

Town of Denmark, Villages of Copenhagen and Castorland Comprehensive Plan Survey



The town of Denmark and the villages of Copenhagen and Castorland have recently begun developing a Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a "master policy document" that is referenced by local officials and is used as a guide for years to come. As part of the update, this survey has been created to provide residents with the opportunity to give their input. By filling out this survey, you and other residents' opinions will be combined to create a document that best reflects the future desires of the residents of the town of Denmark and the villages of Copenhagen and Castorland. Your ideas about the community will help the Planning Board and Town Board members create guidelines for the future of the communities.

This survey is anonymous. There is no need to identify yourself unless you wish to.

Please answer the following questions as best you can.

Please complete the survey by **July 31, 2024**.

Thank you for your help with this important community project.

A. Demographic Data

Please tell us a little about yourself. Your answers will help us understand how different groups of citizens feel about the directions the town of Denmark, and the villages of Copenhagen and Castorland might take. As with all the questions in this survey, your answers are confidential and cannot be traced back to you.

1. What is your residency status?

- Town Resident (outside of the villages)
- Village of Copenhagen Resident
- Village of Castorland Resident
- Hamlet of Deer River Resident

2. How many years have you lived at your current address? (Please mark only one circle)

- Less than 5 years
- 5-9 Years
- 10-14 Years
- 15-19 Years
- 20-24 Years
- 25+ Years
- I do not live in the town/villages/hamlet

3. In your household, how many people of each age group are there? (Please choose only one number per age range)

Under 5 years	0	1	2	3	4	5+
5-9 years old	0	1	2	3	4	5+
10-19 years old	0	1	2	3	4	5+
20-29 years old	0	1	2	3	4	5+
30-39 years old	0	1	2	3	4	5+
40-49 years old	0	1	2	3	4	5+
50-59 years old	0	1	2	3	4	5+
60-69 years old	0	1	2	3	4	5+
70+ years old	0	1	2	3	4	5+

4. Which best describes your employment status? (Please mark only one circle)

- Work in Denmark, Copenhagen, or Castorland
- Work outside of Denmark, Copenhagen, or Castorland
- Student
- Unemployed
- Retired
- Other: _____

B. Characteristics

5. What are your reasons for choosing to live/work at your current residence? (Choose all that apply)

- Distance to work
 - Distance to friends and relatives
 - Affordable housing
 - Tax rates
 - Quality of life
 - Quality of services
 - Quality of schools
 - Historic buildings
 - Crime rate
 - Sense of community and community pride
 - Rural atmosphere
 - Proximity to nature and outdoor recreational opportunities
 - Own a business
 - Grew up in town/village/hamlet
 - Childcare/Daycare
 - Rate of pay/salary
 - Other/Comments: _____
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6. What aspects would DISCOURAGE you from staying in the community? (Choose all that apply)

- Distance to work
 - Distance to friends and relatives
 - Affordable housing
 - Tax rates
 - Quality of life
 - Quality of services
 - Quality of schools
 - Historic buildings
 - Crime rate
 - Sense of community and community pride
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 - Other/Comments: _____
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7. How satisfied are you with the quality of life in the community? (Please mark only one circle)

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied, nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

8. Please explain your reason for your choice in the previous question.

9. How important is it to preserve the character of the community? Please choose one answer.

- Very important
- Important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

10. From the following list, what characteristics of the area do you like or dislike? (Please mark one choice per row).

	Like	Dislike	No Opinion
Rural atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small town government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Absence of public water/sewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access of public water/sewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Absence of industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. How do you feel the community has changed over the last two years? Please circle each one that applies

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| No change | More/Less farmland | More/Less junk |
| More/Less population | New camps | Abandoned structures |
| Improved roads | More/Less people on weekends | More/Less crime |
| Recreational development | Other: _____ | |

12. Which of the following issues are you concerned about? (Choose all that apply)

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|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Property taxes | Fire & police services | Snowmobiles |
| Road maintenance | Hunting & fishing | Tourists |
| Uncontrolled dogs | ATV's | Solar development |
| Stream quality | River quality | Pollution problems |
| Job availability | Decreasing population | Volunteering/volunteer opportunities |
| Other: _____ | | |

C. Communication & Information Sharing

13. Do you utilize the town or villages websites to gather information?

- Yes
- No

14. Do you find the information you are looking for on these websites?

- Yes
- No

15. Provide comments/suggestions for improving the town's or villages' websites.

**16. How do you CURRENTLY get information about community news, events, board meetings, etc.?
(Check all that apply)**

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Paper Mailings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email List | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

17. How do you PREFER to get information about community news, events, board meetings, etc.? (Check all that apply)

- TV Website Direct Paper Mailings
 Email List Local Newspaper Local Radio
 Facebook Other: _____

D. Development

18. What kinds of development would you like to see in the town and the villages? (Choose all that apply)

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grocery store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Light industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wind turbine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solar facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. Over the next FIVE years, the town and the villages should: (Please mark one choice per row)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Increase residential construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attract new business/commercial development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Control the type of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect environmentally sensitive areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect historic structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain/improve open space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slow traffic down	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve traffic flow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase support and services to attract nature recreation and tourism business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect agricultural land and agribusiness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage Farmers' Market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect scenic vistas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain rural character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage EV charging stations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage RV parks and campgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add more parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase access to municipal water/sewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20. Which type of housing development should be ENCOURAGED in the town and the villages? (Choose all that apply)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-family housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Tract or development housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condominiums/town houses | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal residences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Short term rentals (ex. Airbnb) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiny homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single family dwelling converted to apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

21. Which type of housing development should be DISCOURAGED in the town and the villages? (Choose all that apply)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single-family housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Tract or development housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condominiums/town houses | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal residences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Short term rentals (ex. Airbnb) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiny homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single family dwelling converted to apartments | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

22. Noting that the town and village governments are limited in their power to expand internet access, do you have reliable access to the internet?

- Yes
- No

23. Which type of commercial development should be ENCOURAGED in the town and the villages? (Choose all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bar | <input type="checkbox"/> Light manufacturing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family style restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large business | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home based business | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannabis cultivation/sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offices | <input type="checkbox"/> Solar facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden center | <input type="checkbox"/> Wind towers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas station/garage | |

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bar | <input type="checkbox"/> Light manufacturing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family style restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large business | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home based business | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannabis cultivation/sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offices | <input type="checkbox"/> Solar facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden center | <input type="checkbox"/> Wind towers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas station/garage | |

25. Where should new HOUSING DEVELOPMENT be concentrated within the town of Denmark?

- Village of Copenhagen
- Village of Castorland
- Hamlet of Deer River
- Other Areas: _____

26. Where should new COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT be concentrated within the town of Denmark?

- Village of Copenhagen
- Village of Castorland
- Hamlet of Deer River
- Other Areas: _____

27. Which of the following statements characterize your feelings about industrial development in the town and the villages? (i.e. wholesale trade, construction utility, transportation facilities, communication business) (Choose all that apply)

- Denmark is primarily a commuter town and needs little or no industrial development.
- Some new light industrial development should be encouraged, providing it is environmentally sound and carefully located.
- Both light and heavy industrial development should be encouraged as long as it is environmentally sound and carefully located.
- Denmark needs as much new industrial development as can be attracted.

E. Recreation

28. Are you satisfied with recreational opportunities in your community?

- Yes
- No

29. If you are not satisfied with recreational opportunities in your community, please explain.

30. What would you like to have for recreational activities in your communities?

31. What could be done to enhance the utilization of the Deer River and Black River?

- DEC installing hazard buoys for safer boat navigation
- Improve fish stocking program
- Walking trails
- Handicap accessibility
- Other: _____

32. Would you like to see more walking trails in the town for recreational purposes?

- Yes
- No

33. If yes to the previous question, what kind of walking trails would you like to see?

- Short distance (less than 1 mile)
- Long distance (more than 1 mile)

34. What could be done to increase the public use of open space in the town? (Please select all that apply)

- Develop a pavilion
 - Dedicated picnic areas
 - Develop a park
 - Other ideas: _____
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35. Would you like to see a centrally located park in the hamlet of Deer River?

- Yes
- No

F. Enforcement

(For questions 36-38: please fill out the corresponding question for the community that you reside in)

36. Should the TOWN OF DENMARK GOVERNMENT enact and/or be more aggressive in enforcing existing laws pertaining to the following:

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Unsightly trash or junk accumulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junk car and machinery storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural style	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abandoned and dilapidated buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operation of home businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snowmobiles and ATV usage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Absentee landlord properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regulation of signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of scenic vistas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preservation of agricultural lands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help maintain rural character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting environmentally sensitive areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

37. Should the VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN GOVERNMENT enact and/or be more aggressive in enforcing existing laws pertaining to the following:

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Unsightly trash or junk accumulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junk car and machinery storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural style	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abandoned and dilapidated buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operation of home businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snowmobiles and ATV usage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Absentee landlord properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regulation of signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Protection of scenic vistas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preservation of agricultural lands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help maintain rural character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting environmentally sensitive areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

38. Should the VILLAGE OF CASTORLAND GOVERNMENT enact and/or be more aggressive in enforcing existing laws pertaining to the following:

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Unsightly trash or junk accumulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junk car and machinery storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural style	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abandoned and dilapidated buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operation of home businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snowmobiles and ATV usage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Absentee landlord properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regulation of signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of scenic vistas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preservation of agricultural lands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help maintain rural character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting environmentally sensitive areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

39. Please use the following space to comment on anything not mentioned in the survey.
