

Cayuga County Community Assessment Survey #2 – Quality of Life

Background & Introduction

Welcome! Cayuga County is making a strategic plan for future growth. This plan will guide how our towns and villages grow and change over the next many years. We want to make sure our communities stay strong, keep our farms and natural areas protected, and support good jobs and a high quality of life for our residents and visitors. We need your help! Your answers will tell us what is most important to the people who live, work, and spend time in Cayuga County. What you share will help us make choices about housing, roadways, the economy, the environment, and more. This is the second of four short surveys. This one centers around quality of life in Cayuga County. It should only take a few minutes to complete. Other surveys released later this year will ask about topics like public services, infrastructure, and our natural resources.

Demographic Data Collection

We are asking some basic questions that describe you and your housing/employment status. This will help us understand if certain groups or communities have different needs, so the plan is fair for everyone. If you do not want to answer a question, just choose "Prefer not to say."

1. Where do you currently live? (If you have multiple homes, please identify your primary residence)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Auburn | <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Moravia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Aurelius | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Niles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Aurora | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Owasco |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Brutus | <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Port Byron |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Cato | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Scipio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Cato | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Sempronius |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Cayuga | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Sennett |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Conquest | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Springport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Fair Haven | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Sterling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Fleming | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Summerhill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Genoa | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Throop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Ira | <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Union Springs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Ledyard | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Venice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Locke | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Victory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Mentz | <input type="checkbox"/> Village of Weedsport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Montezuma | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Moravia | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

2. How old are you?

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55–64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18–24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65–74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25–34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 or older |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35–44 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45–54 | |

3. What gender do you identify with?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-Binary / Third Gender
- ☐ Prefer Not To Say

4. What is your military status?

- ☐ Currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces
- ☐ A veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- ☐ Not a veteran/never served in the military
- ☐ Prefer not to say

5. Please identify your race. (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino/a/x | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

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6. What is your current housing status?

- ☐ Homeowner ☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Renter ☐ Other: _____
☐ Live with family / no rent paid

7. Describe your household composition.

- ☐ Single adult living alone ☐ Multi-generational household
☐ Couple without children ☐ Roommates/Shared housing
☐ Couple with children ☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Single parent with children ☐ Other: _____

8. What is your current employment status?

- ☐ Employed full-time ☐ Unemployed – not looking for work
☐ Employed part-time ☐ Retired
☐ Unemployed – looking for work ☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Other: _____

Community Assets

This section asks about important services in your community - like housing, jobs, schools, healthcare, and emergency services. Your answers will help us see how well these services work for people today and where they could be better. Please answer based on your own experiences and what you notice in your area. If you are unable to answer a question because you are unsure, then we encourage you to leave the response blank!

9. Please rate the following housing characteristics in your community. (Choose one answer for each row)

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good
Quality of housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of housing that is affordable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of different housing types	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of housing for seniors or people with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities for homeownership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. In the last 10-15 years, how has housing quality changed in your community?

- ☐ Greatly improved ☐ Slightly improved ☐ It has not changed ☐ Slightly declined ☐ Greatly declined

11. Please rate the following employment characteristics in your community. (Choose one answer for each row)

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good
Jobs that pay a livable wage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job training or workforce development programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Career advancement opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. Please rate the quality of the following educational opportunities in your community. (Choose one answer for each row)

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good
Public schools (K-12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private schools (K-12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Early childhood education (PreK, daycare)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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After-school or youth programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job and trade training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Higher education and adult learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. Please rate your access to the following educational opportunities in your community. *(Choose one answer for each row)*

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good
Public schools (K–12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private schools (K-12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Early childhood education (PreK, daycare)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
After-school or youth programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job and trade training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Higher education and adult learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. Please rate the following commercial characteristics in your community. *(Choose one answer for each row)*

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good
Look/feel of shopping areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mix of retail and service options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities for new businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for local/small businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of essential services (banking, groceries, post office, gas, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. What new places or services would make your community better? *(Select up to 3)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery stores | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare services | <input type="checkbox"/> Job training centers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants/café's | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical offices/Healthcare services | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment venues | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Transportation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Homes & Apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

16. How satisfied are you with healthcare services in your community?

- ☐ Very Dissatisfied
 ☐ Dissatisfied
 ☐ Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
 ☐ Satisfied
 ☐ Very Satisfied

17. Please rate the availability of or accessibility to the following services in your community. *(choose one answer for each row)*

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good
Primary care or clinics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mental health or counseling services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emergency medical response	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Substance use treatment or recovery services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire and police protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Quality of Life

This section asks about your own experiences living in your community - things like safety, feeling connected, and daily life. Your answers will help us understand what it's really like to live here and what matters most to residents. There are no right or wrong answers. We just want your honest opinions. If you are unable to answer a question because you are unsure, then we encourage you to leave the response blank!

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18. Which of these things are most important to your life in your community? Please rank the following quality-of-life factors, with 1 being the most important and 10 being the least important. (indicate your ranking by placing a number – 1-10 – next to each of the topics)

Rank	Quality Of Life Factor	Rank	Quality Of Life Factor
	Housing/Renting Affordability		Diverse Job Opportunities
	Healthcare & Human Services		Public Safety
	Clean Air & Water		Education/Career Development Opportunities
	Transportation Options		Childcare
	Healthy Food Options		Government Responsiveness

19. Please rate the following quality of life factors in your community. (choose one answer for each row)

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good
Housing/Renting Affordability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diverse Job Opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Healthcare & Human Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clean Air & Water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education/Career Development Opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transportation Options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Childcare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Healthy Food Options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Government Responsiveness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. Overall, how would you rate your quality of life?

☐ Very Poor ☐ Poor ☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Very Good

21. Rate your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
My community is a good place to raise a family.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My community is a good place to grow old.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel generally safe in my community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel that my voice is heard in local decision-making.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel welcomed and included in my community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. Is there anything else you'd like to share about your community or the future of Cayuga County?

Thank you for being part of this important effort to shape the future of Cayuga County!

If you want to get further involved in the planning process, you can contact the County Planning Dept. at planning@cayugacounty.us, attend public meetings, or visit our website at <https://cayugacountyplanning.wixsite.com/strategicplan> to find more information.