district for your area in order to manage and fund stormwater improvements?</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure			
<b>35. How familiar are you with Patterson's present land use regulations?</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Very familiar	<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat familiar	<input type="checkbox"/> Not very familiar	<input type="checkbox"/> Not at all		
<b>36. Please rate each of the following as a means of dealing with the protection of water quality in the watershed.</b> 1 = strongly agree    2 = agree    3 = undecided    4 = disagree    5 = strongly disagree					
	1	2	3	4	5
The land use regulations presently in existence are adequate to protect water quality.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current regulations do not adequately protect the water quality of the area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We do not need more land use controls as there are natural limits on what people can do on their land.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current land use regulations are to strict.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land use regulations destroy property rights.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regulations do not slow down the rate of development.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are too many regulations controlling land use, it will not be worth living here.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water quality should only be protected by methods other than more land use regulations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>37. Would you be willing to pay per year to protect water quality in the area?</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 to \$400	<input type="checkbox"/> greater than \$400		

**WATERSHED AND WATER QUALITY QUESTIONS (cont.)**

**38. Please provide any significant sources of pollution that you may be aware of affecting water quality in Patterson.**

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**GENERAL SURVEY INFORMATION**

The following questions are being asked to obtain general information which will be useful for future planning.

<b>39. If Town meetings were held to discuss open space/development/planning/watershed, etc. would you attend?</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
<b>40. Do you personally feel that you can make a difference in shaping your community?</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
<b>41. How many years have you been a resident of Patterson?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-5 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-15 years	<input type="checkbox"/> more than 15 years			
<b>42. Is your residence a (check one)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> private home	<input type="checkbox"/> condominium or townhouse	<input type="checkbox"/> other				
<b>43. Please check the area which best describes the location of your residence in Patterson:</b>							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Route 22, Rt. 164, Farm to Market	<input type="checkbox"/>	Putnam Lake				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Town Hall, Cushman Road area, Rt. 311 to Hamlet, Fair Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	East Branch Road/Haviland Hollow/ Brimstone Rd.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rt. 22 - north to Dutchess; south to Brewster	<input type="checkbox"/>	Birch Hill				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patterson Hamlet						
<b>44. Do you own or rent your residence?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Own		<input type="checkbox"/> Rent				
<b>45. Number of adults living in your household?</b>	_____						
<b>46. Number of children living in your household?</b>	_____						
<b>47. School district in which children attend school?</b>	_____						
<b>48. What age group are you in?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-19	<input type="checkbox"/> 20-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-54	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-64	<input type="checkbox"/> over 65
<b>49. Indicate the highest level of education you have completed.</b>							
<input type="checkbox"/> some high school	<input type="checkbox"/> high school graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> post-high school/vocational training	<input type="checkbox"/> some college	<input type="checkbox"/> college graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> graduate degree		
<b>50. What was the total household income before taxes last year?</b>							
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 to \$19,999	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 to \$34,999		<input type="checkbox"/> \$35,000 to \$59,999		<input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000 and over		