



The Village of South Amherst needs your help to create a Community Vision. A community vision will set forth a picture of what we collectively want the community to look like in 10 to 15 years. It is the blueprint for the Village's future outlining what we want to do but not how to do it. It can be useful in applying for grants, guiding the development of regulations, capital improvements and future budgets. The process will be guided by a Steering Committee composed of community members. If you are interested in being a member of the Steering Committee please contact Laurie Beran, at 440-986-1061 or email her at recordsclerk@southamherst.org.

Please complete this brief survey, and return by **September 22, 2023** via email, mail or delivering it to the Village offices at:
 Village of South Amherst, Community Survey, 103 West Main Street, South Amherst, OH 44001
 Email: recordsclerk@southamherst.org

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Why did you decide to live in South Amherst? (Check all that apply)

- Small town charm
- Rural character
- Large lots
- Affordable housing
- Safe
- Close to employment
- Close to Family
- Schools
- Other _____

What characteristics do you value most about South Amherst? (Check up to three (3))

- Small town character
- Sense of community
- Close to amenities
- Historic nature
- Schools
- Local community activities
- Other _____

What are your concerns for the future of South Amherst? (Check up to three (3))

- Managing future growth
- Protecting the natural environment
- Community and property appearance
- Traffic
- Loss of small-town atmosphere
- Maintaining the residential nature of the community
- Promote the development and redevelopment of the Main Street commercial district
- Promote mixed use development
- Creating multiple commercial areas

What types of development do you think would entice high school graduates to stay or return to South Amherst?

Which of the following types of development should the Village pursue? (Pick three (3))

- Large lot residential zoning (1 acre or more)
- Smaller lots for single family residential development (15,000 square feet or .3 acre)
- Preserve open space.
- Mixed use development (combinations of residential and commercial uses in a building)
- Townhouse developments
- Commercial development
- Industrial development
- Senior housing
- Multi-family developments
- Cluster development (a development option that permits the same amount of housing to be concentrated on a smaller area and preserving land as permanent open space. See the development examples to the right.)

Traditional

Cluster



If you were to establish goals for the future of South Amherst rank the following as important or not important?

GOAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Managing future growth		
Protecting natural environment		
Community and property appearance		
Better management of traffic		
Protecting the small-town atmosphere		
Maintaining the residential nature of the community		
Promote the development and redevelopment of the Main Street commercial district		
Promote mixed use development		
Create multiple commercial areas		

What would you like to see more, less, or the same of each type of business listed below in South Amherst?

TYPE	MORE	LESS	SAME	DON'T KNOW
Large stores, (Target, Lowes, Costco, Best Buy, etc.)				
Services, such as dry cleaners, hair salons, etc.				
Small independent or specialty stores				
Medical offices and other healthcare places, including doctor and dentist offices.				
Hotels and resorts				
Tourist attractions and activities				
Restaurants/ coffee shops and food establishments				
Community gathering facility				

Please indicate if you Agree, Somewhat Agree, Strongly Agree, Disagree, Somewhat Disagree, Strongly Disagree or have no opinion with the following statements.

Agree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
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The Village Administration recognizes the issues with the aging water system. Please respond to the following 2 options: 1. Have Rural Water maintain and operate system with all new infrastructure at a minimum cost of \$5,000 per address, completed over a 5 year period with future rates controlled by Rural Water. 2. Continue to manage the system by the Village and replace/ upgrade infrastructure as funds are available						
I have had no problems with water delivery to my property.						
The water system needs upgrades.						
The Village should consider getting out of the water business.						
I have no problem with my septic system.						
If my septic system fails, I would prefer to connect to public sanitary sewers.						
The Village should have a public sanitary sewer system to serve the community.						
If the Village has a public sanitary sewer system it should be operated by the Village.						
New development should be on public sanitary sewers.						
There are no flooding issues in South Amherst.						
The Village should continue with the County Stormwater system.						
The Village needs additional revenue to fix storm drainage issues.						
The Village should consider establishing its own fee for storm water.						

Where do you think the Village should focus its resources for the next 10 years?

How long have you lived or had a business in South Amherst?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-4 years
- 5-9 years
- 10-14 years
- 15-20 years
- 20 years or more
- Does not apply

As a resident of South Amherst which applies to you?

- Own my home
- Rent my home

Which age group applies to you?

- Under 18
- 18 to 30
- 30 to 40
- 40 to 50
- 50 to 60
- 60 to 70
- 70 plus

Residents, in 10 years where do you think you will be? (Choose one)

- In the same house I am in now
- In a larger house in South Amherst
- In a smaller house in South Amherst
- In a larger house outside of South Amherst
- In a smaller house outside of South Amherst
- In a senior living facility
- In an apartment
- Other (please specify) _____

Businesses, in 10 years where do you think your business will be? (Choose one)

- At the same location
- Moved to a different location in South Amherst
- Moved out of South Amherst
- Out of business

What one word describes the Village of South Amherst?

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