

**Colonie South Planning Area Meeting Summary  
The Crossings Meeting House, Albany Shaker Road  
Wednesday, October 29, 2003, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**11 Participants**

**Housing**

Assets	
Dots	Comment
4	Variety of housing stock
2	Smaller homes

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
7	Need more cluster, townhomes
4	Need transgenerational housing
2	Absentee landlords
2	Housing not affordable

**Cultural Resources**

Assets	
Dots	Comment
5	Crossings
4	Shaker site
4	Pruyn house
4	Library
3	Bike Trail
0	Pine Bush

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
3	Better use of Shaker site - more displays, info.
2	Better Town support of Shaker site
2	Mobile Town history museum/display
1	Need to expand bike trail system
0	Need performing arts facilities
0	Home venue for Town band needed

**Natural Resources**

Assets	
Dots	Comment
3	Mohawk River
1	Pine Bush
0	Ann Lee Pone
0	Wetlands
0	Ponds & Streams

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
2	Need for cooperative extension service in Town
1	Need to dredge and remove weeds from Mohawk
0	Need migratory bird management

**Community Resources**

Assets	
Dots	Comment
2	Landfill
2	Sports & recreation facilities
0	Sidewalks
0	Cross-walks
0	CYC "Rudy" center
0	Outdoor pools

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
3	Better street paving plan
2	Need crosswalks for access to sidewalks
0	Need bike lanes on streets
0	Landfill impacts
0	Need leaf pick-up on vacant properties
0	Need non-commercial indoor pool and recreation center

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**Community Services**

<b>Assets</b>	
Dots	Comment
3	EMS services
2	Volunteer Fire Departments
2	Public Transportation
1	Colonie Senior Programs
1	CYC "Rudy" Center
1	CYC child care program

<b>Liabilities</b>	
Dots	Comment
2	Need better senior transportation
2	Need better public transportation
1	Traffic congestion
1	Need more child care service
1	Need more town-wide community events
0	Need to expand availability of youth programs

**Land Use**

<b>Assets</b>	
Dots	Comment
5	Encourage green space
4	Redevelopment of commercial / Reuse property
1	Central location
1	tax base

<b>Liabilities</b>	
Dots	Comment
6	Need to redevelop existing vacant commercial space
5	Need to preserve open space
4	Need analysis of development capacity
1	Need to review and update zoning law
1	Need to preserve farms