

TOWN OF BUTLER

Public Opinion Survey Summary Report

July 2008



TOWN OF BUTLER PLANNING BOARD SURVEY REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

In an effort to involve Butler residents in the planning process, the Town Planning Board conducted a public opinion survey in the fall of 2007. A survey was distributed to all Town of Butler households that were on Wayne County's Board of Elections address list.

Each survey packet contained a questionnaire and a comment sheet. Extra surveys were made available at the Town Hall, Pick-Me-Up's, and Dave's Store to accommodate those residents who did not directly receive a mailed survey. Residents were asked to return the survey after completion so that results could be tabulated.

The survey was designed to protect the anonymity of respondents. Approximately 623 surveys were mailed out using the household addresses from the County's Board of Elections. An estimated 4 surveys were picked up at the Town Hall, so total distribution was 627. A total of 122 surveys were returned and tabulated, which indicates a response rate of 19.5%. This is an average response rate for a public opinion planning survey.

The survey questionnaire included 18 questions. The questions covered such topics as: demographic and background information, where residents shop for goods and services, reasons for choosing to live in Butler, problems in the community, topics of priority, sentiments regarding policy, and sentiments regarding historic resources and Town government. Residents were also asked to provide any suggestions or comments to assist the Town in planning for the future.

Where possible, the demographic information collected through the survey was compared to data from the 2000 Census of Population to ascertain if certain demographic groups were over represented or under represented in the survey.

WHO RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY

Of all those who responded to the survey, 51.6% of them were men and 44.3% were women (4.1% of respondents did not indicate gender). The youngest and oldest respondents were ages 21 and 94, respectively. The average age of respondents was 56 years. Of the 117 people who indicated their race, 116 were white, and one considered him or herself as "other race".

The majority of survey respondents owned their residence (93.4%), as opposed to renters (5.7%).

Nearly three-quarters of the respondents were longer-term Butler residents; 73% had resided in Butler more than 10 years, 15.6% between 4 and 10 years, 7.4% between 1 and 3 years, and 3.3% had lived in Butler for less than one year.

Slightly more than one-third (35.2%) of the respondents indicated they did not work. Considering the ages of those who responded, this likely means a large percentage of those who don't work are likely retired. A total of 19.6% indicated they either worked in Butler or at home. 28.7% of respondents indicated they worked elsewhere in Wayne County, while 18.9% indicated they worked outside of Wayne County. The 2000 Census indicated that of those in

the work force, 27% worked in Butler, 48.4% worked elsewhere in Wayne County, and 24.4% worked outside Wayne County.

A comparison of the 2000 U.S. Census data with the demographic data of the survey respondents revealed that some demographic groups were under represented in the survey and others over represented. According to the U.S. Census, the median age in the Town was 36.2 years. Furthermore, the Census indicates that those in the age range from 55 to 59 years only constituted 5% of the Town's population in 2000.

Groups that were under represented included (1) persons of both genders in the age groups 20-34, who represent 20.7% of the Town's population, but only 9.8% of respondents were within a similar age range (20-35); (2) renters, as 5.7% of respondents indicated they rented, whereas 18.4% of the Town's population were renters in 2000. The age range that was over-represented included the ages between 66 and 80, who accounted for 18.9% of respondents. In contrast, the Census indicates that only 9.7% of the Town's population was between the ages of 65 and 84. Homeowners were slightly over-represented in that they accounted for 93.4% of survey responses, whereas 81.6% of the Census population was homeowners.

The 2000 Census indicates the Town contained 743 households. Feedback on the public opinion survey primarily came from those households that contained a resident that was registered to vote. Again, the Town used the address list from the Wayne County Board of Elections, which has addresses of those households that contain someone who is registered to vote. Therefore, 83.8% of total households were surveyed, leaving 120 households that did not receive a mailing. Considering the average household size of 3.07, there are an estimated 368 town residents that did not receive a survey mailing.

Any mailed, self-administered survey will entail some biases as the survey respondents are self-selected. It should be pointed out that the results of the Butler Planning Board Public Opinion Survey provide only one source of information for the comprehensive planning process. The Comprehensive Plan Committee will also need to take into consideration various other sources of information when formulating the Comprehensive Plan.

FINDINGS

The public opinion survey has largely collected various sentiments of the Town's population that are over the age of 50. This is a fairly common result for this type of survey, because it is this generation that has more deep-rooted connections with their homes, and familiar surroundings where they have invested their lives. Moreover, most of the respondents have lived in the Town for over ten years. These combined demographics seem to indicate that the well-established population has invested a good amount of time, energy, and resources within the Town, and have a willingness to be involved in or influence the Town's future.

Generally, the folks who live in Butler chose to live there because they or their families have ties to, or have been a part of the community. Respondents also enjoy the rural character of the environment. Over 85% of the respondents felt the overall quality of life was either very good or good. Interestingly, the biggest problem in the Town that obtained the highest percentage of responses was that the Town lacked employment opportunities (66%) and the Town lacked economic vitality (62%). Over 80% of the respondents felt that views of rural landscape were either very important or important to them. Also important or very important are: wooded areas (78%), and farm fields and pastures (69%). Fortunately, the Town has the ability to provide for

a foundation that supports employment opportunities while also maintaining the rural town environment.

Respondents to the survey indicate they would support or strongly support more arts and cultural community activities (63%), as well as a number of policies. Such policies that would be supported include: tax incentives for new or growing businesses (76%), tax incentives to keep farmers farming (69%), purchase of land to protect drinking water, rural character, and farms (70%), and preservation of historic buildings and barns (70%).

In today's environment of technologically advanced communications, the respondents feel they are under-served with the infrastructure that provides this communication. Survey respondents seem to be happy with the Town's offerings, but would like to add a few features that would enhance their quality of life.

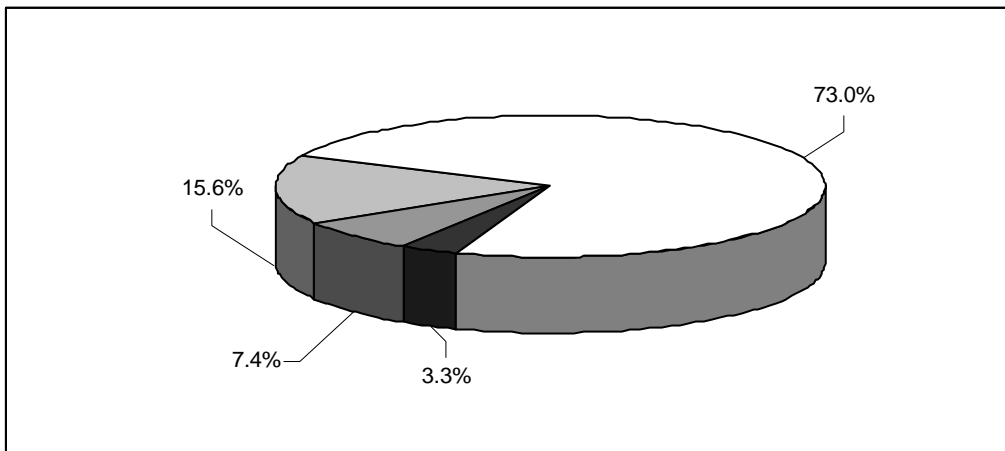
SURVEY RESULTS

For ease of interpretation, the survey results are presented graphically on the following pages. Certain questions afforded survey respondents an opportunity to select multiple choices. There were also instances where a question may not have been answered by every respondent. The percentage that appears next to each available response represents the percentage of respondents who selected that response for the question. The reader should interpret the results of this survey with a generalized understanding of broad community sentiments, and not get wrapped up into the details of addressing the concerns of respondents. More public sentiments will need to be obtained before decision-making takes place with regard to the framework of the Comprehensive Plan.

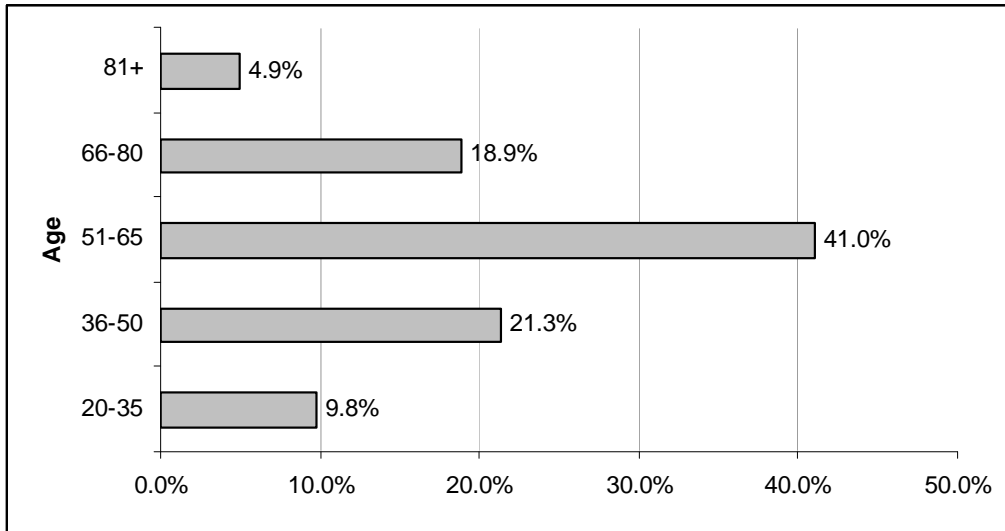
**TOWN OF BUTLER PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY
September 2007**

The following questions are designed to help your Planning Board assess the needs and desires of the residents of the Town of Butler. Please answer them to the best of your ability. Your opinion will serve as a guide for planning our community for the next five years. This survey should take you about 10 minutes to complete.

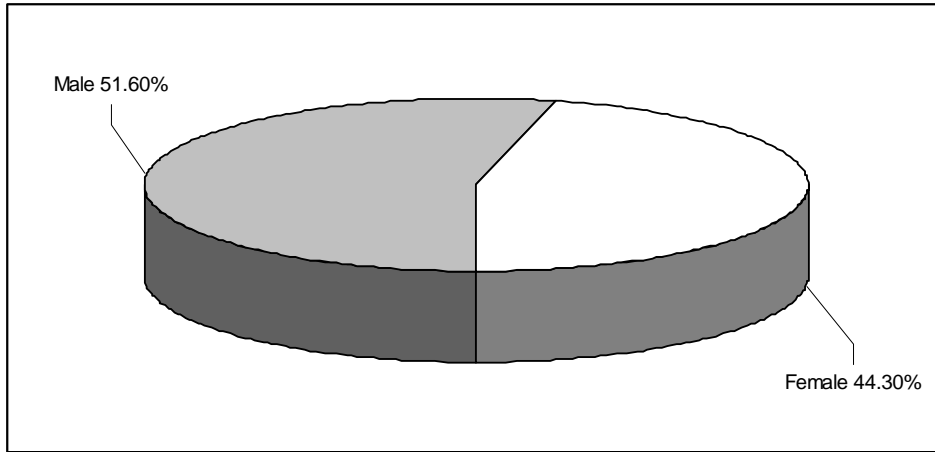
1. How long have you lived in Butler?
3.3% Less than one year **7.4%** 1-3 years
15.6% 4 – 10 years **73%** More than 10 years



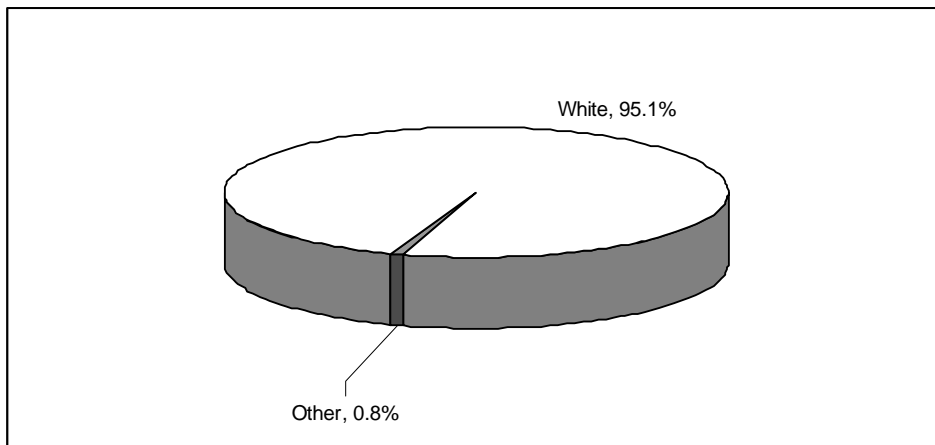
2. How old are you? **56 (Average Age); 21 (Youngest); 94 (Oldest)**



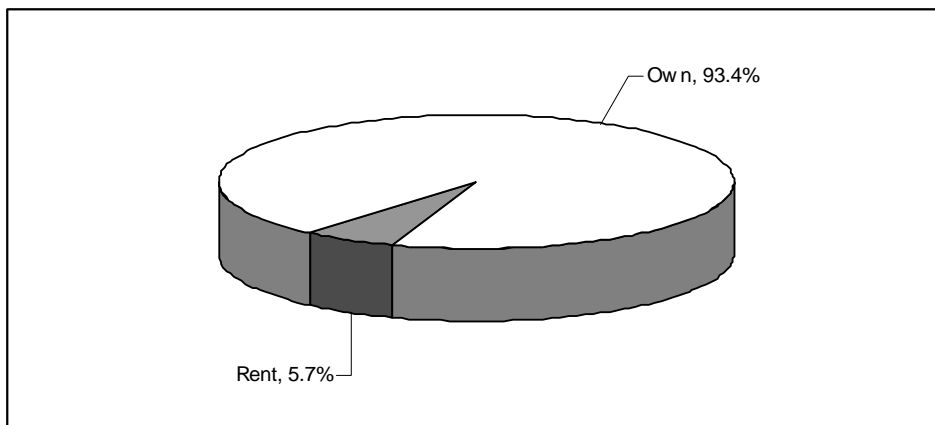
3. Male **51.6%** Female **44.3%**



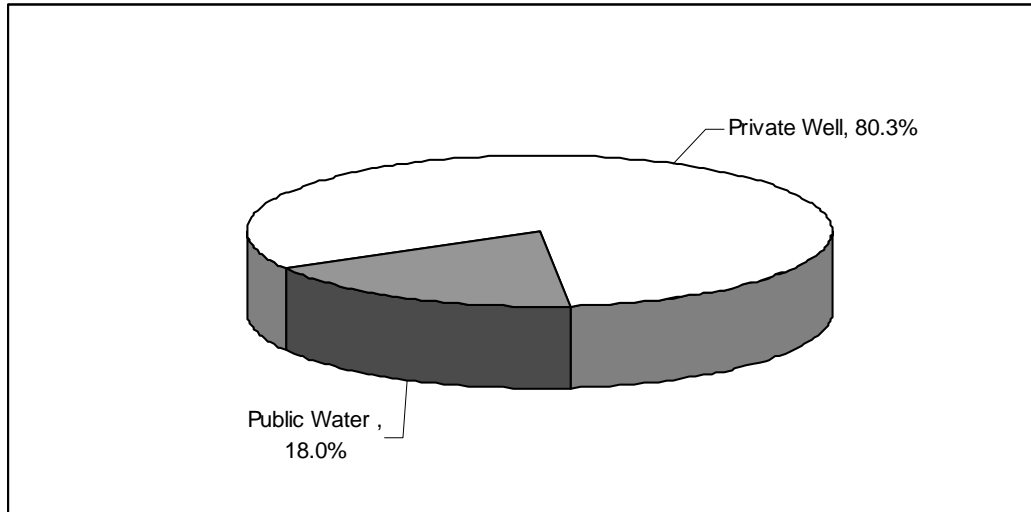
4. Do you consider yourself one of the following?
95.1% White **0%** African American **0%** Hispanic **0.8%** Other



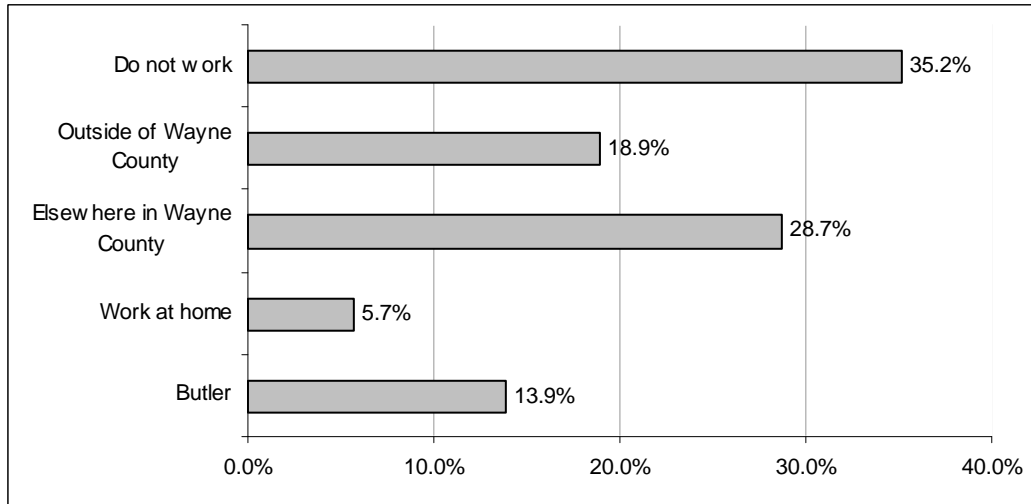
5. Does your family own or rent your residence?
93.4% Own **5.7%** Rent



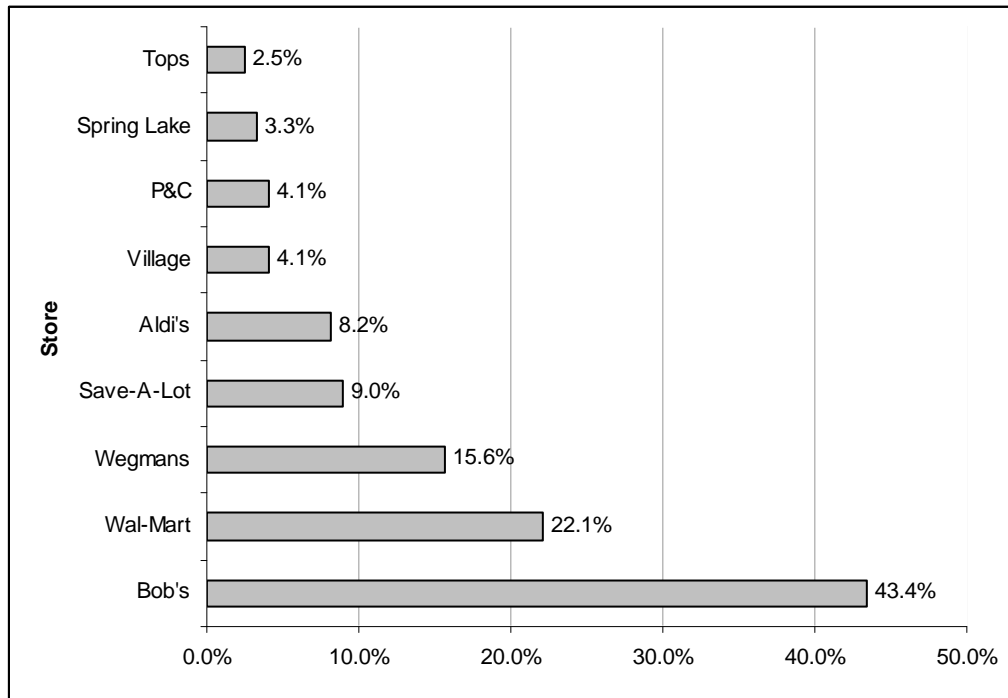
6. Do you get your drinking water from a well or are you connected to pipes?
80.3% Private Well **18.0%** Public water pipes



7. Where do you work?

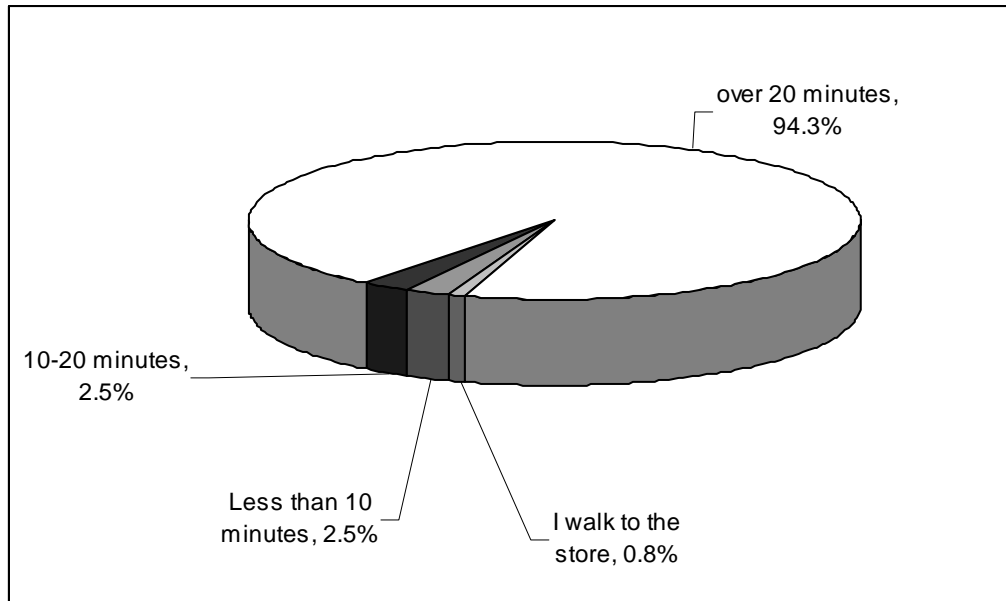


8. What is the name of the store you go to most often for food?

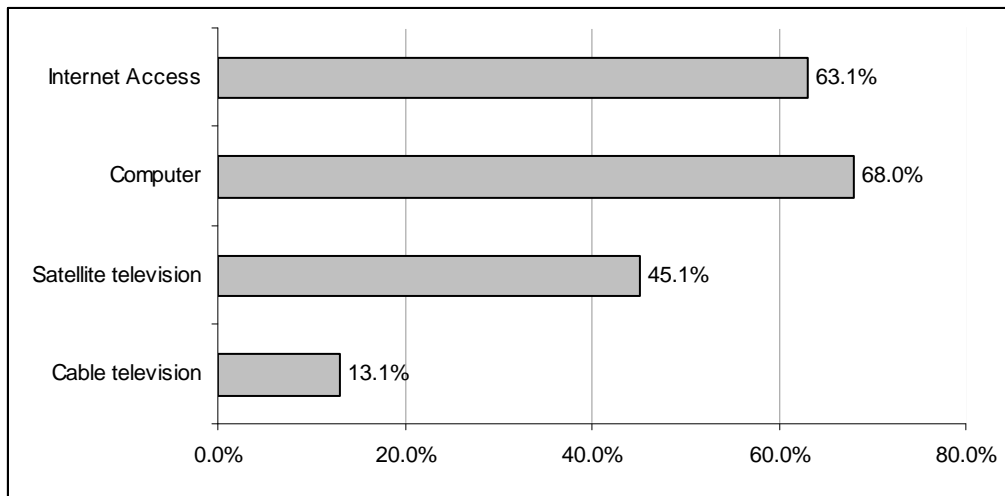


9. How far do you drive to shop for clothes?

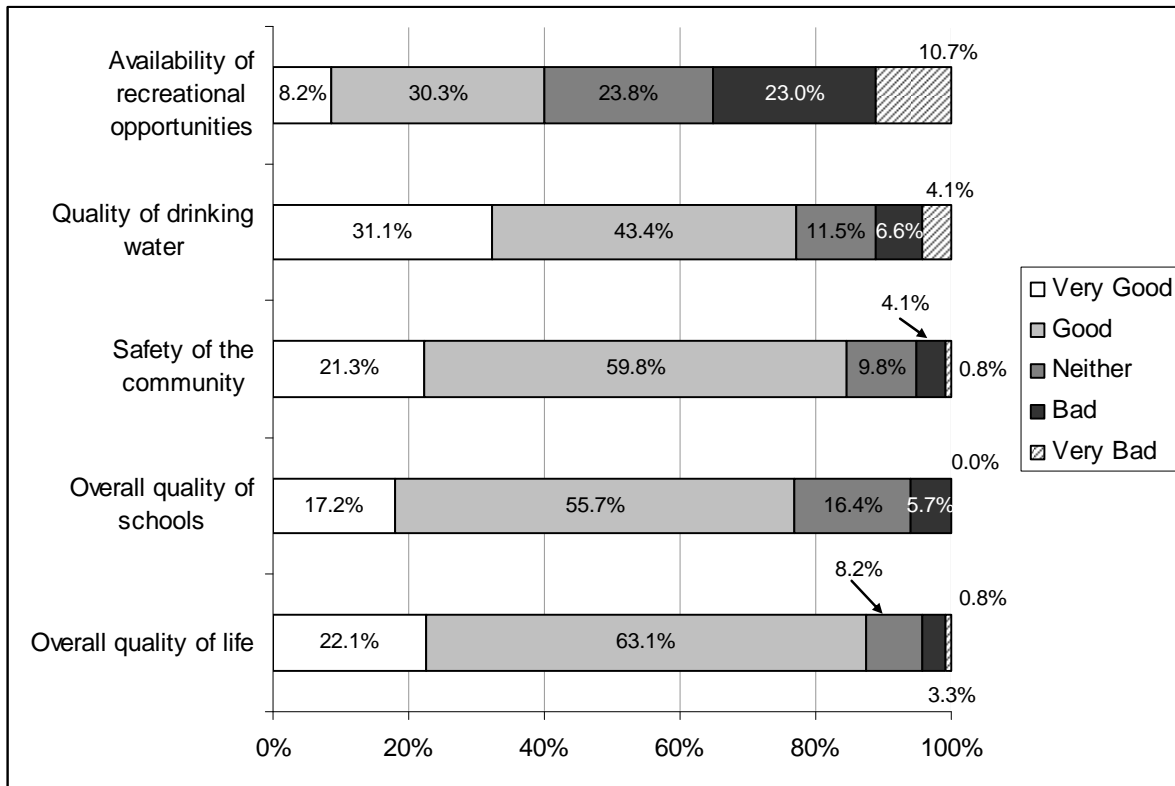
2.5% less than 10 minutes 94.3% over 20 minutes
2.5% 10-20 minutes 0.8% I walk to the store



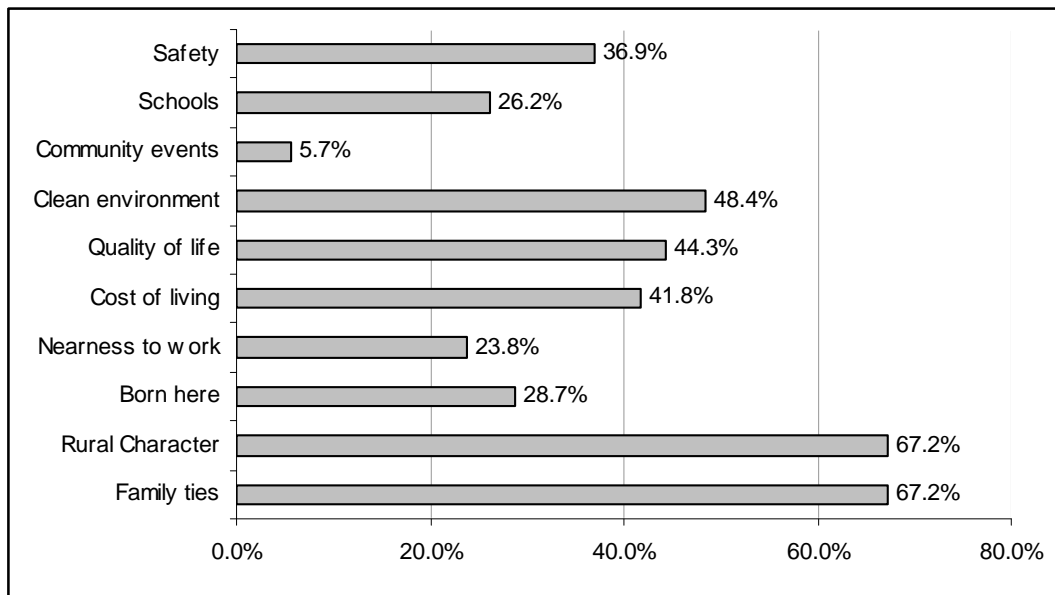
10. Which of the following do you have at home? (check all that apply)



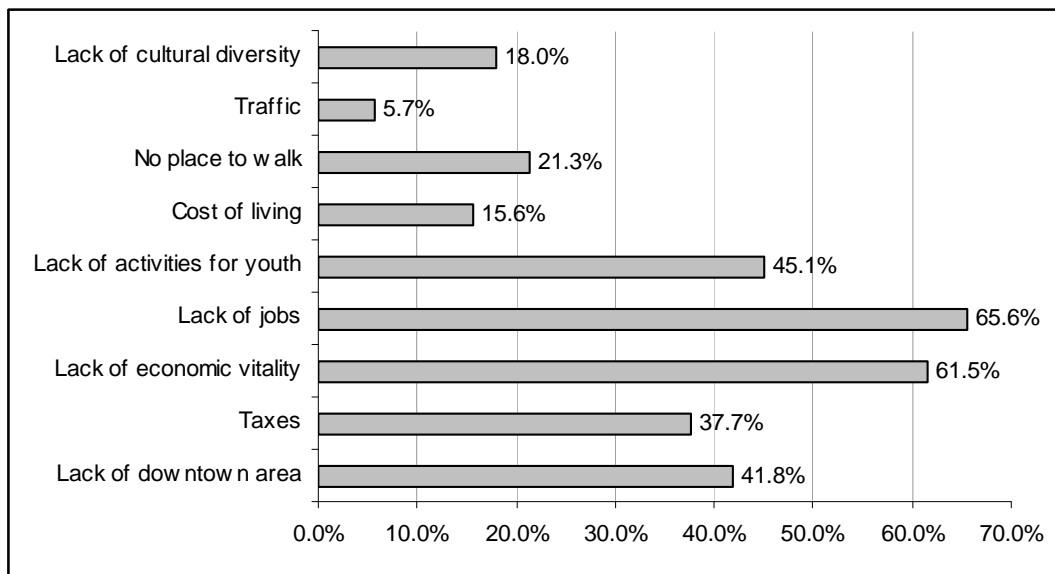
11. How would you rate the following in the Town of Butler?



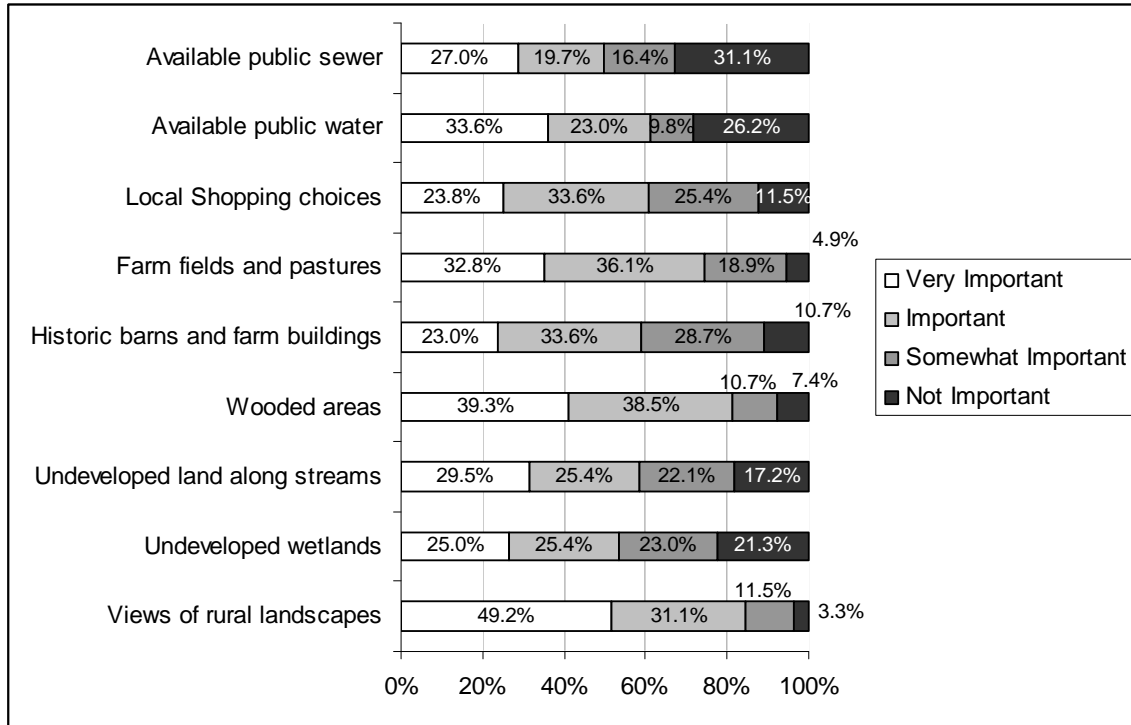
12. What are the top five reasons you live in Butler? (Check five reasons)



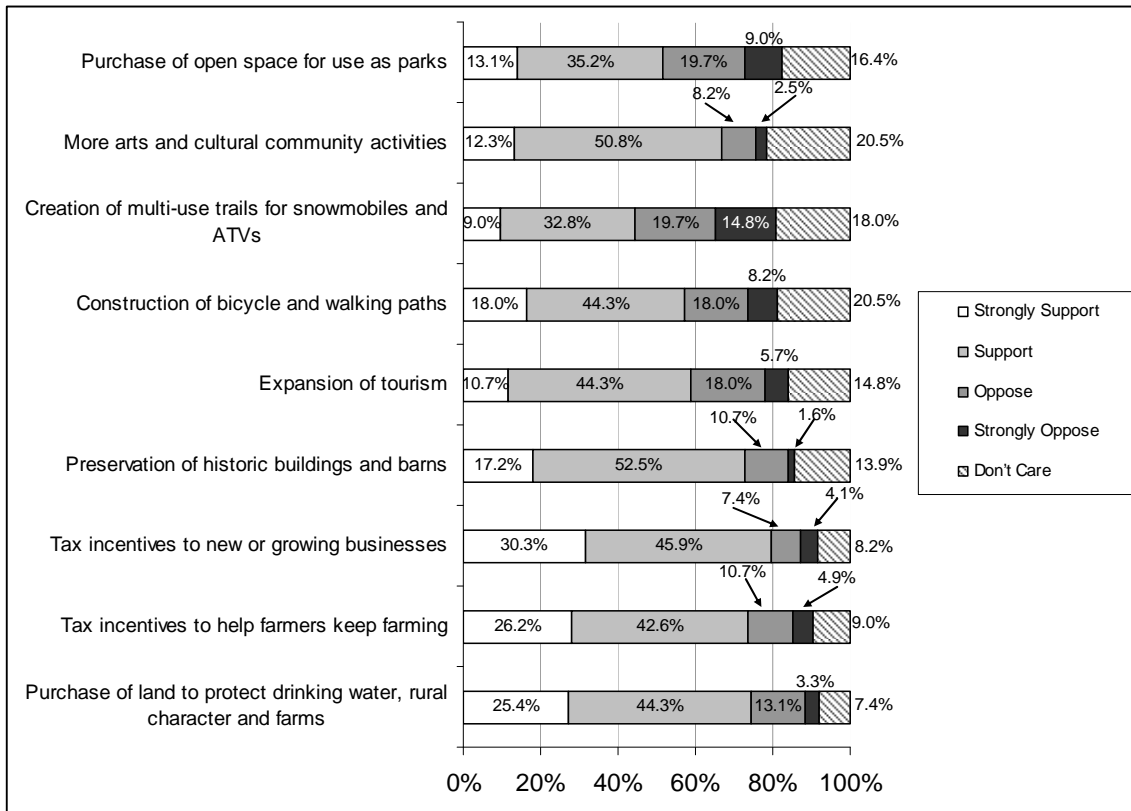
13. What are the biggest problems with life in Butler? (Check five problems)



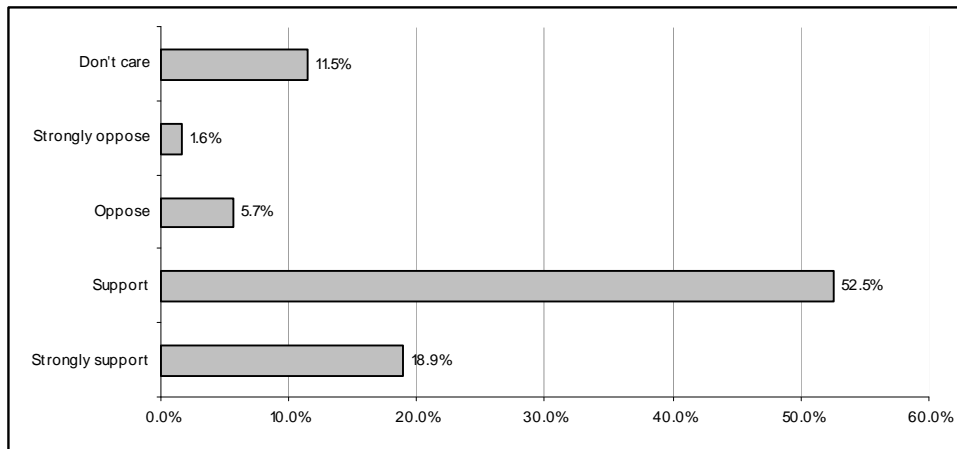
14. How important are each of the following to you?



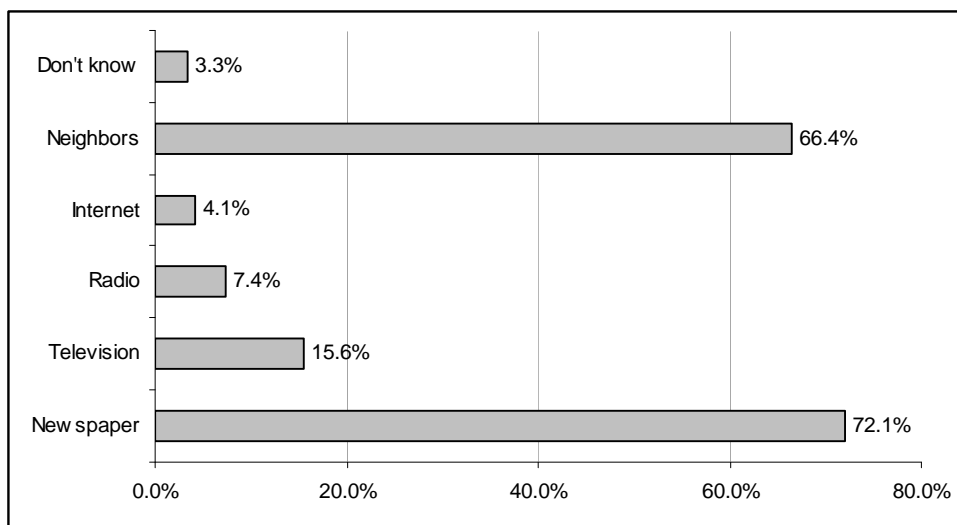
15. Would you support the following types of policies or programs in Butler?



16. Butler has many historic resources. Do you support their preservation?



17. Where do you get most of your information about Town Government? (check three)



18. Please provide any suggestions or comments you have to assist us in planning for Butler's future.

If you know someone that did not receive this survey or if there is someone else in your household that would like to complete a survey, you can pick up additional copies at the Butler Town Hall, Dave's in Savannah or at Pick-Me-Ups in Butler. If you have questions, please call the Town Hall at 594-2719.

Thank you very much for completing this survey. Please watch for more opportunities to participate in the Town's planning process.

“OTHER” OR MISCELLANEOUS RESPONSES

8. What is the name of the store you go to most often for food?

- Dave's
- Ft. Drum Commissary
- Auburn area
- Hannibal Village Market & Aldi's. cant afford Bob's
- My sister shops for me
- Village Mart
- 104 store
- Dollar General
- Price Chopper
- Lawsons (sic)
- Where they have the less expensive prices
- BJ's
- Pick Me Ups
- Pick Me Ups
- BJ's
- Price Chopper Fulton
- Several different stores

12. What are the top five reasons you live in Butler?

- Low taxes, good place to fly balloon
- Cheap house prices
- Taxes
- Solitude
- Neighborhood community support
- No other reason for being in NY
- Country life
- Good weather
- Friends
- Peace and quiet
- Near the water and bluffs
- Can't leave financially
- My farm
- This is "home" at our house. Quietness of our area
- Did not like to be too crowded
- Village of Wolcott Water and Sewer
- Own land for farming
- Friends
- Would move to a higher tech area if I could afford to
- Used to be cheap; I can't name 5 reasons
- Affordable
- Bought house in Town of Butler
- Taxes for no work aronb(sic)
- Had no choice at the time
- Low population, quiet
- Wife won't move out of state cost of living in New York is way to high

13. What are the biggest problems with life in Butler?

- nothing offered like different grocery stores, internet, tv, phone!!
- hard to find community if no kids in school and don't belong to church.
- I would like: town/county water; I would like my ditch mowed with an arm/sickle mower so it actually cuts the weeds down over the ditch. I can't see pulling out of my driveway. It was a waste of money to use a pull behind mower like this year, next to the ditch.
- Water problems. Agriculture runoff, basement problems
- Lack of looking to future needs
- Water and sewer
- lack of community involvement or projects
- I have a super huge poop factory going in across the road from my house. Makes me highly consider not protecting wetlands, ag manure runoff
- Poor quality on highway building and upkeep. Lack of information from town board on major decisions!
- Taxpayers are kept uninformed regarding the expenditure of their tax dollars, town meeting minutes or whether their tax dollars should be spent to fund certain projects at all-particularly when they are not pertinent to Butler township, I.e. Wolcott Elks club parking lot paving- the Vandeusen connection does not help, how it looks, if indeed Butler money / manpower or machinery, equipment is used.
- Cost of living- (not necessarily Butler, NY in general). At least 30 min to doctors, large stores, etc.
- No good stores
- Need traffic control in certain places
- Lack of enforcement of cleaning of properties
- Lack of business opportunities
- Dial up internet
- Water; lots of junky homes
- The condition of homes in the hamlet of South Butler
- No public water no Time Warner cable for quicker internet access
- No public water or sewer for Village of South Butler
- No public water
- Technology-no cable or high speed internet access
- Needs cleaning up. Water/sewer (messy)
- Power struggle amongst town politicians
- When you complain about speeding in our area (Lasher Rd) nothing happens, our rd from Whiskey Hill Rd to Gaylord is a drag strip
- Helluva lot better in Butler township than other townships in Wayne County
- All list above
- Too slow response from fire and ambulance also needs a library
- Agricultural odors
- Lack of knowledge and responsibilities of assessors

18. Please provide any suggestions or comments you have to assist us in planning for Butler's future.

- Grocery store (must) internet, TV, phone programs like Time Warner, etc. water, sewer alternatives, something for our children, grandchildren to have for activities in our area. (road work)
- Butler doesn't need to be a commercial center. There are plenty of others nearby. The value of Butler is the way it is now- agriculture and residential. The suburbs of Rochester and Syracuse are pushing closer. Let's hold on to the agricultural zoning as long as possible. This will prove profitable in the near future as this country's economy falls on hard times and/or oil supplies run low. People will turn to local agricultural communities for food and know-how. Yes, lettuce used to be grown in Rochester in greenhouses during the winter not trucked or flown in from CA!
- I live on Whiskey Hill Rd. It is the main road into town, yet there is no edge of the road to ride a bike or walk safely to town. There is no on-ramp for 89 to 104 E therefore trucks and traffic go down Whiskey Hill to go east on 104, the truck traffic and noise is terrible. I have owned my property for 20 years and there is still no public water, sewers, cable or other services. My taxes keep going up yet I have gotten nothing for my money in 20 years. Not one improvement. 20 years ago the snow removal was good, now the roads are hardly plowed and they keep hitting my mailbox. I hope the assessor issue is resolved quickly and legally. Do we need a state audit?
- I would like it if the Town board meetings were advertised in advance of the meeting and the minutes were published in the paper. I would like to see a survey done on our water tables to see how much run off and/or seepage from farm manure spraying etc. has affected our water quality.
- Support wind farms, town needs more public water.
- Please bring DSL or other high speed internet - very important for my business and personal use. That is my only complaint. I love living and working here it is a great place to raise my family and an excellent school district. I feel my taxes are fair and I have many amenities. Thank you for taking the time to listen.
- Economic renewal- more business opportunities with taxpayer cost.
- Support wind farms
- Have a good water and sewer system
- Have cable
- Have people observe the speed limit through Butler Center
- Leave it alone
- Need a neighborhood watch program
- Around 1990 you made (a gentleman) move out of his camper but you allow people living in a shed with a Tee Pee.
- This makes the Town look like a slum, brings the value of our home down.
- When people try to improve their homes you make taxes go up, maybe that is why part of Butler looks low maintenance buildings. Also when improving a house, you should not need a permit for everything you are trying to
- We definitely need a better sewage system and water in the town of South Butler
- We need rural cable access
- We need legal teeth to help clean up some of our dumps
- We need to develop our 104 corridor for jobs and taxes
- We need to work on grants for water/sewer to help South Butler
- How about building a senior living/ assisted living/ nursing home or senior center.
- How about hiking, walking trails, picnic area's or pet friendly walking trails?
- No job opportunities here. We do not have our own post office. Library.
- No medical office, no clinic whatsoever no dental clinics either, no drugstore or grocery store. How about a dog pound, petting farm animal establishment (ex: Storybrook farm Lollypop farm)
- Nursing jobs are zero here. I travel to Penfield, NY for employment. I want to applaud the Town

of Butler on taking such a great, excellent care of their roads and mowing the sides of the roads as all is so manicured. In winter they plowed and kept on top of all the snow we experienced last winter. They impress me!! Please just get me some trails to walk with my dog and a place to picnic here in Butler.

- Osmosis
- Anything you can do to attract more industry or business will create more jobs and lower taxes. We need to do both.
- More town wide involvement on town activities and or projects. More involvement of younger people and kids.
- Historical involvement okay for older residents, but what about youth? Something in Butler to get excited about.
- Better choices of political leaders. More intelligence and enthusiasm from town leaders. With better choices of Town
- Supervisors, etc, Butler residents wouldn't have to settle.
- I strongly oppose any more government that limits what a person can do with their land that they have bought and paid for and continue to pay a high rate of taxes on for government that doesn't work for them and schools that fail to get rid of the farms that destroy the earth. Pick up more trash on the side of roads more.
- I think that the next time somebody plans on building a cow farm by your house there should be a meeting held to let the residents vote yes or no. This is going to make it hard to ever sell my house. It is going to smell all the time and the noise will be awful to deal with. I would have been totally against this building going up. Maybe you don't care because you don't have to live across the road from it, but I DO CARE !! We had the chance to vote on someone building another house on their property why not this?
- I think the issue of Wayne County having such high taxes in relation to the rest of the United States needs to be examined. Small farmers should be helped, perhaps support organic farming. Be careful of factory farming practices, excess manure. Look into making methane from manure of large farms in Town of Butler, grants are available. Give tax breaks to landowners who put acreage for wildlife habitat. Protect wetlands. Concern about pesticides and fertilizers affecting quality of life. Push environmental concerns and educate Town of Butler residents about recycling. Solar energy, water conservation, wetlands, wildlife habitat and controlled growth. Let people alone as much as possible. Keep tourism out of most of Town of Butler except 104 corridor. Give tax incentives for printing town meetings in local newspaper.
- Please don't forget our teens! Keep them busy outside of school they are our future leaders and need our support, nurturing and good role models. :)
- Make the local police enforce (sic) speed limits!
- Repave rural roads not just re-stone them
- Access to high speed internet, better cell reception- more cell towers?
- The minutes of every board meeting should be in the local paper. When major issues come up, the taxpayers should receive notice so they can attend those board meetings.
- Stop thinking you are a law unto yourselves and that the taxpayers don't need to or have a right to know what you are all deciding to spend money on. I feel some expenditures should be voted on by the taxpayers (as far as whether or not they are necessary) and not just the town board. At least the board members could split up voter names and do a phone canvas of opinion on matters.
- It has been said that..." Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." I think an independent assessor with no ties to Butler Township should be hired to assess all properties for their fair market value for the area they are selling in. Also (candidate for Highway Superintendent) campaigned stating that he would put the Highway Dept. on 4, 10-hour days this should not occur in winter because it would mean paying over-time for any work after Thursdays work ends. Too expensive for the budget.
- Access to high speed internet (broad band) also better cell phone reception- more cell towers.

- I would like to add one thing that is really great about the town of Butler- The highway department does an excellent job on the roads in the winter time. We live in Westbury and my friend lives across the corner in the Town of Victory. Our road is plowed, sanded and salted several times during the day. Hers only gets done a few times. I find that all of the roads in Butler that I travel on are always well taken care of.
- Would like to see all positions i.e. assessors (sic) voted for by public- instead of appointment. Appointment shows that public has no choice and dishonest can rear its head like in our upper government.
- Not at this time
- Assessors that assess fairly on all property and not on a whim to have (?sp) something to do.
- Water-sewer in 104 area
- Shopping, recreation - draw tourism and give kids things to do.
- Would you please make public the results of this survey? Thank you.
- Get with the program on assessment- Even, fair assessment for everyone-
- Butler has a long way to go
- Can't think of any
- It would be nice not to have some eye-sores around here like cars lying upside down and on their sides. It looks like a slum area. Enforce landowner cleanup- more notice of town meetings and/or issues faced by the town.
- Hamlet of South butler-embarrassing- almost all housing looks awful- Its why we're call 315'ers should either bulldoze it or rehab- consider asking local church to sponsor a work camp and fix up the houses. Sidewalks are good for walking-
- Apply for grants
- In favor of windmills to generate electricity
- We have a lovely rural area- please try to keep it that way. Look what has happened to Walworth and Ontario- such a lack of freedom that comes with too many people stuffed onto land for "economic" reasons.
- All rules and regs, town or state should apply to everyone, not a certain few
- Make (Town official's) position permanent. You do a great job. Thank you!
- The town owned land should be preserved for industrial or commercial use. We need to preserve farming but also need areas for commercial and industrial development to create tax base and create jobs. I support tourism and preservation but they won't pay the bills. Gov't needs to let private enterprise do more. There is no good method of communication but I don't know the answer. Email newsletter works for some of us. If you want more responses, should use self-addressed stamped envelope.
- We like our privacy, not a lot of traffic, noise, etc.
- I feel there should be tax incentives for some business to come to Butler (104) I just don't want to see this area built
- up so much that becomes like western Wayne County
- You really do not need to do much you do not need to add anything just fix up what we already have if there is a run down place that is abandoned try to find out how to clean it up. Allow the countryside to stay that way people come to see it anyway because there is not much country left
- Push the cleanup of property with a possible fine for those who refuse to get rid of their junk and trash
- The planning board will do what they want to do
- It would be nice if we could keep up to date on what is happening in our town either by mail or email. Does Butler have a web-site available? Dial-up stinks!
- The Town of Butler needs to work with the Village of Wolcott for future development, recreation, parks shopping.
- Please keep in mind that the village of Wolcott (south end) is in the Town of Butler and they need to work together on future plans. Need to clean up Town. Enforce zoning, etc. Too many places look like junk yards.

- Be honest to everyone. Do the right thing for us tax payers. Listen to any comments that are being made. Do your best for everyone. We enjoyed your survey. We need more people get things done.
- The homes and lawns in the hamlet of South Butler are in terrible shape. Some should be condemned and torn down.
- There are homes that are empty and the lawns are unkempt. I don't tell people I'm from South Butler. I don't want anyone to wonder which dump I live in. We need to take pride in our town. More clean ups may help.
- I would like you to get off your butts and get public water and Time Warner cable for internet access, if there is funding available for it. Try applying for the grants they are out there for both!!
- (Question 15- don't support tax incentives for farmers if it smells badly/pollution)
- Get one qualified Assessor (Plan in works?)
- File for grant to get public water and sewer into S. Butler.
- 3) Create some zoning law or garbage ordinance to help get South Butler and Town of Butler cleaned up! (file for grant to help avoid economic burden on homeowners)
- I feel public water is very important not only for those of us living here already but for attracting new businesses.
- I am disappointed in how people care for their property- if you try to keep your place in good shape taxes are increased when nearby lawns are unmowed and teepee's are ruining the neighborhood. Some times I think parking junk cars (or whatever) in my lawn would possibly lower my taxes!
- There is also a culvert near my home which (as long as I've been around) has never been cleaned and the ditch that goes to Butler creek has never been maintained so whenever the snow melts or we have significant rain water comes over into my yard close to the well which concerns me since the field across the road is used for growing crops using who knows what kind of chemicals.
- I do like the independence of having my own well and water system in my cellar so I would not support a public water/sewer system.
- We would very much like to see wind turbines in the Town of Butler.
- Protect landscape and conservation of trees around area to keep the town and villages in Butler and surrounding area's environment
- Keep school taxes down. Too many rules cripple freedom, less is better.
- We are severely lacking in technology resources here. I have read where some rural areas are able to get grants so they may receive wireless internet. With schools requiring so much computer access (and jobs) it would be of a benefit to have low/ no cost high speed internet available in our homes.
- There should have been postage paid, self addressed envelopes included.
- The visual aspects of Butler/ South Butler is what hurts us. The needs to be cleaned up!!
- Expand water and sewer on the 104 area help residents clean up their property
- I think Butler could benefit from public water and sewer. There should be a place for the kids to play and other things for the older kids to do.
- One big thing is I think there should be a curfew for the teenagers in Butler.
- More frequent public transportation would be nice. Sidewalks would also make life easier for moms or dads trying to walk with their kids. Also there should be more places for shopping. Butler needs more activities for children that don't center around religion- as not everyone practices a religion. Also there are no playgrounds for kids. I would like to see a recreation building set up for youth.
- Make sure the public is aware of what's going on. Explain to the public why planning board is so important.
- I would like to see from 4 corner of Whiskey Hill Rd to 4 corners of Wolcott Rd on Lasher Rd children at play or 45 speed zones. I have a grandson, he's just turning 5 years, he rides bus #(.). There is 42 children who rides his bus, there are at least 10 to 15 of those children who ride his

bus whose signs would be a good start for Butler area, to slow down these people who have lead feet even if you could put the signs up to Gaylord Rd would help out 15 kids.

- More stores for Butler.
- New hunting land in Butler
- Someplace for the kids do things
- Clean up Butler so more people will want to live there.
- We have 104 for snowmobiles, use for ATV's.
- I don't think we can afford to preserve too much, who will keep taking care of these buildings?
- Simple common laws Town has nothing pertaining to business. Revision of junk law to include everyone
- I think Butler Road crew does a really great job on the roads (snow removal and repairs).
- Leave things alone as they are
- None but I'll vote
- The towns of Butler, Rose, Huron and Wolcott are the Towns wide open for expansion, due to the "city" influence getting closer. Any futuristic planning needs to be done with "open eyes" and broad perspectives. I support wind.
- I drive thru S. Butler (Route 89) on my way to Savannah and I am very disappointed with the way that area looks, very messy, junk cars, junky buildings garbage all over. Is there a zoning law against this? They (the people) should clean up that whole area.
- Put some good jobs in Butler not just farms for Mexicans and political. We need jobs that support the honest working person that want the best for their family. Not just family owned business that helps keep people here that aren't afraid to travel to get the best of clothes, etc.
- I live (in the southeast part of Town). I have worked real hard to clean this place up. There was junk all along the road. We, my friends and I, have moved over 150 tons of this junk to make this place clean. I would love to own this place and keep cleaning it up but I need funds to do this. (The landowner) wants \$59,000 for me to own this. Why couldn't this town help me purchase this place? I would donate the 6 or so acres on the other side of the road of the Town for the kids to have a place to have fun without getting in trouble.
- Keep things as they are simple and rural do not develop the 104 corridor. Most importantly- keep roads maintained but do not widen and straighten them. No Bars either- drink at home.
- New York is taxing business out of this state between power, workers comp, and all the social programs that New York mandates and puts the burden on County and local government. There is no such thing as free money from the state. We are paying for it. Tourism creates low paying jobs whether it's in the mall at Carousel or out here in the country. Don Colvin said- and I'll quote Western Wayne County is where County money should be spent not in the eastern welfare part of county.
- Reduce agricultural odors
- Reduce speed limits on country roads
- More nature trails-foot trails
- I may be incorrect but comparing services other communities get it seems our taxes are very high. In my day we did not have all these upscale schools. Just for example look at the wall that Cato School built in one of there (sic) parking lots. Was that really necessary.
- Require cleaning of properties of debris and junk. Town of South Butler looks like a slum area. Create improvements without increasing taxes such as city water and sewer businesses to help the community for jobs and to stop allowing farmers deductions and lower property taxes for the farmers benefit. Encourage more business to Butler and anything else we can do to bring the community and township up to the years of 2000.
- Update this town with interest for all. Have to go to other places to enjoy parks, walk, biking, shopping etc. Let's keep our money in town. Hire only qualified people for jobs pay them well