
APPENDICES

A1. Public Input

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A1. Public Input

As mentioned before, two sources of data are available to further the comprehensive planning process: secondary data from the Census or County databases and primary data from public meetings and surveys. This section summarizes that information obtained directly from Meredith residents during the public information gathering process.

A. Public Meeting

The Meredith Planning Board held a public participation workshop on Friday evening, July 12, 2002. The approximately 40 community members in attendance divided into small work groups to identify the current strengths and weaknesses of the Town of Meredith and then assessed the opportunities for and threats to the Town over the next ten years. After this analysis, the small groups broke up and reported their findings to all in attendance. It is important to remember that only the opinions of those who attended the workshop are presented; the other 1,500 or so members of the community may not have the same opinions. However, such a process is useful to begin to understand how the people of Meredith perceive the town and how to frame the rest of the comprehensive planning process in terms that are most useful to all the residents of Meredith.

In general, those in attendance reinforced their general satisfaction with life in the Town of Meredith. Most concerns expressed were related to protection of the rural atmosphere, scenic views, farmland and farm activity, and environmental quality of the town. Positive comments included references to farms and farmland, scenery, open space, the visible night sky, wildlife, and lack of development – all summarized by the term rural character. Negative comments concentrated on threats to that same rural character. In addition some more specific concerns were expressed: inadequate road maintenance, the need for sewer service in the hamlets (particularly Meridale), problems of good quality affordable housing for lower income residents (particularly young people), the current lack of a convenience store or small market in Meridale, and the lack of local employment opportunities so young people do not need to leave for jobs. Most opportunities identified were activities that build on the existing positives of rural character – development of cottage craft industry and alternative agriculture (with local market for both), and the development of senior and affordable housing. Perceived threats were primarily related to the density or quality of potential development and its impact on the environment and the rural character of the community. One area of major controversy emerged: some saw the possibility of zoning as a threat to the community (as a restriction on personal choice and property rights), while others saw the lack of zoning or other means of adequate regulation of development as a threat.

Overall, the residents of Meredith seem to have a great appreciation for the land. They enjoy the combination of an undeveloped rural community that is in close proximity to the commercial, cultural and educational opportunities of Oneonta, as well as the talents and friendliness of their neighbors. Protecting and maintaining what they have was the main theme; and, while there was some disagreement on how to achieve their objectives, there was great agreement on the goal.

Summary of Input from Public Participation Workshop, Town of Meredith Town Hall, July 12, 2002

◆ STRENGTHS

- Community spirit and support
- Good response in emergency situations by folks
- Clean
- Low crime
- Good quality of life
- Few eyesores
- Open space
- Proximity to (but removed from) services like medical, dental, commercial, etc.
- Good mix of folks – diversity
- Neighborliness
- Still farmed
- Minimal low impact signage
- Dairy Fest
- Low taxes relative to other places
- Good communications with part-timers
- Low development
- Old architecture
- Charm of distance from neighbors
- Safe
- Rural atmosphere
- Wildlife
- Visible night sky
- Quiet/peaceful

◆ WEAKNESSES

- Lack of employment leads to departure of youth
- Barrier between East Meredith and Meredith
- Lack of interest in/sensitivity to historic structures/land (barns, in particular)
- No sewer systems in hamlets
- Declining agriculture/loss of farms/barns
- Lack of support for agriculture
- Lack of services for elderly
- Lack of stores – gas, milk, bread, etc.
- Poor road maintenance
- Lack of planning
- Lousy living conditions for some (poor, in particular poor)
- No cultural center
- No housing for poor – less trailers (low income housing)

No zoning enforcement – building permits, junk cars, trash
Chemical pollutants – farm runoff or improper use on farms & no enforcement
Vulnerability to urban sprawl
Vulnerability of water table
No police force – quality, control on private property (ATVs, shotguns, snowmobiles)
Lack of respect for private property

◆ OPPORTUNITIES

Direct growth and development – subdivision regulations
Alternative agriculture (network, supplies, markets)
Development of cottage industries – market, sale location, outlet for local production
Community newsletter
Community farmer's market
Senior housing (preferably not trailers)
Wind farms
Maintain rural character
Good Meridale market
Trails – foot, horse, ski, etc.
Tourism based on agriculture
Arts center with physical plant
Revival of farms
Grants for restoration of historical structures/barns

◆ THREATS

Overpopulation/over building
ATVs, snowmobiles
Keep dirt roads – no more paving (to hold down speeds)
Zoning restricts personal choice
Lack of zoning – signage, malls
Dirt road maintenance – not mowed creates visibility problem at curves
Debris/junky yard syndrome
Poor subdivision development
Rampant signage
Water quality
Decline of farms
Decline of volunteerism – fire/emergency
Environmentally unfriendly industry
Taxes increasing
Inappropriate housing development

◆ **LOOK AT MEREDITH IN 10 YEARS**

Careful development
Keep as close to 'as is' as possible
Doesn't degrade, especially for local and less wealthy folks
Clean
Scenic
Safe
Economic diversity
Respect for history
Alternative agriculture
Maintain privacy
Better Internet access and speed
Like Treadwell community
NOT MUCH CHANGE
Rights to West Davenport dump

◆ **WHAT MAKES MEREDITH DISTINCTIVE?**

Dairy Fest, no traffic lights

◆ **WHERE WOULD YOU TAKE A GUEST TO DINNER?**

At home, Oneonta, Delhi, Andes, Cooperstown

◆ **WHERE DO YOU SHOP?**

Oneonta, Albany, Binghamton, online, catalog

◆ **WHAT DO YOU DO FOR ENTERTAINMENT?**

Honest Brook Music Festival, West Kortright Center, opera, outdoor sports and enjoyment

◆ **WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT LIVING IN MEREDITH?**

People
Unpretentious
Neighborly
Beauty
Good location/well positioned
Little development potential
Clean water

◆ **WHAT CHANGES OR IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED?**

Shrub cutbacks using brush hog – road workers dump cleanouts of ditches
Reopen Meridale store
Improve fire hall
Community center
Respect for private property rights
Encourage/support alternative agriculture

B. The Survey

In order to gain a broader view of the opinions of the residents of Meredith, the Meredith Planning Board and the Delaware County Planning Department sent out a survey in the summer of 2002. The survey was mailed to all taxpayers and registered voters in Meredith. While this was not a scientific survey, the responses from the residents either give further weight to the information from the Public Workshop or could lead the process in a new direction. For the most part, the survey responses fell along the lines of the information gathered at the Workshop.

The Respondents

Four hundred and seventy nine (479) surveys were returned. Unfortunately, there is no way to determine a response rate because it is unknown exactly how many surveys were originally sent out. Also, there are several things to keep in mind while using and analyzing this data. First, it appears that several of the questions may have been confusing to the respondents. For example, in Question 2, 171 respondents indicated they are second-home owners in Meredith, although when asked in Question 6 how their land is used, only 57 mentioned 'second home' as land use, while 122 respondents indicated a 'permanent place of residence' outside Meredith in Question 4. Question 17 also included "not sure" as a possible response to the idea about compatibility of new types of development in the town. Unfortunately, the option of "not sure" provides the respondent an easy out and somewhat skews the other responses to the question; this choice was selected up to 59% of the time.

Second, it seems the makeup of the respondent population was skewed toward those of middle age and retirees, in particular. Compared to corresponding census data (see Population, page 10), the proportion of the respondent age group 41-64 was approximately 1.7 times the proportion of the actual the Meredith population and the proportion of respondents over 65 was approximately 2.2 times the proportion in the Meredith (Question 1). In total, 415 (87% of the total) were over 40 years of age, compared with 48% of the population according to the census.

The Responses

The survey questions that examine resident attitudes about planning and the environment are summarized as follows.

QUESTION 8: Please indicate the importance of the following aspects of the Town's environment?

All of the listed categories were concerns to respondents, with over 60% ranking each one as "important or very important". Drinking water quality and air quality were the largest concern (above 95%). Concerns related to maintaining open space – farmland,

rural character, wildlife habitat, stream water quality, and scenic views – received more than 80% “important or very important responses”. The others ranked slightly lower, with stream access ranked lowest (62%).

QUESTION 12: How important should it be for the Town to review each of the following aspects of development?

Three aspects were ranked as “very important” by at least 50% of the respondents and “important or very important” by at least 80%: impact on streams, protection of farmland, and proximity of commercial development to residences. Five others were considered “very important” by at least 40% and “very important or important” by at least 75% of respondents: historic character, preserving trees at new commercial sites, scenic impact, density of development and stormwater runoff. All of the aspects presented were identified as “very important or important” by a majority of the respondents.

QUESTION 17: How compatible do you feel each of the following forms of new residential/commercial development would be for the Town of Meredith?

Three forms of development were considered “compatible everywhere” by 40% or more of the respondents: single family homes, roadside farm stands, and specialty farming. Four forms were seen as “compatible some places” by more than 40% of the respondents: single family homes, town houses/apartments, light manufacturing, and wood processing (e.g., sawmills). Strong opposition to two forms of new development was expressed, where 56% found landfill operations and 83% found commercial junkyards “incompatible everywhere”.

QUESTION 18: How much need is there in the Town of Meredith for the following?

A “strong need” for a convenience store was indicated by 31% of respondents; an additional 29% indicated a “moderate need”. No other “strong need” reached more than 17%.

Taking “strong need and moderate need” together, more than half of the respondents selected only two of the items presented: convenience store (60%) and hiking/bicycling trails (53%). “Strong or moderate need” reached 40% of respondents for restaurant, day care, public transportation, skiing/horseback trails, and snowmobile trails.

QUESTION 19: How would you rate the quality of the following public and semi-public services available to Meredith residents in or nearby the Town of Meredith?

The following services were ranked "high or good quality" by 75% or more of respondents: fire, emergency medical services, telephone, and electricity. The lowest grades appear to go to cell phone service, code enforcement, and highway maintenance.

QUESTION 20: The availability, quality, and affordability of housing may make it easier for young people to stay in Meredith. How much need is there for the following types of housing in the town?

Although the issue raised here is essentially that of quality affordable housing for young people, the general response was to identify a need for single-family homes and senior housing facilities (assisted living in particular), and indicate "slight or no need" for duplexes, apartments, and mobile home parks. If "No Opinion" responses are removed, and "strong or moderate need" is considered a positive response and "slight or no need" a negative response, then duplexes (64% negative, 36% positive) and mobile home parks (76% negative, 24% positive) receive very negative responses and apartments (56% negative, 44% positive) receive a negative, although not as strong a negative. By contrast, single-family homes received an overwhelmingly positive response (20% negative, 80% positive). As apartments, duplexes, and mobile homes are the most likely avenues to affordable housing options in the community, it seems that this response pattern may reflect the skewed respondent pool discussed previously.

QUESTION 21: Indicate which issues should be guided and regulated by the Town of Meredith.

There were five issues identified by at least 50% of respondents: specified areas for commercial development (66%), junkyards (80%), junky yards (64%), mobile homes (65%) and signs (50%). The Town currently has regulations that prohibit dumping (1987), that regulate the placement and storage of junk (1995), and deal with siting of mobile home parks (2000).

◆ MAILED SURVEY SUMMARY

The following pages present the summary of responses to the questions asked in the 2002 Comprehensive Plan survey. The bracketed numbers on the survey form are the total responses given for that particular response.

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May 2002

Dear Resident and/or Landowner:

WE NEED YOUR OPINION!

The Meredith Planning Board is updating the Comprehensive Plan for the Town. Please take the time to complete the attached survey and return it to us by June 15, 2002. Additional copies are available at the Meredith Town Hall. The completed survey may be mailed back in the enclosed envelope, or may be dropped off at the Town Hall.

The results of the survey will be compiled and presented at a public meeting on a date to be announced.

Thank you for your time and participation!

Sincerely,

Town of Meredith Planning Board

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| TOWN OF MEREDITH PLANNING SURVEY |
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Please help us plan for the Town of Meredith's future by checking the appropriate box or by writing in the answer where appropriate. Some questions will ask for only one response while others will ask for multiple answers.

1. Please indicate your age bracket.

[7] Under 25 [57] 25 to 40 [282] 41 to 65
[133] Over 65

2. How many years in total have you lived in the Town of Meredith?

[43] Less than 5 years [66] 10 to 14 years [46] 20 to 24 years
[63] 5 to 9 years [46] 15 to 19 years [34] More than 25 years
[171] None, I am a second-home owner

3. What most influenced your ORIGINAL decision to live here? (Please check no more than 5.)

| | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| a. [104] Born or raised here | g. [11] Quality of Town services |
| b. [109] Close to work | h. [109] Affordable housing costs |
| c. [125] Close to friends or relatives | i. [77] Low taxes |
| d. [311] Rural atmosphere/farmland | j. [] Other _____ |
| e. [49] Quality of schools | _____ |
| f. [107] Low crime rate | _____ |

4. Is your permanent place of residence:

a. [12] Hamlet of Meredith Square
b. [34] Hamlet of Meridale
c. [54] Hamlet of East Meredith
d. [250] Rural area outside one of the hamlets
e. [56] A rural area outside the township of Meredith
f. [66] An urban area – please specify: _____

5a. How many acres do you own?

[124] Less than 5 [65] 21 to 50 [68] More than 100
[145] 5 to 20 [44] 51 to 100

5b. How many acres do you rent?

- | | | | | | |
|--------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|---------------|
| [41] | Less than 5 | [14] | 21 to 50 | [4] | More than 100 |
| [9] | 5 to 20 | [4] | 51 to 100 | | |

6. Please indicate how your property is used. Please check any:

- | | | | | | |
|----------|-------|---------------------------|----------|------|---------------------------------------|
| own | rent | | own | rent | |
| a. [346] | [19] | Personal residence | i. [46] | [0] | Home business/office |
| b. [57] | [7] | Second home | j. [2] | [0] | Bed and breakfast |
| c. [10] | [2] | Speculative investment | k. [22] | [2] | Timber harvest |
| d. [1] | [0] | Subdivision for lot sales | l. [80] | [5] | Recreation (picnicking, hiking, etc.) |
| e. [13] | [7] | Rental property | m. [79] | [11] | Hunting |
| f. [28] | [2] | Operation of a farm | n. [37] | [4] | Fishing |
| g. [26] | [6] | Alternative agriculture | o. [47] | [3] | A nature preserve |
| h. [3] | [1] | Commercial | | | |
| | | Other _____ | | | |

7. Which category below best describes your current occupation?

- | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| a. [191] | Salaried employee | e. [1] | Logging or forestry activities |
| b. [21] | Agricultural activities | f. [25] | Homemaker |
| c. [28] | Home business | g. [170] | Retired |
| d. [8] | Computer / internet | h. [] | Other _ |

8. Please indicate the importance of each of the following aspects of the Town's environment:

| | Very Important | Important | Somewhat Important | Not That Important | Undecided |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| a. Farmland | [286] | [117] | [40] | [14] | [0] |
| b. Rural character | [307] | [111] | [32] | [6] | [0] |
| c. Historic buildings | [163] | [132] | [85] | [51] | [1] |
| d. Drinking water quality | [365] | [72] | [10] | [4] | [1] |
| e. Air quality | [364] | [70] | [13] | [3] | [0] |
| f. Wetlands | [169] | [121] | [78] | [58] | [5] |
| g. Mature forests | [203] | [151] | [74] | [18] | [1] |
| h. Wildlife habitat | [247] | [129] | [56] | [10] | [0] |
| i. Streamwater quality | [274] | [115] | [38] | [12] | [1] |
| j. Streambank Stabilization | [167] | [139] | [72] | [37] | [6] |
| k. Stream access | [129] | [133] | [105] | [50] | [5] |
| l. Scenic views | [238] | [137] | [63] | [17] | [2] |
| m. Open space / recreation | [198] | [123] | [87] | [24] | [5] |
| n. Other _____ | [14] | [8] | [0] | [2] | [0] |

9.

(a) Please indicate the number and date of construction of structures of each type that you own in the Town of Meredith:

| <u>Number of Structures</u> | <u>Date of Construction</u> | |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| | <u>Prior to 1980</u> | <u>1980 to present</u> |
| ___ Farm house used year-round | ___ | ___ |
| ___ Farm house used seasonally only | ___ | ___ |
| ___ House for year-round use | ___ | ___ |
| ___ House (cottage) built for summer use only | ___ | ___ |
| ___ Mobile home for year-round use | ___ | ___ |
| ___ Mobile home for seasonal use only | ___ | ___ |
| ___ Old bus or similar structure | ___ | ___ |
| ___ Hunting cabin | ___ | ___ |
| ___ Other (please specify) _____ | ___ | ___ |

(b) Some of these housing structures in Meredith have been divided into apartments. If you are a landlord, please indicate the number of dwelling units (i.e. apartments) that you own: _____

10.

(a) There have been vacation homes, both permanent and mobile, put up in the Town of Meredith in recent years. Some may be pleasant to look at, others not so pleasant. We would like to hear your opinion about the changes they have made in the scenery in Meredith.

Do you think the permanent vacation homes built in Meredith in recent years have:

| | |
|-----|---|
| 56 | Improved the quality of the scenery? |
| 131 | Detracted from the quality of the scenery? |
| 244 | Made no appreciable change in the quality of the scenery? |

(b) Do you think that the moving in of mobile homes into Meredith in recent years has:

| | |
|-----|---|
| 10 | Improved the quality of the scenery? |
| 291 | Detracted from the quality of the scenery? |
| 149 | Made no appreciable change in the quality of the scenery? |

11. Would you like the Town to adopt strategies to help support the few remaining active farms?

[383] Yes

[29] No

[47] No opinion

12. How important should it be for the Town to review each of the following aspects of development?

16.

(a) If you have bought land in the Town of Meredith in the last five years, please check here ____.

(b) Indicate the three considerations that you felt were most important in buying land in the Town of Meredith. Number your choices one (1), two (2) or three (3) in order of importance on the list below.

- ___ Hunting
- ___ Fishing
- ___ Walking in the woods
- ___ Swimming
- ___ Wilderness Atmosphere
- ___ Isolation – peace & quiet
- ___ Nearness of property to permanent home
- ___ Retirement home (present or future)
- ___ View of a river, pond, small lake, or stream
- ___ Investment opportunity
- ___ Forest surroundings
- ___ Mountain views
- ___ Timber harvest
- ___ Growing of crops
- ___ Pasturing of cattle
- ___ Preservation of a natural area
- ___ Residence
- ___ Vacation Home
- ___ Other _____

17. How compatible do you feel each of the following forms of NEW residential/commercial development would be for the Town of Meredith?

| | Compatible Everywhere | Compatible Some Places | Incompatible Everywhere | Not Sure |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| a. Single family second homes | [179] | [218] | [18] | [18] |
| b. Town houses / apartments | [25] | [270] | [110] | [33] |
| c. Mobile home parks | [23] | [177] | [212] | [133] |
| d. Professional office space | [41] | [107] | [47] | [275] |
| e. Retail & specialty shops (crafts, antiques, etc.) | [63] | [137] | [4] | [272] |
| f. Light manufacturing | [23] | [87] | [58] | [46] |
| g. Wood processing (e.g. sawmill) | [24] | [76] | [28] | [41] |
| h. Roadside farmstand | [286] | [46] | [4] | [176] |
| i. Specialty farming | [193] | [46] | [1] | [234] |
| j. Mini-storage warehousing | [19] | [68] | [125] | [218] |
| k. Commercial junkyards | [7] | [26] | [301] | [27] |
| l. Landfill operations | [11] | [38] | [243] | [141] |
| m. Cluster residential development | [28] | [51] | [161] | [184] |
| n. Other _____ | [] | [] | [] | [] |

If you feel any of the above are compatible only in some areas of the Town, please indicate where below:

| <u>Form of development</u> | <u>Appropriate Area to Locate</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

18. How much need is there in the Town of Meredith for the following?

| | Strong Need | Moderate Need | Slight Need | No Need | No Opinion |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Convenience store | [137] | [128] | [74] | [82] | [20] |
| b. Restaurant | [61] | [123] | [102] | [113] | [32] |
| c. Auto repair shop | [38] | [122] | [118] | [117] | [36] |
| d. Medical / dental offices | [40] | [82] | [89] | [177] | [39] |
| e. Day care | [65] | [122] | [77] | [66] | [92] |
| f. Public transportation | [56] | [117] | [96] | [120] | [40] |
| g. Hiking/bicycling trails | [73] | [149] | [86] | [80] | [31] |
| h. Skiing/horseback trails | [71] | [127] | [97] | [81] | [33] |
| i. Snowmobile trails | [67] | [113] | [97] | [116] | [34] |
| j. Four-wheeler trails | [52] | [94] | [78] | [170] | [28] |
| k. Junkyard | [10] | [23] | [40] | [327] | [29] |
| l. Other _____ | [] | [] | [] | [] | [] |
| m. Other _____ | [] | [] | [] | [] | [] |

19. How would you rate the quality of the following public and semi-public services available to Meredith residents in or nearby the Town of Meredith?

| | High Quality | Good Quality | Fair Quality | Poor Quality | No Opinion |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Health care | [51] | [159] | [89] | [33] | [100] |
| b. Fire | [134] | [226] | [36] | [2] | [51] |
| c. Emergency medical service | [139] | [196] | [45] | [7] | [61] |
| d. Code enforcement | [31] | [125] | [105] | [52] | [111] |
| e. Planning Board | [35] | [136] | [83] | [24] | [130] |
| f. Highway maintenance | [55] | [159] | [107] | [107] | [20] |
| g. Telephone | [99] | [245] | [57] | [10] | [32] |
| h. Cell phone | [22] | [71] | [74] | [136] | [127] |
| i. Internet | [52] | [121] | [57] | [54] | [128] |
| j. Electricity | [158] | [221] | [35] | [7] | [22] |

Your provider is: 230 NYSEG 190 REA

20. The availability, quality and affordability of housing may make it easier for young people to stay in Meredith. How much need is there for the following types of housing in the town?

| | Strong Need | Moderate Need | Slight Need | No Need | No Opinion |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Single family houses | [104] | [150] | [51] | [13] | [96] |
| b. Duplexes | [16] | [93] | [91] | [104] | [107] |
| c. Apartments | [43] | [95] | [97] | [78] | [104] |
| d. Mobile Home Parks | [29] | [50] | [63] | [190] | [83] |
| e. Senior housing | | | | | |
| --independent living | [47] | [69] | [37] | [18] | [77] |
| --assisted living | [92] | [135] | [67] | [27] | [93] |
| --nursing home | [75] | [119] | [65] | [41] | [97] |

21. Indicate which issues should be guided and regulated by the Town of Meredith

| | | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| [236] Minimum lot size Frontage | [309] Mobile homes | [90] Road |
| [105] Minimum dwelling size use of land | [141] Building setbacks | [143] Neighbor's |
| [186] Specified areas for residential views | [141] Parking and access | [182] Scenic |
| [314] Specified areas for commercial yards | [240] Signs | [306] Junky |
| [385] Junk yards Other _____ | [] Other _____ | [] |

22. Please feel free to add any additional comments you may wish in the space provided below.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME AND ASSISTANCE!

_____(Signature Optional)

A copy of the results of this survey will be made available to the public at the Town Hall after they are compiled

If you would be interested in helping with the Comprehensive Plan process and assisting the Comprehensive Plan Committee, please include your name and phone number below so that a member of the Committee may contact you.

Name (Please Print)

Phone

A2. Definitions, Websites and References

Definitions

100-year flood – Term used to describe the estimated probability of a flood event happening in any given year with the primary use being for determining flood insurance rates in flood hazard areas. Using historic weather and hydrograph data, the estimated rate of flow or discharge of a river or creek can be derived. For example, a 10-year flood has a 10 percent probability of occurring in any given year, a 50-year event a 2% probability, a 100-year event a 1% probability, and a 500-year event a 0.2% probability of occurring in any given year. While unlikely, it is possible to have two 100-year or even 500-year floods within months or years of each other.

Average is found by dividing the sum of all the values in a list by the total number of values in that list.

Median is the middle number in a list of values - one-half of the cases fall below the median and one-half of the cases exceed the median.

Part-time residents – persons who spend 2 to 5 days per week in Meredith on a regular basis but maintain their primary residence elsewhere – ex. telecommuters, weekenders

Seasonal residents – persons who live in town on a full-time basis for some portion of the year but live full-time elsewhere for the rest of the year – ex. 'snowbirds'

Websites

Government Agencies

Chesapeake Bay Program (CPB): www.chesapeakebay.net/index.cfm

Delaware County Departments:

Delaware Opportunities: 746-2165 or www.dcmoboces.com/resources/delop/index

Office for the Aging: 746-6333 or www.co.delaware.ny.us/depts/ofa/ofa.htm

Planning Department: 746-2944 or www.co.delaware.ny.us/depts/pln/pln.htm

Watershed Affairs: 746-8914 or www.co.delaware.ny.us/depts/h2o/h2o.htm

Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC): www.state.nj.us/drbc/drbc.htm

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): www.epa.gov/

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): www.fema.gov

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP):

www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/dep/html/watersup.html or

home.nyc.gov/html/dep/watershed/home.html

New York State Agencies

Agriculture and Markets (Ag & Mkts): www.agmkt.state.ny.us/

Department of Health (DOH): www.health.state.ny.us

Department of State (DOS): www.dos.state.ny.us/index.html

Environmental Conservation (DEC): www.dec.state.ny.us/index.html

Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC): www.nysefc.org/

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA):

www.nyserda.org/default.asp and Truewind Solutions:

www.truewind.teamcamelot.com/NY/

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