

NARRATIVE SURVEY RESULTS 1 to 103

TOWN'S THREE GREATEST STRENGTHS

THE LAKE

- 1 Lake Santeetlah
- 1 The lake
- 1 Lake (National Forest)
- 1 Lake
- 1 Clean beautiful lake
- 1 Great lake
- 1 Lake/water quality
- 1 Lake Santeetlah
- 1 Use of the lake for recreation
- 1 The lake
- 1 Lake Santeetlah
- 1 Lake, natural unchanged setting
- 1 The lake
- 1 Most beautiful lake on East Coast
- 1 Town Hall has a great view of the lake
- 1 The lake
- 1 Uncrowded lake
- 1 Natural Beauty of the lake
- 1 Lake and lake access
- 1 The Lake, quiet, remote
- 1 Proximity to lake
- 1 Clean lake
- 1 Beauty of Lake and surroundings
- 1 The blend of housing with the _____ & the lake -- low impact

SERENITY & NATURAL BEAUTY

- 2 The serenity and beauty (trees, mountains, etc.)
- 2 The mountain views
- 2 Quiet
- 2 Beautiful
- 2 It's beauty
- 2 Caring for the unique beauty of the Town
- 2 Natural beauty
- 2 Laid back vibe
- 2 Beauty
- 2 The beautiful environment provided by mountains/lake
- 2 Quiet
- 2 Beautiful
- 2 Relaxed
- 2 Beautiful
- 2 Views
- 2 The scenic views

- 2 The quiet
- 2 Natural beauty
- 2 Unspoiled forest
- 2 Natural beauty
- 2 Quietness
- 2 Being surrounded by nature
- 2 Trees
- 2 Views
- 2 Unbridled and unspoiled beauty of the lake and mountains
- 2 Natural beauty
- 2 Beauty of the environment
- 2 It's beauty, remoteness, history of less government regulations – oversight
- 2 Scenery/view/location; tranquil
- 2 Quiet
- 2 Peaceful
- 2 Natural landscape
- 2 Beautiful place to live
- 2 **Peaceful, restful atmosphere**
- 2 **Beauty of area**
- 2 **Natural beauty**
- 2 **Quiet**
- 2 **Natural beauty**
- 2 **A nice laid back quiet community with not too much interference from the city**
- 2 Quiet serenity
- 2 **Beauty, Quiet, Cleanliness**
- 2 **Natural Beauty**
- 2 **Woods, trees**
- 2 **The natural beauty of the lake & mtn**
- 2 **Peace, quiet, beauty**
- 2 **Seclusion**
- 2 **Quiet & peaceful atmosphere**
- 2 **Secureness from outside world (traffic & people)**
- 2 **Natural beauty**
- 2 **Natural beauty (lake, trees, mountain views, etc.)**
- 2 **It is a beautiful placer**
- 2 **Natural beauty**
- 2 **Low population (peace and quiet)**

FRIENDSHIPS

- 3 Friendships
- 3 Friendly community
- 3 Good year round neighbors
- 3 People
- 3 **Caring about residents**
- 3 **Its Citizens**
- 3 **Friendly folks out side of city hall and its friends**
- 3 **Quiet and friendly neighbors**
- 3 **A beautiful lake, good neighbors & friends**
- 3 **Lots of very neighborly people – everyone says hello/waves**

SAFE AREA / QUALITY OF LIFE

- 4 Safe
- 4 Quality of life
- 4 Security
- 4 Peaceful
- 4 Perfectly balanced town
- 4 Amenities and country feel
- 4 The town has a quaint/cottage feel to it that you do not necessarily feel on other pa
- 4 Historic feel
- 4 R & R and forget politics
- 4 Small town feel
- 4 Safe, quality of life
- 4 Private community
- 4 Clean air

LOCATION

- 5 Location
- 5 The proximity to my primary residence in Marietta, GA
- 5 Proximity to town (and Ingles)
- 5 Location
- 5 Off the Beaten Path
- 5 Location
- 5 Enough distance from major metro to maintain quaint nature of the community
- 5 Location in western NC
- 5 Relatively inexpensive area to have home ownership

OUTDOOR CTIVITIES

- 6 Outdoor activities
- 6 Access to lake
- 6 Walkability of roads
- 6 Safe walkability
- 6 Outdoor recreation, including walking
- 6 Access to outdoor activities
- 6 National Forest
- 6 Natural views – secure walling
- 6 Water access & views
- 6 Recreation (non-commercial)

TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE/MAINTAINANCE

- 7 Keeping the roads and public areas looking great
- 7 Central water system
- 7 Street Maintenance
- 7 Good roads
- 7 Nice landscaping on roads and entry
- 7 Well-maintained
- 7 Infrastructure
- 7 Water system

- 7 Checking for water leaks
- 7 Roads are well maintained
- 7 Water system
- 7 Roads
- 7 Maintenance of roads
- 7 Water system
- 7 Good roads
- 7 Roads management and maintenance
- 7 Water management and maintenance
- 7 Recycling access
- 7 Well kept roads
- 7 Infrastructure is well maintained
- 7 Services
- 7 Water
- 7 Roads
- 7 Roads – but they need repair
- 7 Water system
- 7 Well-maintained road

TOWN COUNCIL AND EMPLOYEES

- 8 The employees
- 8 Concerned full time resident public servants
- 8 Great Town Hall staff
- 8 The dedication of the town leaders toward making this a friendly, inviting communit
- 8 Good Governing body
- 8 Local governance/communication with public
- 8 Kim Matheson
- 8 Emily Hooper
- 8 Eric Hayes
- 8 Great Town structure
- 8 Great staff
- 8 Town staff is helpful and open regarding issues
- 8 Good billing procedures – hiring
- 8 Town superintendent
- 8 Non-intrusive town gov't
- 8 Eric Hayes is fantastic!
- 8 Town Council
- 8 TOLS – current staff – caring and accommodating
- 8 The town is well managed
- 8 It's leaders are dedicated public servants
- 8 Friendly staff
- 8 Run efficiently
- 8 Town hall staff
- 8 The town staff
- 8 The Council
- 8 Someone smart hired Eric – the best!
- 8 Local control
- 8 Eric Hayes – a wonderful, helpful, positive man
- 8 Town tech. ERIC HAYES

OPEN SPACES PRIVATE NON COMERCIAL USE

- 9 Non developed property
- 9 Small town
- 9 Uncommercialized
- 9 No development of multi-family housing
- 9 No commercial development
- 9 Limited development options
- 9 Quiet community
- 9 Preservation of town/lake as natural and rustic community
- 9 **Not commercialized**
- 9 **Limited Potential for Growth/Expansion**
- 9 **Limits on housing & construction (parkland etc)**
- 9 **Lack of commercial development**
- 9 **Lack of multiple family housing**
- 9 **Size**
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- 9 **Not overcrowded**
- 9 **Relatively private lots, good spacing**
- 9 **Privacy**

NO STRENGTHS

- 10 Have none – should be part of the county – too small to be a city
- 10 None – does well for a small town
- 10 **In these times the TOLS has “no” strengths. Government should not “rule” it shou**

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 11 Keeping community in the loop with changes like this
- 11 Concerned citizens
- 11 Charming atmosphere
- 11 Community – knowing your neighbor
- 11 Asking for the input of others
- 11 Comaraderie among majority of residents
- 11 Sense of community with neighbors
- 11 Communication
- 11 Camaraderie of people willing to help one another
- 11 **Communication with residents**
- 11 **Sense of Community**
- 11 **People who volunteer their time to make our community better in a positive way**
- 11 **Homeowner’s well-maintained properties**
- 11 **It feels like a community even though most people are part-time**

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