

Town of Montague Survey Results - Comments

Q2.a Please indicate the number of years you have resided or owned land in the town.

0 – 5	6 – 10	11 – 15	16 – 20	21 - 25	26+
21	24	22	13	13	37

Q5.a Please indicate other reasons for choosing to live and/or own property in the town?

- Landscape, forest painting, hunting
- Beautiful landscape/scenery
- We are nuts
- Originally, the peace and quiet and little traffic were reasons.
- Hunting, fishing, snowmobiling
- Hunting camp/spring, summer & fall getaway
- Forest management
- Location - Tug Hill
- I am an avid snowmobiler
- Grew up in the area
- Peace and quiet
- Hunting
- A gathering area for family and friends
- Quiet, low population
- Just a place to get away
- ATV and snowmobile trails
- Spacious land and wooded area
- Keeping land in family
- In the 1950's, land was cheap
- Property passed on through family
- Hunting, snowmobiling and peace and quiet
- Extremely rural; low population
- Also to grow and manage timber
- Hunt, snowsled, wheeling, hike
- Camp
- Was born & raised on Parker Rd. This land was kept when rest of farm was sold to NYS in 1940's
- Relaxation
- Born and raised in Copenhagen, love Tug Hill
- Hunting camp
- Purchased camp
- Family property since 1919
- Camp, hunting, fishing, peace and quiet
- Became aware of area and bought land through M&M Green, also R&S Lucus and D&K Widrick
- Family homestead located in Montague
- A place for peace and quiet and fresh air
- Area is where I grew up in

- Distance from home
- Beautiful country and minimum regulations
- Family retreat/camping/hunting - we love the wildlife and nature
- Not crime rate - we were robbed on April 2nd
- Was born there - Pitcher Road
- Quiet (at one time)
- The land was handed down from family
- This is my homestead
- I inherited this property but spend very little time there
- Privacy
- We have hunted all of our lives in Montague
- Family tradition
- Close proximity to home and Montague Inn
- Snowmobile trails
- A piece of heaven to get away to
- Quiet, beautiful area
- Like the area most of the time
- Hunting and fishing - outdoor recreation
- Own a hunting camp in the area
- The love for the Tug Hill atmosphere
- Nostalgia/generational roots
- Nature - privacy - quietness - outdoors
- Close to family land

Q9.a Please indicate other issues you are concerned about.

- Snowmobile studs in the roads
- Run down structures should be removed (abandoned).
- Lack of control over ATV's and snowmobiles
- Electric on Pitcher Road!
- Speed of snowmobiles - "too fast"
- Since we are not permanent residents, we didn't feel responsible for answering everything
- No control of ATV and snowmobiles
- ATV's/snowmobiling seem to rule. Need to remember that logging is a big part of Tug Hill economy
- Need more trails
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- Lack of cell service especially for emergencies
- Cell service (we need)
- Traffic
- Electric power on Pitcher Road!
- Want more ATV trails open/better road maintenance
- Trail safety
- Problem - unable to throw trash away other than household garbage, this promotes illegal dumping
- Too many ATV's and snowmobiles
- Wind mills? We were never notified about them & what are they for? Is it for the better?
- Laws that would cripple ATV/snowmobile use!

- Taxes are too high
- Timber theft
- Disrespect for private property
- Snowmobiles on posted land
- Seasonal parking to access private land
- Rising school and property taxes
- With the development of wind mills in the area, what impact on the local land owners and residents?
- ATV's state trail - Parker Track (open it)
- Foreign concerns buying up land
- Snowmobile studs on roads
- Amount of deaths and injuries in area
- Road maintenance - plowed access to home
- ATV use on private lands/snowmobile trails
- ATV's to get to trails on town roads
- More support for ATV & sled trails, I do not need them but our economy does.

Q13.a Please indicate other areas you would like to see growth in.

- Development energy sources is fine
- No more development over saturated now
- Better laws for snowsled & ATV to slow down
- Cell towers
- Cell site
- Better maintained roads/ATV trails
- No growth - it's already too populated!
- Keeping any development consistent with preservation of the natural community
- Sears Pond
- A little growth - small scale
- Electric service to marginal remote areas
- Cable and internet services
- Public access year round to property - road improvements
- Horse trails

Q14.a Please indicate other areas of the Town you think are worthy of special protection for the future.

- No more subdivisions
- Air quality - snowmobiles make the air stink
- State forest, county tree lots.
- Sears Pond
- Sears Pond could be developed!!!
- People need boundary lines - keep rules in place for everyone's protection
- Privacy and quietness
- ATV trails
- New Sears Pond - lets get on with it
- All the above
- Tug Hill is special - lets keep it that way

- Montague
- Snowmobile trails from ATV's!!!
- Riding ATV's on town roads

Q17.a Please indicate other items your household has in the event of a natural disaster.

- A lot of blankets
- We have no power now - it's a camp
- Construction equipment
- No building on land - not applicable
- Gas for generator, propane
- Rifle for food
- None
- None
- Own camp - do not live there year round
- Propane heat
- Propane lamps/heater
- We need cell service
- Seasonal camp
- Batteries, radios - candles, lanterns
- Common sense
- Gas lights
- Solar
- Solar powered house
- Gas lights and frig
- Oil lamps
- Extra blankets – weapons – warm clothing

Q18. Please use the following space for any additional comments you would like to make.

- Thank you
- If you put the dumpster inside you will have trash all along road side. Have seen this other places.
- The town has been over run!
- We are for lower taxes, Sears Pond Road improved; Open roads and trails for ATV's, cell tower so phones will work. No more wind towers or radar towers.
- I would like town support for obtaining power on Pitcher Road. We need cell phone coverage on Tug Hill.
- Gardner Road in Martinsburg is terrible - wind tower project or not! It is a heavily traveled road and needs repaired correctly! A speed limit would help us that live on it, too.
- I visit my camp on Cullpeper Road 2-3 times a year for 1-4 days at a time. It sure was nice when the camp up the road let anyone use their well water (get some for drinking). I'm still looking for a roadside public spring or well water supply so you can fill up the jug. It's probably out there, I just haven't found it yet. Thanks.
- Please fix Liberty Road and Salmon River Road.
- Pitcher Road has no electrical so I have no opinion on developing faster internet service. Thank all of you for asking our opinion.

- In the Town of Montague, we need less snowmobile traffic and less ATV traffic. No more land development and no more land subdivision.
- I live in NJ. My family and friends snowmobile in Tug Hill frequently. I purchased land in Montague with hopes of building a vacation home. Subsequently, the amount of snowmobiles has significantly increased. The trail system is too bumpy on the weekends. Fortunately, I have the flexibility in my work schedule to come up mid-week. However, many of y friends do not. For my own selfish reasons, I would like the Tug Hill trail system to be more like Old Forge. I would gladly pay higher registration fees if there was better grooming and better law enforcement. Until these things happen, I probably will not build. It does not make sense to build a house while I cannot enjoy the trails on a weekend.
- I feel we are being taken over by ATV and snowmobile use!!! This hasn't brought anything positive to our town government. The town should be getting \$\$ to cover all the added expense for road maintenance - clean up, plowing, etc. As far as a taxpayer, I view them as free-loaders. They play and we pay! Their small amount of sales tax revenue, etc., wouldn't cover the amount of flat tires the snowmobile studs cause!
- We like Montague the way IT IS! The board and highway department have done a great job for so many years. Protect what we have, where else can we see ducks, fox, blue herons and nature at its finest. Thanks again and God bless.
- Just purchase vacant land in fall of 2005, so some of the answers are left blank, and some questions do not apply.
- Regarding Q#7 - Fire protection - it is realized that there cannot be protection in these parts. Also road maintenance - very difficult with resources as they are. Thank you for asking.
- Develop an ATV trail system.
- Because my piece of property is so small, I do not think it is fair for me to make comments that affect the residents who live in Montague year round. Thank you for the opportunity.
- The town is doing a great job, keep it like it is!
- I own property on Sears Pond Road. I am very interested in this Sears Pond development project. Any information I could be provided would be greatly appreciated. Robert J. Bensen, 32 George Street, Green Island, NY 12183, cell (518)527-2413, e-mail: rjbenson32@hotmail.com
- Why does this area need to be "developed"? Most people come here to "get away" from it all. They don't want to see apartments, senior housing, track developments, condos, small industry, etc - and, if there ever was senior housing, track developments, etc., what are these unsuspecting people going to do when we get 80 inches of snow in one night?? The top of the hill is not conducive to most folks everyday living.
- The Town of Montague went to pieces with city people moving in.
- We don't live here yet, but own 106 acres in/outside of Montague, hence, the "no opinion's" on some of the questions. Thanks.
- For the amount in taxes we pay, there is no electric still on our street, with several homeowners that would want this. The taxes we pay for non-electric access are ridiculous! We were told electricity would be coming down the street when we first looked to buy site.
- We the people of the Leaky Tent Club feel that the highway crew does an excellent job ALL YEAR ROUND!
- Keep the town of Montague as rural as possible!
- I would like to see a trail made so the snowmobilers could be allowed to run on the Salmon River Road. It is severely dangerous when we are parking to go into the Shest Road where our camp is located or trying to get loaded to leave out at the road. The snowmobiles are traveling at an outrageous speed which is extremely dangerous. Also, some repair could be made at the end of the West Road onto Salmon River Road for a bit more easier parking.

- On item 15 above concerning development of Sears Pond, I would be in favor only if New York State were not involved. In the past, the State expressed that it would rebuild the dam of Sears Pond, however, they stated their desire to erect rental cabins around the pond of which I would not agree to.
- Second residence for retirement, 7467 McDonald Road, Copenhagen, NY 13626.
- Need to have better service on existing roads - such as mowing, brush control, grading and paving or return to good gravel roads.
- My parents bought the property as a place to get away from the maddening crowd. I kept it for the same reason, my wife and I, quite frankly, are not in favor of any significant development which would bring hoards of people to this quiet part of the world.
- I think the issue of use of an unplowed winter road should be seriously looked at. Land owners should be able to have someone harvest their timber in the winter. On a seasonal road, the landowner should be able to plow the road and keep it open for such use or any other use. Most loggers have liability insurance with \$1M limit. Maybe post the road with a dead end sign or a partial barricade to warn of an end. A landowner should have a right to use the road he is paying taxes on to get to the land he is paying taxes on. Some landowners rely on this timber to pay those taxes. Montague Landowner.
- Thanks for the effort being expended to improve our beautiful north country. It seems hunting, wheeling, sledding and skiing are the lifeblood of our unique area and the focus should be on building these things.
- ATV/snowmobile trails = year round income. Please work to get trail system growth. Thank you.
- Need more law enforcement YEAR round. Better radio communication in Montague-Pinckney for police, fire, EMS. Repair/upgrade Parker Road and Flat Rock Road.
- How about lower taxes - affordable for senior citizens!!
- We have owned the property in Montague for almost 43 years. Most of the changes over the years have degraded the quality of life on the hill.
- I indicate on this form pro's and con's. I feel one answer leads to the next question's answer. Fire and police will be a problem because of the remoteness, but year round residents may help with this problem with community awareness. I have dumped garbage after a weekend of ATV riding and hunting and see the problem with the dumpsters. I think you made the right decision with that issue. Asphalt roads need attention or removal and convert to gravel (low maintenance). Glad to see the board looking for direction from its taxpayers. Maybe the neighbors will catch on!
- At this time, we own land only but plan on building in the near future.
- Have cell site ready to build on...just need a carrier.
- I am very thankful for the road improvements over the past 10 years. I am concerned about anti-ATV legislation in Lewis County. Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinions.
- See attached letter regarding electric on Pitcher Road.
- Farm service agency recommends preserving open farm land. Need to get both snowmobiles and ATV's off plowed roads.
- I have been snowmobiling for about 38 years on Tug Hill and I would like to see the area keep its very rural character. I am a farmer myself in the lower Hudson Valley and I have seen what can happen to the rural character of a town.
- Taxes are very high in the Town of Montague. Somehow they need to try to find money from state/county. Money from snowmobile registration and from ATV registration, they use the roads.
- More enforcement (although not a community or town issue necessarily) against DWI on snowmobiles and ATV's is going to be necessary as the region continues to become busier with traffic. Our party of snowmobilers has totally abandoned the sport due to the greater risks out on the Tug Hill trails the past 5-10 years.

- We understand the need for the trash control. As a seasonal resident of Montague, the "Woodhecks Kamp" would like to suggest fencing off garbage and giving all residents of the Montague area a key to be able to drop off at undesignated times. A charge for that kind of service would not be a problem for us and I'm sure others. Thank you - "The Woodhicks Kamp"
- I would like to see the Sears Pond Dam rebuilt. We only have a camp and some acreage of woodlot that we are trying to manage. But we have enjoyed our years on the Tug Hill as have our children and grand kids. Thank you for asking what we think the town needs. I hope we have been some help.
- I enjoy seeing law enforcement in the township. The corner of Gardner Road and Sears Pond Road is a hot bed for poachers, out of town people destroying property and drunks on the road. Feel free to arrest all residents and visitors who insult our wonderful town of Montague!
- Montague used to be a place to get away and relax to. Now you can't enjoy the winters as much due to the influx of snowmobiles. I had a person break his arm and leg right in front of our place...need more regulations and tougher enforcement on the trails. ATV's will be the next problem up there. Land is being bought in chunks and sold off in smaller pieces. I would like to see a minimum of 10 acre parcels. This way people could have some land and also not get too crowded.
- Less government the better! We have enough towns in NYS for people who want regulated controlled living. We need to maintain Tug Hill as a wild and un-urbanized area as possible! It's been very beautiful - God's country - for many centuries. Don't ruin it - Please!
- My husband and I bought a camp on the Flat Rock Road in the Town of Montague. On April 2nd, 2006, we went to camp, they took our pot belly stove and our cast iron cooking stove. These can not be replaced. You will see more crime if there is more roads. P.S. - if anyone knows about any thing on that day of April 2nd, that is the day they took the stoves, please call the sheriff.
- The questions concerning the roads, I am very satisfied with the town roads with the exception of Flatrock Road and the county roads. As residents, we need to come together and do something about Liberty Road.
- We purchased land for recreational opportunities in the Town of Montague; hunting, fishing, hiking, ATV, snowmobile, not only for us but our children. We oppose any development that would hinder these activities but support those that would compliment.
- It would be nice if the Town of Montague would get with the 21st century. It would also be nice if Montague would be progressive instead of regressive. It would be nice if Montague would get over jealousy and work as a team instead of individuals. The town could be a gem with low taxes, a beautiful lake and a great recreation area with just a little progressive thinking instead of worrying how much it is going to hurt me and what is in it for me. Get with the program and "get r done"!
- To Town Clerk, Barbara Loomis: My father Henry E. Krenrich, has been deceased for 20 years and the 25 acres on Gardner Road was left to me, his son, in his will. His attorney Ralph Balducci, Syracuse, NY, should have notified the town office of this change of ownership. I have been receiving and paying the taxes on the property since 1986. Could you please check the records and record this change or inform me of what needs to be done to accomplish this. Thank you. Sincerely, Robert E Krenrich, 3824 Makyes Road, Syracuse, NY (315)469-7601
- Would like to see all roads stay open to ATV use! Glad to see town did something about the garbage problem! Would like to see the town stay just the way it is!
- I live out of state and visit this property only occasionally and do not use the services so checked "no opinion" for these items.
- Make government work for the people, not for special interest or self servicing individuals.
- I will be building a house this spring - question #17 is based on the house plans.
- Consolidation of local government and wind power revenue for Montague.
- I feel development is down, causing the tax base to be high in Montague. Driving from Rectors to 177, development starts at the town line. If the tax base could be lowered by consolidating town

governments, then development would increase. The poor conditions of roads are not town roads; they are the county roads. The town does very well with the equipment and amp power they have. The Rector and Gardner roads are prime examples of roads rebuilt and maintained in the last 5 years. The trash problem solution will not help use. We don't leave camp until Sunday evening to drop off trash and head home. Maybe a key to a gated trash area with a charge per key could be considered as we do our road gates. Montague seasonal parking is full every weekend, causing road side parking overnight!

- Property and school taxes are continually increasing. I understand costs always go up, but I see more and more camps and houses going up so you are having a broader tax base. Town services such as road/snow removal and law enforcement basically have stayed the same seeing not many new roads are for seasonal use and thank God the crime rate has not sky-rocketed. Like I said, my land and camp are my get away and I'm glad they are located in the Township of Montague.
- 1)Need to develop cell phone towers in Montague for at least safety reasons, 2)Need to keep up with the roads and repair work, 3)Wind power development in Town of Montague, help with taxes and roads, and 4) Sears Pond, hydro power?
- I like the peace and calmness Tug Hill has. I also greet the challenge one must experience from season to season.
- I would like to see studs on snowmobiles outlawed. They are major tire hazards on all types of vehicles from ATV's to logging trucks. They all tear up blacktop!
- We believe snowmobiling could be made safer by making connecting trails along the side of the road as was done on Factory/McDonald this past winter; or creating trails just beyond the snow banks. It is our hope that in the future, state lands will be utilized more for trails, which would take a great deal of pressure off the need for landowner usage which causes problems when riders are disrespectful and then snowmobiling gets a bad name and trails are closed. Also, opening up state land would create a larger arena for riding - each time a trail is closed it forces many more machines to run in more congested areas which increases the chances of accidents. We agree that ATV trails should be made available. We are not opposed to using town roads for this purpose but something should be done to the road surface near residences and businesses to control the dust problem in the summer. We are not able to sit outside on our property because of the dust on a busy day.

We are concerned about the continued wind farm development which will destroy the aesthetic beauty of the Tug Hill Region.

In Re: #16, we feel that within the Tug Hill Commission's jurisdiction zoning and code enforcement laws should be the same in each township.

If all of us are going to keep the beautiful pristine wilderness that Tug Hill is, we believe County government is going to have to offer dollars to help local townships keep the open quality and not look to future land and business development to bail them out financially.

We believe there should be a concentrated effort for increased state ownership in order to keep development of any kind out of this fragile area. We have visited just about every area of NYS and the Tug Hill region is one of the last frontiers of untouched land in regard to major development. We might add that we favor the state land being used for a variety of sport-related uses. We realize more state land means higher taxes but this generation owes it to future generations to save some open space for all to enjoy. Please don't join the phobia which now exists in south-eastern NYS where the urge seems to be to put a building on every ½ acre. This action is destroying what once was a beautiful area full of flourishing farms, green pastures and stately forests!

- My children will be 4th generation property caretakers. I hope that Montague can remain as wild and natural as possible. 5-6 generations ago, it was developed around the lumber and farming

industries. I'm afraid that the new people coming in may not respect nature as much; they seem often to just visit, abandon all limits, abuse the neighborhood, and then complain. I wish to express my gratitude to all that are giving consideration to what's best for the area. I think development of the Sears Pond area would be enjoyed if the right amount of regulation, planning and enforcement were exercised. Best of Luck and Wisdom. P.S. I hope the restriction on garbage disposal at the town barn doesn't cause a lot of roadside dumping. That weekly mountain of trash is going to go somewhere.

- Please do not commercialize this area. Stop ATV abuse in road ways and parking areas. Open logging roads on state and county land, keeping them off public access right-of-way. The property owners access to their property should not be abused or limited. Reckless use on public access, and abuse of property should be stopped. Damage to vehicles in parking area by doing donuts, etc, (ATV and snowmobiles) happens frequently. Excess speed throws gravel onto vehicles and creates excessive dust (impossible to see anything) or keep property clean. Can you have outdoor laundry stay clean or picnic table while eating? Excessive noise from altered exhaust on recreational vehicles is abusive and offensive - not enjoyable to all. Property owner's vehicles cost money too, how about helping us keep them and us safe. We came here to enjoy being away from all of the noise and aggravation. Please respect our rights also. Snowmobiling and ATV use should be enjoyable to property owners, as it used to be and to those whom respect the use of same. Opening up the area to excessive use is not a viable use. The roadways are not mud bogs – speedways or snow pro raceways. Most roadways are not safely usable at speeds over 25 to 30 mps as is. How many chopper landings and deaths does it take for people to realize this? If snowmobiling use is restricted as in the Old Forge area, it is and can be very enjoyable. ATV use as in ATV only trails, out west and in Pennsylvania is also enjoyable, they are all separate from public access roadway, also in Canada.

NYS mandates registration and insurance on all ATV and Snowmobiles, the same as automobile usage. They use this money for roadways public access to private property and community usage. Now why can't the NYS provide trails for snowmobiles and ATV usage. They say they raised registration fees to do just that not the slush fund for NY city, etc.

ATV and snowmobile usage does not mix with automobile, hiking, skiing, horse trails, etc. They need to use the registration money for separate trails and or roadways as they promised to use that money for just that purpose. Why continue to compromise the property owners privacy and peacefulness, safety, etc., it's only an inconvenience for all of us.

- One of the reasons we decided to buy a place/property in Lewis County was for the use of snowmobiles and ATV's. Over the last few years there have been changes that have made it very difficult for us to ride our snowmobiles and ATV's in the area surrounding our property. I feel that "land-owners" should be granted a variance or given a pass that allows us to ride on these "closed" roads. Our property is within ¼ miles of the trail on Liberty Road. Should we have to trailer our snowmobiles or ATV's to the trail when we are just down the road?
- We appreciate what you are attempting to do. Survey is a great idea, even a stamped envelope – WOW!
- In June 2004, we purchased a camp that was unfinished on the Pitcher Road in the Town of Montague. We have since finished remodeling the inside of our camp and have had it hard wired for electricity with the intent of having electricity on our road in the near future.

During the 2004 and 2005 years, I had several telephone conversations with Mr. Buzzell (who was the Pitcher Road planning representative for Niagara Mohawk) explaining to him that several of the land owners on the Pitcher Road had interest in electric hookups. Mr. Buzzell told me that each land owner had to sign a land easement before Niagara Mohawk could consider the planning of the

electric poles. I immediately wrote letters to each of the land owners explaining what must be done on their part to proceed with this project. Most of the landowners called me, or wrote a letter, saying they had filed their easements. In the spring of 2005, Mr. Buzzell called my office requesting that my husband and I meet him at our camp to assist him with marking the land owner's territory lines so that he could place the electric pole markers. Accordingly, my husband and I took time off from our jobs to do this.

The next time I spoke with Mr. Buzzell, he told me that Niagara Mohawk (now National Grid) would not furnish electricity on the Pitcher Road unless each land owner that was interested in having the electric paid approximately \$12,000 to \$30,000 (depending on their camp's location on the Pitcher Road). He proceeded to explain that Niagara Mohawk furnishes the first 500 feet free and any distance after that the land owner has to pay.

We do not understand how the land owners on the Gardner Road could get electric power hookups as, in some cases, the electric poles are placed more than 500 feet through vacant lots in between camps.

We are wondering why it is so difficult to get electric power on the Pitcher Road when there is electric on the Sears Pond Road with an electric pole where the Sears Pond Road meets the Pitcher Road. Our camp is located exactly ½ mile from that electric pole.

We have the Maple Ridge Wind Farm furnishing raw power to the New York City area, but we can't get electric ½ mile to our camp?!! Having electric on the Pitcher Road would also increase the value of the property. All of the land owners' taxes have increased, and in some cases, more than doubled within the past year. We do not understand why this has happened since nothing has changed nor have any improvements been made to increase land value along the Pitcher Road.

Is it possible for the Town of Montague to help us with this issue between National Grid and the land owners, or can you refer us to someone who can help? I would appreciate your assistance in this matter. Thank you. Linda and Terry Noftsier.

- As a concerned Town of Montague tax payer, I offer the following observations and suggestions regarding the changes to the town's efforts to promote proper waste collection and removal.

Observations: It appears that the locals, campers and visitors are making an effort to keep the town trash free by using the dumpster provided by the town. With the growth, I assume in the numbers of new camps and recreational vehicles, this is a normal increase in trash and garbage. The dumpster is a better place than on the side of the roads or in secluded locations. It is my belief that this condition will only increase as the town grows. The rebuilding and development of the Sears Pond area will only make this condition worse. My feeling is to oppose the Sears Pond development as it will only increase my taxes. I have not heard any proposals to address the policing, trash collection and disposal for this development. This will also, in my view, increase the trash coming into Montague requiring more manpower to support this effort. To me, this translates into a higher tax burden for only the locals to carry. The local businesses will just pass it on to their customers. The limiting of dumpster use and the threat of criminal prosecution will, in my view, just exacerbate the garbage and trash problem. The message being sent – this is not a friendly town to visit. Also, who will be paid to work at the town barn on Sunday to monitor the dumpster?

Recommendations: My recommendations would be to provide two dumpsters plainly labeled one for garbage and the other for debris. It would be announced by the town communicating a code of conduct/ordinance suggesting to all residents, camp owners, weekend campers and tourists to use the

recommended dump site as a good neighbor message that will help keep Montague clean and a good place to visit and enjoy. Town signs could be placed at the entrance and exits that provide positive reinforcements to keeping Montague clean. Also, a monitoring system of video cameras equipped with night vision and motion detection could be installed for prosecution purposes at the dumpsters. This would be more cost effective than having the road crews cleaning up and disposing of the garbage and waste that will end up on our town roads and secluded locations. The old saying, “you will catch more flies with honey than with vinegar,” fits this situation.

A closing question – what are Harrisburg, Martinsburg and Pinckney going with regards to this specific problem? How successful are they and what has it cost them?