



## The Ovid Community Survey

Town of Ovid Comprehensive Plan Project: a Call for Community Response

May 2017

Dear Ovid Community Resident / Business Owner:

We need your help!

The following pages are an opportunity to hear from you, and to learn your thoughts about our community and its future.

As you may know, we are currently working with a team of professional planners to look at the Town, its current status, its laws and policies, its resources, and its challenges. They are here to HELP US decide the direction we want our community to go in the future.

When the process is completed, we will have a new Comprehensive Plan that helps us stay on track, and work towards creating the future that WE want.

This survey will help establish that direction, and your effort to provide YOUR OWN opinions will contribute to the plan.

We hope you will find the time – about 10-15 minutes – to complete this survey. A postage-paid envelope (no stamp needed) is provided. Please return your survey by May 22.

An online version of the survey is also available at the project website: [townofovidcomprehensiveplan.org](http://townofovidcomprehensiveplan.org)  
Look for the link on the front page marked "Community Survey."

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to also complete the survey and share their opinions. Additional copies will be available at various locations in Ovid. The information gathered will help the Town's committee understand what residents want. This is important to the Town Board, since we represent you. Your responses matter and we appreciate them.

While we don't need professional help figuring out that we are rural, or that we value our community members, we DO need help figuring out some of the tough issues, like land use and whether we need to make changes. This survey will be an important tool in gathering public opinion. For this reason, we want the results to be accurate and ask that only one survey be completed per person.

Personal contact information is not required on paper surveys, but will be required on the computer survey, to help avoid accidental duplication. However, if you are willing to provide your name, the Committee will keep it confidential by separating it from your comments, and it will help make the final count more accurate.

Thank you in advance for your participation and for your support of the Ovid community.

Sincerely,

Town Board Members

# Ovid Community Resident Survey

The MRB Group/ EDR team is conducting this survey on behalf of the Town of Ovid.  
 For questions or concerns, please call or email MRB Group, (315) 651-0888 or [connie.sowards@mrbgroup.com](mailto:connie.sowards@mrbgroup.com)

1. Please indicate your residency (for statistical purposes only):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Town of Ovid (outside of the Village)<br>Non-resident business owner | <input type="checkbox"/> The Village of Ovid<br><input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal (less than 6 months) renter |
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1b. Do you:       Own    or     Rent

1c. Number of people in household:    Over 18: \_\_\_\_\_    Under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What are the most important characteristics or features of the Ovid Community? (Check your top five preferences):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small town atmosphere<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sense of community<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rural / small farms<br><input type="checkbox"/> Feels safe and secure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Quality housing is affordable<br><input type="checkbox"/> Access to public facilities (eg. Library, municipal buildings)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Low cost-of-living<br><input type="checkbox"/> Reputable / good school systems<br><input type="checkbox"/> Access to activities<br><input type="checkbox"/> Availability of shopping<br><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental features / beauty<br><input type="checkbox"/> Open space / undeveloped areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity of population<br><input type="checkbox"/> Access to State highways<br><input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to Trumansburg/Ithaca<br><input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to colleges<br><input type="checkbox"/> History<br><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and related activity<br><input type="checkbox"/> Lakefront access<br><input type="checkbox"/> Downtown<br><input type="checkbox"/> Limited land use regulations<br><input type="checkbox"/> Personal freedoms<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |
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3. How important to you are the following services which may be provided by the **Village, Town** or **County**?

	Very Important	No Opinion / Indifferent	Not Important
Police protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ambulance services (currently provided privately)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trash collection / disposal / recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and social services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation / parks / playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Streets / roads / sidewalk improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public works services (drainage, maintenance, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snow removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landscaping / decorative lighting on public property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zoning and enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sewer services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permit / License services (availability)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior / Elder services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth programming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural events and programming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Which term would you choose to describe the Ovid community as you would like to see it in 20 years? Check one:

- Rural agricultural community
- Residential, family-oriented community
- Bedroom (mostly commuters) community
- Commercial tourism-based community (example: shopping, conveniences, activity)
- Eco-tourism-based community (example: environment, natural resources, serenity)
- Trendy, upscale, more urban-like community
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. If you believe that the Ovid community should grow over the next 20 years, what types of development would you like to see? Choose up to 8:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-family residential              | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism businesses                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family residential               | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Businesses                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile home parks                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Office-type businesses (detached)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufactured (modular) homes           | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior recreation center                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condominiums                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth recreation center                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal residential (camping / RVs)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Convenience stores and similar services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior or retirement housing complexes | <input type="checkbox"/> Small retail                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low-moderate income housing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Large retail or shopping centers        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family farms                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Light industry                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate farms                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy industry                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront residential development     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wineries, breweries, distilleries       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront public recreation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Redevelopment                 |                                                                  |

6. If you believe the Ovid community should NOT encourage development in the future, please indicate the reason for your preference? Please check one:

- I prefer the existing character of the community
- I am concerned about land-use conflicts
- I am concerned about the financial impact of new infrastructure
- I do not want traffic congestion
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- None of the above: I want growth in the community.

7. What roles, if any, do you envision for your local government (town or village) in the following:

	No, local government should not pursue	Yes, local government should pursue	If yes, local tax dollars should support
<b>Residential development:</b>			
Tax incentives directed toward housing needs (e.g. senior housing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater use of ordinances to conserve open space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other residential development programming (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Economic development (excluding agriculture):</b>			
Marketing and promotion of businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tax incentives for business attraction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tax incentives for business retention and expansion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use of ordinances to increase commercial land uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Downtown Revitalization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic Preservation Standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other economic development programming (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Agriculture:</b>			
Tax incentives for agricultural operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use of ordinances for encouraging agricultural land uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other agricultural programming (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Environmental conservation:</b>			
Assist, support, or fund conservation easements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tax abatements for public use of private property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Establishment of additional public parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other environmental programming (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide any additional comments regarding the role of local government in these or other areas in the lines below:

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8. Local government should focus primarily on the following (please choose up to three):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting tourism                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational opportunities                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keeping taxes lower / lowering taxes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting / enhancing farming             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attracting business                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic / cultural preservation           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic development / job creation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Support for cultural events / activities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining / improving roads          | <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Revitalization                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining / improving infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront recreation (public)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological conservation                | <input type="checkbox"/> Fostering waterfront recreation businesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restricting uncontrolled development   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preserving open space                  |                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creating more public spaces / parks    |                                                                     |

9. Please indicate your preference for shared services between/among the Town of Ovid, Village of Ovid and/or other neighboring municipalities (e.g. Town of Lodi, Town of Covert, Town of Romulus, Village of Interlaken, and Seneca County):

	Increase shared services	No changes preferred	Decrease shared services
Administration/staffing resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Municipal website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks and recreation programming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roadway maintenance services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior programming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth programming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency response services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sewer infrastructure/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water infrastructure/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tax assessor services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide any additional comments regarding these issues in the lines below:

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10. Where do you typically get your information about Ovid community issues and programs? Please check the most frequent resource.

- Municipal mailings
- Municipal website
- Local newspapers
- Local television stations
- Conversations with neighbors
- Social Media
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

11. Have you attended local government meetings (town, village) in the past two years?

Yes  No

If yes, please state the issue(s) that prompted your attendance at the meetings (*optional*):

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**Some of the following information is required for online surveys:**

Any personal info provided will be separated from your answers, and kept confidential by the MRB Group/EDR team.

By providing this information, you help the planning committee assure that survey responses are valid, unique and a fair representation of the Ovid community.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Space for additional comments:**

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