

APPENDIX C

PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

MARCH 1998

TOTAL SURVEYS MAILED: 400

TOTAL MAILED SURVEYS RETURNED: 169

RATE OF RETURN:42.3%

1. Please rate the Delaware River and waterfront area, including the Hamlet of Callicoon, in terms of each of the following:

Total # Responses	Issue/Characteristic	percent				
		excellent	good	fair	poor	not sure
167	River water quality	24.6	57.5	7.8	0.6	9.6
165	Present economic condition	1.8	17.6	52.1	21.8	6.7
166	Public access to River	5.4	43.4	31.9	14.5	4.8
168	Scenic beauty	63.7	27.4	6.0	1.8	1.2
167	Overall environmental quality	16.2	62.3	15.6	1.8	4.2
165	Economic development potential	20.0	41.8	21.2	6.7	10.3
167	Garbage and litter control	4.2	44.9	35.3	10.2	5.4
165	Overall quality of life	15.2	58.8	20.6	1.2	4.2

2. How important to you are each of the following characteristics associated with the Delaware River and waterfront area?

Total # Responses	Issue/Characteristic	percent			
		very important	somewhat important	not very important	not sure
167	Good water quality	87.4	11.4	1.2	0
162	Economic development	50.6	35.8	13.6	0
164	Adequate public access to River	39.6	40.2	18.9	1.2
167	Scenic beauty	86.2	12.0	1.2	0.6
162	Overall environmental quality	83.3	14.8	1.9	0
164	Garbage and litter control	86.6	11.6	1.8	0
161	Overall quality of life	88.2	10.6	1.2	0

3. Do you think the Hamlet of Callicoon will become more or less desirable in terms of economic vitality over the next five to ten years?

Total number of responses: 165

49.7% — more desirable 9.1% — not sure

33.3% — stay about the same 7.9% — less desirable

4. How do you feel about the following types of activities for the River WATERFRONT AREA OUTSIDE THE HAMLET OF CALLICOON?

Total # Responses	Activity	percent			
		very desirable	somewhat desirable	not very desirable	not sure
164	Residential development	28.7	42.1	25.0	4.3
162	Farming	34.6	42.6	16.7	6.2
158	Timbering	13.3	34.8	43.7	8.2
165	Manufacturing and industry	21.8	23.6	50.3	4.2
165	Small stores, shops and offices	50.9	33.9	13.3	1.8
164	Services/conveniences (banks, car washes, etc.)	36.6	44.5	17.1	1.8

5. How do you feel about the following types of activities as a way to improve the quality of life for Town residents and/or the economy of the WATERFRONT AREA?

Total # Responses	Activity	percent			
		very desirable	somewhat desirable	not very desirable	not sure
163	Town riverfront park	52.8	31.9	12.9	2.5
163	Town parking area improvements	60.7	27.6	8.6	3.1
162	Youth center improvements	63.0	30.9	3.7	2.5
164	River Road erosion control	61.6	31.1	3.7	3.7
160	Water and sewer extensions	34.4	31.3	18.8	15.6
157	Business owners' association	42.7	38.9	7.0	11.5
161	Main street revitalization	71.4	24.2	1.9	2.5
164	Preserve / adapt historic structures	63.4	28.0	6.7	1.8
160	Storm water control	65.0	28.8	3.1	3.1
156	Improve existing DEC access area	38.5	43.6	10.3	7.7

Total # Responses	Activity	percent			
		very desirable	somewhat desirable	not very desirable	not sure
163	River Road scenic walkway / bikeway	50.3	26.4	18.4	4.9

6. **Committing Town resources on improving the economic vitality of the HAMLET OF CALLICOON would be a good way to plan for the area's future and provide for the long-term growth of the community.**

Total number of responses: 154

40.3% ----- strongly agree 7.1% ----- disagree
40.3% ----- agree 3.9% ----- strongly disagree 8.4% -----
not sure

7. **Considering the TOWN AS A WHOLE, how would you rate the following in terms of improving the future of the Town?**

Total # Responses	Issue/Characteristic	percent			
		very important	somewhat important	not very important	not sure
158	Agricultural land	43.7	41.1	10.8	4.4
164	Hamlet of Callicoon businesses	74.4	22.0	3.0	0.6
164	Town's scenic beauty	86.0	12.8	1.2	0
157	Forest land for wood products	18.5	43.9	28.7	8.9
162	Delaware River and waterfront	85.2	11.1	3.1	0.6
164	Historic buildings and sites	59.8	32.9	6.7	0.6
164	Potential for residential development	34.1	43.9	18.3	3.7
164	Appeal to tourists	64.6	26.8	7.9	0.6
159	Potential for commercial development	43.4	32.1	20.8	3.8

8. **How do you use the Delaware River and waterfront area in the Town? Remember, the waterfront area includes the Hamlet of Callicoon and the area associated with the River, upstream and downstream of the Hamlet. (Please check all that apply.)**

<u># of Responses</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u># of Responses</u>	<u>Activity</u>
125 -----	Nature observation	88 -----	Fishing
119 -----	Relaxation / enjoyment	88 -----	Swimming
108 -----	Boating / canoeing	51 -----	Bicycling
107 -----	Walking / jogging	44 -----	Picnicking
		17 -----	Do not use

9. **What specific problems have you encountered when using the Delaware River and waterfront area? (Please check all that apply.)**

<u># of Responses</u>	<u>Problem</u>
70 -----	Lack of public amenities (restrooms, benches, etc.)

- 65 ----- Lack of public access
- 51 ----- Lack of parking
- 42 ----- Private property restrictions
- 38 ----- Poor maintenance of existing public facilities
- 5 ----- Crowded facilities

10. Where in the Town of Delaware do you live or own property?

Total number of responses: 168

- 42.3% --- Hamlet of Callicoon

- 22.6% --- Delaware River-front property
- 16.7% --- along Route 97 out of Callicoon
- 13.7% --- other area of the Town
- 4.8% --- non-resident

11. How long have you been a resident of the Town of Delaware?

Total number of responses: 166

- 43.4% --- more than 20 yrs
- 19.3% --- not resident, own property in Town
- 11.4% --- 6-10 years
- 10.8% --- 1-5 years
- 7.2% --- 11-15 years
- 5.4% --- 16-20 years
- 2.4% --- less than 1 year

12. How old are you?

Total number of responses: 167

- 52.7% --- 45 to 64 years old
- 22.8% --- 25 to 44 years old
- 16.8% --- 65 to 74 years old
- 7.8% --- 75 years old or older
- 0% --- 18 to 24 years old

13. Are you?

Total number of responses: 147

- 59.2% --- male
- 40.8% --- female

14. If you own property in the Town, how large is it?

Total number of responses: 162

- 33.3% --- less than 1 acre
- 19.1% --- 1 to 2 acres
- 19.1% --- 2+ to 5 acres
- 14.2% --- 5+ to 10 acres
- 8.0% --- 10+ to 50 acres

- 3.7% --- more than 100 acres
- 2.5% --- 50+ to 100 acres

15. In what type of home do you live?

Total number of responses: 161

- 81.4% --- Single-family house
- 4.3% --- Mobile home
- 3.7% --- Residential farm or farmette
- 3.1% --- Working farm
- 3.1% --- Other
- 2.5% --- Apartment
- 1.9% --- Divided house

16. What best describes your employment situation?

Total number of responses: 167

- 54.5% --- Employed full-time
- 32.3% --- Retired or semi-retired
- 8.4% --- Employed part-time
- 2.4% --- Full-time homemaker or parent
- 1.8% --- Currently out of work
- 0.6% --- Unable to work -- disability/illness
- 0% --- Full-time student

17. Zip code of your primary residence:

Total number of responses: 143

Location	# Resp.
Callicoon, NY	90
Other Sullivan County	8
NYC, Staten Island, Bronx, Westchester, Rockland Queens, Long Island City, Brooklyn, Western Nassau, Mid Island City	30
Other NY State	3
CT, NJ, PA	12

18. If you are employed, where do you work?

Total number of responses: 108

- 28.7% --- Other area of New York State
- 14.8% --- Within the Town
- 13.0% --- Own business - Hamlet of Callicoon
- 10.2% --- Other area of Sullivan County
- 10.2% --- Other (CT, NJ, family farm)
- 8.3% --- Liberty or Monticello
- 5.6% --- Other area of Pennsylvania
- 4.6% --- Home based business
- 4.6% --- Own business - other area of Town
- 0% --- Honesdale