



Village of Cleveland – COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

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COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

1) What were your reasons for choosing to live in or near the Village of Cleveland?

	Sum	%
Rural Atmosphere	45	45%
Family and friends	28	28%
Tax rate	14	14%
Low crime rate	23	23%
Access to Oneida Lake	48	48%
Family roots	25	25%
Cost of living	9	9%
Sense of community	15	15%
Good schools	22	22%
Housing/land costs	29	29%
Recreation opportunities	26	26%
Quality of life	30	30%
Job opportunities	2	2%
Other (<i>See comments</i>)	17	17%

2) What is your residence status in the village?

	Sum	%
Home owner permanent	83	83%
Home owner seasonal	5	5%
Renter	1	1%
I am not a resident, but I own property in or near the village	11	11%

3) In order to identify the area in which you live or own property, please refer to the enclosed map and select one of the numbered areas.

	Sum	%
Area #1	11	11%
Area #2	27	27%
Area #3	31	31%
Area #4	4	4%
Area #5	6	6%
Area #6	8	8%
Area #7	11	11%

VILLAGE CHARACTER

4) What areas of the village are most scenic?
(*See comments*)

5) What areas of the village have the most scenic views?
(*See comments*)

6) What are the most important sites in the village to preserve and protect from development?
(*See comments*)

7) Which of the following sites are priorities for rehabilitation and improvement?

	Sum	%
Tannery Pond	39	39%
“State Dock” – Canal Terminal	68	68%
Village waterfront by Village Hall	63	63%
County Recreation Trail	30	30%
Village Park	51	51%
Other (<i>See comments</i>)	7	7%

8) Views of Oneida Lake are important to Cleveland’s identity as a waterfront community.

	Sum	%
Agree	90	90%
Disagree	9	9%

9) The Route 49 corridor in the village should be planned in a manner that will?

	Sum	%
Promote safe, fast, and efficient traffic flow	49	49%
Maximize scenic views	55	55%
Provide more of a “Main Street” appearance (meet the needs of local pedestrians & vehicular traffic)	70	70%
Attract new business/commercial growth	35	35%
Attract new residents	28	28%
Should not be planned	6	6%

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

10) Is public access to Oneida Lake within the village adequate for the following?

	Yes		No	
	Sum	%	Sum	%
Boating	28	28%	53	53%
Fishing	47	47%	32	32%
Sightseeing	37	37%	42	42%
Swimming	14	14%	70	70%
Snowmobiling	46	46%	21	21%
Other (<i>See comments</i>)	2	2%	7	7%

11) If you launch or dock a boat within the Village of Cleveland, what type of facility do you use?

	Launch		Dock	
	Sum	%	Sum	%
Private residence	4	4%	19	19%
Public park	7	7%	3	3%
Commercial marina	1	1%	6	6%
Restaurants	0	0%	1	1%
Other (<i>See comments</i>)	2	2%	3	3%

12) Where is the best location for residential development along Cleveland's waterfront?

	Sum	%
Area #1	28	28%
Area #2	56	56%

13) Where is the best location for commercial development along Cleveland's waterfront?

	Sum	%
Area #1	44	44%
Area #2	39	39%

14) Where is the best location for a public dock?

	Sum	%
Area #1	71	71%
Area #2	17	17%

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

15) Do you feel that there is a shortage of affordable owner occupied housing in the village?

	Sum	%
Yes	30	30%
No	56	56%

If yes, what segments of the Village's population do you feel are most affected?

	Sum	%
Senior citizens/elderly	19	19%
Low income individuals and families	14	14%
Middle income	19	19%
Other: (<i>See comments</i>)	1	1%

16) Is there a shortage of rental housing in the village?

	Sum	%
Yes	28	28%
No	53	53%

If yes, what segments of the Village's population do you feel are most affected?

	Sum	%
Senior citizens/elderly	13	13%
Low income individuals and families	16	16%
Middle income	14	14%
Other: (<i>See comments</i>)	2	2%

17) Is there a type of housing you see as undesirable in the village?

	Sum	%
Single family homes	12	12%
Multi-family homes	21	21%
Mobile Homes	54	54%
Condominiums	11	11%
Town houses	14	14%
Apartments	24	24%
Garden apartments	10	10%
Single family dwellings converted to apartments	37	37%
Tract or development housing	20	20%
Seasonal residences	5	5%
Other (<i>See comments</i>)	11	11%

18) Which type of housing development should be encouraged in the village?

	Sum	%
Single family homes	79	79%
Multi-family homes	7	7%
Mobile Homes	6	6%
Condominiums	17	17%
Town houses	29	29%
Apartments	13	13%
Garden apartments	18	18%
Single family dwellings converted to apartments	3	3%
Tract or development housing	15	15%
Seasonal residences	17	17%
Other (<i>See comments</i>)	5	5%

19) Should commercial, industrial, and residential buildings be allowed to develop in the same areas?

	Sum	%
Yes, in certain areas of the village	60	60%
Yes, in all areas of the village	9	9%
No	29	29%

If yes, should building and site design controls be applied to commercial and industrial buildings?

	Sum	%
Yes	64	64%
No	6	6%

20) Abandoned and uninhabited structures can pose a variety of problems. Do you favor the village board taking action to address this problem?

	Sum	%
Yes	94	94%
No	4	4%

If yes, what action should the village take?

(See comments)

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

21) Where should new commercial development be located in the village?

	Agree	
	Sum	%
Small commercial development should be spread throughout the community while larger commercial development should be concentrated in a few intensive commercial areas.	56	56%
All commercial development should be concentrated in a few commercial areas along the state highway and waterfront.	21	21%
All commercial development, regardless of size, should be spread throughout the community.	16	16%

22) Looking at the enclosed map of the village, where should commercial development be encouraged?

	Sum	%
Area #1	37	37%
Area #2	48	48%
Area #3	29	29%
Area #4	39	39%

23) Which of the following should be done to help small commercial developments fit the character of the village better?

	Agree	
	Sum	%
Commercial developments should be buffered and screened from residential areas with fences or vegetative materials.	56	56%
New parking areas should be located to the side or rear of buildings where they will not dominate sites.	59	59%
The heights of structures should be limited.	51	51%
Sign, size, location, and lighting should be controlled.	63	63%

24) What type of home-based businesses do you consider acceptable in residential areas?

	Sum	%
Professional services	80	80%
Small retail sales	72	72%
Other (See comments)	16	16%

25) Which of the following problems occur in the village as a result of existing home-based businesses?

	Sum	%
Traffic- deliveries, client/customer	21	21%
Parking	31	31%
Noise	17	17%
Aesthetics – signs, outdoor storage, architecture	19	19%
Fire/safety hazard	5	5%
Attraction of other businesses	7	7%
Reduced property values	18	18%
Tendency to expand	7	7%
Strangers in neighborhood	15	15%

26) What type of business would you like to see open next in the village? Why?

(See comments)

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

27) Which of the following statements characterize your feelings about industrial development in the village?

	Agree	
	Sum	%
Cleveland is primarily a commuter village and needs little or no increased industrial development.	23	23%

Some new light industrial development should be encouraged, providing it is environmentally sound and carefully located.	46	46%
Both light and heavy industrial development should be encouraged as long as it is environmentally sound and carefully located.	21	21%
Cleveland needs as much new industrial development of any kind as can be attracted.	12	12%

28) Referring to the map, where should industrial development occur?

	Sum	%
Area #1	3	3%
Area #2	14	14%
Area #3	17	17%
Area #4	47	47%
Anywhere in the village	13	13%
No place in the village	21	21%

29) Should the village use incentives such as assistance with water and sewer expenses or tax reductions to attract industry to locate here?

	Sum	%
Yes	48	48%
No	47	47%

PUBLIC SERVICES

30) Which of the following projects would you support?

* SA-strongly agree, A-agree, D-disagree, SD-strongly disagree

	SA	A	D	SD
	Sum (%)	Sum (%)	Sum (%)	Sum (%)
Development of new lighting along Rt. 49	27 (27%)	41 (41%)	23 (23%)	3 (31%)
Increased street lighting	31 (31%)	37 (37%)	24 (24%)	2 (2%)
Sidewalks on both sides of Rt. 49 (area #1)	35 (35%)	32 (32%)	22 (22%)	8 (8%)
Public seating along sidewalks on Rt. 49	22 (22%)	42 (42%)	21 (21%)	8 (8%)
New village hall	36 (36%)	34 (34%)	16 (16%)	9 (9%)
Public access to a beach on Oneida Lake within the village limits	42 (42%)	36 (36%)	11 (11%)	6 (6%)

Public access for boating and or docking within the village limits	40 (40%)	39 (39%)	12 (12%)	4 (4%)
Snowmobile access trail from the railroad trail to the business area	25 (25%)	41 (41%)	14 (14%)	14 (14%)

31) How would you rate the service or quality of the following in the Village of Cleveland?

	Good Sum (%)	Satisfactory Sum (%)	Poor Sum (%)
A. Schools	64 (64%)	24 (24%)	3 (3%)
B. Fire protection	75 (75%)	75 (75%)	(%)
C. Road maintenance	39 (39%)	41 (41%)	16 (16%)
D. Snow removal	62 (62%)	24 (24%)	8 (8%)
E. Ambulance services	77 (77%)	18 (18%)	1 (1%)
F. Library	7 (7%)	20 (20%)	41 (41%)
G. Dog control	20 (20%)	35 (35%)	37 (37%)
H. Municipal buildings	4 (4%)	37 (37%)	44 (44%)
I. Zoning enforcement	5 (5%)	33 (33%)	47 (47%)
J. Park maintenance	24 (24%)	51 (51%)	16 (16%)
K. Code enforcement	9 (9%)	35 (35%)	44 (44%)
L. Government Admin.	19 (19%)	58 (58%)	7 (7%)
M. Street lights	11 (11%)	48 (48%)	35 (35%)
N. Public water	66 (66%)	28 (28%)	3 (3%)
O. Public sewer	61 (61%)	27 (27%)	4 (4%)

32) Please use the following space to make any further comments you may have about the future of Cleveland.
(See comments)

COMMENTS

COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

1) What were your reasons for choosing to live in or near the Village of Cleveland?

Other:

- By marriage
- Because it was between Rome and Syracuse
- Would not anymore, years ago yes
- Inexpensive house
- Peace & Quiet
- Do not live there
- Public water and sewer (2)
- Small town quietness
- Wife made me
- I like Cleveland and I like to hear the "Moo" from Peachtree's cow
- Inherited the property
- half way point for jobs - Utica and Syracuse
- Weather
- We wanted a place on the water (2)
- Space between homes

VILLAGE CHARACTER

4) What areas of the village are most scenic?

- Black Creek
- Marina Area
- Vella's dock
- Cleveland Elementary (2)
- Map Area #2 (3)
- Vella's Golf Course
- Our yard
- Waterfront park (5)
- Village waterfront (20)
- Forest areas (2)
- Playground, Martin Rd
- Rt. 49 along the lake Area 1 & 2 (11)
- Corner of Bridge and North
- Village Hall (6)
- State Dock (6)
- Oneida Lake (3)
- Certainly not the park
- Hoke Street
- All area's have a plus to them
- Episcopal church
- Back of Cleveland - wood/lake
- #1 & #2 (5)
- St. Mary's Catholic Church (4)
- Tannery Pond (11)
- All
- #1, #2, and #3
- Little lake by the old church on Bridge Street

- Rt. 49 - between school and state dock
- South near the lake
- Area #4
- Marina, Old homes renovated true to original style/architecture
- Apps Landing (3)
- Lighthouse area #1 (2)
- None
- Main Street
- Main Street looking south
- Vella's Parking Lot! (2)
- Along lake via Rte. 49 where houses/buildings do not obstruct view
- Area #1 (4)

5) What areas of the village have the most scenic views?

- Black Creek (2)
- Village Hall waterfront (13)
- Vella's parking lot (13)
- Marina on the bend
- Map Area #1
- Golf Course
- From Cleveland Elementary
- State dock and waterfront (13)
- Rt. 49 on the lake (13)
- Those viewing the lake
- Bridge street ponds
- Lighthouse/village park (7)
- Episcopal church
- Tannery Pond (2)
- Across from Catholic church
- Some
- Godfrey Point
- Oneida lake
- Area #1 (12)
- Area #2 (10)
- Area #3
- Area #4 (2)
- Area #6 (2)
- Lakefront (6)
- Ponds
- Bridges - woods/creek, Gale Rd - short end
- Sandy parking lot by lake docking area
- Cleveland Elementary School
- Lake Street
- Mine
- Golf Course
- None
- All

6) What are the most important sites in the village to preserve and protect from development?

- Lakefront (11)
- Churches (2)
- Village Hall waterfront (3)
- None (6)
- Old Water Break
- State Dock (8)

- Lake St park, dock and trail west
- Village Park (8)
- Playground, school
- The entire lakefront needs improvement but not necessarily development
- Village Hall (3)
- Area #1 (6)
- Area #2 (4)
- Area #6
- Glass factory (3)
- Tannery pond (5)
- All of Cleveland's historical buildings
- The tracks
- State Park
- County Rec Trail
- Village Waterfront
- Rt. 49 (2)
- Main Street
- Trails
- Old Cemetery
- Lakefront across from St. Mary's
- Lakefront by Vella's Market
- Must preserve natural environment, prevent pollution
- Former Episcopal church
- Our precious natural settings, lake, trees ---
- I'm not sure on this
- None if carefully applied
- North St. Park
- Waterfront property

7) Which of the following sites are priorities for rehabilitation and improvement?

Other:

- Village homes and street junk
- Develop permanent and snowmobile and ATV trail to lake and Vella's
- Getting rid of vacant houses and junkyards
- Side streets
- Abandoned buildings should be torn down
- Remove old town hall, turn into waterfront park
- Bad lighting throughout village
- The boating docks - VanEpps?
- Clean up Rte. 49 & Village

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

10) Is public access to Oneida Lake within the village adequate?

Other:

- Walking
- 4 Wheeler's also
- Children/play
- Historic Trail-Tourists
- Bathrooms and showers
- Bird watching

- Not really sure yet
- Picnic Area (2)

11) If you launch or dock a boat within the Village of Cleveland, what type of facility do you use?

Other:

- State Dock (3)
- Permit use only for non residents
- Godfrey Point (3)
- Out of town on both
- State Pier - Transient
- None
- There is no good area!

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

15) If yes, what segments of the Village's population do you feel are most affected?

Other:

- Get people to do something about empty houses

16) If yes, what segments of the village's population do you feel are most affected?

Other:

- People in need of temporary housing if to build their own home
- Elementary school teachers first starting at school have little "good" housing to choose from, I think I have not searched for rentals

17) Is there a type of housing you see as undesirable in the village?

Other:

- Senior Housing Apartment on Waterfront
- Owners allowed to let property turn to eyesore
- Abandoned homes (3)
- Houses lived in but not taken care of or kept clean
- Modular/On site construction
- Mostly junk in yards, low yard maintenance
- No camp sites
- Run down homes in all areas
- If people would just clean up/pick up around their property. Take pride in community

18) Which type of housing development should be encouraged in the village?

Other:

- Medical facility
- None
- Senior citizens/elderly (3)
- Modular homes to replace rundown homes.

20) If yes, what action should the village take?

Other:

- Center Street looks disgraceful, to many abandoned and run down houses-tear down
- Fix or tear it down (3)
- Let's clean up Cleveland! Abandoned houses, old cars, trash, homeowners who don't clean up, etc
- Take the unsafe homes down
- Get title and sell it
- Sell at tax auction and purchaser given 1 year time to improve and develop
- Take abandoned and uninhabitable down, uninhabited that are seasonal or being kept up are fine and this is a bad question because of that
- Destroy and resell property
- Tear down and rebuild or improve
- Insist on owner cleanup, safety, rehabilitate or demolish
- Within reason - only if an eyesore or dilapidated and dangerous
- Offer \$1.00 to purchase, then demolish or remodel
- Take them down - auction
- Only legal action available
- Ordinances to maintain yards and appearances
- Remove immediately
- Condemn and remove (21)
- If property is structurally unsafe, take action to condemn the property
- Foreclosure
- Enforce laws we already have!
- Tear down at owner expense
- Meet with the owners of property
- Fix and resell or destroy
- Property need to be contacted to take care of problem
- Bring the properties up to code or tear them down
- Rehab or tear down
- Tear down or repair and then sell or rent
- Possess and demolish or sell if rehab. Possibility
- Clean up rentals, abandoned homes and properties, cleaned up this might attract more people and small business in village
- Fix-sell-knock it down
- Incentives to sell properties tax breaks, etc
- Destroy or brought up to code
- Get someone to live there
- Remove structure or have it renovated (owners expense.)
- Abandoned property auctioned or torn down. Uninhibited, with taxes paid, property boarded up, not a hazard, so be it
- Are taxes paid - if not - take them over
- Level them and soil for building lots
- Hold the owner responsible
- Only within NYS law!
- Give 90 day notice, then move for demo
- Demolition and tax sale
- Make owners rebuild or repair
- Remove the structures or provide incentives for companies/individuals to refurbish/renovate them if practicable
- Depends on situation ex. Owner abandoned - hasher rules single mom low-income - help her out
- Contact owner - if no improvement within 1 year have it torn down
- Contact owner and come to a firm solution
- Bring them into court after they are served with papers of code violation
- Remove them as the majority are eyesight's
- Removal and fixing up for elderly housing

- Clean up property or forced sale and or fines
- Advice, financial aid in some cases and condemnation if all else fails
- Go after owner; give time limit to shape it up, or tear it down
- Knock them down, claim as eminent domain, turn them into small parks with flowers, trees, and benches!
- Proper notification to owner, then if no results - controlled burn
- Condemn and tear down homes. These homes pose a danger to children. Parents can't be everywhere

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

24) What type of home-based business do you consider acceptable in residential areas?

Other:

- Manufacturing would be good in small way
- Day Care
- Car wash (2)
- No restriction
- Eateries
- Good restaurant, bait and tackle boat rental
- Tourism-National Shrine Tourist Trail - church - graveyards
- Anything that does not cause site, smell or environmental damage
- Pharmacy
- Old folks home
- The car guy is good to have on my street
- All
- Cottage business
- Like barber? Ok Definition of "small" (Within the home?)
- None
- None! I want to live in residential only!

26) What type of business would you like to see open next in the village? Why?

- A good restaurant because we like to eat out
- Food store and Dollar store, more choice, more competition. Vella's is only choice for residents with limited mobility
- Small stores. Why? Attract people
- Full service restaurant (4)
- Village dock, pump house and baths @ apps because this will bring in commerce
- Bank (2)
- Small retail and drug store because there is no competition to reduce prices without long drive
- Some sort of facility for the young people to stop vandalism
- Small retail because we need this
- Laundromat because a lot of people need this and the one we have in the village now isn't big enough
- A pool hall
- Drug store/Pharmacy (10)
- Take out restaurant for convenience
- Coffee Shop (2) Starbucks Coffee or Dunkin Donuts
- Subway, seasonal vegetable stand, coffee to go is appealing
- Auto parts, liquor and hair salon
- Healthcare (2)
- Day-Care
- Glass blowing, woodworking because they are native to area/past
- Music store to encourage youth involvement into music
- Retail, craft-recreational, personal

- Dry cleaning, craft's, movie
- Gift store
- Tourist based business, I.e. B & B, Bait store for fishing support
- Fitness center because there aren't any on the North Shore
- Waterfront restaurants (3) boat launch for convenience, fun and opportunities; Good waterfront restaurant because people like to dine on the waterfront; Waterfront restaurant accessible for boats, nearest one is Sylvan Beach
- Bakery (3)
- Alcohol and dry rehab for the obvious and light industry to open jobs for youth
- Cell phone tower, I would love to see what business the community want so I can start it
- Carwash (3)
- Ice cream shop (3)
- Any
- Staples, outlets, grocery, hardware, pharmacy, etc. for price competition
- Beauty/Barber shop so we don't have to drive so far for a haircut
- A general type of store now because there is no where to buy anything to speak of
- Hardware store so I don't have to travel so far
- Old folks home/museum of Oneida Lake, it's a beautiful place
- Movie theatre for entertainment for all
- Radio shack - we need one, I think they would do good business with snowmobilers and boaters
- Medical, public transport to meet community needs
- None (2)
- More restaurants, present number doesn't allow for the # of people who eat out
- Outdoor store for clothing, fishing supplies and hunting gear
- A dollar store, more convenient
- Small shops because there is no room for big business
- Grocery Store
- Shops type to attract tourism
- Boys & girls club to get the children off the streets and something for them to do
- Stores, shops, restaurant, tourism type
- Pharmacy, owned by Vella's because they are great business people and it would cut back on travel for necessity
- Restaurant, if pier fix - come by boat, walk to eat, visit shops; gas station for boating community at State Dock
- Senior living facilities
- Don't really have an opinion, don't know what would thrive here in the corner of the county
- Speed limits along 49 aren't enforced; we need a policeman even if taxes go up! Small shops, gift, drugstore, food markets, dentist, vet for animals. Keep us a village, not a sprawling mess like other areas
- Something for the kids, nothing now for them to do - at all!
- Some type of manufacturing plant to give more low income residents to get jobs close to home

PUBLIC SERVICES

32) Please use the following space to make any further comments you may have about the future of Cleveland

- I have a seasonal cottage that we use from late April to the middle of October; it bothers me to have to pay for water from October to April when the cottage is not in use. We conserve water when we are there.
- Houses that are abandoned need to be torn down, these sights discourage people from moving into the village and decrease property values. Park needs to be refurbished; play equipment needs to be replaced. At this point the village is unattractive and lacks opportunity for younger people.
- I've lived here for 20 years and have not seen many improvements. It would be fantastic to keep the small community atmosphere with the addition of adding some new businesses, cleaning up our village, attracting new home owners, and making it an area for tourists and visitors to want to stop as well as our own residents to be able to enjoy the great area of living on or by Oneida Lake. Let's make it a village to be PROUD OF.
- Do something with town hall Building. There's nice prime waterfront there and the building is blocking the view. Maybe move town hall to side street. It would be nice to have a full service restaurant in town.

- If we are to increase our tax base and commerce we must concentrate on our assets. Cleveland is perfect to develop and promote recreational commerce. I.E. boating, fishing, snowmobiling, trail riding, sightseeing. Develop business based on our sewer and water!
- So many boilerplate questions are offensive, as in, has the person who made this up been here before? Problems - no policing, no traffic control, no control of snowmobiles or ATV's, no one to stop vandalism. We need a marked trail to the lake for ATV's and snowmobiles. We need police coverage. We need to improve and protect the park on North Street. We need to dredge the pond on North St. and Bridge and put a trashcan there. We should hire some teens to do village clean up bi-weekly. We need to address the DOCK!
- In answer to #20, 2 years ago I wrote to the village about the two abandoned houses on Center St., they are still standing, still an eyesore. I read in the papers where the city tears a house down as soon as they see fit. I cannot understand the village letting such eyesores ***. I moved to Cleveland 44 years ago - was a nice, clean community. Now you can drive on any street in town and see dumps. My husband and I took great pride in our house and community - wish other people did.
- Before you can improve scenic sites, there has to be something done with the existing problems abandoned houses and buildings falling down. Also individual owners who use their property and others as junkyards. It gives little incentive to others to care for theirs or the village as a whole.
- Village hall dilapidated, home removed or repaired completely. Clean up yards and houses people need to take more pride of their property.
- Now you can raise taxes if any of the above is approved.
- Buildings and houses, which are empty and are in poor condition, need to be addressed, because of the danger caused by rodent and stray animals. Clutter such as in the Pitre housing area discourages further development of housing and gives the village a bad image. The process of removal of empty and unsafe housing needs to be speeded up. Schooling of children in this Central Square region leaves a lot to be desired. More trade schooling is necessary in this district; counseling is poor in regards to selection of subjects and treating the dysfunctional.
- There are several abandoned homes within the village, which do nothing to encourage new families to move into this area. Our village has no "pretty" quality, no continuity in terms of design, a very mixed bag of building type and look and it isn't kept very clean in general.
- I would truly love to see a public sewer system throughout all of Cleveland and Constantia. We need to keep the lake clean and most/many septic systems are old and I'm sure not working up to the standards of today.
- Cleveland is a beautiful scenic area and this "****" should be explored. Greatest effort should be in the area of recreation and gracious living. I hope there will be no extensive commercial growth such as beach and bay. This survey was a great idea and hopefully can lead to a greater Cleveland. It is my hope that someday Route 49 can be re routed to the old O & W Railroad property and that any Cleveland industry would be planned for the new area.
- Better zoning enforcement, cleaning up residences property; removing abandoned cars/trucks; impose stiff fines for unsightly areas.
- There must be better enforcement of village laws. Abandoned houses, cars, etc. must be removed. Improve sidewalks.
- To develop Cleveland, I don't think you should look at industry, I think you should develop tourism i.e. Lake George or Alexandria Bay. The village has a great amount of potential in this. Look at it as an up to date Sylvan Beach Project i.e. beach, motels, boatels maybe an adventure or theme park! Think big not small.
- The village needs law enforcement-either full or part-time police to keep residents safe. Steps should be taken to keep children out of our village roads. Children are playing basketball in the streets (Bridge, Division, West, Center, etc.) They should be encouraged to use the village park on No. Street. On April 5th a young 4-year-old girl was hit by a car on North Street and seriously injured. Speed limit signs should be placed on Village roads and streets and enforced by law enforcement.
- Keep up the good work!
- Clean pond at North and Bridge Street.
- Make Oneida Street and Utica Street part of Village maintenance.
- Clean up pond and encourage beautification of yard and houses surrounding area.
- Need more code enforcement for junk on properties and need to fix or get ride of old abandoned properties. The village looks like a dump with this junk lying around. Who like to live next to a junkyard or old abandoned house?
- Put swimming pool in at village park (Caswell Street.) #30 Continue to utilize Godfrey's Ramp - improve docking facility at state dock - with side walk access. Dock behind - Village Hall for marine access to businesses (floating on mobile (on wheels.)
- We moved to Cleveland years ago to enjoy the lake and raise our children in a quiet, country setting. It has grown a great deal in that time and is not the quiet area we moved to. That can be a good thing, but I would hate the atmosphere of a rural area change. I'm fine with revitalizing the area as long as we don't put so many restrictions and taxes that drive out those that are here.
- Fix the playground at the park. (It's always swamped.) Better equipment. Almost every street has a basketball hoop in the street. Kids always playing in road, very dangerous. Too much livestock within the village limits. Complete redoing sidewalks.
- The people that own property do not need to have higher taxes. The taxes are high enough now.

- I agree that we need a new Village Hall but I'm not sure that we need such a grand structure.
- I would like to see a restaurant/hotel/boat launch/marina/beach area happen one day. Needs real security measures taken and maintenance at all times. No industry please and we've got kids swimming off the docks with a zillion fish hooks imbedded in the trees at the bottom. A separate fishing and swimming area would be wonderful.
- Build a new village hall.
- Explore other waterfront villages such as Sackets Harbor, Skaneateles!! Adding an element of uniqueness with class!
- The Village fire and ambulance service is excellent by my standard. What is the structured in/facility appropriateness for the municipal buildings? The town maintenance crew does a phenomenal job at snow removal and a good - above average job at maintenance. The Town of Constantia offers two fine waterfront parks in close proximity and two libraries in progress - more would be gained by supporting that one. Why is law enforcement not addressed at all? If the pond is not dredged, it will fill in to be a muck an insect breeding ground and potential health hazard. It should be maintained to support the village character.
- Neighborhood watch of CNY. Our government small little circle need to attract more small business and the few we have should be involved more. Question 31: H & L, Municipal building for what we use it for we do not need a new one, find a place for it at town barn. Government - people with Cleveland mailing address should be able to run for any village job, need to get more people involved in the village. We have four churches need to get them involved with something for the kids year round.
- Bridge St - School Route - better lighting - speed controls. Cover drainage ditch: on north side of (gore tract) Develop tourist attractions using national scenic as anchor 0 state dock and canal and creation - see that Gore Tract holes that have been given to residents all cleaned and not breeding grounds for future problems - Fires, insect and disease.
- Except the idea of new business of any kind; let them make an offer "deal" and let the village vote on it; but you screen the offer and if you feel it is a good deal we vote. You=government local.
- How about asking individual homeowners to clean out the sod from existing sidewalks in front of their properties? In many places, sidewalks have about disappeared. How about new and more historical signs for the village? Many people in Oswego County have no idea about the former glass factories or anything else in our village. Our Main Street is almost totally uninteresting.
- Still a race zone for vehicles, problems at state dock due to removal of lights. Roads are safer to walk in than the sidewalks. State dock is a disgrace to the community and New York State, if we let our property looked like that we'd be fined, taxes at work!!
- Vella's Market in Cleveland has a HUGE opportunity to assist boaters in Cleveland, with a boat launch and adding a dock so boats can come to share and tie on, to purchase gas and groceries. The shoreline would make a great picnic area to watch as the boats come in and out, I would love to see this happen.
- What I enjoy most about this area is it is not as "government intrusive" as other areas. Of course it's size and rural nature makes that result typical. I would resist any efforts to change that!!
- I would only say I will back things that will improve the quality of life in the village and some development for local jobs, and for young man and women to be able to have some employment.
- Cleveland is a nice quiet little village; industry would be bad for environment. I think small business would be good for local economy. Our village hall is an eyesore. The children in this village need things to do; keeping them occupied would cut down on crime and vandalism in our community.
- I like to see the stars at night. Bright lighting will eliminate this, maybe on Rt. 49 - but some call lighting "light pollution."
- Manufactured housing should be encouraged but safety and appearance of homes should be a priority. All use of manufactured homes should be inspected by code enforcement before entering village.
- Sidewalks throughout the village, benches at Tannery pond.
- Keep Cleveland residential. We already have eyesores along Lake St (R49) in the center of the village.
- -A regular (2 - 4 times a year) newsletter to keep residents informed.
- A better system for spring cleanup, no exclusions of trash removal even if residents have to pay a small fee.
- I think that taxes - water and sewage is costing the homeowner to live in Cleveland - sewage plus cost of gas. I think that if the village has extra money - pay down the loan and lower taxes and water and sewage. Join in with Barnard Bay and Constantia and expand the total three towns for a joint effort to increase the income. Also control the 30-mile/hr. speed limit in the village.
- Cleveland should prioritize the development of its strength - the lake. This will serve as a magnet to attract people in all seasons to both consider living here, or stopping to spend money. Rather than spreading available funds too thin, the village should focus efforts on the Rt. 49 corridor and give incentives for businesses/individuals to spend their own money or investments on a town on the rebound. Existing businesses/residences should be subject to code enforcement/zoning to remove "slum" mentality. Zoning laws/ordinances should be developed that will guide new development along the Rt. 49 corridor to look like the center of town; both in side layout and building architecture.
- This survey seems to be boilerplate - many questions don't apply to us! We should get senior citizen housing in our village.
- Though I owned my property on the lake and in the village, I am not there the whole year. I live in Florida in the winter and I have a ministry in Troy, NY and reside there when I am working there. So I'm not that involved in the *** life of the village. I think it's run very well and I have no complaints. But I think the real permanent citizens should be the main heard from.

- The availability of snowmobile to our downtown district is next to nothing because of the lack of snow pack on the streets. The village use to leave snow pack on streets and not salt them 60's to 80's years. There are no available means to reach downtown by sled other than bear roads. All village streets are designated snowmobile trails I might add. This is the biggest complaint that I get from all snowmobilers that I talk too and I live along the railroad bed.
- I'd like to see the mobile home/trash heap cleaned up on West St., junk vehicles removed, etc., the place is a breeding ground for stray cats (approx. 30 or so.) 2) Bridges put back up on Center St., Clay St. (guardrails missing) before someone drives down in. 3) The village park cleaned up - scoreboard repaired, the playground functional. 4) Get the police department up and running again, patrolling streets, etc. 5) More community activities and events. 6) Continue more work on cemetery grounds to have more space available, for burials.
- #19 - Somewhat, you won't want dumpy looking places by your house. #30.4 If small businesses are developed, then yes, I agree, otherwise you may attract loitering by teenagers. Suggestion - go to Nashville, Indiana great town and not on waterfront, imagine our possibilities based on their locale. (in the middle of no where)
- I would like to see a report printed out for the residents, know what is being discussed for the community. I've come to a few and find it's a report of all workers discussing their jobs. I didn't get much out of them - yes! I don't go hardly ever- but I've been there.
- I'd like to see zoning.
- Speed should be enforced on secondary roads in the village i.e.: Gale road, Center street, many children ride their bikes around those streets.
- First of all the dumps and old used autos need cleaning up. North Street, trash in some on Center Street - about three of these. In other words get zoning in here to protect the decent homes. Also - get the motorbikes and four-wheeler off the sidewalks. Why don't you try to get a planning board started, maybe the board should go around the village once in a while to see for themselves what dumps we have.
- The town could be a beautiful attraction if it were cleaned up and maintained. As it stands right now it is no appealing to the eye or consumer prospective businesses. Too many homes have "junk" cars. Codes should be enforced and removal of un-registered vehicles should be removed or individuals fined. Good benefits could include (incentives) ex. Kidney Foundation Donation (tax write-off), Roth Steel - raise \$ for town. 2) Public water would also increase further development in the area and attract business. Public water would also attract home developers and could be used as a tax incentive and or improvement for community.
- How about having people clean up their yards and remove garbage. "Paint" some of our homes that are an eyesore.
- Our taxes, water and sewer are too high. I have finally accepted the fact I must move (sell) because I can't afford the taxes on my income.
- Cleveland has great potential to attract the boating community (fishing and recreational) The Pier should be the TOP priority for any project with the LWRP. A fuel dock should be considered in restoration of the Pier.
- As a State highway, Rt. 49 should not pass through Cleveland, Bernards Bay, Constantia, West Monroe, or North Bay but generally follow through right of way north of the village for safety and convenience. Lakeshore resident since 1981. As with other shore residents, considered as "an outsider" only interested in "taking something for nothing" Excellent post office providing friendly professional service to all. Parking to get P.O. service is very poor with return access to Rt. 49; dangerous because of poor vision to east (bend off 49) Attitude of local merchants that they can and do charge more for goods and services than other areas is a disservice to the community. People of means buy in other areas and people of limited means have fewer choice and less discretionary money. (Government really can't change this.)
- In history Cleveland was quite a robust community, with a lot of commercial development and a large population. The following years it seemed to decline, so I'm very happy to see someone wanting to bring some of that services back. Cleveland can retain its small town feel and still support a more robust attitude towards commercial development. Also the development of the old state docks is way over do. It's our best asset we should develop accordingly.
- Continue to pursue natural gas line through the village.
- Understand the Village Hall is to be replaced, quite extensively. Excellent idea of State Trooper "barracks", however, if build such large building on present site; it will ruin the/a lovely view of lake and park. Why not put new structure where Tyler's Used Cars are and keep whole area for a park and view, dressing it up. That would do away with beach idea, but how can you have a sandy beach on North Shore with rocks, each winter the sand would wash away. 2. Boat, snowmobile, etc. launch could be in App's "cove" area where somewhat protected. That whole area could be dressed up and be very inviting. 3. How about shoring up the Tannery Pond shoreline so that the old Harness Shop doesn't fall into pond - I really love the historical part of the village and think it (buildings) should be kept/saved.
- Please keep us a village. Keep the area safe and give us access to Oneida Lake for swimming, boating, picnics, walks (walking trails along lake would be great) give us parks and sidewalks. Keep it all zoned and well maintained. Give us a library and a police force. Clean up abandoned houses and cars. Help our senior if they can't do it themselves!
- Our streets need work and we need sidewalks on both sides of Rt. 49. Public beach would be very nice. We need something for the kids to do so they are not causing trouble in town.
- I would like to see the sidewalk so you can walk on them instead of using the road.
- I believe the village has a lot of potential, based on its location and access to water and the trail system. The Hall (village) area could be a focal point of the village with the proper development. Boat docking, combined with picnic area would be nice.

- Overall, Cleveland is a nice community. However, there should be a community center year-round or youth program for the teenagers, or a part-time policeman assigned to Cleveland as my property was vandalized last year. Also, my neighbor doesn't maintain her property very well, a portion of the home has a hole in the roof, the basement wall is collapsing and there are electrical wires down on the outside of the home. Some day it will fall down on top of her. Diagonally, my neighbor has two unlicensed vehicles on their property and a garbage pit. The village should consider contracting with a local garbage hauler or make garbage collection tax related somehow. Most of the low income families burn their garbage because don't have another way of getting rid of it. I can tell you the rat population in area #2 is alive and well due to all the garbage in the neighborhood. I've caught several rats in my home. The only other suggestion I could make is that you have two cleanup days, one in the spring, one in the fall so you don't have to store junk on your property over the winter months. Thanks for letting me share my thoughts.