Dear Village of Northport Resident.

Enclosed is a Master Plan Survey for the Village of Northport. The purpose of this survey is to gather input, opnions, and ideas from residents and business owners on current and future Village issues. Results will be used in the update of the Village of Northport Master Plan – on the next page is a timeline of the update process. A master plan is a guide to help shape local land use and other community decisions. It prepares the Village for changing needs and will allow for informed decisions about transportation, housing, infrastructure, recreation, land use, and the overall quality of life.

As a resident and/or businessowner in the Village of Northport, your input and opinions are key to the planning process. Your values and priorities are the foundation of the Master Plan, so we encourage you to take this opportunity to share your thoughts about the Village and its future. You can complete the survey via the enclosed documents or on our website at www.villageofnorthport.net/masterplansurvey.

Survey Questions

1. Which of the following, if any, apply to you? Please select all that apply.

□ Own a home or residence in the Village of Northport
□ Rent a home or residence in the Village of Northport
□ Would like to own a home in Village of Northport but don't currently
□ Would like to rent a home in Village of Northport but don't currently
□ Own, manage or lead an organization that employs people in the Village of Northport
□ Work for a business or organization based in the Village of Northport
□ Work from my home in the Village of Northport for an employer outside of the Village.
□ Other relationship to Village of Northport, please specify: _____

2. You indicated you own or rent a home in Village of Northport. How long have you owned or rented a home here?

□ Less than a year
□ 1-2 years
□ 3-5 years
□ 6-10 years
□ 11 to 25 years
□ More than 25 years

3. How much of the year do you live in the Village of Northport?

□ Less than a month out of the year
□ 1-6 months out of the year
□ 7-10 months out of the year
□ Year-round resident

4. How would you describe your current home in the Village of Northport?

□ Single family detached home
□ Duplex or Triplex
□ Row house, town house or other attached home
□ Apartment or room in a single-family home
□ Apartment in an apartment building
□ Condo
□ Mobile home
□ Other, please specify: _____

5. If you own, manage, or lead an organization that employs people in the Village of Northport, which of the following best describes the organization(s) you own, manage or lead? Please select all that apply.

□ Government or public sector
□ School/Education/Teacher/Early Childhood
□ Agriculture, forestry, fishing, or hunting
□ Construction
□ Hotel, resort, or other accommodations (including Airbnb or similar)
□ Real estate or property management
□ Retail store
□ Restaurant
□ Arts, entertainment, or recreation
□ Finance or insurance
□ Health care, including medical office
□ Professional services (legal, accounting, marketing, consulting, etc.)
□ Information (including telecommunications, computer related services, and publishing)
□ Manufacturing
□ Other, please explain: _____

6. How long have you owned, managed, or led an organization in the Village of Northport?

□ Less than a year
□ 1-2 years
□ 3-5 years
□ 6-10 years
□ More than 10 years

7. If you work for a business or organization based in the Village of Northport, how long have you worked in the Village of Northport?

□ Less than a year
□ 1-2 years
□ 3-5 years
□ 6-10 years
□ More than 10 years

8. Which of the following best describes the organization(s) you work for in the Village? Please select all that apply.

□ Government or public sector
□ Non-profit organization
□ School/Education/Teaching/Early Childhood
□ Agriculture, forestry, fishing, or hunting
□ Construction
□ Real estate or property management
□ Retail store
□ Hotel, resort, or other accommodations (including Airbnb or similar)
□ Restaurant
□ Arts, entertainment, or recreation
□ Finance or insurance
□ Health care, including medical office
□ Professional services (legal, accounting, marketing, consulting, etc.)
□ Information (including telecommunications, computer related services, and publishing)
□ Manufacturing
□ Other, please explain: _____

9. How important to you are the following in making the Village of Northport a particularly desirable place to live?

	Extremely Important	Generally Important	Neutral	Generally Unimportant	Extremely Unimportant
Recreation Opportunities					
Quality of Schools					
Village character/atmosphere					
Local employment opportunities					
Local consumer services/shopping					
Police & fire protection services					
Zoning administration and enforcement					
Cellular/internet access technology					
Natural resources (wetlands, woodlands, water courses, etc.)					

10. I would like to see the residential population of the Village:

□ Stay the same
□ Increase
□ Decrease

11. Future Land Use. Indicate how you would like to see land use controlled or managed in the future.

A. Residential

	Significantly more	Moderately more	Same as present	Moderately less	None
Mobile home parks					
Single family homes					
Duplexes					
Apartment buildings or multi-family dwellings					
Condominiums					
Attainable housing					
Mobile homes on residential lots					
Assisted and/or independent living for senior citizens					
Tourist accommodations in residential areas					
Improvements to overall housing quality					

B. Commercial

	Significantly more	Moderately more	Same as present	Moderately less	None
General businesses/highway commercial					
Businesses located next to or intermingled within residential lots (i.e., home occupations)					
Commercial businesses on the ground floor with 1-2 stories of residential units located above the business					
Hotels, motels, inns, bed & breakfast facilities					
Tourism-based businesses or activities					
Improvements to overall quality of commercial development and uses in the downtown area					
Storage and wholesale facilities					
Light industry					
Agri-businesses/Agri-industry					
Alternative/renewable energy production					

12. I would like to see the Village become a hub for residential and commercial development presuming the forested areas around the Village are maintained.

□ Yes
□ No
□ Unsure

13. Economic Growth & Vitality: With regard to economic growth and vitality in Northport in the future, please indicate your opinion regarding the issues listed below.

	Totally Agree	Moderately Agree	Neutral	Moderately Disagree	Totally Disagree
I would like to see more commercial growth in the Village.					
I would like to see more growth for the Village as a tourist destination.					
I would like to see economic vitality stimulated by encouraging businesses related to tourism.					
I would like to see the economy develop by encouraging both commercial and residential uses in downtown.					
I would like to see new business growth and commercial or retail opportunities.					
I would like to see a greater diversity in business and industrial growth.					
I would like to see economic vitality stimulated by a common identity (theme, feel or look) among the various businesses or buildings.					

14. What type of expanded retail/service establishments would you like to see in the Village?

□ None
□ Gas stations/convenience stores
□ Restaurants
□ Food service/produce/general stores
□ Recreation/fitness facilities
□ Professional office/health care
□ Appliance sales
□ Theaters/entertainment
□ Auto repair services
□ Car wash
□ Smal retail shops/boutiques

15. Village Qualities: Please indicate how important each of these qualities are as you consider the future of the Village of Northport.

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Unimportant
Locally owned businesses					
Safe walking and biking along Village streets					
Commercial signs that are generally uniform in size					
Curb-lined streets in residential areas					
Village-maintained recreational opportunities					
Protection of forests and natural areas surrounding the Village					
Historical homes and structures					
Unique small-town character					
Green development policies and green buildings					
Public safety					
Arts and cultural opportunities					
Trees in the public right-of-way					

16. Do you feel the preservation of the Village's environmental resources, such as woodlands, wetlands, streams, and other natural open spaces, is important?

□ Yes

□ No

□ Unsure

17. Do you feel the Village should expand the development of trail systems for bicyclists, hikers, and pedestrians?

□ Yes

□ No

□ Unsure

18. Should the Village of Northport place greater priority on maintaining and enhancing its existing recreational sites or acquiring and developing new park sites?

□ Priority on existing recreational sites

□ Priority on new park sites

□ Existing and new park sites should receive the same priority level

□ Unsure

19. New Policy Development – Village Image. To address areas discussed in this survey, public officials may need to develop new policies. Please indicate your opinion for each of the following.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Encourage high quality development through ordinances that emphasize architectural guidelines on new building/development					
Develop ordinances that would allow more variety in densities or types of housing					
Preserve historic buildings					
Enhance Village appearance through enforcement of existing blight or junk ordinances					
Require underground utilities in new developments and replace overhead utilities with underground utilities in existing areas					
Encourage a walking/biking community by connecting sidewalks and other trailways throughout the Village, including to schools					
Add additional public transportation opportunities and options					
Develop zoning regulations to allow accessory dwelling units					
Adopt "Complete Streets" policies that create additional and safer transportation choices (walking, driving, bicycling opportunities as part of all transportation improvements)					