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History

The Capital District was one of the first areas colonized by the Dutch following Henry Hudson's 1609 discovery of the Hudson River. Development of this area was driven by its strategic location where the navigable Hudson River ended and the Mohawk River began its course to the west. After dams, canals and locks were built, Albany became a hub for Erie Canal/Mohawk River traffic from the west and Champlain Canal traffic from the north. The early success of the Capital District can be attributed to the successes of the river and the connectivity of the canal system throughout Upstate New York.

The Town of Colonie has often been referred to as the "Crossroads of the Capital District". The Town of Colonie contains about 57 square miles of land situated in the northeast corner of Albany County. It is bordered on the north by the Mohawk River and on the east by the Hudson River. In the past, Colonie was referred to as "Albany's Breadbasket" because of its strong agricultural history. Many areas within Colonie contain rich tillable soils that were first cultivated by Native Americans and later by Dutch and English colonists. The Town of Colonie's unique location has contributed to its continued growth and prosperity which is apparent by the transformation of its agricultural lands into residential neighborhoods with a strong retail base.

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Town of Colonie Base Map

Albany County November 2016 New York

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Demographics

The figures, tables, projections, and statistics presented in this section are from the U.S. Census Bureau; Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC); and the (2017) American Community Survey (ACS) data projections.

Population

Population Characteristics

The Town of Colonie experienced significant growth in population from 1950 to 1980 (see Figure 1). In 1950, Colonie had approximately 29,533 residents. By 1980, the Town's population grew to 74,593. The Town's population growth tapered off after 1980, as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1
Town of Colonie Population
1950-2017

**Data from 2017 are estimates from the American Community Survey (ACS).*

With the economic upturn in the 1990's, Colonie's population increased 3.6% from 1990 to 2000. Of Albany County's 18 municipalities, Colonie had the fifth largest percentage of population increase during this time. According to the 2010 census, the Town's population increased another 2.9% to 81,591 residents. As of 2017, the estimated population is 83,051.

The Town's growth contributed greatly to an increase in population density. In 1950, the population density was 510 people per square mile. By 1980, that number increased to 1,288 people per square mile; by 2010, the population density increased to 1,409 people per square mile. In comparison, the density is approximately 570 and 415 people per square mile in Albany County and New York State, respectively. As of the 2010 U.S. Census, there were approximately 42,316 females (51.8%) and 39,275 males (48.2%) living in Colonie.

Population Projections

The CDRPC made population projections for the Town of Colonie, Albany County, and the Capital District between 2020 and 2050 (see Table 2). These projections show that the Town of Colonie population is expected to reach 83,438 by 2020, and increase another 2.61% by 2030. Projections estimate that the Town will likely experience slower population growth in 2040, growing only 1% between 2030 and 2040. Between 2040 and 2050, it is expected that the population will decline by 0.22%. Colonie's population growth trends do not reflect those of the County and State demographic patterns. According to CDRPC, Town of Colonie growth pattern in 2017 was 2.3%, ranking 10th in the Capital Region. The most growth was in Saratoga communities.

Table 1 – Projected Population, 2020 - 2050

	2020	2030	2040	2050
Town of Colonie	83,438	85,678	86,549	86,363
% Increase	+2.21%	+2.61%	+1.00%	-0.22%
Albany County	309,730	316,018	317,709	317,183
% Increase	+1.78%	+1.99%	+0.53%	-0.17%
Capital District	864,426	888,073	896,451	895,012
% Increase	+3.06%	+2.66%	+0.93%	-0.16%

**Projections provided by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC), 2012.*

Age Cohorts

The median age in Colonie is 42.6 years, which is higher than Albany County and New York State median ages of 36.8 and 35.9 years, respectively. Of Colonie's total population 31% is under the age of 25 and 51.7% is between 25 and 64 years old. In comparison, 33% of Albany County residents are under 25 and 53% are between 25 and 64 years of age.

While the Town's population grew from 79,258 residents in 2000 to an estimated 83,051 residents in 2017, the growth was not evenly distributed throughout the various age cohorts. Figure 2 shows the changes in age cohorts in the Town between the 2010 census and 2017. The most significant change occurred in the 35 to 44 and 65 to 74 age brackets. The 35 to 44 age bracket underwent a decrease of 2.2% from 2010 to 2017, while the 65 to 74 age bracket underwent an increase of 2.1% from 2010 to 2017.

Figure 2
Age Cohorts, 2010/2017

**Data from 2017 are estimates from the ACS.*

Figure 3 (below) shows the percent of gains and losses that occurred between 2010 and 2017 for each age cohort on the Town, County, and State level. Areas where trends in the Town contradict the County and State include the drop in population in age brackets 35 to 44 and 45 to 54 in the Town while both those age brackets increased in the County and State. Another area where trends in the Town contradict the County and State is the increase in the age bracket 15 to 24 in the Town while both age brackets decreased in the County and State.

The Town follows the trends of the County and State in age brackets 5 to 14, 25 to 34, and 55 to 64. Although the Town is aging, it is doing so in a much slower rate than the State, but a much faster rate than the County.

Figure 3
% change of Age Cohorts, 2010-2017

**Data from 2017 are estimates from the ACS.*

Household Makeup

According to the American Community Survey, there was an estimated 32,317 households in Colonie in the year 2017. Of all the households in the Town of Colonie in 2017, 62.36% were defined as "family households", while 37.63% of households were defined as "nonfamily households" (see Table 2). This trend closely follows that of Albany County. In Albany County there were 56.53% households defined as "family households", while 43.47% were defined as "nonfamily households" in 2017.

Most family households, 48.85%, were a married-couple family. Of the nonfamily households, 30.95% were a householder living alone. 12.55% of these householders living alone were seniors, age 65 and over.

Table 2 – Family & Nonfamily Household Characteristics, 2017 Estimate.

Households by Type	Total	% Total of Households
Total Households	32,317	100%
Family Households	20,154	62.36%
Married-couple family	15,786	48.85%
Male householder, no wife present	1,420	4.39%
Female householder, no husband present	2,948	9.12%
Nonfamily Households	12,163	37.63%
Householder living alone	10,004	30.95%
65 years and over	4,057	12.55%

**Data from 2017 are estimates from the ACS.*

Economics

Educational Attainment

Figure 4 (below) shows the change in educational attainment of residents age 25 or over in 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2017. In 2010, more residents achieved higher levels of education than 1990 and 2000. In 1990 and 2010, approximately 33.75 and 26.5% of residents received a High School diploma as their highest level of education, respectively. Since 1990, the Town has seen a shift towards higher educational attainment at the Bachelor's degree and the Graduate or Professional degree levels. In 1990 only 28.75% of residents received a Bachelor's or higher degree. By 2017, the percentage of residents with a Bachelor's degree or higher was 41%.

Figure 4
Education Attainment, 1990 - 2017

**Data from 2017 are estimates from the ACS.*

Figure 5 depicts the estimated educational attainment of the Town of Colonie, Albany County, and New York State in 2017. Overall, the Town's attainment percentages are closely related to the County and State's. The Town has lower rates of the highest level of educational attainment being High School Diploma or less compared to the County and State. The Town has higher rates of the highest level of education attainment being Some College, Associate's Degree, or Bachelor's Degree. This indicates that the Town's residents are pursuing higher levels of education after high school. However, the State is outperforming the Town obtaining graduate or professional degrees.

Figure 5
Educational Attainment, 2017 Estimate

**Data from 2017 are estimates from the ACS.*

Employment

According to the 2017 ACS estimates, the top three industries employing Colonie residents are the Education, Health and Social Services industry (26.0%), Wholesale and Retail Trade industry (13.8%), and Public Administration industry (12.1%) (See Table 3). The top three employment sectors are unchanged from 2010, and the percentage of workers in the sectors has not changed significantly. In 2000, the Educational, Health and Social Services industry employed 21.5% of residents (change of +4.5%), Wholesale and Retail Trade industry employed 13.4% of residents (change of -0.4%), and Public Administration industry employed 15.7% (change of -3.6%).

The Town closely followed the employment trends of the County and State, with the exception that the State and County employ a larger percentage in the Professional, scientific, management, administrative and waste management services industry.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate in the Town of Colonie in 2015 was 2.7%. This figure is lower than the County, State, and National rates of unemployment of 3.4%, 4.3%, and 4.1%, respectively.

The majority (71.68%) of employees in the Town of Colonie are employed by private companies; this trend is representative of both the County (71.3%) and State (78.8%). The Town also has a high percentage of residents who are employed by local, state, and federal governments (24.4%). This is likely due to the Town's close proximity to the City of Albany, which is not only the State capital, but also serves as the County seat for Albany County.

Economic development patterns do not mirror municipal boundaries; therefore, it is important to examine employment from a regional perspective. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 79.1% of residents stay within the Albany-Schenectady-Troy Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) when traveling to their place of employment, and 43.7% of these workers work in the City of Albany, Schenectady, or Troy. Approximately 66% of employed Colonie residents (28,376 people) work outside of the Town.

Table 3 - Employment by Industry, 2017	Town of Colonie	Albany County	New York State
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting and, mining	0.30%	0.30%	0.60%
Construction	4.30%	4.50%	5.60%
Manufacturing	5.50%	5.20%	6.20%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	13.80%	12.40%	13.00%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	3.50%	3.60%	5.20%
Information	2.70%	2.20%	2.90%
Finance, insurance, real estate and rental and leasing	8.90%	7.50%	8.10%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative and waste management services	10.60%	11.20%	11.80%
Educational, health and social services	26.00%	27.40%	27.50%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	7.60%	8.90%	9.60%
Other Services	4.70%	4.60%	5.00%
Public Administration	12.10%	12.20%	4.50%

**Data from 2017 are estimates from the ACS.*

Figure 6
Employment by Type, 2017

**Data from 2017 are estimates from the ACS.*

Mode to Work

Most Town residents (89.9%) rely on their car, truck or van to get to work (See Table 4). Walking to work (2.2%), taking the bus (2.8%), and biking (less than 1%) appear to be less used transportation options.

Table 4 - Mode to work		
Mode	Total	Percentage
Car, Truck, or Van	38,723	89.9%
Public Transportation	1207	2.8%
Bicycle	215	0.49%
Walked	949	2.2%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other	388	0.9%
Worked at home	1,595	3.7%
Total:	43,077	100.0%

** American Community Survey, 2017 estimate.*

Vehicle Availability

Based on data from 2017 ACS estimates, 97.9% of occupied housing units have one or more vehicles available (See Table 5). This correlates with the high percentage of people driving to work. No vehicles are available in 2.2% of owner-occupied housing units and 15.3% of renter-occupied units.

Table 5 - Vehicle Availability per Occupied Housing Unit			
Vehicles Available	Occupied housing units	Owner-occupied	Renter-occupied
No vehicle available	6.3%	2.2%	15.3%
1 vehicle available	34.4%	26.4%	52.2%
2 vehicles available	42.3%	49.3%	26.9%
3 or more vehicles available	16.9%	22.2%	5.5%

**American Community Survey, 2017 Estimate*

Income and Poverty

The Town, County, and State MHIs have steadily increased since 2000. According to the ACS, in 2017 the Town of Colonie's median household income (MHI) was $74,244, 19.2% higher than Albany County's MHI of $62,293 and 18.3% higher than the State's MHIs of $62,765.

According to Census data, poverty in the State of New York has been rising since 2000. The Town, County, and State level poverty rates increased for both families and individuals. In 2000, the percentage of individuals living below the poverty line was 4.7% in the Town of Colonie. In 2017, the Town's poverty rate for individuals climbed to 6.6%. This rate is lower than Albany County's (12.4%) and the State's (15.1%). For families in Colonie, the same trend was recorded, the percentage of families below the poverty line increased from 3% in 2000 to 3.9% in 2015.

According to United Way's Study on Financial Hardship in the State of New York, there are 1.1 million people who fall under the poverty line. The 2016 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for individuals was $11,880 a year. This rate increases by $4,160 for each additional member in a family. For the 48 contiguous states, this rate has remained unchanged since 1974, meaning that the FPL is not adjusted for inflation or differences in cost of living throughout the country. To better capture the actual financial hardship that households in New York face, United Way created

their own threshold that considers other factors, such as cost of living and inflation, into their calculations to paint a more realistic picture of how households are meeting their daily needs. This threshold is referred to as "ALICE", or "Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed." United Way estimated that an additional 2.1 million residents in New York State struggle to provide for their family. When this estimate is combined with those who are under the poverty line, approximately 44% of residents in New York are employed, yet struggle to provide for their family.

According to 2014 Point-in-Time data collected by United Way, 38% of the 124,716 households in Albany County fall under the ALICE threshold or the FPL. There are eight counties in NYS with lower rates than Albany County (one of which is nearby Saratoga County), and four counties with the same rate as Albany County (one of which is nearby Rensselaer County). ALICE households are disproportionately high in those with a member 65 years or older and those headed by a single mother. Household stability in New York means a single parent must be able to make $58.14 an hour ($120,930/year) and each parent of a two-parent household must make at least $29.07 an hour ($60,465/year) to sustain a family of four.

In Colonie, 30% of residents fall under ALICE (23%) or the FPL (7%). These rates fall around the median when compared to other state divisions within the County. According to United Way's report, Colonie was ranked "fair" in affordability, "good" in job opportunities, and "fair" in community resources.

Housing

Until the post-WWII housing boom in the 1940's and 1950's, Colonie had been known as "the Breadbasket of the Capital Region" due to its vast agricultural background. From 1950 to 2010, the population of Colonie grew by 63.8%, from 29,553 to 81,591. This tremendous growth over 60 years resulted in a need for more housing units to accommodate the new residents. The Town experienced a growth rate of 44% between 1950 and 1960. Figure 7 shows that the largest portion (20.2%) of Colonie's existing housing stock was built between 1950 and 1959. As growth rates slowed, the need for housing slowed. From 1970 to 1980, the population grew by only 24.9%, nearly half the 1950-60 growth rate. From 1980 to 1990, population growth dramatically slowed to a 2.6% increase. A low growth rate (between 2-4%) has been maintained since 1980, and is projected to remain at that level at least until 2040.

Figure 7
% of Housing Stock by Construction Decade, 2017

**Data from 2017 are estimates from the ACS.*

Between 1990 and 2000 there was an 8.7% increase in the number of housing units in Colonie. 2,966 housing units were constructed during that period. Of the Town's 34,137 housing units in 2010, 95.57% were occupied. 71.1% of the occupied housing units were owner occupied. Homeownership has only decreased by 0.1% since 2010. Single family – detached style housing accounted for 72.2% of the Town's housing units; this increased by 2.6% from 2000 to 2010. The 2017 estimate of total households is 34,312, where 94.2% are occupied housing units, 5.8% are unoccupied housing units, and 64.8% are owner-occupied units (see Figure 8).

Figure 8
Housing Units, 2017

- Occupied Housing Units
- Unoccupied Housing Units
- Owner-Occupied Units

**Data from 2017 are estimates from the ACS.*

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median housing value (2010) for owner-occupied units within Colonie was $219,900, compared to Albany County's $213,300. A significant portion (41.4%) of Colonie's owner-occupied housing units range in value from $200,000 to $299,000, while 31.9% of owner-occupied units within Albany County are valued between $200,000 and $299,000. Only 19.6% of owner-occupied units are valued under $150,000 in the Town, while 23% of owner-occupied units are valued under $150,000 in the County.

CDRPC reported that between 1998 and 2003, the mean current dollar selling price of existing homes increased 43.9% in the area of Colonie west of the Northway. This area includes the Village of Colonie (see Table 6).

Table 6 – Residential Mean Current Selling Price

	1998	2003	% change 1998-2003	2009	% change 2003-2009	2012	% change 2009-2012	% change 1998-2012
Town of Colonie West of Northway, Village of Colonie	$99,606	$143,378	43.9%	$196,667	37.1%	$205,529	4.5%	106%
Town of Colonie East of Northway, Village of Menands	$144,935	$244,311	68.6%	$284,530	16.5%	$285,207	.02%	96.8%
Albany County	$130,554	$178,552	36.8%	$224,033	25.5%	$230,792	0.3%	76.8%

** Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) 1998-2012.*

From 2003 to 2009, the mean current dollar selling price of existing homes grew an additional 37.1% in the portions of Colonie that lie west of the Northway, including the Village of Colonie. For the area east of the Northway, including the Village of Menands, the mean current dollar selling price increased by 16.5%. This trend of significant increase has slowed, but it is still increasing. From 2009 to 2012, the mean current dollar selling price increased by only 4.5% in the portions of Colonie that lie west of the Northway, including the Village of Colonie. For the area east of the Northway, including the Village of Menands, the mean current dollar selling price increased 0.02%. The soaring housing market may account for the Town's increase in young adults.

The average time a home remains on the market in Colonie varies depending what part of the Town is being examined (see Table 7). For the portions of Colonie that lie west of the Northway, including the Village of Colonie, the average day a home was on the market was 36 days in 2003. By 2009 the number of days to sell a home in this area increased by 38.9% to 50 days on the market. This trend has continued; in 2012, a home was on the market for an average of 59 days, an 18% increase from 2009. For the area east of the Northway, including the Village of Menands, the average number of days on the market in 2003 was 39 days; by 2009 this figure experienced a 69.2% increase to 66 days. For this side of Town the trend did not hold up; in 2012 the average home was on the market for only 60 days, a decrease of 9.1% from the 2009.

Table 7 – Residential Average Days to Sale

	1998	2003	2009	% change 2003-2009	2012	% change 2009-2012
Town of Colonie West of Northway, Village of Colonie	97	36	50	38.9%	59	18%
Town of Colonie East of Northway, Village of Menands	100	39	66	69.2%	60	-9.1%
Albany County	113.5	45.8	70.8	35.3%	80	11.5%

** Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) 1998-2012.*

The median annual income in the Town of Colonie is higher than both the County and State, across all age cohorts, with exception of median annual income for households under the age of 25 (see Table 8). In this case, the Town of Colonie's rate is lower by $2,715 than that of the County's. In Colonie, the overall median income was $74,244. The 45-54 year age cohort had the highest median income of $89,504. The average resident in the 64 years and older cohort is bringing home 5.9% and 19% more than their peers in the County and State, respectively.

According to the 2017 ACS, 37.8% of renters and 19.4% of homeowners in the Town of Colonie spend over 35% of their annual income on housing. In Albany County, 39.6% of renters and 17.6% of homeowners spend more than 35% of their annual income on housing. Spending more than 35% on housing needs is a sign of moderate financial distress. It is considered ideal for households to spend less than 30% of their annual income on housing. In the Town of Colonie, 52.1% of renters and 75.9% of owners spend less than 30%, and in Albany County, 51.0% of renters and 76.5% of home owners spend less than 30% on housing.

The Capital Region Coalition to End Homelessness (CARES) has compiled data to show where there are affordable housing needs within the Capital Region. Among all eight counties within the Capital Region, Albany County had the largest deficit between number of extremely low and low income households and the number of available affordable housing units. It is estimated that there are currently 13,615 extremely low to low income households

within the County, while there are only 5,312 affordable housing units available. The lack of affordable units available leaves 8,303 households in unaffordable living situations or left without a permanent place to call home.

Table 8 - Median Annual Income, by Age of Householder, 2017 Estimate.

	Town of Colonie	Albany County	New York State
Total	$74,244	$62,293	$62,765
Households under 25 years	$27,703	$30,418	$31,397
Householder 25 to 44 years	$81,242	$64,703	$70,604
Householder 45 to 64 years	$89,504	$82,236	$75,198
Householder 64 years and over	$52,087	$49,181	$42,185

**Data from 2017 are estimates from the ACS.*

Existing Land Use and Land Use Regulations

Existing Land Use

In the Town of Colonie, the primary (35.5%) land use, is Residential (see Figure 9). Vacant land accounts for 23.8% of land within the Town. Before WWII, the Town's predominant land use was agriculture. Today, only 1.7% of the Town's land area is used for such activities. Approximately 489.76 acres of land are in agricultural districts and are primarily utilized for greenhouses and vacant land associated with farming operations. After WWII, development began to spread out from the Route 5/Central Avenue and Route 9/Loudon Road Corridors. Secondary growth areas include the areas around Denison Road, Vly Road and Consaul Road, in the western part of Town. The Forts Ferry Road area is also a hub of residential development, as is the area east of Route 9 and north of Alternate Route 7.

Figure 9
Land Use by % of Acerage

**Town of Colonie Tax Assessment, 2019.*

16.9% of land is used for commercial and industrial activity. There is approximately 4,405.63 acres of developed commercial space located within the Town of Colonie. These include apartments and mobile homes, repair shops, large scale dealerships and retail outlets, fast food and restaurants, gas stations and car washes, hotels and other lodging accommodations, lumber yards, office buildings, storage facilities, and warehousing and distribution facilities. Central Avenue, Loudon Road and Troy Schenectady Road are all corridors of commercial use. Wolf Road is the location of the majority of the Town's large hotels, and also has many restaurants, retail plazas and office buildings. The area around the Albany International Airport remains an additional hub of commercial activity.

There are two main industrial areas of the Town. Railroad Avenue and Fuller Road are home to some of the older industrial enterprises in Colonie, and several large industrial complexes are located just outside the City of Watervliet boundaries along Lincoln Avenue. The Lincoln Avenue area is the subject of a Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) redevelopment plan to revitalize the area and encourage new development.

There are still large portions of the Town that are not developed, with concerted attention given toward conservation of significant environmental features and open space preservation.

In terms of the 23.8% of vacant land, the western portion of town is mostly comprised of large, undeveloped parcels which have seen some development recently. This portion of the Town is located within the Albany Pine Bush Preserve ecosystem, and is served by a sparse transportation infrastructure. Along the Mohawk River on the northern side of town, there are also significant lands that remain undeveloped. The Existing Land Use map illustrates the diversity of land uses across the Town. It is derived from the Town Assessor's database and is helpful to determine where concentrations of uses occur and where development patterns exist across the community.

Town of Colonie
2019 Comprehensive Plan Update
Existing Land Use

Legend

Existing Land Use

- No Data
- Agriculture
- Residential
- Vacant Land
- Commercial
- Recreation & Entertainment
- Community Services
- Industrial
- Public Services
- Wild, Forested, Conservation Lands & Public Parks

1 inch = 7,280 feet

Parcel data maintained by Town of Colonie and current through December 2018.
Real Property Service (RPS) data maintained by Town of Colonie. RPS data used for this map is from May 3, 2019
Water Body data provided by NYSDOT.

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Land Use Regulations

The majority of the land in the Town of the Colonie is zoned Single Family Residential (SFR), accounting for 55.7% of total land area (see Table 9). The minimum lot size in this zone in 18,000 square feet. 1.6% of the Town is classified as Multi-Family Residential (MFR). This zone allows single-, two- and multi-family residential structures, with a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet. SFR and MFR are not the only zones where residential uses are permitted.

Table 9 – Existing Zoning Districts

Zoning District Name	Acreage	% of Total
Airport Business Area (ABA)	2,155.3	6.8%
Cemetery (CEM)	806.2	2.5%
Commercial Office (CO)	1,186.1	3.7%
Commercial Office Residential (COR)	2,233.8	7.0%
Highway Commercial Office Residential (HCOR)	630.1	2.0%
Industrial (IND)	2,670.1	8.4%
Land Conservation (LC)	2,093.2	6.6%
Multi-Family Residential (MFR)	493.8	1.6%
Neighborhood Commercial Office (NCOR)	578.8	1.8%
Office Residential (OR)	753.3	2.4%
Planned Development District (PDD)	491.2	1.5%
Single-Family Residential (SFR)	17,697.1	55.7%
Total	31,789.0	100.0%

As part of the 2007 zoning code update, the Town of Colonie implemented six different commercial zones. Among these were mixed-use development districts which allow residential and other uses. These zones are the Commercial Office Residential, Highway Commercial Office Residential, Neighborhood Commercial Office Residential, and Office Residential. The zoning code update also created the Commercial Office and Airport Business Area zoning districts. The latter encompasses most portions of Routes 2, 5, 7, and 9. Combined, these six commercial districts account for 23.7% of the land use within the Town.

Approximately 2,670.1 acres, or 8.4%, of land in the Town of Colonie is designated for industrial use. There are three areas where this kind of development is located. The first is the Railroad Avenue area adjacent to the Town of Guilderland and City of Albany. The second area is approximately 2,078 acres located in the western portion of the Town near Fuller Road. The third area is approximately 723 acres located along the City of Watervliet boundary off Lincoln Avenue.

The Land Conservation Zone accounts for 6.6% of the Town's total land area. This zone has expanded 51.5% since the 2005 Comprehensive Plan adoption. Permitted uses within this zone are farms, agriculture, and nurseries, fire stations and other municipal uses, and recreation fields. Permitted accessory uses include farm stands and single-family farm homes. This zone is in several locations around the Town. Most of the Land Conservation Zone can be found along the Mohawk River in the northern part of Town, some portions of the waterfront, many areas in the western part of Town near the Albany Pine Bush Preserve, and the area just north of the Village of Colonie surrounding the Northway.

The Planned Development District (PDD) was implemented after the adoption of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan. It replaced the Planned Unit Development (PUD) district. The PDD is a floating district which provides for greater flexibility than conventional zoning as to land use and design to achieve development matched to the unique characteristics of the site. It allows for innovative development techniques that might not otherwise be possible through strict application of standard use, area, bulk and density specifications. Currently, 491.2 acres, or 1.5%, of land area in the Town uses the PDD. The Town Board has the authority to establish a PDD as well as to return a property to its prior zoning district if performance requirements are not met or substantial and continued progress in the development of the project is not made.

This PDD zoning district criteria is the most restrictive in use once the legislation is adopted. As the Town advances forward with continued land preservation practices, it should look to reduce this flexibility in the PDD legislation district and adopt language for greater preservation efforts.

In addition to zoning, the Town of Colonie adopted the conservation overlay districts with cluster subdivision and site plan review guidelines for the development process. Cluster subdivisions give developers greater flexibility than conventional subdivisions. It allows for the same number of units on a site, but concentrates them so as to preserve open space. The Current Zoning map shows where the conservation overlay districts noted above are located. The zoning map generally follows traditional development patterns, and shows where specific uses are allowed. This map was created as a part of the 2007 zoning updates, and is periodically updated as zoning is revised.

In addition, the Town of Colonie has prepared Generic Environmental Impact Statements (GEIS's) for three areas of the Town totaling approximately 15,100+/- acres: the Boght Road/Columbia Street GEIS prepared in 1988; the Airport Area GEIS prepared in 1989; and the Lishakill/Kings Road Area GEIS prepared in 1995.

These studies analyzed the cumulative and long-term impacts of projected growth in various areas across town, and set out policies and procedures for future mitigation actions to be undertaken or approved by the Town within the defined areas to offset the potential anticipated impacts of future growth and development. Over the past 25 years, these areas which include portions of the Village and Town of Colonie as well as substantial amounts of land owned by Albany County, have experienced significant growth and pressure for development.

A GEIS provides for the cumulative analysis of the numerous development projects proposed within the Study Area. It also allows for the analysis of the remaining undeveloped lands within the study Area based upon reasonable growth trends. With this information, the cumulative impacts and associated mitigation on the local infrastructure, natural resources and community services can be identified.

In addition, the GEIS also provides a mechanism for determining and assigning the costs for needed improvements, on an equitable basis, to current and future projects proposed within the Study Area. Most importantly, it addresses long-term planning issues by identifying the capital improvements that are necessary to minimize the impacts associated with development.

These "development mitigation costs" are outlined on a worksheet and provided to each developer. Transportation mitigation costs and fees are calculated utilizing the assistance of the Capital District Transportation Committee, who is the regional Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and who oversees and administers all Federal Transportation Funds for the greater Capital District.

Mitigation fees generated through the GEIS mechanism can be used for improvements such as new or expanded roads, new or improved intersections, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and other transportation-related safety improvements. Water utility improvements are also covered by the GEIS process where necessary to upgrade and improve the town's water infrastructure system. To date, the Town has collected roughly $12M in mitigation fees.

Currently, the Town is in the process of updating the Airport Area GEIS. It is recommended that the other two GEIS's should also be updated accordingly given their relative age, changes in land use development, and as resources become available.

To aid in better understanding development patterns, trends and potential conflicts between land uses, Special Uses, Use Variances, Area Variances and Design Guideline Waivers are being tracked by the PEDD. Analysis of these special zoning approvals can reveal patterns across Town where they may be more frequent or impact adjacent land uses. Knowing where these potential land use conflicts occur can be helpful when updating the zoning codes to directly address any incompatible uses or conflicts into the future.

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1 inch = 7,280 feet

Legend

Zoning Overlay Districts
- Airport Noise Overlay
- Conservation Development Overlay
- First Prize Center Redevelopment Overlay
- Historic Overlay

Zoning Districts
- Airport Business Area
- Cemetery (CEM)
- Commercial Office (CO)
- Commercial Office Residential (COR)
- Highway Commercial Office Residential (HCOR)
- Industrial
- Land Conservation
- Multi-Family Residential (MFR)
- Neighborhood Commercial Office Residential (NCOR)
- Office Residential (OR)
- PDD
- Single-Family Residential (SFR)

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Water Body data provided by NYSDOT.

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Public Safety

Police Department

In 1934, the Town Board created the Colonie Police Department, hiring a chief and 2 patrolmen with a total budget of $2,500. The 2019 Budget projected that there will be 115 sworn officers, approximately 55 support personnel, and over 60 vehicles in the police fleet. The Police Department's annual budget is approximately $16 million per year. Officers work out of the Public Safety Center located at 312 Wolf Road. This facility also houses the Town's Emergency Management Services and Justice Court.

Town of Colonie – Emergency Medical Services

A 1989 Town Board resolution created the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department. Colonie EMS is an Advanced Life Support (ALS) service with a paramedic responding to and assessing each patient. Its average ALS response time is under 7 minutes and in 2009, its long-term survival rate for cardiac arrest patients was 22%, a gold standard of EMS systems in the USA. Colonie EMS received the International Association of Fire Chiefs Heart Safe Community award in 2010 for achieving the highest resuscitation rate in the United States for a community of less than 100,000 residents. Colonie EMS has access to several special operations units such as the Life Guard Air Rescue Program, Tactical Paramedic, and Water and Ice Rescue.

Colonie EMS has six stations located strategically throughout the Town. Station 1, located in the Public Safety Building off Wolf Road, is Colonie EMS headquarters. Station 2, located in the Village of Colonie off Thunder Road, is a combined station with the Colonie Village Fire Department which serves the western portion of Town. Station 3 is located off Albany Shaker Road in Loudonville. Station 4, located within the Boght Fire Department off Preston Drive, serves the northern part of Town. Station 5 is located within the Latham Fire District's firehouse off Watervliet Shaker Road. Lastly, Station 6, off Consaul Road, is a consolidated location with the Midway Fire Department.

Fire Departments

There are 12 fire departments that serve the Town of Colonie, each operated by volunteer firefighters. These fire departments are Boght, Colonie Village, Fuller Road, Latham, Maplewood, Menands, Midway, Schuyler Heights, Shaker Road, Stanford Heights, Verdoy, and West Albany. In addition to fire emergencies, the departments provide mutual aid through ice/cold water and swift water rescue on the Mohawk River, hazardous material emergency support, and heavy rescue services. Each department celebrates Fire Prevention Week and provides community services to the Town's residents to promote fire safety.

Infrastructure

Transportation

Due to its central location within the Capital District, the Town of Colonie serves as a major crossroads within the region. US Interstate 87, commonly referred to as the Northway, and Route 9 bisect the Town from north to south. State Route 7 runs the length of Colonie from east to west from Rensselaer County to Schenectady County. Along the Town's western boundary runs Route 5 /Central Avenue from downtown Albany to downtown Schenectady. Colonie's earliest roads include Loudon Ferry Road, which crossed at a ford of the Mohawk River near the New York Power Authority property on the Cohoes Crescent Road. The Albany and Schenectady Turnpike began construction in 1802 replacing the old Kings Highway that ran between Albany and through the Pine Bush to Schenectady. Other early turnpikes in Colonie were the Troy and Schenectady Turnpike (1802) and the Watervliet Turnpike (1830) between Albany and through West Troy to Troy. The Watervliet Turnpike replaced a primitive Dutch road that once ran beside the Hudson River between Albany and points north.

Within the Town of Colonie there are approximately 11 miles of roads owned and maintained by Albany County and approximately 49 miles of roads owned and maintained by the State of New York.

The Transportation map and the Pathways map on the following pages provide a general overview of the local, County, State and Federal road network across the Town of Colonie. They also illustrate the extensive network of public transportation, special routes, and pedestrian sidewalks and trails that serve the town.

DPW Division of Highway

The Town's Division of Highway maintains approximately 1,153 town owned roads. This equates to approximately 310 centerline miles, or 60.5% of the roads within the Town. Work performed by the Division personnel includes snow removal and ice control, road paving, maintenance of roads, signage, roadway markings, drainage, tree and brush cutting and removal within the Town's right-of-way, and disposal of non-domestic dead animals. The Paving and Crack Sealing Programs are developed annually to list Town roads scheduled to receive maintenance. The schedules for each program are available on the Division's webpage. The Division also maintains approximately 36 miles of sidewalk including repairs and snow removal.

The Division of Highways offers 12-yard dumpster rentals to resident homeowners for non-commercial purposes between April and December, weather permitting. They also collect holiday trees, leaf bags, and provide rubbish roll-off containers upon request. Spoils from DPW construction projects are available as fill to private landowners in the Town at no charge in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The Spoils Policy is available for download on the Division webpage.

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Road centerline data maintained by the Town of Colonie and current through December 2018.
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Sidewalk data maintained by the Town of Colonie
CDTC Tier 1 Pedestrian Districts provided by CDTC.
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Stormwater Office

The Stormwater Office is part of the Division of Highway and is responsible for compliance with State stormwater regulations. The Office maintains drainage on Town roads, Town property, and within areas where the Town has an easement for maintenance of drainage systems. While the Office cannot legally provided maintenance on private property, it will assist property owners in the determination of public and private ownership and maintenance responsibilities, and/or possible solutions. The Office maintains Town owned stormwater retention and detention facilities and dams.

The Office also maintains the stormwater infrastructure within the Town roads, right-of-ways, and easements. This includes over 282 miles of gravity storm mains, 12 miles of lateral lines, 1,667 manholes, 12,750 catch basins, and 138 storm structures.

Public Transit

The Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) provides public bus service in the Town of Colonie through eight transit routes. Significant amongst these routes is the Capital Region's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line, the No. 905 BusPlus, which began service in 2011. It provides limited-stop service on the 17-mile stretch of Route 5/Central Avenue between downtown Schenectady and downtown Albany. The service runs through Colonie and Niskayuna where 15% of Capital Region's population lives and where 30% of jobs are located. It provides access to major destinations such as Proctor's Theater, Schenectady Community College, Colonie Center, the Capitol Building, and Empire State Plaza.

This first BusPlus route has been extremely successful. Its ridership was nearly 1.6 million during fiscal year 2013 and has grown to over 4 million rides annually. In fact, it has been so successful that another two BusPlus routes are planned.

The BusPlus Washington/Western Corridor will run eight miles through the City of Albany along Washington and Western Avenues, including the region's largest shopping center (Crossgates Mall), multiple campuses of the University at Albany, the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, the Harriman Office Campus and the College of Saint Rose. BusPlus service will operate through urban neighborhoods and business districts, providing direct connections to downtown Albany. The corridor already has over 3 million annual boardings, making it the region's second busiest.

The BusPlus River Corridor will run along the Hudson River connecting Albany, Cohoes, Menands, Troy, Waterford and Watervliet. The corridor has a growing employment base and the service will connect to a host of CDTA services including the other BusPlus lines in downtown Albany. The corridor has more than 2 million boardings annually, making it the third busiest transit corridor in the Capital Region. BusPlus is expected to reduce traffic congestion along Route 32 and stimulate economic development.

Walking and Bicycling

In the 2017 Siena College Survey, 52 percent of respondents rated the Town of Colonie as an excellent place to live, followed by 44 percent rating it as a good place to live. When asked about needed Town improvements, respondents favored more sidewalks and bicycle lane and corridor development. Respondents also expressed great interest in the preservation of natural areas, the expansion of open spaces, and the provision of more multi-use trails.

The Town of Colonie maintains 36 linear miles of sidewalk and more than 15 miles of multi-use trails. An updated Pathways Plan provides direction for additional investment in pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Development review provides the opportunity for the Town to obtain needed improvements and amenities such as added sidewalks, new benches, bicycle parking, and transit pads and shelters.

In addition the Town has been utilizing the transportation improvement program provided by NYS DOT to access grant funding for pedestrian and bicycle amenities in many locations across Town. These funds have been utilized in conjunction with the Pathways Plan, CDTC Capital Trails New York, and many other transportation related programs. The Town will continue to seek opportunities to improve transportation and pedestrian amenities utilizing the TIP Program.

Airport Enplanements

The Town of Colonie is the location of Albany International Airport (AIA), the major air center for the Capital Region, Northeastern New York and Western New England. An active airport can facilitate commerce, making the Town of Colonie a more attractive business location. At the same time, an active airport with affordable fares can contribute to quality of life by providing greater travel opportunities for Town residents.

In 2019, Albany International Airport is served by Allegiant Air, American, Cape Air, Delta, Frontier, jetBlue, Southwest, and United Airlines. There have been notable changes to Albany International Airport since the mid-2000s, most significantly, American Airline's departure in 2008 and Continental Airline's merger with United Airlines in 2010. According to the AIA, the price of jet fuel peaked around 2008 and in anticipation of higher costs, airlines hedged their purchase of fuel costs at rates above the actual market, resulting in higher ticket prices, lower capacity, and declining enplanements across the nation.

Declining enplanements in the Capital Region are reflected in Figure 10. This was also seen in larger airports. Between 2005 and 2013, Capital Region enplanements fell below 1.2 million, as did enplanements at Rochester and Syracuse airports. Buffalo's enplanements peaked in 2008 to 2,744,501 before declining steadily like its upstate counterparts. Between 2005 and 2014, Albany had the largest drop in enplanements (21%) when compared to Buffalo (2%), Rochester (19%) and Syracuse (19%). Yet with the exception of 2007, 2010, and 2013, Albany still ranked second behind Buffalo with the most enplanements. According to information provided by the AIA, Albany's 2018 enplanements were 1,466,706.

** Capital Region Indicators, Capital District Regional Planning Commission, August 2016*

Commercial and industrial businesses also have easy access to the Port of Albany-Rensselaer, a sizable deep-water port. A regional passenger rail station located just to the east of the Town in the City of Rensselaer allows for residents to quickly access all forms of transportation.

Albany County engaged Creighton Manning Engineers (CME), a local consulting firm, to review its key commercial transportation routes, many of which are located within the Town of Colonie. This goal was to determine where relations between major commercial routes and residential neighborhoods required harmonization as well as ensuring that transportation throughout the region works to facilitate economic development. The Lincoln Avenue Industrial corridor was identified as a study area in the plan. This area is of key importance because there is heavy truck traffic coming from I-787 via Route 378 (at Exit 7). Other routes that could be utilized are Route 155 and/or Route 32, both of which require routing traffic along the residential road 1st Street. The study found that the easiest method of relieving truck traffic congestion would be to develop an additional route connection to Lincoln Avenue through the existing FedEx parking lot to provide access to Route 32. This recommendation will also reduce traffic through the residential portion of 1st Street and minimize environmental concerns and costs.

The Route 32 area near Lincoln Avenue is currently being studied through a Brownfield Opportunity Area Nomination Study to revitalize the former industrial corridor. Increased pressure would be placed on Route 32 if redevelopment of unused and underutilized industrial areas were to occur. The study will recommend streetscape enhancements in the area to accommodate pedestrian and bicyclists utilizing the corridor. These enhancements would create consistency throughout the corridor. Enhancements such as providing adequate and consistent lighting, bike lanes, and sidewalks should be made to the corridor, these recommended improvements would encourage more users and have positive impacts on local traffic congestion. The new connection to the Lincoln Avenue industrial area from Route 32 would require the addition of a commercial access road flowing through the existing FedEx site.

The Route 5 Corridor Land Use and Transportation Plan was developed by CDTC in conjunction with several other state and regional organizations, multiple jurisdictions, and residents of these municipalities. Route 5 (also known as Central Avenue) is 16.5 miles long and connects the City of Albany with the City of Schenectady. The route was designed to accommodate automobile-oriented land uses, because of this the corridor has significant traffic congestion during peak commuting hours. A study conducted by CDTC identified that 15% of households and 30% of job opportunities in the area are located within a half mile of the corridor. After administering a survey to residents living near the route, CDTC found that residents want improved pedestrian amenities, mixed land use development throughout and surrounding the corridor, and solutions to accommodate multimodal traffic.

Finally, the Town of Colonie, Albany County and Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) have completed a study on the Albany Shaker Road Corridor. The study area was based on the most eastern intersection of Everett and Albany Shaker west to the intersection of Albany Shaker and Wolf Road. The study reviewed land use potential as well as traffic and pedestrian improvements needed to provide an enhanced level of safety for this important corridor. The study recommended both short- and long-term improvements for lane and speed reductions to striping, signage and access improvements. These improvements recently led to the Town's submission of a Transportation Improvement Program Grant for a potential 2019 Fiscal Year award.

Latham Water District

The Town of Colonie's primary water district is the Latham Water District, a division of the DPW. It serves the whole Town, with the exception of the Village of Menands and parts of the Maplewood area. The Latham Water District uses the Stony Creek Reservoir, Mohawk River, and wells located along the Mohawk River as its water sources. The Mohawk River provides most of the water supply. The raw water is treated at the Mohawk View Water Treatment Plant before being distributed to residents. The Latham Water District is responsible for over 430 miles of water mains. It determines future projects based off the needs identified in three Generic Environmental Impact Statements (GEIS: the Boght Road – Columbia Street Area, the Albany International Airport Area, and the Lisha Kill – Kings Road Area.

Colonie Pure Waters

Colonie Pure Waters, a division of the DPW, is responsible for the Town's sanitary sewer collection system. It maintains 400 miles of pipe and 9,376 manholes. Using the Mohawk View Water Pollution Control Plant, Pure Waters can treat 6.0 million gallons of sanitary waste per day.

Sewer service is available throughout the Town, excluding the Villages of Colonie and Menands, and is available to nearly all the developed parts of town. Public sewer is required in all new developments, the cost of sewer extension being borne by the developer.

The Town of Colonie has been able to provide adequate water infrastructure in nearly all developed parts of the Town through careful capital improvement planning and coordination. The quality of infrastructure and its associated services contribute to what makes Colonie a desired location for commercial and residential activity.

The Sewer and Water Service Area map depicts the location of the sewer and water service areas across the Town of Colonie. The Latham Water District and the Pure Waters Departments maintain accurate records and maps of all sewer and water mains across town.

Environmental Services

The Division of Environmental Services oversees the planning, development, and oversight of solid waste collection and disposal and recycling activities within the Town Solid Waste Management Planning Unit. The division's goal is to provide reliable solid waste management while providing a high level of protection for public health and the environment.

Environmental Services oversees the operation of the Town owned Landfill. The Town maintains an operating agreement with Waste Connections. The landfill gas to energy plant on site collects methane to produce clean, renewable electricity and remove harmful methane from the environment.

Services offered by the division include free household hazardous waste collection, yard waste recycling program, town yard waste composting program, and the waste transfer station.

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Water and Sewer Service Area

Legend

- Water Tanks
- Mohawk View Water Treatment Plant
- Water Service Area
- Sanitary Sewer Pump Stations
- Mohawk View Water Pollution Control Plant
- Sewer Service Area

1 inch = 7,280 feet

Water service, treatment plant and water tank data maintained by Town of Colonie Latham Water District and current through December 2018.
Sewer service, treatment plant, and pump station data maintained by Town of Colonie and current through December 2018.
Real Property Service (RPS) data maintained by Town of Colonie. RPS data used for this map is from May 3, 2019
Water Body data provided by NYSDOT.

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Natural Resources

Geology

The Town of Colonie encompasses 57.9 square miles in Albany County. It is situated north of the City of Albany and Town of Guilderland, west of the Hudson River and City of Watervliet, south of the Mohawk River, and west of the Town of Niskayuna.

Ten to fifteen thousand years ago, when the glaciers covering North America receded, a large glacial lake, Lake Albany, formed in the Capital District. As that lake drained, much of Colonie was left a moderately level area. The small drainage rill eventually became Colonie's larger creeks: Patroon Creek, Sand Creek, Lisha Kill, Shaker Creek, Delphus Kill, and the Salt Kill. Along the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers are long alluvial flats that due to continual flooding provided extremely fertile soils for agriculture. Many of the geographic features located in the Capital Region extend from the Lower Hudson River Valley because the Hudson River is tidal up to the Troy Dam.

The Capital Region is rich in wildlife habitat, with 22 significant habitat types that support species of greatest conservation need. The Hudson River Valley is broad and flat in the Capital Region, a legacy of the sands and clays left by an enormous glacial lake. The limestone Helderberg Escarpment is a prominent landscape feature on the west side of the river (located in the Town of New Scotland). The Albany Pine Bush is one of the world's few inland Pine Barrens.

As Colonie is bordered on the north by the Mohawk River, and to the west, by the Hudson River, there are significant steep slopes on the crests of those two river valleys that provide beautiful views of both the rivers and the Taconic Ridgeway to the East. The Shaker Ridge area, in the northwest, and the lands to the east of the Northway are generally gently rolling hills. Very flat areas can be found in and around Albany International Airport, and along the Route 5 – Central Avenue corridor.

Mineral Resources

The Town of Colonie has valuable mineral resources including gravel, sand and shale. Within the Town, there have been 19 mining permits issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Division of Mineral Resources. The majority of permits issued are for the mining of sand and gravel, with one permit allowing for the mining of shale. There are currently 370 acres of land that are affected by existing permits.

According to the NYSDEC Region 4 Office, Division of Mineral Resources, there is a growing depletion of gravel resources within the region as a direct result of the rate of growth in the region. Growth and development require the use of aggregate for roadways and grading purposes. At the same time, the ability to extract mineral resources has been and will continue to be reduced as increased residential growth occurs adjacent to the region's resource deposits. The noise, odor, associated truck traffic and air impacts of mining are often concerns for surrounding areas.

All mining operations must meet the requirements of the Mine Reclamation Law (Article 23, Title 27 Environmental Conservation Law Implementing Regulations – 6 NYCRR Part 420-425) and the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR). SEQR is the State law that addresses the extraction of mineral resources. Local municipalities may enact local ordinances determining whether or not to allow mining and where mining may be

permitted in the community. Local municipalities may also offer suggestions regarding the operation of a mine that address access issues, setback requirements, hours of operation, and dust control.

Geography

Soil Types

There are 77 different soil types that can be found within Colonie. Soil types are determined based on several factors such as the composition of the soil, the granularity of the soil, soil color, drainage capacity, and slope. Soils can be impacted depending on what kind of development is located on top of its surface. For example, soil type "Ur" represents urban land – or soils that have been altered or obscured by urban works and structures.

Soils in the Town were assessed for their suitability to support a septic system and only a few small areas within the Town were identified. These areas are located in the northern part of Town near the Mohawk River and in the center of Town near the Albany International Airport. Soils that are somewhat suitable for septic systems can be found more frequently throughout the Town. A majority of the Loudonville area, the western part of Town, and many areas within Latham are classified as somewhat suitable for these systems.

There were many areas where highly productive agricultural soils were identified within the Town. Today, many of these areas have been developed and are used for purposes other than agriculture. There are approximately eighteen remaining farms in Colonie, only two of which are not at least partially located on highly productive soils. These farms are spread relatively evenly throughout the Town, but there are clusters located in the northern part of Town near the Mohawk River. A majority of farms remaining in the Town of Colonie are parcels of vacant land that are part of an existing operating farm or are lands used for nurseries or greenhouses.

Areas of Steep Slopes

Areas of steep slopes (generally slopes of >25% and 2,000 contiguous square feet in area) are predominant in three parts of the Town. The largest area of steep slopes is located in the eastern part of Town. This includes much of the Latham Hamlet, Loudonville Hamlet, and the area between the City of Cohoes and the City of Watervliet. There is a smaller area of steep slope located near the Town of Colonie Golf Course located in the western part of Town. Much of the area surrounding the waterfront along the Mohawk River in the northern part of Town is also characterized by steep slopes.

Watercourses

Approximately 91 miles of watercourses are protected in the Town of Colonie and 1,921 acres of the Town are located within the protected watercourse buffer. Included for protection are major tributaries of the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers, such as the Delphus Kill, Lisha Kill, Salt Kill, Sand Creek, and Shaker Creek. Any disruption or work within 100 feet of the watercourse's banks must be approved by the Town's Significant Environmental Areas Management Appeals Board (SEAMAB).

The Mohawk and Hudson Rivers

There are approximately 10 miles of Mohawk River waterfront and 0.4 miles of Hudson River waterfront in the Town of Colonie. Not only is the Mohawk River an important natural asset with its scenic views and adjacent bike-hike trail, it is also one of the main providers of the Town's water supply. Recognized as an important, but underutilized, asset to the Town in 2002, Colonie received a grant to participate in the Countryside Exchange

program. In 2003, an international team of waterfront experts helped the Town plan for this critical area. As a result of the exchange team's recommendations, the Mohawk River Community Partners of Colonie, Inc. was organized "to identify, preserve, protect and promote the natural, scenic, cultural, historical, economic and recreational resources" of the waterfront area. This group has since disbanded.

In 2006, Master in Regional Planning candidates at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany created the Mohawk River Public Access Plan. This plan examined the 10 miles of waterfront along the Mohawk River. Its goals included improving physical and visual access to the Mohawk River, strengthening existing Mohawk Hudson Bike-Hike Trails, and enhancing recreational activities. Its recommendations included improving parking areas to enhance access, improving signage along the bike/hike paths and key areas along the waterfront, connecting existing trails to the greater regional network, as well as providing higher quality waterfront recreation and fishing areas, and controlling invasive species to promote water quality.

Wetlands and Floodplains

There are 1,531 acres of NYSDEC wetlands in the Town of Colonie. Additionally, land within 100 feet of each NYSDEC wetland is protected by the State. Wetlands are determined not only by the presence of standing water, but by certain vegetation that thrive in wet soils, that indicate the presence of moisture over a period of time. The Federal Army Corps of Engineers protects wetlands that may be smaller than NYSDEC wetlands as long as they are connected to navigable waters. The number of federally-protected wetlands in Colonie is unknown and unmapped, but is estimated to exceed the acreage of NYSDEC wetlands.

As a part of the 1972 Clean Water Act, the federal government protected wetlands for several reasons. Wetlands provide many benefits to communities, including flood and stormwater control, surface and groundwater protection, erosion control, treatment of pollution and habitat for fish and wildlife.

A floodplain is the level land along the course of a water body. To mitigate the effects of a flood during times of high water levels (after a large rain or snowmelt), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) controls and protects the areas located within these federally designated floodplains. In Colonie, these floodplain areas are located in and around the Mohawk River, Hudson River, Lisha Kill, Shaker Creek, Delphus Kill, Sand Creek, and Salt Kill.

The Constrained Lands map illustrates the location of environmental constraints that occur across town. Due to the size and scale of the town this map shows the location of larger constraints. For determination of constraints at a more local level the town can utilize their GIS mapping system to see constraints on a parcel by parcel basis.

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Stream and NYS Wetland data provided by NYSDEC.
Water Body data provided by NYSDOT.
Federal Wetland data provided by US Fish and Wildlife Service.
Floodplain data provided by FEMA.

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The Albany Pine Bush Preserve

The Albany Pine Bush Preserve is a 3,300 acre globally-rare nature preserve located in the heart of the Capital District that protects one of the best remaining inland pitch pine-scrub oak barrens in the world. This extraordinary fire-dependent ecosystem provides habitat for many plants and animals, supports 76 New York State-designated wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need, including the endangered Karner blue butterfly. A large portion of the preserve, and its 22 miles of recreational trails, are located on the southwestern border of Colonie where the Town abuts the Town of Guilderland and the City of Albany. The preserve is a National Natural Landmark, Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Site, a New York State Unique Area, a New York State Bird Conservation Area and a National Audubon Society Important Bird Area.

The preserve also hosts a Discovery Center. As the gateway to the Pine Bush, the Discovery Center is a state-of-the-art "green" certified interpretive center where visitors can enjoy interactive exhibits, an outdoor Discovery Trail, and numerous programs on the ecology, natural history, cultural history and management of the Pine Bush.

The Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission was established in 1988 by the New York State Legislature. Recognizing the Pine Bush is a "rare and endangered natural community," the Commission was charged to "protect and manage the Albany Pine Bush" for ecological, recreational and educational benefits. Management of the preserve includes a variety of tools, including the annual use of prescribed or controlled fire. The Commission consists of representatives from a coalition of public and private entities, including the Town of Colonie along with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, The Nature Conservancy, the City of Albany, the Town of Guilderland, Albany County, and four citizen representatives.

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic Resources

The first known inhabitants of Colonie were the Native Americans who settled along the Mohawk River. They likely chose this location to take advantage of the fertile soils well suited for agriculture. In the first half of the 17th century, Dutch Colonists erected Fort Orange, a trading post, in what is modern day Menands. Kiliean van Rensselaer, in an effort to further the colonization effort, purchased a large tract of land, including all of Colonie, from the Iroquois Tribe. Through exhaustive efforts, he attracted a large number of farmers and artisans to settle in this new land which at the time was known as Beverwyck. In 1664, the Dutch reign in the New World ceded to British rule, and the area was re-christened "Albany".

In 1774 the Shakers, a religious Christian sect that subscribed to tenets including celibacy, equality of the sexes, pacifism, industry, separation from the outside world, and communal living, made their first settlement in Colonie. This settlement is significant for their contributions to the garden seed industry and the invention of the flat broom and vacuumed-sealed tin cans. By the middle of the 19th century, Colonie's Shaker population had grown to 350 members. The Shakers are well known for the quality of their products and workmanship. Since then membership has dwindled to just one small settlement located in Maine.

Located near the Albany International Airport, the 733-acre Watervliet Shaker National Historic District is home to the first Shaker settlement in the United States, founded by Ann Lee in the 18th Century and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Shakers were highly regarded for their architecture, inventions, domestic arts, quality of their products and workmanship, productive, efficient, and dynamic economy, experimental expressions of spirituality, and progressive social policies and order. The Watervliet community thrived until the early 20th century, and its importance cannot be overstated. The Shakers influenced American history in the area of religious development, technology and agriculture, women's role is society, and decorative arts and design. The remaining physical resources of the Shakers are located within the Historic District in three families of buildings: the Church Family, the South Family, and the West Family, which exhibit a mix classic Shaker-style architecture. Today, the original Church Family property is owned by Albany County and is managed and preserved by the Shaker Heritage Society, a non-profit education and historic preservation group. The preservation of the remaining Shaker community structures on the Church Family property as well as elsewhere in the Historic District and preservation of the other landscape features of the Shaker community and knowledge of their cultural innovations and contributions is a priority for the Town of Colonie.

In total, 68 properties in The Town of Colonie are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including a large section of the homes on Loudon Road in Loudonville. Also on the Register is the Albany Rural Cemetery, opened in 1844 and burial site to President Chester A. Arthur, and John Van Buren, along with a number of past Albany City Fathers. National and State Registers of Historic Places located in Colonie are presented in Table 10.

Table 10 - National and Historic State Registered Places in Colonie		
National and State Registers of Historic Places	**Year Listed**	**Notes**
Watervliet Shaker Historic District	1973	
Newtonville Post Office (old Baptist Church)	1974	Old Baptist Church.
Schuyler Flatts	1974	In 1994 was also named National Historic Landmark by the Department of the Interior.
Albany Rural Cemetery	1979	
Loudon Road Historic District	1979	This includes 30 buildings, 27 on Loudon Road between 381 and 424 Loudon Road, 1 Imperial Drive, and 4 & 5 Cherry Tree Lane.
Loudon Road, Route 9, Multiple Resource District	1979	This includes eight buildings: Bryan's Store in Loudonville, the D.D.T. Moore Farmhouse, Gorham House, Hughson Mansion, Springwood Manor, Wheeler Home, Whitney Mansion and Godfrey Farmhouse.
Sage Estate	1980	Albany International.
Town of Colonie Multiple Resource District	1985	This covers 36 buildings, including a Menands Park Historic District of twelve homes on Tillinghast Avenue. The other places are scattered around the Town: 372 and 410 Albany-Shaker Road; 537 and 554 Boght Road; 225 Consaul Road; 140 Dunsbach Ferry Road; 33 Fiddlers Lane; 67 Haswell Road; 294, 441, and 463 Loudon Road; 27 Maxwell Road; 210 Old Loudon Road; 71 Old Niskayuna Road; 34 and 158 Spring Street Road; 957 and 1010 Troy-Schenectady Road; 379 Vly Road; 216 Wolf Road; 272 and 592 Broadway, and 40 Cemetery Avenue in Menands.
Casparus Pruyn House	1985	Acquired by the Town of Colonie in 1982 and restored and in use as a Cultural and Historical Center for the Town, the Pruyn House is now under the management of the Friends of Pruyn House, a non-profit organization.

** Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS).*

The Pruyn House

The Pruyn House which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places is a restored home situated on 5 ½ acres purchased by the Town of Colonie in 1983. After extensive renovations, the home opened to the public in 1985. The home is one of the oldest private residences in the Town and has a connection to the Dutch heritage of the area. Casparus Pruyn built the home on land, 180+ acres, leased from Stephen Van Rensselaer III, the last Patroon. The home which took five years to build, from 1825 to 1830, was to be a summer home and working farm. The house is a blend of Federal and Greek Revival architecture. Mr. Pruyn was employed by Mr. Van Rensselaer as his land agent. After Van Rensselaer's death in 1839, Casparus Pruyn became the owner of the property.

In 1982, after the death of the last private owner, Sid Bailey, officials of the Town of Colonie decided to purchase the home and 5 ½ acres with the intention of saving and restoring this historic site. The Friends of Pruyn House, a not-for-profit corporation, was formed with a mission, in cooperation with the Town, to conserve and preserve the Pruyn House as a historic, cultural, educational and social center for the area. After two years of renovation and repairs, the House was opened to the public in 1986.

Over the last thirty five years, much has been accomplished with the Town and Friends in collaboration. All the outbuildings have been restored: the Carriage House, the potting shed, the well house, the smoke house, and a former woodshed/privy becoming a Tool Museum. In addition, the Buhrmaster Barn was moved to the property to replace a Barn that had burned down in the mid 1900's. A one-room schoolhouse, the Verdoy Schoolhouse was moved to the site in order to save it and provide an educational experience for students today. Lastly, a restroom facility was built on the grounds.

Each year over 11,000 visitors are welcomed at this site. Tourists from across the United States and foreign countries have visited and tours are free. The site is used by various community groups and organizations for meetings and shows. These are garden clubs, Art League members, civil war re-enactors, weavers, a women's book club, contra dancers, the Town Band, a local musicians group and more.

Further, the Barn has been the location for many group fundraisers, family reunions, and weddings. The Friends has an obligation to raise money to fund planned educational and cultural programs. This includes programming for adults as well as children. Each summer, the Friends raise money by sponsoring a series of concerts in the Barn for area residents near and far. Each year a free family festival day called Old Fashioned Sunday is a big success.

The focus over the next two years is for restoration of the exterior brick on the House. Also general lighting of the grounds is critical, and lampposts need attention and replacement. Going forward we continue to focus on services we provide for the people of this area. Our doors are open twelve months of the year. The Friends and the Town continue to have a strong and supportive relationship. We are looking forward to many good years of growth and development in the future.

William K. Sanford Town Library

The Town's library is located on Albany Shaker Road, just off Exit 4 from I-87 (The Northway). The library offers 169,000 books, including 42,500 for children, 8,000 adult reference titles, 3,500 large print books, 4,400 periodicals and 4,800 audiovisual materials (compact discs, audiobooks, and videotapes) to members of the Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS). This system is a cooperative association of 29 public libraries that serves residents of the Albany and Rensselaer counties. The library has Internet and word processing computers available free for public use in both the adult and Youth Services areas. Game computers and a homework station are also available in the

Youth Services Department. The Town of Colonie Library offers programs and classes for youth, teens, and adults, as well as art exhibits. Colonie TV, the Town's local television station, is run out of the Library. Instructions on how to access Colonie TV and previously-recorded videos is available on the library's website (www.colonielibrary.org).

The library has an outdoor reading garden with wireless connectivity. The library also began over $3M in renovations in 2018 to enhance technology, improve meeting spaces and educational services, and increase efficiency and access.

Youth Programming

The Town of Colonie youth programming is part of the Parks and Recreation Department. The department works cooperatively with the local community to coordinate, plan and develop programs and services that enhance and further develop the lives of its young people. They offer a number of programs and services.

The Town's Youth Advisory Board meets the first Thursday of the month, October through May. It consists of select students from the Town's three high schools, junior high school and middle school, school administrators and various town officials. The board's activities promote civic responsibility with participating students by selecting, planning and implementing projects. Current projects include volunteering for Colonie Senior Services, conducting fundraising walks, collecting items for social service organizations, and assisting at Town special events.

The Town also holds various youth events throughout the year. The Students in Local Government Day allows the Town's public and private high school students to shadow Town Departments to learn more about how local government works.

Additionally, youth programs are offered through the library. Programs are tailored to children of all ages and interests and encourage whole family participation. These programs include:

- Storytime Programs
- Romp and Read
- Toddlertime
- Book Groups (Kindergarten-8th Grade)
- Treehouse Club
- Chess Club
- Lego Club
- Scrapbooking Club
- Read to Ruby & Glinda

Senior Services

The mission of the Town of Colonie Senior Resources (SRD) is to enrich and maintain the quality of life and independence of our town's older residents and caregivers. This is achieved by, linking individuals, families and caregivers with needed services, advocating for individuals with unmet needs, encouraging continued contribution to community life and planning for future services and programs.

The Town of Colonie, like so many communities, is aging. According to the 2010 Census data 22.9% of the Town's population is 60 and older while the baby boomer between the ages of 50-59 makes up for 15.5% of the Town's growing population. This age group is often the caregivers for their aging loved ones and are beginning to plan and prepare for their retirement and future. Residents over the age of 80 make up 5.2 % of the Town's population and

historically have been the greatest users of community based services, allowing for continued independence in their homes. As we assist and meet the needs of today's seniors, we continue to plan for the future needs of our Town's adult population.

The Senior Resources Department is the community's resource for information and assistance on senior programs and services in the Town of Colonie. The department's functions are divided into three core service categories to assist seniors efficiently and effectively: Information, Referral and Case Assistance; Benefits and Program Assistance; and Community Partnerships and Senior Clubs.

Parks and Open Space

Parks and Recreation Department

The Town of Colonie Parks and Recreation Department maintains approximately 907 acres of park and recreational areas, in addition to a 5 ½ mile section of the Mohawk Hudson Bike-Hike Trail, as shown in Table 11.

The Department runs a series of programs and events for the public, including the Summer Enrichment Program and a summer playground program. The Department is also responsible for the concert schedules for the Town Band and Town Brass Choir. Information on all other programs, events, sports teams, and rental opportunities are available on the Town's Parks & Recreation webpage.

The Town's Parks & Recreation webpage also provides current park hours, address, phone number, rules and regulations, and a park map for the larger parks, bike path, and golf course.

The Parks, Recreation and Trails map illustrates the location of the Town's extensive network of parks, recreational areas and trails.

Table 11 – Town Owned Parks and Outdoor Recreation

Park Name	Location	Land Area *(Acres)*
Town - Owned Parks		
Colonie Mohawk River Park and Dog Park	69 Schermerhorn Road	175
The Crossings of Colonie	580 Albany-Shaker Road	133
Mohawk Riverside Landing Park	4071 River Road	12.3
Schuyler Flatts Cultural Park	595 Broadway, Watervliet	43
Town Owned Pocket Parks		
Allegheny Pocket Park	24 Fairview Avenue	2.4
Burns-Whitney Pocket Park	50 Frances Place	2.2
California Avenue Pocket Park	18 Mountain View Avenue	4
Forts Ferry Pocket Park	95 Forts Ferry Road	1.5
James G. Egan Memorial Park	18A Timberland Drive	0.5
Latham-Kiwanis Pocket Park	395 Troy-Schenectady Road	1.1
Lishakill Pocket Park	44 Amelia Drive	6.3
Loudonville Pocket Park	Osborne Road	1
Maplewood Pocket Park	10 Easy Street	2.2
Maywood Pocket Park	24 Brent Street	6.1
Newtonville Park	534 Loudon Road	22.2
Palma Pocket Park	50 Van Buren Avenue	4.1
Stanford Heights	164 Nutwood Avenue	1.4
Trooper Michael J. Anson Memorial Park	14 Frederick Avenue	1.9
West Albany Memorial Park	110 Braintree Street	11.5
Town-Owned Recreation Areas		
Boght Area Baseball Complex	547A Boght Road	24.6
Lisha Kill Sports Complex	288 Consaul Road	43
North Colonie Soccer Complex	500 Boght Road	52
Pruyn House	207 Old Niskayuna Road	5.4
Town of Colonie Golf Course and Dog Park	418 Consaul Road	250

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Parcel data maintained by Town of Colonie and current through December 2018.
Real Property Service (RPS) data maintained by Town of Colonie. RPS data used for this map is from May 3, 2019
Water Body data provided by NYSDOT.

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Colonie Mohawk River Park

The Colonie Mohawk River Park opened to the public in 1967. The park is located along the Mohawk River on 160 acres and offers a wide array of amenities, including two pavilions, picnic facilities, a playground, a covered bridge, the Town Pool, five (5) softball fields, a football field, tennis courts, walking and biking trails, cross-country ski trails, and a boat launch on the Mohawk River. The park is home to Latham Lassies Softball and North Colonie Pop Warner Football. The concession stand for the recreation leagues was updated in 2018.

Colonie Town Pool

The Colonie Town Pool and Splash Pad are located within the Colonie Mohawk River Park. The pool contains an Olympic size pool with two (2) three-meter diving boards, two (2) standard diving boards, a training pool, splash pad, and bath house. The splash pad was constructed in 2018, with user-activated features for all ages including light mists, jet streams, flowing and sprinkling water effects, water loops with in-ground sprays, and splash buckets.

The Crossings of Colonie

The Crossings of Colonie opened to the public in 2003. The Crossings offers 6 ½ miles of trails, a meeting house with available conferencing facilities, a pavilion, a barrier-free playground, and a pond. The Crossings is home to the 2,500 square foot Town of Colonie Veterans Memorial, honoring Town veterans from all military branches and all wars. The Colonie Farmers' Market at the Crossings is one of the largest farmers' markets in the Capital District. It is open on Saturdays from the third Saturday in May to the first Saturday in October.

Mohawk Riverside Landing Park

The Mohawk Riverside Landing Park was opened in 2013. This park is on the site of a vacant former water treatment facility, and was opened following the demolition of a former treatment building. The park is on 12.3 acres alongside the Mohawk River and includes a trail connection to the Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail. The park is used for passive recreation and contains picnic tables and restrooms.

Schuyler Flatts

The Schuyler Flatts Cultural Park is located in Colonie between the Village of Menands and the City of Watervliet. This 43-acre site with open fields for passive recreation was deeded to the Town by the Open Space Institute in 2016. The park intends to provide educational resources to residents and visitors.

Mohawk Hudson Bike-Hike Trail

The Mohawk Hudson Bike-Hike Trail (MHBHT) is a 35-mile long multi-use trail that runs through Schenectady and Albany Counties. This trail feeds into the larger 350-mile statewide "Canalway Trail" that extends from Buffalo to Albany. In 2003, the Capital District Transportation Committee developed a plan to fill in the gaps in the trail. Priority areas for trail connections in Colonie include connecting Broadway in Colonie/Menands, the newly realigned Albany Shaker Road and Peebles Island. The Hudson Valley Greenway has long-range plans to connect the MHBHT to a trail proposed to run along the Hudson River from Albany to New York City.

The Town owns 5.5 miles of the MHBHT. This segment was constructed along the former Troy-Schenectady Rail-road. It connects the Town of Colonie with Niskayuna to the west, and Cohoes, Watervliet, and Albany to the east and south. The Town has increased the number of bike path connections in the last decade, improving access to residents and pedestrian safety.

Town Golf Course

The Town's golf course was opened in 1969 by William Mitchell, with 18 holes carved from 199 wooded acres. Today, the Town maintains the 300-acre, 36-hole public golf course and associated club house that is available to Town residents and their guests. Approximately 80,000 to 100,000 rounds of golf are played there each year. The facilities at the golf course include a Clubhouse, pro shop, restaurant and bar, snack shop, driving range, and a putting green. The Town routinely performs drainage improvements to improve course conditions. In the winter, the golf course is used for snowshoeing, cross country skiing and its pond is used for ice skating.

Sports Complexes

The Town owns and operates the Lisha Kill Sports Complex, North Colonie Sports Complex, and Boght Area Baseball Complex. The Lisha Kill Sports Complex is approximately 44 acres with eight (8) soccer fields, softball files, a concession stand, and restrooms. It is home to Colonie Girls' Softball and Colonie Soccer Club. The North Colonie Sports Complex is 50 acres with six (6) soccer fields and is home to Latham Circle Soccer. Boght Baseball Complex, home to North Colonie Youth Baseball, has eight (8) baseball fields and two (2) concession stands.

Pocket Parks

There are 12 "pocket parks" located throughout the Town providing recreational amenities. Many of these parks include playground facilities and tennis and basketball courts. The West Albany Memorial Park, at 25 acres, is the largest pocket park. West Albany Memorial has 8 baseball/softball fields available for use by the general public. Beginning in 2018, the Town began renovating the pocket parks with new playground equipment, fences, and court updates.

Parks Owned by Others

Additionally, parks and preserves owned and operated by other entities are available for use within the Town's boundaries. These parks are identified in Table 12 and shown on the Parks, Recreation and Trails map, with the exception of Heritage Park, Cook Park (located in the Village of Colonie) and Ganser Smith Park (located in the Village of Menands).

Table 12 – Parks and Outdoor Recreation Owned By Others

Park Name	Location	Land Area (Acres)
Heritage Park	770 Watervliet-Shaker Road	21.5
Ann Lee Pond Nature and Historic Preserve	Across from 875 Watervliet-Shaker Road	175
Cook Park	5 Sharon Drive	55
Ashford Glen Preserve	20 Ashford Lane	11.2
Historic Lock 4	20 Elm Street	1.9
Weighlock Park	2514 2nd Street	5.4
Polk Switzer Park	592 Broadway	4.6
Ganser Smith Park	53 Menand Road	4.8
Latham Kiwanis Memorial Park	401 Troy Schenectady Road	10.8

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Open Space

The 2010 New York State Open Space Plan identifies two major areas that the Town should review for preservation. These areas are the Albany Pine Bush Preserve and the Barge Canal/Mohawk River Waterfront. The mission of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission (APBPC) is to protect and manage the unique and endangered natural communities and species of the Albany Pine Bush, for ecological benefits and controlled and appropriate public recreation and educational use. It was identified by the Pine Bush Preserve Commission that to achieve this goal the commission must be able to acquire an estimated 2,180 acres of land surrounding the existing 3,200 acres of the preserve. The APBPC has made management goals for 2017 that may impact the surrounding areas in Colonie. The APBPC is looking to acquire more land to "infill" within the preserve. The APBPC is also looking to acquire land through easements, rights-of-way, or other means to serve as buffers to protect the preserve from the outlying community. Since the adoption of the 2017 Management Plan Update, the APBPC has added miles of trails within the Town. Additionally, a priority of preserve acquisition in the Town is to expand recreational opportunities, in particular the APBPC has placed a priority on continuing to build recreational and ecological connectivity through the Town to Woodland Preserve in Schenectady.

The State's Open Space Plan also identified the Barge Canal or Mohawk River Waterfront. The plan sets a goal to protect the significant scenic, cultural, recreational and natural resources located along the waterfront. The Mohawk River waterfront is especially important in Colonie because of its proximity to the Great Flat Aquifer located in neighboring Schenectady County. This aquifer was identified by the US EPA as one of five source aquifers in Upstate New York. Colonie should look to protect this waterfront area as it serves this important aquifer as well as the source for the Town's water supply.

The 2005 Comprehensive Plan identified the following areas where open space preservation should be maintained or established:

- Ashford Glen Preserve – The Ashford Glen Preserve is a preserved area and the opportunity exists to expand the open space resources here through creative design of development and conservation easements.

- Ann Lee Pond Area – The Ann Lee Pond is a significant natural resource in the community. Albany County is currently responsible for it. Perhaps the Town could coordinate with the County to improve access to Ann Lee Pond and improve the hiking and biking amenities there as well. This area is adjacent to a park in the Village of Colonie and expanding the protected open space in this area would assist in creating a regional open space and recreation network.

- Area north of Albany International Airport (between Route 7 and River Road) – The airport, as part of its acquisition program, has acquired several parcels in this area for preservation. The Town should encourage this program and assist when necessary.

- Mohawk River Revitalization Area – There are specific locations within this study area that might be considered for preservation. Protection of viewsheds and land stewardship should be promoted, as well as traditional uses of the land including hunting and fishing. If development occurs within this area, the use of a conservation design approach should be encouraged.

- Delphus Kill Area – The 2005 Plan recommended the preservation of the parcels within this area. The Town has acquired the Kettle Hole Bog. Also, when development does occur in this area, it should be in the form of conservation design. The opportunities for acquiring open space will be considered.

- Fonda Road Area – This area is located south of Boght Ball Fields and east of Route 9. When development occurs in this area, the use of conservation subdivision design should be required.

- Area north of Route 7 near the boundary with the City of Cohoes - When development occurs in this area, the use of conservation subdivision design should be required.

- Area south of Route 7 in the vicinity of Haswell Road - When development occurs in this area, the use of conservation subdivision design should be required.

- Area between Troy-Schenectady Road (Route 2) and Route 155 near the boundary with the City of Watervliet - When development occurs in this area, the use of conservation subdivision design should be required.

The Open Space/Recreational Inventory map was developed by identifying parcels that shall remain as open space in the Town. The open space was identified using the open space definition from State of New York Article 12-F, General Municipal Law, Section 239-8.a. The categories for the highlighted parcels, as identified in the map's legend, are as follows.

- Public – open space owned by government agencies, Albany County Airport Authority, fire departments, and school districts
- Recreation – playgrounds, paths, parks, sports facilities, passive open areas

- Land Conservancies – land identified for permanent conservation or owned by land conservancies
- HOA – land owned by homeowners' associations set aside to remain undeveloped
- Cultural/Historical – historical properties with open space. Only the open space was used in the calculation
- Cemeteries
- Conservation easements

Knowing where these lands are can be helpful in creating policies and regulations to protect and enhance them.

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Stream and NYS Wetland data provided by NYSDEC.
Water Body data provided by NYSDOT.
Federal Wetland data provided by US Fish and Wildlife Service.
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Education

Primary and Secondary

There are five school districts and eight private schools that serve students within the Town of Colonie. Not all of the schools are located within the Town of Colonie. The Mohonasen and Niskayuna School Districts predominately cover residents of the neighboring City of Schenectady, Town of Rotterdam, and Town of Niskayuna, while the Watervliet School District primarily serves residents of the City of Watervliet. Within Colonie, these five school districts encompass twelve elementary schools, two middle schools, one intermediate school, one school serving grades K-8, a junior high school, and three high schools. Table 13 shows that North Colonie Central School District (CSD) has the highest district enrollment out of all five districts. Table 14 shows the total enrollment by year of private schools within the Town of Colonie. Christian Brothers Academy has the highest enrollment of private schools in the Town with 910 students as of the 2018-2019 school year.

Table 13 – School District Enrollment

School District	Total Enrollment	Enrollment Year
Mohonasen	2,831	2017-18
Niskayuna	4,255	2017-18
North Colonie	5,685	2017-18
South Colonie	4,862	2017-18
Watervliet	1,240	2017-18

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Table 14 – Private School Enrollment

School District	Total Enrollment	Enrollment Year
Christian Brothers Academy	910	2018-19
St. Pius Academy	695	2018-19
St. Ambrose School	161	2018-19
St. Gregory School	110	2018-19
Loudonville Christian School	269	2018-19
Latham Christian Academy	149	2018-19
Our Saviors Lutheran School	144	2018-19
Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy	69	2018-19

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Post-Secondary

Colonie is also home to higher education facilities, such as Siena College located on New Loudon Road in Loudonville, and Bryant & Stratton College located on Central Avenue near the Colonie/Albany municipal boundary.

APPENDIX B

Siena College Research Institute Survey

TOWN OF COLONIE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Siena College Research Institute (SCRI) administered a survey to registered voters in the Town of Colonie to learn about their activity in the town, what their beliefs of the Town's priorities should be and how initiatives should be funded.

TOWN OF COLONIE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overall, voters within the Town of Colonie are satisfied with where they live with 95 percent of respondents saying that Colonie is either an excellent or good place to live. A majority engage in or perform activities within the Town of Colonie utilizing the amenities available. Eighty-six percent of registered voters believe that property taxes are about right considering the services they receive. Respondents are mostly satisfied with the Town's services. Ninety-one percent say where they live feels like a neighborhood, and more than three quarters say they feel safe walking or biking in their neighborhood.

The top three supported initiatives in the Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan are construction of new sidewalks along main roads, designing local roads to slow speeds and investing in improvements to Town Parks. Respondents feel that it is very important to protect environmental resources, provide incentives for reuse of old commercial sites, preserve historic sites, strengthen clearing undeveloped land regulations and to actively conserve farmland.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Nearly all respondents rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live as either excellent or good. More than half, 54 percent, rate the town as excellent with another 41 percent indicating good. The remaining 5 percent said the Town of Colonie was a fair place to live. When asked if the overall quality of life in the Town of Colonie is improving, staying the same or getting worse, 31 percent of respondents say that the quality of life is improving, 43 percent report that it is staying the same, and 23 percent report it is getting worse.

TOWN OF COLONIE

The Town of Colonie is located within Albany County in New York State. The Town of Colonie is broken up into the hamlets of Latham, Loudonville, South Colonie, Westside, and North Colonie. The Town of Colonie (not including the villages) has a population of approximately 70,000 and is home to historic sites, recreation areas, and businesses.

When asked about issues that could impact the quality of life in the Town of Colonie today and over the next several years, a substantial majority of respondents say the following are very significant: feeling safe and secure in the area around your home (71 percent), the quality of life in your neighborhood (70 percent) and traffic congestion (62 percent).

Activity engagement in town

Respondents report that they perform the following activities within the Town of Colonie:

- Grocery shopping (93 percent)
- Personal business like running errands (93 percent)
- Shopping for things other than groceries (85 percent)
- Engage in physical exercise (85 percent)
- Go to restaurant or bars (78 percent)
- Attend entertainment venues (56 percent)
- Go to their primary physician (53 percent)
- Attend religious services (50 percent)
- Go to work (26 percent)

Respondents report that they engage in the following activities in the Town of Colonie very or somewhat often:

- Gone to The Crossings (66 percent)
- Visited the William K. Sanford Town of Colonie Library (43 percent)
- Gone to Colonie Town Park (23 percent)
- Used the Ciccotti Family Recreation Center (21 percent)
- Volunteered in the town (19 percent)
- Attended public meetings (13 percent)
- Gone to the Town of Colonie Golf Course (11 percent)

Property Taxes

In regards to property taxes, respondents were asked to respond to the following statement: Property taxes we pay in the Town of Colonie are about right considering the services we receive. Eighty-six percent indicate that this is completely (33 percent) or somewhat descriptive (53 percent).

Neighborhoods

Respondents report that the following statements are somewhat or completely descriptive of their neighborhood:

- It is easy to get to stores and services (95 percent)
- It is easy to get to parks (90 percent)
- Where I live feels like a neighborhood (91 percent)
- Housing costs are reasonable (85 percent)

- I feel safe walking or biking along the roads in my neighborhood (78 percent)
- People tend to drive safely on roads in my neighborhood (65 percent)
- Roads are in good condition (63 percent)
- Commercial development is adversely affecting the neighborhood where I live (44 percent)

Town Services

Respondents report that they are somewhat or completely satisfied with the following town services:

- Police services (91 percent)
- Parks and recreation (89 percent)
- Sewer services (88 percent)
- Fire Services (87 pervent)
- Water services (87 percent)
- Emergency services (85 percent)
- Library services (79 percent)
- Community relations (69 percent)
- Road maintenance (59 percent)
- Code enforcement (59 percent)
- Responsiveness of local government (57 percent)
- Senior services (50 percent)
- Youth services (43 percent)
- Development approval process (37 percent)
- Home rehabilitation and maintenance programs (24 percent)

TOWN OF COLONIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

More than half of respondents indicate that they either somewhat or strongly support the following initiatives that may be included on the Town's Comprehensive Plan:

- Construction of new sidewalks along main roads (85 percent)
- Design neighborhood and local roads to slow speeds (81 percent)
- Invest in improvements to Town Parks (80 percent)
- Reduce the amount of new residential development (71 percent)
- Improve public transportation options (69 percent)
- Reduce the amount of new commercial development (68 percent)
- Update the Library (67 percent)
- Construct additional off-road recreation trails (66 percent)
- Create additional public access to the Mohawk River (65 percent)
- Widen existing thru-roads (65 percent)
- Create bicycle lanes on existing thru-roads (65 percent)

When asked their opinion of investing in updating Town Hall, respondents are split: 42 percent are in support and 41 percent are opposed.

Respondents were also asked to state their opinion about how important the following initiatives should be moving forward. Percentages denote either somewhat or very important:

- Protect environmental resources including wetlands and wildlife habitat (91 percent)
- Provide incentives for the reuse of old commercial buildings or sites (90 percent)
- Provide incentives for preserving historic sites and structures (88 percent)
- Strengthen regulations governing the disturbance or clearing of undeveloped land (87 percent)
- Actively conserve open land including farmland (85 percent)
- Provide incentives to assist the development and growth of local businesses (78 percent)
- Reevaluate commercial design standards (76 percent)
- Provide incentives that attract businesses to the Town (69 percent)
- Reevaluate standards for commercial signs (63 percent)
- Provide incentives for the development of affordable housing (61 percent)
- Promote the development of more single-family, detached housing (58 percent)
- Promote the development of more multi-family housing (34 percent)

Town Growth

Nearly half (48 percent) of respondents report that the rate of growth within the town has been too fast, while 49 percent believe it is acceptable, and two percent say it is too slow.

Funding Amenities & Aspects of Comprehensive Plan

Respondents indicated they would be willing to financially support these amenities at various rates:

- Conservation of open and environmentally sensitive land (55 percent)
- Construction of new sidewalks on main roads (51 percent)
- Conservation of farmland (39 percent)
- Construction of off-road recreation (27 percent)

When asked how much they would be willing to pay, the majority of respondents (65 percent) stated that they would be willing to pay something, but less than one hundred dollars annually to support the amenities. Another 14 percent said they are willing to pay more than one hundred dollars.

Support for alternative methods of raising the funds to pay for amenities included:

- Requiring developers to contribute to offset the potential impacts of their project (92 percent)
- Increasing the Real Estate Transfer Tax (51 percent)

- Borrowing of the money necessary (42 percent)
- Increasing the Town property taxes (38 percent)

Preferred Information Sources

The top three ways to reach people in the community with updates on the Comprehensive Plan are by mail (71 percent), the local newspaper (66 percent) or the Town Website (55 percent).

METHODOLOGY & NATURE OF THE SAMPLE

The Siena College Research Institute (SCRI) conducted a survey of 607 Town of Colonie registered voters (excluding the villages of Colonie and Menands) between the dates of April 3 and June 12, 2017. The survey was conducted by mail, web and phone to obtain the highest possible response rate. The demographics of the final sample of respondents is similar to the demographic profile of those who voted in 2015. Below is a map indicating the geographic location of those who completed the survey from throughout the Town of Colonie.

Town of Colonie
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

SIENA COLLEGE RESEARCH INSTITUTE
DR. DON LEVY
JUNE 21, 2017

Methodology

- Total sample of 2,000 Town of Colonie Registered Voters
- 607 Completed Surveys
- April 3 - June 12, 2017
- Multi-methodological: Mail, Web and Phone

Methodology Continued

On each attempt, respondents were offered the option to complete the survey via mail, phone or web.

Town of Colonie Geography

Albany County

Town of Colonie

Town of Colonie Geography

SAMPLE

COMPLETES

Village of Colonie

Colonie Center

Airport

Village of Menands

Nature of the Sample

	Respondents	Registered Voters	Voted 2015
Gender			
Male	42%	46%	48%
Female	51%	54%	52%
Age			
18-34	7%	20%	6%
35-49	16%	21%	15%
50-64	34%	31%	37%
65 and older	37%	28%	42%
Years lived in Town of Colonie			
Less than 5 years	8%		
5-10 years	9%		
10-20 years	19%		
20 years or more	64%		
Education			
Some college or less	38%	44%	40%
Bachelor's degree	26%	31%	31%
Graduate/Professional degree	32%	25%	28%
Household Size			
One person	15%		
Two people	44%		
Three or more people	37%		
Income			
Less than $50, 000	14%	11%	12%
$50,000 to $100,000	34%	50%	49%
$100,000 or more	39%	39%	39%
Home			
Own	88%	78%	87%
Rent	8%	22%	13%

Town of Colonie Rating

How would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?

0% of respondents answered “poor”

Activity Engagement in Town

For each of the following activities that people engage in, please indicate if you engage in this activity almost always in the Town of Colonie, usually in the Town, usually out of the Town, or almost always out of the Town:

0	1	2	3
Almost always out of town	Usually out of town	Usually in town	Almost always in town

Activity	Score	Don't know
Grocery shopping	2.72	1%
Engage in physical exercise, including walking, biking, or working out	2.48	9%
Conduct personal business, including running errands	2.38	2%
Shopping for things other than groceries	2.24	3%
Attend religious services	2.21	33%
Go to restaurants or bars	2.07	7%
Attend entertainment venues, including movies, or live entertainment	1.76	10%
Go to your primary physician	1.75	4%
Go to work	1.35	39%

Frequency of Engaging in Town Activities

Tell me if you have visited these places or engaged in these activities in the Town of Colonie very often, somewhat often, not very often, or not at all.

0	1	2	3
Not at all	Not very often	Somewhat often	Very often

Activity	Score	Very / Somewhat Often
Followed Town news through sources like the Colonie Spotlight or the Times Union	2.18	78%
Gone to The Crossings	1.88	66%
Visited the William K. Sanford Town of Colonie Library	1.46	43%
Used the Town of Colonie´s website (www.colonie.org) to get information	1.18	36%
Gone to the Mohawk River Park and Pool (also known as Colonie Town Park)	0.87	23%
Used the Ciccotti Family Recreation Center	0.78	21%
Volunteered in the Town of Colonie for or through an organization	0.75	19%
Attended any public meetings in the Town of Colonie in which there was a discussion of neighborhood or school affairs	0.69	13%
Gone to the Town of Colonie Golf Course	0.50	11%

Quality of Life

Overall, would you say the quality of life in the Town of Colonie is…

Town Growth

In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been…

Quality of Life vs Overall Town Rating vs Town Growth

In your opinion, how would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?

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Overall, would you say the quality of life in the Town of Colonie is…

Quality by Change	Excellent/Good	Fair/Poor
Improving	30	<1
Staying the same	43	1
Getting worse	19	5

In your opinion, how would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?

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In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been…

Quality by Rate of growth	Excellent/Good	Fair/Poor
Too fast	44	4
Acceptable	48	1
Too slow	2	1

Quality of Life vs Rate of Growth

Overall, would you say the quality of life in the Town of Colonie is…

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In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been…

	Improving	Staying the same	Getting worse
Too fast	8	18	21
Acceptable	22	24	2
Too slow	1	1	<1

Property Taxes

Is the following statement completely descriptive, somewhat descriptive, not very descriptive, or not at all descriptive of the Town of Colonie? Property taxes we pay in the Town of Colonie are about right considering the services we receive.

4% of respondents answered “don’t know

Town of Colonie Neighborhoods

I am going to read you a list of statements. Please tell me if each of the following statements is completely descriptive, somewhat descriptive, not very descriptive, or not at all descriptive of your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home.

Activity	Score
It is easy to get to stores and services	87%
It is easy to get to parks	83%
Where I live feels like a neighborhood	82%
I feel safe walking or biking along the roads in my neighborhood	73%
Housing costs are reasonable	73%
People tend to drive safely on local roads in my neighborhood	59%
Roads are in good condition	56%
Commercial development is adversely affecting the neighborhoods where I live	48%

Satisfaction With Town Services

How satisfied are you with the following Town services? Are you completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with...

Activity	POP Score	Don't know
Fire services	94%	12%
Emergency services	94%	14%
Police services	92%	6%
Sewer services	87%	9%
Water services	85%	7%
Responsiveness of local government	65%	25%

Satisfaction With Town Services

How satisfied are you with the following Town services? Are you completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with...

Activity	POP Score	Don't know
Code enforcement	73%	29%
Home rehabilitation and maintenance programs	68%	70%
Development approval process	54%	38%

Satisfaction With Town Services

How satisfied are you with the following Town services? Are you completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with...

Activity	POP Score	Don't know
Library services	86%	19%
Parks and recreation	84%	8%
Senior services	83%	47%
Youth services	78%	52%
Community relations / public information	69%	17%

Quality of Life: Land Use & Development

There are many issues that could impact the quality of life in the Town of Colonie today and over the next several years. A list of some of these follows. For each, please tell me whether you think it is a very significant issue, a somewhat significant issue, not a very significant issue, not at all a significant issue, or that you don´t know if it is an issue for people in the Town of Colonie.

Activity	Score	Don't know
The impact of development on natural resources (trees, waterways, wetlands, wildlife, etc.)	84%	8%
The rate of commerical development	82%	8%
The rate of construction of new housing developments	81%	6%
The quality (look and feel) of new development	78%	8%
Adequacy of parks and recreation facilities	77%	5%
Open space including farmland	74%	11%
The supply of affordable housing	70%	12%

Quality of Life: Services

There are many issues that could impact the quality of life in the Town of Colonie today and over the next several years. A list of some of these follows. For each, please tell me whether you think it is a very significant issue, a somewhat significant issue, not a very significant issue, not at all a significant issue, or that you don´t know if it is an issue for people in the Town of Colonie.

Activity	Score	Don't know
The quality of infrastructure including buried water and sewer lines	87%	12%
The availability of services for seniors	78%	18%
The availability of services for youth	76%	27%
Available options for walking or biking	74%	5%
The maintenance of public facilities including Town Hall and the Library	72%	7%
The availability of public transportation	64%	11%

Quality of Life: Other

There are many issues that could impact the quality of life in the Town of Colonie today and over the next several years. A list of some of these follows. For each, please tell me whether you think it is a very significant issue, a somewhat significant issue, not a very significant issue, not at all a significant issue, or that you don´t know if it is an issue for people in the Town of Colonie.

Activity	Score	Don't know
Quality of life in your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home	88%	3%
Feeling safe and secure in your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home	87%	2%
Traffic congestion	86%	3%
The amount residents pay in Town taxes	84%	6%
Communication between the Town and its residents	84%	5%

Support for Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan

Many programs and initiatives may be considered for inclusion in the Town´s Comprehensive Plan. For each of the following, please tell me whether you strongly support it, somewhat support it, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose it, or don´t know.

Town of Colonie Planning

And for each of the following, tell me if it is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important to be part of the Town of Colonie´s planning moving forward.

Activity	Score	Don't know
Provide incentives for the reuse of old commercial buildings or sites	85%	3%
Protect environmental resources including wetlands and wildlife hab	85%	2%
Provide incentives for preserving historic sites and structures	81%	3%
Strengthen regulations governing the disturbance or clearing of undeveloped land	80%	4%
Actively conserve open land including farmland	80%	4%
Reevaluate commercial design standards	72%	7%
Provide incentives to assist the development and growth of local businesses	69%	3%
Provide incentives that attract businesses to the Town	65%	6%
Reevaluate standards for commercial signs	61%	5%
Provide incentives for the development of affordable housing	59%	4%
Promote the development of more single-family, detached housing	57%	4%
Promote the development of more multi-family housing (apartments and townhomes)	39%	4%

Financially Supporting Amenities

Though the Town will look for outside sources of funding (grants or other state/federal funds) to reduce costs, implementing some aspects of the comprehensive plan will likely cost the Town of Colonie additional money. Which of the following amenities might you be willing to support financially?

Amount Willing to Pay for Amenities

For the types of amenities I just mentioned, how much in total might your household be willing to pay on an annual basis?

Funding for Amenities

There are actually several ways that communities can raise money to pay for amenities such as Conservation of open land or environmentally sensitive land, Conservation of farmland, Construction of new sidewalks on main roads, and Construction of off-road recreational trails. If the Town of Colonie decides to pursue these amenities it would likely create a dedicated fund for this purpose. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each of the following methods of raising money for such a fund?

Preferred Information Sources

As we prepare the Comprehensive Plan Update, and if we conduct follow-up studies or plans regarding some of the topics described in this survey, the Town of Colonie will continue to reach out to the community for input. Which of the following sources would you like to use to get information from the Town of Colonie?

Discussion

SIENAcollege™

Siena College Research Institute

TOWN OF COLONIE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

April 3, 2017

Dear [Voters_FirstName],

You have been selected at random to take part in a survey that will inform the Town of Colonie Comprehensive Planning Process.

Please take just a moment to read on.

Periodically, the Town of Colonie, evaluates its planning priorities, sort of like when a business or institution writes a strategic plan or when a family meets to work out plans for its future. The Town is currently working on a new plan, and in order to get input from a representative sample of residents, we are working with the Siena College Research Institute (SCRI) to do just that.

We are asking you, as part of scientific process designed and managed by SCRI, to be one of those representative citizens. In addition to the opportunity for any citizen to express their opinions at public meetings or by contacting me at any time, this survey is being sent to a small, randomly selected sample of citizens from around town. Some may regularly attend town meetings, some may never have been to a meeting or event. We need the input of each of you regardless of your experience with town government or town services.

It will only take a short time to sit down and fill this survey out and return it to SCRI. SCRI, will tabulate the results and present those results to the Town and all citizens in ways that summarize the results. Your name and your responses will not be made public and SCRI will guarantee both your anonymity and confidentiality.

SCRI has put a coding number on the survey in order to keep track of who has completed the survey. You can complete the survey by 1) filling out the copy that accompanies this letter and sending it back to SCRI in the envelope, or by going to www.siena.edu/scri/townofcoloniesurvey, entering your coding number (CODING #) and proceeding, or 3) calling SCRI at 783-6808 to make an appointment to take the survey on the phone.

This really is important. Your voice matters and in reality, you actually represent many other citizens that live in our community. We hope to hear from you so that we have an accurate picture of what citizens across our Town think about our Town as we move forward. I will warn you that our friends at SCRI are persistent: if you don't initially have time to respond to the survey, they will politely contact you and ask again for you fill it out.

Thanks for your help and certainly you are invited to call me with any questions. Please keep your eyes posted for announcements upon the survey's completion as to when and where you can see the results.

All the best and again, thanks,

Paula A. Maher

Town Supervisor

CODING #: CODING #

1. How long have you lived in the Town of Colonie?
   ____ Less than 2 years
   ____ At least 2 but less than 5 years
   ____ At least 5 but less than 10 years
   ____ At least 10 but less than 20 years
   ____ 20 or more years

2. Do you live in…
   ____ A single family home
   ____ An apartment
   ____ Some other living situation [describe] _____

3. Do you own or rent your home?
   ____ Own
   ____ Rent
   ____ Other

4. For each of the following activities that people engage in, please indicate how often you engage in this activity in the Town of Colonie.

	Almost Always IN Town	Usually IN Town	Usually OUT of Town	Almost Always OUT of Town	Not Applicable
a. Grocery shopping					
b. Shopping for things other than groceries					
c. Go to your primary physician					
d. Go to restaurants or bars					
e. Engage in physical exercise, including walking, biking, or working out					
f. Attend entertainment venues, including movies, or live entertainment					
g. Conduct personal business, including running errands					
h. Attend religious services					
i. Go to work					

5. For each of the following, please indicate how often you have visited these places or engaged in these activities in the Town of Colonie.

	Very Often	Somewhat Often	Not Very Often	Not At All
a. Visited the William K. Sanford Town of Colonie Library				
b. Attended any public meetings in the Town of Colonie in which there was a discussion of neighborhood or school affairs				
c. Volunteered in the Town of Colonie for or through an organization				
d. Gone to The Crossings				
e. Used the Ciccotti Family Recreation Center				
f. Gone to the Town of Colonie Golf Course				
g. Gone to the Mohawk River Park and Pool (a.k.a. Colonie Town Park)				
h. Followed Town news through sources like the Colonie Spotlight or the Times Union				
i. Used the Town of Colonie's website (www.colonie.org) to get information				

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6. In your opinion, how would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?
   ____ Excellent
   ____ Good
   ____ Fair
   ____ Poor
   ____ Don't know

7. Overall, would you say the quality of life in the Town of Colonie is…
   ____ Improving
   ____ Staying the same
   ____ Getting worse
   ____ Don't know

8. In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been…
   ____ Too fast
   ____ Acceptable
   ____ Too slow

9. To what degree is the following statement descriptive of the Town of Colonie?

   Property taxes we pay in the Town of Colonie are about right considering the services we receive.
   ____ Completely Descriptive
   ____ Somewhat Descriptive
   ____ Not Very Descriptive
   ____ Not At All Descriptive

10. To what degree is each of the following statements descriptive of your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home?

	Completely Descriptive	Somewhat Descriptive	Not Very Descriptive	Not At All Descriptive
a. Where I live feels like a neighborhood				
b. Housing costs are reasonable				
c. Roads are in good condition				
d. I feel safe walking or biking along the roads in my neighborhood				
e. People tend to drive safely on local roads in my neighborhood				
f. It is easy to get to stores and services				
g. It is easy to get to parks				
h. Commercial development is adversely affecting the neighborhood where I live				

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11. How satisfied are you with the following Town services?

	Completely Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not Very Satisfied	Not At All Satisfied	Don't Know
a. Police services					
b. Fire services					
c. Emergency services					
d. Road maintenance					
e. Parks and recreation					
f. Water services					
g. Sewer services					
h. Code enforcement					
i. Development approval process					
j. Responsiveness of local government					
k. Community relations / public information					
l. Senior services					
m. Youth services					
n. Library services					
o. Home rehabilitation and maintenance programs					

12. There are many issues that could impact the quality of life in the Town of Colonie today and over the next several years. A list of some of these follows. For each, please tell us whether you think it is a very significant issue, a somewhat significant issue, not a very significant issue, not at all a significant issue, or that you don't know if it is an issue for people in the Town of Colonie.

	Very Significant	Somewhat Significant	Not Very Significant	Not At All Significant	Don't Know
a. Traffic congestion					
b. Available options for walking or biking					
c. Open space including farmland					
d. Feeling safe and secure in your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home					
e. The supply of affordable housing					
f. The availability of services for youth					
g. The quality of infrastructure including buried water and sewer lines					
h. The availability of public transportation					
i. The amount residents pay in Town taxes					
j. The rate of commercial development					
k. The rate of construction of new housing developments					
l. The maintenance of public facilities including Town Hall and the Library					
m. The availability of services for seniors					
n. The impact of development on natural resources (trees, waterways, wetlands, wildlife, etc.)					
o. The quality (look and feel) of new development					
p. Quality of life in your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home					
q. Communication between the Town and its residents					
r. Adequacy of parks and recreation facilities					

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13. Many programs and initiatives may be considered for inclusion in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. For each of the following, indicate whether you strongly support it, somewhat support it, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose it, or don't know.

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
a. Invest in improving public transportation options					
b. Construct new sidewalks along main roads					
c. Construct additional off-road recreational trails					
d. Create bicycle lanes on existing thru-roads					
e. Widen existing thru-roads					
f. Invest in updating Town Hall					
g. Invest in updating the Library					
h. Invest in improvements to Town Parks					
i. Create additional public access to the Mohawk River					
j. Reduce the amount of new residential development allowed under the Town's regulations					
k. Reduce the amount of new commercial development allowed under the Town's regulations					
l. Design neighborhood/local roads to slow speeds					

14. And for each of the following, indicate how important you think it is that each be part of the Town of Colonie's planning moving forward. Very, somewhat, not very, not at all.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not At All Important
a. Reevaluate commercial design standards				
b. Provide incentives that attract businesses to the Town				
c. Actively conserve open land including farmland				
d. Provide incentives for the reuse of old commercial buildings or sites				
e. Promote the development of more single-family, detached housing				
f. Provide incentives for the development of affordable housing				
g. Promote the development of more multi-family housing (apartments and townhomes)				
h. Protect environmental resources including wetlands and wildlife habitat				
i. Reevaluate standards for commercial signs				
j. Provide incentives to assist the development and growth of local businesses				
k. Strengthen regulations governing the disturbance or clearing of undeveloped land				
l. Provide incentives for preserving historic sites and structures				

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Though the Town will look for outside sources of funding (grants or other state/federal funds) to reduce costs, implementing some aspects of the comprehensive plan will likely cost the Town of Colonie additional money.

15. Which of the following amenities might you be willing to support financially? Check all that apply.
    ____ Conservation of open land or environmentally sensitive land
    ____ Conservation of farmland
    ____ Construction of new sidewalks on main roads
    ____ Construction of off-road recreational trails

16. For the types of amenities described above, how much in total might your household be willing to pay on an annual basis?
    ____ $0
    ____ More than $0 but less than $50
    ____ $50 to $100
    ____ More than $100

17. There are actually several ways that communities can raise money to pay for amenities such as those described above (see question 15). If the Town of Colonie decides to pursue these amenities it would likely create a dedicated fund for this purpose. To what degree do you support or oppose each of the following methods of raising money for such a fund?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
a. Authorize an increase in Town property taxes				
b. Authorize borrowing the necessary amount of money				
c. Authorize an increase to the Real Estate Transfer Tax (the existing tax on real estate transactions)				
d. Require developers to contribute to offset the potential impacts of their project				

18. As we prepare the Comprehensive Plan Update, and if we conduct follow-up studies or plans regarding some of the topics described in this survey, the Town of Colonie will continue to reach out to the community for input. Which of the following sources would you like to use to get information from the Town of Colonie? (Check all that apply.)

    ____ Town Website
    ____ Email List
    ____ Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
    ____ Newsletter/Mailing
    ____ Local newspaper
    ____ Local Television (Colonie TV)
    ____ Local Radio
    ____ Large (Town-wide) public meetings
    ____ Small neighborhood meetings

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Please tell us a little bit about yourself:

19. How old are you?

    ____ 18-34 ____ 35-49 ____ 50-64 ____65+

20. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living in your home?

    ____ Yes ____ No

21. What is the highest level of education you have achieved?

    ____ High school or less
    ____ Some college or trade school
    ____ Bachelor's Degree
    ____ Graduate/Professional Degree

22. Which of the following represents your annual household income?

    ____ Under $50,000
    ____ $50,000-100,000
    ____ More than $100,000

23. What is the size of your household?

    ____ 1 Person
    ____ 2 People
    ____ 3 or 4 People
    ____ 5 or more People

Thank you for your participation!

Town of Colonie
conducted by the Siena College Research Institute
May 2017
607 Town of Colonie Residents
MOE +/- 4%

Q1. How long have you lived in the Town of Colonie?

		Gender		Age								Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Less than 2 years	2%	2%	2%	9%	2%	2%	0%					0%	2%	1%	2%	5%	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%	0%	3%	1%	10%
At least 2 but less than 5 years	6%	5%	6%	24%	5%	2%	5%					9%	5%	7%	6%	3%	8%	5%	3%	4%	9%	7%	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%	4%	19%
At least 5 but less than 10 years	9%	8%	12%	13%	26%	7%	4%					14%	7%	11%	11%	8%	20%	7%	5%	10%	15%	12%	6%	14%	10%	10%	12%	8%	19%
At least 10 but less than 20 years	19%	21%	16%	18%	30%	24%	10%					15%	14%	22%	14%	26%	28%	17%	16%	23%	21%	16%	16%	25%	12%	17%	24%	19%	13%
20 or more years	64%	63%	64%	36%	36%	64%	80%					61%	72%	59%	66%	58%	41%	69%	75%	61%	51%	62%	71%	54%	67%	66%	56%	66%	40%
Don't know/Refuse	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%					1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%

Q2. Do you live in…

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
A single family home	91%	93%	90%	93%	97%	95%	86%	67%	89%	93%	94%	93%	93%	82%	98%	93%	97%	90%	91%	93%	92%	78%	92%	98%	77%	91%	98%	98%	29%
An apartment	6%	5%	7%	7%	2%	3%	9%	24%	7%	4%	4%	3%	7%	13%	2%	3%	3%	6%	7%	5%	5%	18%	5%	1%	17%	6%	1%	0%	67%
Some other living situation	3%	2%	3%	0%	1%	2%	4%	9%	4%	2%	2%	4%	0%	4%	1%	5%	0%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	3%	1%	5%	3%	1%	2%	4%
Don't know/Refuse	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Q3. Do you own or rent your home?

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income				
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+		
Own	88%	89%	86%	69%	91%	94%	87%	61%	79%	90%	92%	82%	87%	82%	95%	90%	93%	87%	88%	86%	92%	71%	92%	92%	74%	88%	96%		
Rent	8%	6%	10%	11%	6%	5%	10%	30%	16%	5%	5%	9%	8%	15%	3%	6%	5%	8%	10%	8%	5%	22%	6%	3%	20%	7%	3%		
Other	4%	4%	4%	20%	3%	1%	2%	9%	5%	4%	3%	7%	5%	3%	2%	5%	1%	4%	2%	5%	4%	6%	1%	5%	6%	4%	2%		
Don't know/Refuse	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		

For each of the following activities that people engage in, please indicate if you engage in this activity almost always in the Town of Colonie, usually in the Town, usually out of the Town, or almost always out of the Town:

Q4A. Grocery shopping

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Almost always IN town	78%	78%	78%	67%	76%	79%	82%	70%	70%	80%	80%	88%	88%	80%	70%	69%	76%	79%	79%	81%	75%	88%	79%	75%	80%	84%	75%	79%	79%
Usually IN town	15%	16%	14%	22%	15%	13%	15%	20%	21%	10%	16%	5%	10%	16%	17%	22%	19%	14%	14%	14%	19%	11%	15%	17%	14%	11%	17%	16%	8%
Usually OUT of town	3%	3%	4%	7%	6%	4%	1%	7%	9%	5%	2%	4%	1%	3%	5%	5%	5%	3%	3%	3%	6%	1%	4%	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%	10%
Almost always OUT of town	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	5%	2%	0%	2%	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	3%	1%	3%	0%	0%	2%	3%	0%	2%	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%

Q4B. Shopping for things other than groceries

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Almost always IN town	36%	32%	39%	22%	31%	37%	40%	26%	26%	35%	40%	30%	35%	44%	34%	33%	33%	37%	40%	35%	31%	47%	37%	30%	43%	36%	34%	37%	38%
Usually IN town	49%	55%	45%	58%	56%	48%	47%	59%	56%	49%	48%	51%	49%	47%	48%	52%	53%	48%	47%	49%	53%	42%	49%	54%	47%	48%	52%	50%	50%
Usually OUT of town	9%	7%	11%	16%	8%	12%	6%	9%	14%	9%	9%	12%	9%	6%	12%	8%	13%	9%	8%	11%	11%	7%	10%	10%	2%	11%	10%	9%	8%
Almost always OUT of town	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	1%	0%	0%	6%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	3%	3%	4%	2%	1%	1%	5%	7%	4%	2%	3%	5%	6%	1%	4%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	7%	2%	2%	2%	4%

Q4C. Go to your primary physician

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Almost always IN town	40%	39%	41%	33%	38%	40%	43%	24%	32%	35%	44%	50%	50%	36%	36%	34%	35%	42%	44%	36%	39%	43%	43%	36%	51%	41%	37%	41%	33%
Usually IN town	13%	12%	12%	13%	10%	15%	13%	17%	12%	17%	12%	7%	10%	15%	9%	15%	15%	13%	12%	13%	15%	11%	14%	12%	6%	13%	15%	13%	17%
Usually OUT of town	22%	21%	23%	24%	22%	20%	21%	24%	28%	23%	20%	16%	21%	24%	21%	25%	25%	20%	20%	21%	22%	20%	21%	22%	15%	23%	20%	21%	29%
Almost always OUT of town	21%	24%	20%	27%	25%	23%	16%	33%	26%	21%	19%	23%	16%	21%	27%	21%	24%	21%	18%	26%	21%	17%	17%	28%	20%	19%	25%	21%	21%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	4%	4%	5%	2%	4%	2%	7%	2%	2%	5%	5%	4%	3%	4%	7%	5%	1%	5%	7%	3%	3%	9%	4%	2%	8%	4%	3%	4%	0%

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Q4D. Go to restaurants or bars

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Almost always IN town	24%	21%	26%	20%	22%	22%	27%	15%	19%	23%	26%	11%	20%	33%	23%	26%	23%	24%	29%	22%	19%	26%	24%	23%	36%	23%	21%	24%	23%
Usually IN town	54%	57%	50%	51%	54%	55%	53%	57%	51%	48%	56%	58%	55%	43%	57%	55%	54%	54%	53%	55%	54%	51%	55%	54%	51%	53%	54%	55%	48%
Usually OUT of town	13%	13%	14%	20%	18%	15%	8%	15%	23%	19%	10%	20%	16%	11%	12%	11%	17%	12%	10%	13%	18%	12%	12%	15%	8%	14%	17%	13%	15%
Almost always OUT of town	2%	2%	2%	7%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	5%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%	3%	0%	1%	3%	2%	2%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	7%	8%	8%	2%	4%	6%	11%	11%	5%	8%	7%	11%	7%	11%	7%	4%	4%	8%	7%	9%	6%	11%	7%	5%	5%	8%	6%	7%	13%

Q4E. Engage in physical exercise, including walking, biking, or working out

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Almost always IN town	53%	46%	58%	31%	51%	56%	57%	54%	46%	51%	54%	50%	50%	63%	45%	53%	49%	54%	52%	56%	52%	55%	57%	48%	52%	58%	49%	53%	56%
Usually IN town	32%	36%	29%	51%	33%	34%	24%	33%	35%	36%	31%	42%	34%	20%	40%	31%	39%	30%	27%	36%	35%	26%	28%	38%	26%	29%	37%	33%	29%
Usually OUT of town	4%	4%	4%	11%	5%	4%	3%	7%	9%	3%	4%	3%	1%	3%	6%	8%	5%	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	4%	5%	1%	4%	5%	5%	0%
Almost always OUT of town	2%	2%	2%	0%	5%	2%	1%	0%	4%	1%	2%	0%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	0%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	9%	12%	7%	7%	6%	4%	15%	7%	7%	10%	9%	5%	13%	12%	8%	6%	4%	10%	14%	5%	5%	13%	9%	6%	20%	7%	6%	8%	13%

Q4F. Attend entertainment venues, including movies, or live entertainment

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Almost always IN town	19%	15%	20%	16%	15%	20%	19%	13%	19%	21%	18%	12%	17%	26%	18%	12%	19%	19%	23%	18%	13%	19%	18%	18%	22%	19%	17%	19%	15%
Usually IN town	37%	39%	36%	33%	45%	34%	38%	35%	32%	32%	40%	31%	33%	35%	43%	41%	42%	36%	33%	38%	43%	28%	42%	38%	31%	37%	40%	39%	25%
Usually OUT of town	28%	29%	26%	31%	30%	32%	21%	28%	30%	30%	26%	36%	30%	21%	25%	30%	28%	27%	25%	26%	32%	22%	27%	30%	13%	33%	29%	28%	29%
Almost always OUT of town	6%	7%	6%	13%	7%	7%	4%	9%	12%	6%	5%	8%	8%	5%	4%	9%	8%	6%	6%	8%	6%	6%	4%	10%	7%	4%	8%	6%	4%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	10%	9%	13%	7%	2%	7%	18%	15%	7%	10%	10%	12%	12%	13%	10%	8%	3%	13%	14%	10%	6%	25%	9%	5%	27%	6%	5%	8%	27%

Q4G. Conduct personal business, including running errands

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Almost always IN town	43%	39%	46%	33%	34%	43%	49%	41%	30%	42%	46%	32%	46%	51%	38%	41%	40%	44%	45%	43%	39%	48%	45%	38%	48%	46%	38%	44%	38%
Usually IN town	50%	55%	46%	58%	57%	51%	46%	52%	60%	49%	49%	59%	50%	44%	50%	52%	56%	49%	47%	50%	56%	47%	49%	55%	45%	45%	57%	50%	58%
Usually OUT of town	4%	3%	5%	4%	6%	5%	2%	2%	9%	6%	3%	3%	3%	4%	8%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	2%
Almost always OUT of town	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	0%	0%	5%	3%	0%	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%

Q4H. Attend religious services

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Almost always IN town	38%	36%	40%	20%	36%	40%	43%	30%	26%	30%	43%	41%	40%	37%	39%	34%	43%	37%	37%	43%	38%	34%	38%	41%	35%	41%	38%	39%	25%
Usually IN town	12%	14%	11%	20%	3%	12%	14%	11%	9%	10%	13%	14%	15%	11%	11%	13%	9%	13%	13%	11%	13%	15%	12%	11%	14%	9%	12%	12%	13%
Usually OUT of town	8%	9%	8%	13%	8%	8%	8%	7%	12%	10%	7%	7%	7%	7%	9%	12%	6%	9%	7%	10%	9%	10%	10%	6%	7%	9%	8%	8%	13%
Almost always OUT of town	8%	8%	8%	7%	5%	9%	8%	13%	11%	8%	7%	8%	6%	6%	12%	9%	7%	8%	9%	6%	8%	6%	9%	8%	5%	7%	10%	9%	4%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	33%	32%	33%	40%	47%	31%	27%	39%	42%	41%	29%	31%	33%	38%	29%	31%	34%	33%	34%	30%	33%	36%	31%	34%	40%	33%	32%	32%	46%

Q4I. Go to work

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Almost always IN town	20%	22%	17%	24%	21%	31%	7%	20%	14%	23%	20%	23%	20%	18%	19%	19%	26%	18%	17%	25%	19%	11%	17%	28%	14%	20%	24%	21%	10%
Usually IN town	6%	7%	3%	11%	2%	8%	5%	4%	2%	9%	6%	9%	2%	5%	5%	5%	10%	5%	4%	6%	8%	3%	6%	7%	3%	6%	5%	5%	10%
Usually OUT of town	10%	12%	9%	22%	13%	13%	4%	13%	18%	12%	8%	4%	14%	9%	14%	9%	15%	8%	11%	6%	12%	7%	9%	12%	7%	10%	11%	10%	10%
Almost always OUT of town	25%	29%	24%	38%	52%	30%	7%	30%	44%	30%	20%	32%	19%	27%	20%	33%	40%	20%	18%	24%	34%	17%	19%	35%	9%	18%	39%	26%	17%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	39%	30%	47%	4%	12%	19%	78%	33%	23%	26%	47%	31%	46%	41%	42%	33%	10%	48%	50%	38%	27%	62%	48%	18%	66%	45%	21%	38%	52%

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For each of the following, please tell me if you have visited these places or engaged in these activities in the Town of Colonie very often, somewhat often, not very often, or not at all.

Q5A. Visited the William K. Sanford Town of Colonie Library

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very often	18%	13%	21%	9%	17%	16%	22%	11%	23%	18%	19%	14%	16%	18%	19%	19%	21%	18%	13%	18%	25%	22%	16%	20%	15%	21%	17%	19%	17%
Somewhat often	25%	23%	24%	20%	26%	25%	26%	26%	23%	25%	25%	23%	20%	29%	21%	24%	31%	23%	21%	26%	29%	25%	21%	30%	29%	23%	24%	25%	23%
Not very often	41%	46%	38%	47%	41%	44%	36%	30%	35%	43%	42%	42%	50%	40%	40%	37%	42%	41%	48%	41%	34%	37%	43%	40%	34%	43%	42%	41%	35%
Not at all	16%	17%	16%	24%	15%	14%	14%	30%	19%	12%	15%	19%	14%	13%	20%	19%	7%	18%	19%	13%	12%	16%	18%	11%	21%	13%	15%	15%	23%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%

Q5B. Attended any public meetings in the Town of Colonie in which there was a discussion of neighborhood or school affairs

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very often	3%	1%	3%	0%	2%	3%	4%	0%	5%	4%	3%	0%	2%	1%	2%	3%	4%	3%	0%	4%	6%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	5%	4%	0%
Somewhat often	10%	10%	8%	9%	6%	13%	8%	4%	2%	8%	13%	4%	12%	6%	10%	8%	10%	10%	8%	9%	13%	7%	10%	11%	3%	8%	11%	11%	2%
Not very often	38%	40%	38%	22%	45%	34%	42%	33%	30%	31%	41%	43%	34%	37%	44%	36%	39%	38%	38%	41%	36%	37%	40%	37%	33%	45%	37%	41%	15%
Not at all	48%	48%	51%	69%	44%	47%	45%	63%	60%	55%	42%	51%	52%	53%	44%	52%	46%	48%	52%	44%	44%	52%	46%	47%	60%	45%	46%	44%	83%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	4%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%

Q5C. Volunteered in the Town of Colonie for or through an organization

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very often	9%	11%	7%	4%	7%	8%	12%	4%	9%	7%	11%	1%	7%	11%	12%	6%	10%	9%	7%	9%	11%	9%	8%	10%	9%	8%	10%	9%	4%
Somewhat often	10%	10%	10%	9%	8%	12%	9%	4%	5%	13%	10%	9%	7%	11%	11%	9%	8%	11%	10%	8%	11%	8%	9%	12%	9%	11%	10%	11%	4%
Not very often	27%	31%	23%	29%	30%	29%	24%	26%	28%	28%	26%	30%	25%	27%	22%	30%	39%	24%	24%	32%	28%	26%	25%	30%	12%	31%	29%	27%	23%
Not at all	53%	48%	59%	58%	55%	50%	54%	65%	58%	50%	52%	57%	61%	49%	55%	54%	43%	55%	57%	50%	49%	56%	56%	46%	69%	49%	50%	52%	67%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%	1%	3%	0%	3%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%

Q5D. Gone to The Crossings

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very often	27%	22%	30%	20%	26%	28%	28%	28%	33%	22%	28%	16%	25%	25%	33%	28%	28%	27%	22%	31%	29%	28%	28%	26%	28%	26%	27%	27%	35%
Somewhat often	39%	36%	40%	49%	45%	35%	38%	46%	35%	38%	38%	38%	36%	47%	33%	37%	40%	39%	41%	36%	40%	42%	40%	38%	31%	45%	39%	39%	25%
Not very often	27%	33%	23%	22%	26%	29%	27%	17%	23%	33%	28%	39%	27%	20%	29%	30%	27%	27%	29%	28%	25%	22%	25%	30%	27%	23%	29%	27%	27%
Not at all	6%	7%	5%	9%	1%	8%	5%	9%	9%	5%	5%	7%	10%	4%	5%	6%	4%	6%	6%	4%	6%	8%	5%	5%	10%	5%	4%	5%	13%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	4%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	1%	0%

Q5E. Used the Ciccotti Family Recreation Center

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very often	11%	9%	11%	7%	10%	10%	14%	20%	19%	10%	10%	11%	6%	9%	15%	10%	14%	10%	7%	7%	21%	7%	13%	12%	6%	9%	14%	12%	4%
Somewhat often	10%	10%	11%	13%	9%	10%	12%	4%	16%	13%	10%	9%	12%	11%	10%	7%	15%	9%	9%	14%	10%	9%	10%	12%	14%	9%	11%	11%	8%
Not very often	22%	25%	19%	31%	31%	23%	13%	15%	18%	30%	21%	22%	19%	23%	21%	25%	36%	17%	19%	24%	23%	13%	16%	31%	12%	20%	27%	22%	19%
Not at all	55%	54%	57%	47%	48%	56%	59%	57%	47%	46%	58%	54%	61%	56%	51%	57%	34%	61%	64%	53%	45%	70%	59%	43%	66%	59%	46%	53%	67%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	4%	0%	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%

Q5F. Gone to the Town of Colonie Golf Course

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very often	5%	7%	4%	2%	2%	6%	7%	0%	5%	2%	7%	3%	6%	9%	5%	4%	2%	6%	7%	5%	4%	2%	7%	4%	5%	4%	7%	6%	4%
Somewhat often	6%	7%	5%	2%	5%	8%	4%	0%	4%	8%	6%	14%	6%	4%	4%	6%	7%	5%	6%	5%	5%	0%	7%	6%	2%	4%	7%	6%	4%
Not very often	21%	28%	15%	24%	24%	23%	17%	30%	18%	19%	20%	30%	16%	19%	20%	22%	25%	20%	16%	25%	25%	10%	22%	25%	14%	20%	28%	22%	13%
Not at all	64%	54%	71%	71%	65%	59%	67%	67%	70%	69%	62%	50%	71%	61%	66%	67%	64%	64%	67%	60%	63%	82%	59%	62%	74%	65%	56%	62%	77%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	4%	4%	4%	0%	4%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	5%	4%	2%	6%	6%	1%	2%	4%	5%	4%	2%	6%	4%	3%	5%	6%	2%	4%	2%

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Q5G. Gone to the Mohawk River Park and Pool (also known as Colonie Town Park)

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very often	5%	4%	6%	11%	5%	6%	4%	7%	7%	4%	5%	5%	7%	6%	2%	5%	7%	5%	5%	6%	5%	8%	3%	6%	7%	5%	5%	5%	6%
Somewhat often	18%	14%	21%	24%	26%	18%	12%	20%	16%	22%	17%	38%	18%	15%	7%	19%	23%	16%	15%	19%	20%	12%	16%	23%	12%	17%	24%	18%	17%
Not very often	36%	39%	33%	38%	39%	34%	35%	26%	30%	31%	39%	27%	40%	34%	36%	40%	37%	35%	35%	35%	37%	28%	36%	37%	29%	34%	36%	36%	27%
Not at all	41%	43%	39%	27%	29%	42%	47%	46%	47%	43%	39%	30%	35%	42%	55%	36%	33%	43%	44%	38%	38%	49%	44%	33%	50%	43%	34%	40%	50%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%

Q5H. Followed Town news through sources like the Colonie Spotlight or the Times Union

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very often	45%	36%	49%	18%	35%	44%	56%	30%	26%	43%	50%	41%	48%	39%	48%	37%	34%	48%	47%	42%	45%	49%	47%	40%	44%	50%	39%	46%	31%
Somewhat often	33%	39%	30%	47%	33%	36%	28%	37%	39%	30%	33%	39%	29%	36%	31%	37%	34%	33%	32%	34%	33%	30%	34%	34%	27%	31%	38%	34%	29%
Not very often	16%	21%	13%	24%	23%	15%	12%	15%	21%	23%	14%	15%	16%	17%	13%	24%	25%	14%	14%	19%	16%	10%	14%	21%	15%	14%	19%	16%	19%
Not at all	6%	5%	7%	11%	8%	5%	4%	15%	14%	5%	3%	5%	7%	6%	8%	2%	8%	4%	6%	4%	5%	9%	5%	4%	12%	5%	4%	4%	19%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%

Q5I. Used the Town of Colonie´s website (www.colonie.org) to get information

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very often	9%	7%	9%	7%	11%	10%	8%	4%	11%	4%	11%	8%	8%	8%	9%	6%	10%	9%	8%	12%	9%	10%	8%	10%	8%	9%	11%	10%	6%
Somewhat often	27%	25%	27%	20%	31%	33%	20%	35%	19%	30%	26%	15%	25%	25%	27%	34%	31%	26%	24%	31%	27%	18%	27%	30%	20%	27%	29%	29%	13%
Not very often	36%	41%	33%	38%	41%	34%	34%	28%	35%	40%	35%	55%	35%	32%	33%	38%	35%	35%	34%	34%	38%	26%	39%	36%	23%	34%	41%	37%	25%
Not at all	28%	27%	30%	36%	16%	23%	36%	33%	35%	25%	27%	22%	32%	34%	31%	21%	23%	29%	33%	23%	25%	46%	25%	24%	48%	30%	18%	24%	56%
Don't know/Not Applicable/Refuse	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Q6. In your opinion, how would you rate the Town of Colonie as a place to live?

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Excellent	54%	54%	56%	51%	46%	53%	58%	54%	42%	50%	56%	55%	56%	56%	58%	51%	48%	55%	61%	45%	51%	60%	55%	49%	60%	53%	54%	55%	54%
Good	41%	42%	39%	42%	48%	41%	37%	39%	54%	44%	37%	39%	42%	39%	36%	43%	43%	40%	34%	49%	43%	34%	41%	45%	34%	45%	40%	40%	38%
Fair	5%	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%	4%	7%	4%	5%	5%	5%	2%	4%	5%	6%	8%	4%	4%	6%	5%	6%	4%	6%	6%	2%	5%	5%	8%
Poor	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Q7. Overall, would you say the quality of life in the Town of Colonie is…

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Improving	31%	34%	31%	27%	31%	24%	37%	41%	30%	27%	31%	34%	30%	38%	33%	26%	30%	31%	34%	25%	31%	36%	29%	30%	33%	33%	28%	30%	44%
Staying the same	43%	46%	46%	53%	48%	47%	38%	43%	54%	48%	40%	42%	51%	45%	43%	48%	48%	44%	46%	46%	41%	38%	44%	48%	51%	43%	45%	43%	35%
Getting worse	23%	18%	20%	18%	19%	25%	22%	7%	14%	23%	27%	18%	15%	15%	22%	23%	22%	23%	18%	26%	25%	20%	24%	21%	13%	20%	24%	24%	15%
Don't know/No opinion	3%	2%	4%	2%	1%	3%	3%	9%	2%	3%	2%	7%	4%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%	4%	6%	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	2%	6%

Q8. In your opinion, has the overall rate of growth in the Town of Colonie been…

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Too fast	48%	45%	45%	24%	54%	49%	48%	22%	46%	50%	51%	41%	48%	43%	46%	46%	51%	47%	45%	49%	51%	44%	48%	49%	40%	50%	46%	51%	21%
Acceptable	49%	51%	53%	67%	45%	46%	51%	72%	54%	45%	46%	55%	51%	55%	52%	47%	47%	50%	52%	48%	46%	52%	51%	47%	57%	48%	50%	46%	77%
Too slow	2%	3%	2%	4%	1%	3%	1%	4%	0%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	1%	4%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%

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Q9. Is the following statement completely descriptive, somewhat descriptive, not very descriptive, or not at all descriptive of the Town of Colonie? Property taxes we pay in the Town of Colonie are about right considering the services we receive.

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely descriptive	33%	30%	38%	27%	29%	30%	42%	13%	30%	30%	37%	28%	36%	35%	39%	33%	28%	36%	36%	34%	32%	25%	39%	32%	33%	36%	36%	36%	17%
Somewhat descriptive	53%	59%	46%	58%	61%	58%	44%	63%	60%	54%	51%	55%	53%	53%	47%	54%	60%	51%	51%	49%	59%	48%	53%	55%	43%	53%	55%	54%	50%
Not very descriptive	7%	6%	8%	2%	6%	9%	7%	2%	4%	10%	8%	9%	5%	6%	9%	6%	8%	7%	7%	11%	5%	15%	3%	9%	12%	7%	5%	7%	8%
Not at all descriptive	2%	2%	3%	9%	3%	1%	1%	7%	0%	3%	2%	5%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%	3%	0%	2%	3%	2%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	2%	4%	4%	1%	2%	6%	15%	7%	3%	2%	1%	5%	4%	2%	5%	1%	4%	4%	3%	3%	12%	2%	1%	13%	2%	0%	1%	25%

I am going to read you a list of statements. Please tell me if each of the following statements is completely descriptive, somewhat descriptive, not very descriptive, or not at all descriptive of your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home.

Q10A. Where I live feels like a neighborhood

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely descriptive	57%	58%	58%	60%	54%	56%	59%	48%	63%	54%	58%	58%	61%	55%	65%	50%	54%	58%	60%	53%	56%	52%	60%	56%	52%	53%	65%	58%	42%
Somewhat descriptive	34%	33%	34%	36%	35%	33%	32%	46%	21%	35%	34%	31%	31%	39%	26%	40%	37%	32%	31%	35%	37%	37%	33%	33%	35%	38%	28%	33%	38%
Not very descriptive	6%	7%	5%	2%	7%	7%	5%	7%	9%	8%	6%	9%	7%	4%	5%	6%	4%	7%	4%	9%	5%	7%	5%	7%	6%	7%	5%	6%	15%
Not at all descriptive	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%	0%	7%	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%	3%	4%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	5%	1%	2%	2%	6%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%

Q10B. Housing costs are reasonable

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely descriptive	31%	30%	34%	24%	25%	30%	37%	17%	30%	28%	33%	28%	37%	33%	38%	22%	29%	32%	36%	29%	27%	31%	36%	25%	37%	30%	32%	33%	23%
Somewhat descriptive	54%	58%	49%	64%	64%	56%	47%	61%	61%	55%	52%	59%	51%	47%	48%	64%	59%	53%	48%	60%	57%	45%	51%	62%	43%	57%	57%	55%	48%
Not very descriptive	10%	9%	10%	7%	9%	10%	10%	13%	5%	13%	10%	7%	9%	13%	11%	6%	9%	10%	10%	9%	11%	13%	9%	10%	12%	9%	8%	9%	19%
Not at all descriptive	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	0%	4%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	6%	0%	0%	1%	6%
Don't know/No opinion	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	4%	9%	0%	3%	3%	4%	1%	4%	2%	6%	2%	4%	4%	2%	4%	7%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	4%

Q10C. Roads are in good condition

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely descriptive	17%	19%	18%	13%	14%	14%	23%	13%	26%	18%	16%	16%	20%	18%	20%	16%	14%	18%	18%	18%	16%	19%	17%	17%	19%	19%	16%	18%	13%
Somewhat descriptive	46%	46%	46%	58%	45%	46%	45%	63%	42%	50%	43%	57%	44%	41%	45%	51%	46%	46%	46%	44%	48%	47%	48%	44%	45%	47%	45%	44%	56%
Not very descriptive	22%	21%	21%	22%	30%	21%	17%	17%	21%	22%	22%	15%	21%	20%	26%	21%	28%	20%	19%	23%	23%	25%	18%	24%	21%	21%	24%	22%	17%
Not at all descriptive	14%	11%	14%	7%	9%	18%	12%	7%	11%	9%	17%	11%	13%	17%	8%	12%	12%	14%	15%	14%	11%	8%	15%	14%	13%	12%	13%	14%	13%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	3%	4%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%

Q10D. I feel safe walking or biking along the roads in my neighborhood

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely descriptive	45%	50%	45%	53%	40%	50%	43%	33%	47%	45%	47%	53%	50%	42%	51%	44%	46%	46%	48%	47%	41%	42%	47%	46%	44%	46%	49%	45%	48%
Somewhat descriptive	33%	32%	35%	33%	36%	26%	37%	41%	35%	31%	33%	26%	38%	42%	25%	33%	31%	34%	32%	35%	31%	42%	31%	31%	37%	32%	31%	32%	42%
Not very descriptive	12%	11%	11%	2%	13%	12%	13%	13%	9%	13%	11%	14%	7%	7%	14%	12%	9%	13%	10%	10%	15%	9%	16%	9%	9%	15%	10%	12%	8%
Not at all descriptive	8%	7%	7%	11%	9%	10%	4%	9%	7%	9%	8%	8%	5%	5%	7%	10%	14%	6%	7%	5%	11%	4%	4%	12%	7%	6%	8%	9%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	1%	3%	0%	1%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%	4%	3%	0%	0%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

Q10E. People tend to drive safely on local roads in my neighborhood

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely descriptive	21%	21%	23%	16%	19%	23%	21%	11%	26%	21%	22%	20%	27%	21%	26%	15%	21%	21%	19%	24%	21%	25%	20%	21%	24%	17%	25%	21%	27%
Somewhat descriptive	44%	48%	42%	60%	45%	41%	44%	70%	46%	38%	42%	45%	40%	46%	39%	55%	44%	44%	46%	41%	45%	46%	45%	43%	40%	46%	45%	44%	42%
Not very descriptive	24%	21%	25%	18%	21%	27%	25%	13%	18%	29%	25%	24%	26%	20%	27%	20%	19%	26%	24%	25%	25%	18%	29%	23%	20%	28%	23%	25%	17%
Not at all descriptive	10%	9%	9%	7%	12%	9%	8%	7%	11%	10%	11%	8%	7%	13%	7%	9%	15%	8%	10%	9%	9%	11%	6%	12%	14%	9%	7%	10%	13%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	3%	0%	3%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%

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Q10F. It is easy to get to stores and services

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely descriptive	68%	68%	71%	76%	62%	69%	68%	72%	61%	66%	69%	80%	70%	70%	68%	63%	64%	69%	70%	72%	62%	69%	69%	67%	73%	67%	67%	67%	75%
Somewhat descriptive	27%	29%	24%	24%	33%	25%	27%	24%	32%	30%	26%	15%	29%	25%	26%	33%	31%	26%	26%	25%	31%	26%	25%	30%	19%	29%	28%	29%	17%
Not very descriptive	3%	2%	4%	0%	4%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	5%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	6%
Not at all descriptive	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	5%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	5%	0%	1%	1%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

Q10G. It is easy to get to parks

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely descriptive	60%	57%	64%	67%	55%	58%	63%	59%	58%	57%	62%	73%	55%	62%	67%	54%	56%	61%	63%	62%	54%	62%	63%	55%	62%	59%	62%	60%	54%
Somewhat descriptive	30%	32%	27%	22%	32%	28%	31%	35%	26%	28%	30%	19%	34%	32%	23%	33%	29%	29%	29%	31%	29%	28%	30%	29%	28%	32%	26%	29%	38%
Not very descriptive	8%	7%	7%	9%	11%	11%	4%	7%	9%	12%	7%	8%	10%	3%	7%	11%	12%	7%	6%	6%	14%	6%	6%	13%	3%	9%	10%	8%	0%
Not at all descriptive	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	5%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	0%	1%	1%	4%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%	3%	0%	1%	1%	4%

Q10H. Commercial development is adversely affecting the neighborhood where I live

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely descriptive	20%	18%	17%	18%	21%	24%	16%	7%	19%	20%	22%	16%	21%	14%	17%	19%	22%	19%	19%	19%	22%	24%	18%	20%	23%	18%	18%	21%	17%
Somewhat descriptive	24%	22%	26%	16%	23%	24%	28%	13%	23%	19%	27%	12%	25%	27%	23%	28%	21%	26%	28%	20%	25%	24%	24%	26%	26%	28%	22%	24%	21%
Not very descriptive	33%	38%	34%	49%	40%	31%	28%	50%	35%	37%	30%	50%	34%	35%	33%	31%	40%	31%	28%	38%	34%	25%	34%	35%	23%	31%	40%	33%	40%
Not at all descriptive	20%	21%	21%	18%	15%	20%	24%	28%	23%	24%	17%	22%	21%	20%	24%	19%	16%	22%	22%	20%	18%	24%	21%	19%	27%	20%	19%	20%	19%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%	4%	2%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	4%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%

How satisfied are you with the following Town services? Are you completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with...

Q11A. Police services

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	72%	71%	72%	60%	70%	72%	75%	59%	67%	71%	75%	80%	71%	71%	70%	69%	68%	73%	74%	74%	69%	66%	76%	70%	71%	70%	74%	73%	60%
Somewhat satisfied	19%	22%	18%	27%	17%	21%	17%	28%	21%	18%	19%	15%	19%	18%	23%	23%	21%	19%	18%	18%	22%	21%	16%	23%	14%	21%	20%	19%	23%
Not very satisfied	2%	2%	2%	2%	5%	1%	2%	4%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	0%
Not at all satisfied	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	6%	5%	7%	11%	8%	5%	6%	9%	11%	10%	4%	4%	9%	8%	5%	5%	7%	6%	4%	8%	8%	11%	6%	5%	12%	6%	5%	5%	17%

Q11B. Fire services

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	74%	73%	76%	67%	77%	74%	75%	65%	67%	73%	76%	82%	77%	75%	74%	66%	72%	74%	79%	74%	68%	72%	74%	75%	76%	73%	74%	74%	67%
Somewhat satisfied	13%	14%	12%	16%	12%	11%	14%	22%	14%	10%	12%	9%	11%	14%	11%	18%	13%	13%	13%	10%	14%	12%	12%	13%	13%	15%	10%	13%	13%
Not very satisfied	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Not at all satisfied	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	11%	13%	13%	10%	14%	11%	11%	18%	16%	10%	5%	12%	9%	14%	15%	13%	12%	7%	14%	16%	15%	12%	10%	12%	11%	13%	11%	17%

Q11C. Emergency services

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	73%	74%	71%	64%	73%	73%	75%	65%	61%	72%	75%	78%	75%	70%	75%	67%	72%	73%	79%	69%	69%	71%	73%	73%	76%	70%	74%	73%	65%
Somewhat satisfied	12%	13%	13%	18%	11%	11%	12%	20%	18%	10%	12%	9%	9%	17%	11%	16%	9%	13%	12%	14%	10%	12%	13%	11%	13%	14%	11%	12%	17%
Not very satisfied	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	4%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	3%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	6%
Not at all satisfied	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	14%	12%	15%	18%	14%	15%	12%	15%	18%	18%	12%	12%	16%	13%	13%	15%	16%	13%	7%	17%	20%	16%	13%	15%	10%	16%	14%	14%	13%

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Q11D. Road maintenance

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	14%	15%	15%	11%	15%	10%	17%	11%	18%	15%	14%	14%	20%	15%	14%	13%	10%	15%	18%	13%	10%	18%	14%	12%	21%	15%	12%	15%	10%
Somewhat satisfied	45%	45%	46%	58%	41%	44%	48%	63%	53%	43%	43%	53%	38%	39%	49%	54%	48%	45%	40%	48%	51%	46%	45%	48%	41%	49%	45%	44%	54%
Not very satisfied	23%	23%	22%	16%	29%	26%	18%	17%	18%	25%	24%	23%	23%	20%	26%	21%	27%	22%	23%	20%	26%	20%	23%	24%	20%	22%	25%	24%	15%
Not at all satisfied	14%	13%	13%	9%	11%	17%	12%	4%	11%	10%	16%	11%	14%	16%	9%	10%	12%	14%	14%	14%	11%	8%	15%	14%	9%	11%	16%	14%	8%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	4%	4%	7%	3%	2%	5%	4%	2%	7%	3%	0%	5%	8%	2%	2%	3%	4%	5%	4%	2%	8%	4%	2%	9%	3%	3%	3%	13%

Q11E. Parks and recreation

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	52%	48%	57%	38%	57%	52%	55%	48%	51%	48%	54%	57%	53%	52%	56%	49%	47%	54%	61%	50%	44%	51%	56%	49%	53%	57%	49%	53%	48%
Somewhat satisfied	37%	40%	32%	53%	37%	39%	31%	46%	37%	39%	35%	35%	33%	32%	33%	45%	43%	35%	26%	41%	47%	30%	34%	43%	26%	32%	42%	37%	31%
Not very satisfied	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	0%	4%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	1%	3%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%
Not at all satisfied	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	8%	9%	8%	7%	3%	8%	11%	7%	9%	11%	7%	4%	11%	11%	10%	3%	4%	9%	10%	7%	6%	18%	7%	5%	17%	9%	6%	7%	21%

Q11F. Water services

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	60%	62%	60%	58%	63%	59%	63%	50%	58%	52%	63%	66%	61%	61%	62%	55%	58%	61%	63%	57%	60%	64%	60%	60%	60%	60%	62%	61%	44%
Somewhat satisfied	27%	27%	27%	29%	24%	28%	24%	30%	30%	33%	25%	27%	25%	25%	26%	31%	31%	25%	24%	28%	27%	22%	26%	29%	22%	25%	28%	28%	25%
Not very satisfied	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%	6%	3%	4%	7%	3%	5%	5%	5%	2%	6%	6%	3%	5%	3%	6%	5%	3%	6%	4%	2%	7%	4%	4%	8%
Not at all satisfied	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	7%	5%	8%	9%	5%	5%	8%	13%	4%	9%	6%	1%	8%	11%	4%	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%	6%	10%	7%	5%	13%	7%	5%	5%	21%

Q11G. Sewer services

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	61%	63%	61%	56%	61%	61%	64%	50%	60%	54%	64%	66%	64%	61%	65%	53%	59%	62%	64%	60%	59%	60%	63%	60%	62%	62%	62%	63%	33%
Somewhat satisfied	27%	27%	25%	22%	27%	28%	23%	33%	28%	30%	25%	26%	23%	29%	24%	26%	28%	25%	24%	27%	28%	21%	25%	29%	19%	25%	28%	26%	31%
Not very satisfied	2%	2%	2%	7%	3%	2%	1%	0%	5%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Not at all satisfied	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	9%	7%	11%	13%	9%	7%	10%	17%	7%	12%	7%	5%	8%	9%	6%	17%	8%	9%	8%	10%	10%	16%	8%	8%	15%	9%	7%	6%	33%

Q11H. Code enforcement

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	29%	35%	27%	40%	28%	26%	31%	28%	37%	23%	30%	32%	32%	29%	34%	27%	28%	30%	33%	31%	24%	28%	26%	34%	33%	33%	27%	29%	25%
Somewhat satisfied	30%	34%	29%	22%	31%	33%	28%	28%	32%	31%	30%	35%	29%	30%	33%	31%	31%	31%	31%	28%	32%	25%	33%	29%	28%	30%	31%	30%	23%
Not very satisfied	7%	5%	6%	2%	4%	11%	5%	0%	5%	9%	8%	7%	6%	4%	5%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%	7%	7%	7%	9%	5%	8%	7%	8%
Not at all satisfied	4%	3%	3%	4%	1%	4%	5%	0%	0%	3%	5%	1%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%	3%	2%	7%	1%	5%	4%	2%	2%	5%	4%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	29%	23%	35%	31%	35%	25%	30%	43%	26%	34%	27%	24%	31%	35%	25%	31%	31%	29%	27%	33%	29%	39%	28%	26%	28%	30%	29%	29%	42%

Q11I. Development approval process

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	12%	16%	10%	13%	8%	11%	14%	13%	12%	7%	13%	15%	14%	9%	17%	10%	12%	12%	16%	11%	8%	13%	12%	11%	16%	15%	10%	12%	15%
Somewhat satisfied	25%	32%	22%	20%	23%	23%	28%	24%	19%	22%	27%	22%	26%	30%	32%	21%	22%	26%	27%	22%	25%	26%	25%	25%	28%	25%	26%	25%	27%
Not very satisfied	14%	12%	14%	13%	13%	16%	13%	9%	7%	8%	18%	15%	10%	17%	8%	15%	13%	14%	14%	15%	12%	3%	16%	15%	6%	14%	15%	15%	4%
Not at all satisfied	11%	9%	7%	9%	9%	13%	9%	2%	12%	14%	11%	11%	9%	2%	7%	11%	13%	10%	7%	12%	16%	9%	12%	11%	9%	7%	13%	11%	10%
Don't know/No opinion	38%	30%	48%	44%	46%	36%	36%	52%	49%	50%	31%	38%	40%	42%	36%	43%	40%	38%	37%	40%	38%	48%	35%	38%	41%	40%	37%	37%	44%

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Q11J. Responsiveness of local government

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	19%	20%	21%	13%	15%	18%	24%	24%	18%	16%	19%	19%	21%	18%	23%	20%	17%	20%	22%	20%	16%	24%	18%	19%	23%	23%	17%	19%	21%
Somewhat satisfied	38%	41%	37%	22%	43%	36%	40%	26%	40%	34%	40%	35%	35%	42%	39%	41%	37%	38%	35%	34%	43%	33%	41%	36%	31%	36%	39%	39%	31%
Not very satisfied	13%	11%	12%	16%	12%	16%	10%	2%	11%	13%	14%	8%	10%	12%	11%	15%	13%	13%	12%	16%	11%	10%	12%	14%	9%	12%	15%	13%	4%
Not at all satisfied	5%	5%	3%	4%	2%	7%	4%	0%	4%	3%	6%	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%	7%	4%	4%	4%	8%	1%	5%	7%	5%	3%	5%	6%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	25%	23%	29%	44%	27%	23%	22%	48%	28%	34%	20%	34%	31%	27%	25%	19%	26%	25%	27%	26%	22%	33%	23%	24%	31%	26%	24%	24%	42%

Q11K. Community relations / public information

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	25%	25%	27%	20%	18%	23%	30%	24%	30%	21%	25%	23%	26%	25%	29%	25%	21%	26%	31%	22%	20%	26%	25%	24%	28%	27%	23%	24%	27%
Somewhat satisfied	44%	44%	46%	31%	55%	45%	41%	37%	44%	43%	46%	43%	44%	48%	42%	47%	42%	45%	41%	45%	46%	40%	45%	45%	35%	50%	45%	44%	40%
Not very satisfied	11%	12%	9%	16%	10%	12%	8%	7%	5%	10%	12%	12%	7%	8%	10%	14%	12%	10%	8%	12%	12%	9%	11%	10%	6%	8%	14%	11%	4%
Not at all satisfied	4%	2%	3%	4%	1%	5%	3%	0%	4%	4%	4%	1%	6%	2%	2%	0%	7%	3%	3%	3%	6%	2%	4%	5%	5%	2%	3%	4%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	17%	18%	16%	29%	16%	13%	18%	33%	18%	21%	13%	20%	18%	17%	18%	14%	19%	16%	16%	19%	16%	22%	14%	17%	27%	14%	15%	16%	27%

Q11L. Senior services

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	29%	28%	30%	16%	10%	23%	46%	24%	23%	16%	33%	23%	30%	30%	33%	24%	16%	33%	35%	25%	24%	36%	33%	21%	44%	31%	21%	28%	35%
Somewhat satisfied	21%	23%	20%	18%	15%	23%	23%	17%	18%	17%	24%	23%	23%	22%	20%	19%	14%	24%	20%	26%	21%	21%	26%	17%	15%	26%	19%	21%	17%
Not very satisfied	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	4%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%
Not at all satisfied	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	47%	46%	48%	64%	75%	49%	29%	59%	58%	66%	39%	53%	43%	44%	45%	56%	67%	41%	43%	47%	53%	38%	39%	60%	37%	39%	58%	48%	42%

Q11M. Youth services

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	21%	21%	20%	20%	20%	22%	22%	15%	19%	16%	23%	19%	22%	18%	26%	19%	27%	19%	24%	19%	19%	15%	19%	26%	20%	22%	22%	22%	15%
Somewhat satisfied	22%	25%	21%	20%	31%	24%	16%	20%	26%	21%	23%	30%	20%	24%	17%	24%	34%	19%	16%	24%	28%	19%	18%	29%	10%	22%	28%	22%	21%
Not very satisfied	4%	5%	3%	11%	6%	4%	2%	2%	4%	3%	5%	0%	7%	6%	4%	4%	10%	3%	3%	4%	5%	1%	3%	7%	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%
Not at all satisfied	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	52%	48%	55%	49%	42%	49%	60%	63%	49%	60%	49%	50%	51%	52%	52%	53%	29%	58%	56%	51%	47%	65%	59%	37%	64%	52%	46%	51%	58%

Q11N. Library services

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	50%	46%	52%	29%	47%	51%	55%	33%	53%	45%	53%	43%	50%	49%	54%	48%	55%	48%	51%	48%	49%	49%	48%	53%	53%	51%	46%	51%	38%
Somewhat satisfied	29%	31%	27%	36%	35%	28%	26%	37%	28%	30%	28%	31%	31%	29%	20%	35%	30%	29%	23%	31%	35%	26%	29%	30%	16%	28%	33%	29%	35%
Not very satisfied	1%	0%	2%	4%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Not at all satisfied	1%	0%	1%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	19%	22%	19%	27%	17%	19%	19%	28%	16%	24%	18%	23%	18%	21%	24%	16%	13%	21%	24%	20%	13%	24%	20%	16%	28%	19%	19%	19%	25%

Q11O. Home rehabilitation and maintenance programs

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Completely satisfied	10%	9%	11%	11%	6%	9%	13%	7%	9%	4%	12%	9%	11%	10%	13%	8%	8%	11%	12%	7%	10%	12%	10%	9%	15%	11%	8%	10%	8%
Somewhat satisfied	14%	16%	11%	9%	6%	16%	15%	13%	11%	12%	15%	11%	12%	15%	11%	18%	9%	15%	16%	12%	12%	16%	15%	10%	12%	15%	13%	13%	19%
Not very satisfied	4%	6%	1%	11%	4%	5%	2%	0%	2%	3%	5%	1%	1%	6%	2%	6%	6%	4%	3%	6%	4%	2%	3%	7%	2%	4%	5%	4%	4%
Not at all satisfied	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	6%	3%	1%	2%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	70%	65%	74%	64%	82%	68%	68%	80%	77%	78%	66%	74%	73%	65%	73%	68%	72%	69%	67%	72%	72%	66%	69%	72%	65%	67%	74%	70%	67%

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There are many issues that could impact the quality of life in the Town of Colonie today and over the next several years. A list of some of these follows. For each, please tell me whether you think it is a very significant issue, a somewhat significant issue, not a very significant issue, not at all a significant issue, or that you don´t know if it is an issue for people in the Town of Colonie.

Q12A. Traffic congestion

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	62%	58%	62%	38%	57%	67%	64%	50%	47%	57%	67%	49%	63%	58%	67%	59%	58%	63%	61%	62%	62%	58%	64%	60%	57%	64%	60%	64%	44%
Somewhat significant	29%	32%	30%	51%	36%	26%	26%	43%	39%	32%	26%	42%	29%	30%	23%	36%	33%	29%	30%	30%	30%	26%	29%	33%	29%	29%	31%	29%	40%
Not very significant	5%	7%	4%	7%	5%	5%	6%	4%	11%	4%	5%	9%	6%	5%	6%	4%	8%	5%	5%	5%	7%	8%	4%	6%	3%	5%	7%	6%	6%
Not at all significant	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	4%	6%	2%	0%	2%	7%	4%	1%	1%	3%	4%	3%	2%	8%	2%	1%	10%	1%	2%	2%	10%

Q12B. Available options for walking or biking

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	40%	38%	39%	31%	45%	46%	34%	39%	47%	35%	41%	35%	32%	35%	45%	48%	46%	39%	37%	39%	46%	26%	41%	45%	31%	38%	47%	40%	38%
Somewhat significant	40%	39%	41%	44%	38%	37%	43%	52%	37%	40%	39%	39%	43%	42%	34%	43%	38%	41%	38%	38%	44%	48%	39%	39%	41%	45%	35%	40%	38%
Not very significant	12%	15%	11%	16%	10%	10%	14%	4%	11%	15%	12%	20%	17%	12%	11%	5%	10%	12%	15%	14%	6%	10%	13%	11%	15%	9%	13%	12%	10%
Not at all significant	3%	3%	4%	0%	4%	4%	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%	6%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	6%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	5%	5%	9%	2%	3%	6%	2%	2%	6%	5%	3%	6%	7%	5%	3%	2%	5%	7%	3%	3%	11%	4%	2%	9%	5%	3%	4%	8%

Q12C. Open space including farmland

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	40%	35%	39%	31%	40%	43%	38%	30%	40%	34%	43%	32%	27%	36%	42%	45%	37%	40%	35%	43%	42%	31%	40%	41%	29%	40%	41%	41%	31%
Somewhat significant	32%	36%	30%	29%	30%	37%	31%	35%	40%	30%	31%	36%	31%	32%	34%	33%	32%	33%	34%	27%	36%	35%	32%	33%	22%	37%	35%	32%	27%
Not very significant	15%	18%	14%	24%	17%	13%	13%	17%	11%	22%	13%	22%	22%	13%	14%	11%	19%	13%	15%	12%	15%	10%	14%	16%	21%	10%	17%	15%	17%
Not at all significant	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	5%	3%	2%	2%	5%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	4%
Don't know/No opinion	11%	9%	14%	13%	10%	4%	16%	15%	7%	11%	11%	7%	17%	18%	9%	6%	9%	11%	14%	13%	5%	19%	11%	7%	27%	11%	5%	10%	21%

Q12D. Feeling safe and secure in your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	71%	68%	74%	71%	73%	75%	67%	72%	82%	60%	73%	64%	69%	69%	77%	74%	77%	70%	72%	72%	69%	67%	71%	73%	64%	70%	73%	73%	56%
Somewhat significant	17%	20%	15%	9%	16%	17%	20%	11%	12%	26%	16%	15%	21%	19%	14%	18%	14%	18%	17%	15%	20%	15%	18%	17%	20%	19%	15%	16%	25%
Not very significant	6%	6%	6%	7%	6%	6%	6%	4%	2%	7%	6%	12%	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%	4%	7%	7%	9%	5%	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%	6%
Not at all significant	3%	3%	4%	7%	4%	2%	4%	9%	2%	3%	3%	8%	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	3%	2%	7%	1%	1%	4%	4%	2%	4%	2%	1%	3%	6%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%	1%	7%	2%	1%	8%	2%	1%	2%	8%

Q12E. The supply of affordable housing

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	34%	29%	40%	27%	29%	35%	36%	30%	44%	27%	35%	32%	34%	40%	38%	29%	31%	34%	37%	38%	27%	37%	35%	30%	44%	37%	26%	33%	44%
Somewhat significant	33%	36%	28%	31%	35%	36%	30%	33%	26%	36%	33%	36%	34%	27%	30%	34%	34%	33%	31%	28%	40%	28%	30%	40%	27%	31%	39%	34%	27%
Not very significant	16%	16%	15%	22%	21%	18%	10%	20%	14%	14%	16%	20%	15%	11%	17%	18%	23%	14%	14%	17%	16%	13%	13%	19%	9%	13%	21%	16%	13%
Not at all significant	5%	5%	5%	7%	8%	4%	5%	9%	7%	10%	3%	1%	5%	6%	2%	8%	5%	5%	3%	8%	5%	3%	7%	4%	2%	6%	5%	5%	4%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	13%	12%	13%	6%	7%	19%	9%	9%	14%	13%	9%	13%	15%	12%	11%	6%	14%	14%	9%	12%	18%	14%	7%	17%	14%	8%	12%	13%

Q12F. The availability of services for youth

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	32%	32%	33%	33%	34%	33%	30%	33%	44%	25%	33%	32%	32%	37%	34%	26%	43%	29%	31%	35%	30%	22%	31%	38%	30%	29%	34%	32%	31%
Somewhat significant	30%	31%	30%	29%	38%	34%	25%	24%	37%	34%	29%	30%	29%	23%	30%	42%	40%	28%	28%	28%	38%	22%	27%	40%	21%	32%	36%	31%	23%
Not very significant	9%	11%	6%	11%	7%	10%	8%	7%	2%	11%	10%	8%	8%	7%	9%	8%	8%	9%	6%	11%	11%	11%	8%	10%	6%	10%	10%	9%	8%
Not at all significant	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	7%	0%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	27%	24%	29%	24%	18%	21%	36%	30%	18%	27%	27%	28%	29%	32%	24%	20%	7%	32%	33%	25%	19%	43%	31%	12%	43%	27%	18%	25%	38%

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Q12G. The quality of infrastructure including buried water and sewer lines

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	58%	58%	55%	49%	64%	63%	51%	43%	67%	47%	61%	55%	55%	55%	52%	66%	63%	56%	58%	55%	60%	48%	57%	61%	49%	54%	62%	59%	38%
Somewhat significant	27%	29%	26%	31%	24%	24%	30%	28%	25%	35%	25%	24%	25%	25%	36%	24%	23%	28%	27%	28%	26%	33%	26%	26%	27%	30%	26%	27%	27%
Not very significant	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	7%	0%	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	6%
Not at all significant	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	9%	15%	16%	8%	9%	15%	22%	9%	15%	10%	14%	17%	17%	8%	6%	9%	12%	11%	13%	11%	17%	13%	8%	22%	12%	8%	10%	29%

Q12H. The availability of public transportation

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	26%	23%	28%	24%	13%	22%	32%	26%	32%	22%	25%	23%	24%	30%	28%	23%	20%	27%	32%	25%	17%	31%	21%	26%	37%	24%	20%	24%	42%
Somewhat significant	35%	33%	37%	24%	36%	37%	38%	30%	32%	34%	37%	34%	36%	33%	36%	35%	30%	38%	33%	33%	42%	30%	42%	32%	33%	43%	31%	36%	25%
Not very significant	22%	24%	19%	36%	33%	25%	11%	26%	26%	22%	21%	28%	20%	16%	25%	20%	34%	18%	16%	26%	26%	18%	19%	26%	13%	17%	30%	23%	13%
Not at all significant	6%	8%	4%	7%	8%	7%	4%	4%	5%	8%	6%	5%	2%	8%	4%	10%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	4%	5%	8%	2%	4%	9%	6%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	11%	12%	12%	9%	9%	9%	15%	13%	5%	15%	11%	9%	19%	13%	8%	11%	8%	11%	14%	9%	10%	16%	12%	8%	15%	11%	10%	11%	19%

Q12I. The amount residents pay in Town taxes

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	59%	57%	61%	51%	60%	68%	51%	52%	54%	50%	63%	54%	62%	61%	58%	60%	55%	59%	65%	59%	50%	61%	60%	55%	57%	59%	59%	63%	21%
Somewhat significant	27%	30%	24%	33%	31%	21%	30%	28%	32%	30%	25%	27%	25%	19%	31%	32%	33%	25%	19%	33%	33%	17%	24%	36%	20%	26%	32%	26%	35%
Not very significant	7%	7%	5%	7%	6%	6%	8%	2%	7%	12%	6%	9%	6%	7%	5%	4%	7%	7%	7%	3%	10%	3%	9%	6%	2%	8%	7%	7%	8%
Not at all significant	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	3%	2%	0%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	6%	4%	8%	7%	3%	4%	9%	15%	7%	8%	4%	7%	6%	11%	5%	2%	3%	7%	7%	5%	5%	18%	4%	2%	19%	5%	2%	3%	33%

Q12J. The rate of commercial development

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	53%	47%	54%	22%	52%	58%	55%	22%	53%	50%	58%	46%	51%	44%	54%	57%	54%	53%	49%	53%	59%	49%	54%	54%	49%	51%	56%	56%	27%
Somewhat significant	30%	37%	27%	60%	37%	27%	24%	50%	35%	27%	28%	34%	35%	31%	33%	27%	35%	29%	31%	31%	28%	27%	28%	34%	24%	35%	28%	30%	29%
Not very significant	7%	9%	6%	7%	5%	7%	8%	13%	5%	9%	6%	12%	5%	8%	6%	10%	7%	7%	7%	8%	7%	6%	7%	7%	7%	4%	10%	7%	19%
Not at all significant	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	8%	6%	11%	9%	4%	6%	12%	13%	5%	11%	7%	7%	8%	15%	7%	3%	2%	10%	12%	7%	5%	16%	9%	3%	17%	9%	3%	6%	23%

Q12K. The rate of construction of new housing developments

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	53%	46%	54%	33%	55%	56%	52%	28%	53%	50%	56%	50%	52%	43%	52%	56%	54%	53%	50%	55%	55%	52%	53%	52%	45%	51%	56%	55%	27%
Somewhat significant	31%	38%	27%	38%	34%	28%	30%	39%	33%	31%	29%	38%	31%	30%	33%	31%	37%	29%	33%	28%	29%	25%	28%	36%	27%	34%	29%	30%	33%
Not very significant	9%	9%	9%	18%	9%	10%	6%	20%	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%	13%	9%	8%	7%	9%	7%	9%	11%	8%	9%	9%	9%	6%	12%	9%	13%
Not at all significant	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	3%	0%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	6%	5%	8%	9%	2%	5%	9%	13%	5%	10%	5%	1%	7%	13%	6%	4%	1%	7%	9%	6%	3%	15%	7%	2%	17%	6%	2%	4%	25%

Q12L. The maintenance of public facilities including Town Hall and the Library

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	35%	29%	41%	27%	30%	36%	40%	22%	44%	29%	38%	27%	35%	40%	36%	36%	35%	36%	37%	36%	34%	47%	33%	34%	41%	38%	31%	35%	38%
Somewhat significant	40%	43%	36%	31%	41%	41%	38%	52%	39%	37%	39%	41%	37%	35%	43%	39%	40%	39%	39%	36%	43%	33%	41%	40%	28%	39%	42%	40%	31%
Not very significant	15%	18%	13%	24%	22%	15%	11%	13%	9%	22%	14%	19%	16%	13%	14%	17%	19%	15%	14%	15%	17%	8%	15%	20%	10%	17%	17%	16%	10%
Not at all significant	3%	4%	2%	2%	1%	3%	4%	2%	0%	4%	3%	0%	3%	3%	2%	6%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	1%	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%	3%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	7%	6%	8%	16%	5%	5%	8%	11%	9%	9%	6%	14%	9%	9%	5%	3%	4%	8%	8%	8%	4%	11%	8%	3%	16%	3%	8%	6%	21%

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Q12M. The availability of services for seniors

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	38%	32%	42%	13%	20%	40%	49%	26%	33%	27%	43%	28%	41%	41%	40%	34%	24%	43%	48%	38%	27%	48%	41%	30%	49%	43%	29%	38%	40%
Somewhat significant	34%	37%	32%	36%	34%	36%	32%	41%	37%	32%	34%	34%	36%	32%	34%	34%	43%	32%	26%	35%	44%	21%	33%	42%	29%	29%	41%	35%	25%
Not very significant	8%	10%	6%	20%	13%	6%	6%	9%	9%	8%	8%	12%	3%	7%	8%	12%	10%	7%	7%	8%	9%	9%	6%	11%	0%	8%	11%	8%	6%
Not at all significant	1%	2%	2%	4%	0%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	0%	2%	1%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	18%	19%	18%	27%	32%	16%	12%	22%	19%	31%	13%	23%	19%	19%	17%	16%	22%	17%	17%	17%	19%	20%	18%	16%	19%	19%	17%	18%	29%

Q12N. The impact of development on natural resources (trees, waterways, wetlands, wildlife, etc.)

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	56%	52%	56%	51%	52%	62%	55%	41%	60%	49%	59%	46%	57%	50%	57%	56%	55%	57%	55%	54%	61%	45%	58%	58%	52%	54%	58%	57%	46%
Somewhat significant	29%	34%	28%	22%	35%	26%	29%	35%	32%	30%	28%	39%	28%	29%	30%	31%	29%	28%	30%	30%	25%	34%	27%	28%	23%	32%	29%	29%	27%
Not very significant	6%	6%	6%	11%	8%	5%	4%	7%	2%	10%	5%	7%	6%	4%	7%	6%	8%	5%	5%	6%	7%	7%	5%	6%	3%	6%	7%	6%	6%
Not at all significant	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	0%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	8%	7%	10%	13%	5%	5%	11%	15%	5%	10%	7%	7%	9%	14%	5%	6%	6%	9%	10%	8%	6%	15%	7%	6%	19%	8%	5%	6%	21%

Q12O. The quality (look and feel) of new development

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	45%	40%	46%	18%	35%	49%	49%	30%	39%	35%	51%	26%	46%	42%	47%	46%	37%	47%	46%	47%	42%	44%	47%	41%	41%	45%	43%	46%	35%
Somewhat significant	36%	42%	34%	56%	44%	31%	32%	48%	47%	39%	32%	49%	38%	32%	36%	38%	42%	34%	34%	35%	38%	34%	33%	40%	29%	35%	40%	36%	35%
Not very significant	9%	9%	9%	18%	13%	10%	5%	17%	4%	11%	8%	19%	3%	11%	8%	6%	13%	8%	7%	8%	12%	8%	8%	10%	10%	7%	11%	9%	10%
Not at all significant	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%	4%	2%	4%	0%	4%	1%	3%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%	0%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	8%	7%	10%	9%	5%	7%	11%	4%	9%	10%	8%	3%	13%	11%	8%	6%	4%	10%	10%	9%	6%	15%	9%	5%	17%	10%	4%	7%	17%

Q12P. Quality of life in your neighborhood or the area immediately around your home

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	70%	64%	73%	58%	73%	72%	68%	59%	72%	59%	74%	61%	67%	71%	71%	69%	73%	68%	70%	69%	68%	64%	70%	70%	69%	63%	73%	71%	50%
Somewhat significant	21%	27%	17%	24%	20%	21%	21%	26%	21%	28%	18%	23%	23%	18%	21%	25%	19%	22%	21%	18%	24%	19%	20%	23%	17%	27%	18%	21%	27%
Not very significant	4%	5%	4%	9%	3%	3%	5%	7%	2%	3%	5%	12%	7%	4%	2%	2%	4%	5%	3%	7%	4%	7%	4%	4%	3%	6%	4%	4%	10%
Not at all significant	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	3%	0%	0%	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	3%	4%	3%	9%	2%	2%	4%	9%	5%	5%	2%	3%	2%	6%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%	3%	2%	9%	3%	2%	10%	2%	2%	3%	10%

Q12Q. Communication between the Town and its residents

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	58%	54%	59%	44%	53%	60%	63%	39%	61%	51%	62%	42%	61%	56%	64%	56%	53%	61%	62%	55%	58%	57%	63%	54%	51%	60%	59%	60%	48%
Somewhat significant	29%	34%	26%	29%	36%	30%	25%	41%	28%	30%	27%	45%	29%	27%	23%	33%	34%	27%	24%	29%	32%	26%	26%	33%	27%	30%	29%	29%	25%
Not very significant	6%	6%	6%	11%	8%	6%	4%	9%	4%	8%	5%	8%	4%	8%	7%	5%	10%	5%	4%	7%	7%	7%	3%	9%	5%	5%	7%	5%	10%
Not at all significant	2%	2%	2%	7%	0%	1%	3%	4%	0%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	0%	3%	1%	5%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	4%	6%	9%	3%	3%	6%	7%	7%	7%	4%	3%	5%	8%	5%	3%	2%	5%	7%	6%	2%	10%	4%	3%	13%	3%	3%	4%	15%

Q12R. Adequacy of parks and recreation facilities

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very significant	42%	33%	48%	36%	45%	45%	40%	41%	54%	33%	44%	36%	43%	45%	38%	43%	52%	40%	43%	42%	43%	42%	42%	44%	43%	39%	45%	42%	46%
Somewhat significant	41%	48%	37%	44%	42%	39%	40%	48%	37%	44%	40%	42%	38%	37%	52%	43%	37%	41%	38%	40%	44%	34%	42%	42%	34%	43%	41%	42%	31%
Not very significant	9%	12%	6%	11%	7%	11%	9%	4%	4%	12%	10%	16%	6%	10%	4%	9%	7%	10%	10%	11%	7%	8%	9%	10%	3%	11%	10%	10%	2%
Not at all significant	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%	2%	3%	4%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	6%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	5%	6%	7%	4%	3%	8%	4%	5%	9%	5%	3%	9%	7%	6%	3%	4%	6%	7%	4%	4%	15%	4%	3%	16%	4%	3%	5%	15%

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Many programs and initiatives may be considered for inclusion in the Town´s Comprehensive Plan. For each of the following, please tell me whether you strongly support it, somewhat support it, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose it, or don´t know.

Q13A. Invest in improving public transportation options

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	22%	18%	24%	20%	15%	20%	26%	26%	21%	20%	22%	23%	17%	25%	19%	23%	19%	23%	28%	18%	18%	25%	21%	21%	27%	21%	19%	19%	52%
Somewhat support	47%	48%	46%	47%	45%	50%	46%	54%	46%	50%	46%	39%	54%	44%	48%	46%	46%	48%	41%	47%	55%	39%	50%	48%	43%	48%	50%	49%	27%
Somewhat oppose	15%	15%	14%	20%	22%	15%	11%	9%	21%	13%	15%	19%	12%	9%	17%	19%	18%	14%	14%	15%	16%	18%	13%	15%	9%	15%	17%	15%	4%
Strongly oppose	4%	6%	3%	9%	5%	5%	3%	7%	7%	3%	4%	7%	2%	9%	3%	2%	6%	4%	4%	5%	5%	2%	4%	6%	2%	4%	6%	5%	4%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	12%	13%	4%	12%	10%	14%	4%	5%	14%	13%	12%	15%	12%	13%	10%	11%	11%	13%	15%	7%	16%	12%	9%	19%	12%	8%	12%	13%

Q13B. Construct new sidewalks along main roads

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	50%	47%	51%	38%	65%	54%	43%	52%	56%	55%	48%	53%	46%	43%	45%	65%	65%	46%	48%	46%	57%	38%	48%	59%	37%	48%	58%	49%	58%
Somewhat support	35%	36%	35%	47%	22%	35%	39%	39%	35%	29%	37%	35%	38%	37%	40%	24%	28%	37%	34%	37%	35%	37%	37%	32%	40%	35%	32%	36%	23%
Somewhat oppose	8%	9%	6%	4%	9%	6%	9%	4%	4%	7%	9%	11%	9%	8%	5%	6%	6%	8%	10%	9%	4%	15%	6%	6%	10%	9%	6%	8%	6%
Strongly oppose	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%	0%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	0%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	0%	1%	2%	3%	2%	4%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	5%	5%	7%	2%	2%	8%	2%	5%	7%	5%	0%	5%	9%	7%	3%	1%	6%	5%	6%	3%	8%	5%	2%	12%	6%	1%	4%	8%

Q13C. Construct additional off-road recreational trails

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	26%	21%	29%	42%	26%	32%	19%	26%	33%	25%	25%	27%	25%	24%	19%	33%	37%	24%	24%	27%	30%	26%	23%	32%	30%	21%	33%	26%	38%
Somewhat support	40%	43%	39%	27%	40%	39%	44%	43%	47%	43%	38%	47%	40%	36%	42%	41%	37%	41%	40%	41%	39%	34%	46%	35%	28%	46%	36%	40%	31%
Somewhat oppose	14%	15%	14%	7%	13%	16%	15%	9%	7%	10%	17%	11%	16%	17%	14%	14%	10%	15%	17%	12%	13%	18%	15%	12%	17%	15%	13%	15%	13%
Strongly oppose	6%	7%	5%	9%	6%	6%	5%	9%	2%	7%	7%	9%	2%	8%	8%	2%	5%	6%	5%	7%	7%	4%	7%	5%	7%	6%	6%	7%	4%
Don't know/No opinion	13%	14%	13%	16%	14%	7%	16%	13%	11%	15%	13%	5%	17%	15%	17%	10%	12%	13%	14%	13%	11%	18%	9%	15%	17%	12%	12%	13%	15%

Q13D. Create bicycle lanes on existing thru-roads

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	26%	23%	25%	18%	32%	33%	18%	24%	30%	24%	25%	24%	23%	22%	20%	33%	34%	23%	25%	21%	31%	17%	24%	33%	23%	21%	33%	26%	23%
Somewhat support	39%	36%	39%	36%	33%	35%	44%	37%	35%	39%	40%	35%	39%	39%	37%	39%	33%	40%	37%	40%	39%	35%	43%	34%	33%	43%	33%	39%	31%
Somewhat oppose	19%	21%	19%	31%	20%	15%	19%	20%	23%	17%	19%	24%	21%	17%	24%	15%	21%	18%	17%	25%	16%	24%	14%	22%	22%	17%	20%	18%	21%
Strongly oppose	9%	11%	8%	9%	7%	10%	9%	7%	5%	9%	10%	9%	11%	11%	8%	7%	7%	9%	11%	9%	6%	10%	11%	6%	8%	10%	8%	10%	8%
Don't know/No opinion	8%	8%	9%	7%	7%	7%	10%	13%	7%	11%	6%	7%	6%	11%	11%	6%	5%	9%	10%	6%	7%	15%	7%	6%	14%	10%	6%	7%	17%

Q13E. Widen existing thru-roads

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	26%	25%	27%	11%	27%	31%	24%	30%	25%	25%	26%	20%	28%	25%	21%	33%	29%	25%	25%	30%	24%	15%	28%	29%	19%	27%	28%	26%	27%
Somewhat support	39%	43%	37%	53%	39%	37%	39%	35%	47%	39%	39%	34%	43%	38%	46%	34%	43%	39%	44%	33%	40%	37%	38%	41%	37%	42%	37%	39%	29%
Somewhat oppose	18%	16%	19%	16%	16%	20%	17%	15%	14%	17%	19%	26%	16%	15%	17%	19%	13%	20%	12%	25%	20%	18%	18%	18%	14%	17%	21%	19%	17%
Strongly oppose	5%	4%	5%	7%	3%	7%	3%	4%	5%	4%	6%	4%	3%	4%	8%	4%	4%	5%	6%	3%	6%	12%	4%	3%	7%	4%	4%	5%	6%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	12%	13%	13%	14%	5%	16%	15%	9%	15%	11%	16%	10%	18%	8%	10%	11%	12%	13%	10%	11%	18%	12%	9%	23%	10%	9%	11%	21%

Q13F. Invest in updating Town Hall

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	8%	9%	8%	2%	4%	10%	10%	2%	5%	7%	10%	8%	7%	8%	6%	12%	7%	8%	11%	6%	7%	4%	10%	7%	14%	8%	7%	8%	13%
Somewhat support	34%	35%	32%	29%	24%	39%	34%	30%	37%	28%	35%	35%	33%	31%	30%	38%	29%	35%	33%	36%	32%	31%	36%	31%	19%	39%	34%	34%	25%
Somewhat oppose	30%	31%	28%	38%	39%	29%	25%	39%	33%	34%	27%	34%	34%	27%	30%	25%	35%	28%	27%	28%	35%	31%	27%	32%	28%	26%	34%	31%	21%
Strongly oppose	11%	11%	10%	9%	15%	11%	9%	4%	11%	9%	12%	12%	10%	9%	14%	8%	14%	10%	11%	9%	11%	10%	10%	12%	10%	13%	10%	12%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	17%	14%	21%	22%	17%	12%	21%	24%	14%	23%	15%	11%	16%	24%	20%	17%	14%	18%	17%	21%	15%	22%	16%	17%	29%	14%	15%	15%	40%

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Q13G. Invest in updating the Library

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	28%	22%	31%	22%	29%	25%	31%	33%	37%	20%	28%	24%	31%	25%	25%	31%	31%	27%	26%	26%	31%	33%	27%	27%	29%	33%	24%	26%	38%
Somewhat support	39%	40%	37%	31%	38%	42%	39%	28%	42%	47%	38%	30%	40%	35%	39%	43%	41%	39%	39%	36%	43%	37%	38%	42%	33%	39%	39%	41%	31%
Somewhat oppose	17%	21%	14%	22%	20%	17%	14%	17%	11%	17%	18%	24%	17%	16%	17%	16%	18%	16%	16%	18%	15%	16%	16%	17%	15%	15%	21%	17%	10%
Strongly oppose	6%	8%	5%	11%	4%	6%	6%	4%	2%	3%	8%	8%	6%	8%	6%	5%	4%	7%	8%	7%	3%	4%	8%	5%	6%	7%	6%	7%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	10%	9%	13%	13%	8%	11%	10%	17%	9%	14%	9%	14%	7%	15%	13%	6%	7%	11%	11%	13%	7%	10%	10%	9%	17%	7%	10%	10%	19%

Q13H. Invest in improvements to Town Parks

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	30%	23%	32%	29%	37%	32%	25%	28%	39%	23%	31%	23%	23%	30%	26%	38%	40%	27%	26%	28%	36%	27%	28%	34%	24%	27%	33%	29%	40%
Somewhat support	50%	56%	45%	53%	51%	50%	50%	61%	53%	54%	47%	58%	57%	42%	47%	52%	46%	51%	53%	50%	47%	47%	53%	49%	47%	50%	52%	51%	38%
Somewhat oppose	9%	10%	10%	4%	8%	10%	11%	2%	4%	9%	11%	7%	11%	11%	14%	5%	9%	10%	8%	10%	10%	9%	10%	9%	9%	11%	8%	10%	4%
Strongly oppose	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%	2%	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%	6%	3%	1%	3%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	8%	7%	10%	11%	3%	5%	12%	9%	4%	10%	8%	7%	7%	15%	9%	5%	4%	9%	9%	9%	6%	12%	7%	7%	14%	9%	5%	7%	17%

Q13I. Create additional public access to the Mohawk River

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	23%	18%	22%	13%	27%	24%	20%	17%	28%	24%	22%	28%	20%	17%	14%	29%	27%	21%	18%	20%	28%	27%	19%	24%	21%	20%	24%	21%	31%
Somewhat support	42%	46%	40%	53%	34%	44%	43%	46%	42%	41%	42%	41%	39%	38%	50%	43%	34%	45%	47%	38%	40%	34%	47%	40%	35%	43%	44%	43%	29%
Somewhat oppose	14%	13%	15%	9%	17%	14%	12%	9%	11%	13%	15%	11%	19%	13%	13%	14%	16%	13%	13%	16%	13%	15%	11%	16%	15%	15%	12%	14%	6%
Strongly oppose	6%	8%	4%	9%	1%	6%	6%	7%	4%	3%	7%	8%	3%	8%	7%	3%	6%	5%	6%	7%	4%	2%	7%	5%	7%	5%	5%	6%	6%
Don't know/No opinion	16%	16%	19%	16%	20%	12%	19%	22%	16%	19%	15%	12%	20%	25%	17%	12%	17%	16%	17%	19%	14%	22%	15%	16%	22%	17%	15%	16%	27%

Q13J. Reduce the amount of new residential development allowed under the Town´s regulations

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	36%	32%	35%	24%	45%	37%	31%	17%	44%	37%	36%	32%	36%	27%	33%	38%	44%	33%	34%	36%	37%	30%	34%	38%	30%	36%	33%	37%	23%
Somewhat support	35%	36%	35%	40%	30%	35%	36%	43%	23%	29%	37%	34%	39%	35%	37%	33%	28%	37%	36%	32%	36%	38%	36%	33%	38%	32%	37%	35%	35%
Somewhat oppose	14%	17%	13%	13%	12%	14%	16%	7%	18%	15%	14%	15%	11%	16%	16%	14%	16%	14%	14%	14%	15%	9%	16%	15%	12%	15%	17%	14%	13%
Strongly oppose	5%	5%	6%	4%	4%	6%	5%	7%	7%	4%	5%	7%	4%	6%	5%	6%	4%	6%	6%	6%	3%	8%	4%	5%	3%	5%	6%	5%	8%
Don't know/No opinion	10%	10%	12%	18%	8%	8%	12%	26%	9%	15%	7%	12%	9%	15%	9%	8%	8%	10%	10%	12%	9%	15%	9%	9%	16%	12%	7%	9%	21%

Q13K. Reduce the amount of new commercial development allowed under the Town´s regulations

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	37%	31%	37%	20%	37%	40%	36%	22%	25%	31%	43%	31%	34%	29%	34%	44%	39%	36%	35%	42%	34%	28%	39%	36%	28%	38%	33%	39%	25%
Somewhat support	31%	34%	30%	38%	32%	33%	29%	33%	40%	28%	30%	30%	34%	33%	35%	28%	31%	32%	34%	23%	36%	33%	31%	33%	35%	30%	36%	30%	40%
Somewhat oppose	15%	17%	14%	18%	16%	13%	16%	20%	18%	22%	12%	18%	17%	15%	12%	18%	19%	14%	14%	14%	16%	10%	16%	16%	14%	15%	17%	16%	8%
Strongly oppose	6%	8%	5%	4%	6%	6%	7%	4%	9%	7%	6%	11%	6%	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	6%	12%	4%	5%	8%	4%	7%	6%	10%
Don't know/No opinion	11%	9%	14%	20%	8%	8%	13%	22%	9%	12%	10%	11%	10%	17%	14%	6%	5%	12%	10%	16%	8%	17%	10%	9%	15%	14%	7%	10%	17%

Q13L. Design neighborhood/local roads to slow speeds

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	51%	41%	57%	20%	46%	49%	60%	39%	47%	43%	55%	55%	51%	46%	44%	56%	50%	51%	57%	45%	48%	55%	53%	46%	53%	52%	44%	51%	52%
Somewhat support	30%	35%	27%	42%	29%	35%	24%	39%	32%	30%	30%	30%	27%	33%	36%	24%	32%	29%	25%	30%	36%	27%	30%	33%	23%	26%	36%	30%	27%
Somewhat oppose	10%	13%	7%	18%	10%	9%	8%	11%	7%	13%	9%	11%	11%	7%	11%	9%	6%	11%	9%	13%	8%	12%	9%	10%	10%	11%	10%	10%	2%
Strongly oppose	3%	5%	3%	9%	5%	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%	6%	4%	4%	4%	6%	1%	1%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%	8%
Don't know/No opinion	6%	6%	6%	11%	9%	4%	5%	9%	9%	10%	3%	1%	6%	11%	6%	4%	8%	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%	4%	8%	9%	5%	6%	5%	10%

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And for each of the following, tell me if it is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important to be part of the Town of Colonie´s planning moving forward.

Q14A. Reevaluate commercial design standards

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very important	36%	32%	34%	24%	26%	36%	40%	22%	35%	32%	39%	34%	32%	30%	40%	28%	38%	35%	32%	31%	43%	37%	35%	36%	30%	33%	38%	36%	27%
Somewhat important	40%	44%	39%	49%	45%	44%	34%	50%	37%	44%	38%	43%	44%	44%	35%	42%	37%	42%	40%	44%	38%	34%	43%	40%	31%	44%	44%	40%	40%
Not very important	14%	14%	16%	16%	20%	14%	13%	17%	25%	12%	13%	18%	17%	11%	15%	19%	19%	13%	14%	16%	14%	15%	12%	17%	19%	14%	15%	15%	13%
Not at all important	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	0%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	1%	4%	5%	3%	1%	3%	3%	4%	6%	3%	1%	3%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	7%	6%	8%	7%	5%	3%	10%	11%	2%	8%	6%	3%	5%	12%	5%	9%	4%	7%	9%	6%	4%	11%	7%	4%	14%	6%	3%	6%	19%

Q14B. Provide incentives that attract businesses to the Town

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very important	27%	30%	28%	29%	19%	31%	27%	37%	32%	24%	26%	28%	27%	33%	27%	28%	27%	27%	31%	27%	23%	36%	26%	25%	31%	29%	25%	26%	42%
Somewhat important	42%	44%	41%	36%	51%	41%	43%	41%	49%	46%	40%	46%	41%	41%	41%	44%	44%	42%	41%	42%	45%	28%	45%	46%	40%	40%	46%	43%	27%
Not very important	18%	17%	19%	22%	24%	19%	14%	13%	12%	15%	21%	16%	21%	13%	21%	18%	21%	17%	16%	19%	20%	16%	18%	19%	13%	20%	19%	19%	10%
Not at all important	6%	4%	6%	7%	5%	5%	8%	0%	4%	6%	8%	5%	7%	3%	5%	6%	6%	6%	5%	6%	8%	6%	6%	7%	5%	6%	6%	6%	4%
Don't know/No opinion	6%	5%	7%	7%	1%	4%	8%	9%	4%	9%	5%	4%	4%	10%	7%	4%	2%	6%	7%	6%	3%	15%	5%	3%	12%	4%	3%	5%	17%

Q14C. Actively conserve open land including farmland

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very important	53%	46%	54%	42%	48%	55%	53%	41%	49%	46%	56%	45%	48%	45%	53%	58%	49%	53%	52%	49%	56%	46%	53%	52%	45%	54%	49%	53%	52%
Somewhat important	32%	35%	33%	36%	36%	33%	30%	41%	42%	30%	31%	43%	36%	36%	33%	24%	38%	31%	33%	32%	32%	30%	33%	35%	35%	31%	36%	32%	33%
Not very important	8%	11%	6%	13%	10%	8%	8%	9%	4%	17%	7%	11%	12%	6%	5%	11%	10%	8%	9%	10%	6%	7%	8%	10%	7%	7%	10%	9%	2%
Not at all important	2%	4%	2%	2%	4%	1%	3%	0%	4%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	5%	3%	1%	3%	1%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	5%	5%	7%	1%	3%	6%	9%	2%	4%	4%	0%	2%	11%	4%	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%	4%	12%	3%	2%	9%	4%	3%	4%	13%

Q14D. Provide incentives for the reuse of old commercial buildings or sites

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very important	61%	56%	64%	44%	62%	67%	58%	54%	58%	59%	64%	62%	61%	60%	60%	62%	65%	60%	60%	67%	58%	62%	58%	64%	53%	63%	62%	62%	56%
Somewhat important	29%	34%	26%	49%	30%	24%	32%	39%	37%	26%	28%	31%	27%	27%	33%	31%	30%	30%	30%	25%	34%	26%	31%	30%	33%	29%	30%	29%	33%
Not very important	5%	5%	4%	0%	5%	6%	4%	2%	4%	7%	4%	3%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	5%	5%	0%
Not at all important	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%	1%	0%	4%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	3%	3%	4%	7%	1%	2%	5%	4%	2%	5%	3%	4%	2%	7%	2%	3%	1%	4%	4%	3%	3%	8%	4%	1%	8%	2%	3%	3%	10%

Q14E. Promote the development of more single-family, detached housing

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very important	20%	20%	21%	27%	15%	22%	19%	15%	19%	19%	21%	15%	20%	25%	17%	24%	19%	21%	24%	25%	12%	25%	18%	21%	27%	25%	15%	20%	19%
Somewhat important	38%	37%	40%	29%	29%	33%	49%	41%	40%	24%	41%	43%	48%	39%	33%	32%	30%	40%	42%	31%	38%	38%	43%	30%	43%	38%	35%	37%	44%
Not very important	28%	31%	26%	31%	39%	33%	19%	35%	30%	33%	26%	32%	21%	21%	41%	27%	35%	26%	24%	29%	34%	21%	25%	35%	14%	26%	37%	29%	21%
Not at all important	10%	9%	8%	7%	13%	11%	7%	2%	9%	18%	8%	8%	8%	7%	5%	11%	13%	8%	5%	12%	13%	8%	9%	12%	8%	8%	10%	10%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	4%	5%	7%	3%	2%	6%	7%	2%	5%	4%	1%	3%	7%	3%	6%	2%	4%	5%	3%	3%	8%	4%	2%	8%	3%	3%	3%	15%

Q14F. Provide incentives for the development of affordable housing

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very important	24%	20%	30%	18%	14%	24%	29%	24%	21%	21%	25%	18%	27%	30%	23%	26%	16%	26%	31%	23%	16%	29%	25%	20%	40%	27%	13%	21%	50%
Somewhat important	37%	38%	35%	40%	27%	34%	44%	41%	35%	34%	38%	42%	36%	31%	40%	34%	34%	38%	38%	31%	41%	37%	39%	35%	33%	40%	39%	38%	31%
Not very important	24%	27%	22%	20%	39%	25%	17%	15%	25%	23%	25%	24%	21%	25%	25%	25%	28%	22%	20%	28%	26%	18%	22%	28%	14%	20%	31%	25%	6%
Not at all important	12%	13%	9%	16%	17%	16%	4%	15%	18%	18%	8%	16%	14%	7%	9%	9%	20%	9%	7%	14%	14%	8%	9%	15%	7%	9%	15%	12%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	3%	4%	7%	2%	1%	6%	4%	2%	4%	4%	0%	2%	6%	3%	6%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	8%	4%	1%	7%	4%	3%	3%	10%

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Q14G. Promote the development of more multi-family housing (apartments and townhomes)

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very important	9%	7%	11%	9%	2%	10%	10%	11%	7%	5%	9%	3%	11%	15%	8%	6%	6%	9%	10%	13%	2%	15%	8%	6%	20%	9%	4%	7%	27%
Somewhat important	25%	26%	23%	16%	16%	22%	33%	24%	25%	19%	26%	30%	26%	23%	24%	24%	17%	27%	28%	16%	28%	31%	25%	21%	26%	27%	23%	24%	31%
Not very important	38%	37%	39%	44%	39%	40%	34%	30%	39%	37%	39%	41%	36%	32%	44%	41%	37%	38%	37%	40%	38%	29%	38%	41%	29%	39%	38%	40%	17%
Not at all important	25%	27%	21%	24%	39%	27%	18%	26%	28%	33%	22%	24%	24%	23%	21%	24%	37%	22%	20%	28%	28%	17%	24%	30%	16%	21%	33%	26%	8%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	3%	5%	7%	3%	2%	5%	9%	2%	5%	3%	3%	3%	7%	2%	6%	2%	4%	5%	4%	3%	8%	4%	1%	9%	4%	2%	3%	17%

Q14H. Protect environmental resources including wetlands and wildlife habitat

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very important	61%	53%	63%	60%	60%	60%	63%	52%	61%	53%	64%	59%	53%	53%	58%	69%	63%	60%	56%	58%	68%	61%	60%	62%	57%	60%	61%	61%	60%
Somewhat important	30%	38%	27%	27%	31%	31%	28%	37%	32%	31%	29%	38%	36%	32%	33%	21%	28%	30%	32%	30%	27%	24%	31%	30%	26%	29%	33%	31%	23%
Not very important	5%	5%	6%	4%	7%	7%	4%	7%	5%	8%	5%	1%	7%	7%	5%	7%	7%	5%	6%	8%	4%	9%	4%	5%	9%	7%	3%	5%	8%
Not at all important	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	2%	3%	7%	1%	1%	4%	4%	2%	4%	2%	0%	1%	6%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	7%	2%	1%	7%	2%	2%	2%	8%

Q14I. Reevaluate standards for commercial signs

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very important	25%	20%	24%	9%	18%	24%	31%	11%	16%	17%	30%	22%	19%	23%	24%	21%	23%	25%	27%	19%	27%	20%	27%	24%	27%	22%	24%	26%	15%
Somewhat important	38%	42%	35%	38%	40%	38%	36%	37%	40%	38%	37%	41%	41%	36%	36%	40%	40%	37%	34%	42%	38%	38%	35%	40%	31%	36%	40%	37%	38%
Not very important	26%	27%	28%	33%	29%	26%	22%	37%	32%	28%	23%	30%	31%	27%	24%	26%	25%	26%	27%	27%	23%	25%	26%	25%	23%	30%	24%	25%	31%
Not at all important	7%	6%	8%	13%	10%	8%	4%	9%	11%	10%	5%	8%	7%	6%	11%	5%	10%	6%	6%	8%	8%	7%	6%	9%	7%	7%	8%	7%	4%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	5%	5%	7%	2%	4%	8%	7%	2%	7%	5%	0%	3%	8%	4%	8%	2%	6%	7%	4%	4%	10%	5%	3%	12%	5%	3%	4%	13%

Q14J. Provide incentives to assist the development and growth of local businesses

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very important	32%	33%	32%	22%	27%	33%	36%	28%	37%	30%	32%	34%	29%	35%	33%	32%	34%	32%	38%	30%	28%	29%	33%	33%	41%	32%	30%	32%	40%
Somewhat important	46%	51%	45%	60%	51%	46%	41%	61%	49%	44%	44%	50%	54%	42%	45%	50%	47%	46%	45%	50%	44%	40%	44%	51%	38%	48%	49%	46%	42%
Not very important	13%	8%	14%	7%	17%	15%	9%	7%	11%	15%	13%	11%	10%	11%	14%	11%	13%	12%	9%	13%	16%	12%	14%	10%	9%	12%	12%	13%	6%
Not at all important	6%	5%	5%	4%	3%	5%	8%	0%	2%	6%	7%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	9%	9%	6%	5%	3%	5%	7%	6%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	3%	3%	4%	7%	2%	1%	5%	4%	2%	5%	3%	0%	3%	8%	4%	2%	1%	4%	4%	3%	3%	9%	3%	1%	8%	3%	2%	3%	13%

Q14K. Strengthen regulations governing the disturbance or clearing of undeveloped land

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very important	52%	45%	52%	42%	42%	53%	56%	33%	44%	52%	55%	43%	48%	46%	50%	54%	46%	53%	51%	49%	55%	54%	52%	50%	55%	52%	48%	53%	42%
Somewhat important	35%	39%	35%	42%	42%	34%	30%	43%	44%	33%	33%	45%	41%	39%	36%	29%	41%	33%	34%	36%	33%	29%	34%	38%	30%	35%	37%	35%	38%
Not very important	8%	10%	6%	7%	9%	10%	6%	15%	7%	5%	8%	9%	6%	8%	8%	10%	9%	8%	10%	7%	7%	9%	7%	9%	7%	7%	10%	8%	8%
Not at all important	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	1%	2%	1%	5%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	3%	4%	7%	3%	1%	6%	7%	4%	5%	3%	1%	4%	6%	2%	6%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	8%	4%	2%	7%	4%	3%	3%	13%

Q14L. Provide incentives for preserving historic sites and structures

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Very important	52%	48%	54%	36%	54%	50%	55%	30%	63%	50%	53%	45%	53%	47%	51%	57%	52%	51%	51%	50%	54%	52%	51%	52%	50%	53%	49%	52%	46%
Somewhat important	36%	38%	34%	47%	29%	38%	34%	52%	28%	31%	36%	46%	37%	33%	36%	32%	34%	36%	37%	36%	33%	28%	37%	36%	41%	33%	36%	35%	42%
Not very important	9%	10%	7%	9%	13%	9%	6%	13%	5%	11%	8%	8%	5%	11%	11%	6%	10%	8%	7%	8%	10%	11%	7%	9%	2%	9%	11%	9%	4%
Not at all important	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	3%	3%	4%	7%	3%	1%	5%	4%	4%	5%	2%	1%	3%	7%	2%	3%	1%	4%	3%	4%	2%	9%	3%	1%	7%	3%	2%	3%	8%

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Q15. Though the Town will look for outside sources of funding (grants or other state/federal funds) to reduce costs, implementing some aspects of the comprehensive plan will likely cost the Town of Colonie additional money. Which of the following amenities might you be willing to support financially?

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Conservation of open land or environmentally sensitive land	55%	51%	55%	60%	57%	54%	54%	61%	58%	48%	56%	59%	52%	46%	57%	53%	53%	55%	51%	48%	65%	49%	58%	54%	45%	56%	59%	56%	54%
Conservation of farmland	39%	34%	41%	38%	34%	37%	42%	39%	32%	28%	43%	38%	35%	40%	36%	39%	30%	42%	41%	36%	39%	37%	42%	36%	41%	42%	35%	39%	33%
Construction of new sidewalks on main roads	51%	53%	50%	47%	59%	56%	44%	50%	47%	57%	50%	58%	47%	50%	52%	52%	63%	48%	48%	47%	59%	40%	48%	60%	34%	54%	58%	53%	38%
Construction of off-road recreational trails	27%	25%	29%	47%	36%	30%	16%	39%	46%	24%	24%	35%	26%	27%	23%	27%	40%	23%	22%	26%	34%	21%	23%	35%	21%	24%	35%	27%	33%
Don't know/No opinion	14%	15%	13%	13%	8%	9%	21%	17%	7%	15%	14%	5%	13%	20%	11%	17%	6%	17%	17%	17%	7%	20%	16%	9%	28%	12%	7%	13%	23%

Q16. For the types of amenities I just mentioned, how much in total might your household be willing to pay on an annual basis?

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Zero dollars	14%	14%	14%	11%	9%	9%	20%	7%	11%	9%	17%	9%	12%	24%	14%	8%	10%	15%	21%	11%	6%	16%	15%	11%	29%	13%	7%	14%	17%
More than zero dollars, but less than fifty dollars	32%	32%	33%	42%	44%	27%	28%	39%	35%	34%	30%	38%	41%	27%	31%	33%	37%	30%	35%	31%	27%	27%	32%	33%	33%	37%	28%	31%	33%
Between fifty to one hundred dollars	33%	32%	34%	27%	29%	43%	30%	30%	30%	30%	34%	31%	31%	34%	35%	32%	37%	33%	27%	35%	42%	30%	33%	37%	20%	35%	40%	33%	25%
More than one hundred dollars	14%	14%	11%	20%	13%	14%	12%	13%	21%	18%	11%	18%	9%	8%	14%	14%	14%	13%	6%	13%	22%	11%	13%	15%	6%	11%	19%	15%	6%
Don't know/No opinion	8%	7%	8%	0%	4%	7%	11%	11%	4%	9%	8%	4%	7%	8%	6%	12%	2%	9%	10%	9%	3%	16%	6%	4%	13%	4%	6%	7%	19%

There are actually several ways that communities can raise money to pay for amenities such as Conservation of open land or environmentally sensitive land, Conservation of farmland, Construction of new sidewalks on main roads, and Construction of off-road recreational trails. If the Town of Colonie decides to pursue these amenities it would likely create a dedicated fund for this purpose. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each of the following methods of raising money for such a fund?

Q17A. Authorize an increase in Town property taxes

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	5%	4%	6%	7%	5%	5%	4%	9%	12%	5%	4%	4%	3%	2%	8%	6%	7%	4%	3%	4%	8%	2%	4%	7%	3%	6%	6%	5%	2%
Somewhat support	33%	32%	33%	40%	37%	30%	36%	39%	32%	35%	32%	32%	31%	30%	33%	38%	37%	33%	24%	36%	44%	37%	32%	36%	24%	34%	41%	34%	40%
Somewhat oppose	20%	25%	17%	20%	23%	24%	16%	24%	16%	24%	19%	27%	21%	20%	14%	21%	21%	21%	21%	21%	20%	15%	21%	23%	13%	21%	23%	20%	15%
Strongly oppose	37%	37%	38%	33%	32%	37%	38%	24%	35%	33%	40%	34%	36%	42%	41%	33%	34%	37%	46%	33%	26%	39%	38%	32%	51%	35%	29%	37%	33%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	2%	6%	0%	2%	4%	7%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	8%	6%	5%	1%	1%	5%	6%	5%	3%	7%	5%	2%	8%	4%	2%	4%	10%

Q17B. Authorize borrowing the necessary amount of money

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	7%	4%	7%	9%	5%	9%	5%	9%	9%	6%	6%	4%	2%	3%	8%	13%	8%	6%	6%	4%	9%	9%	5%	8%	7%	7%	8%	7%	6%
Somewhat support	35%	37%	35%	40%	37%	37%	35%	43%	33%	36%	34%	45%	35%	40%	28%	33%	34%	37%	34%	42%	35%	28%	40%	35%	36%	38%	37%	36%	33%
Somewhat oppose	28%	27%	26%	24%	33%	29%	22%	26%	33%	30%	26%	27%	27%	25%	29%	24%	29%	26%	23%	28%	31%	26%	23%	31%	16%	31%	26%	27%	31%
Strongly oppose	24%	27%	24%	27%	20%	22%	28%	15%	19%	24%	26%	20%	29%	23%	30%	24%	25%	24%	29%	20%	21%	28%	24%	22%	29%	20%	27%	25%	15%
Don't know/No opinion	6%	4%	8%	0%	4%	4%	10%	7%	5%	3%	8%	4%	7%	9%	5%	6%	4%	7%	8%	6%	4%	9%	7%	4%	12%	5%	3%	6%	15%

Q17C. Authorize an increase to the Real Estate Transfer Tax (the existing tax on real estate transactions)

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	13%	12%	11%	13%	11%	15%	11%	11%	19%	11%	12%	7%	10%	12%	11%	16%	12%	13%	11%	11%	15%	18%	10%	13%	13%	12%	13%	13%	8%
Somewhat support	38%	36%	38%	38%	45%	35%	39%	50%	32%	46%	35%	45%	44%	31%	39%	35%	40%	38%	36%	35%	43%	33%	37%	41%	29%	42%	41%	38%	40%
Somewhat oppose	21%	23%	20%	27%	23%	19%	21%	24%	16%	19%	22%	23%	17%	26%	20%	19%	22%	21%	20%	28%	18%	19%	21%	23%	21%	19%	23%	21%	15%
Strongly oppose	21%	24%	21%	20%	16%	25%	18%	9%	28%	18%	22%	23%	21%	23%	23%	21%	22%	20%	24%	20%	17%	22%	22%	18%	24%	20%	19%	21%	23%
Don't know/No opinion	7%	5%	9%	2%	4%	6%	12%	7%	5%	5%	9%	3%	8%	8%	7%	9%	3%	9%	8%	6%	7%	8%	10%	5%	13%	7%	3%	7%	15%

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Q17D. Require developers to contribute to offset the potential impacts of their project

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Strongly support	71%	68%	70%	51%	73%	75%	69%	61%	65%	72%	72%	65%	73%	72%	70%	63%	69%	71%	70%	66%	74%	67%	72%	69%	58%	74%	72%	73%	56%
Somewhat support	21%	25%	19%	33%	19%	18%	22%	26%	25%	19%	20%	28%	20%	18%	22%	25%	22%	21%	18%	26%	20%	25%	19%	23%	24%	19%	21%	20%	25%
Somewhat oppose	2%	3%	2%	11%	1%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	1%	5%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Strongly oppose	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	0%	7%	4%	3%	1%	2%	5%	5%	4%	4%	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	5%	2%	9%	1%	3%	3%	8%
Don't know/No opinion	3%	2%	4%	0%	4%	2%	4%	9%	2%	3%	3%	1%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	1%	3%	3%	3%	6%	3%	1%	2%	8%

Q18. As we prepare the Comprehensive Plan Update, and if we conduct follow-up studies or plans regarding some of the topics described in this survey, the Town of Colonie will continue to reach out to the community for input. Which of the following sources would you like to use to get information from the Town of Colonie?

		Gender		Age				Lived in Town				Region					Children in HH		Education			HH Size			Income			Home	
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	< 5 years	5-10 years	10-20 years	20 years+	Colonie North	Colonie South	Loudonville	Latham	West Side	Yes	No	Some college or less	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate Degree	One person	Two people	Three or more	<$50K	$50K-$100K	$100K+	Own	Rent
Town Website	55%	57%	53%	64%	66%	58%	46%	72%	56%	64%	51%	57%	50%	46%	56%	64%	65%	52%	46%	64%	60%	42%	55%	61%	38%	56%	63%	57%	38%
Email List	31%	31%	27%	24%	39%	40%	22%	37%	32%	33%	30%	35%	27%	22%	20%	44%	35%	31%	27%	30%	38%	16%	31%	38%	17%	31%	38%	33%	19%
Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	28%	29%	24%	60%	44%	27%	15%	35%	39%	27%	25%	24%	27%	22%	20%	40%	42%	23%	26%	30%	28%	12%	25%	38%	20%	28%	31%	27%	27%
Newsletter/Mailing	71%	69%	73%	62%	67%	70%	76%	74%	72%	63%	74%	80%	68%	70%	72%	72%	64%	73%	69%	68%	77%	76%	76%	64%	70%	73%	71%	73%	58%
Local newspaper	66%	60%	68%	64%	49%	65%	73%	63%	56%	62%	68%	66%	64%	64%	66%	63%	51%	70%	64%	65%	69%	73%	70%	57%	65%	66%	63%	64%	77%
Local Television (Colonie TV)	43%	41%	45%	44%	30%	39%	50%	46%	42%	34%	45%	43%	52%	42%	43%	37%	32%	46%	47%	41%	38%	54%	44%	36%	47%	41%	42%	41%	56%
Local Radio	23%	23%	24%	18%	25%	21%	25%	15%	32%	23%	22%	24%	29%	20%	29%	16%	24%	23%	24%	21%	23%	29%	22%	22%	28%	21%	24%	21%	31%
Large (Town-wide) public meetings	23%	23%	21%	16%	22%	22%	25%	20%	18%	19%	26%	26%	21%	14%	20%	29%	18%	25%	19%	22%	30%	19%	25%	23%	20%	23%	24%	24%	17%
Small neighborhood meetings	31%	29%	30%	29%	26%	33%	31%	37%	23%	32%	31%	35%	29%	25%	26%	37%	28%	32%	25%	33%	38%	34%	32%	29%	22%	30%	36%	31%	27%
Don't know/Refuse	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	3%	3%	1%	0%	1%	2%

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Nature of the Sample	
Town of Colonie Residents	
Gender	
Male	42%
Female	51%
Age	
18 to 34	7%
35 to 49	16%
50 to 64	34%
65 and older	37%
Years lived in Town of Colonie	
Less than 5 years	8%
5 to 10 years	9%
10 to 20 years	19%
20 years or more	64%
Children in Household	
Yes	22%
No	74%
Education	
Some college or less	38%
Bachelor's Degree	26%
Graduate/Professional Degree	32%
Household Size	
One person	15%
Two people	44%
Three or more people	37%
Income	
Less than $50,000	14%
$50,000 to $100,000	34%
$100,000 or more	39%
Home	
Own	88%
Rent	8%

APPENDIX C

Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
Public Meetings & Workshop Summaries

TOWN OF COLONIE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MEETING

To: Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
From: Katie Crawford, Land Use Planner I – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re: Meeting Summary Notes
Date: September 22, 2016

Meeting Location: Town of Colonie Public Operations Center
Meeting Date/Time: September 21, 2016 - 6:30 pm – 8:30pm
Meeting Attendees: CPAC, Barton & Loguidice, and several members of the general public

Summary Notes

This was the first meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) since Barton & Loguidice (B&L) was selected as the Town's planning consultant for the Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Update project. Joe LaCivita, Director of the Planning and Economic Development Department (PEDD) and Chairman of CPAC, welcomed everyone. He noted that the room setup was reconfigured and microphones provided to the committee in response to complaints from the audience at the last meeting that it was sometimes difficult to hear the discussion. Hopefully these changes will help. He also noted that the comprehensive plan webpages on the Town's website have been updated.

Mr. LaCivita introduced Michael Welti, AICP, Senior Land Use Planner with B&L and the Project Manager for this project and Katie Crawford, a junior land use planner on B&L's team. Mr. Welti thanked the committee and the Town for selecting B&L. He then reviewed the meeting agenda. A copy of the agenda is attached.

A summary of the discussion follows below:

<u>CPAC Meeting Protocols</u>

Mr. Welti noted that these are working meetings of the committee. Therefore, it is important that all members of the committee feel comfortable discussing sometimes difficult issues around the table. It is also important that members of the public who attend to observe the committee's work can hear the discussion. Hopefully the changes to the room setup will help to achieve both goals. Due to the large number of people in attendance and the work that must be accomplished at each meeting, Mr. Welti asked that members of the committee interact only with one another and the consultant team as they work through items on the agenda. There will always be a place on the agenda for public comment. Feedback from those in attendance to observe the committee's deliberations will be welcomed at that time.

Comprehensive Plan Update Process

- Additional Community Outreach Suggestions? Ideas for consideration:
    - Committee Ambassadors – *committee was responsive to the idea of going out to organizations in the community to spread the word about the process and bring back feedback and information on key concerns*
        - *A list of potential groups should be compiled for this purpose*
    - Neighborhood Coalition Meeting – *committee was responsive to the idea of going to an upcoming meeting of the Neighborhood Coalition to introduce the comprehensive plan process*
    - Additional Focus Group Meetings – *committee suggested the Town be broken into similar geographies as in 2005 Comprehensive Plan (Colonie North, Loudonville, Latham, Colonie South, and West-side), committee also suggested reaching out to the senior and business communities at some point.*
        - *Committee identified that the first round of meetings should be done based on geographies and possibly a second round of meetings organized around key topics later in the process. The first round of meetings would focus on issues identification and would replace the single, issues identification workshop identified in B&L's preliminary scope of services.*
        - Survey (online) – *committee supported the idea of an online survey's to allow public to submit their input*
        - Other input – *Committee should utilize internet resources more extensively*

2005 Comprehensive Plan Review - CPAC Discussion

- Successes and accomplishments of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan?
    - Preservation of the kettle bog – the Town was able to acquire the property
    - Conservation overlays and identification of environmentally sensitive areas have encouraged Town acquisition of areas in danger – the map generated for this purpose has been utilized and it has been a useful tool for the Planning Board in the review of projects
    - Stormwater management regulations have been developed and adopted and updates have been made to the Town's environmental Impact Statement
    - Implementation of traffic calming measures in new development and routine improvements have been used since 2005 and are making a difference
    - A significant number of projects have been implemented overtime – in general the plan has actively shaped development
    - 1st time home buyers program, the re-energizing of older neighborhoods, obtaining grant funds, and keeping older residents in their homes have all been accomplished
    - Green space, business development, and many other projects have begun – but are still a work in progress
    - Sidewalks have been better utilized by residents and visitors – especially along the Wolf Road corridor
    - Apartment complex development near the Crossings and the addition of the WWTP were accomplishments of the 05' plan
    - The plan was useful when implementing the zoning changes in 2007 and amendments made since then

- In your view, what were some of the shortcoming of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan? Were there recommendations or implementation actions that we not fully executed? Were there items that had unintended consequences?
    - Gateway streetscape concept has not been practical along Central Avenue – they had to be removed
    - Saratoga was used too heavily as an example for the plan and zoning code – this is especially apparent in the lot set back requirements and the parking in the back of buildings
    - Mixed-use zones may not have played out as nicely as hoped – are they sustainable in the long –term? Are the necessary residential amenities available to really attract people to these developments – this is a high profile issue because the board is receiving a lot of applications within these districts and these may not be a good fit for every part of the community
    - Conservation overlays – affordable new housing is not available for new residents or seniors looking to stay within the community
    - Traffic mitigation goals should be more realistic – the 2005 plan did not provide real recommendations to address traffic. There should be awareness of what roads can actually change
        - i. People need to be informed about the different approaches that can be taken to local, state, and federally owned roads
        - ii. The plan should be a more useful guide for decision makers that can be used during the development approval process
    - Snowstorm regulation should be revisited – narrow streets and on-street parking can often hinder snowstorm management in the case of a snow event
    - Town walkability should be addressed – we need to find more areas to connect people in day-to-day walkability in appropriate locations
        - i. The sidewalk plan should be updated
    - PDD – they have not always had desired outcomes
        - i. These should be reviewed in order to better understand what went right/what went wrong
    - Zoning update did not properly address where certain zones were ocated in different areas of the Town
        - i. Commercial development along Central Ave. should be treated differently than commercial development located elsewhere

<u>Next Steps</u>

- October 19th determined as the next meeting date – back to 6:00 PM start time
- December 21st meeting may be rescheduled to avoid holiday conflicts
- Town website will soon be able to compile a resident email list for those interested in staying up-to-date on the process

<u>Public Comments</u>

- Residents would like the plan update to maintain the same aggressive approach as the 2005 plan and would like to see more emphasis placed on open space management and preservation
    - New development is creating traffic issues, green space is being lost, and there is a higher demand on existing services– these issues are impacting existing neighborhoods

    - Communications should be improved between Niskayuna and Colonie in regards to new development along Route 7
- CPAC meeting notes should be posted online and the committee should think about a social media presence to reach to younger demographics
- The local education communities of SUNY Polytec. and UAlbany should be more engaged in the process to bridge the divide between the two communities
- Local group - Save Colonie – would like to see their written correspondence and all other written correspondence with the committee posted online to improve transparency in the process
- The open space conservation fund that was proposed in the 2005 comprehensive plan was not accomplished – this is something that residents would like to see more attention paid to
    - An open space map should also be prepared
    - The draft bike/ped plan is no longer online – this should be reposted
- The public hearing minutes regarding adoption of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan and the 2007 Zoning Code update should be posted online so that residents can review the concerns and intentions that were discussed in the previous planning process
- The Route 9 corridor around Maxwell Road and Latham circle should be reviewed for pedestrian safety measures
- Some residents feel that the makeup of the board is inappropriate and does not properly represent the residents of the community
- PDD should have strict guidelines as to when they are approved
- Survey questions should be written and vetted through residents before being sent out to ensure that questions and responses are representing the issues within the community and that results are properly represented
- Land use maps should reflect the most recent land use data to properly represent the condition of neighborhoods or areas of the town.
- The Town's heritage of agriculture should be honored through the preservation of open space
- Awareness should be raised on the smaller home options that are available in the Town and the resources available to modernize these homes

Town of Colonie
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
September 21, 2016, 6:30 PM
Agenda

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

II. CPAC Meeting Protocols

III. Comprehensive Plan Update Process

A. Review Scope and Timeline

B. Additional Community Outreach Suggestions? Ideas for consideration:

- Committee Ambassadors
- Neighborhood Coalition Mtg.
- Additional Focus Group Mtgs.
- Survey (online)

IV. 2005 Comprehensive Plan Review

A. CPAC Discussion:

In your view, what were some of the successes of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan? What has been accomplished?

In your view, what were some of the shortcomings of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan? Were there recommendations or implementation actions that we not fully executed? Were there items that had unintended consequences?

Looking at the memorandum prepared by the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, how do their comments or suggestions sound today?

B. Summary of Zoning Amendments since 2007

V. Next Steps

Upcoming CPAC Meetings: October 19, November 16, December 21

Public Workshop #1: Identify Key Issues and Opportunities – late Oct. /early Nov.

VI. Public Comment

VII. Wrap-up and Adjournment

Proposed Scope of Work

Task 1: Project Coordination and Community Profile

- Project Kickoff and Monthly CPAC Meetings (10)
- Refinement of Community Outreach Process
- Community Profile

Task 2: Community Outreach

- Public Workshops / Public Hearings
  - Public Workshop #1 – Identify Key Issues and Opportunities
  - Public Workshop #2 – Visioning
  - Public Workshop #3 – Draft Comprehensive Plan
  - Public Hearings (2) – One by CPAC and one by the Town Board prior to adoption of the plan
- Interviews with Community Leaders
- Roundtable with Town officials and select stakeholders
- Utilization of Media Outlet Resources – webpage, press releases, progress reports, etc.
- Optional Public Participation Methods – Additional workshops, stakeholder meetings or focus groups, survey (written or on-line), image preference survey, community event outreach, etc.

Task 3: Develop Vision, Goals, and Recommendations

Task 4: Develop Draft Comprehensive Plan

Task 5: SEQR Compliance (Full EAF)

Task 6: Final Plan and Plan Adoption

Proposed Timeline

Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Update										
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Task 1: Project Coordination	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Community Profile										
Task 2: Community Outreach		♦	❖	♦	□	❖	♦		■	■
Task 3: Vision, Goals, and Recommendations										
Task 4: Draft Plan										
Task 5: SEQR										
Task 6: Final Plan and Adoption										

● CPAC Meetings ♦ Public Workshops ❖ Interviews □ Roundtable ■ Public Hearings

TOWN OF COLONIE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MEETING

To:	Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
From:	Chuck Voss, AICP, Senior Land Use Planner – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re:	Meeting Summary Notes
Date:	October 19, 2016

Meeting Location:	Town of Colonie Public Operations Center
Meeting Date/Time:	October 19, 2016 - 6:30 pm – 8:30pm
Meeting Attendees:	CPAC, Barton & Loguidice, and 30+ members of the general public

Summary Notes

This was the second meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) since Barton & Loguidice (B&L) was selected as the Town's planning consultant for the Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Update project. Joe LaCivita, Director of the Planning and Economic Development Department (PEDD) and Chairman of CPAC, welcomed everyone. He also noted that the comprehensive plan webpages on the Town's website have been updated.

Mr. LaCivita introduced Michael Welti, AICP, Senior Land Use Planner with B&L and the Project Manager for this project and Chuck Voss on B&L's team. Mr. Welti thanked the committee and the Town for selecting B&L. He then reviewed the meeting agenda. A copy of the agenda is attached.

A summary of the discussion follows below:

<u>Community Outreach Process</u>

Mr. Welti discussed the need to conduct Issues Identification Workshops to provide an opportunity to reach out into the community and solicit feedback about issues important to the public. These workshops will be open to the public and will be formatted to include a short presentation about the Comprehensive Planning process, followed by facilitated discussions about key issues.

Possible workshop topics include:

- *What do you like about living/working in Colonie? What is working, and should be protected or enhanced?*
- *What are the problems/concerns that should be addressed through the plan?*
- *What would we like to accomplish in regard to this issue?*
- *What are some of the obstacles to accomplishing this? How to...?*

It was noted that most of these workshop meetings will occur at various public schools around the town to geographically reach the entire community, and would take place in the evenings to accommodate maximum public participation.

Efforts to publicize these workshops will include: formal press releases; announcements at Town Board meetings; posting of notifications on town web site; posting of flyers at local polling places on election day; distribution of flyers via e-mail and web sites of interested stakeholders; publication of meeting schedules in newspapers of record (Spot Light, Times Union; Capital District Business Review); Posting of notices in Village of Menands and Village of Colonie newsletters; and general word of mouth.

It was discussed that CPAC members should attend as many of the workshops as they can to listen to public comments. Mr. Welti advised the CPAC that these meetings are not intended to be a question and answer format between CPAC members and the public. Thus CPAC members should expect to play a limited role, and use these workshops to hear what the public's issues and concerns are.

The proposed public workshops are scheduled for November and early December (See attached meeting schedule).

Community Survey

Mr Welti briefed the CPAC on recent developments in relation to utilizing a formal survey to augment the plan development process. Mr. Welti noted that conducting a formal survey was not part of the original scope of work, but would be added into the project.

Siena College's Siena Research Institute (SRI) was contacted by the project consultants and the Town Planning Director to help the CPAC formulate and conduct a limited sample survey. Mr. Welti briefed the CPAC on his discussions with SRI's Dr. Levy. It was noted that utilizing a reputable 3rd party such as SRI would being a sense of accountability and accuracy to the survey data.

Dr. Levy recommended that a random sample of 1,500 residents be used, and that multiple means of response to fill out the survey be utilized. SRI's call center would also be deployed to assist with the survey data collection. Mr. Welti noted that according to is discussions with SRI, a survey of this nature could yield a statistical response rate of %80+. Which is an extremely high response rate.

SRI noted that a general cost for such a limited sample survey might run in the range of $5,000-$10,000. However a formal proposal from SRI had not been requested at the time of this meeting. But the CPAC did agree that this would be a very beneficial tool for the committee, and requested that Mr. Welti and Mr. LaCivita meeting with SRI and request a formal proposal.

Mr. Welti suggested that a subcommittee of the main CPAC be formed to assist with the survey development and data collection once SRI had provided a scope of services and cost.

The anticipated time frame for the survey's distribution is early Spring 2017. It was also discussed that the Town of Colonie Industrial Development Agency (IDA) may provide funding for the survey, since the data collected could benefit both the CPAC and the IDA.

Neighborhood Coalition Meeting

Mr. Welti discussed with the CPAC about attending an upcoming Colonie Neighborhood Coalition meeting for the purpose of reaching out to this large stakeholder group, and informing them about the work of the CPAC. The CPAC strongly endorsed this idea and asked Mr. Welti and Mr. LaCivita to contact the CNC representative to schedule a time for the consultant team to attend a CNC meeting. It is anticipated that this meeting will occur sometime in mid-November.

Community Ambassadors

Mr. Welti suggested to the CPAC that they utilize another public outreach tool "Community Ambassadors" to assist the committee in their data collection work. Mr. Welti noted that members of the CPAC can be utilized to go out into the public and meet with various stakeholder groups to give and get information about the planning process. These ambassadors can provide valuable information to the public and groups who otherwise may not be directly involved in a process such as this. And they can be used as a conduit to keep these groups of people informed moving forward.

Mr. Welti suggested that CPAC member volunteer to be ambassadors and begin this outreach work in early 2017.

The potential list of groups and organizations the ambassadors could/could reach out to include:

- SIREP & Realtors Broker groups
- Chambers of Commerce
- Seniors groups
- Veterans groups
- PTA's
- Rotary organizations
- Farm Bureau
- Land Conservancies

Update – Data Collection

Mr. Welti informed the CPAC that he had meet with Rocky Ferarro at the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) to acquire more information on the larger regional issues that may affect or impact the Town of Colonie.

Mr. LaCivita presented a power point presentation showing the various Federal, State, County and local road networks in town. The purpose of this display was to show a comparison of how the total road network is integrated and spread out across the entire town. The presentation noted that there were approximately 570+ miles of Town roads, and 44 mile of sidewalks.

Mr. Welti then presented several slides depicting maps showing development approvals and their locations since 2007. These maps will be refined as new data is acquired and made available at a later date.

Other maps that may be developed by the consultant team include:

- Greenspace Preserved
- Agricultural Districts

- Phased Developments

Mr. Welti then provided the CPAC with a summary of what the 2007 Build Out Analysis actually attempted to show, and how that data did not actually show what was expected to be built, but showed a projection of what could be built under the zoning in place at that time, if all available parcels were developed.

However the CPAC felt that it would be pertinent for the consultant team to make some projections in this new plan about what potential new numbers of development will occur over the next 10-20 years.

Next Steps

- Next CPAC Meeting will be on November 16th, 2016.
- The December CPAC meeting will take place on 12/21 tentatively.

Public Comments

- Residents asked if comments or questions to the CPAC could be submitted in person or via email? Mr. LaCivita said both ways were acceptable.
- CPAC members were encouraged to sign up to attend 1-2 of the upcoming public workshops.
- Attendees wanted to know if the CPAC meetings could be video recorded or use a stenographer. The CPAC would take that under advisement.
- Attendees asked if the surevy could be placed on-line as well as using the SRI method. The CPAC would take that suggestion under advisement and seek guidance from SRI about using two survey instruments.
- A suggestion was made to provide name plates for each member of the CPAC so that the public could see who the members were.

Town of Colonie
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
October 19, 2016, 6:00 PM
Agenda

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

II. Community Outreach Process

A. Issues Identification Workshops (5) – November/December
- Dates, times, locations
- Format – presentation/facilitated discussion:
  - *What do you like about living/working in Colonie? What is working, and should be protected or enhanced?*
  - *What are the problems/concerns that should be addressed through the plan?*

    Select 5 Priority Issues. For each:
  - *What would we like to accomplish in regard to this issue?*
  - *What are some of the obstacles to accomplishing this? "How to..."*
- Meeting Publicity – website, press release, flyers, other?

B. Community Survey – discussion with the Siena Research Institute
- Survey subcommittee

C. Neighborhood Coalition Meeting – November ___, time/location

D. Committee Ambassadors
- List of potential organizations to visit

III. Update - Data Collection (Community Profile)

A. Roadway Jurisdiction Map
B. Draft Pathways Plan
C. Development Approvals since 2006

IV. Next Steps

Upcoming CPAC Meetings: November 16, December 21 (tentative)

V. Public Comment

VI. Wrap-up and Adjournment

TOWN OF COLONIE

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULE

The following locations have reserved: (End time needs to be 8:30 because they lock up the buildings at 9:00 so I reserved 6:30-8:30)

NOVEMBER 10th 6:30-8:30PM
Forts Ferry Elementary Auditorium
95 Forts Ferry Road
Latham, NY 12110
Phone: (518) 785-9203

NOVEMBER 29th 6:30-8:30PM
Loudonville Elementary Auditorium
349 Osborne Road
Loudonville, NY 12211
Phone: (518) 434-1960

DECEMBER 1st 6:30-8:30PM
Shaker Jr. High Auditorium
475 Watervliet-Shaker Road
Latham, NY 12110
Phone: (518) 785-1341

DECEMBER 7th 6:30-8:30PM
Lishakill Middle School Auditorium
68 Waterman Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Phone: (518) 456-2306

DECEMBER 14th 6:30-8:30PM
The Crossings Main Meeting Room
580 Albany Shaker Rd
Loudonville, NY 12211
Phone: (518) 438-5741

TOWN OF COLONIE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

To: Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
From: Katie Crawford, Land Use Planner I – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re: Meeting Summary Notes
Date: December 14, 2016

Meeting Location: **Beltrone Living Center**
Meeting Date/Time: **December 14, 2016 - 12:30 pm – 1:30pm**
Meeting Attendees: See sign-in sheets (attached)

Summary Notes

This was an alternative community workshop to the series of five (5) that will be held at locations throughout the Town in November and December of 2016. Michael Welti, AICP, Senior Planner at Barton & Loguidice, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. He began with a presentation that introduced the Town of Colonie's team for the Comprehensive Plan Update project, explained what a comprehensive plan is, and described the process that the Town will undertake to review and update its 2005 Comprehensive Plan over the next several months.

Following the short presentation, Mr. Welti facilitated a discussion with attendees. A summary of the discussion follows below:

What do you like about living/working in Colonie? What is working, and should be protected or enhanced?

- Reasonably priced senior housing
- Low property taxes
- Community amenities
    - Library
    - Parks
    - Crossings
- Diversity of parks and amenities
- Historic and cultural resources
- Significant heritage of the area
- Good emergency services
- Access to transportation
    - Access to airport
- Good municipal services
    - Sewer

    - Water

What problems/concerns should be addressed through the plan? What can be done to improve life in Colonie?

- Climate change preparation
- Maxwell Road corridor
- Density and housing in Wolf Road area
- Library needs updating
- Traffic congestion
- Too many hotels
- Clear cutting of sites
- Land use regulations allow too much development
- Signage is too excessive
- Town departments are understaffed to handle a community of this size
- More attention to conservation
- Better maintenance of housing and building stock
- Concern over landfill expansion
    - Need regional solutions to regions solid waste
- Density of Town too high
- Diminished open space
- High water table in this area
- Need better stormwater management on a Town-wide basis
- PDD's should be used more sparingly
- Plans are not enforced well
- Traffic signs not followed or enforced
- Maxwell Road connector will increase traffic
- Lack of sidewalks across Town
- Lack of dark night sky
    - Excessive lighting
- Town Hall is dated and needs updating
- Library needs updating
- Lack of community facilities in the hamlets
- Parking requirements for commercial development is too excessive

Following this discussion, Mr. Welti reminded the audience about upcoming meeting dates and thanked them for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM.

TOWN OF COLONIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Comprehensive Plan Update - Public Workshop

December 14, 2016, 12:30 PM
Beltrone Living Center, Albany, NY

Sign In Please:

Name	Address	Preferred Phone #	E-mail
Elizabeth Kurtz	6 Winners Cir.	[illegible]	
Ed Kurtz	6 Winners Cir	[illegible]	
Margaret Mayer	" "	[illegible]	
Bill Mayer	" "		
Chuck Voss	B+L	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rev. James Kane	6 Winners Cir (#440)	[illegible]	
Fran Harrison	Beltrone	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Lomyk	[illegible]	[illegible]
David [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
S.E. Jack	6 Winners Cir, Apt 621	[illegible]	
Emily [illegible]	6 Winners Circle Apt. 112	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mary Bryant	1171 A Douglaston Dr Latham NY		

TOWN OF COLONIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Comprehensive Plan Update - Public Workshop

December 14, 2016, 12:30 PM
Beltrone Living Center, Albany, NY

Sign In Please:

Name	Address	Preferred Phone #	E-mail
Tony Brankman	8 Conway Cir.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raj Singh	BLC		

TOWN OF COLONIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MEETING

To:	Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
From:	Katie Crawford, Land Use Planner I – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re:	January 18, 2017 Committee Meeting - Summary Notes
Date:	January 19, 2017

Meeting Location:	Town of Colonie Public Operations Building
Meeting Time:	6:00 pm – 8:00pm
Meeting Attendees:	Committee, Barton & Loguidice, and several members of the general public

Summary Notes

This was the sixth meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) for the Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Update project. The meeting was attended by the CPAC, consultants (B&L), and several members of the general public.

This meeting was primarily dedicated to the following agenda items:

- Welcome and Agenda Review
- Community Outreach Process
- Generic Environmental Impact Statements
- Next Steps
- Public Comment
- Wrap-up and Adjournment

<u>Community Outreach Process</u>

The Subcommittee working on the community survey that will be administered by Siena Research Institute has been working to develop the questions for the survey. The Subcommittee has met twice this month and is looking to finalize the questionnaire prior to the February 15th committee meeting. Based on the full Committee's review of the final draft questionnaire in February, a final questionnaire is expected to go to Siena by the end of the month. Siena will then distribute the survey at the beginning of March and it will be out for approximately seven weeks. On May 24th Siena Research Institute will present the survey data to the CPAC.

There is an upcoming meeting with the Neighborhood Coalition on January 25th at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. The primary topic for this meeting will be the Comprehensive Plan Update. Joe LaCivita and Mike Welti will review the status of the comprehensive planning process and there will be time for discussion.

Supervisor Mahan's State of the Town address will be held tomorrow, January 19th, 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

In the near future, Supervisor Mahan will be recording an episode of Colonie Connect to explain the progress of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. LaCivita and Mr. Welti will join Supervisor Mahan for this discussion.

Generic Environmental Impact Statements (GEIS)

Mr. LaCivita presented information about the three Generic Environmental Impact Statements (GEIS) that are in effect in the Town of Colonie. The Town uses these GEISs to project future development that will occur within specific areas of the Town. The GEIS looks 20 years into the future. Without authorization for the use of impact fees in New York State, this use of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) is the only way for municipalities to have development projects pay for their own impacts.

There are currently 3 GEISs within the Town:

- The Boght Road – Columbia Street GEIS
    - Adopted in 1989
    - Covers 4,100 acres of northern Colonie
    - This GEIS was reviewed in 2005 to update the land use and transportation sections of the document (although it was not until 2012 that a final supplement to the GEIS was formally adopted)
- Airport Area GEIS
    - Adopted in 1991
    - Covers 8,500 acres surrounding Albany International Airport
    - This GEIS is currently being updated and is expected to be completed within 16-19 months
- Lisha Kill/Kings Road Area GEIS
    - Adopted in 1995
    - Covers 5,800 acres of land in the western part of Town

The three GEISs cover 41.5% of the Town's total land area. The main purpose of the GEIS is to anticipate future development within a defined area. Based on the findings of the GEIS, cumulative and long term impacts of development in the area are determined. These impacts may be related to use of infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer, or recreational amenities located within the area. As part of the findings of each study, a mitigation fee is established that developers must pay as part of the cost to develop within the area. The document provides the rationale for the necessary improvements and related costs. The three GEIS do not collect mitigation fees for the same purposes – ex. Boght Road GEIS includes fire whereas the others do not.

All development located within a GEIS area is placed on a level playing field. All development within the area must pay its fair share of the cumulative impact of development in the area through the mitigation fee. The fees are based on size of development. The mitigation fees paid by developers can fund new roads or road improvements, new turn lanes, traffic signals, bike lanes, open space preservation, etc. The fees are mainly used for recreation, transportation, and water/sewer. System-wide GEIS mitigation dollars have allowed the Town to build the Wade Road Extension as well as many other existing and proposed projects.

Jack Cunningham was not able to attend this evening, but he will update this presentation in February with regard to funds that have been collected through the GEISs.

Next Steps

The next committee meeting will be held on February 15th and the subsequent meeting will be held on March 15th. These meeting dates will be posted to the website.

Public Comments

Susan Laurillard, asked for clarification regarding the Airport Area GEIS and how the recreation fees were used. Resident also expressed concern for the outdated numbers used for the mitigation fees in the outdated GEIS. The committee and the resident discussed GEIS details and helped to provide clarification on the issue.

Mark Mitchell, suggested that the Comprehensive Plan committee consider the potential impact of distributed generation of electricity in the future. NYS is moving toward this paradigm and this will result in demand for more local power generation. Suggestions included solar model ordinances, and looking at the work of Pace University.

Mary Beth, asked for clarification on who pays for the mitigation impacts if development occurs outside of a GEIS area? The committee responded that it is done on a case by case basis through SEQR rather than with an area wide look that the GEISs provide.

Susan Laurillard, costs associated with the GEIS should really cover the actual costs of new development – they may be too outdated.

Jamie Easton was curious about how public input from the first round of meetings will translate to actual projects, especially based on transportation mitigation projects. Committee responded that these are looked at more carefully through traffic studies on particular corridors (such as the upcoming Albany Shaker Road Corridor Study) rather than within the comprehensive planning process.

Jamie Easton suggested flexible design standards will encourage more use of redeveloping parcels as well as more creative development of subdivisions. Guilderland uses conservation subdivisions that encourage open space conservation within new subdivisions in the western part of the town.

Town Resident, gave a copy of the book "The Little House" by Virginia Lee Burton to a committee member.

Mark Mitchell, asked about moratoriums and whether these can be used to curb noxious development that may degrade quality of life? The committee responded that moratoria must be time limited and used for a specific purpose with a strong nexus.

Mark Mitchell, also asked whether, when GEIS fees are paid, there are offsetting tax credits for the developer? No, the developer pays to mitigate their impact.

Susan Laurillard, noted that property rights and community health and welfare need to be balanced.

Wrap-up and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned around to 7:45 pm.

Town of Colonie
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
January 18, 2017, 6:00 PM
Agenda

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

II. Community Outreach Process

A. Community Survey
- Subcommittee update
- Final Draft prior to our February 15th CPAC Meeting
- Tentative Schedule:
  - February 28 – Survey finalized
  - March 1 – Mail out surveys
  - April 28 – Close survey collection
  - May 24 – Presentation of data to CPAC

B. Neighborhood Coalition – January 25th, 7:00 PM @ Town Hall

C. Additional Outreach
- State of the Town – January 19, 7:00 PM @ Town Hall
- Colonie Connect

III. Generic Environmental Impact Statements (GEIS) – presentation and discussion
- Airport Area
- Boght Road - Columbia Street
- Lishakill / Kings Road Area

IV. Next Steps
- Upcoming CPAC Meetings: February 15th, March 15th

V. Public Comment

VI. Wrap-up and Adjournment

Barton & Loguidice

TOWN OF COLONIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MEETING

To:	Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
From:	Katie Crawford, Land Use Planner I – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re:	February 15, 2017 Committee Meeting - Summary Notes
Date:	February 16, 2017

Meeting Location:	Town of Colonie Public Operations Building
Meeting Time:	6:00 pm – 8:00pm
Meeting Attendees:	Committee, Barton & Loguidice, and several members of the general public

Summary Notes

This was the seventh meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) for the Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Update project. The meeting was attended by the CPAC, consultants (B&L), and several members of the general public.

The meeting began with a review of the agenda (attached).

<u>Community Outreach Process</u>

Community Survey:

The subcommittee developed a draft set of questions for the survey that was sent to the Siena Research Institute for their review. Siena redrafted the questions and sent a draft survey questionnaire back to the subcommittee. The subcommittee is reviewing the changes and will work with Siena to create a final draft prior to the next CPAC meeting in March. This will ensure that the survey will follow the revised schedule shown on the agenda and be out in April. The subcommittee will plan to meet again before the end of the month so that the draft survey questionnaire can be sent to the CPAC members for review prior to the March meeting.

Neighborhood Coalition Meeting:

The Neighborhood Coalition meeting was held on January 25th. The Coalition was appreciative of the update on the planning process. Many members of the Coalition asked questions about the process. Overall coalition member's comments were consistent with other comments received at the previous series of public workshops. About 25 residents were present, including representation from the Vly Road, Forts Ferry, West End, Latham Association, Green Meadows Association, and Greater Loudonville Association neighborhood groups.

Additional Outreach:

Supervisor Paula Mahan will be filming a short piece on the Town's comprehensive plan to air on the Colonie Connect program. The filming will take place on March 15th at 3 PM, and will air the following week. Supervisor Mahan will be reviewing the comprehensive planning process and also talking about the survey. This will help to raise awareness of the survey prior to it being delivered, hopefully leading to a higher response rate.

Open Space Conservation

Mr. Welti gave a brief presentation on past and current open space conservation efforts in the Town *(see attached presentation)*. The presentation summarized the recommendations found in Section 5 of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan.

Section 5 of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan provides an overview of the how Open Space Conservation and Recreation fit within the overall goals of the Comprehensive Plan and includes an inventory of existing open space resources found within the Town. Opportunities for future recreation and open space preservation efforts can also be found in this section. Strategies for achieving these goals were outlined, they include:

- Consider acquisition from **willing** selling/donors utilizing one or many of the following approaches
    - Fee simple acquisition – outright purchase of the property
    - Help concerned land owners preserve their land – the municipality does not necessarily need to own the land -
        - Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)
            - The value of the property is determined for its potential and current use – an easement is then put in place so that the property can no longer be developed (but the property owner has been justly compensated) – this is flexible option
        - Conservation easements - Land Owners can utilize the conservation easement for tax benefits
        - Transfer of Development Rights (TDR)
            - Sending and receiving areas are identified - this encourages infill development and preservation of open space
                - This option requires more upfront planning than others
    - Incentive Zoning
        - The Town identifies desired public benefits – the developer includes these public benefits in their development proposal – in return the developer receives an incentive such as a density bonus
    - Conservation Subdivision Design
        - Cluster of homes on smaller lots in order to preserve more green space within the plot
            - This mechanism allows for special natural features to be protected

This section also included recommendations for potential funding sources.

- Local Bond Act
    - This would be to provide the capital for the purchase of the conservation lands that had been previously identified
- Grant Funding

    - Farmland Protection – targeted at providing funding for the preservation of high yielding farm land
- Real Estate Transfer Tax
    - Town takes a percentage of the value of a real estate transfer to be put into a fund for conservation activities

Potential partnerships were covered in the last section of the plan; including the Open Space Institute, Trust for Public Land, American Farmland Trust, Albany County Land Conservancy, public agencies on the federal, state, and regional level, the local development community, and neighboring municipalities.

A Short Term Action, identified in the Implementation Section of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan was to: Identify priority areas for open space conservation and develop a funding mechanism for conserving open space.

This next step was never taken following the completion of the 2005 plan – depending on feedback from the survey and future public discussion this may be a focus of the current Comprehensive Plan Update.

Mr. LaCivita provided some details on the progress of open space conservation efforts in the Town since 2006:

- Conservation overlay added 252 acres in protected space
- There are 13 items that have yet to be included in the above counts
- 124 acres have been designated near the Stump Pond for conservation (they were a gift to the town)

In addition, he noted that there are approximately 82 acres of land that are part of utility corridors that cannot be disturbed. He is continuing to work with the Town's GIS department to create an updated inventory of the Town's open space resources.

Mr. Stuto noted that the conservation overlays and the existing open space map are often reviewed by the Planning Board before decisions are made.

<u>Community Preservation Fund – Real Estate Transfer Tax</u>

Another idea discussed at the meeting was the notion of a Community Preservation Fund (CPF). In a CPF, money is set aside for the purpose of land acquisition. Some of this money comes from the real estate transfer tax. This method adds up to 2% on real estate transactions (above the median home value) to the existing real estate transfer tax. The money is placed in a designated fund. Authorization to establish a CPF has not been approved statewide – in order to include this, the locality must get permission from the State Legislature to approve this mechanism on the local level.

GEIS mitigation fees can also go towards conservation funds if the GEIS is setup to do so. The Town of Clifton Park is an example.

Determining what mechanisms the Town should go forward with should be a priority for the plan.

<u>Next Steps</u>

The next CPAC meeting will be held on March 15th at the Public Operation Center at 6:00 pm.

Public Comments

Mr. Welti opened the floor for members of the public who attended the meeting to provide comments to the committee.

Wendy, transfer tax question - Does it include all commercial and residential real estate? Yes, it does.

Paul, survey question - Would it be an option that residents who want to take the survey but were not selected as part of the sample could still take it? Siena has advised against this.

Paul, comment - Bethlehem's open space preservation program for large lots with development pressures - They developed a plan to allow large land owners to temporarily sell their development rights so that they do not feel pressured to develop their land. This is a term easement program – they provide tax abatement dependent on the number of years (the term) agreed to.

Jennifer, comment - Has been encouraging people to make comments on the website for the plans consideration.

Jennifer - can there be an informal web based survey that could be done in tandem with or after the formal survey is completed? As noted above, this is not recommended.

Sue, open space map question - Will the 2005 map be updated? Yes, the map will be updated, but some details of the program will need to be developed following the comprehensive planning process. Trends for open space since 2005 may show where changes to zoning, etc. should be made.

Paula, open space comment - The Town does identify where there are needs within the existing parks. Funding for park upkeep was not specifically outlined when these parks were established. There will need to be a balance between acquisition of new lands and upkeep of existing lands.

Wendy - can neighborhood associations work in partnership with the Town to revitalize pocket parks? A "friends of parks" group may be a good solution to keeping these parks up and could also solicit funding through a "friends of parks" group.

Paul, open space comment - NYC parks conservatory raises money for the NYC parks and they partner with local govt.

Sue, suggestion - The Town should hire a grant coordinator for the Town to organize funding opportunities.

Wrap-up and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned just before 8:00 pm.

Town of Colonie
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
February 15, 2017, 6:00 PM
Agenda

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

II. Community Outreach Process

A. Community Survey
- Subcommittee update
- Final Draft prior to our March 15th CPAC Meeting (tentative)

B. Neighborhood Coalition Meeting – January 25th

C. Additional Outreach
- Colonie Connect

III. Open Space Conservation – presentation and discussion
- Recommendations from the 2005 Comprehensive Plan – Sections 5 & 6
- Progress/accomplishments since 2005
- Discussion

IV. Next Steps
- Upcoming CPAC Meeting: March 15th

V. Public Comment

VI. Wrap-up and Adjournment

Barton & Loguidice

Town of Colonie
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
March 15, 2017, 6:00 PM
Agenda

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

II. Community Outreach Process

A. Community Survey
- Approve final draft
- Schedule:
  - April 1 – surveys mailed out
  - Late May – close survey collection
  - June – presentation of data to CPAC
- Raise Awareness

B. Colonie Connect

C. Additional Outreach

III. Parks and Recreation – presentation and discussion

IV. Next Steps
- Upcoming CPAC Meeting: April 19th

V. Public Comment

VI. Wrap-up and Adjournment

TOWN OF COLONIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MEETING

To: Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
From: Katie Crawford, Land Use Planner I – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re: April 26, 2017 Committee Meeting - Summary Notes
Date: April 27, 2017

Meeting Location: Town of Colonie Public Operations Building
Meeting Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00pm
Meeting Attendees: Committee, Barton & Loguidice, and several members of the general public

Summary Notes

This was the eighth meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) for the Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan project. The meeting was attended by the CPAC, consultants (B&L), and several members of the general public.

This meeting was dedicated to the following agenda items:

- Welcome and Agenda Review
- Community Outreach Process
- Update – Status of Related Projects
- Comprehensive Plan Vision & Goals
- Next Steps
- Public Comment
- Wrap-up and Adjournment

<u>Community Outreach Process</u>

- Community Survey
  - Schedule
    - Early April – surveys mailed out
      - Siena College Research Institute has begun to receive survey responses, most are coming back by mail (about ¼ via the web)
    - Late May – close survey collection
    - June – presentation of data to CPAC
  - Raise Awareness – get the word out so that residents who receive the survey questionnaire are more likely to recognize its importance and complete the survey.
    - The Town put out a press release last week regarding the survey – it was featured in the "Spotlight"
    - Town will put an announcement on the Town's website

        - The Committee suggested posting on the sign in front of Town Hall, reaching out to the community groups that were involved in earlier public outreach efforts (email), posting signs during "Conservation Day", and placing signs at the Crossings and Library as other ways to increase awareness of the survey
- Colonie Connect – looking to schedule a new date soon

Update – Status of Related Projects

- CDTC – Joe LaCivita noted that the Albany Shaker Road Corridor Study is well underway
    - Albany County, Town of Colonie, & CDTC partnered together to complete the corridor study using grant funds
    - The committee has been meeting for the past month – the group includes CDTA, CDRPC, & the Albany Airport
    - Looking to begin public outreach with a public workshop at the end of May and perhaps a second public meeting at the end of June or early July
    - Study findings should be available around August
        - Currently looking at impact of maximum build-out on vacant lots under existing zoning
- Lincoln Avenue Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA)
    - $266,000 grant award from 2011 for study of an existing brownfield area near the City of Watervliet
    - A committee is currently being set up
    - Kick-off meeting towards the end of June

Comprehensive Plan Vision & Goals

- Review of 2005 Plan's Vision & Goals – Mr. Welti explained that we are turning the corner from discussing existing conditions and community concerns. Will now start to focus more on the Vision and Goals – and eventually recommendations - for the future. Survey responses, which will be available at our next meeting, will be valuable input for this next phase. But for tonight, the committee will start to review the Vision and Goals from the 2005 Comprehensive Plan – a preliminary discussion about what still sounds relevant, things that may have changed in some way, or current concerns that may be missing from the 2005 Vision and Goals. The Committee should continue thinking about this between meetings since updating the Vision and Goals will be one subject of our discussion next time.
    - Vision Statement: looks to describe the Town in the year 2020
        - Suggested planning period: perhaps 2030
        - The committee provided the following initial comments on the original vision statement:
            - A lot of this still holds true as a vision for the future of Colonie
            - Maintain status as affordable & desirable for living, learning, & doing business; Stabilize existing neighborhoods; Maintain well-established commercial & industrial areas
            - Include well maintained infrastructure in the vision – recognizing that much has been done and must continue to be done to maintain aging infrastructure
            - Parks, the environment, and river resources were left out of the 2005 statement

- Maintain low taxes –fiscally responsibility while maintaining and improving infrastructure: affordable while providing a high level of services
- Include enhancing existing neighborhoods & conservation of natural resources
- Continued focus on appropriate, well-designed, commercial development moving forward to maintain existing tax structure

Goal 1: Provide opportunities and incentives for the development and redevelopment of a variety of housing options in the Town to meet the needs of its increasingly diverse population

- Post-recession housing market has shifted to more diverse housing types. But affordability remains an issue that could be addressed in the plan and through incentives in the Town's local land use regulations
- Affordability, in many ways, is out of the Town's control due to state and federal regulations
- This goal may have been encouraged to address the issue of senior housing – senior housing options have expanded over the past 15 years in Colonie
- May need to focus on attracting the right kind of industries rather than the right kind of housing

Goal 2: Maintain the integrity of residential and mixed-use neighborhoods throughout the Town

- This goal has withstood the test of time – improved partnerships between planning and neighborhood groups should be promoted
- Neighborhood boundaries could be identified and planning could be improved by defining these areas
- Existing neighborhood associations are not formally structured (some more effective than others) - perhaps the Town could encourage the formation and development of stronger neighborhood associations
    - A "Community Board" type of concept may increase public access into local government

Goal 3: Improve mobility throughout the Town

- This goal is still relevant to the Town
- In the future, needs surrounding automobiles and mobility may change drastically – ride sharing, autonomous vehicles, and other technology-related changes
- Walkability should be a focus to attract a new workforce and provide adequate facilities for existing aging residents

Goal 4: Encourage the reuse or redevelopment of existing sites and buildings

- This will become increasingly important over time due to changes in retail markets and the services malls and shopping centers offer

Goal 5: Promote commercial and industrial growth in specifically designated areas, taking advantage of the Town's infrastructure, location, and critical regional assets

- Moving forward, target desired industries to encourage economic development

Goal 6: Improve the development approval process by establishing land use regulations that guide development in a manner that is consistent with the vision, goals, and recommendation contained in this plan

- Since the adoption of the 2005 plan the process has been completely redone which has improved the development approval process – use of Town-designated engineers has also made the process more professional and fair.

Goal 7: Provide a business-friendly environment that is supportive of local businesses, that encourages entrepreneurship, and that helps assure the provision of quality employment and a diverse economic base in community

- Economic analysis of the Town, initiated by the IDA, will be completed within the timeframe of this planning process and can help inform the final recommendations
    - Being particular and selective with economic development moving forward will be incorporated within the goal

Goal 8: Protect the Town's important natural resources such as stream corridors, steep slopes, floodplains, wetland systems, and unique ecosystems

- This goal is still relevant and important
- Aside from regulations, there is currently no mechanism for the Town to meet this goal – CAC is looking into grant funding that could be available to improve information about the Town's environmental resources

Goal 9: Enhance the Town's Mohawk River waterfront

- Mohawk River waterfront was the focus of a separate study done around the time of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan
- Natural resources & habitats constantly face pressure by development – this goal may need some refinement

Goal 10: Encourage the conservation of viable farmland and significant open spaces throughout the Town

- This goal is still relevant – an inventory of the existing farmland and open space should be created
- Trends such as more small-scale farming catering to local markets, "agri-hood" concept, and other changes to farming have some traction in Colonie

Goal 11: Develop a network of open lands to provide wildlife habitat and potential recreational trail corridors

- This goal remains relevant – results of the survey will inform this goal

Goal 12: Expand active and passive recreational resources available in the Town to meet the growing and changing demand for these amenities

- This goal remains relevant

Goal 13: Maintain the Town's high level of public safety services; community services for youth, seniors, and the public at large; and public utility infrastructure and services

- Infrastructure may need to be separated out from the rest of the goal

Goal 14: Protect and promote the Town's significant cultural and historic resources

- This goal remains relevant

Goal 15: Establish an identity for the Town of Colonie that transcends the Town's size and diversity while maintaining the integrity and distinctiveness of individual neighborhoods

- The committee did not provide comment at this time

Goal 16: Expand opportunities for sharing information and for encouraging community involvement. Promote volunteerism and community service

- This goal remains relevant – a routine system of dispersing information to residents should be established (beyond the website)
    - Potentially with the school districts

Goal 17: Cooperate with the Villages of Colonie & Menands, and other neighboring and regional municipalities, agencies, and organizations on issues of mutual concern

- This goal remains relevant

As noted earlier, the committee will continue reviewing the 2005 Vision and Goals for further discussion at the next meeting.

Next Steps

The next CPAC meeting has been set for June 21st, 2017 and will be held at the Colonie Public Operations Building at 6:00 pm. Representatives of the Siena College Research Institute will be at the meeting to present the community survey results.

A meeting with business groups in the Town will be held later in the summer as well as a next round of public meetings in the summer or early fall. Mr. LaCivita has compiled comments received through the website and will provide these to the committee via email soon.

Public Comments

- Mary Beth - received the survey questionnaire in the mail. She feels that the Supervisor's letter should not have been included in the front of the survey questionnaire due to conflict of interest. She had concerns about the wording of a few questions on the survey based on the options provided. Suggested that a pedestrian safety educational component should be included in the goals – roundabout education, use of reflective or other safety gear, etc. Also suggested that Town Board members might better represent the diversity of neighborhoods in the Town if they were selected from different areas of the Town.
- Paul B. - submitted his comments to the committee. Concern that existing PDD & Senior Citizen incentives are not achieving the intended results - this law should be revisited in the planning process due to the impacts on traffic, etc. and potential issues with enforcing 55+ requirements. He noted challenges with voicing comments through the website's public comment section – comments are being left off and the Town's planning process is not being transparent. Traffic and development considerations should be included in the goals.

- Susan – had a question about how public comments and survey results will be incorporated into the vision, goals, and recommendations. Suggested that to promote neighborhood involvement the Town Board should be elected by neighborhood to represent geographically rather than Town-wide. The plan should determine how to protect the natural resources we have available. The Town Planning Department needs increased staffing to allow the Town to pursue more grant funding.
- Suzanne - the Town should be better positioned to obtain funding through grant resources for a variety of programs. All of the Town's existing assets should be better inventoried in order to be prepared to take advantage of funding programs.
- Paul R. – has been looking at enrollment data from the State. South Colonie CSD enrollment has decreased from the early 2000s & North Colonie CSD enrollment has decreased from the early 2000s - although other figures need to be assessed to fully understand the issues and challenges within each school district. Discussion about historical school enrollment data, future enrollment projections, and the complex issues facing schools
- Tim - plan should emphasize working cooperatively with the school districts & ways that this could be accomplished – increased from the current biannual meetings schedule
- Lisa - climate change has not been adequately addressed in discussions thus far and should be reflected within the vision, goals, & recommendations in the plan
- Tim - turnover of real estate is challenging to forecast & changes the way that the community plans for the future, it is currently hard to see this on the ground in the community
- Linda - approval of PDD's is impacting existing neighborhoods. Concern about how projects change and whether they are monitored properly.

Wrap-up and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:20 PM.

TOWN OF COLONIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

TOWN OF COLONIE
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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MEETING

To:	Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
From:	Katie Crawford, Land Use Planner I – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re:	June 21, 2017 Committee Meeting - Summary Notes
Date:	June 22, 2017

Meeting Location:	Town of Colonie Public Operations Building
Meeting Time:	6:00 pm – 8:00pm
Meeting Attendees:	Committee, Barton & Loguidice, and several members of the general public

Summary Notes

This was the tenth meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) for the Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Update project. The meeting was attended by the CPAC, consultants (B&L), presenters, and several members of the general public.

The meeting began with a review of the agenda (attached).

Update – Status of Related Projects

- CDTC – Albany Shaker Road Corridor Study
  - Public Workshop was held last week (6/13/17) – led by Creighton Manning Engineering
  - Opportunities for continued public comment will be available on the project website – from coloniepedd.org; use the "studies" tab and click on link to the Corridor Study Website
    - This is where all information regarding the project will be located moving forward
  - The next Public Meeting will be held Fall 2017
- Lincoln Avenue Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA)
  - A committee has yet to be formed by the Town of Colonie – this is the initial step before the project can kick-off
  - The study will focus on abandoned industrial buildings near the Town's boundary with the City of Watervliet
- Airport Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)
  - Presentation & Discussion by Chris Einstein, AICP (CHA) – see slides attached
  - GEIS focus on a large area, rather than a typical Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which focuses on a particular project site

        - The purpose of the GEIS is to identify the cumulative impacts of growth in the study area
    - GEIS relies on information about existing land uses and planned development to determine potential future impacts – this project will be best understood as future land uses are identified as part of the comprehensive plan update process
    - Specific mitigation efforts will depend on the desires of the Town as identified during this planning process; i.e. infrastructure, open space, etc.
    - Mitigation fees can fund capital improvements, but cannot fund operating costs (i.e. can purchase a van but cannot go towards a driver's salary)
    - Only projects that that would typically go through the SEQR process are required to contribute to the mitigation
    - A GEIS Steering Committee is being set up soon
        - Project kicking off next month
    - GEIS Scoping will begin with a review of the previous GEIS
        - Select topics will roll over and new items will be incorporated
    - The project will have two public meetings to engage the public
        - First Public Meeting in September
        - The public meetings will inform the scope of the project
        - Timeframe is based on how much growth actually happens, but generally 10-20 years
            - Growth projections in the current GEIS were not met
        - The draft scope will be introduced to the public and revised to create a final scope
    - DRAFT EIS & Public hearing will be complete around Summer 2018

<u>Community Survey</u>

- Presentation of Survey results by Donald Levy, Ph.D. - Director, Siena College Research Institute – see slides attached
    - Methodology
        - Sample population: 2,000 registered voters (total)
            - Village of Menands and Colonie excluded
        - 607 completed surveys (40% response rate)
            - typical response rate 8% - 9%
            - Distribution of response rate even across the Town
        - Survey was open from April 3 – June 12, 2017
        - Survey available by: Mail, Web & Phone
    - Most (95%) people feel that the Town of Colonie is an "Excellent" or "Good" place to live
    - Colonie Spotlight & Times Union are well-reviewed news sources by Town residents; newsletter or mailing or the Town website
- Committee Discussion
- The Town and B&L received copies of the raw data (crosstab format). A summary document will be prepared by Siena and made available on the comprehensive plan website in the near future.

<u>Next Steps</u>

- The next CPAC meeting will be held on July 19th at the Public Operation Center at 6:00 pm.

- Focus of the meeting will be Plan Vision, Goals, and Preliminary Concepts

Public Comments

Mr. Welti opened the floor for members of the public who attended the meeting to provide comments to the committee.

- Supervisor Mahan felt that Siena did a great job and the survey will be very useful moving forward
- Susan, had several questions for Joe Grasso (CHA) about the Airport GEIS –
  - How often does CDTC update their transportation model used in GEIS - the model is updated at least annually
  - Mr. LaCivita noted that the number of units built since at least 2008 goes to the Planning Board annually – Susan is looking for number of units built since 1990
  - Does this data get used in the development of a GEIS – Yes, to show historic growth rates in the Town to project forward
  - Mr. Welti noted that these are the types of questions that will be good for the scoping meetings that will be held by the Town and CHA in the Fall
- Mary Beth said that the letter accompanying the survey directed questions to the current administration, she feels that that was inappropriate and would have rather seen the questions directed to Siena
  - Feels the survey identifies areas where more attention should be paid rather than being a poor reflection on the Town
  - Felt that Question #12 was very misleading - confusion about how the question was interpreted that could lead to a misunderstanding of the results
- Suzanne, the Airport GEIS committee has not formed; feels the Albany Shaker Committee should be represented

Wrap-up and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned just at 8:00 pm.

TOWN OF COLONIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

TOWN OF COLONIE
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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MEETING

To:	Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
From:	Michael Welti, AICP – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re:	November 15, 2017 Committee Meeting - Summary Notes
Date:	November 22, 2017

Meeting Location:	Town of Colonie Public Operations Building
Meeting Time:	6:00 pm – 8:00pm
Meeting Attendees:	Committee, Barton & Loguidice, and several members of the general public

Summary Notes

This was the twelfth meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) for the Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Update project. The meeting was attended by the CPAC, consultants (B&L), and several members of the general public.

The meeting began with a review of the agenda (attached).

<u>Update – Status of Related Projects</u>

Mr. Welti noted that he and Mr. LaCivita met with the planning teams for the Airport Area GEIS (CHA) and the Albany Shaker Road Study (CME and CDTC) on October 30th. As the Comprehensive Plan Update process moves into draft recommendations over the next few months, continued coordination with these two studies and the Lincoln Ave. BOA study will be important.

- Airport Area Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)
    - Mr. LaCivita noted that the Planning Board established itself as Lead Agency for the GEIS at its meeting last night.
- CDTC – Albany Shaker Road Corridor Study
    - Public Meeting #2 will be held tomorrow (11/16) from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Shaker Road Loudonville Fire Department
- Lincoln Avenue Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Study
    - First Steering Committee was held on October 3rd, so this project is now underway. Mr. LaCivita noted that the Town did receive an extension from the Department of State (DOS) for the grant that is funding this study.
- IDA Retail and Hospitality Analysis – Mr. LaCivita noted that a draft report from Camoin Associates will be ready soon.

Community Outreach Process

- School Districts - Mr. Welti and Mr. LaCivita met with the Superintendents of the North Colonie and South Colonie School Districts earlier today. Topics discussed included growth and school enrollment projections and an interest in meeting more than once a year with the Town to share information (perhaps every six months to start).
    - It was noted that the Niskayuna School District has recently completed a very thorough analysis of its projected growth and suggested that we take a look at that as well.
- Business Roundtable – Mr. LaCivita said he is hoping to hold this meeting in December or January. He would like B&L and Camoin Associates to be involved.

Revised Draft Vision and Goals

Mr. Welti noted that the committee reviewed an initial draft of the vision and goals at its last meeting in July. Based on comments received at that meeting, and subsequent emails from the Committee, a revised draft was prepared. He reviewed the revised draft (November 2017) and indicated changes in comparison to the original, July version. Comments and suggestions from the CPAC follow:

- The Vision statement is fine as is.
- Housing goal – there was some discussion about what "incentives" mean and how we might try to achieve the goal of affordability or encourage mixed-income developments and multi-generational neighborhoods. It was noted that "the devil is in the details" and more discussion of this topic will need to occur when we start talking about actual recommendations. In terms of multi-generational housing, it was noted that making it easier for older residents to stay in Colonie is an important consideration. Services for seniors are increasingly important and there are a lot of opportunities to expand community-based services.
- Transportation goal – it was suggested that we remove the word "worst" in the second sentence. Because some of these issues are not controlled by the Town alone, we should also reference the continued need to work with partners such as the County, the State, and CDTA.
- Development approval process goal – replace "maintain" with "ensure"
- Natural resources goal – add language as follows: "…ensure that necessary clearing and site disturbances are minimized and consistent with approvals."
- Infrastructure goal – there was discussion about the second sentence: "Focus development where infrastructure already exists." It was noted that developers generally pay the cost of expanding infrastructure to new areas; however, the Town bears the cost of long-term maintenance of this infrastructure. It was suggested that this part of the infrastructure goal is consistent with the emphasis on redevelopment of existing sites and buildings that is called for in an earlier goal; and perhaps this sentence could be incorporated into that earlier goal instead. In terms of maintaining and enhancing infrastructure, it was suggested that the goal also mention the need to partner with utilities and other new infrastructure service providers to maintain and enhance these types of infrastructure as well as the traditional water, sewer, and roadway infrastructure.
- There was discussion about resiliency related to climate change. With the town's location along the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers, and the increasing intensity of rainfall events in recent years, resiliency should be mentioned in the goals. Though this came up in the context of the energy efficiency and conservation goal, it was suggested that this might be better incorporated into the infrastructure goal.

- There was discussion about the town identity goal that was in the 2005 plan and whether that should be removed in this update. Some members of the committee would prefer to leave it in, even if it is not a major driver of recommendations in the comprehensive plan update.

Mr. Welti will update the Vision and Goals with the comments from this meeting. These will not be the focus of discussion at the next meeting, but further refinements can be made as the committee works toward the plan recommendations and reaches out to the public again early next year. None of this is "final" until the committee votes to send its Draft Comprehensive Plan Update to the Town Board for adoption.

Brainstorming: Major Initiatives

Now that they have some agreement about the Vision and Goals, Mr. Welti noted that the Committee will be turning its attention to plan recommendations in the coming weeks. He asked committee members to start thinking about the major initiatives that they see emerging from the comprehensive plan. To start the conversation, he had three big picture ideas that he had been thinking about for Colonie based on the public input and CPAC discussions thus far:

- An Open Space Conservation Program – this was something discussed in the 2005 comprehensive plan, but never fully executed. There seems to be a lot of interest in this still today. The Comprehensive Plan Update should provide guidance about how the Town could establish a sustainable program for open space conservation. Such a program would involve establishing priorities, providing information about conservation tools and techniques available to the community, education and outreach to the public, and identifying sources of funding. Mr. Welti noted that he and Mr. LaCivita have been working on developing an inventory of existing open space resources in the Town. The inventory will be shared at a future CPAC Meeting. This information can serve as a starting point, but the plan recommendations should make suggestions for how the Town can organize this effort.
- A Complete Streets Initiative – building from the recommendations in the Albany-Shaker Road Corridor Study, the Town could take a closer look at other corridors. The Town might want to talk to CDTC about funding an Active Transportation Plan for Colonie.
- Zoning refinements – Mr. Welti said that he does not anticipate a major overhaul of the Town's zoning based on the discussions thus far, but the plan will include recommendations for refinements to certain portions of the zoning that have been identified as problematic.

The Committee was encouraged to provide other ideas.

- The Town Attorney's office is using a grant to prepare an inventory of vacant properties – so called "zombie properties". There is interest in creating a land bank (like Albany County) to facilitate the reuse or redevelopment of these properties - getting them back on the tax rolls and, perhaps, providing opportunities for affordable housing.
- The Town Attorney's office is also concerned about abandonment of big box stores in light of changes to the retail economy. They are working on ways to protect the Town from the blight that these large, vacant structures can cause.
- It was suggested that infrastructure maintenance could be another initiative and that this could even piggyback on the Open Space Initiative. Recent examples from Community Preservation Programs on Long Island have shown how funds for infrastructure maintenance can be obtained outside of the property tax base.

- Climate Smart Communities – it was suggested that the Town could consider participating in programs through NYSDEC and NYSERDA that encourage greater use of renewable energy and promote energy conservation as part of the Governor's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Next Steps

- Upcoming CPAC Meeting: December 20th, 6:00 pm @ Public Operations Building

Public Comments

Mr. Welti opened the floor for comments from members of the public in attendance.

Don Porter – handed out information about the DEC's Climate Smart Communities program and NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities program. He suggested that the Comprehensive Plan could encourage participation in these programs to advance clean energy and prevent climate change.

Ms. Weed noted that Colonie was recently designated a Tree City.

Marybeth Buckner – stated that the 2005 plan included some good examples of gateways and suggested that these would be a nice addition to the entranceways to Colonie. She also said she was disappointed by the discussion about traffic congestion earlier in the meeting because she does not like to think that there isn't more that can be done. She encouraged the committee to be creative.

Dick – noted that a couple of the goals mention increasing density and he is concerned about how this is done in his neighborhood along Maxwell Road. He said that the Town has allowed density increases in areas where it is not appropriate.

Paul Bergdorf – suggested that instead of removing the word "worst" from the transportation goal, it might be better to substitute the word "significant." He also asked Mr. LaCivita what the proper way is for the public to comment on the draft Vision and Goals.

Mr. LaCivita said that the Vision and Goals will be posted on the project webpage and that the email link on the website was the best way to get comments to the Committee.

Mr. Bergdorf suggested that the plan should make some statement about the maintenance of solid waste infrastructure. He is concerned that capacity in the landfill be reserved for town residents.

Susan Weber – asked about the submission of comments via the website – is there a way to see what comments have been submitted? Mr. LaCivita said that he would put the comments received to date on the website. Ms. Weber was also pleased to learn that we are developing an inventory of existing open space resources.

Curtis – thinks the identity of Colonie issue is an appropriate one to include in the plan. He noted that he bought his house in Loudonville 8 years ago but only recently learned that it was part of the Town of Colonie. He suggested that the committee think about the trajectory of the Town – not just where we are now but where we are headed. Instead of incentivizing redevelopment as discussed in the Vision and Goals, he wondered whether it would be possible to disincentivize

new development. And finally, he asked whether it is possible for a Town to develop its own public transportation (instead of relying on CDTA).

Paul Bergdorf – encouraged people to attend the Public Meeting for the Albany-Shaker Road Corridor Study tomorrow night. He saw of preview of the presentation and thinks it will be worth everyone's time to go to the meeting.

Wrap-up and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned around 8:15 pm.

Town of Colonie
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
November 15, 2017, 6:00 PM
Agenda

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

II. Update – Status of Related Projects

- Airport Area GEIS
- CDTC - Albany Shaker Road Corridor Study

  Public Meeting #2 – Tomorrow (11/16), 6:00 to 8:00 PM @ Shaker Road Loudonville Fire Department

- Lincoln Ave. BOA (Brownfield Opportunity Area)

III. Community Outreach Process

- Meeting with School Superintendents
- Business Roundtable?

IV. Revised Draft Vision and Goals

- Preliminary discussion 7/19/17
- Committee comments via email
- Review and discuss revised vision and goals

V. Brainstorming: Major Initiatives

- What are some of the major initiatives that we see emerging from the Comprehensive Plan?

VI. Next Steps

- Upcoming CPAC Meeting: December 20th, 6:00 PM

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Wrap-up and Adjournment

TOWN OF COLONIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MEETING

To: Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
From: Michael Welti, AICP – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re: December 20, 2017 Committee Meeting - Summary Notes
Date: December 22, 2017

Meeting Location: Town of Colonie Public Operations Building
Meeting Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00pm
Meeting Attendees: Committee, Barton & Loguidice, and several members of the general public

Summary Notes

This was the thirteenth meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) for the Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Update project. The meeting was attended by the CPAC, consultants (B&L), and several members of the general public.

The meeting began with a review of the agenda (attached).

Update – Status of Related Projects

Mr. Welti and Mr. LaCivita updated the Committee on the status of several other projects that are ongoing and that are related to the Comprehensive Plan Update:

- Airport Area Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) – work on scoping for the GEIS will begin in 2018. The recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan Update will help to inform the GEIS process.
- CDTC – Albany Shaker Road Corridor Study – Mr. Welti reviewed a brief summary of the November 16th Public Workshop that he received from Don Adams, Project Manager for CME. There was quite a bit of interest and discussion about the Albany Shaker Road Study and its relationship to the recommendations that the CPAC will include in the Comprehensive Plan Update. Several members of the Committee noted examples of Road Diets and Complete Streets that have been completed in the region (Van Rensselaer Boulevard, Broadway in Menands) in recent months and years that have been problematic in their view. Some members believe that these projects resulted in roads that were less safe and which over-emphasized bike and pedestrian travel at the expense of vehicular travel (the good for one does not outweigh the bad for the other). There was considerable skepticism about this approach and whether it is really practical in Colonie, a community that is dependent on cars for transportation, where the weather is cold for much of the year, etc. There was also skepticism about the notion that slowing down traffic on Albany Shaker Road was an appropriate goal and whether this would

really discourage pass-through traffic. Instead, many felt that such a goal would just make things worse for area residents. Finally, there was a question about whether the CDTC or DOT have done follow-up evaluations of the Road Diet / Complete Streets projects that have been completed to measure their actual results in terms of safety, traffic congestion, and bike/pedestrian use. Mr. Welti will follow-up with CDTC and CME to find out what information is available.

- Lincoln Avenue BOA (Brownfield Opportunity Area) – Mr. LaCivita noted that the Town received an extension on the grant from DOS. Initial work was submitted to DOS for review and will be made available to the public via a project website once the DOS signs-off. The Town is hoping to add some additional members to the project Steering Committee and will likely schedule a second committee meeting in January.
- IDA Economic Assessment Study – Mr. LaCivita noted that the IDA had discussed the initial draft of this report with its consultants (Camoin Associates) on Monday night. The assessment focuses on retail and hospitality at this time, but the IDA may ask for other sectors to be evaluated – warehousing, office and technology. Information from the study will eventually be shared with the Town Board, Planning Board, CPAC and business and property owners. There was some follow-up discussion about the summary findings, questions about the data, etc. Mr. Rinaldi noted that one possible concern for consideration in the Comprehensive Plan might be what happens to older product when businesses move into newer product. It was suggested that for retail, zoning flexibility may be needed for these sites to allow for their redevelopment; though it was noted that the mixed use zoning currently in place in some of these areas might already provide that flexibility. Mr. Shamilin said that he is more concerned about vacant warehouse and office space – these are harder to redevelop than retail. Retail sites are more likely to redevelop because of the market along the town's commercial thoroughfares. Mr. Daggett noted that the conversion of older office spaces to residential in Albany has resulted in unforeseen stresses on infrastructure downtown.

<u>Community Outreach Process</u>

- There remains interest in scheduling a Business Roundtable in January. Committee members would like to have the input of the business/development communities prior to finalizing its recommendations. It was suggested that this could be a joint effort between Camoin Associates (the IDA's consultant) and B&L.

<u>Revised Draft Vision and Goals</u>

Mr. Welti reviewed the changes to the Draft Vision and Goals that he made following the discussion at last month's CPAC Meeting.

In discussing the mobility (transportation) goal, it was suggested that a recommendation for the plan could be that the Town establish a point person for transportation who would be responsible for focusing on these issues and coordinating with partners at CDTC, CDTA, Albany County, and NYSDOT. It was noted that traffic was one of the highest concerns expressed by the public at the public workshops and through the community survey. It was opined that the trend in transportation has gone too far toward alternative modes and that there needs to be more balancing of interests between bikes/peds and automobiles. There was also discussion about the types of comments that the Planning Board gets from the CDTA and NYSDOT and how their suggestions are often unhelpful. For example, the CDTA is sometimes reluctant to allow pull-offs for buses on Central Avenue, preferring instead to have buses stop in the right lane of traffic. This causes traffic backups. Another example is when the NYSDOT prevents the town from allowing

more than one access point from a new commercial project onto a state road, forcing the secondary entrance to the commercial development to be provided on a local, residential street.

The Committee approved of the changes to the draft Vision and Goals that Mr. Welti presented and it was agreed that these would be made available to the public for review and feedback via the project website.

Plan Recommendations

Following up on the discussion of major initiatives at the last CPAC meeting, the Committee identified some areas of concern related to the town's zoning. Mr. Magguilli was concerned about commercial encroaching on residential neighborhoods and described a couple of recent examples (Cumberland Farms, Stewarts) where the zoning allowed for too much commercial right up against residential neighborhoods.

There was discussion about the Planning Board's experiences in reviewing projects in some of the Mixed Use zones. The PB has granted many waivers for specific provisions such as the small front yard setback, requirements for parking in the rear of buildings that, in their opinion, do not really make sense in some of the traditionally commercial areas that were zoned for mixed use after the 2005 plan. There were also questions about whether allowing residential above commercial was always appropriate in the NCOR and COR Districts – especially on smaller parcels. Mr. Welti wondered whether part of the problem was the way in which the 2005 comprehensive plan's concept of nodes was eventually implemented in the zoning. He noted, for example, that the 2005 plan graphic showed mixed-use nodes at specific points along Central Avenue that were coordinated with the locations that had been identified for BRT Stations in an earlier Route 5 Corridor Study that was completed by CDTC. However, in the zoning that was created following the Comprehensive Plan, the mixed use zones were applied end to end across the entire corridor.

The Committee discussed parking requirements in the current zoning. It was suggested that the required parking is often too high and there should be better provisions for shared parking.

The Committee discussed the Town's current sign regulations and whether these need to be revised. Though some of this should be updated to account for newer problems such as LED signs, the main problem appears to be that the Sign Review Board, which is under the ZBA, simply grants too many variances. It was suggested that sign approval could be shifted to the Planning Board as part of Site Plan Review.

The Committee also discussed the Open Space Conservation initiative. Mr. Welti reviewed some initial mapping of existing and potential open space resources that B&L had prepared with the Town. There is still some data that needs to be acquired, but it was agreed that this was a good start for the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Mahar made a number of suggestions about other entities in the region that might be willing to partner with the Town as it works to prepare a comprehensive approach to open space conservation in an open, community-based process. Ms. Weed noted that the CAC would be certainly be interested in participating. It was agreed that the Comprehensive Plan Update should outline a process for moving this important initiative forward.

Next Steps

Mr. LaCivita stated that he has a couple dozen public comments that have been received via the website. He will put these together and make them available on the project website.

The Committee agreed that the next CPAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24th.

Public Comments

Mr. Welti opened the floor for comments from members of the public in attendance.

Wendy – commended the committee for its great, meaningful conversation tonight. She also commented about the need to take a new approach to sign review and to address concerns about digital signs.

Lisa – suggested that the idea of lowering speeds on Albany Shaker Road, to discourage pass through traffic, may not work for residents who live in the corridor. She believes that there are some good aspects to the Complete Streets concept – for example, the provision of medians to provide pedestrian refuge on longer street crossings is helpful. She also supports having more street trees. However, she suggested that the Town look for other ways to make its streets more attractive and useful.

Paul – commended the Committee about its discussion of the Albany Shaker Road Corridor and transportation issues generally. He agrees with the Committee and is not in agreement with CDTC's philosophy. He noted that a letter that he recently submitted to the Committee via the project website (which will be posted Mr. LaCivita along with the other comments received) covers many of the same points that were made tonight.

Curtis – expressed some confusion about the committee's reaction to anything that would inconvenience cars. He suggested that the committee think long-term about these issues and suggested that we will not all be using cars the same way in the future. He also suggested that the Committee consider municipal broadband. This approach is being tried in many places across the country and he believes Colonie would be a good candidate for such an approach. He agreed to send some examples of what's being done elsewhere.

Wrap-up and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned around 8:00 pm.

Town of Colonie
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
December 20, 2017, 6:00 PM
Agenda

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

II. Update – Status of Related Projects

- Airport Area GEIS
- CDTC - Albany Shaker Road Corridor Study
- Lincoln Ave. BOA (Brownfield Opportunity Area)
- IDA – Economic Assessment Study

III. Community Outreach Process

- Business Roundtable – joint effort between B&L and Camoin Associates – perhaps late January

IV. Revised Draft Vision and Goals

- Revisions from the November meeting

V. Plan Recommendations

- Initial discussion of major initiatives

VI. Next Steps

- Upcoming CPAC Meeting: January 17th or 24th , 6:00 PM

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Wrap-up and Adjournment

Barton & Loguidice

Town of Colonie
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC)
February 21, 2018, 6:00 PM
Agenda

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

II. Update – Status of Related Projects

- Airport Area GEIS
- CDTC - Albany Shaker Road Corridor Study
- Lincoln Ave. BOA (Brownfield Opportunity Area)
- IDA – Economic Assessment Study

III. Community Outreach Process

- Business Roundtable – perhaps March?

IV. Draft Vision and Goals

- Posted on the Comprehensive Plan webpage after our meeting on 12/20

V. Preliminary Plan Recommendations

- Review and Discussion

VI. Next Steps

- Upcoming CPAC Meeting: March 21st, 6:00 PM?

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Wrap-up and Adjournment

Barton & Loguidice

Issue Identification Workshops

(Forts Ferry, Lisha Kill, Loudonville, Shaker High Shool, and The Crossings)

TOWN OF COLONIE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

To: Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
From: Michael Welti, AICP- Senior Planner – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re: Meeting Summary Notes
Date: November 11, 2016

Meeting Location: Forts Ferry Elementary School
Meeting Date/Time: November 10, 2016 - 6:30 pm – 8:30pm
Meeting Attendees: See sign-in sheets (attached)

Summary Notes

This was the first of a series of five (5) community workshops that will be held at locations throughout the Town in November and December of 2016. Michael Welti, AICP, Senior Planner at Barton & Loguidice, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. He began with a presentation that introduced the Town of Colonie's team for the Comprehensive Plan Update project, explained what a comprehensive plan is, and described the process that the Town will undertake to review and update its 2005 Comprehensive Plan over the next several months. A copy of the slides used for this presentation is attached to these notes.

Following the short presentation, Mr. Welti facilitated a discussion with attendees. A summary of the discussion follows below:

What do you like about living/working in Colonie? What is working, and should be protected or enhanced?

- The bike/hike path and the new park along the Mohawk River
- Ashford Glen Preserve
- Diverse and abundant recreational resources – Town parks, pool, golf course, dog parks, etc.
- Farmer's Market at The Crossings
- The Town is centrally located in the region – a blessing and a curse
- Good public schools
- Good emergency services (police, fire, EMS) – safe community, low crime rate
- Historic and cultural resources – very rich
- Mix of residential and commercial in the Town – good from a tax base standpoint and convenient
- Library
- Town services
- Access to waterways

- Strong sense of community
- Unsurpassed quality of life
- Neighborhood schools
- Airport (a positive and a negative)
- Senior programs – transportation, senior daycare – helps make it possible for seniors to stay in the community
- Higher education – colleges in the Town (Siena) and nearby (UAlbany, RPI, Union, St. Rose, etc.)
- Health services
- Infrastructure is well maintained
- Youth services
- Youth sports – good programs and facilities
- Diversity (demographic)
- Trees, greenspace
- Jobs available – in Town and nearby
- Stable economy – large state workforce
- Everything you want to do is here – entertainment, restaurants, retail…
- Sewer and water – the Town has newer facilities, an emergency reservoir, etc.
- Housing variety – in terms of price points
- Religious organizations – a large cross-section
- Quality development – good town oversight
- Landfill, recycling
- Low taxes (relative to the array of services provided)

What problems/concerns should be addressed through the plan? What can be done to improve life in Colonie?

- Traffic – some specific roadway mentioned (such as Albany Shaker Road)
- Infrastructure – though generally a strength, there are areas that have problems – for example, Vly Road area
- Loss of wooded areas as development occurs (examples: near The Crossings and by Target). Replacement of mature trees with young, specimen trees doesn't really work
- Lack of sidewalks and bike lanes
- Pressure of development – the way that it is occurring is a problem – threatens the positive qualities listed above
- Overdevelopment of residential – pressure on taxes, schools and other services
- Diversity of the Town is not always well-represented. Neighborhood representation is sometimes lacking too (perception that some areas are better represented than others)
- New roads were not planned or developed as development increased over previous decades (It was, however, noted that where roads are concerned, "if you build it they will come" – induced travel)
- Density and character of residential development is a problem – not appealing (examples: Parkside at The Crossings and Maxwell Road project)
- Loss of rural areas, farms, natural resources – loss of mature trees
- Need for more green energy – but rules for the siting of such facilities also needed
- Need to be more forward thinking – for example, Route 9 – Hoffman's development
- Signage regulations need to be reevaluated – some recent poor examples include: Pioneer Savings and the church by the Post Office

- Take advantage of opportunities to create/preserve sense of place – for example, corner of Route 7 and Wade Road – when unsightly building removed, create a small park, clock
- The change to more urban form has not always worked – buildings too close to the street – could foreclose future opportunities to widen the road
- Transition from residential to commercial or higher density residential too abrupt in some cases. Look at the zoning in these transition areas
- Would be nice to have a better balance of local stores to chains
- Encroachment of development into neighborhoods – hotels, higher density residential, and commercial
- Housing – still a lack of housing for people with special needs, lack of affordable housing
- Review the way we define "senior" for zoning purposes. Should have two-story homes for seniors. Trip generation, especially for younger "seniors" is probably higher than typically estimated.
- Need to be more realistic about how we calculate traffic (trip generation) from development – seems to be underestimated in the development review process. Must also consider cumulative impacts of development in an area and throughout the town. Update models.
- Better communication from the Town – social media and website. Earlier notification about development proposals. More transparency.
- "The 5 P's" – Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance – concern about the way PDD's are used – developers take advantage of these regulations without better outcomes for the town
- Need connections from neighborhoods to the bike paths
- Preserve the remaining farms – there are only a few left – but some of these are still active and there are even new farms (niche, organic, etc.)
- Redevelopment before development – more emphasis on redevelopment of vacant or underutilized sites – old industrial, former retail (Kmart), etc. Create incentives for redevelopment.
- Open Space Conservation – set aside money for this purpose
- Consider the potential of Railroad Avenue – location near UAlbany and all the growth that is occurring there

5 Priority Issues:

Mr. Welti asked participants to identify 4 or 5 of the issues of concern listed above that they would consider to be the priority issues. After some discussion, the following five were identified as priorities:

- Traffic
- Development Pressure (form/type) and preservation of neighborhoods
- Natural / Open Spaces
- Infrastructure
- Walkable / Bikeable Community

For each: What would we like to accomplish in regard to this issue? What are some of the obstacles to accomplishing this?

❖ *Traffic*
- Better coordination between agencies responsible for the various roadways
- More pro-active, less reactionary

- Seems that traffic is more a symptom of other issues – development, town's location
- SPUI (Route 7 over the Northway) was a success – what can we do at some of the other major bottlenecks? (Latham Circle, Osborne Road and Route 9)
- Traffic studies related to development – perhaps independent review needed
- Road maintenance and repair – not everyone content
- There are only a few major roads in the Town – all traffic gets pushed to these roads
- Consider transportation choices – more alternatives coming, how can these help and be encouraged?
- Pedestrian safety – perhaps we need to consider more expensive alternatives to crosswalks in some locations (pedestrian bridge, tunnel)
- Roundabouts – seem to work well when designed properly and placed in appropriate locations

❖ *Development Pressure*
- Set the bar higher – the Town is a desirable place, have higher standards, don't be afraid to ask for more in return for approvals
- Density – think carefully about where this is appropriate and how it's done
- Get community review and input earlier in the development review process
- Encourage more neighborhood participation
- Cumulative look at the impacts of development
- Set aside greenspace as part of development approval – watch for loopholes
- Reform the PDD process
- Look at other zoning requirements (transition areas)

❖ *Open Space Conservation*
- Funding – look at all options: town budget, creative mechanisms (such as real estate transfer tax), grants, etc.
- Encourage volunteerism for the maintenance of parks – "friends" organizations – there are residents who would be interested in this
- Open space – opportunities near schools? Educational benefits
- Perhaps more pocket parks around the Town
- Make Open Space Conservation a Town priority

❖ *Infrastructure*
- Grants are available – perhaps pursue for improvements to water delivery system
- Continue evaluating development to keep up with development
- Road maintenance

❖ *Walkable / Bikeable Community*
- Connections from neighborhoods to trails
- Connections from neighborhoods to nearby commercial areas – sidewalks
- Make it safer to walk or bike in the Town
- Prioritize bike/ped accomodations in development review process
- Pathway Plan that was completed a few years ago but never adopted – revisit this and consider whether to formalize
- Escrow fund (collected as part of development approval for future sidewalks) – unclear if this is working
- Need places to walk to – destinations. Perhaps new development could incorporate (mixed –use)

- Well-designed lighting (protecting against light pollution) to make it safer to walk/bike at night
- Retrofit some older neighborhoods to make them more pedestrian friendly too (example – Maxwell Road)

Following this discussion, Mr. Welti reminded the audience about upcoming meeting dates and thanked them for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

TOWN OF COLONIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Comprehensive Plan Update - Public Workshop

November 10, 2016, 6:30 PM
Forts Ferry Elementary Auditorium, Latham, NY

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November 10, 2016, 6:30 PM
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Comprehensive plan meeting
November 10, 2016
Forts Ferry Elementary School

Development of the town is desired but it must be compatible with it's surrounding neighborhood. Example: a Multi-story apartment complex should not be placed in the middle of a large single family residential area . Look at the surrounding neighborhood for a better fit.

There should not be conflicting zones adjacent to each other. Example: Industrial zone next to residential.

The planning board and the town board must adhere to the zoned areas and not let developers constantly apply for a PDD just because the project that they are purposing does not fit in that zone.

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TOWN OF COLONIE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

To: Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
From: Robert J. Murphy, Jr., AICP, Land Use Planner III – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re: Meeting Summary Notes
Date: December 14, 2016

Meeting Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Meeting Date/Time: December 7, 2016 - 6:30 pm – 8:30pm
Meeting Attendees: See sign-in sheets (attached)

Summary Notes

This was the fourth in a series of five (5) community workshops that will be held at locations throughout the Town in November and December of 2016. Charles Voss, AICP, Senior Planner at Barton & Loguidice, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. He began with a presentation that introduced the Town of Colonie's team for the Comprehensive Plan Update project, explained what a comprehensive plan is, and described the process that the Town will undertake to review and update its 2005 Comprehensive Plan over the next several months. A copy of the slides used for this presentation is attached to these notes.

Following the short presentation, Mr. Voss facilitated a discussion with attendees. A summary of the discussion follows below:

What do you like about living/working in Colonie? What is working, and should be protected or enhanced?

- Some suburban feel remains
- Superb town services – police, fire, EMS, highways
- Library
- Recreational amenities
- Easy Commutes
- Kings Road still has a rural feel
- Affordable housing – safe and near public transportation
- School Districts
- Transportation System
- Low taxes
- Library as a community center
- Friends of the Colonie Library Organization
- Location and country-feel
- Open space in surrounding County around Colonie

- Youth programs and facilities
    - South Colonie Pop Warner Cheerleading was just honored
- Rudy A. Ciccotti Family Recreation Center
    - Multi-faceted services offered
    - Serves as a draw for the community
- Emergency services (fire, police, ambulance, etc.)
- Attractive business climate

What problems/concerns should be addressed through the plan? What can be done to improve life in Colonie?

- Unchecked development
- Traffic
- Clear-cutting and contouring in development
- Wish there were more library branches
- Accelerating loss of suburban feel
- Some recreational opportunities are inaccessible for folks on West End
- Pinebush is disappearing
- Lack of awareness of and support mechanisms for affordable housing opportunities
- Stormwater runoff issues
- Disappearing wildlife
- Development vs. Open Space/Recreation
- Development vs. Road Infrastructure Capacity
- Road network connectivity on West End
- Water/Sewer infrastructure is approaching its maximum
- Library facility needs to be modernized
- Need to actively protect open space/agricultural land
    - Like Saratoga County does with Saratoga PLAN
    - Need a local coordinator in Town Government
    - Need an open space fund – maybe tied to a County Bed Tax
- High water table
- Unknown PFOA threat in drinking water
- Traffic
    - Even heavier on Kings Road
    - Troy-Schenectady Road (Route 7) becoming "Jersey-like" in its traffic volume
    - Need to coordinate between Town, County, and State DOT
- Need attention to pedestrian and bicycle networks
    - Should be a viable option for travel
    - Improve pedestrian/bicycle safety on existing network
- Need to better alert public to development projects
- Need to analyze open spaces and compare to other similar Towns
    - How much do communities like Guilderland preserve as open space?
- Need to steer industry/warehouse development to appropriate areas with infrastructure capacity and a history of such activity
    - i.e. Railroad Avenue and Lincoln Avenue
- Need to revitalize traditional commercial corridors
    - i.e. Central Avenue through the West End
- Relaxed signage rules are an issue
    - i.e. new Pioneer Bank building on Albany-Shaker Road
- Need to enforce open space requirements

- Update Airport Area GEIS and include identified open spaces
- Need a comprehensive, Town-wide traffic study rather than piecemeal studies currently on the books
- Expand pedestrian/bicycle network down Vly Road and throughout the West End
- Allow the Town Government to be proactive in environmental consciousness
- Development vs. School Enrollment
    - What does it mean for class size and school tax burden?
- Be careful with PDD zoning/overlays
- Buffering between commercial and residential uses
- Use market demand to encourage (or demand) architectural standards
- Architectural review loop-hole in site plan review process when development is a continuation of an existing use
- Improve availability of land use regulation information
    - Potential put this in an easily navigable, on-stop page on the municipal website
- Neighborhood-specific architectural standards
    - i.e. Shoppes at New Loudon
- Use quotas on repetitive, impactful uses
    - i.e. car dealerships on Central Avenue
- Improve meeting awareness
    - Look into Town's municipal television network

Top Priority Positive Attributes of the Town:

- Town services
- Programs for both youth and seniors
- Suburban/Rural (not city) feel

Top Priority Obstacles Looking into the Future:

- Preservation of green space
- Traffic mitigation
- Walkability/bike-ability
- Implementation of conservation overlay district regulations
- Limited knowledge for enhanced neighborhood participation in development process
    - Also needs to be included earlier in the development process

Following this discussion, Mr. Voss reminded the audience about upcoming meeting dates and thanked them for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

TOWN OF COLONIE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

To: Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
From: Katie Crawford, Land Use Planner I – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re: Meeting Summary Notes
Date: November 30, 2016

Meeting Location: **Loudonville Elementary School**
Meeting Date/Time: **November 29, 2016 - 6:30 pm – 8:30pm**
Meeting Attendees: See sign-in sheets (attached)

Summary Notes

This was the second of a series of five (5) community workshops that will be held at locations throughout the Town in November and December of 2016. Michael Welti, AICP, Senior Planner at Barton & Loguidice, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. He began with a presentation that introduced the Town of Colonie's team for the Comprehensive Plan Update project, explained what a comprehensive plan is, and described the process that the Town will undertake to review and update its 2005 Comprehensive Plan over the next several months. A copy of the slides used for this presentation is attached to these notes.

Following the short presentation, Mr. Welti facilitated a discussion with attendees. A summary of the discussion follows below:

What do you like about living/working in Colonie? What is working, and should be protected or enhanced?

- Roads are well designed to control traffic flow
    - E.g. Wolf Road network
- Balance of commercial and residential uses – good for traffic reduction and diversity of the tax base
- Good place to raise a family
- Great school districts
- Lots of trees and maintained woodlands
- Great neighbors and community (including substantial community resources)
- Great senior services
- Low crime
- Historic Shaker Society and preservation of history in general
- Accessibility to the Airport
- Nursing Home
- Pruyn House

- Library
- Bike path and Town Parks
- Shift towards a walkable community (especially in Latham)
- Variety of land uses and a diversity of housing options
- Accessibility of the Town Planning/Development Boards to the public
- Pool and other recreational resources
- Lack of speed bumps
- Access to CDTA bus system
- Public/Private partnerships for youth activities
- Town of Colonie Golf Course
- Good Emergency Services
    - EMT
    - Police
    - Fire
- Central location in the Capital District
- Sidewalk accessibility
- 12 Pocket Parks throughout the Town
- Water/Wastewater infrastructure is well established
- Neighborhood Schools
- Responsive Local Government
- Variety of housing for all income levels
- Senior citizen outreach programs
- Affordable housing for seniors
- Recent addition of veteran's housing
- Town sponsored activities
    - E.g. Town Band

What problems/concerns should be addressed through the plan? What can be done to improve life in Colonie?

- Zoning ordinances need to be crafted more thoughtfully and pay special attention when considering new development near existing residential areas
- Traffic – some specific roadways mentioned (such as Albany Shaker Road)
    - These roads are dangerous because of heavy traffic flow – and they have implications for feeder roads
- Communication between the Town and County transportation departments seems to be lacking
- Town is lacking rental properties and affordable housing units for the working class
- Housing development should reflect the market
- Sidewalks around schools are not adequate – where sidewalks have been added they are generally appreciated; but many areas still lack sidewalks and would like to have them.
- New development is not cohesive with existing neighborhood character
    - E.g. Maxwell Road – Maxwell Village
- Some existing vegetation should be maintained throughout construction of new development
- Mill Road and Sparrowbush have experienced an increase in traffic due to development, but they have not improved road amenities or increased capacity
- Landfill expansion needs to be considered in the planning process

    - The contract between the Town and private firm in control of the landfill should be reviewed to generate the best possible outcome for the Town
- Traffic along Osborne Road/Maxwell Road/Old Niskayuna Road should go under analysis and these traffic studies should be considered in the plan and prior to the approval of new development
- When reviewing new development the existing neighborhood should be considered prior to site plan approval – earlier notification and involvement of the public
- Concerns regarding development should be incorporated into the existing zoning code
- Deals made with developers should be fiscally sustainable
    - The agreements made during site approval should be thoroughly investigated in regards to long term costs
- Lack of bike lanes on roads
- Lack of young adults participating in the future of the Town
- Encourage diversity within the Town's population moving towards the future
- Data collection throughout the planning process should key into parcels where future conservation efforts can be made
    - As well as public access to the waterfront
- Community character should be protected using zoning as a tool
    - E.g. open space conservation, wildlife management, etc.
- Challenges with infrastructure should be addressed throughout the Town
    - E.g. low water pressure in certain areas, aging water/wastewater infrastructure
- Floodplain and stormwater impacts need to be addressed when site plans are approved
- Density is impacting quality of natural resources
- Encourage importance of aesthetics during the site plan approval process
- Careful consideration of local school districts
- Development design guidelines are a tool the town should utilize
- Look to education leaders to be included in the planning process
- Communication with public needs to be improved at early stages in the planning process
- Move to quality based design and architectural standards – implement the "Architectural Review Board" proposed in the 2005 Comprehensive Plan
- Improve services in the northern part of the Town
- Micro-grid development and regional energy should be considered in the planning process
- Planning process should including traffic decongestion options
- Trip generation estimates associated with development proposals should be reviewed carefully and held to a realistic standard
- To encourage more community participation - the local evening news, social media presence, newsletters and other mass mailers need to be considered and explored

Following this discussion, Mr. Welti reminded the audience about upcoming meeting dates and thanked them for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

TOWN OF COLONIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Comprehensive Plan Update - Public Workshop

November 29, 2016, 6:30 PM
Loudonville Elementary Auditorium, Albany, NY

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TOWN OF COLONIE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

To: Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
From: Chuck Voss, AICP, Senior Land Use Planner – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re: Meeting Summary Notes
Date: December 2, 2016

Meeting Location: Shaker Junior High School
Meeting Date/Time: December 1, 2016 - 6:30 pm – 8:30pm
Meeting Attendees: See sign-in sheets (attached)

Summary Notes

This was the third of a series of five (5) community workshops that will be held at locations throughout the Town in November and December of 2016. Michael Welti, AICP, Senior Planner at Barton & Loguidice, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. He began with a presentation that introduced the Town of Colonie's team for the Comprehensive Plan Update project, explained what a comprehensive plan is, and described the process that the Town will undertake to review and update its 2005 Comprehensive Plan over the next several months.

Following the short presentation, Mr. Welti facilitated a discussion with attendees. A summary of the discussion follows below:

What do you like about living/working in Colonie? What is working, and should be protected or enhanced?

- Good Schools
- Colonie is a safe community
- Colonie has nice open spaces
- Easy to get around by vehicle
- Close proximity to goods and services
- Colonie is a pedestrian friendly town
- Decent mix of taxes which are not too high
- There are many mature trees in the neighborhoods
- Basic services light water, sewer, power, etc., are provided
- Good services for older residents
- Good libraries
- Nice Parks
    - The Crossings
    - Pocket Parks

- Proximity to many colleges and universities
- Nice bike trails
- Round-a-bouts make it easy for pedestrians to cross busy roads/intersections
- Many historic sites in town
- Access to major transportation
    - Albany International Airport
    - Rensselaer Rail Station
- Good outdoor recreation facilities

What problems/concerns should be addressed through the plan? What can be done to improve life in Colonie?

- The Town is becoming too urbanized
- There is a lack of town-wide traffic coordination and poor access management
- Loss of open space
- Aging infrastructure
    - Frequent repairs needs for water and sewer lines
- There is a general lack of connectivity with local road networks
- Lake of bike routes
- Excessive traffic speed and a lack of pedestrian safety along town roadways
    - Physical solutions are needed to address both of these issues
- Need better traffic control across the town
- New commercial development is encroaching on existing residential areas and causing conflicts
- There is a lack of public involvement in the planning process
    - There needs to be better advanced notice of projects
    - There needs to be more opportunities early in the review process for public input
    - The public needs to be involved much earlier in the project review process than they are now
- The Town is not considering the cumulative impacts of development on the whole town
- There is a lack of a town wide vision to guide growth and development
- Lack of affordable housing for young people and young families
- There needs to be better coordination between the Town, County and the State for road paving projects
- The Latham traffic circle does not function very well because it is too congested
- There is a lack of uniform street lighting standards across the town
    - This affects pedestrian safety
    - This encourages light pollution
    - Signage lighting needs to be reduced as well
- New large, tall buildings are obscuring the sky, sky line and views
- There is poor pedestrian safety in built areas due to a general lack of sidewalks
- Adjacent development pressures on existing residential neighborhoods are affecting the residents quality of life
- The Town needs to work more closely with the school districts to help them better deal with student population growth and the need for new school facilities caused by the growth
- The Town needs to better understand and/or better define the meaning of “appropriate development”, and then decide where it should occur in town
- Planned Development Districts (PDD’s) are not being used effectively or as originally intended by the town

- The overall development process used by the town needs to be better defined and implemented
- Many parks are not being adequately maintained or are aging and falling into disrepair
    - Pocket Parks especially
- There is a lack of neighborhood level recreational programing for kids and for many parks
- Density in town is too excessive
- The town needs to reexamine the term “senior housing” to ensure it reflects housing for “true” seniors >65 yrs old
- As available land shrinks due to development, more pressure will be put on remaining lands
- Colonie is not a farm friendly town
- There needs to be increased notice of Planning Board agendas so potentially impacted neighbors can have time to properly research the project(s) before they come to a meeting for the first time
- The town should incentivize small farms and small agricultural uses in town to encourage more of these uses
- Site development needs to be done better to preserve the valuable spaces on a parcel of land
    - Currently there is no public benefit to mandatory “green space” areas being set aside on developed lands
- The former Tobin First Prize packing plant site is a blight on the town
- Don’t encourage development to occur too close to the edge of the roadways. This is an urban/city approach that should not be used in Colonie which is a suburban community
- Ensure that as the town grows, there are adequate numbers of first responders available
- There needs to be more alternatives for transportation access across the town
    - Bus
    - Bike lanes
    - Light rail

Following this discussion, Mr. Welti reminded the audience about upcoming meeting dates and thanked them for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

TOWN OF COLONIE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

TOWN OF COLONIE
ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

To: Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
From: Katie Crawford, Land Use Planner I – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Re: Meeting Summary Notes
Date: December 15, 2016

Meeting Location: **The Crossings Main Meeting Room**
Meeting Date/Time: **December 14, 2016 - 6:30 pm – 8:30pm**
Meeting Attendees: See sign-in sheets (attached)

Summary Notes

This was the final of a series of five (5) community workshops that were held at locations throughout the Town in November and December of 2016. Michael Welti, AICP, Senior Planner at Barton & Loguidice, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. He began with a presentation that introduced the Town of Colonie's team for the Comprehensive Plan Update project, explained what a comprehensive plan is, and described the process that the Town will undertake to review and update its 2005 Comprehensive Plan over the next several months.

Following the short presentation, Mr. Welti facilitated a discussion with attendees. A summary of the discussion follows below:

What do you like about living/working in Colonie? What is working, and should be protected or enhanced?

- The Town has high quality school districts with well-equipped faculty and staff
- The Town is centrally located
- Community Character
    - Safe neighborhoods
- Library
- Farms and farm products
    - They provide breathing space
- Good EMS services
- Streets are plowed
- Airport
- Low taxes compared to the high quality of life the Town provides
- Bike path
- Ashford Glen preserve

- Good quality of utilities - Wastewater treatment plant and water filtration systems work well
    - Sewer
    - Water
- Good air quality
- Pruyn House has available gathering spaces
- Historic legacy
    - Historic homes
    - Historic preservation
    - Shaker Site
- Open space
    - Schuyler Flats
    - Pine Bush Preserve
- Parks
    - The Crossings
    - Town Park
    - Pocket Parks
- Mohawk River front
- Engaged community
- Town programs
    - Youth program
    - Family programs
    - Senior programs
    - Summer programs
    - Veterans programs – soldier on
- Easy access to retail and restaurants
- Control of light pollution near Siena
    - Adequate height restrictions
- Public transportation and the availability of alternative modes of transportation
- Forward thinking Town government

What problems/concerns should be addressed through the plan? What can be done to improve life in Colonie?

- Road maintenance (specifically Sand Creek Road)
- Complete streets should be incorporated into the Town's transportation network
- Coordination with CDTA to provide crosswalks and other pedestrian amenities to users of public transit
    - CDTA should provide access to areas where people need access
        - Apartments
        - Post office
        - Town hall, etc.
- Walkability could be improved – especially around bus stops
- Land use decisions should reflect what the Town can accommodate
    - School enrollment
    - Traffic congestion
- Existing infrastructure should be maintained before adding new infrastructure to the system
    - In the Town and specifically the Vly Road area
- Traffic congestion should be thought of when approving new developments

- There should be a balance between open space preservation and private property development rights
    - More emphasis should be placed on preserving open space moving forward
- Low-income and affordable housing units should be available
- Review options such as TDR
- Density has become an issue over time
- PDD's may need to be relooked at hoe they are used in the Town
- Clear cutting prior to development of sites should cease
    - Enforcement surrounding the issue may need to be improved
- Renewable energy should be encouraged and required
    - Schools may be able to utilize other energy sources
    - Micro-grids and other innovations may need to be explored
    - Resources for implementing these project will also need to be pressured
- Lack of street lights in certain areas may need lead to safety issues
- "cut through" roads may need traffic calming devices implemented
- Ratio of permeable/impermeable surface area may need to be more heavily enforced
    - Stormwater management may need to be improved
- The planning department should be better staffed for a Town of this size
- Developer fees may need to be increase or better utilized
- Building department enforcement needs to be enhanced
- SEQR needs to be improved on
- Signage and design regulations should be improved
- Town should better communicate to the community what items are posted on the agenda and neighboring property owners should be notified sooner
- Connectivity should existing within and in between the hamlets
- Commercial solar and other commercial scale energy should be addressed
- Young professionals and young families should be engaged in the process and the Town should try and attract them to the area

Three priority issues were identified they are

- Design Standards
- Open Space Preservation
- Traffic Congestion

What would we like to accomplish in regard to this issues? What are some of the obstacles to accomplishing this?

- A built out analysis should be done to understand where the Town is at in regard to development trends
- Identify what open space exists in the Town
- Identify where certain properties are at risk and which properties would have the highest impact
- Plan for future preservation
- The existing "Pathways" plan should be reviewed as a starting point
- Incentives should be provided for infill and brownfield development

Following this discussion, Mr. Welti reminded the audience about upcoming committee meeting date and thanked them for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

APPENDIX D

2010 Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Progress Report

TOWN OF COLONIE

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The original Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Town Board in 2005. Section 7 outlines time-related actions to achieve implementation. While such timelines were designated, Section 7 also realizes "... that an incremental approach is likely to be more efficient and realistic...." regarding Plan implementation.

Section 7.5.1 of the Comprehensive Plan recommends "... that the Town of Colonie review and update, if necessary, the comprehensive plan within the next 5 to 10 years. An assessment of the progress achieved on the implementation actions would also be beneficial."

In 2010 Supervisor Paula Mahan formed a Comprehensive Plan Review Committee to assess the status of the Plan's implementation and to report such to the Town Board.

The Comprehensive Plan Review Committee consists of the following members: Town of Colonie Director of Senior Resources Christine Cary, Town of Colonie Commissioner of Public Works John Cunningham, residents John Fahey, Kathy Ordway, Ralph Schimmel, and Gary Rinaldi, resident and business owner Chris Bette, Town Board members Daniel Hornick and Linda Murphy, Rebekah Kennedy from the Town Attorney's Office, Town of Colonie Director of Planning and Economic Development Joe LaCivita, Town of Colonie Director of Community Services Alicia Osur, Town of Colonie Building Department Director Mike Rosch, and ad hoc members C.J. O'Rourke, Planning Board Chairman and Jean Donovan Assistant to the Supervisor.

The meeting dates for the Committee were June 30, 2010, July 21, 2010, August 11, 2010, September 15, 2010, October 27, 2010, November 10, 2010 and November 17, 2010. Meetings were held in the main conference room of the Town's Public Operations Building.

Meetings to present the Committee's findings were held on Monday December 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Colonie Town Hall and Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Crossings.

A public hearing was held on December 20, 2010 at the Public Operations Center to receive public comments regarding the proposed changes.

The Comprehensive Plan Review Committee has reviewed Section 7 of the Plan, and based on current economic conditions and the realization that an incremental approach is beneficial when implementing the Plan the Committee offers the following analysis and suggestions:

1) In 2007 the Town of Colonie adopted a new Land Use Law which updated zoning and subdivision regulations to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

   While this was an immediate action recommended by the Plan the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee recommends, as with the review that has taken place in 2010, further review and updates of both the Plan and the Land Use Law be an on-going action by this Committee or another appointed by the Town.

2) The Committee agrees that a regular system for monitoring the implementation of the plan continue and be on-going action by this Committee or another appointed by the Town.

3) The Committee believes that the consideration of the acceptance of the Mohawk River Waterfront Revitalization Study and the Route 7-Route 2 Corridor Land Use Transportation Linkage Study be deemed a mid-term action, as parts of these studies have either been implemented or are on-going.

   The Route 7-2 Corridor Study provided land use recommendations which were adopted in the Town's current Land Use Law. The Committee recommends a review of the study to determine if the coverage area should be expanded.

   The Committee is awaiting further input from the Planning and Economic Development Department's Senior Planner on the status of the Mohawk River Waterfront revitalization.

4) The restructuring of the Planning and Economic Development Department continues, resulting in the Committee recommendation that this process be deemed an immediate action.

5) The Town of Colonie has enhanced gateways to the Town as recommended in the Comprehensive Plan. In 2008 the Route 5 gateway was constructed between Colonie Center and Northway Mall. In 2010 the Troy-Schenectady Road gateway, west of the I-87 Exist 6 interchange was completed. Based on the current economic conditions and the cost of gateway improvements and maintenance the Committee believes that this action be deemed a mid-term action while the Town continues to work with developers, New York State, and other parties to achieve the gateways.

6) The Town of Colonie is currently preparing a first ever Town-wide economic development strategy as recommended in the 2005 Comprehensive Plan. The Planning and Economic Development Director has stated that this strategy is in draft form thereby placing this goal as an immediate action.

   In conjunction with this action the Town of Colonie is participating in a CDTC Linkage Study known as the Railroad Avenue Transportation and Revitalization Plan, as well as the current Route 5 Corridor Study.

   The Town's IDA is working with the Planning and Economic Development Department to identify development and re-development incentives.

7) The Town of Colonie IDA is actively working on with the Town's Planning and Economic Development Department regarding redevelopment initiatives for the Lincoln Avenue Industrial Revitalization Area. The IDA is promoting a Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program application for this area and has completed a Phase I and Phase II Environmental Study to determine the feasibility of future redevelopment of the Adirondack Steel site. In addition the IDA, in partnership with the Village of Menands and the City of Watervliet has been awarded a Linkage Study grant through CDTC to study the Route 32 corridor between Menand Road and the Watervliet Arsenal.

Based on the progress of this action and the fact that the Town is currently conducting a Route 5 Corridor Study the Committee is requesting that the Route 5 corridor also be addressed and that these should remain a short-term action.

8) Based on current economic conditions and the continuing analysis of draft reports such as the 2008 Pathways Plan, the on-going analysis of providing alternative transportation routes such as bicycle routes, the review of traffic calming measures, and the recommendation that a Town-wide sidewalk plan be adopted, the Committee recommends that these on-going reviews and studies be deemed mid-term actions.

9) The Town has reduced the widths of streets in residential subdivisions from 36 to 32 feet. This reduction of street widths was recommended in the Comprehensive Plan therefore no further action is needed.

10) It is recommended that the establishment of an Official Town of Colonie Map be designated a mid-term action.

11) The development of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been initiated and the Committee recommends that this action, as well as the identification of areas for open space conservation be deemed on-going actions.

12) The Town of Colonie Land Use Law allows the Town's Planning Board the authority of design element review in an effort to make certain that design elements, such as architecture, are in harmony with the surrounding neighborhoods. In conjunction with this authority given to the Planning Board the Town is currently reviewing the formation of an Architectural Review Advisory Committee or a similar committee to refine and expand on existing design guidelines. These initiatives, as well as the development of neighborhood planning initiatives should be moved to short-term actions.

13) The Comprehensive Plan has recommended the compilation and organization of historic and cultural resource information so that a comprehensive Town-wide inventory can be established. The Town Historian's Office with the assistance of the MIS Department has located (GIS) all accessible family cemeteries and has referenced these coordinates into an ARC View map layer.

The Committee recommends the compilation and organization of the Towns historic and cultural resource information and that this be designated an immediate action. It is further recommended that Town Historian's Office continue to work in conjunction with the MIS Department.

14) The Town is currently updating its traffic portion of the Boght Area GEIS and the Committee recommends that such GEIS updates be on-going or immediate actions. The determination for such reviews should be made by the Planning and Economic development Department and the Department of Public Works and should be accomplished in partnership with other agencies.

15) While New York State Law requires training for Planning and Zoning Boards throughout the State, the Committee recommends training sessions, as-needed and as economic conditions allow, for related Town staff.

16) Through its Residential Rehabilitation and First Time Homebuyer programs the Town currently provides assistance to homeowners in purchasing and maintaining their homes. These programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and therefore, participation is limited to low- to moderate-income residents. Additionally, a variety of programs exist to assist low- to moderate-income residents maintain their homes i.e., Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Emergency Heap Program, weatherization programs, Albany County Rural Housing Residential Rehabilitation Program. Reverse mortgage options, community based in-home services, and Umbrella of Colonie are limited to senior citizens and/or disabled residents.

    The Committee believes that efforts should be made to enhance the existing residential programs within the Town with an emphasis on stabilizing the older residential neighborhoods in the Town.

    Given the uncertainty of future federal funding, the Town may no longer be able to rely exclusively on these subsidies to support its housing programs. To preserve the existing housing stock, the Town should investigate new revenue sources by encouraging collaboration among the non-profit community, the private sector, and local governments and the Committee believes these should be on-going actions.

17) Training recommendations for Planning and Zoning Boards no longer need to be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan as such sessions are mandated by New York State Law. The Committee therefore recommends this action be considered complete.

18) All Phase II Stormwater Management Regulations were adopted by 2008 and the Town of Colonie is in compliance. As stormwater regulations continue to evolve the Town will remain committed to implementing these regulations. The Committee deems the Town's action complete as relating to the Comprehensive Plan but realizes that compliance based on changing regulations is an on-going process.

The Comprehensive Plan Review Committee recommends that the vision of the Plan be amended to read:

2.1 Vision:

The Town of Colonie is the center of the Capital District's tech valley development with desirable residential neighborhoods, pedestrian safe roadways, open green spaces and superior recreational resources balanced with business friendly development, broad based economic

growth and employment making it the region's most desirable place to live, learn and do business.

The Comprehensive Plan Review Committee recommends that the goals referenced in Section 2.2 of the Plan be consolidated and reworked to read:

2.2 GOALS

The Town of Colonie has established a set of goals to guide decision-making and help achieve this vision. These goals address a wide range of issues that have been raised through the public involvement process and through the development of an inventory and analysis. The goals are as follows:

A. Provide an increased enjoyment for the residents of the various neighborhoods throughout the Town.
    1. Provide opportunities and incentives for the development and redevelopment of a variety of housing options in the Town to meet the needs of its increasingly diverse population.
    2. Improve mobility and connectivity throughout the Town.
    3. Establish an identity for the Town of Colonie that transcends the Town's size and diversity while maintaining the integrity and distinctiveness of individual neighborhoods.

B. Provide a business-friendly environment that is supportive of local business that encourages entrepreneurship, and that helps assure the provision of quality employment and a diverse economic base in the community.
    1. Improve the development approval process by establishing land use regulations that guide development in a manner that is consistent with the vision, goals, and recommendations contained in this plan.
    2. Encourage the reuse or redevelopment of existing sites and buildings.
    3. Promote commercial, industrial and high-tech growth in specifically designated areas, taking advantage of the Town's infrastructure, location, and critical regional assets.

C. Maintain the Town's superior level of services and resources such as:
    1. Public safety
    2. Community services for youth and seniors
    3. Public utility infrastructure and services
    4. Cultural and historic resources
    5. Active and passive recreational resources

D. Protect the Town's important natural resources.
    1. Enhance the Town's Mohawk River waterfront.
    2. Encourage the conservation of viable farmland and significant open spaces throughout the Town.
    3. Develop a network of open lands to provide wildlife habitat and potential recreational trail corridors.

E. Expand opportunities for sharing information and for encouraging community involvement. Promote volunteerism and community service.

F. Cooperate with the Villages of Colonie and Menands, and other neighboring and regional municipalities, agencies, and organizations on issues of mutual concern.

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