

Town of Pinckney 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+
29	7	14	19	6	37

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

- Peaceful country living with good people in area
- Rural, not much development, traffic
- My wife born and raised here
- It's where my house is
- Love of country life, nature
- Like north country
- Was family owned property, part of family farm years ago
- Love the area
- Started out rabbit hunting then progressed to deer hunting and snowmobiling
- Property has been in family for years
- Own a business also
- Hunting
- Fire wood
- The peace and quiet
- To ride ATV's and snowmobiles
- Pleasant and beautiful
- Family homestead inherited
- Snowmobiling, ATV, small rural area to retreat to
- Quiet
- Inheritance
- Originally planted Xmas trees
- Enjoy area
- Small game hunting
- Distance from Fort Drum (further is better)
- Close to our residence in East Rodman
- Location, distance to town/city
- As a vacation home and retired
- Possible investment value - inherited land
- Private
- Love of great outdoors
- Quality of life/environmental quality
- Rural area peace and quiet
- Country life
- Long time owner
- Peace and quiet
- I live in the country and I'm near by all the other towns. We live close by other people but not too close.

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

- Why I as a resident can't ride my ATV on my road
- Taking roads away from ATV's
- Keep snowmobiles on trails!
- Police patrols for snowmobiles and ATV's!
- Abandoned buildings - Barns Corners Hotel is an eyesore!
- Accidents on recreational vehicles
- Recycling
- Garbage and household stuff dumped along roads
- Against minimum lot sizes
- Continued road access to property
- Rental properties/tenant and landlord responsibilities
- Mainly more recreational opportunities
- Need to keep businesses going
- Gardner Road is deplorable/Pinckney Road has wash out on Rodman end.
- Most trails shut down
- Maintain and enhance natural areas/wildlife
- Landfill and trucks on Route 177
- Lack of ATV trails and access
- Need more trails and access to trails

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

- Trails - off of automobile roads
- Horse trails, ag.-tourism, nature parks, history museum and genealogy services
- Dog sledding trail system
- Wind turbine development
- Hotels, gas station, store
- Grocery store
- As long as site plan and building exteriors fit small town rural atmosphere
- Non-motorized outdoor recreation

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

- Restoring Barns Corners
- They are all worthy
- Not a lot of buildings keep most land undeveloped
- Better maintained seasonal roads
- Snowmobile and ATV trails
- Large amounts of illegal dumping seen on O'Dell Road, Pinckney Road and Corey Road
- Forests are not being taken care of, select harvest and re-planting are very much in need.
- Significant natural areas/communities and species
- Put white fog lines on sides of 194 - it's hard to see and we get lots of fog

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

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- Flash lights - batteries - gas lantern
- Cabin construction is not complete
- Vacant land
- Only used during hunting season
- No buildings on property
- My property does not have living accommodations
- Rifle and NRA shield!
- No building on property
- Gas cookstove and fireplace
- Hunting camp only
- Kerosene heaters and candles and flashlights
- A full size cellar
- Guns

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

- Who cares about internet services!?! We have other problems here!
- I am writing as for more so on the trails for ATV's. I think it is a special attraction and also helps the people around the town of Pinckney and other townships. This is something that needs to be settled on. This is what I like doing and where my land is. I really like it here. Thank you.
- I bought my land many moons ago in hopes of building and retiring there. I would hope and pray that be the time I choose to build, there is not a minimum lot size in place. I own 2.3 acres. Thanks.
- I started coming to Barnes Corners in 1988 to visit friends and ride ATV's and snowmobiles. In 2004, my friend passed away, and I became a homeowner in your town. I think this area should get an award for making everyone feel welcome and treating you like a friend. I look forward to many more years of home ownership in your town and the great times I have riding ATV's and snowmobiles here.
- Town needs growth in a controlled manner!
- I would strongly oppose any attempt to establish a waste disposal dump in Pinckney, whatever it is called. Nothing would be more detrimental to the town. Also, suggest knocking down dilapidated houses and barns, long abandoned and unsightly. They mar the landscapes and beauty of the countryside. A clean-up campaign to get rid of rusted out old vehicles and other junk would also help. These measures would raise property values over time and broaden the tax base and the town's appeal to lovers of outdoor living.
- Thank you for your interest in our thoughts.
- We don't have comments on this town as we don't live in this town, only a land owner.
- Outdoor recreation (ATV, snowmobile), if these are not promoted more, this area will lose sales tax dollars and businesses will also suffer. We don't have enough small or large businesses to bring in enough money to help the sales revenue for the businesses to flourish. Our area is one that should be promoted for its beauty and promoted more for families. No more windmills. Lewis County has enough ruining the views. We purchased land and are building for our retirement in the next 2 years and look forward to living in Pinckney full time. We love the small rural area. We enjoy our land. We need less restriction on tourism, need more roads open to recreation, and the businesses need it.

- The road system in Pinckney has declined significantly over the last 10 years. The highway department needs a total overhaul. Snowmobile traffic is to a point now where it's dangerous. ATV's will be next. Someone needs to police these issues.
- Gardner, Pinckney, and Parish roads are in very bad shape even for minimum maintenance roads. Was told there wasn't anyone in town who can run the grader.
- Thank you for the survey. It is nice to know, as a land owner, my voice will be heard. I like having property in the Barnes Corners area. I think you should encourage recreation and open trails year round for activity. I also think that speed and noise control is a factor to enforce. Not having a business base to offset taxes, shared revenue from recreation and tourism could be used to offset road and trail funds. Lewis County has an opportunity to be a year round recreation hub.
- As a recreational use homeowner, I am not pleased with the closing of roads and trails for snowmobiles and 4-wheelers.
- Need an ordinance to keep junk and brush off of properties. Thank you.
- I am not against shared officials. I don't want porn or "entertainment " Woodstocks! I think controlled recreational use is desirable, but prefer foot traffic to ATV's or snowmobiles, therefore, parks and walk-in-trails.
- With the proposal for additional ATV trails, it should be noted that during the big game season, ATV use on trails thru the forest could be dangerous and it does disrupt the hunting experience. I realize that this would be difficult to control, as is early snow during the season, when sledgers arrive and run rampant.
- Very high tax rates - discourage new building and maintaining/upgrading existing structures. Cops are ruining the atmosphere there - abusing their authority - harassing everyone so you don't dare go anywhere to have a drink or two. Get rid of them - they are all Barney Fife's bozos.
- We haven't done anything on the property yet, it is still wooded. Hoping to establish a single family home there soon. We love the area because of the cleanliness, people, and privacy, snowmobile trails and access.
- I would really like to see more areas open to ATV's so we can legally ride. Also these dirt roads are constantly full of potholes.
- I live in Noyen, Pennsylvania but have a camp near Barnes Corners. I really believe that the people that live in this area are some of the nicest people I've met. They have been very friendly and helpful. Most of the dirt roads we travel while hunting are in great shape. I believe NYS does a great job making hunters feel welcomed. Upstate NY is a great place with good people. Would like electricity to be available on our road (Murdock Road).
- I think the towns need to work together to protect and develop (careful balance) what makes this area special...recreational areas, wildlife, natural beauty. Tourism could really increase here - more jobs. In order to get people to want to come here from other areas - need to make it look less junky too. Rules about the size and lighting of signs for businesses (like they do in historical areas), no adult entertainment if that means what I think it does, garbage/dumps not visible from the road. The towns could encourage events - fishing derbies - maybe for kids too, snowmobile events, cross country skiing, etc. Is there a way to encourage large lots so houses aren't in each others back yard?
- Think sharing of any department or boards is good. As you know, I live in NJ and have over 526 towns and cities with one of everything for each one. Reason we live in the highest taxed state. So do your best to share what things you can, once they are in place, you can not get rid of them. Good survey! You are working in the right direction. Keep up the good work!
- It's a nice place, don't change too much.
- I have respect for the Town of Pinckney, especially the highway department for what they can do with their limited budget. As a small town with part-time officials, I sense a sincere feeling among those officials...they have their heart in the best interest of the town. Thank you for including us in your survey. Best of luck in compiling the results, I am looking forward to recommendations and results. P.S. If I may be of assistance, feel free to contact me.

- Very sorry we can't answer the questions because we do not live there, we just own land. Maybe one day we will live out there.
- We believe it is important to discourage the state from selling off state wild forests and other public lands and encourage the state to acquire new public lands. We would also support the development of trails and camping areas on state land, even logging if it was done in the best interest of the state forests.
- I would rather not see anymore of Tug Hill decimated with windmills or future gas wells. I would very much like to see an ATV trail system and finally Tug Hill doesn't need the kink of "land raping" and junk as is on the Cronk Road. Thank you for this opportunity.
- We choose to buy land in this area for the quiet mountains. We love to ATV and snowmobile. If these were prohibited, it would cut down on the amount of time we spend in NY. We want to retire in a few years, and hope that the place we fell in love with will still offer what brought us there in the first place.
- We own vacation property in the Town of Pinckney. Although our land is adjacent to Pinckney Road, we have an access road from Gardner Road, crossing 2 other properties to get to ours. At the intersection of these 2 roads (north end) there is a large hole and the culvert is washed out nearby. If the towns are interested in being involved in ATV/snowmobile trail development, these are safety concerns which should be addressed before a fatality occurs. Also, on the Rodman end of Pinckney road (near Merrill farm) there is a large washout at a culvert that was the scene of a snowmobile accident in Feb '06. Neighbors tried to repair the hole, but it's too large.
- 1)I would like to see River Road in Pinckney open for snowmobiling, 2)I would like to enact or enforce junk and litter rules for abandoned cars/trailers/houses, etc, 3)I am for expansion and development as long as lot sizes are large and building exteriors maintain small town appearance (don't make the mistakes Connecticut has made allowing people to build what ever, where ever).
- Repair the West Road.
- I would like to see the part of MacDonald Road from the Montague line to Route 177 paved due to huge increase in ATV's that go by stirring up dust. I'm not against that because we have ATV's ourselves, but you can't open your windows because of the dust. We have only owned land for approximately 5 years, but have been riding up here for 12 years. Thank you.
- I will keep my house up there, but will never live in it. Bought land and built house for retirement, but my husband passed away and I am a city person. He liked the country.
- Preservation of open space, farm land and the natural environment is key. Selected light industry and single family and affordable housing for seniors needs to be included. What is NOT desired is major development or the destruction of the natural environment.
- Would like to see a lot more ATV trails, NOT roads to ride on. I like going through the woods and down streams to see nature. Because so many places are close, I am not getting insurance on my wheeler because I don't take it anywhere. Thank you.
- Consider things that are compatible with the town to increase revenue to use for the purpose of maintaining and increasing the betterment of our community.
- I guess I would not be prepared for a natural disaster.
- Comprehensive planning should concentrate on maintaining quality of life through prevention of incompatible recreation and other development. Any large scale development should be carefully considered and if approved, provide public mitigation benefits such as required land protection by developer. A full inventory of important natural resources must be conducted and incorporated into future planning efforts.
- This area has been a recreational area for as long as I can remember, but local government has shut the area almost completely off to recreation. Local business owners are suffering because of it. Doesn't sound like we are headed in the right direction now does it?!?
- Need to start planning for better town equipment now. Gravel roads need improving - stone not dirt. Need somebody to enforce junk law - old cars and trash on property needs to be removed. ATV's

and snowmobiles off all town roads. Need to remove trash along town roads and Inman Gulf as can be seen from bridge.

- Question #9: Concerned about keeping the snowmobile/ATV riders off Corey Road and Cronk Road. Have trail running parallel to those roads and access from Route 194. I had 7 flats within 3 years on Corey Road due to snowmobile cleats and 1 tire (new) destroyed by picking up a crescent wrench! Also, more frequent checks on road conditions. Have the farmers and other homeowners clean up their property, ie JUNK CARS, FARM EQUIPMENT, paper/plastic trash. This scars the beauty of the neighborhoods and decreases property values.
- Tired of the same people "running" this town!
- I am very concerned about the increase of travel to and from the landfill. Trash along my road has increased and I have seen it come off the trucks. They also do not latch down the door and it bangs when they hit a bump in my road. The trucks also do untold damage to our roads and we as taxpayers will need to fix these roads. And even though they say it would never smell...guess what...it stinks! Thankfully, I live far enough away so I can't smell it. But I drove by it and the property owners near the dump are smelling it! Our property taxes also concern me. They have steadily increased in the 30+ years that I have lived here. I think the residents of Pinckney deserve a tax break from the windmills, and having to live close to the landfill.
- Set hours during the day which ATV's and snowmobiles can use the trails as a lot of them go by our homes to allow us quiet hours as most of us work. A lot of these vehicles are quite noisy making it hard to get to sleep. Reasonable hours would be from 6 A.M. to 10 P.M. I am very much in favor of more wind turbines and natural gas development. This would make it more possible to bring small industry to the area as well as the development of the natural gas energy source would give us another means to heat our homes. It would be nice to have it be municipal. A centralized Post Office to serve the 4 townships would be nice.
- Need to do more for all snowmobilers and ATV's, so we can get the economy going. This town could use the dollars!! Don't scare everyone away to other places and we all lose out!!
- I am very much in favor of more wind turbines and natural gas development.
- Our road in to Watertown is so rough it snaps your head back when you go over it.
- I would like to see the Town of Pinckney enforce and regulate the compilation of abandoned cars and equipment to include overall junk and litter. This creates an eyesore for residents and non-residents or visitors.
- We did move here because this road afforded us peace and quiet. I could walk my dogs without getting run over, work outside and enjoy it. Now the road is busy and fast (I do not care if Russell ever fixes a pothole) and we have no use for the ATV's. Snowmobiles weren't as bad this winter. We need trails away from all houses - the noise - the dust and the speed have really ruined our home for me. I know I am older and set in my ways, but this is the best spring on our road in years. Keep it that way!
- Keep the Austin Road drivable and take care of it in such a way that dust doesn't fly to Timbuktu. We really should have fog lines on the sides of 194 - it gets real foggy up here and you have no idea where you are...please!
- There needs to be more control, better management of snowmobiles and ATV's (hopefully soon there will be a trail for ATV's in Lewis County). More police patrols on the trails. Perhaps higher fines to help keep trespassers and speeders under control.
- Most of what you are talking about should have taken place 25 years ago.
- All town roads that are unpaved in all towns should be open to ATV's. ATV use on town roads continues the same use as with snowmobiles. If ATV's as recreational vehicles are banned from town roads, the snowmobiles also must be banned. That being the case, we might as well close up the Tug Hill and make it part of the Adirondack park. As for wind farms, where are the piles of dead birds? I don't see them, and yet the deer are still here. What's up with that? Cover the whole hill with them, I think NOT! But, we could use some more clean renewable energy.

- I'm not a Montague resident, but I would be in favor of rebuilding the dam and re-flooding Sears Pond and developing camping areas around it.
- Careful consideration should be given to the addition of things like windmills and cell towers throughout the town. I am not against them, but they should not dominate these towns. Also, the towns need to benefit from these additions or it is not worth doing. These areas seem to be increasingly recognized by the outdoor enthusiasts. Serious consideration should be given to charging for snowmobile and ATV trail use. The towns should benefit from these transient guests who flock here when the conditions are right.
- Need more oversight on police enforcement. I am dissatisfied with enforcement priority. Also, if you are a land/property owner on a road, you should have snowmobile road access to your property from the trails.
- For 40 years, I have heard from you and several others what an eyesore, detriment to the landscape and general degradation and other adjectives describing the condition of the Williams property on the north and south side of the Cronk Road in our town, and now we have the Holders, whom are almost as bad with several junk cars (8-10) and with their trash of all kinds; not only on their property, but migrating across the Cronk Road to the Jerome property and mine. When, if ever, are the town board, planning board and code enforcement going to make something positive happen on these two issues? Thank you very much for this opportunity to express my concerns – AGAIN!