

Town of Knox Public Survey Please consult with your family members and complete one survey per household. Please mark your choices:

1. How many years have you or your family lived in or owned land in the Town of Knox? ___ Up to 1 ___ 1-5 ___ 6-10 ___ 11-20 ___ 21-40 ___ 41-80 +
2. How are members of your household employed? *(Please mark appropriate choices for all household members)*
 ___ Business owner in Knox ___ Agriculture-based business owner in Knox ___ Stay at home caretaker with children or other(s)
 ___ Employed within Knox ___ Employed in the Capital District ___ Student or intern
 ___ Employed within the Hilltowns ___ Employed outside the Capital District ___ Retired or otherwise not employed
 Other: _____
3. How many children in your household: ___ attend public or private school (K-12) ___ are home schooled ___ are not yet school-aged
4. Do you have reliable high speed internet access at your home? ___ Yes ___ No. Who is your internet service provider? _____
5. What are 3 positive features that you value about living in Knox? _____

6. What are 3 negative issues or threats that you feel face Knox now? _____

7. What 3 words or phrases describe what you hope Knox will be like in 15 years? _____

8. Where in the Town of Knox do you live: ___ Hamlet ___ Rt. 146 from Middle Rd. to Lewis Rd. ___ Rt. 156 from Witter Rd. to Thompson Lake Rd. intersection ___ Other
(Please refer to areas on map)

Open Space and the Natural Environment

9. How important are these resources to you? Important Neutral Not Important Don't Know
 - a. Agricultural land/open space.....0.....0.....0.....0.....
 - b. Air quality.....0.....0.....0.....0.....
 - c. Drinking water quality.....0.....0.....0.....0.....
 - d. Forested lands.....0.....0.....0.....0.....
 - e. Lakes, waterways, and wetlands.....0.....0.....0.....0.....
 - f. Nature preserves.....0.....0.....0.....0.....
 - g. Outdoor recreational areas.....0.....0.....0.....0.....
 - h. Scenic vistas.....0.....0.....0.....0.....

Refer to Map 1

- Other: _____
10. Should the Town be involved in protecting our local open space and environment? ___ Yes ___ No *(skip to #12)*
 11. If Yes to #10, Should Knox use these measures, with public input? Yes Neutral No Don't Know
 - a. Work with farmers to create policies to help working farms.....0.....0.....0.....0.....
 - b. Promote regional collaboration and planning.....0.....0.....0.....0.....
 - c. Establish and enforce zoning, subdivision and land use regulations.....0.....0.....0.....0.....
 - d. Establish pollution guidelines for commercial and industrial uses.....0.....0.....0.....0.....

What other measures could the Town take to protect open space and the environment? _____

Agricultural Issues

12. What role does Agriculture have in Knox? _____
13. Does your family buy any agricultural products directly from farmers in Knox?..... No If Yes, what kinds? _____
14. Would your family be interested in buying more locally grown agricultural products?... No If Yes, what kinds? _____

15. Would you pay local farmers extra to support sustainable &/or organic agriculture and produce? Yes, Always Yes, Sometimes No Opinion No

Comments: _____

16. Should the Town continue the One Cut rule (allows one subdivision of a parcel every 18 months)? Yes Neutral No Don't know

Comments: _____

**NOTE: Throughout this survey, "Promote" means to allow, and raise public awareness with signs, programs, advertising and other creative means at little or no cost or taxpayer expense. "Support" means to allow, and provide direct assistance with taxpayer \$ or other resources, including grants, donations and paid or volunteer help.*

17. Should the Town promote development in a way that encourages use of land for farming? Yes No (skip to #18)

| 18. If Yes, should the Town use these zoning changes and other measures: | <u>Yes</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't Know</u> |
|--|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| a. Promote agri-tourism (Bed & Breakfasts, dude ranches, u-pick farms, etc.)..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| b. Allow farms to open retail shops, cafes, etc. to increase income..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| c. Promote agri-businesses that support farms, such as veterinarians, food or other produce processing facilities, farm machinery dealers..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| d. Allow and promote small-scale, on-farm processing facilities, such as small slaughterhouses and composting operations..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| e. Create an Agricultural Committee to promote agricultural interests in Knox..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| f. Facilitate programs that help families preserve their land for future generations, e.g. Purchase or Transfer of Development Rights, conservation easements..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |

What other measures could the Town take to encourage farming? _____

** NOTE: To estimate taxpayer costs: there are about 1,000 households in Knox, so each \$1,000 spent for a project would cost a household about \$1 in one year.*

Cultural, Recreational and Historic Resources

| | (Use Tax \$) | (Use Grant \$, Donations) | | | |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 19. What <u>cultural</u> opportunities are needed in Knox? | <u>Yes, OK to use Tax \$</u> | <u>Yes, but NOT with Tax \$</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't Know</u> |
| a. Host art and craft shows, festivals, events featuring local artists..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| b. Support educational programs/challenges for kids, adults..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| c. Install garage doors (weather protection) on the Town Park Pavilion..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |

Other: _____

| | (Use Tax \$) | (Use Grant \$, Donations) | | | |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 20. What <u>social/recreational</u> opportunities are needed in Knox? | <u>Yes, OK to use Tax \$</u> | <u>Yes, but NOT with Tax \$</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't Know</u> |
| a. Community events, activities for children, teens, adults, senior citizens..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| b. Improved athletic fields (baseball, softball, soccer)..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| c. Improved tennis and basketball courts..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| d. ATV and off-road vehicle, snowmobile trails..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| e. Cross-country ski trails, horse trails..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| f. Hiking, biking, walking, running paths..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| g. Areas for skateboarding, rollerblading, scooters, etc..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |

Community Character

29. What 3 words or phrases describe the community character (culture; social, political, etc. environment/feeling) of the Town of Knox? _____

30. Should the Town be involved in preserving the **community character** of Knox? ___ Yes ___ No (*skip to #33*)

| 31. If Yes to # 30, Should Knox use these zoning and other measures, with public input? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't Know</u> | |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a. Allow smaller lots in Hamlet for traditional residential development..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | |
| b. Promote stewardship of large trees, stone walls, other attractive features..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | |
| c. Promote Home Occupation "Cottage Industries" throughout the Town..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | |
| d. Intermingle low impact businesses and residences throughout the Town..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | |
| e. Expand areas zoned for mixed residential, business & light industrial development..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | |
| f. Place a building size cap on non-agricultural <i>commercial</i> buildings..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | |
| g. Develop standards for the exterior design of new <i>commercial</i> buildings..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | |
| h. Develop standards for the exterior design of new <i>residential</i> buildings..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | |
| i. Regulate artificial light that extends onto other properties..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | |
| j. Regulate noise that extends onto other properties..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | |
| k. Regulate and limit industrial development and heavy truck traffic..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | |
| 32. If Yes to # 30, should these measures be used, with public input? | <u>Yes, OK to use Tax \$</u> | <u>Yes, but NOT with Tax \$</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't Know</u> |
| m. Support Hamlet beautification | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| n. Create a fund for land conservation..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| o. Develop wildlife/greenway corridors to promote wildlife..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |

Other: _____

| 33. What types of <u>residential development</u> would you like to see more of in Knox? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't Know</u> |
|--|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| a. Residential development designed to protect open spaces (clustered subdivisions)..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| b. Duplexes (two roughly equal units in one building)..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| c. In-law apartments..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| d. Small (3-6 unit) apartment buildings..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| e. Large (over 6 units) apartment buildings..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| f. Single family homes on 3 – 10 acre parcels..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| g. Single family homes on larger (11 – 30 or more acres) parcels..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| h. Small single family homes with less than 1,000 square feet of living space..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| i. Senior citizen housing developments with community facilities..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| j. Assisted living and continuous care facilities..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| k. Combined residential and commercial buildings..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |

Other: _____

| 34. Should these energy sources be promoted in Knox? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't Know</u> |
|---|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| a. Small wind turbines for home or farm use (up to 125 feet tall)..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| b. Large wind turbines for farm or local business use (over 125 feet tall)..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| c. Group of 3 or fewer large wind turbines to power Town owned facilities..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| d. Group of 3 or fewer large wind turbines for commercial power utilities..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| e. Residential solar photovoltaic (to create electricity)..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| f. Large solar photovoltaic for business, farm or Town use..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| g. Large solar photovoltaic for commercial power utilities..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| h. Geothermal (to heat or cool from underground mass temperatures)..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| i. Micro-hydroelectric turbines..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| j. Outdoor wood burners for hot water and/or heat..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| k. Hydrofracking for shale gas..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |

Town Government, Infrastructure and Community Services

| | <i>(Use Tax \$)</i> | <i>(Use Grant \$, Donations)</i> | | | |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 35. Are these possible measures needed? | <u>Yes, OK to use Tax \$</u> | <u>Yes, but NOT with Tax \$</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't Know</u> |
| a. Update the public about Town issues via social media (FaceBook) or newsletter..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| b. Support public transportation opportunities for all groups..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| c. Support transportation opportunities for Senior citizens..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| d. Support increased access to crisis intervention and mental health services..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| e. Support a person to seek and apply for grant opportunities..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| f. Support increased enforcement of traffic laws (speed and noise)..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| g. Promote and enforce junk car removal..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| h. Support a corps of clean up volunteers for junk removal..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| i. Promote and enforce repairs or removal of derelict buildings..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| j. Support more recycling and re-use strategies..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| k. Build a shelter to swap useful household items at the Transfer Station..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| l. Support more household hazardous waste disposal options..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| m. Protect safety and quality of air..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| n. Monitor and protect safety and quality of wells, water resources & septic systems..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| o. Reduce salting of roads (use alternatives) to protect groundwater..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| p. Promote increased access to cable, high speed internet service..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| q. Build multi-use paths (bike, horse, walking, golf cart) for convenience, safety..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| r. Install sidewalks in Hamlet..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| s. Use part of Town Hall as a community resource center..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| t. Convert positions that are currently appointed into elected positions..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| u. Define & publish Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals procedures & requirements..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| v. Support an "Expediter" to help residents & businesses navigate applicable zoning laws..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |
| w. Consolidate Town government with Berne; or with Berne, Westerlo and Rensselaerville..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... | 0..... |

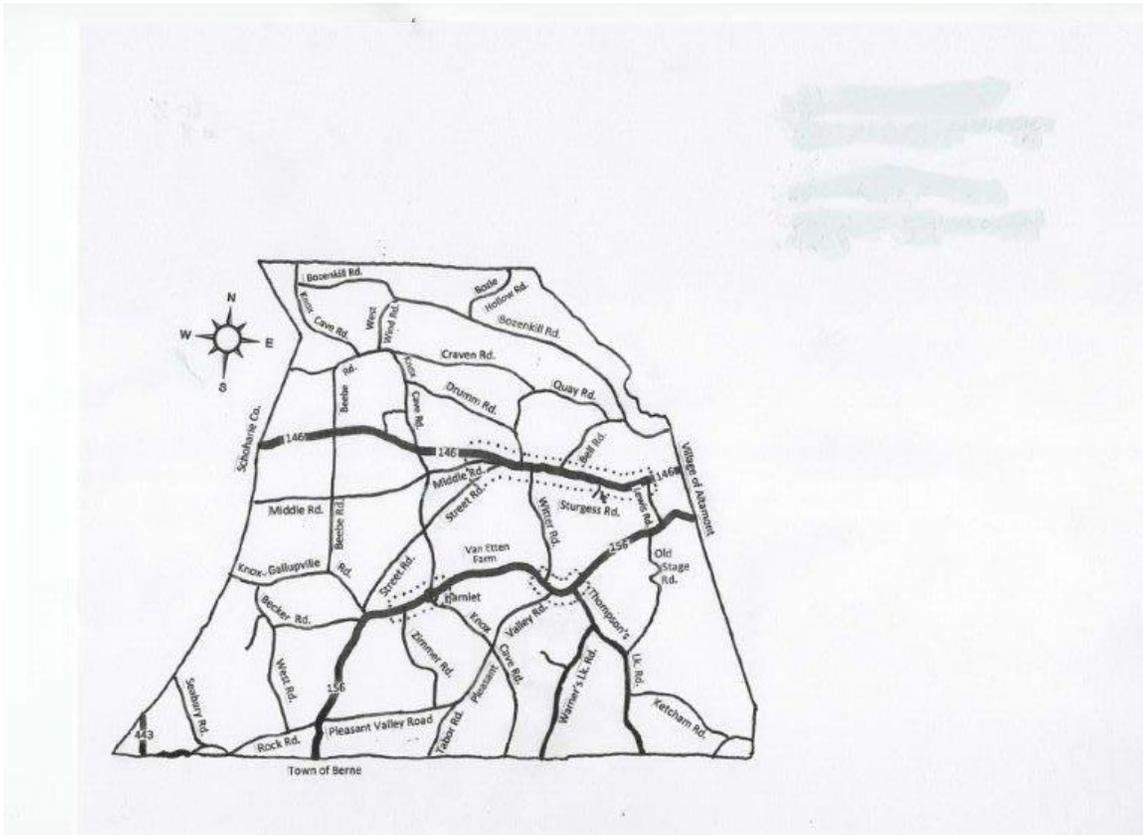
Other: _____

Thank you for your time and thought in responding to this important survey.

Please send to SURVEY, PO Box 56, Knox NY 12107 or bring to Town Hall.

Map 1:

8. Where in the Town of Knox do you live?



Map 2:

25. Where would you accept mixed business/residential development in Knox?

