

COMMUNITY SURVEY – 2026 Town of Lyme & Village of Chaumont



Please follow the instructions for each question. To answer questions 8 & 9 refer to the attached Town survey area & Village survey area maps.

QUALITY OF LIFE

1. Please indicate how important each issue is to your quality of life:

	Not Important	Important	Essential
Natural beauty of the area	1	2	3
Your own neighborhood	1	2	3
Living near open farm fields	1	2	3
Businesses (food, goods, car repair)	1	2	3
Activities for seniors	1	2	3
Activities for youth	1	2	3
Services (medical, professional, etc.)	1	2	3
Small town atmosphere	1	2	3
Public access to the lake/river	1	2	3
Parks/trails/recreational activities	1	2	3
Existing historical resources	1	2	3
Municipal water service	1	2	3
Property maintenance controls	1	2	3
Other _____			

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

2. Please indicate your *satisfaction* with the following Recreational Opportunities:
(Please indicate within the Village & Town when appropriate)

	Unnecessary		Sufficient		Need More	
	Village	Town	Village	Town	Village	Town
Parks along waterfront	1	1	2	2	3	3
Public dockage	1	1	2	2	3	3
Boat launches	1	1	2	2	3	3
Motorized recreation trails	1	1	2	2	3	3
Non-motorized recreation trails	1	1	2	2	3	3
Family entertainment	1	1	2	2	3	3
Historical facilities/signage	1	1	2	2	3	3
Festivals and local events	1	1	2	2	3	3
Athletic facilities	1	1	2	2	3	3
Other: _____						

BUSINESS TYPES

3. Are you satisfied with the kinds of businesses in the village and town? (Please answer both)

Village ___ Yes ___ No ___ Don't Know
Town ___ Yes ___ No ___ Don't Know

If you responded no, please comment: _____

BUSINESS SATISFACTION – GOODS AND SERVICES

4. On average, how often do you purchase goods or services within the Town or Village?
(Mark one V and one T)

___ Daily ___ A few times per month ___ Less than once a month
___ Once a week ___ Once a month ___ Never

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LAND USE - PLANNED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

5. The land use controls (zoning, neighborhood protection, & enforcement) in the community are:
(check one for Village, one for Town) Too Strict About Right Too Weak Don't Know

Village	☐	☐	☐	☐
Town	☐	☐	☐	☐

6. Please indicate which scale of commercial development you feel is **best suited** to the area:
(Choose one category for the **Town** and one for the **Village**)

Town	☐	Village	☐	Small scale and geared primarily to local consumption
Town	☐	Village	☐	Large scale and geared primarily to regional markets
Town	☐	Village	☐	Balanced between local and regional markets
Town	☐	Village	☐	Few or no additional businesses

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

7. Please check the **top three** (3) issues (within each area) you feel are **most** important:

• Additional off-street parking	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Additional public docks	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Traffic congestion year-round	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Traffic congestion during summer	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Additional sidewalk connections	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Recreational trails needed	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Pedestrian/bicycle safety	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Lower roadway speed limits	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Access to the County Bus System	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• High-speed internet/Cellular coverage reliability	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Lake Ontario/Chaumont Bay water quality Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) prevention	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Wastewater/septic management and infrastructure	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Support for local Fire & Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Code Enforcement/Blight Mitigation	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town
• Support for local businesses/retail year round	☐	Village	☐	Three Mile Bay Hamlet	☐	Town

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NEIGHBORHOODS AND LAND USE/DEVELOPMENT PREFERENCE

8. Please indicate from the attached maps which survey area(s) you live in or use seasonally:

(Mark L - for live, SH for seasonal home, or OP - for own property)

Village ___ Area 1 ___ Area 2 ___ Area 3 ___ Area 4 ___ Area 5

Town ___ Area A ___ Area B ___ Area C ___ Area D ___ Area E

9. Please indicate based on the attached maps the area(s) in which you feel the following uses are appropriate (**all survey respondents should answer**):

Town – Survey Area				Village – Survey Area				
A, B, & E; C; D,F; G				1, 3, 5; 2; 4				
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	Business\Commercial\Offices
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	Light Industry\Industrial\mineral extract
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	Single Family Residential or Duplexes
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	Multi-Family – Apartments - Condos
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	Affordable Housing
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	Commercial Solar
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	Commercial Battery Energy Storage
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	Commercial Wind Turbines
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	Data Center (Internet servers\data\AI)
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	Agriculture - Farming
___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	Short Term Rentals (AirBnb, Vrbo)

ISSUES OF PRIORITY

10. Please indicate how important each issue is to you:

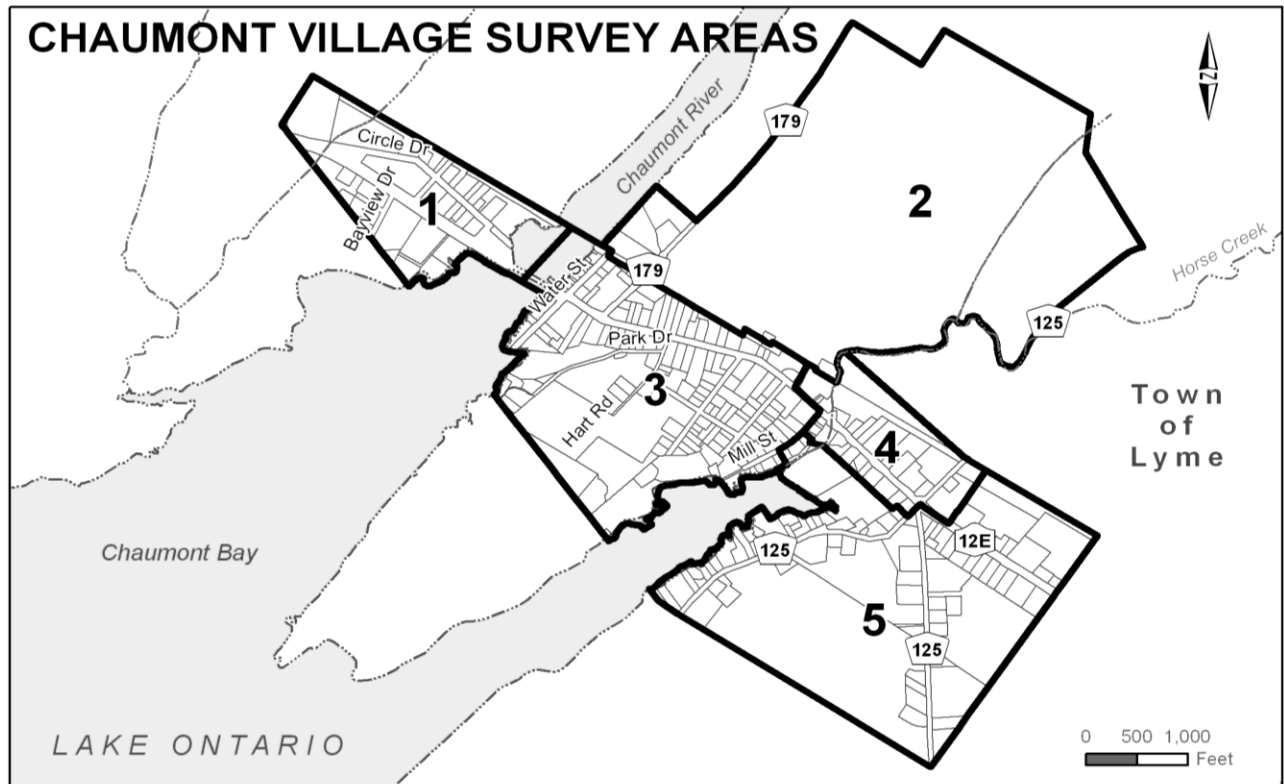
<u>Municipal Action / Policy Priority</u>	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Planned, Controlled Growth	1	2	3
Expand public parks and recreation	1	2	3
Economic Development & job growth	1	2	3
Increase affordable/workforce housing	1	2	3
Recreation/Open Space	1	2	3
Transportation & Pedestrian safety	1	2	3
Neighborhood Preservation	1	2	3
Scenic Resource Protection	1	2	3
Quality of Life	1	2	3
Preserving historic bldgs. and scenic views	1	2	3
Expand municipal water, (if available)	1	2	3
Manage energy facilities (solar, wind)	1	2	3
Improving flood hazard resiliency	1	2	3

Other _____

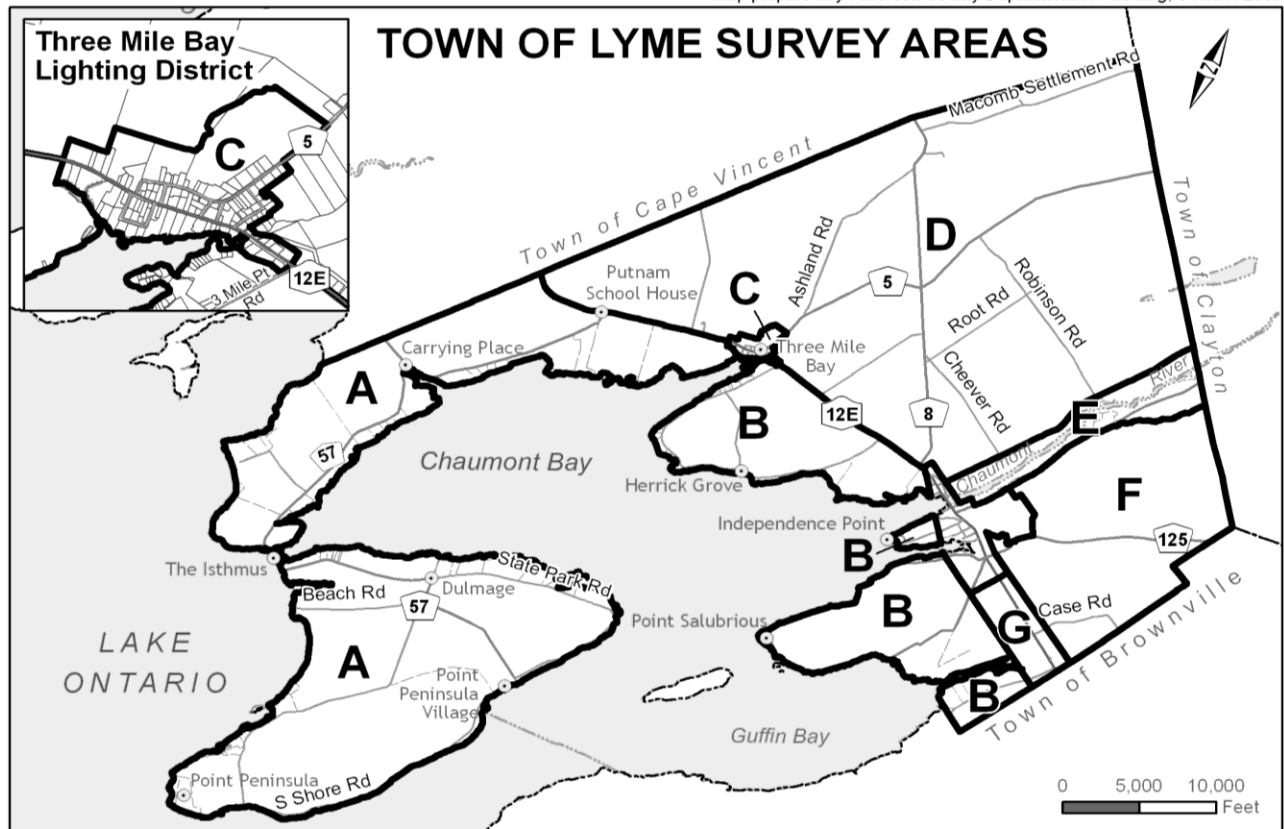
PRIORITY ASSETS

11. What are the area's greatest assets - worthy of preserving\enhancing: (please answer both)

In the **Village**: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
 In the **Town**: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____



Map prepared by Jefferson County Department of Planning, October 2008



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MISCELLANEOUS

12. Please indicate whether you own or rent property:

Village: ☐ Rent ☐ Own ☐ Neither **Village:** ☐ Year-round ☐ Seasonal
Town: ☐ Rent ☐ Own ☐ Neither **Town:** ☐ Year-round ☐ Seasonal

13. Please indicate your work status, as to whether you work within the Town, commute to work elsewhere, or are retired: ☐ Within the Town ☐ Within the Village ☐ Outside Town
☐ Retired ☐ Stay at home parent
☐ Remotely from home ☐ Unemployed

14. How many people live in your household? Younger than 18 years ☐ 18-64 ☐ 65+ ☐

15. Please indicate the number of years you've lived or owned property in the Town or Village:
☐ Less than 5 years
☐ Between 6 and 25 years
☐ More than 25 years

16. How do you get your local news? ☐ Town website ☐ Newzjunky ☐ TV ☐ social media
☐ Watertown Daily Times website ☐ The Lyme Light
☐ Watertown Daily Times newspaper

Additional Comments (use more sheets if needed)

Please return your survey to the Town of Lyme, P.O Box 66; Chaumont, NY 13622 through the U.S. Postal Service; OR deposit your survey in one of the Village/Town drop-off boxes located at the Village/Town Offices; Watertown Savings Bank; Gouverneur Savings & Loan; Lyme Free Library; or the Lyme Central School. THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

Deadline or last day to submit the survey: **Wednesday - September 30, 2026.**



The Town of Lyme and Village of Chaumont, New York propose to update their Comprehensive Plans respectively. Town and Village conditions have changed since the last planning process was completed in 2010. Your responses to this survey will help focus or refocus the Town's and Village's respective priorities and engaging/receiving public input will assist in making it a successful Plan Update process. Thank you!