The Town of Ashford Planning Board is seeking your comments in the development of the Comprehensive Plan for the Ashford community. Thank you for completing this survey.

**WHAT THIS IS ABOUT AND WHY YOU SHOULD COMPLETE IT**

The Town of Ashford is beginning the development of a Comprehensive Plan. A Comprehensive Plan is a document that describes the history, current state, and future vision for the community. It acts as a road map to guide future growth and development while promoting the health and safety and general welfare of the people.

The Planning Board is overseeing this process and hopes to submit a Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board by the end of December 2015.

**WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THE SURVEY**

The Comprehensive Plan should reflect the ideas and opinions of the community’s residents. EVERY ASHFORD RESIDENT AND/OR PROPERTY OWNER IS INVITED TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY. Each person may submit the survey to the Town once.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

Your survey responses will be kept confidential. If you submit online, your personal data will be separated from the rest of the survey. We will use these responses and information gathered at an upcoming public meeting (the date and time will be posted in the Springville Journal) to shape our plan.

**WHEN TO SUBMIT YOUR SURVEY**

Please submit your completed survey by July 1, 2015. Estimated time to complete the survey is 15 minutes.

**HOW AND WHERE TO SUBMIT THE SURVEY**

**ON PAPER**

Drop off completed surveys at the Community Center (drop box located near front of building [main entrance]) or send it by U. S. mail to: Comprehensive Plan Survey, Ashford Community Center, P.O. Box 306, West Valley, New York, 14171. Additional paper copies of the survey are available at the Town Clerk’s Office, Ashford Community Center (Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 am -1 pm), Post Office and West Valley Central School. If you need to make copies of the survey so that each member of your household may participate, feel free to photocopy it. Or you can download it and print if from [http://ashfordny.org](http://ashfordny.org). If you want to provide additional comments on your survey, please attach additional comments to extra paper.

**ON LINE**

To complete the survey online, go to [https:// surveymonkey.com/s/ashfordny](https:// surveymonkey.com/s/ashfordny).
If you have additional questions on how to complete or submit this survey, please write to http://ashfordny.org or call 716-942-6016, ext-8.

Please share some information about yourself:

1. Do you own or rent your home?  
   Own  
   Rent  
   If you own property, how many acres? ________

2. Do you live in the Town of Ashford?  
   Yes  
   No  
   If so, how long have you lived in the Town? ________

3. Which category best describes your age?  
   18-30  
   1-40  
   1-50  
   1-60  
   1-70  
   1 and over

4. If you are employed, how far do you commute to work?  
   Work from home  
   10 miles  
   1-30 miles  
   0+ miles

5. Do you have school-aged children under the age of 18 at home?  
   Yes  
   No

6. Are you retired?  
   Yes  
   No  
   If no, do you plan to retire in the Town of Ashford?  
   Yes  
   No

7. Household income (optional):  
   Under $25,000  
   $25,000 – $50,000  
   $50,000 - $75,000  
   $75,000 - $100,000  
   Over $100,000

8. What is the major reason you selected Ashford to live?  
   Family  
   Liked Location/Small Town  
   Close to Job  
   Close to Nearby Towns  
   Lack of zoning/reduced regulation  
   Other: _______________________

9. Greatest Item for Improvement of Town?  
   Infrastructure  
   Development
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- Business Opportunities
- Town/School Taxes
- Website/Communication
- Vacant/Neglected Property
- Promoting Local Agriculture
- Availability of Senior Citizen housing
- Other: ______________________________

10. How would you rate the quality of life in Ashford?
   - Excellent
   - Good
   - Fair
   - Poor
   - No Opinion

11. How would you rate the general condition of the local roads in Ashford?
   - Fine/well maintained
   - Good/some maintenance needed
   - Poor/needs immediate attention
   - No opinion

12. Ashford should actively encourage and support new business.
   - Strongly Agree
   - Agree
   - Disagree
   - Strongly Disagree
   - No Opinion

13. Which of the following actions do you think the Town should pursue? (circle those you feel are important)
   - Shared Town services with a neighboring town
   - High-speed internet improvements
   - More funding for extreme weather events
   - Provide services for seniors
   - Support for recreational programs

14. Are you satisfied with the following services from Town government? (check all that apply)
15. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in Ashford?  *Check one for each*

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16. Is the Town of Ashford’s natural environment important to you?  
   *Yes*  
   *No*  
   *No Opinion*

   If yes, what aspects are important to you?  (Circle all that apply)  
   {#Natural resources (water, streams, wetlands, forests)  
   {#Open spaces  
   {#Scenic views  
   {#Wildlife  
   {#Outdoor recreation  
   {#Other: ________________________________
17. How can the Town support these resources? ____________________________

18. What outdoor recreational activities are important to you? *(check all that apply)*

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19. Any additional comments you would like to add?
____________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

20. Which 3 topic areas on this survey are the most important issues facing our town? (please list in order of importance, with 1. most important)

1. ________________________________ 2. ________________________________ 3. ________________________________

Thank you for taking your time to complete our survey.

Optional:

NAME: ________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________

PHONE NUMBER: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________
May we contact you for more information?  Yes  No