

## Merrick County Suvey Results: 2010

| Current Status                    |        |       |      | Survey Item                           | Priority |      |      |     |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|------|---------------------------------------|----------|------|------|-----|
| Good                              | Satis. | N.Imp | G +S |                                       | Low      | Med. | High | M+H |
| <b>RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES</b> |        |       |      |                                       |          |      |      |     |
| 63%                               | 32%    | 5%    | 95%  | Availability of local parks           | 16%      | 43%  | 41%  | 84% |
| 66%                               | 30%    | 4%    | 96%  | Avail. of baseball/softball           | 27%      | 47%  | 25%  | 73% |
| 38%                               | 46%    | 16%   | 84%  | Avail of practice gyms                | 38%      | 48%  | 14%  | 62% |
| 31%                               | 50%    | 19%   | 81%  | Avail of soccer fields                | 31%      | 55%  | 15%  | 69% |
| 47%                               | 41%    | 12%   | 88%  | Avail of picnic areas                 | 26%      | 51%  | 23%  | 74% |
| 9%                                | 31%    | 60%   | 40%  | Avail of hiking/biking trails         | 37%      | 30%  | 33%  | 63% |
| 11%                               | 40%    | 49%   | 51%  | Avail of parks on rivers              | 31%      | 45%  | 24%  | 69% |
| 13%                               | 42%    | 44%   | 56%  | Avail of ATV trails                   | 61%      | 26%  | 13%  | 39% |
| 10%                               | 43%    | 47%   | 53%  | Avail of RV parks                     | 53%      | 35%  | 13%  | 47% |
| 9%                                | 41%    | 50%   | 50%  | Avail of campgrounds                  | 42%      | 45%  | 13%  | 58% |
| 28%                               | 57%    | 15%   | 85%  | Avail of golf courses                 | 56%      | 38%  | 5%   | 44% |
| 11%                               | 47%    | 42%   | 58%  | Avail of fishing lakes                | 37%      | 40%  | 23%  | 63% |
| 11%                               | 43%    | 47%   | 53%  | Avail of boating areas                | 49%      | 36%  | 15%  | 51% |
| 18%                               | 61%    | 21%   | 79%  | Avail of tennis courts                | 58%      | 37%  | 6%   | 42% |
| 31%                               | 50%    | 19%   | 81%  | Avail of movie theaters               | 21%      | 49%  | 30%  | 79% |
| 13%                               | 52%    | 34%   | 66%  | Avail of environmental education      | 28%      | 55%  | 17%  | 72% |
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| <b>GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES</b>    |        |       |      |                                       |          |      |      |     |
| 48%                               | 36%    | 16%   | 84%  | Response time-Police/EMTs/Fire        | 10%      | 11%  | 79%  | 90% |
| 23%                               | 43%    | 34%   | 66%  | Town/village police protection        | 7%       | 23%  | 70%  | 93% |
| 26%                               | 58%    | 16%   | 84%  | County government services            | 15%      | 36%  | 49%  | 85% |
| 21%                               | 40%    | 40%   | 60%  | County sheriff's department           | 7%       | 30%  | 63%  | 93% |
| 18%                               | 62%    | 19%   | 81%  | County planning and zoning            | 19%      | 62%  | 19%  | 81% |
| 21%                               | 60%    | 19%   | 81%  | Town/village government               | 18%      | 47%  | 35%  | 82% |
| 60%                               | 39%    | 2%    | 98%  | Fire Protection                       | 6%       | 19%  | 75%  | 94% |
| 13%                               | 36%    | 50%   | 50%  | Shopping opportunities                | 13%      | 50%  | 38%  | 88% |
| 30%                               | 56%    | 15%   | 85%  | Safe, well lighted neighborhoods      | 7%       | 31%  | 62%  | 93% |
| 45%                               | 40%    | 15%   | 85%  | Snow removal                          | 8%       | 42%  | 50%  | 92% |
| 14%                               | 46%    | 40%   | 60%  | Public transportation                 | 29%      | 41%  | 31%  | 71% |
| 18%                               | 40%    | 42%   | 58%  | Road maintenance                      | 11%      | 37%  | 52%  | 89% |
| 51%                               | 44%    | 6%    | 94%  | Postal service                        | 20%      | 33%  | 48%  | 80% |
| 41%                               | 54%    | 5%    | 95%  | Trash Collection                      | 15%      | 42%  | 43%  | 85% |
| 44%                               | 50%    | 6%    | 94%  | Water services                        | 15%      | 42%  | 43%  | 85% |
| 44%                               | 54%    | 2%    | 98%  | Sewer services                        | 15%      | 41%  | 44%  | 85% |
| 28%                               | 48%    | 24%   | 76%  | Recycling services                    | 18%      | 30%  | 52%  | 82% |
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| <b>BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT</b>       |        |       |      |                                       |          |      |      |     |
| 20%                               | 41%    | 39%   | 61%  | My village/town is "pro-business"     | 4%       | 27%  | 69%  | 96% |
| 19%                               | 44%    | 37%   | 63%  | Leaders work for econ. developmnt.    | 3%       | 29%  | 67%  | 97% |
| 9%                                | 40%    | 51%   | 49%  | My community IDs bus. Needed          | 6%       | 51%  | 43%  | 94% |
| 20%                               | 44%    | 36%   | 64%  | My community supports businesses      | 8%       | 41%  | 47%  | 88% |
| 15%                               | 50%    | 34%   | 66%  | Local government supports business    | 3%       | 38%  | 59%  | 97% |
| 15%                               | 43%    | 43%   | 57%  | My community is active in bus. develc | 5%       | 36%  | 59%  | 95% |
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| <b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>       |        |       |      |                                       |          |      |      |     |
| 45%                               | 40%    | 14%   | 86%  | Quality K-12 Education                | 6%       | 11%  | 82%  | 94% |
| 46%                               | 45%    | 9%    | 91%  | Students are safe at school           | 8%       | 11%  | 80%  | 92% |
| 14%                               | 48%    | 39%   | 61%  | Avail of after school care/activities | 12%      | 32%  | 57%  | 88% |
| 16%                               | 42%    | 42%   | 58%  | Avail of affordable daycare           | 13%      | 27%  | 60%  | 87% |

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| Public library services           | 19%      | 29%  | 52%  | 81% |
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| HEALTH/WELLNESS SERVICES          | Low      | Med. | High | M+H |
| Public health services            | 13%      | 26%  | 61%  | 87% |
| Availability of services to youth | 13%      | 31%  | 56%  | 87% |
| Avail of services to adults       | 16%      | 50%  | 34%  | 84% |
| Avail of senior citizen services  | 17%      | 43%  | 40%  | 83% |
| Community leadership              | 10%      | 44%  | 46%  | 90% |
| Community spirit                  | 9%       | 45%  | 45%  | 91% |
| Downtown area                     | 8%       | 46%  | 46%  | 92% |
| Employment Opportunities          | 16%      | 17%  | 67%  | 84% |
| Festivals, arts & cultural events | 25%      | 48%  | 27%  | 75% |
| Friendliness & hospitality        | 15%      | 33%  | 52%  | 85% |
| Historic preservation             | 25%      | 47%  | 28%  | 75% |
| Available housing for sale        | 22%      | 52%  | 27%  | 78% |
| Available housing for rent        | 26%      | 47%  | 27%  | 74% |
| Restaurants                       | 11%      | 47%  | 42%  | 89% |
| Service clubs and organizations   | 30%      | 56%  | 14%  | 70% |