

# Town of Wilton 21st Century Planning Survey

## Summary of Results

Total Number of Respondents: 1631

Questions	Responses							
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>1. Best thing about Wilton?</b>								
1a Rural Atmosphere								
1a	701	517	76	58	13	0	0	2
1b Closeness to Saratoga Springs								
1b	727	498	52	47	15	0	0	0
1c Access to I-87 and highways								
1c	602	635	63	37	11	0	0	0
1d Quality of life								
1d	624	584	111	18	6	0	0	11
1e Recreation and cultural opportunity								
1e	358	548	190	98	24	0	0	8
1f Stores, services and conveniences								
1f	379	669	146	95	24	0	0	3
1g Balance of development/open space								
1g	262	413	303	256	100	0	0	2
1h Availability of employment								
1h	104	452	396	242	63	0	0	2
1i Good schools								
1i	465	611	184	43	14	0	0	6
1j Low taxes								
1j	422	484	174	205	49	0	0	3
1k Other								
1k	24	7	13	3	9	0	0	1

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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>2. Areas of Concern</b>								
2a Too much growth and development								
2a	771	326	151	146	23	0	0	1
2b Depletion of natural resources and water								
2b	692	396	186	79	13	0	0	5
2c Roads and traffic								
2c	703	428	113	114	11	0	0	4
2d Increased taxes or governmental spending								
2d	409	426	326	172	15	0	0	6

Questions	Responses							
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
2e Safety or security								
2e	176	379	314	415	42	0	0	8
2f Overcrowded schools								
2f	360	336	363	221	30	0	0	3
2g Lack of sidewalks and pedestrian facilities								
2g	319	390	289	293	44	0	0	4
2h Lack of visual design standards in development								
2h	279	310	391	257	35	0	0	6
2i Too many retail signs, especially near exit 15								
2i	349	284	311	362	45	0	0	6
2j Retail signs that are too large, especially near exit 15								
2j	318	253	330	325	39	0	0	2
2k Other								
2k	44	3	9	0	0	0	0	0

Questions	Responses							
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>3. Changes</b>								
3a Town center of "main street" area								
3a	225	290	369	343	93	0	0	0
3b Neighborhood centers/gathering places								
3b	189	404	356	264	62	0	0	6
3c Wilton post office/zip code								
3c	629	285	210	177	52	0	0	5
3d An open space plan								
3d	522	434	251	55	20	0	0	10
3e Northway access at Jones Rd								
3e	343	244	227	258	270	0	0	17
3f More affordable housing								
3f	240	313	321	321	138	0	0	12
3g Other								
3g	31	3	13	3	1	0	0	0

Questions	Responses							
	Very Important	Important	Undecided	Slightly Important	Not at all Important	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>4. Quality of Life</b>								
4a Good jobs								
4a	797	375	35	69	60	0	0	2
4b Good schools								
4b	800	327	36	40	68	0	0	4

Questions	Responses							
	Very Important	Important	Undecided	Slightly Important	Not at all Important	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
4c Convenient transportation								
4c	333	489	161	224	93	0	0	14
4d Environmental quality								
4d	820	413	30	32	12	0	0	5
4e Public open spaces								
4e	488	502	153	119	42	0	0	6
4f Parks with recreational fields								
4f	407	543	107	139	65	0	0	4
4g Nature observation								
4g	378	434	209	184	91	0	0	22
4h Trails for recreational use								
4h	367	469	165	188	86	0	0	3
4i Cultural opportunities								
4i	289	539	172	196	94	0	0	23
4j Shopping opportunities								
4j	208	552	139	267	110	0	0	6
4k Neighborhood Centers								
4k	144	348	279	277	180	0	0	23
4l Protection of cultural and historic resources								
4l	441	554	124	126	30	0	0	3
4m Scenic views								
4m	401	528	148	151	49	0	0	5
4n Other								
4n	16	5	11	0	2	0	0	0

Questions	Responses							
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Undecided	Dissatisfied	Strongly Disagree	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>5. Satisfaction with services</b>								
5a Parks and Recreation								
5a	188	750	251	184	25	29	0	6
5b Snowplowing								
5b	283	721	129	168	29	24	0	5
5c Leaf and/or organic debris pick up								
5c	109	378	304	301	70	165	0	6
5d Activities for youth								
5d	77	407	417	179	28	157	0	5
5e Maintenance of roads								
5e	137	720	148	342	46	9	0	10
5f Emergency Services								
5f	293	709	229	37	8	43	0	7

Questions	Responses							
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Undecided	Dissatisfied	Strongly Disagree	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
5g Public Water								
5g	104	387	185	215	61	334	0	12
5h Public Sewer								
5h	87	355	193	170	58	386	0	6
5i Senior citizen services								
5i	54	238	442	91	14	435	0	5
5j Building code enforcement								
5j	72	377	487	150	35	145	0	5
5k Animal control								
5k	59	486	400	181	53	97	0	45

Questions	Responses							
	Very Often	Frequently	Infrequently	Not at all	N/A	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>6. Use of amenities</b>								
6a Ball fields, tennis courts, basketball courts								
6a	172	337	439	420	0	0	0	2
6b Gymnasium/indoor athletic facility								
6b	161	330	450	350	0	0	0	1
6c Sports leagues								
6c	159	264	407	483	0	0	0	2
6d Public pools								
6d	269	323	347	352	0	0	0	4
6e Trails/paths for non-motorized use								
6e	301	442	350	192	0	0	0	6
6f Trails/ paths for motorized use								
6f	92	115	292	802	0	0	0	6
6g Special events, e.g. fun run								
6g	111	279	555	347	0	0	0	2
6h Art, drama, musical activities								
6h	187	460	436	192	0	0	0	2
6i Gavin Park								
6i	178	372	521	214	0	0	0	2
6j Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park								
6j	129	412	546	187	0	0	0	4
6k Hunting/fishing opportunities								
6k	156	230	358	559	0	0	0	1
6l Other								
6l	12	3	9	18	0	0	0	0

Questions	Responses							
	Very Important	Important	Undecided	Slightly Important	Not at all Important	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>7. Preserve and Protect</b>								
7a Wildlife habitat, forests, meadows, wetlands								
7a	843	417	49	70	16	0	0	1
7b Historic structures and sites								
7b	677	508	73	88	18	0	0	0
7c Agricultural resources								
7c	622	528	104	76	16	0	0	2
7d Scenic views								
7d	575	505	110	117	24	0	0	5
7e Goundwater								
7e	945	336	48	20	5	0	0	0
7f Roadside Appearance								
7f	680	541	43	36	7	0	0	8
7g Visibility of the night sky								
7g	651	433	102	78	41	0	0	1
7h Other								
7h	18	6	8	0	3	0	0	0

Questions	Responses							
	Very Important	Important	Undecided	Slightly Important	Not at all Important	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>8. Benefits of undeveloped land</b>								
8a Public recreation								
8a	324	537	180	179	95	0	0	3
8b Groundwater protection								
8b	865	387	47	27	6	0	0	8
8c Wildlife/habitat protection								
8c	671	499	71	80	15	0	0	9
8d Scenic views								
8d	504	530	109	119	42	0	0	3
8e Agriculture								
8e	505	541	117	96	26	0	0	12
8f Limiting of residential density								
8f	754	410	91	48	24	0	0	7
8g Potential development								
8g	190	338	255	246	274	0	0	20
8h Other								
8h	49	3	12	3	12	0	0	0

Questions	Responses							
	Very Willing	Willing	Undecided	Reluctant	Very Reluctant	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>9. More taxes/fees for service?</b>								
9a Recycling and/or composting								
9a	155	332	258	364	231	0	0	2
9b Supplemental police protection								
9b	106	316	308	355	217	0	0	5
9c Paid personnel for fire and emergency services								
9c	136	474	279	268	161	0	0	7
9d Additional town staff								
9d	34	109	411	433	292	0	0	5
9e Town pool								
9e	178	288	178	288	392	0	0	7
9f Open space protection								
9f	237	387	274	212	145	0	0	4
9g Neighborhood parks or playgrounds								
9g	156	445	278	251	190	0	0	8
9h Dog Park								
9h	94	133	184	299	595	0	0	6
9i Extension of public water								
9i	218	272	316	232	257	0	0	7
9j Extension of public sewer								
9j	218	269	297	227	238	0	0	2
9k Sidewalks in residential neighborhoods								
9k	142	252	200	333	376	0	0	3
9l Other								
9l	16	4	13	5	19	0	0	0

Questions	Responses							
	Strongly Support	Support	Undecided	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>10. Development patterns</b>								
10a Neighborhood mixing residential & limited commercial/retail								
10a	56	239	230	478	326	0	0	3
10b Separate residential, retail, commercial zones								
10b	423	567	206	72	60	0	0	15
10c Commercial development on major highways								
10c	107	422	279	205	141	0	0	15
10d Continued retail emphasis at exit 15								
10d	151	369	167	290	288	0	0	5
10e Continued light industrial emphasis at exit 16								
10e	185	599	221	156	131	0	0	3
10f Sub-divisions with single family homes								
10f	183	527	249	159	128	0	0	7

Questions	Responses							
	Strongly Support	Support	Undecided	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
10g Sub-divisions with diverse housing options								
10g	65	282	367	315	268	0	0	3
10h Apartments								
10h	51	268	279	358	326	0	0	4
10i Mobile homes								
10i	52	137	204	401	511	0	0	6
10j Senior housing								
10j	244	720	222	61	56	0	0	0

Questions	Responses							
	Faster Rate	Current Rate	Slower Rate	No Growth At all	N/A	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>11. Desired growth levels</b>								
11a Residential development								
11a	44	384	705	243	0	0	0	3
11b Retail development- chain stores								
11b	43	281	516	496	0	0	0	4
11c Retail development-locally owned								
11c	203	607	335	153	0	0	0	3
11d Light industrial development								
11d	118	517	401	231	0	0	0	6
11e Office space/professional development								
11e	254	549	280	180	0	0	0	1

Questions	Responses							
	Strongly Support	Support	Undecided	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>12. Traffic &amp; Transportation</b>								
12a Expanded non motorized trail system								
12a	317	477	346	121	78	0	0	7
12b Pedestrian friendly street design								
12b	333	557	283	93	41	0	0	5
12c Saratoga Springs truck by-pass through Wilton								
12c	78	141	320	323	493	0	0	7
12d Measures to reduce speed in residential areas								
12d	396	525	223	125	45	0	0	6
12e Widening of Rt. 9 to improve flow capacity								
12e	236	393	285	277	141	0	0	3
12f New I-87 interchange (Exit 15A) at Jones Road								
12f	298	279	206	203	320	0	0	15

Questions	Responses							
	Strongly Support	Support	Undecided	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
12g Public transportation options								
12g	225	470	409	130	72	0	0	2
12h Other								
12h	26	5	11	5	12	0	0	0

Questions	Responses							
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>13. Economic development ideas</b>								
13a Current types such as retail and warehousing								
13a	126	468	225	247	186	0	0	6
13b Professional offices, research and development, information technology								
13b	381	536	189	78	93	0	0	11
13c Other								
13c	10	5	11	1	14	0	0	18

Questions	Responses							
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>14. Strategies to address rising costs of services</b>								
14a Encourage more retail development								
14a	101	316	313	354	202	0	0	3
14b Encourage non-retail commercial development								
14b	162	587	286	163	96	0	0	6
14c Manage/slow the pace of residential growth								
14c	366	616	153	90	23	0	0	12
14d Protection of undeveloped land								
14d	492	484	162	63	14	0	0	5
14e Plan for capital expenditures to avoid borrowing								
14e	395	628	161	30	10	0	0	7
14f Cut expenses								
14f	287	470	323	99	12	0	0	6
14g Institute a town tax								
14g	28	107	294	378	453	0	0	7
14h Raise user fees								
14h	79	344	392	236	155	0	0	7
14i Special assessment districts to pay for playgrounds, etc								
14i	100	329	423	200	153	0	0	3
14j Charge developers for development related impacts								
14j	623	471	122	35	17	0	0	5
14k Other								
14k	10	2	7	2	2	0	0	1

Questions	Responses							Unreadable
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A	No Answer	
<b>15. Town communication/decision making</b>								
15a Town residents have adequate opportunity for input in town decisions								
15a	108	457	425	194	61	0	0	3
15b Town residents have access to information on which decisions are based								
15b	81	397	435	234	66	0	0	5
15c Town residents have adequate notice of meetings agenda items								
15c	81	397	398	266	67	0	0	5
15d Elected officials are accessible and responsive								
15d	93	351	562	112	57	0	0	5
15e Town staff members are accessible and responsive								
15e	138	491	420	91	37	0	0	5
15f Wilton keeps residents informed of important issues, etc								
15f	89	419	386	245	60	0	0	2

Questions	Responses							Unreadable
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A	No Answer	
<b>16. Vision</b>								
16a Planned growth								
16a	438	588	103	90	56	0	0	2
16b A town center to create a community feel								
16b	198	359	337	242	103	0	0	1
16c An economically sound town								
16c	548	630	56	10	3	0	0	4
16d Diversity of backgrounds and economic status								
16d	175	563	283	114	56	0	0	1
16e A network of trails and pedestrian pathways								
16e	289	502	248	137	65	0	0	2
16f Linking neighborhoods and recreational facilities								
16f	199	454	334	160	67	0	0	1
16g Good jobs in the town								
16g	409	622	120	48	14	0	0	5
16h Other								
16h	10	2	9	0	2	0	0	0

<b>17. Age Categories</b>								
17a Under 18								
17a	378	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17b (18-24)								
17b	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

17c (25-34)									
17c	325	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17d (45-54)									
17d	519	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17e (55-64)									
17e	312	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17f (65-74)									
17f	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17g (75+)									
17g	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Responses**

<b>Questions</b>	Fewer than 5 years	5-10 years	11-20 years	21-40 years	Over 40 yrs	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
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**18. Length of residency in Wilton**

18	437	312	402	210	72	0	0	4
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**Responses**

<b>Questions</b>	Fewer than 5 years	5-10 years	11-20 years	Indefinitely	N/A	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
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**19. Plan to stay in Wilton**

19	71	176	189	980	0	0	0	3
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**Responses**

<b>Questions</b>	Southern end	Northern end	West of Northway	East of Northway	N/A	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
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**20. Location of residency in Wilton**

20	333	333	576	167	0	0	0	33
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**Responses**

<b>Questions</b>	Saratoga	South Glens Falls	Schuylerville	N/A	N/A	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
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**21. School District**

21	1117	207	97	0	0	0	0	0
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**Responses**

<b>Questions</b>	12866	12831	12833	N/A	N/A	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
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**22. Zip code**

22	494	837	5	0	0	0	0	0
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**Responses**

<b>Questions</b>	Own	Rent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
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**23. Own or rent**

23	1335	77	0	0	0	0	0	1
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<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>							
	Under \$15,000	\$15,000-\$34,999	\$35,000-\$74,999	\$75,000-\$149,999	Over \$150,000	N/A	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>24. Yearly income</b>								
24	58	193	535	506	107	0	0	2

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Responses</b>							
	Below Grade 12	High School	Vocational graduate	2 year degree	4 year degree	Graduate degree	No Answer	Unreadable
<b>25. Education</b>								
25	24	267	57	217	424	415	0	36