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ESSEX RESIDENT SURVEY: JULY 2019

The Town of Essex and the Village of Essex Junction want to hear from residents about issues that impact the future of our community, primarily the topic of potentially merging the municipal governments of the Town of Essex and the Village of Essex Junction.

We appreciate your honest and candid thoughts on this subject. Your opinions will help inform a potential merger plan that aims to improve everyone's quality of life in our community.

Please note: This survey is only open to residents of the Town of Essex and the Village of Essex Junction that will be of voting age by the November 2020 election.

Please drop off completed surveys at any of the following locations **by July 14, 2019**:

- Town of Essex Municipal Building, 81 Main St.
- Village of Essex Junction Municipal Building, 2 Lincoln St.
- Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln St.
- Essex Free Library, 1 Browns River Rd.
- Essex Area Senior Center, 2 Lincoln St.
- Essex Junction Recreation & Parks, 75 Maple St.

Would you prefer to submit your response online?

Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/EssexSurveyJuly2019 or scan the QR code image with your smartphone camera to be taken to the online survey.

One response per resident, please.
THANK YOU!

Please visit www.GreaterEssex2020.org for more information about a governance change vote in November 2020. The site will be updated regularly.

Where do you live? Circle one.

Village of Essex Junction / Essex Town outside the Village / I live in Essex but not sure where

(For a listing of streets in the Village of Essex Junction and Town outside the Village, please refer to the end of this survey. Village streets are lowercase, *Town outside the Village streets are* UPPERCASE.*)*

In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing the Town of Essex and/or the Village of Essex Junction?

How familiar would you say you are with the structure of the local governments of the Town of Essex and the Village of Essex Junction? Circle one.

Extremely familiar / Very familiar / Moderately familiar / Slightly familiar / Not at all familiar

Prior to taking this survey, were you aware that...
Circle "Yes" or "No"

Residents of the Village of Essex Junction are also residents of the Town of Essex.	Yes	No
The Village of Essex Junction and the Town of Essex have separate governments and residents pay different municipal taxes based on where they live.	Yes	No
Residents of the Village of Essex Junction pay municipal taxes to both the Village government and the Town of Essex government.	Yes	No
Town of Essex residents that live outside the Village of Essex Junction do not pay municipal taxes to the Village.	Yes	No
Residents of the Village of Essex Junction are represented by two governing boards (Village of Essex Junction Board of Trustees and Town of Essex Selectboard) and residents of the Town that live outside the Village of Essex Junction are represented by one governing board (Town of Essex Selectboard)	Yes	No

Please read the following:

The Essex community has two municipal corporations - The Town of Essex and the Village of Essex Junction. Each has its own government and elected board with taxing authority.

For many years, the Town of Essex and the Village of Essex Junction have worked toward consolidation of services and are now exploring a potential merger of the governance of the two municipalities under a single charter, becoming a single government entity.

Some municipal departments and services have already been consolidated within the last few years, such as the Manager's Office, Clerk's Office, Finance Department, and the Essex Area Senior Center, among others. These departments and services are paid for by all members of

the Essex community, regardless of whether you live in the Village or the Town outside the Village.

Other municipal services are funded separately, such as the fire departments, recreation departments, libraries, and community development and planning.

We would like to hear your opinions on potentially merging the governments, consolidating services, and how you believe it would impact you as a resident in our community.

How familiar are you with the past efforts to merge the Town of Essex and the Village of Essex Junction under a single government structure? Circle one.

Extremely familiar / Very familiar / Moderately familiar / Slightly familiar / Not at all familiar

To what degree do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The Town of Essex and the Village of Essex Junction benefit by having shared services, like a shared police department, shared public works department, shared clerk, and unified municipal manager." Circle one.

Strongly agree / Agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Disagree / Strongly disagree

How important is it to you that the Village of Essex Junction and the Town of Essex continue to share services and functions? Circle one.

Extremely important / Very important / Moderately important / Slightly important / Not at all

Knowing what you know today and thinking about the future, how much are you in favor of the merger of the Town and Village governments? Circle one.

- Very much in favor
- Somewhat in favor
- Neither in favor nor not in favor
- Somewhat not in favor
- Very much not in favor

Why did you select your answer above?

What do you believe would be the benefits, if any, of merging the Town and Village governments? If you're not sure what the benefits could be, just write, "I'm not sure."

What do you believe you would be challenges or negative impacts, if any, if the Town and Village merged governments? Additionally, how could these challenges be overcome? If you're not sure what the challenges could be, just write, "I'm not sure."

Which specific services or municipal functions, if any, do you believe would be best kept separate? Why do you say this?

Which specific services or municipal functions, if any, do you believe would improve if combined? Why?

How important is it to you that the Village of Essex Junction and the Town of Essex retain aspects of separate identities even with a merger of governments?

Very important / Somewhat important / Not at all important / Unsure or have no opinion

Why did you select the answer you did in the previous question?

In your opinion, what does the ideal merger between the Town of Essex and the Village of Essex Junction governments look like? If you're not sure, just write, "I'm not sure."

Where did you hear about this survey? Circle all that apply.

- Town of Essex or Village of Essex Junction affiliated website or social media account
- Email from Town of Essex or Village of Essex Junction government or affiliated organization
- Essex Reporter
- Front Porch Forum
- Essex Area Senior Center
- Brownell Library
- Essex Free Library
- Link was shared by a neighbor or colleague on social email or via email
- Other (please specify):

Where do you normally get information pertaining to local news and events in the Town of Essex and the Village of Essex Junction? Circle all that apply.

- Town of Essex or Village of Essex Junction affiliated website or social media accounts
- Other social media accounts
- The Essex Reporter
- Front Porch Forum
- Seven Days
- Burlington Free Press
- Neighborhood email list
- Flyers at the library, recreation centers, or senior centers
- Channel 17 / Town Meeting TV
- Other (please specify):

How old will you be on <u>November 3, 2020</u>?

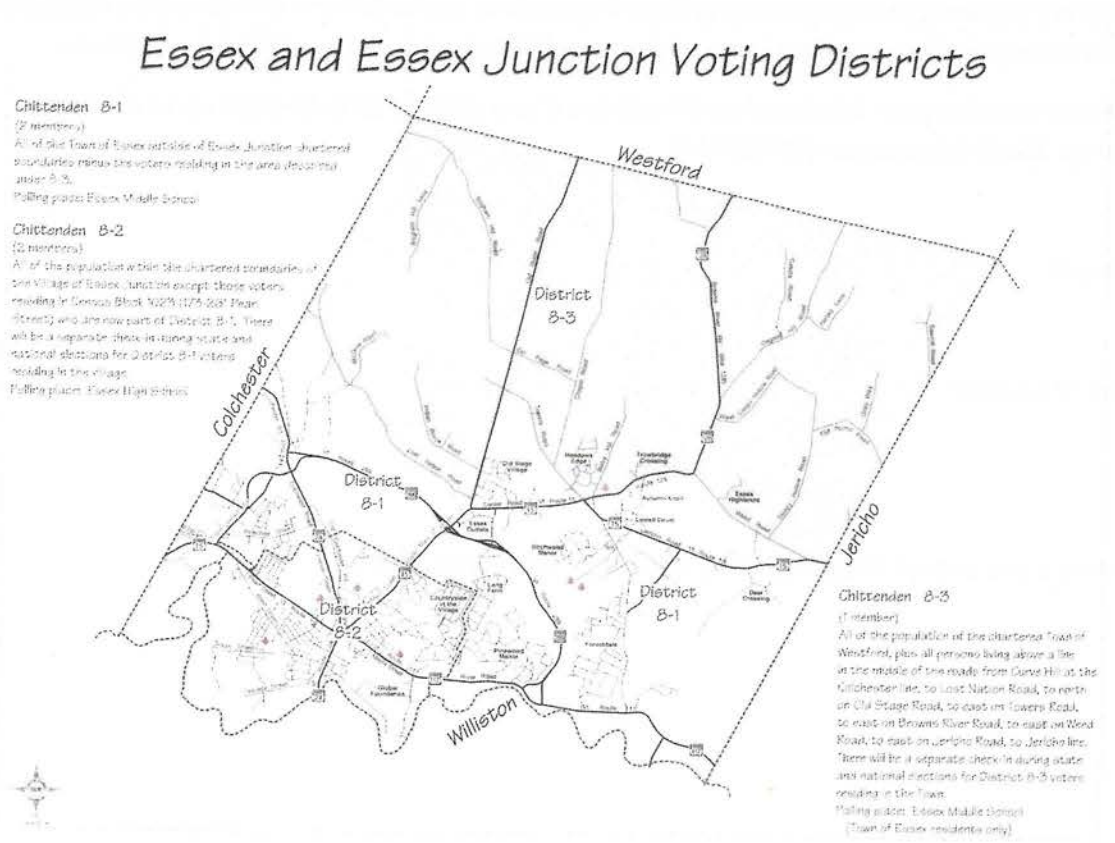
_____ years old

Do you own or rent your primary residence? Circle one.

Own / Rent / Other (please specify):

Do you have children under 18 living in your household? Circle one.

Yes / No



Are you currently registered to vote in the Essex? Circle one.

- Yes, District 8-1
- Yes, District 8-2
- Yes, District 8-3
- Yes, but I'm not sure of my district
- No

What was the combined income for all members of your household last year? Circle one.

- Less than $25,000
- $25,000-$49,999
- $50,000-$74,999
- $75,000-$99,999
- $100,000-$149,999
- $150,000-$199,999
- $200,000+
- Prefer not to say

We are planning to host a series of listening sessions and conduct a future survey related to the proposed merger of the Town of Essex and Village of Essex Junction governments.

Please provide your name and email address if you would like to be kept up to date with news about this process (OPTIONAL)

Name:

Email address:

Have more to say? Please add any additional comments below.

EXISTING ROADS IN ESSEX AND ESSEX JUNCTION

ABARE AVE
Abnaki Ave
Acorn Cir
Adams Ct
ALDER LN
ALDERBROOK RD
Algonquin Ave
ALLEN MARTIN DR
ALLEN MARTIN PKY
ANDREW AVE
Arbor Ter
Arlington St
Appletree Ln *
Aspen Dr
Athens Dr
Autumn Pond Way *
BAKER ST
BASHAW DR
Bass Lane *
Beech St
BILLIE BUTLER DR
Birch Ln *
BIXBY HILL RD
BLACKBERRY RD
BLAIR RD
BLUESTEM RD
BOBOLINK CIR
Briar Ln
Brickyard Rd
BRIGHAM HILL LN
BRIGHAM HILL RD
Brooks Ave
Brookside Ave
Brownell Dr
BROWNS RIVER RD
BURLINGTON RD *
BUSHEY LN *
BUTTERNUT CT
BUTTON DR
CABOT DR
Camp St
CARDINAL LN *
CARMICHAEL ST
Cascade Ct
Cascade St
Cascadnac Ave
CATELLA RD
CAVENDISH DR
CEDAR CT
CEDAR ST
CEMETERY RD
CENTER RD
Central St
CHAPIN RD
CHASE CT
CHELSEA RD
Cherokee Ave
Cherry St
Chestnut Ln *
Church St
CILLEY HILL RD
CINDY LN
CIRCLE DR
CIRCUMFERENTIAL HWY
CLAIRE DR *
CLARA HILL LN *
Clems Dr
CLOVER DR
COL. PAGE RD
COLBERT ST
COLCHESTER RD
COMMON, THE
COMMONWEALTH AVE
Corduroy Rd
CORPORATE DR
Countryside Dr
CRAFTSBURY CT
Cree Ave
CREEK RD
Crestview Rd
Curtis Ave
CURVE HILL RD
Cushing Dr
CYPRESS LN
DALTON DR
DAMON DR
DARTMOOR CT
DAVID DR
DEBRA DR
DEER CROSSING LN
Densmore Dr
DEVON HILL CT
DIANE DR *
DISCOVERY RD
Doon Way
DOUBLEDAY LN *
DOUGLAS RD
Drury Dr
Dunbar Dr
East St
East Williams St
Edgewood Dr
Educational Dr *
Elm St
ESSEX HIGHLANDS
ESSEX RD *
ESSEX WAY
ETHAN ALLEN AVE
EVERGREEN DR ~
EWING PL
Fairview Dr
FERN HOLLOW RD
FLEURY RD
FOREST RD
FORT PKWY
FOSTER RD
FOUNDERS RD *
FOX RUN RD
Francis Dr *
Franklin St *
FREDERICK RD
FREEMAN WOODS
Fuller Pl *
Gaines Ct *
GARDENSIDE LN
GAUTHIER DR
GENTES RD
GERO CT *
Giles Dr
GLENWOOD DR
GOODRICH LN
Grandview Ave
Grant St
GRAY WAY
GREENBRIAR DR
GREENFIELD CT
GREENFIELD RD
GREENFIELD ROAD EXT
Greenwood Ave
GRIFFIN LN *~
Grove St
HAGAN DR
HAMPSHIRE CT
HANLEY LN
Hawthorn Cir
Hayden St
HEATHERBUSH RD
Hemlock Ln
Hiawatha Ave
HICKORY LN
HIGH VIEW DR
Hillcrest Rd
HILLSIDE CIR
Holy Family Pl *
Hubbells Falls Dr
Huron Ave
INDIAN BROOK RD
INDIGO LN *
IRA ALLEN DR
IRENE AVE
IRIS ST
Iroquois Ave
Ivy Ln
JACKSON HTS
Jackson St
JERICHO RD
Jones Ave
JOSEPH LN *
JOSHUA WAY
Juniper Ridge Rd
KANA LN *
KarsynReece Ln *
KELLOGG RD
Ketcham Dr
Killoran Dr
Kiln Rd
Kiln Rd *
Kiln Road Ext *
KIMBERLY DR
KIMO DR ~
Kings Ct *
KODIAK LN *~
KURK DR
LAMELL AVE
Lamoille St
LAMORE RD
LANDFILL LN *
LANG DR
LASALLE RD
LAUREL DR
LAURETTE DR *
LAVIGNE RD
Lavoie Dr
LAWRENCE HTS *
LECLERC WDS *
LEO DR
LIDA DR
LILAC LN
Lillia Dr *
Lincoln Pl
Lincoln St

Lincoln Ter
LINDEN LN
Locust Ln *
LOGWOOD CIR
LONDONDERRY LN
LOST NATION RD
Loubier Dr
LYON LN *
Main St
Mansfield Ave
Maple St
Maple Street Ext *
MAPLELAWN DR
Maplewood Ln
MARCY DR *
MARGARET ST
MARION AVE
MARKET PL
Mason Dr
McGEE RD
McGregor St
Meadow Ter
Mill St *
Mohawk Ave
MORSE DR
Murray Rd
Nahma Ave
NAYLOR RD
NEW ENGLAND DR
Nicholas Ct *
North St
North Hillcrest Rd
NORTH WILLISTON RD
Oak St
OAKWOOD LN
OLD COLCHESTER RD
OLD PUMP RD
OLD STAGE RD
OLIVER WIGHT DR *
Oneida Ave
Onondaga Ave
Orchard Ter
ORLEANS RD ~
OSGOOD HILL RD
OVERLOOK TERR *
Owaissa Ave
PARIZO DR
Park Ave
Park St
Park Ter
PARTRIDGE DR
PATRICIA PL
PAYNE ST *
PEACHAM LN
Pearl St
PERKINS DR
PERRY DR
PETTINGILL RD
Pine Ct
PINECREST DR
PINEWOOD DR
PIONEER ST
Pleasant St
POINTE DR *
POMFRET LN
Poplar Ct
PRESCOTT ST
PRINCE DR ~
Prospect St
Railroad Ave
Railroad St
RAYMOND DR
Red Barn Rd *
RED PINE CIR
Redwood Ter
REPA DR
RICHARD ST
RIDGE RD
Rivendell Dr
RIVER RD
River St
RIVER VIEW DR
Robinson Pky *
RONALD CT
Roscoe Ct *
Rosewood Ln
ROSEWOOD TRL
Rotunda Ave
RUSTIC DR
RYAN ST *
SAGE CIR
SAND HILL RD
SAWMILL RD
SAXON HILL RD
Saxon Ln, Jericho
SAXONHOLLOW DR
SAYBROOK RD
School St
Seneca Ave
Shawns Way *
Sienna Ln *
Silver Bow Ter
SKYLINE DR
SLEEPY HOLLOW RD
SMOKE BUSH LN *
South Hill Dr
South St
South Street Ln *
South Summit St
SOUTHDOWN CT
Southview Rd
Spruce Ln *
St James Pl *
STANNARD DR
Stanton Dr
STEARNS AVE
STEEPLEBUSH RD
STONEBROOK CIR
SUFFOLK LN
Sugartree Ln
Summit St
SUNSET DR
SUSIE WILSON BYP
SUSIE WILSON RD
Sweetwater Ln *
Sycamore Ln
SYDNEY DR
Taft St
Tamarack Dr
TANGLEWOOD DR
THISTLE LN
THOMAS LN
THOMPSON DR
THRUSH LN *
Tiffany Ln *
TIMBERLANE DR
TOWERS RD
TURCOTTE RD
TURNBERRY RIDGE *
Tyler Dr
Upland Rd
UPPER MAIN ST
Vale Dr
VALLEYVIEW DR
Villa Dr
WALDEN WOODS
Walnut Ln *
Warner Ave
WASHINGTON CIR ~
Waverly St
WEATHERSFIELD BOW
WEED RD
Wenonah Ave
West Hillcrest Rd
WEST SLEEPY HOLLOW RD
West St
West Street Ext
Whipple Dr *
WHITCOMB MEADOWS LN
Whitcomb Rd *
WHITETAIL LN
WILDWOOD DR
Wilkinson Dr
Willeys Ct
Williams St
WILLOUGHBY DR
WINDRIDGE RD
WINOOSKI RD *
WINTERLANE CIR
WOLFF DR
WOODLAWN CT
WOODLAWN DR
Woodstock Ln *
Woods End Dr
WOODSIDE DR *
Wrisley Ct *
Wrisley St

Town = upper case
Village = lower case
* = private drive
~ = proposed road

as of 01-11-2018