

Latham Community Planning Area Meeting Summary

Shaker Junior High, Watervliet Shaker Road

Wednesday, October 15, 2003, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

8 Participants

Housing

Assets	
Dots	Comment
4	Residential tax rates (low)
1	Property values

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
2	Lack of housing type diversity
2	Lack of senior-friendly housing
2	Lack of multi-family housing
1	Lack of affordable new housing
1	Lack of multi-generational housing
0	Lack of town houses

Cultural Resources

Assets	
Dots	Comment
3	Public Library
2	Shaker Historic Areas
2	School Quality
0	Pruyn House
0	Religious Institutions

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
2	Lack of live theatre/performance venue
1	Schools overcrowded
1	Lack of preservation of Town history/history
0	Lack of attention/resources devoted to shaker historic area

Natural Resources

Assets	
Dots	Comment
3	Mohawk River
2	Pine Bush
2	Town Parks (Crossing, Town Park, Schuyler Flatts)
1	Tributaries
1	Ann Lee Pone and preserve
1	Wetlands protection

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
2	Town should acquire land to ensure stream protection
1	Need to preserve/protect tributary streams and waterways
1	Ann Lee Pond Preserve needs better promotion, management
1	Need better planning for passive recreation throughout the Town
0	Wetland preservation not given priority

Community Resources

Assets	
Dots	Comment
2	Bike path quality
1	Multi-use paths (hike & bike)
0	Quality of Latham Water
0	Parks Maintenance
0	Landfill

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
1	Traffic at northway exit 6
1	Need to review speed limits
0	Municipal fire training center inadequate
0	Need more bike paths and pedestrian accommodations
0	Better winter maintenance of pedestrian/bike routes
0	Lack of neighborhood parks and playgrounds
0	Low water pressure in west side of Town

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Community Services

Assets	
Dots	Comment
2	Colonie Senior Service Center
0	Volunteer Fire Departments
0	Leaf pick-up
0	Hazardous Waste Day
0	Mutual Aide

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
1	Lack of traffic enforcement
0	Municipal fire training center inadequate
0	Need satellite locations for senior services
0	Need better senior transportation
0	Need to plan for police force replacement
0	Need long-range plan for public safety services
0	Lack of volunteers to staff fire department

Land Use

Assets	
Dots	Comment
2	Residential/Commercial mix
1	Waterfront study

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
4	Zoning too rigid for innovative development concepts
3	Need to determine development capacity of Town
2	Need to focus on environmentally sensitive areas (e.g Mohawk River waterfront)
1	Commercial encroachment on residential areas
0	Need education of public on land use issues
0	Need to allow for mixed-use communities
0	D & H railyards - derelict, hazardous