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&

Village of Weedsport

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport collaborated to create a Joint Comprehensive Plan which will set the tone for the future of life, economics, and recreation in their community. The Town Board and the Village Board of Trustees appointed officials from both municipalities to the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee in June 2012. These individuals were charged with representing the community as a whole and to create this comprehensive plan. In September 2012 the Town and Village contracted with the Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development (CCPED) to assist the committee with the development of the plan.

The community was involved in this planning process from the very beginning starting with the official “kick-off” meeting in September 2012 which was designed to inform the public about the project and the process by which it would be completed. In an extraordinary effort to gain public feedback, the Comprehensive Plan Committee opened every one of their monthly meetings up to the public and encouraged them to come. Community input was solicited through a survey, and at several public events attended by CCPED staff and committee members (including the Old Tyme Christmas and Fireman’s Field Days events). While the number of public participants at each monthly meeting may not have been huge, the committee did receive valuable input from residents and business owners with a vested interest in the future of their community throughout the planning process.

The first major outcome of this public participation was the vision statement and the overarching goals for the community’s future. The four key areas of the vision statement and the three overarching goals created the theme for this plan and have been directly tied to each and every objective and action developed for the implementation of this comprehensive plan. It is this vision and these goals which have set the tone for the future of this community; and if the community of Brutus and Weedsport works hard together we will truly have a bright and prosperous future ahead.

The community’s vision and goals are listed below, followed by a condensed version of the implementation matrix for the plan. The full detailed matrix which includes time frames for completion and potential funding sources can be found in Chapter 11.

Vision

In our Vision for the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport in the future, there is a thriving local business community, the rural and family-oriented character of the community has been maintained, and both the abundant Agricultural and natural resources have been protected and become viable tourist attractions.

In the coming years, we will carefully manage new growth and development while respecting private property rights in order to: **Protect** clean water and air, natural and cultural resources, the safety and well-being of the community, and the integrity of our schools to attract new families; **Preserve** the strong sense of community in both the Town and the Village, the vibrant agricultural and farming community, historic buildings, and active outdoor recreation areas; **Enhance** the identity of the community as a place to live, work and play, our role as a gateway to the Finger Lakes, local festivals and holiday events to attract more visitors, tourism along the Erie Canal; and to **Provide** support for young professionals and recent graduates, excellent municipal services, economic development for small businesses and agricultural tourism, and diverse housing opportunities for a range of household incomes to facilitate growth while maintaining the rural and agricultural identity of the community.

Goals

There are three overarching goals for this Comprehensive Plan which are designed to achieve all four areas of the Vision for the community's future. Each of the Objectives and Actions in this plan directly relate back to one of these three goals and to at least one of the four key areas of the vision.

1. Maintain a family-friendly Town and Village with a strong sense of community.

The Town and Village will ensure that Brutus and Weedsport continue to be a desirable place for people to raise a family by making it attractive and possible for people who have left the community to come back to stay; including both young people in their 20s and 30s as well as elderly people and retirees. Brutus and Weedsport will be a place where visitors would want to, and can, settle, stay and be involved in the community.

2. Proactively support agriculture

The Town and Village will value agriculture for maintaining the rural character of the community and for strengthening the rural economy. Brutus and Weedsport will retain valuable farmland and provide opportunities for agricultural business to grow.

3. Attract visitors and tourists

The Town and Village will capitalize on the community's potential to be a gateway to the Finger Lakes, with attractive businesses in the Village Center and recreational opportunities throughout the Town.

The colors of the text for each Goal above correspond to the coloring of the Implementation Matrix and how the Objectives and Actions from each chapter relate to these Goals. This color theme has been used within the body of each chapter as well to further emphasize how the topics are connected to one or more of the three overarching Goals.

Plan Goals, Objectives & Actions: Table

Goal	Objective	Action
Maintain a family-friendly Town and Village with a strong sense of community.	Enhance the commercial center of the Village while preserving nearby historic neighborhoods and homes.	Establish separate zones for: Core Commercial areas; Transition areas; and Residential areas.
		Encourage new residential development to locate near the Village but outside the Village limits.
		Permit and encourage housing units in the upper stories of commercial buildings in the Village Center.
	Provide affordable housing opportunities for families with children and first-time home buyers.	Expand opportunities for two-family homes and apartments.
	Provide affordable housing opportunities for retired and elderly persons.	Reduce infrastructure requirements for new subdivisions to promote new housing at affordable prices, e.g. senior housing.
	Improve the condition and maintenance of homes.	Maintain strong enforcement of zoning regulations and building codes.
		Preserve historic structures by providing assistance to property owners through property tax incentives and other programs.
	Work to improve and maintain air and water quality in the community.	Adopt green technology policies and alternative energy systems in all public buildings and vehicles.
		Conduct periodic energy audits of all municipal facilities to look for possible cost saving measures.
		Provide information about and encourage retrofits of private buildings to reduce energy costs and reduce fuel consumption.
		Protect aquifers and recharge areas from potential contamination and excessive development in order to sustain the clean and healthy drinking and irrigation water supplies that the community relies on.
		Discourage development in floodplains and protected wetlands.
	Create a safe and inviting pedestrian environment in the Village Center.	Improve sidewalks, throughout the Town and Village, and pedestrian facilities in the Village Center.
		Install new sidewalks and appropriate crossings to key pedestrian generators such as hotels, restaurants and recreational facilities.
	Improve the circulation through the Seneca Street and Brutus Street intersection.	Work with State and local officials and agencies to improve traffic flow and operations through the intersection at peak periods.
		Reduce truck traffic, noise, and traffic speed on State Route 34.
	Provide safe routes for students to walk to school.	Meet with local parents and students to develop a Safe Routes to School Program and to encourage parents and students to take advantage of safe routes to school.
		Improve existing and construct new sidewalks and pedestrian crossings as needed in the residential neighborhoods within a one mile radius of the schools.
	Provide opportunities for life-long learning, adult education programs, English as a Second Language programs and GED programs in existing school facilities or in separate facilities.	Consider partnering with other communities to develop, construct and operate a community center facility to be used by the entire community and people of all age groups.
	Consolidate municipal facilities.	Combine Town offices, Village offices, the Fire department, and other public services together in a new shared building.
	Improve communication throughout the community to actively engage community members in committees, events, etc.	Solicit input from community members to develop a list of potential volunteers which includes their areas of interest, expertise and contact information.
		Improve coordination between the Town, Village and School District websites to cross-list events, meetings, etc.
	Provide the school district with support which emphasizes their position as the center of the community.	Instill a sense of community pride in the students to encourage them to raise their future families in this community.
		Work to incorporate locally sourced food and agricultural products into the school district.
		Support the school district's efforts to foster civic engagement and entrepreneurialism among students.
	Secure the local employment base by providing opportunities for the expansion or relocation of advanced manufacturing employers.	Provide water and sewer infrastructure improvements to targeted future industrial and commercial areas.
		Work with the Cayuga County Economic Development Agency (CEDA) and the business community to form a joint public-private committee focused on the development of new businesses in the Town and Village.
		Coordinate with Amtrak, CSX, the NYS DOT, and neighboring communities to study the feasibility of developing a commuter rail line between Rochester and Syracuse which would pass through the Town and the Village.
	Promote entrepreneurship.	Identify and partner with small business development programs.
		Work with the business community to form a joint public-private committee focused on the development of new small businesses.
	Encourage internet based home occupation businesses and telecommuting opportunities.	Update Zoning Regulations to permit internet based home occupation businesses by right.
		Conduct a study to identify the areas in the community where high speed internet service is either limited or not available; and a feasibility study for bringing reliable high speed internet to the community.
		Upgrade cable and internet infrastructure and access throughout the community.
	Increase the safety for drivers and pedestrians on local roadways.	Work with local, County and State Police to enforce traffic rules and speeds, especially at peak travel hours; and promote education and traffic safety throughout the Town and Village.
		Work with local, County and State transportation officials to identify existing and potential safety issues and develop targeted mitigation measures.
		Conduct an inventory of public sidewalks and curbing which needs to be replaced or upgraded.
		Create and maintain a Public Infrastructure database identifying types; locations; status and repairs needed; and estimated costs for repairs for items such as sidewalks, curbing, utility lines, pavement, etc. Update it regularly as infrastructure improvements are made.
	Strengthen Building and Zoning Code Enforcement in both the Town and the Village.	Upgrade or repair public sidewalks and curbing which have been identified in the Public Infrastructure database.
		Provide additional administrative support staff to the Code Enforcement Officer.
		Increase the hours that the Code Enforcement Officer is available in the community.
	Increase Public Safety during an Emergency weather event or other disaster.	Amend both the Town and Village zoning codes to strengthen the authority of the Code Enforcement Officer to issue and enforce violations.
		Work with the Cayuga County Emergency Management Services to develop an emergency action plan which includes an evacuation route and an emergency warning system.
	Prevent Damage from flooding.	Distribute information regarding the emergency action plan, evacuation route and emergency warning system to the residents of the community; and make this information publically accessible.
		Update the Zoning Code to create a Flood Zone Overlay District to strengthen the regulations for development in a flood plain based upon the provisions of both the Town and Village's Flood Damage Prevention laws.
		Develop a debris control plan for Cold Spring Brook and Putnam Brook, and work with NYS DEC and landowners to regularly clear debris from the streams.
		Develop a comprehensive beaver management plan along flood-prone streams and marshes in the Town.
		Develop and maintain a database of residential and commercial property flood damage, including permit history for repairs.
Mark high water levels and regulatory Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) on utility poles.		
Identify the cause of ice blockages occurring on Putnam Brook and develop a plan to mitigate.		
Evaluate cost-effectiveness of relocating or elevating equipment at the Weedsport Sewage Plant and Town Highway Garage to protect from future flood damage.		
Strengthen the resilience of the community to overcome natural hazards and disasters.	Strengthen the review procedures for stormwater management in the Town and Village Codes.	
	Create Mutual Aid agreements with neighboring towns, villages, and fire departments for continuity of operations during disasters.	
	Obtain and install emergency generators for the School District Bus Garage, the Town Highway Garage, and Town Hall.	
	Procure and install backup generators at the elementary and high schools if used as an evacuation site.	
		Identify and upgrade outdated and failing drinking water infrastructure in the Village.

Goal	Objective	Action
Proactively support agriculture.	Support current and future farm businesses by building public support for agriculture and farmland protection in the Town supporting economic opportunities for local farmers and related businesses.	Encourage agribusiness to locate in the Town's commercial and industrial zones.
		Work with the Cayuga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to update the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.
		Encourage farmers to seek positions on all local boards in order to have consistent representation from the farm community in all aspects of local government.
	Educate the non-farm public in the Town of Brutus about the value and current state of agriculture in the Town and how to have a good relationship with neighboring farms.	Consider establishing a regular Town newsletter on the internet which consistently includes articles about agriculture and related issues identified in the draft plan.
		Utilize the "Town of Brutus Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan" publication to promote the benefits of agriculture to the Town.
		Work with the Town of Brutus Historical Museum to develop a display to promote agriculture.
	Protect farmland by identifying high quality agricultural lands in the Town of Brutus that are at risk for conversion and adopting appropriate protection strategies and tools.	Work with local schools to encourage the implementation of or support established Agriculture in the Classroom programs.
		Establish a local Farmland Protection Program to permanently protect blocks of high quality farmland in Brutus.
		Evaluate the potential for adopting a term conservation easement law.
	Protect the town's rural character by evaluating the impacts of farm and forestland on local taxes and the demand for public services and working to encourage siting of non-farm public infrastructure near the Village and other developed areas.	Consider the creation of an Agricultural Zoning District.
		Annually distribute information to agricultural landowners about property tax relief programs such as agricultural assessment, farm building exemptions and Farmer's School Tax Credit to insure that farmland owners are taking advantage of existing programs.
		Encourage adoption of agricultural assessment values in current and future special taxing jurisdictions (fire, ambulance, library, etc.).
		Promote more rigorous consideration of the growth inducing and fiscal impacts of road, sewer and water infrastructure in an Agricultural Zone that may be formed, or in proximity to working farms regardless of the zoning district in which they are located.
Goal	Objective	Action
Attract Visitors and tourists.	Improve marketing of public events, facilities, and recreational opportunities.	Form a Brutus-Weedsport marketing committee to develop a marketing plan for the community and to promote the community to visitors.
		Work with local real estate agencies to promote the school district and community.
	Support community events.	Provide organizational support to the Cayuga County Agricultural Society to keep the Cayuga County fair going.
		Work with the owner(s) of the Speedway to promote and assist with development of that property.
		Organize new events and increase marketing of existing community events to attract visitors.
	Maintain and develop new opportunities along the community's trail network.	Create a Joint Parks and Recreation Department to: oversee future recreational development plans in the community; and to lead, organize and supervise community recreation events at public recreation spaces including at the school.
		Create and maintain a database of the maintenance costs associated with each of the existing Town and Village public parks and trails.
		Prioritize the existing Town and Village public parks and trails for maintenance projects.
		Secure more funding to maintain existing trails in the Town and Village.
		Expand the number of trail routes and trail uses in the community with side-by-side right of ways to accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, horses, snowmobiles, etc.
		Provide public parking facilities for the community trail network for year-round access to the trails. Also install wayfinding signage to direct users to the appropriate parking areas for the trails (based on use i.e. snowmobiling vs. hiking).
		Construct a paved trail linking the Village Center to Aqueduct Park; and improve the connection and accessibility from Aqueduct Park to the Old Erie Canal Trail north of the Village by adding signage, lighting, paving off-street trail sections, and additional amenities where appropriate.
	Capitalize on the history and recreational opportunities along the Erie Canal.	Provide canoeing and kayaking opportunities along the Erie Canal and construct a public canoe/kayak launch facility on the Seneca River in the Town.
		Work with the Village of Port Byron, the Town of Mentz and applicable State agencies to re-water the portion of the Erie Canal which passes through the Town of Brutus from Aqueduct Park to the Rudolph J. Schasel Park in Port Byron.
		Encourage the development of recreational equipment sales, service and rental businesses in the community (e.g. a bicycle or canoe shop).
	Create a Downtown Revitalization Committee to promote the Village Center, develop and manage a Main Street Program, and develop Design Guidelines and Streetscape Design Standards for the Village Center.	Form the Village of Weedsport Downtown Revitalization Committee.
		Adopt building Design Guidelines and Signage Regulations for private and public signs to create a harmonious look throughout the Village Center.
		Adopt Streetscape Design Standards which identifies specific improvements and changes which should be made to the Village streets and right-of-ways...complementing the Design Guidelines.
		Design and install new "Welcome to..." signs for the community to be located on Weedsport-Sennett Road and on State Route 34 north of the Village which complements the other four existing "mural" style gateway signs.
		Design and install directory and way-finding signs for visitors and tourists.
	Update zoning regulations for the Village Center to encourage downtown revitalization of commercial and residential areas, and to enforce Design Guidelines and Streetscape Design Standards developed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee.	Apply for and administer Main Street grant funding to help property owners with renovation and façade improvement projects.
		Adopt Site Plan Review regulations and procedures into the Zoning Code for the Village Center.
	Improve public spaces in the Village Center to compliment the Streetscape Design Standards developed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee.	Add landscaping to the municipal parking lot in the Village Center, including creating a green space to provide an aesthetically pleasing buffer between East Brutus Street and the municipal parking lot.
		Redesign Whittler's green to make it more comfortable and inviting for people.
		Clearly mark, identify, and provide signs for existing public parking spaces to encourage the use of available parking in the Village Center.
	Upgrade or relocate utility infrastructure to compliment the Streetscape Design Standards developed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee.	Add light fixtures that fit with the historic character of the Village Center.
		Bury utility lines in the Village Center.
	Work with State and local officials and agencies to implement the Streetscape Design Standards developed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee.	Install a bike lane on State Route 31.
		Construct "bump outs" at street crossings to reduce crossing distance and improve pedestrian safety.
		Move sidewalks back from the curb and install green strips and large trees along streets and front yards in the Village Center where feasible to create a more inviting pedestrian environment.
Incorporate the backside of commercial buildings along Route 31 in any streetscape plan for the Village Center.		
Target growth of businesses which support the Erie Canal and the Finger Lakes brand.	Encourage the development of retail businesses in the community which promote the various amenities of the Erie Canal and the Finger Lakes Region (e.g. canoe and kayak rentals; tasting and sales of local wines).	
Provide support for local organizations and community groups which work to improve the community and enhance tourism opportunities.	Develop and maintain a database of funding sources and opportunities that the Town, Village and local organizations and groups can utilize.	
	Develop and maintain a database of locations in the Town and Village that community groups can use for meetings. Include a contact number and the night(s) and hours for each week that each facility/room will be available. Make this list available to the public.	
	Coordinate with other Cayuga County Erie Canal communities (which have stops along the canal) and develop a symbiotic relationship to actively promote each other's activities and community events in order to increase regional canal tourism.	
	Work with the Cayuga County Tourism Office to develop a local tourism office in order to provide more publically accessible and visible tourist information about the community and region.	

INTRODUCTION

The Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport, with assistance from the Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development (CCPED), worked diligently to create this Joint Comprehensive Plan which outlines the vision and goals for the future of the entire community. This plan was prepared in accordance with New York State Town Law §272-a and Village Law §7-722 which states that a comprehensive plan shall “identify the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, devices and instruments for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the town [village]”.

The Town Board and the Village Board of Trustees appointed officials from both municipalities to the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee in June 2012. These individuals were charged with representing the community as a whole and to create this comprehensive plan. In September 2012 the Town and Village contracted with CCPED to assist the committee with the development of the plan. The Town and Village also received assistance from the Community Link Program at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Bo Stewart, a student intern with this program, worked with the Comprehensive Plan Committee and staff from CCPED to develop a community survey at the beginning of this planning process. The survey was designed to gather input from the public as to the direction that the community should take in the future; as well as to identify specific areas/programs of need and/or concern within the community. Mr. Stewart then compiled and analyzed all of the data collected from the survey, available both online and in hard copy, and presented the results to the Committee. Mr. Stewart’s complete report can be found in the appendix of this plan.

The community was involved in this planning process from the very beginning starting with the official “kick-off” meeting in September 2012 which was designed to inform the public about the project and the process by which it would be completed. In an extraordinary effort to gain public feedback, the Comprehensive Plan Committee opened every one of their monthly meetings up to the public and encouraged them to come. Community input was solicited through a survey (mentioned above), and at several public events attended by CCPED staff and committee members (including the Old Tyme Christmas and Fireman’s Field Days events). While the number of public participants at each monthly meeting may not have been huge, the committee did receive valuable input from residents and business owners with a vested interest in the future of their community throughout the planning process.

Purpose

Like most comprehensive plans, this plan examines many facets of the public realm that makes up this community, and is intended to guide the growth of the community for the next five to fifteen years. This Comprehensive Plan shall serve as the official policy document for both the Town and the Village and will be the basis for future land use and regulatory decisions relating to housing, natural and historic resources, economic development, farmland protection, as well as many other related issues. The purpose of this plan is to help guide community leaders in their efforts to achieve the vision for the community’s future and promote development in a manner which is coordinated, orderly and beneficial to the entire community. The Comprehensive Plan is a “living document” and should be reviewed and updated in the same coordinated manner as it was developed, every five years or so, to ensure that it continues to reflect to the needs of the community. During this review process an evaluation of the progress of the efforts of community leaders’ actions towards achieving the vision and goals of this plan should be conducted, and the plan should be revised accordingly.

This Comprehensive Plan identifies specific objectives and actions within nearly every chapter of the plan. Readers and users of this plan will notice some areas of overlap between topics and their corresponding actions; which is to be expected since the elements of any well-oiled machine, or in this case- community, are interwoven and dependent upon one another. The topic areas covered in this plan are:

- Land Use
- Housing & Population
- Natural Resources & Environmental Quality
- Transportation
- Cultural, Recreational & Historic Resources
- Community Facilities & Infrastructure
- Downtown Revitalization
- Economic Development
- Agriculture & Farmland Protection
- Hazard Mitigation & Public Safety

Implementation

The final chapter in this plan outlines the specific implementation strategy for each of the objectives and actions found in each chapter of the plan. Additionally, the implementation chapter identifies the overall vision for the future of this community and the three overarching goals of this plan to achieve this vision. Each objective and action is directly related to one of these three goals. This relationship has been emphasized throughout the plan and is infused into the layout of the document. There are color blocks down the right hand side of each page which tie the topic and specific objectives and actions in that chapter to their corresponding goal. For example, the color blue relates to the goal of maintaining a family-friendly Town and Village with a strong sense of community. This color scheme is also a part of the implementation matrix found in Chapter 11, and is designed to reinforce, visually, the interconnectedness of every area of the community which makes up the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport.

Achieving the objectives and actions of this plan requires coordination between not only the Town and the Village, but with other government agencies, institutions and non-profits as well. The implementation plan also calls for the creation of several new entities/committees within the community which will be ultimately responsible for the development and implementation of programs, marketing strategies, and the maintenance of new and existing public infrastructure/spaces. Every member of the Town Board, Village Board of Trustees and the Planning Board should have a copy of this plan to reference and use as a guide when making future land use decisions.

CHAPTER 1: LAND USE

Existing Land Use

Single-family residences are the dominant use of land in the Village of Weedsport and the whole of the Town of Brutus. According to classifications made by the Town assessor for tax purposes, approximately 32% of the land area in the Town and Village together is comprised of properties with one dwelling unit on them. This includes properties classified as one-family year-round residence as well as rural residence with acreage, and single mobile home. Despite the predominantly residential nature of land use in the Town and Village, the visual impression of much of the Town outside the Village is of crop fields, woods, and other open spaces, not houses. One reason is that much of the land that is not residential is used for agriculture (31% of total land area) or is vacant land (23%). A second reason is that 57% of the acreage classified as residential (20% of total land area) is in parcels with a house on 10 or more acres of land. Tables 1 and 2 and Figures 1-6 show the percentages of different land uses in the Town and Village.

Table 1: Land Use- Number of Parcels per Use

Land Use Category	Town of Brutus	Village of Weedsport	Grand Total
Agriculture	56	0	56
Commercial	19	67	86
Community Services	8	18	26
Industrial	4	4	8
Parks and Protected Land	11	5	16
Public Services	10	5	15
Recreation and Entertainment	9	0	9
Residential	652	563	1215
Vacant	236	93	329
Grand Total	1005	755	1760

Data Source: Cayuga County Real Property Service Parcel Data

The land use classifications used by local and state assessors for tax purposes sometimes differ from the common understanding of what the categories mean. Here is a short description of each of the major land use classifications.

Agriculture

- Property used primarily for production of crops and livestock, including field crops, orchards, dairy barns, horse farms, as well as temporarily vacant land that is part of an operating farm. Agriculture property does not include residential properties (i.e. properties with homes on them), even if the residential property does include acreage in agricultural production.

Commercial

- Property used for the sale of goods or services, including restaurants, shores, dealerships, storage units, banks, offices, as well as multiple use buildings that contain primarily commercial uses. Commercial property includes living accommodations that are operated as commercial enterprises, such as mobile home parks and hotels, as well as apartment buildings with more than three units.

Community Services

- Property used for government or other non-profit organizations to benefit the community, including schools, churches, hospitals, highway or public works garages, and local government offices.

Industrial

- Property used for the production and fabrication of man-made goods, including manufacturing plants, quarries, gas or oil wells, and gas or oil pipelines.

Parks and Protected Land

- Property protected for natural ecosystems or public recreation, including state, county, town, or village parks, as well as privately owned forest land or wetlands with specific restrictions on use.



Example of agricultural land in the Town of Brutus



Example of a wetland in the Town of Brutus

Recreation and Entertainment

- Property, other than public parks, used by groups for recreation, amusement or entertainment, including such diverse uses as theaters, stadiums, fairgrounds, social clubs, bowling centers, workout gyms, athletic fields, golf courses, hunting lands, marinas, and campgrounds.

Residential

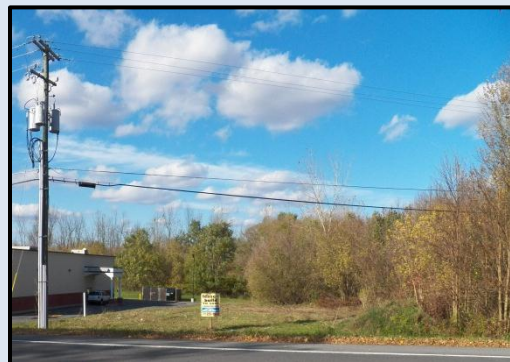
- Property used for human habitation other than hotels, large apartment buildings/complexes, or mobile home parks, which are classified as commercial. Residential property includes single-family homes, two family homes, three-family homes, mobile homes on their own lots, as well as homes with some agricultural acreage or incidental commercial use on the property. On the Land Use Map in this chapter, residences on parcels greater than 10 acres are shown as small grey squares with the remainder of the parcel left white. Although white is the color for vacant land on this map, the remainder of these residential parcels may be crop fields, forested land, mowed fields, or simply used as a very large yard.

Vacant

- Property that is not currently used for any permanent purpose or that lacks any permanent building. Vacant property includes land that was developed for some purpose but is not currently used, such as vacant homes, empty commercial buildings, or abandoned agricultural fields. It also includes land that has not been developed for any particular purpose and may be forested or cleared, left wild or minimally maintained.

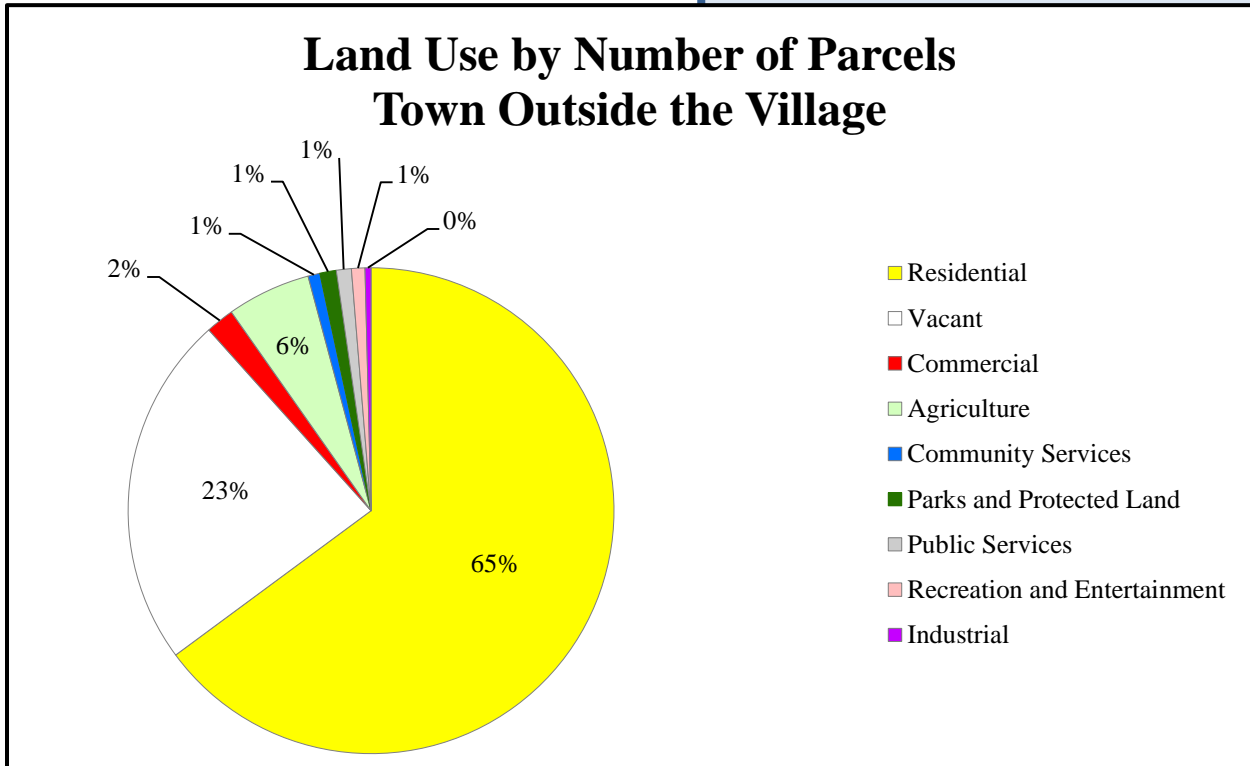


Example of recreation and entertainment land use in the Town of Brutus



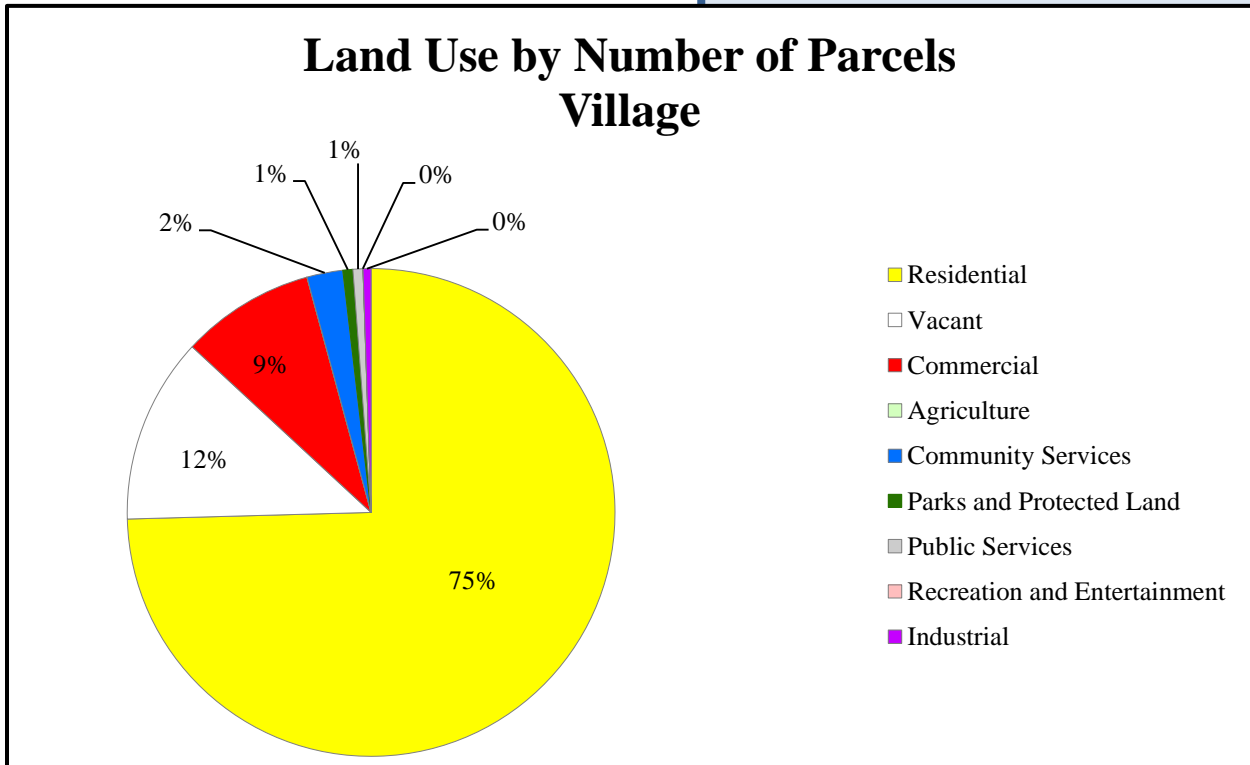
Example of vacant commercial land in the Town of Brutus

Figure 1: Land Use- Number of Parcels per Use in the Town (Outside of the Village)



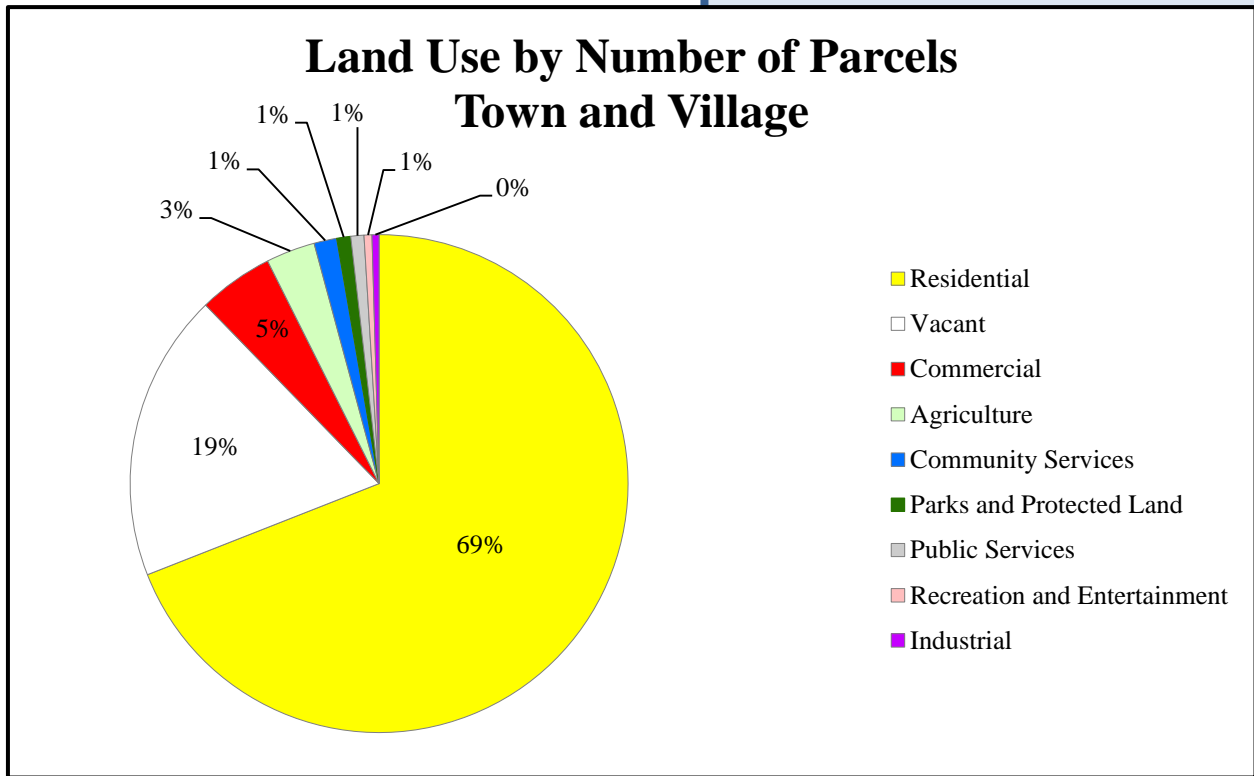
Data Source: Cayuga County Real Property Service Parcel Data

Figure 2: Land Use- Number of Parcels per Use in the Village



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Figure 3: Land Use- Number of Parcels per Use in the Town and the Village



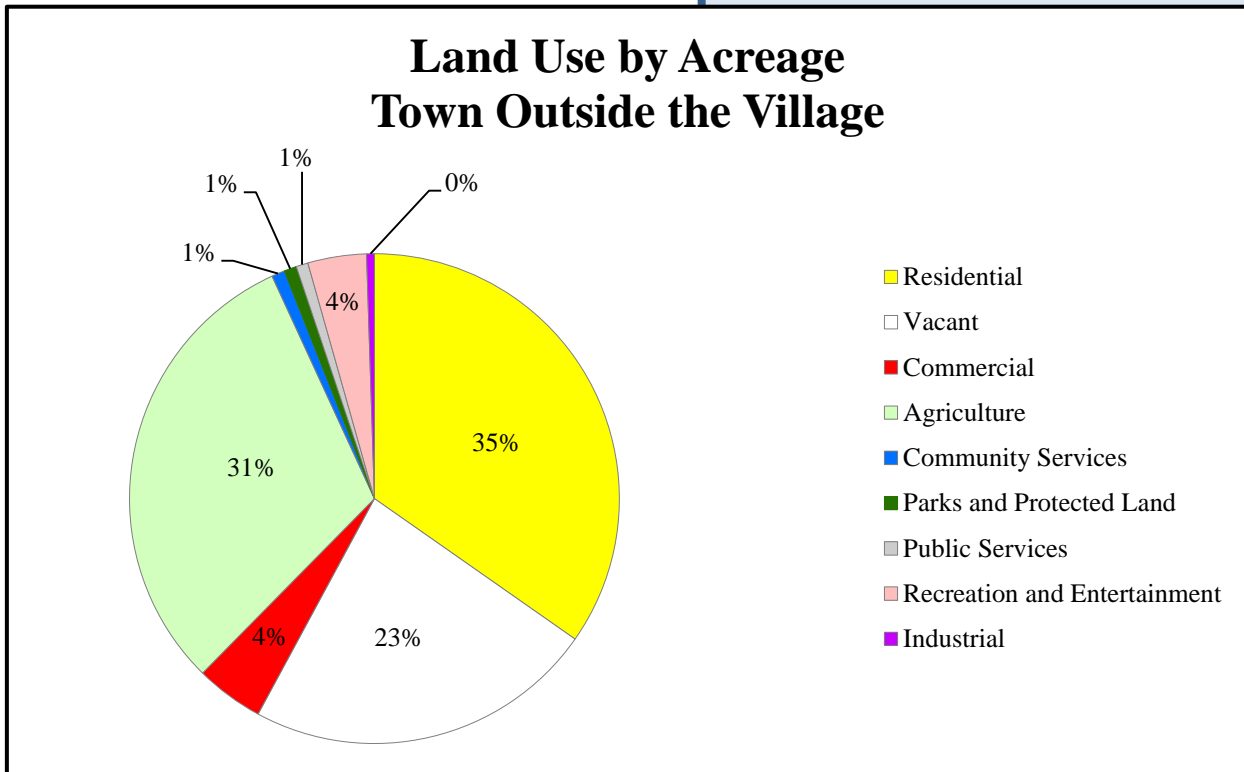
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Table 2: Land Use- Total Acreage per Use

Land Use Category	Town of Brutus	Village of Weedsport	Grand Total
Agriculture	4098.41	0	4098.41
Commercial	557.64	42.04	599.68
Community Services	73.2	42.52	115.72
Industrial	60.98	7.75	68.73
Parks and Protected Land	100.97	8.99	109.96
Public Services	83.3	21.32	104.62
Recreation and Entertainment	515.63	0	515.63
Residential	4368.64	258.72	4627.36
Vacant	2949.36	137.49	3086.85
Grand Total	12808.13	518.83	13326.96

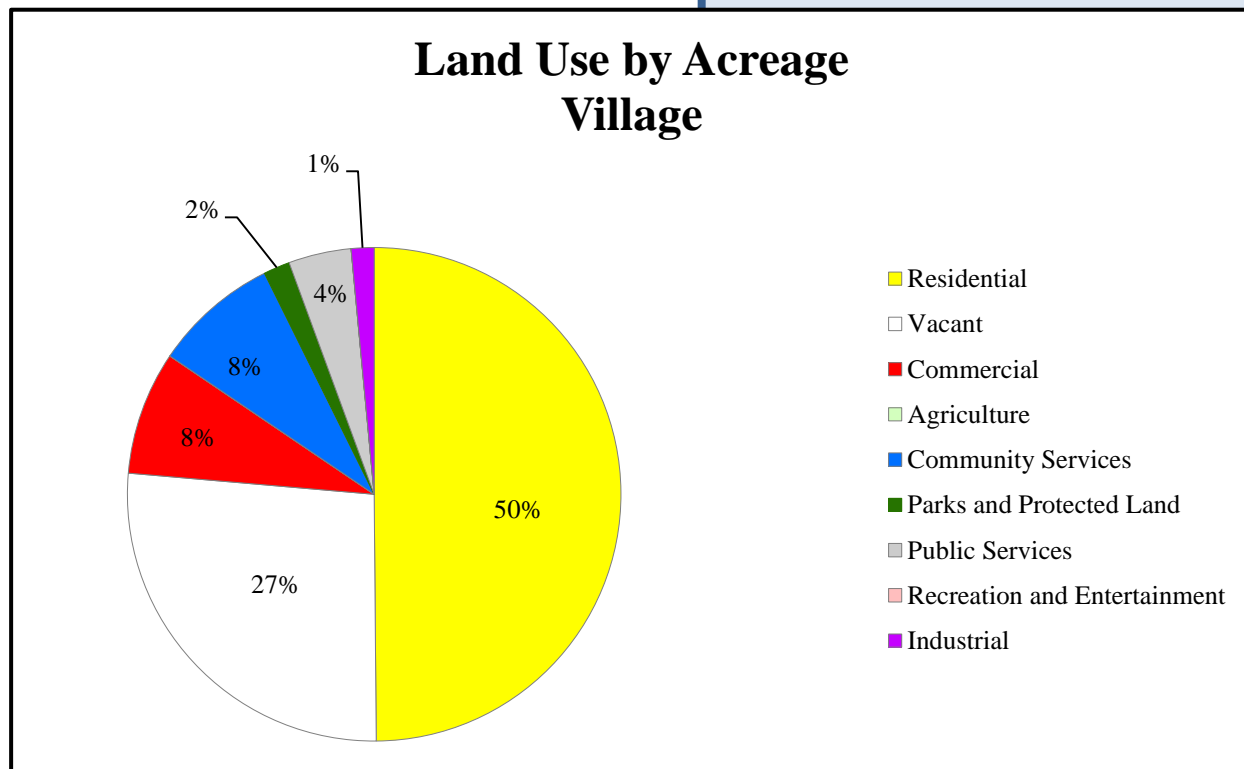
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Figure 4: Land Use- Total Acreage per Use in the Town (Outside of the Village)



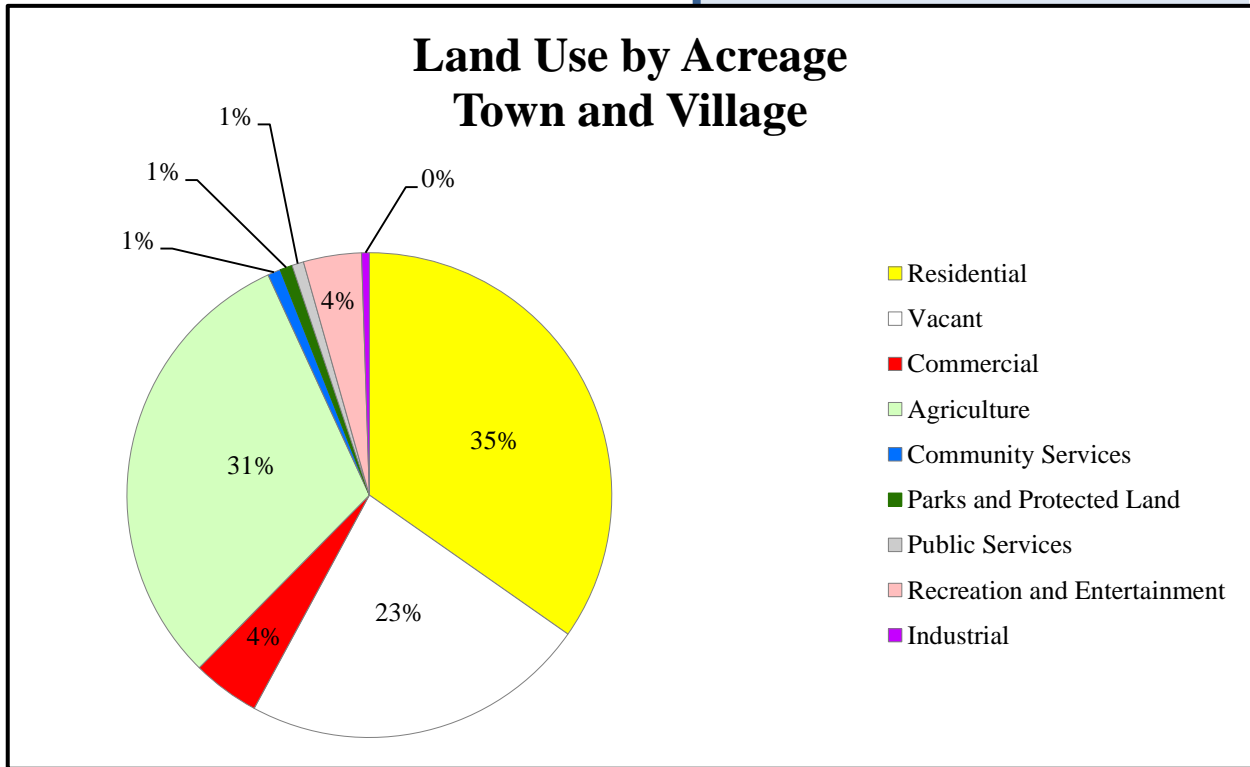
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Figure 5: Land Use- Total Acreage per Use in the Village



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Figure 6: Land Use- Total Acreage per Use in the Town and the Village



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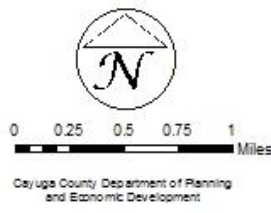
Map 1 shows the distribution of these land uses throughout the Town. Parcels are colored by the primary use of land on that parcel, according to classifications made by the Town Assessor for tax purposes. Residences on parcels greater than 10 acres are marked by small dark grey square while the rest of the parcel is colored white.

The Village of Weedsport is predominantly residential on small lots, with a mixture of commercial, community services, and industrial properties. Commercial and industrial uses within the Village are concentrated in the center of downtown and extend north along Routes 31 and 34 to the northern end of the Village. There are however, several commercial and industrial properties scattered elsewhere throughout the Village. The large area classified as community services at the eastern side of the Village is the grounds of the Weedsport Central Schools. Other scattered areas of community services in the Village include churches, cemeteries, and land owned by the Town or Village.

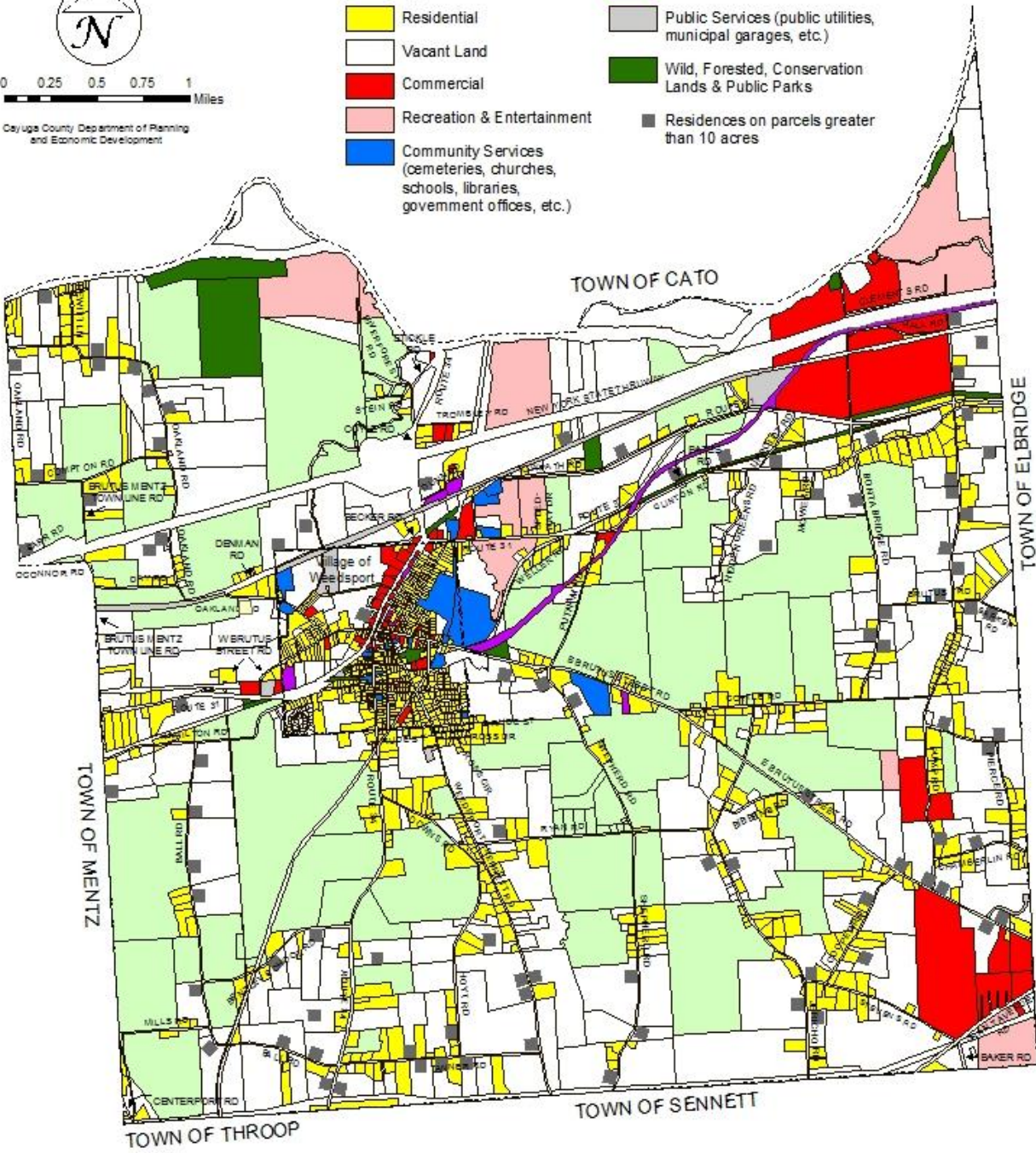
Map 1

Land Use

Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport



- Agricultural
- Residential
- Vacant Land
- Commercial
- Recreation & Entertainment
- Community Services (cemeteries, churches, schools, libraries, government offices, etc.)
- Industrial
- Public Services (public utilities, municipal garages, etc.)
- Wild, Forested, Conservation Lands & Public Parks
- Residences on parcels greater than 10 acres



In the Town of Brutus outside of the Village, the predominant land use pattern is residential uses along the main Town roads with larger agricultural parcels filling in the areas between these residential areas and the main roads. A mix of other uses, including commercial and industrial, lies to the north of the Village and near the Exit 40 interchange with the NYS Thruway. There are three large areas classified as recreation & entertainment along the Seneca River at the northern edge of the Town. The western-most is the River Forest Campground, while the other two are wooded areas used for recreational hunting. Farther from the Village on the eastern side of Town, there are two concentrations of parcels classified as commercial. The northern concentration, along Bonta Bridge Road north of Route 31, is one parcel that contains a landscape supply business on Bonta Bridge Road. A parcel to the immediate west on Route 31 is classified as public services and contains the local terminal of a regional trucking company. The southern concentration, in the southeast corner of the Town, is the group of mobile home parks in this area. Although a family living in a mobile home is a residential use, mobile home parks are classified as commercial parcels because they are owned and managed as commercial business.

The existing pattern of uses in the Town and Village indicates that development, particularly residential development, occurs where public utilities and infrastructure are available. The greatest concentration of development is in the Village, which is served by public roads, water, and sewer. Public roads are a key piece of local infrastructure, and it is easy to see that the residential development outside of the Village is concentrated along existing Town roads. Comparing the Land Use map to the map of water lines (Map 19) in Chapter 6, it is evident that roads with water service, such as the Weedsport-Sennett Road or Pump Road, have had more residential development than roads without water service, such as Ball Road or Route 34 south of the Village. The area near the intersection of Bonta Bridge Road and Cottle Road, despite having water service as shown on (Map 19), has relatively less residential development than other areas with water service. One reason is that the water lines serving these parts of Bonta Bridge Road and Cottle Road were updated recently in



**River Forest Campground Entrance Sign
on River Road at Stickle Road**

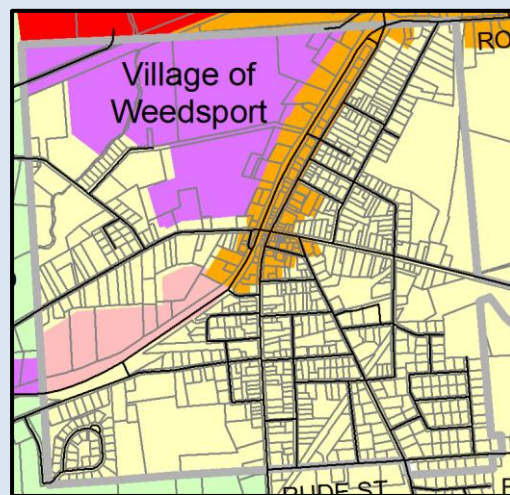
2013. It is possible that this area will see new residential development in the coming years. When considering further extensions to water lines, sewer lines, or other infrastructure, the Town should be aware that future development is likely to follow where these public utilities are provided.

Existing Land Use Regulation

Within the Village, the authority to regulate land use rests with the Village of Weedsport. In the Town outside the Village, the Town of Brutus regulates land use. The area of the Town and Village together is thus regulated under two different systems. The Town and the Village share a joint Planning Board, although the duties of the Planning Board differ in the Town's and Village's land use regulations. The Town and Village maintain separate Zoning Boards of Appeals. The current zoning districts in the Town and Village are shown on Map 2.

Land use in the Village of Weedsport is governed primarily by two chapters in the Village Code: Chapter 182 "Subdivision of Land" and Chapter 215 "Zoning." Other chapters of the code that regulate land use, in at least one aspect, include Chapter 7 "Adult Entertainment Businesses," Chapter 42 "Building Code Administration," Chapter 67 "Excavation, Removal and Storage of Materials," Chapter 73 "Fences," Chapter 78 "Flood Damage Prevention," Chapter 82 "Freshwater Wetlands," Chapter 100 "Junkyards," Chapter 115 "Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Courts," Chapter 142 "Planning Board," and Chapter 164 "Signs."

The zoning chapter of the Village Code establishes three districts: "R" Residential, "C" Commercial, and "I" Industrial. The official zoning map of the Village also includes a special development district, although the regulations for this district are not specified in the Village Code. Of the three districts established in the code, the Residential district is the most restrictive, permitting by right only limited agriculture, one-family dwellings, and accessory buildings. A small number of other uses are allowed in the Residential district by special permit from the Village Zoning Board of Appeals, including two-family and multi-family dwellings, mobile homes, schools and libraries,



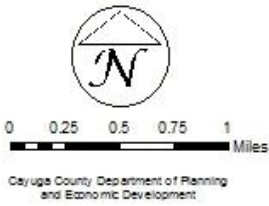
Current Zoning Districts in the Village

	R Residential
	C Commercial
	I Industrial
	S-D Special Development District

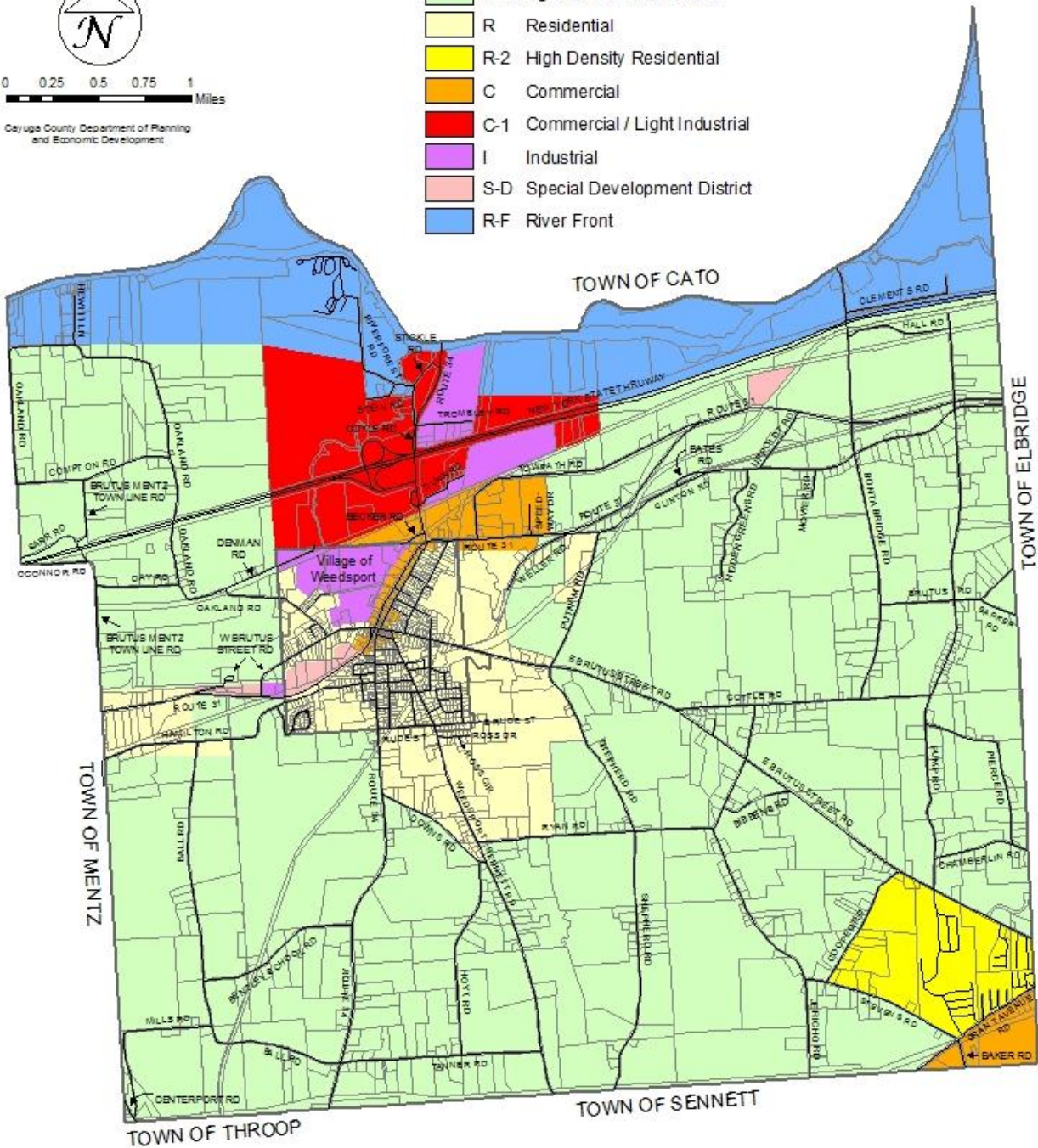
Map 2

Zoning

Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport



- A-R Agricultural - Residential
- R Residential
- R-2 High Density Residential
- C Commercial
- C-1 Commercial / Light Industrial
- I Industrial
- S-D Special Development District
- R-F River Front

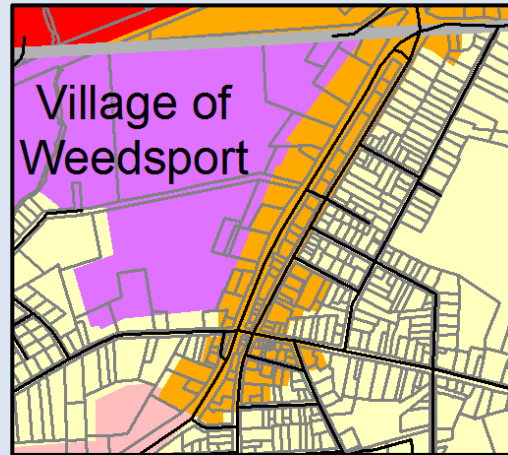


and home occupations. The Residential District covers the majority of the Village, generally south and east of the Route 31 and the Village Center as well as along West Brutus Street and Oakland Street.

The Village's Commercial district is the most permissive, permitting by right various retail, service, office, and restaurant uses, as well as the three uses that are permitted by right in the Residential district. More intensive commercial uses are allowed by special permit from the Village Zoning Board of Appeals, including automotive businesses, hotels, animal hospitals, and shopping centers. The Commercial district covers the Village Center, including both sides of Route 31 from Brutus Street north to the Village boundary.

In the Village's Industrial district, various storage and manufacturing uses are allowed by special permit from the Village Zoning Board of Appeals. The current Industrial district, located in a low-lying area northwest of Route 31, has limited road access, is subject to flooding, and for these reasons has very little development. Part of the Industrial district is adjacent to the CSX rail line.

The three boards involved with permitting land use in the Village are the Village Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, and the Village Board of Trustees. The Village Zoning Board of Appeals has the authority to grant or deny special permits and variances. As the board with ultimate authority, the Village Zoning Board of Appeals has the duty of reviewing applications for special permits as well as appeals for variances from the requirements of the zoning ordinance. The Planning Board has an advisory role for actions under Village zoning. When reviewing an application for a special permit, the Village Zoning Board of Appeals may request an advisory opinion from the Planning Board. In the Village's subdivision approval process, the Planning Board begins the review and makes a recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees on the preliminary plan. The Village Board of Trustees has the authority to approve or deny subdivisions in the Village. After receiving the recommendation from the Planning Board on a proposed subdivision, the Village Board of Trustees has the sole power to approve



**Current Commercial Zoning District
in the Village
(Orange)**

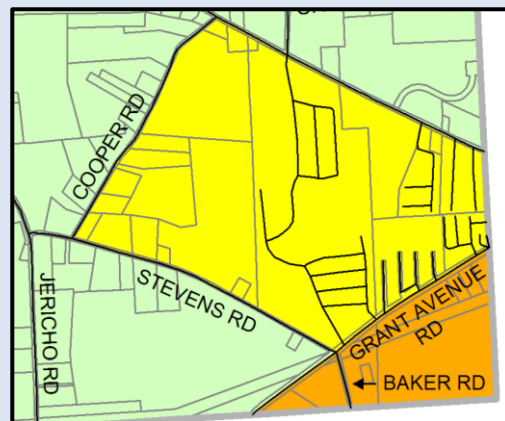
or deny the preliminary plan and final subdivision plat. The roles of the various boards for the various zoning actions as summarized in Table 3.

Land use in the Town of Brutus outside the Village is governed primarily by two chapters in the Town Code: Chapter 108 “Subdivision of Land” and Chapter 125 “Zoning.” Other chapters in the code that regulate land use in at least one aspect include Chapter 8 “Boards and Commissions,” Chapter 69 “Flood Damage Prevention,” Chapter 73 “Freshwater Wetlands,” Chapter 109 “Subdivision and Development Fees,” and Chapter 122 “Wireless Telecommunications Facilities.”

The zoning chapter of the Town Code establishes eight districts: “R” Residential, “R-2” High Density Residential, “A-R” Agricultural / Residential, “R-F” Riverfront, “C-I” Commercial / Light Industrial, “C” Commercial, “I” Industrial, and “S-D” Special Development.

The allowed uses in the Town’s Residential district are similar to the Village’s Residential district, including one-family dwellings and accessory structures permitted by right, and schools, libraries, and home occupations allowed by special permit from the Town Zoning Board of Appeals. A major difference between the Town’s Residential district and the Village’s Residential district is that two-family dwellings and multiple-family dwellings, which are allowed only by special permit in the Village’s Residential District, are allowed by right in the Town’s Residential District as long as they meet certain lot size and open space requirements. The Town’s Residential district is located close to the Village, with one area to the south and east of the Village and another area to the west of the Village along Route 31. The Town’s High Density Residential district, located toward the southeast corner of the Town, allows mobile home parks by special permit from the Town Zoning Board of Appeals. This district is the only district where mobile home parks are permitted.

The majority of the Town’s area is in the Agricultural / Residential district. The Town Board made amendments to the zoning code in 2013 to make the Agricultural / Residential district more supportive of agriculture. The



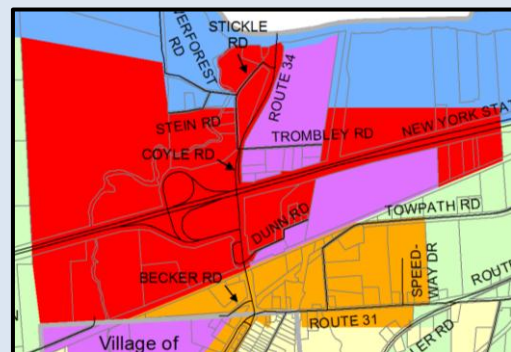
**Current High Density Residential Zoning District
In the Town
(Yellow)**

amendments were intended to implement recommendations of the Town's 2010 Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan. The code currently permits a wide range of agricultural uses by right in the district, including raising crops and livestock as well as agricultural tourism, produce stands, agricultural research facilities, and retail sales of agricultural equipment. One-family dwellings are permitted by right, but two-family dwellings are allowed only by special permit from the Town Zoning Board of Appeals by conversion of an existing one-family dwelling. Mining is also only allowed by special permit in the Agricultural / Residential district.

The Riverfront district is located along the Seneca River in an area with high scenic and recreational value but also prone to flooding. The Riverfront district allows the same uses as the Agricultural / Residential district and also allows by special permit a small number of additional uses that are depended upon access or proximity to the river. These include marinas, boat and marine engine repair, gas docks, fishing and boating supplies, campgrounds, and rental cottages.

The Town's Commercial district and the Commercial / Light Industrial district both allow a similar set of commercial uses as the Village's Commercial district, including various retail, service, office, and restaurant uses. Both districts are located to the north of the Village, near the Exit 40 interchange with the NYS Thruway and along Route 34. Light industrial uses are allowed in the Commercial / Light Industrial district by special permit from the Town Zoning Board of Appeals. Manufacturing and other industrial uses are also allowed in the Commercial district, but only as part of a planned industrial park.

The Town's Industrial district allows a range of storage and manufacturing uses by right. The list of uses is similar to the Village's Industrial district, but the Town's Industrial district is more permissive because these uses do not require a special permit. The Industrial district is located in several areas, including parcels located on Dunn Road and Trombley Road near Thruway Exit 40 and other parcels located near the intersection of West Brutus Street and Route 31 to the west of the Village.



**Current Commercial Zoning District (Red)
and Industrial Zoning District (Purple)
In the Town**

The Industrial-zoning properties on Dunn Road have access on the CSX rail line.

There are two boards involved with permitting land use in the Town: the Town Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. The Town Zoning Board of Appeals reviews applications for variances and has the authority to grant or deny variances. The duty to review special permits in the Town as well as the authority to grant or deny special permits is held by the Planning Board. This is different from the process for special permits in the Village, where the Planning Board has only an advisory role. For subdivision approvals in the Town, the Planning Board has the authority to approve or deny both the preliminary plat and the final subdivision plan. The Town Board does not have a direct role in permitting or approving land use. The roles of the various boards for the various zoning actions as summarized in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Roles of Local Boards in Land Use Actions in the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport

	Village Board of Trustees	Village Zoning Board of Appeals	Planning Board	Town Zoning Board of Appeals
Special Permit in the Village	---	Approval	May give advisory opinion at request of Village Zoning Board of Appeals	---
Special Permit in the Town	---	---	Approval	---
Variance in the Village	---	Approval	---	---
Variance in the Town	---	---	---	Approval
Subdivision in the Village	Approval	---	Recommendation on Preliminary Approval	---
Subdivision in the Town	---	---	Approval	---

Data Source: Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport Zoning Laws

Future Land Use Plan

To guide the future of land use in the Town and Village, this plan identifies three character areas, as shown in Map 3 on page 23. The character areas are not substitutes for zoning districts, and each character area can be supported by a mix of zoning districts. The character areas are a tool for understanding and guiding the future land use of the Town and Village.

Rural Character Area

The majority of the Town, including parts of the Village, has a rural character and should maintain a rural character. What defines rural character is not so much the type of land uses but rather the open space and overall low density. Agriculture has historically been the main economic activity in rural areas, and working farms should continue to be an essential part of the rural character. People live in the county, so residential uses should also continue to be part of the rural area. Commercial businesses also have a place in rural areas, as long as they are small-scale. To maintain the rural character, the overall density of residential and commercial development should be low, leaving plenty of room for agricultural fields and open space.

Although the overall density of development should be low, small areas of more closely spaced homes can also be consistent with rural character, especially if the clustering helps to preserve natural, scenic, or agriculture areas. Rural areas traditionally supported small hamlets with a cluster of homes around one or two small businesses. For new development, this traditional pattern can be maintained by cluster subdivisions, also known as conservation subdivision design. Where a conventional subdivision might divide a twenty-acre piece of land into ten two-acre building lots, a cluster subdivision could create a cluster of ten half-acre building lots in order to preserve open space or agricultural land on the remaining fifteen acres. Cluster subdivisions are permitted in the Town of Brutus code in section 108-40. The subdivision chapter of the code should be strengthened to encourage this type of subdivision to be the standard, rather than a permitted exception to the normal pattern.

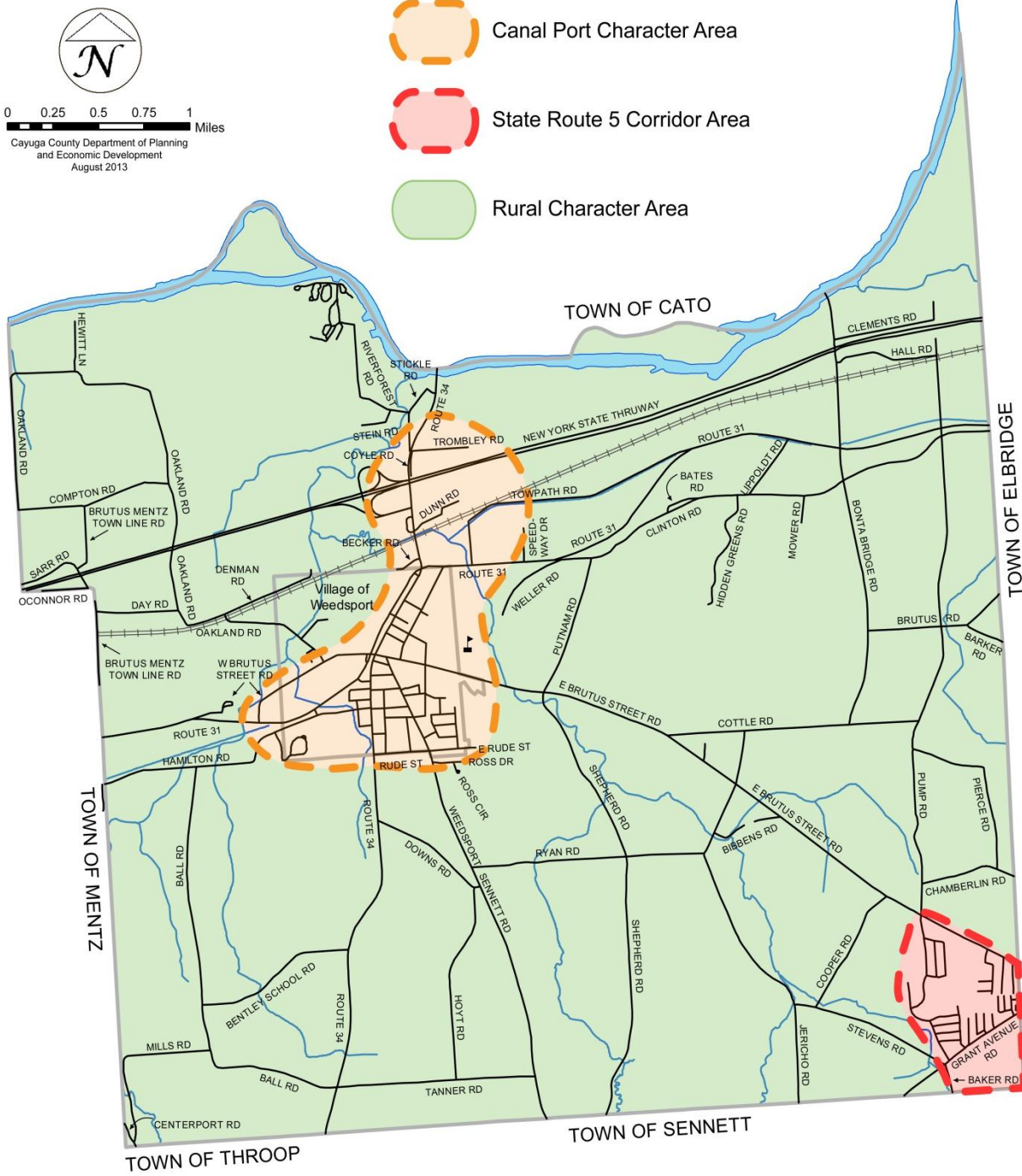


**Rural/Agricultural Development in the
Town of Brutus**

Map 3

Land Use Character Areas

Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport



Map 4 shows highlights in the Rural Character Area. This plan identifies three priority areas for farmland preservation. All working farms in the Town should be supported and encouraged to prosper, as called for in Chapter 9. However, the three priority areas deserve special attention for their prime soils, contribution to the scenic rural character of the Town, and potential pressure from development. One priority area stretches from Ball Road across Route 34 south of the Village. The second covers a wide area along Putnam Road and stretching north from East Brutus Street and Cottle Road. The third is in the vicinity of Bonta Bridge Road between Brutus Road and Clinton Road.

Drumlins are a distinctive feature of the local geology and landscape. The drumlin hilltops are also highly visible and prominent. To preserve the scenic quality of the area, this plan identifies five drumlin hilltops to the south of the Village which have particular scenic value. Development should not be forbidden on these hilltops. Hilltops are valuable locations for cellular towers and other necessary communications infrastructure, for example, and these must be allowed. However, extra care should be taken to ensure that development on these drumlin hilltops does not impair their scenic value.

This plan identifies two scenic road corridors. The first is Route 34 for its entire length through the Town and Village. The second is the Weedsport-Sennett Road south of the Village. In the rural character area, the focus of these scenic corridors should be the preservation of views and open space in areas visible from the roads. As with the drumlin hilltops, development should not be forbidden in the scenic view areas of these roads. However, extra care should be taken to ensure that development in these areas does not impair the scenic value.

The riverfront recreation area within the rural character area recognizes and reiterates the purpose of the Town's Riverfront zoning district. This area has high scenic and recreational value, but deserves extra care because it is also subject to flooding. This area is most appropriate for low intensity recreational uses that take advantage of the river, including campgrounds, boat launches, and trails. More



Scenic Corridors in the Town of Brutus

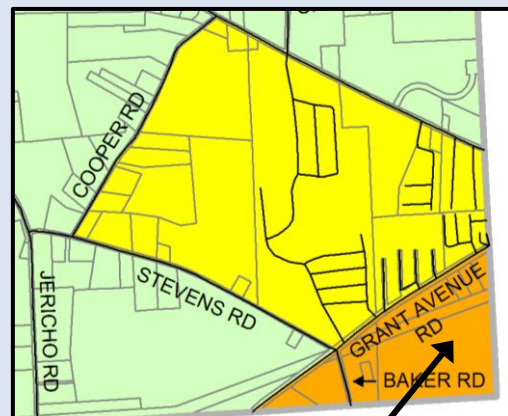
intense uses that depend on the river may also be appropriate for specific sites, such as restaurants or boat repair facilities.

The final highlight in the rural character areas are future residential opportunity areas. These are areas that have available land and good road access, and may be potential sites for future residential growth on a larger scale. Any development in these areas or in any other part of the rural character area should be sensitive to the rural character and work to maintain that character. Cluster subdivisions should be encouraged and possibly required. This plan does not call for any timeline for these areas to be developed. It may be that none of these sites will be developed, and it is unlikely that all of them would ever be developed. This plan merely points these out as potential areas should the opportunity come sometime in the future.

State Route 5 Corridor Area

The southeast corner of the Town of Brutus along Grant Avenue (State Route 5) already has a different character from the rest of the Town. One aspect of the different character is the current land uses in the area. Immediately north of Grant Avenue is currently a cluster of mobile home parks. South of Grant Avenue is the Rolling Wheels Raceway. Another aspect of the different character is that many people do not realize that it is part of the Town of Brutus. Most of the rest of the Town is in the Weedsport zip code and the Weedsport school district, but this area is in the Elbridge zip code and the Jordan-Elbridge school district. Rather than part of the same community as Weedsport, this area feels like an extension of Elbridge to the east along Grant Avenue, or possibly Sennett to the southwest along Grant Avenue. The generic name of “southeast character area” reflects the fact that this area does not yet have a strong identity of its own.

The different character and lack of strong identity opens up the opportunity for the area to be transformed. New commercial development along Grant Avenue could take advantage of the high traffic along the road, along with the large number of nearby residents in the mobile home parks as well as visitors to the raceway. There is also the opportunity for a large employer, such as a manufacturing plant,

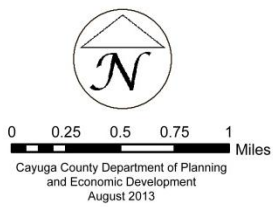


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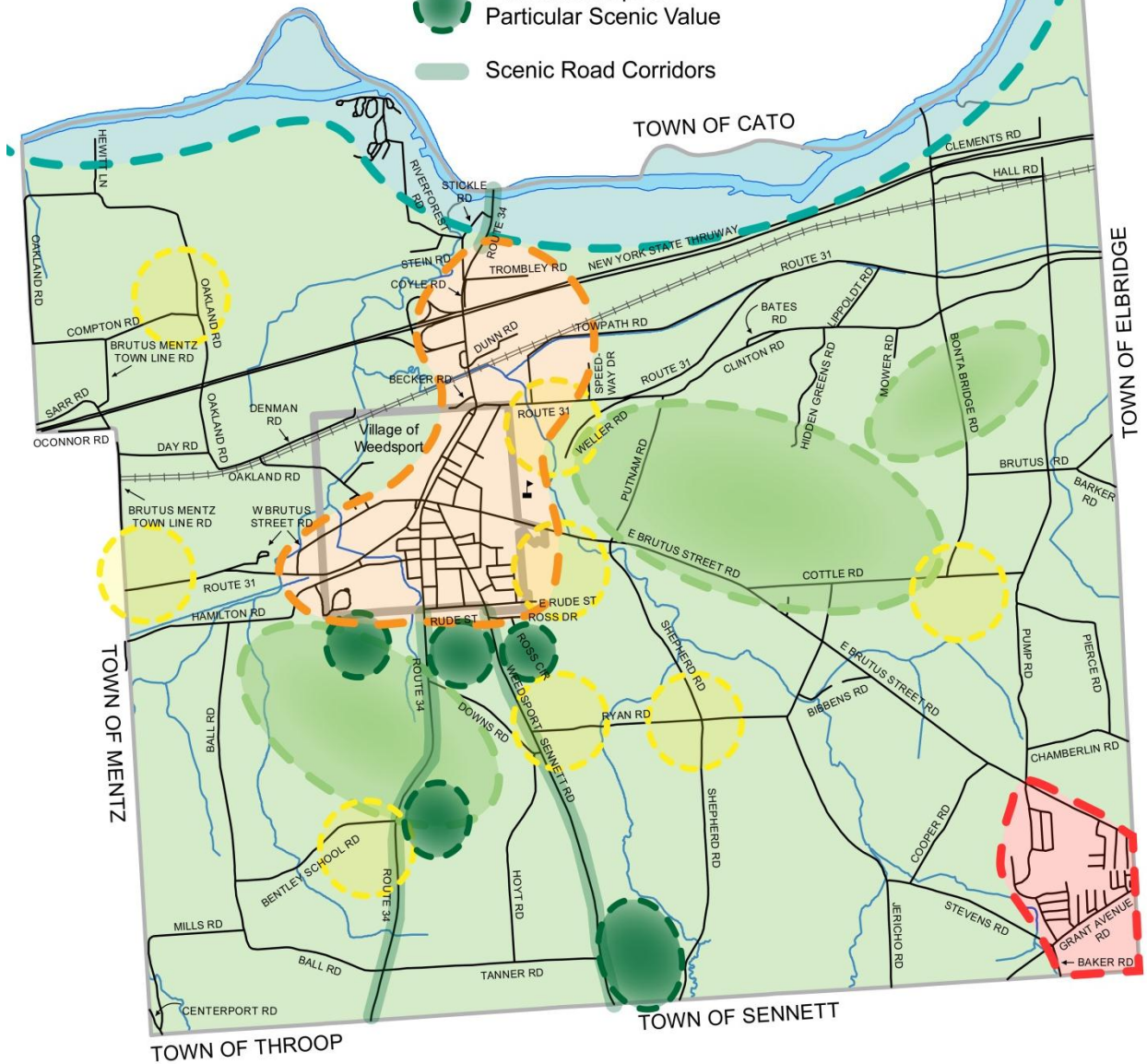
Map 4

Future Land Use Highlights in the Rural Character Area

Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport



- Priority Areas for Farmland Preservation
- Riverfront Recreation Area
- Future Residential Opportunity Areas
- Drumlin Hilltops of Particular Scenic Value
- Scenic Road Corridors
- Canal Port Character Area
- State Route 5 Corridor Area

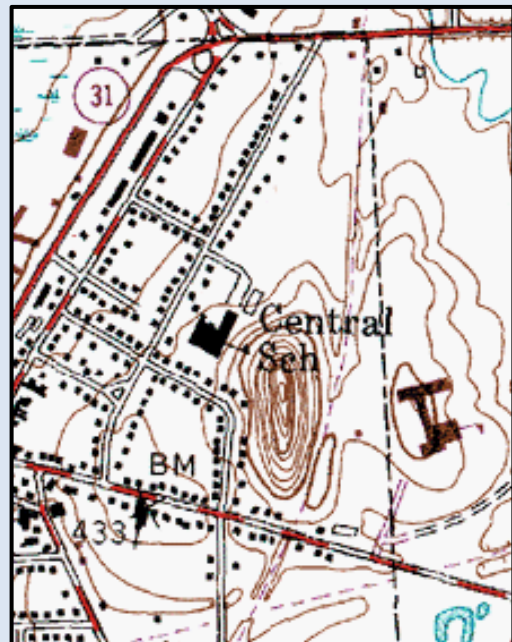


to locate along Grant Avenue. In the future, the southeast area could develop into a new hamlet center with a distinct identity. The current opportunities for development are limited the configuration of existing structures, including private roads in the mobile home parks on the north side of Grant Avenue and a power transmission line that runs just to the south of Grant Avenue. However, there is room to work around these obstacles in the transformation of this area.

Canal Port Character Area

The developed portion of the Village is grouped together with the area to the north of the Village into the canal port character area. This name was chosen to unite the diverse contributions to the character of this area. The Village of Weedsport grew up as a port on the Erie Canal, so the name echoes the historic nature of the area. That history is still visible in the historic structures in the Village, including both homes and commercial buildings. The name of the canal port character area also acknowledges that the Village grew up as a working area, with mills and factories along what was the major transportation thoroughfare of its day. Part of the canal port character is the heritage of commerce and industry supported by access to transportation. Today, the New York State Thruway is a major transportation thoroughfare, just like the Erie Canal once was. In addition, Weedsport is the crossroads of two busy state routes, Routes 31 and 34, which draws traffic to and from Exit 40 on the Thruway. A major rail line also crosses Route 34 just north of the Village. The canal port character is thus a particular mix of history and progress. It is a particular mix of a residential village with a thriving commercial center.

Map 5 shows highlights in the canal port character area. The drumlin hilltops of particular scenic value and the scenic road corridor were previously described in the rural character area. The diagram of the canal port character area adds the drumlin adjacent to the elementary school. Like the drumlins outside the Village, any development activity affecting Science Hill should be made with care to ensure that it does not impair the scenic value of this hilltop.



Drumlin behind the Elementary School in the Village

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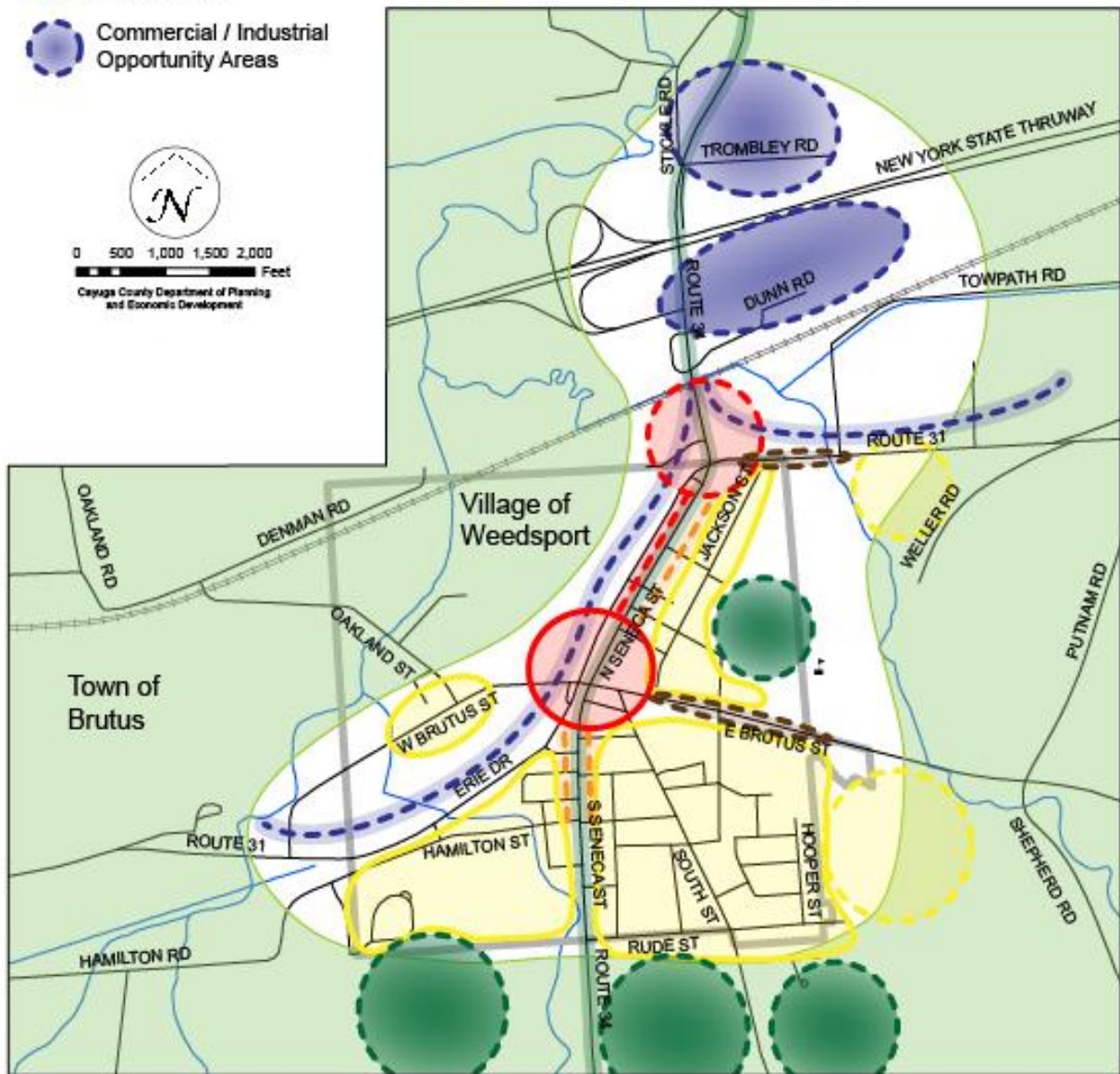
Map 5

Future Land Use Highlights in the Canal Port Character Area

Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport



- Downtown Revitalization Area (Village Center)
- Other Commercial Areas
- Commercial-Residential Buffer Areas
- Commercial / Industrial Opportunity Areas
- Residential Areas
- Higher-Density Residential Opportunity Areas
- Future Residential Opportunity Areas
- Drumlin Hilltops of Particular Scenic Value
- Scenic Road Corridor (Route 34)
- Rural Character Area



The scenic road corridor in the rural character area emphasized views and open space. In the canal port character area, the scenic value focuses more on architectural character and visual appeal. As described in Chapter 7 of this plan, the scenic value of the corridor can be protected by design guidelines and targeted redevelopment. Near Exit 40 from the New York State Thruway, there is an additional reason why the scenic character is important. What people see from the Thruway strongly affects their impression of the community. In the same way, the first thing that people see when they exit the Thruway can define what they think the community is like. The area around the Thruway exit is a prime development opportunity area, and development of all kinds should be welcomed there. However, extra care should be taken to ensure that make sure that the visual impact of the development reflects well on the character of the community.

In the Village Center, the Downtown Revitalization Area is identified by a red circle. This downtown commercial area includes the area around the intersection of Brutus Street and Seneca Street in the Village Center, both sides of Route 31 between Brutus Street and the northern boundary of the Village, as well as the intersection of Route 31 and Route 34 just to the north of the Village. The future vision for this area is described in detail in Chapter 7 of this plan.

Other commercial and industrial opportunity areas are identified along Trombley Road, Dunn Road, and Route 31 both east and west of its intersection with Route 34. By identifying these areas, this plan does not intend to limit the type of commercial or industrial activity that might locate in these areas. Possibilities might include a major manufacturing employer, a “big box” store, or smaller retail businesses. The exact kind of commercial or industrial development will depend on the particular site and what future opportunities present themselves.

Marked by an orange dotted line on the map is a transitional “buffer” area between the commercial areas and the residential areas. This transitional area includes the east side of North Seneca Street as well as both sides of South Seneca Street just south of the Village Center. As further explained in Chapter 7, this area



**Commercial/Industrial Opportunity Area
on Dunn Road**

should include small-scale commercial uses, but only in existing houses and buildings which look like a house in order to maintain a residential feel.

The core residential areas of the Village are shown in yellow. These areas should continue in the current character, which is predominantly single-family homes along with some small multi-family buildings as well as churches and similar civic institutions.

Marked by brown dotted lines are two higher-density residential opportunity areas. The first is along Route 31 between Jackson Street and Towpath Road. The second is along East Brutus Street from Jackson Street to the Village boundary. These two areas lie along major roads but are also near destinations in the Village Center and the schools. With improved sidewalks and street crossings along these roads, these could be attractive areas for multi-family housing of moderate scale, such as two or possibly three stories. As with the future residential areas in the rural character area, this plan does not call for any timeline for these areas to be developed. This plan merely points these out as potential areas should the opportunity come sometime in the future.

Two of the residential opportunity areas which were shown in the rural character area are also shown on the diagram of the canal port character area. One is between Route 31 and Weller Road to the northeast of the Village boundary and the other is just east of the Village boundary south of East Brutus Street. These are shown on this map because they are possible extensions of the residential areas of the Village. Should the opportunity come to develop these areas, the developments should have streets and sidewalks that tie into the existing vehicle and pedestrian network of the Village.



Higher-Density Residential Opportunity Area Corridor on State Route 31 east of Jackson Street



Higher-Density Residential Opportunity Area Corridor on East Brutus Street east of Jackson Street

The specific objectives and actions for Land Use are listed below. Complete implementation strategies including time frame for completion and possible funding sources for each action can be found in the Implementation Matrix in Chapter 11.

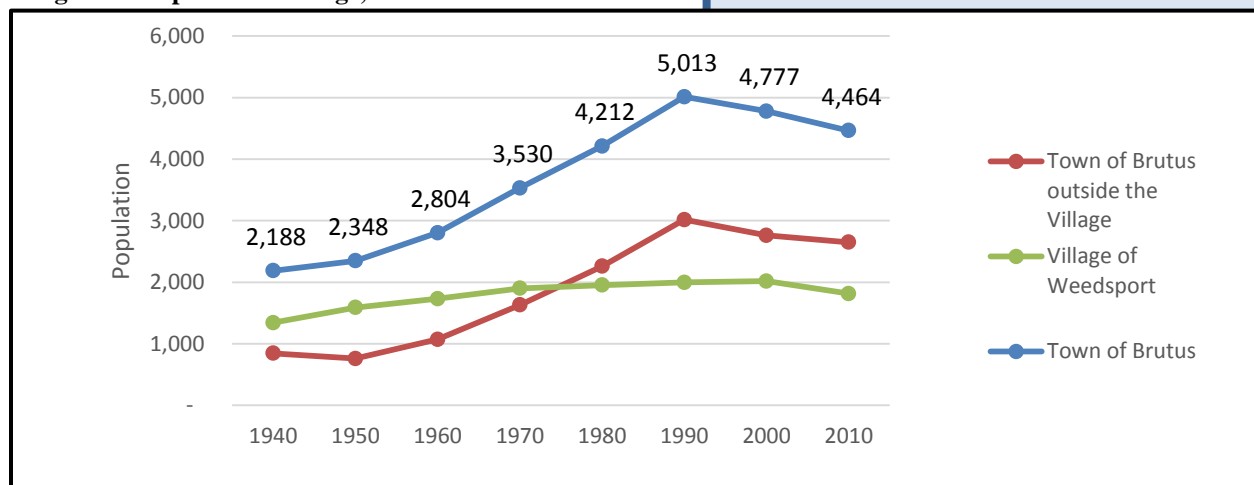
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Guide future development so that it is consistent with the future land use plan.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review Town and Village land use regulations to make sure that they effectively achieve the community character described in the future land use plan.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Target growth in industry and manufacturing near the Thruway exit and the CSX rail line</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide water and sewer infrastructure improvements to targeted future industrial and commercial areas. <i>(Also see Chapter 8).</i>
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Enhance the commercial center of the Village while preserving nearby historic neighborhoods and homes.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish separate zones for: Core Commercial areas; Transition areas; and Residential areas. 2. Encourage new residential development to locate near the Village but outside the Village limits. 3. Permit and encourage housing units in the upper stories of commercial buildings in the Village Center.

CHAPTER 2: HOUSING & POPULATION

Population

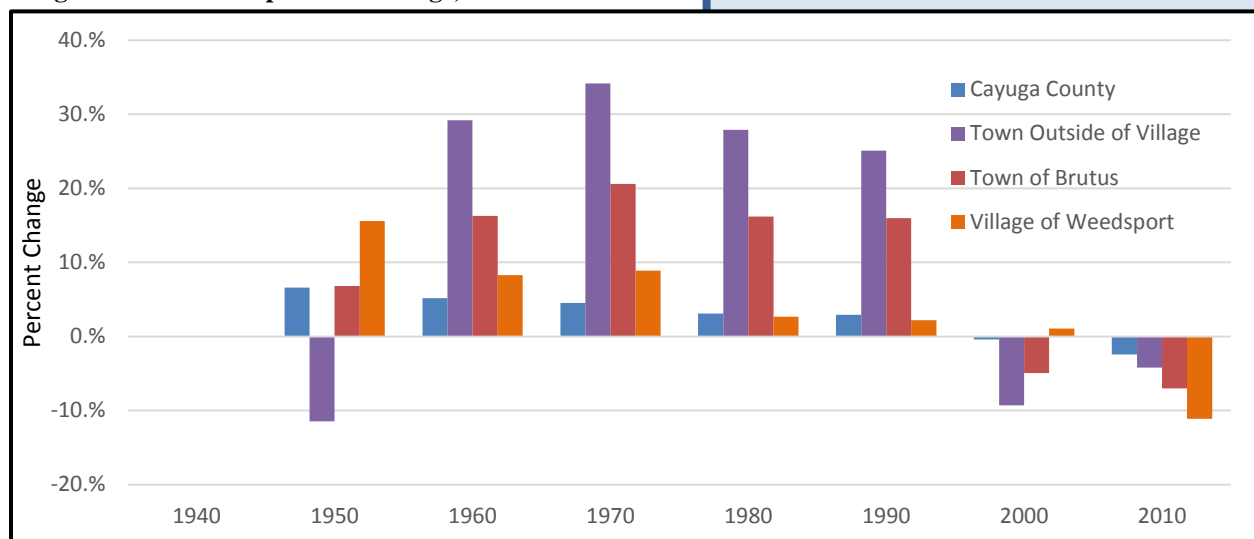
According to the United States Census, the population of the Town of Brutus, including the Village of Weedsport was 4,464 in 2010. Of this population, 1,815 lived in the Village of Weedsport and 2,649 lived in the Town outside the Village. These numbers are down from a population peak of approximately 5,000 people in 1990. Figures 12 and 13 show the population trends over the past 70 years.

Figure 7: Population Change, 1940-2010



Data Source: US Census

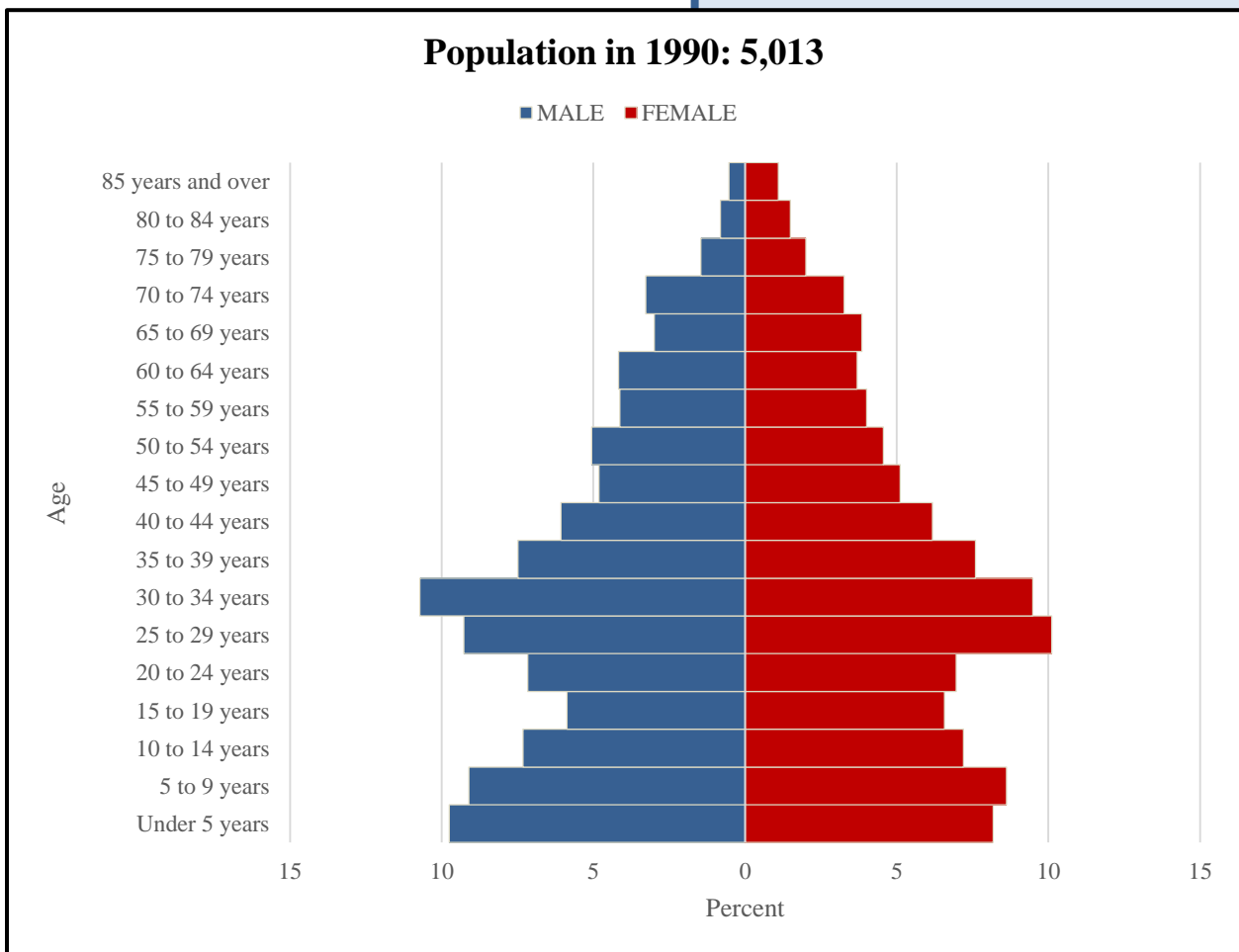
Figure 8: Percent Population Change, 1950-2010



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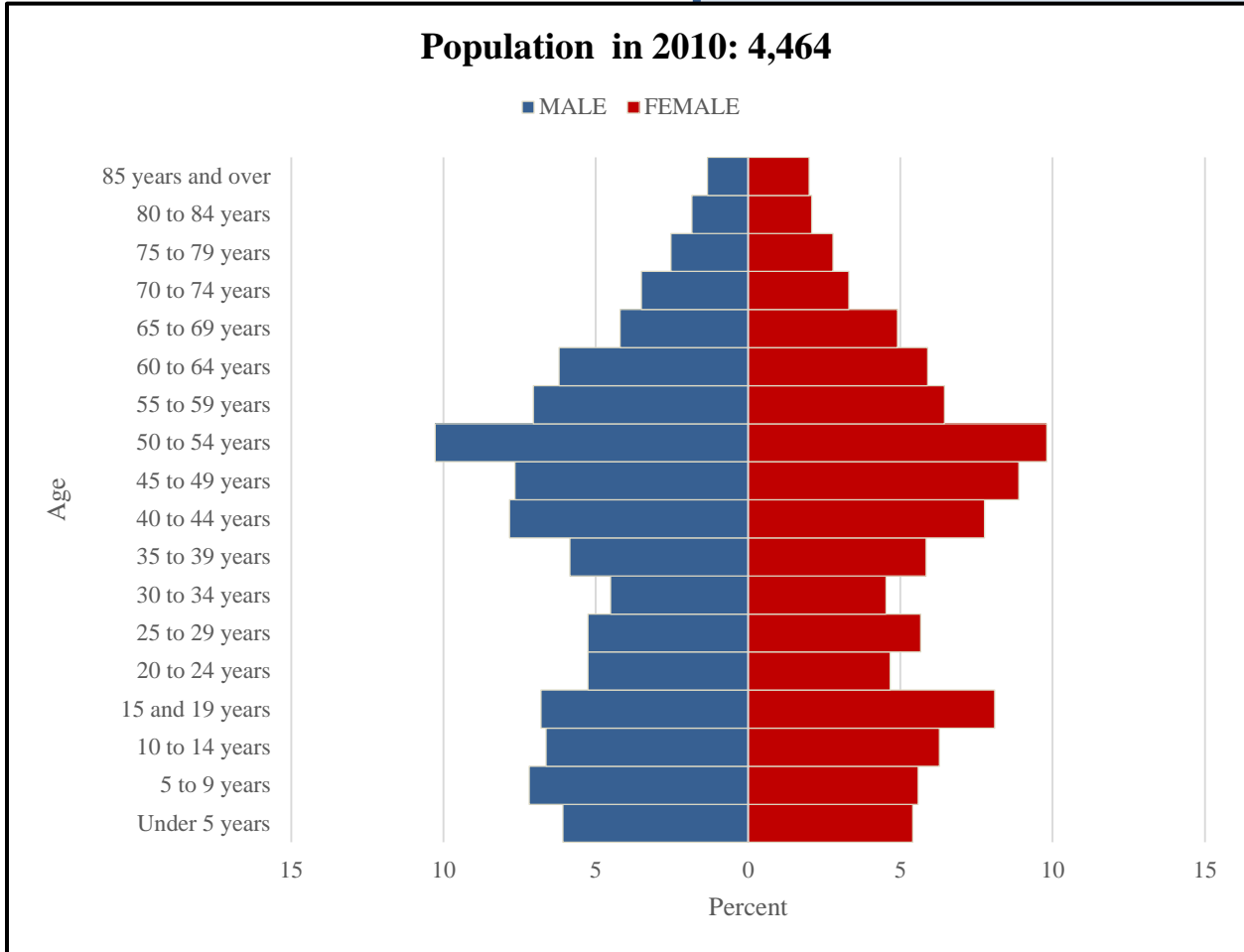
The Town outside the Village experienced steady growth in population from the 1950s through the 1980s, but since has decreased in population over the 1990s and 2000s. The population of the Village changed less dramatically, experiencing slow and moderate growth up through the 1990s, followed by a decrease in the 2000s. As the population pyramids in Figures 9 and 10 show, some of the recent population decrease is due a decrease in two specific population groups: children under 15 and adults aged 25 to 39; essentially, a decrease in young families with children.

Figure 9: Population Pyramid for Town of Brutus, 1990



Data Source: US Census

Figure 10: Population Pyramid for Town of Brutus, 2010



Data Source: US Census

The population pyramid for 1990 has two visible bulges, showing age groups that make up larger proportions of population in the Town of Brutus. The older bulge includes people aged 25 through 39. The younger bulge includes people under 15. Twenty years later in 2010, the older bulge is still visible at ages 45 through 59. The younger bulge, however, is missing. People who were age 0 through 14 in 1990 were age 20 through 34 in 2010, which shows as a narrow stretch in the population pyramid. This indicates that many of the people who were raised in the Town of Brutus have left the community to settle elsewhere. This same age group represents an age when many people start families and have children of their own. As the population pyramid for 2010 shows, with fewer people in the prime age for raising families, the Town of Brutus also has fewer young children.

Despite a decrease in the past two decades, families with children remain a major portion of the population in the Town and Village. Table 4 shows that an estimated 32 percent of households in the Town of Brutus were families with children under 18 years old, more than the average for Cayuga County or New York State. Keeping these families in the community and attracting new families is one of the three goals of this comprehensive plan.

Table 4: Population by Household Type

	Percent All Households				
	Town of Brutus	Village of Weedsport	Cayuga County	New York	United States
Family households (families)	74%	71%	65%	65%	67%
With own children under 18 years	32%	33%	28%	30%	31%
Nonfamily households	26%	29%	35%	35%	33%
Householder living alone	22%	22%	29%	29%	27%
65 years and over	10%	12%	12%	10%	9%
Households with one or more people under 18 years	34%	35%	31%	33%	34%
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	23%	32%	27%	26%	24%
<i>Total households</i>	<i>1,842</i>	<i>672</i>	<i>32,038</i>	<i>7,205,740</i>	<i>114,235,996</i>
<i>Average household size</i>	<i>2.45</i>	<i>2.46</i>	<i>2.34</i>	<i>2.59</i>	<i>2.59</i>
<i>Average family size</i>	<i>2.83</i>	<i>2.82</i>	<i>2.87</i>	<i>3.23</i>	<i>3.17</i>

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Household Income

Data on household income in Table 5 show that Brutus and Weedsport are a typical community for this region, neither particularly wealthy or particularly poor.

Table 5: Total Household Income and Benefits

	Percent All Households				
	Town of Brutus	Village of Weedsport	Cayuga County	New York	United States
Less than \$10,000	5%	4%	6%	8%	7%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3%	6%	5%	5%	6%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	15%	13%	12%	10%	11%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	13%	10%	12%	9%	11%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	17%	16%	15%	13%	14%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	24%	21%	21%	17%	19%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12%	13%	13%	12%	12%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9%	14%	10%	14%	12%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2%	2%	2%	6%	4%
\$200,000 or more	2%	2%	1%	6%	4%
<i>Total households</i>	<i>1,842</i>	<i>672</i>	<i>32,038</i>	<i>7,205,740</i>	<i>114,235,996</i>
<i>Median household income</i>	<i>\$ 48,348</i>	<i>\$ 50,968</i>	<i>\$ 48,415</i>	<i>\$ 55,603</i>	<i>\$ 51,914</i>
<i>Mean household income</i>	<i>\$ 57,953</i>	<i>\$ 63,423</i>	<i>\$ 57,809</i>	<i>\$ 80,374</i>	<i>\$ 70,883</i>

Data Source: 2006 – 2010 American Community Survey

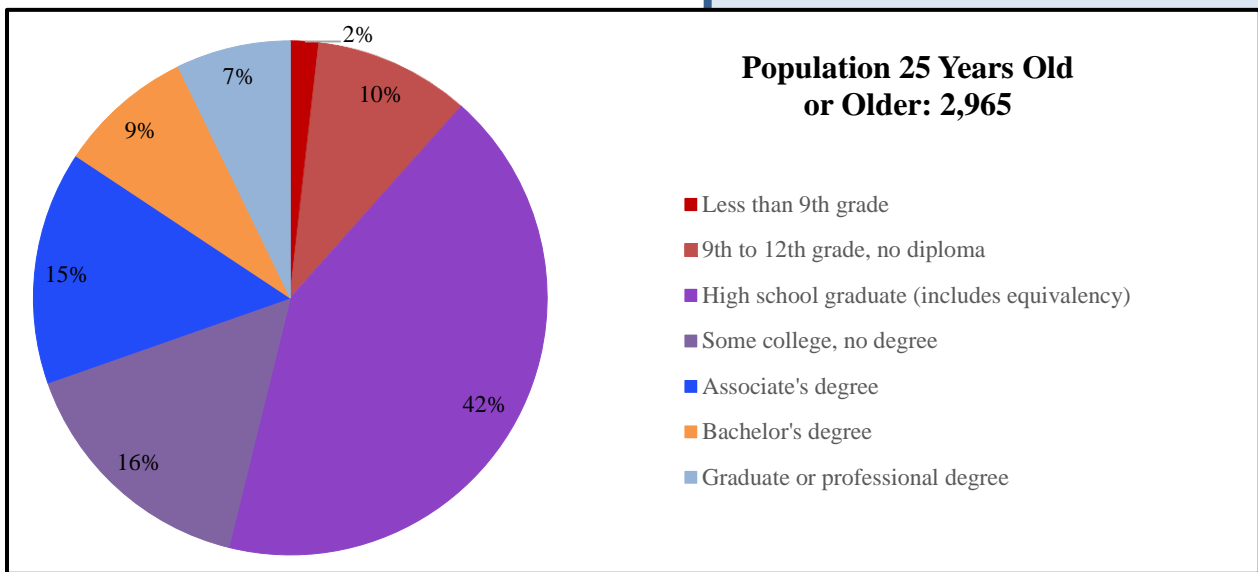
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Educational Attainment & Mobility

Figure 11 shows the estimates of the educational attainment of current residents. Overall, 88 percent of residents at least 25 years old have completed high school, which is above the Cayuga County average of 85 percent and the New York State average of 84 percent. On the other hand, an estimated 16 percent of the adult population have attained a bachelor's degree or higher. This is comparable to the Cayuga County average of 18 percent, but well below the New York State average of 32 percent.

Figure 11: Educational Attainment in the Town of Brutus



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Table 6 indicates that only a small number of people move into the community each year from other communities.

Table 6: Mobility of Current Residents

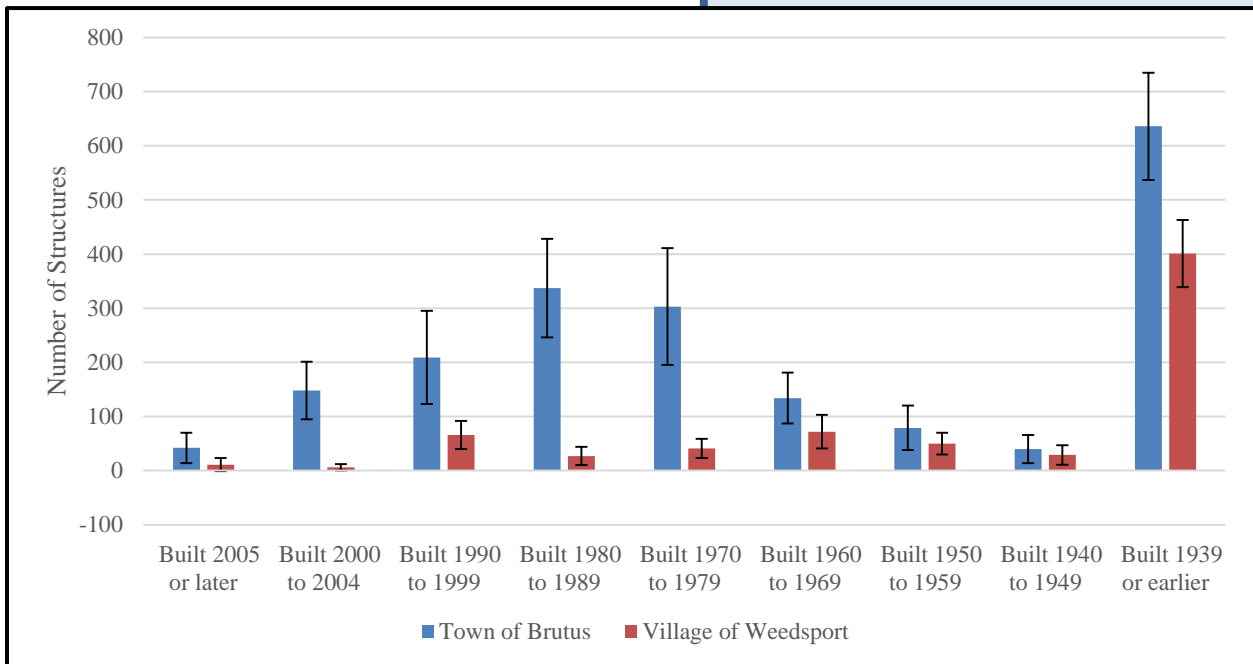
	Town of Brutus	Village of Weedsport	Cayuga County	New York	United States
Population Total	4,465	1,632	79,606	19,002,070	300,061,429
Lived in the same house 1 year ago	3,718	1,440	67,558	16,780,243	252,727,620
Moved within same county	484	137	7,064	1,320,543	28,240,219
Moved from different county within same state	155	40	3,736	482,064	9,966,140
Moved from different state	94	1	1,113	275,442	7,284,354
Moved from abroad	14	14	135	143,778	1,843,096

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Housing

Housing is closely related to population. For one reason, people build and remodel housing units to meet their needs for shelter and comfort. In this way, housing trends follow population trends. As The Town of Brutus experienced steady population growth through the 1970s and 1980s, and as Figure 16 shows, more of the existing houses today were built in these decades than any other decade. However, buildings often last longer than the people who built them, meaning that housing built for yesterday affects the opportunities for people today and tomorrow. The large number of existing housing units built in 1939 or earlier, on the right-hand end of Figure 12, demonstrate that much of the housing stock in Brutus and Weedsport is likely older than its current occupants. The availability of certain types of housing can attract or discourage certain types of people, such as young adults, families with children, or senior citizens. In this way, population trends may follow housing trends.

Figure 12: Year Existing Housing Structures Were Built as of 2010



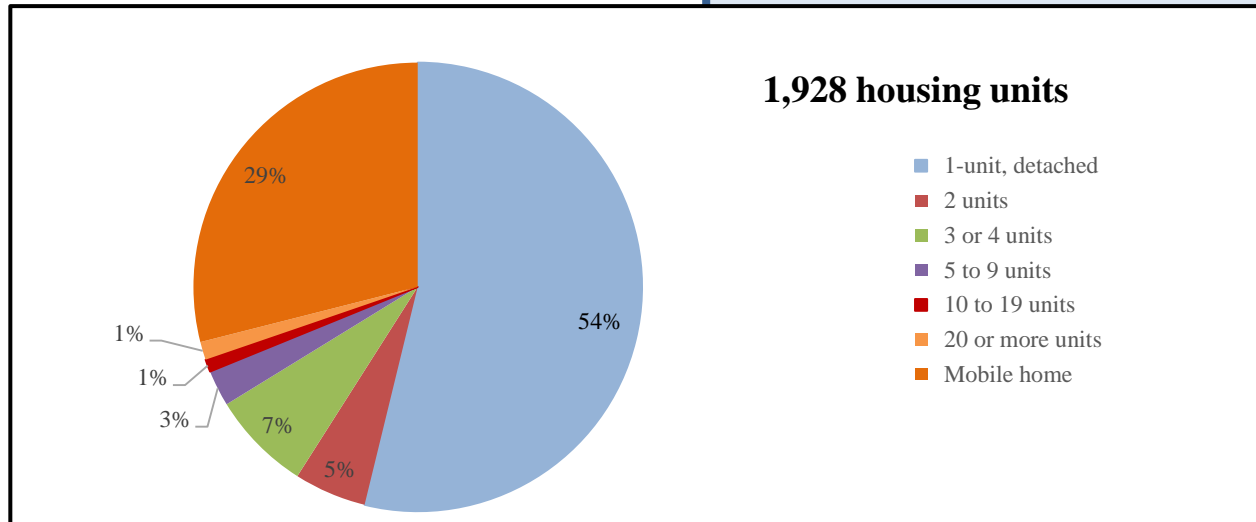
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As shown in Figure 13, more than half the housing units in the Town of Brutus (including the Village of Weedsport) are single-family detached homes. Another 30 percent of housing units are mobile homes. The remainder are in buildings with two or more housing units, many of which are in the Village of Weedsport. Looking more closely at the Village in Figure 14, more than 60 percent of the Village's housing units are single-family detached homes. Another 15 percent are in two-unit buildings, and the remaining 25 percent are in buildings with more than two units. Single-family homes are the predominant housing type in Brutus and Weedsport, but the community also offers a full range of other housing opportunities.

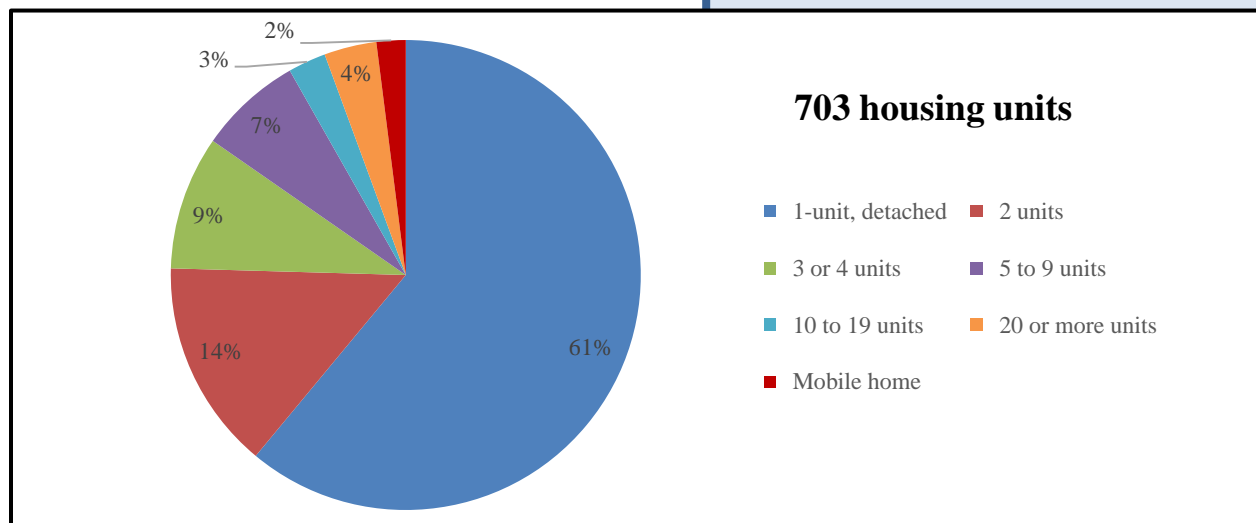
Figure 13: Housing Type in the Town of Brutus



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Figure 14: Housing Type in the Village of Weedsport

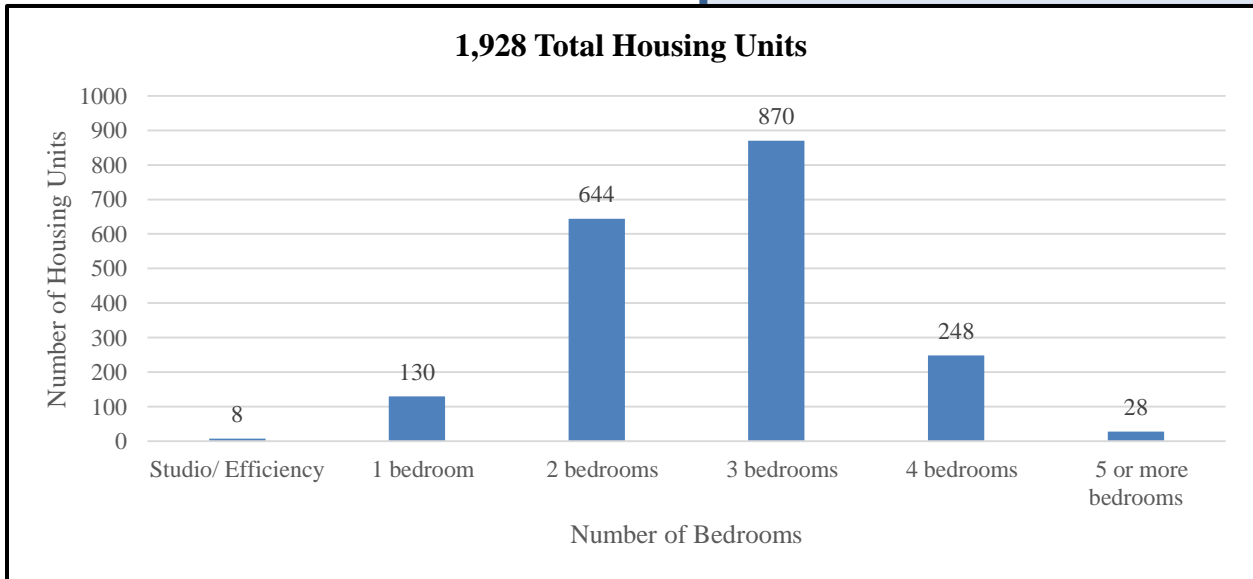


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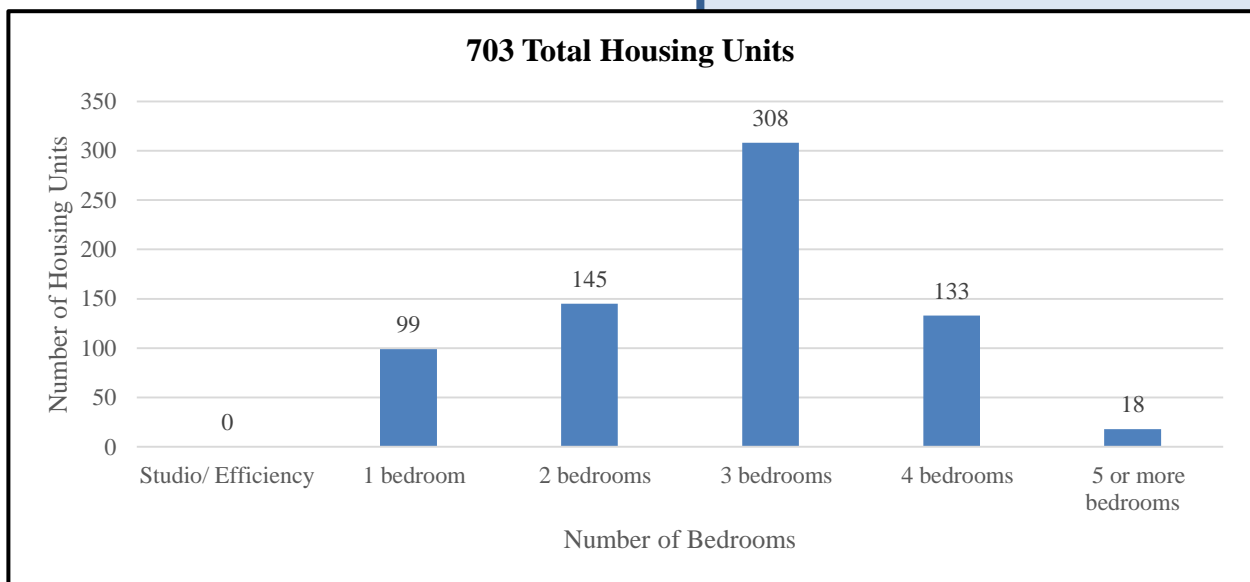
Figures 15 and 16 give breakdowns of the number of housing units which have specific numbers of bedrooms. In both the Village of Weedsport and the rest of the Town of Brutus, 3-bedroom dwellings are the most common. 3-bedrooms are considered the most suitable for families with young children. The prevalence of 3-bedroom units thus reflects a housing stock in Brutus and Weedsport that has been built for families with children, and still offers housing opportunities for them.

Figure 15: Number of Housing Units in the Town of Brutus by the Number of Bedrooms



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Figure 16: Number of Housing Units in the Village of Weedsport by the Number of Bedrooms



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Nearly 80 percent of the occupied housing units in the Town of Brutus are owner-occupied. This includes mobile homes that are owned by the occupants, even if they rent the land that the home sits on from a mobile home park. Even though most of the housing units are owner-occupied, there remains a significant percentage that is occupied by renters: 21 percent town wide and even higher at 35 percent in the Village of Weedsport. Although owner-occupied housing is the dominant type of housing in the community, it is important not to overlook the importance of additional rental housing to provide additional housing opportunities. What kind of people in Brutus and Weedsport live in rental housing? Judging by the average household size which is nearly identical for owner-occupied and rental housing, the answer seems to be that the same types of families live in rental housing as live in owner-occupied housing.

Table 7: Housing Tenure in Occupied Housing

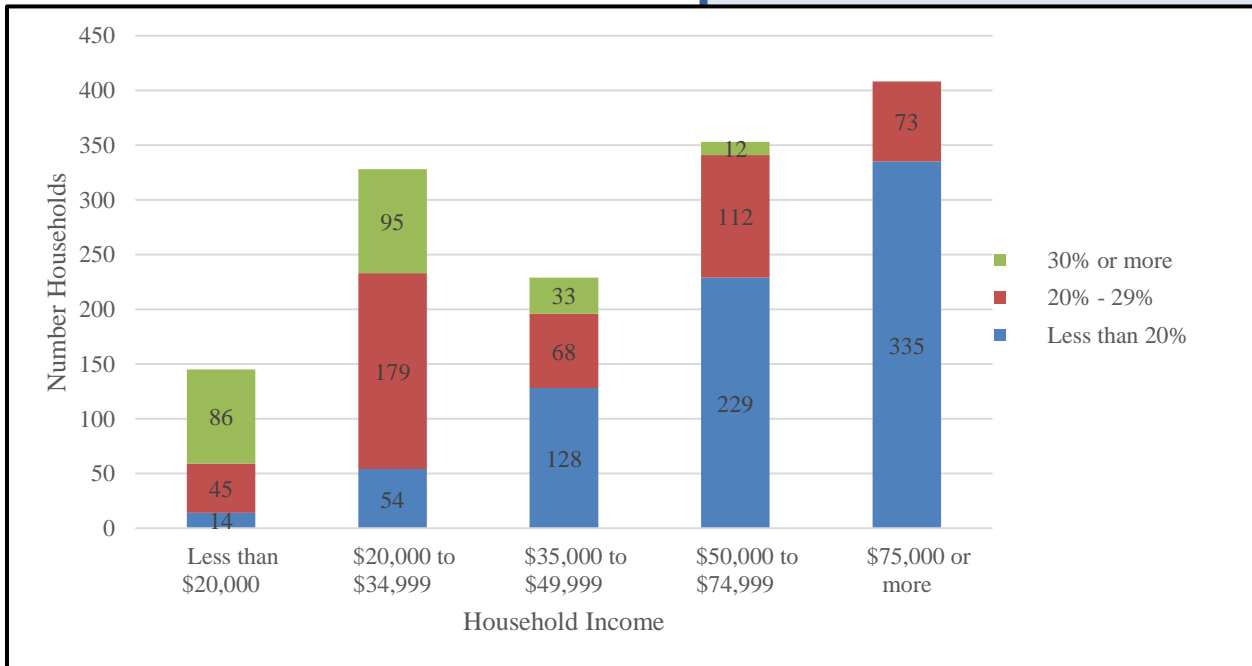
	Town of Brutus	Village of Weedsport	Cayuga County	New York	United States
Owner-occupied	79%	65%	72%	55%	67%
Renter-occupied	21%	35%	28%	45%	33%
<i>Occupied housing units (excludes vacant housing)</i>	1,842	672	32,038	7,205,740	114,235,996
<i>Average household size of owner-occupied unit</i>	2.47	2.45	2.45	2.75	2.67
<i>Average household size of renter-occupied unit</i>	2.41	2.47	2.08	2.39	2.42

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Housing costs also affects the opportunities for people who might consider living in the community. The following graphs show the percentage of income that households spend on housing. Housing that costs less than 20 percent of household income is considered very affordable, while housing that costs over 30 percent indicates households that are burdened. Although housing in the community tends to be quite affordable for people who make the medium income (\$50,000) or more a year, there are a small number of severely rent-burdened low-income families at the very low end of the income spectrum.

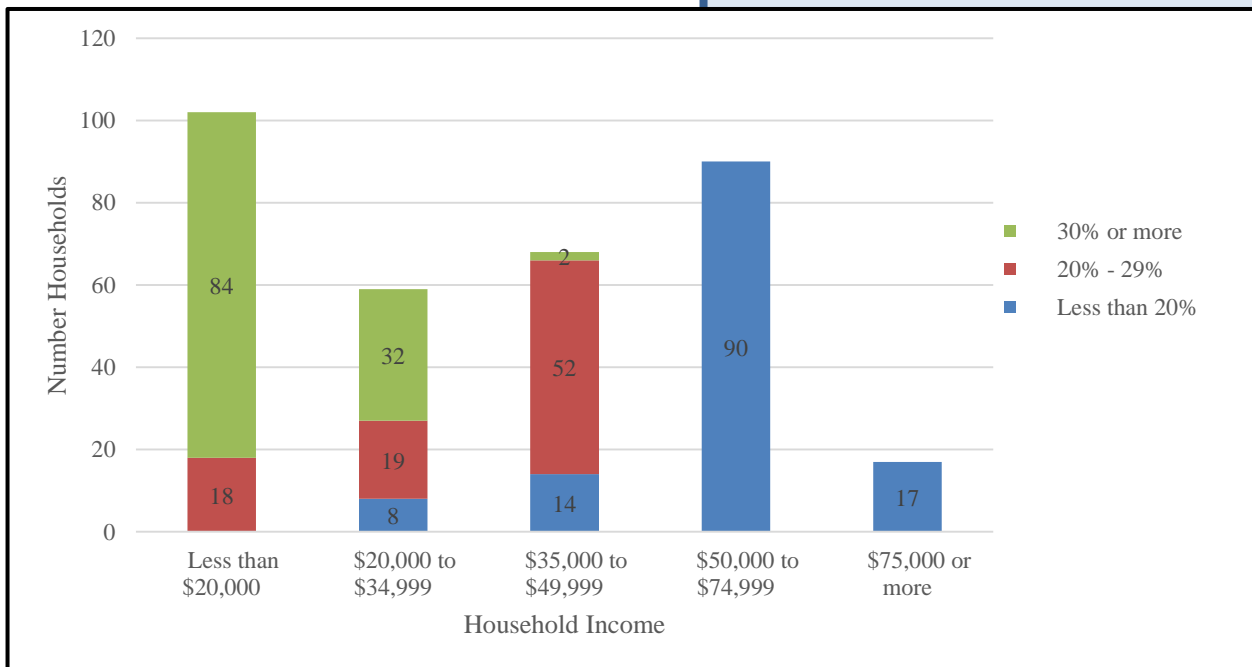
Figure 17: Percent of Income Spent on Housing Expenses by Households Which Own Their Home in the Town of Brutus



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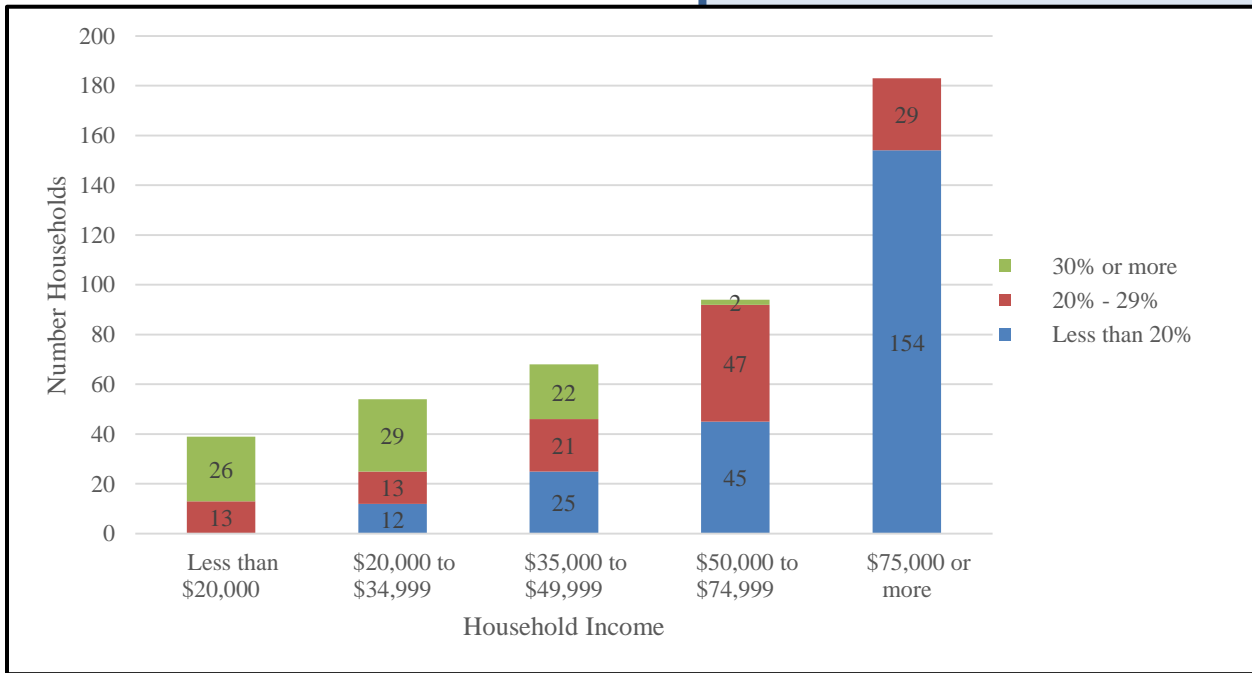
Figure 18: Percent of Income Spent on Housing Expenses by Households Which Rent Their Home in the Town of Brutus



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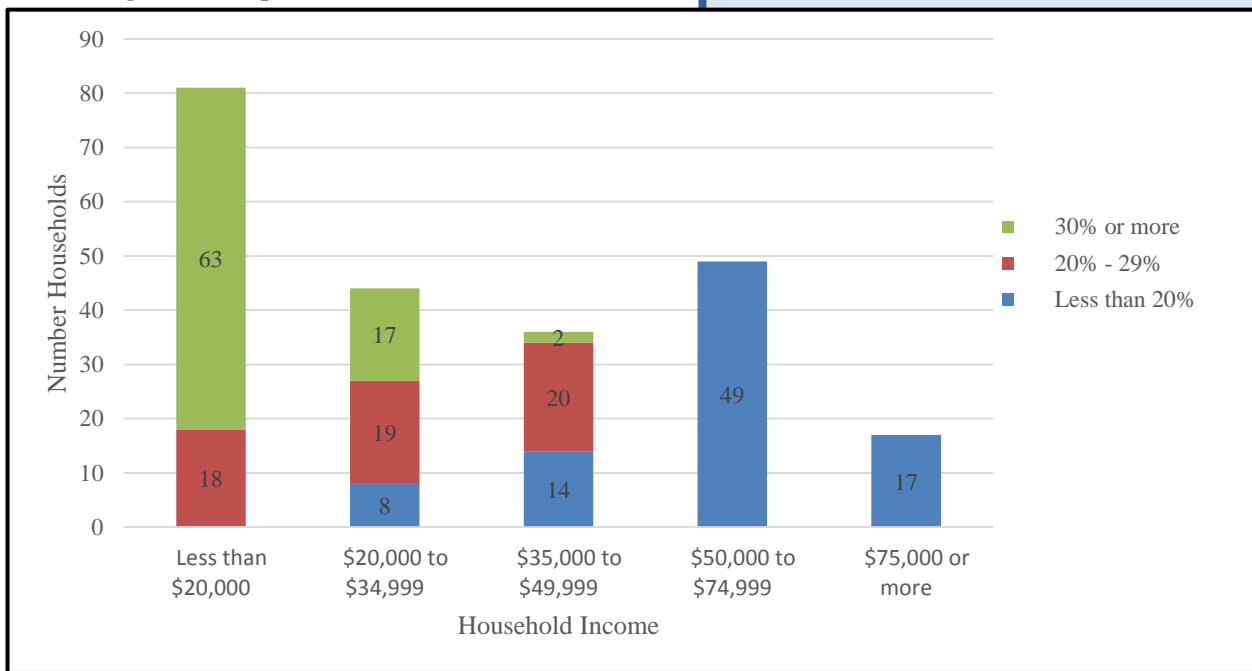
Figure 19: Percent of Income Spent on Housing Expenses by Households Which Own Their Home in the Village of Weedsport



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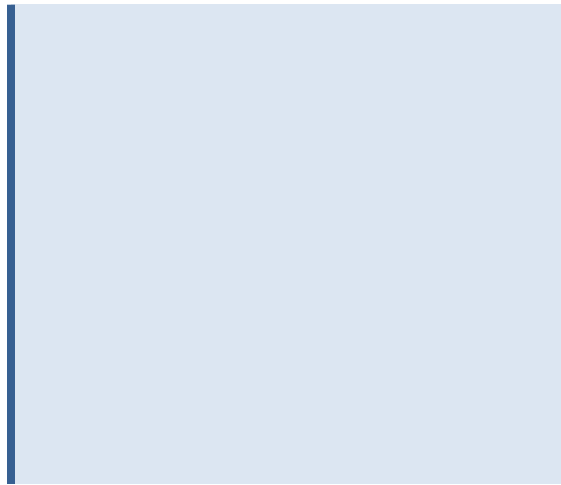
Figure 20: Percent of Income Spent on Housing Expenses by Households Which Rent Their Home in the Village of Weedsport



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Attracting and keeping families with children is one of the keys to achieving the community’s vision for the future. With a well-regarded school district and an existing housing stock with many single-family homes that are affordable for families at the median income or higher, the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport are well positioned to attract these families, despite a decreasing trend in the number of young families in the community. At the same time, the Town and Village need to remain an attractive and welcoming place for other kinds of people, including senior citizens as well as lower-income families.



The specific objectives and actions for Population and Housing are listed below. Complete implementation strategies including time frame for completion and possible funding sources for each action can be found in the Implementation Matrix in Chapter 11.

<p>Objective:</p> <p>Provide affordable housing opportunities for families with children and first-time home buyers.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand opportunities for two-family homes and apartments.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Provide affordable housing opportunities for retired and elderly persons.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce infrastructure requirements for new subdivisions to promote new housing at affordable prices, e.g. senior housing.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Improve the condition and maintenance of homes.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain strong enforcement of zoning regulations and building codes. 2. Preserve historic structures by providing assistance to property owners through property tax incentives and other programs.

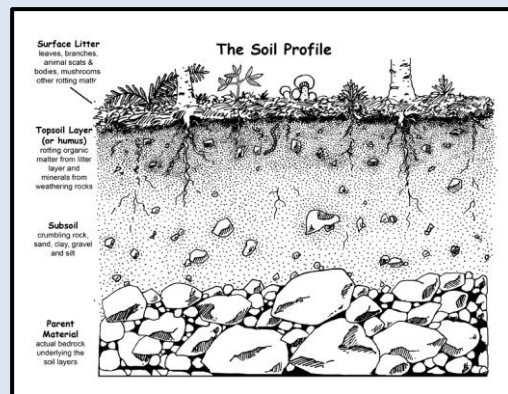
CHAPTER 3: NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

There are many facets of the natural environment which have helped shape not only the physical characteristics of the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport, but which have contributed to the vital natural resources that the community was built around and relies on. From access to water, soil quality and scenic vistas the natural resources and environmental quality described below are as important to the future of this community as any of the topics discussed in this plan.

Natural Resources

Bedrock

The bedrock formation lying closest to the surface affects the character of the surface soils above it. Additionally, if the depth to the bedrock is shallow, that can make both farming and construction more difficult. In roughly the northern half of the Town, including the entire Village, the bedrock closest to the surface is the Silurian Vernon Shale formation. The Vernon formation is approximately 500 feet thick and consists of layers of shale and dolostone alternating with layers of halite (rock salt). The shale consists of fine-grained clay materials, while the dolostone consists chiefly of an organic carbonate of calcium and magnesium. In roughly the southern half of the Town, the bedrock closest to the surface is the Syracuse Shale formation. The Syracuse formation is approximately 700 feet thick and consists of dolostone, shale, gypsum and halite. Gypsum is a soft sulfate composed of calcium and sulfur. The salt and sediments which are the source of materials in the rocks of both formations were deposited in the shallow waters of a salty sea that covered this area during the Silurian Period (421 to 408 million years ago.) Deformation and uplifting of the rock occurred late in its development and left the rock beds dipping slightly to the south.

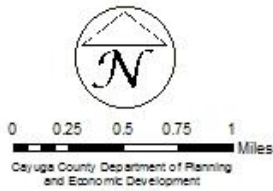


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

Map 6

Bedrock Geology

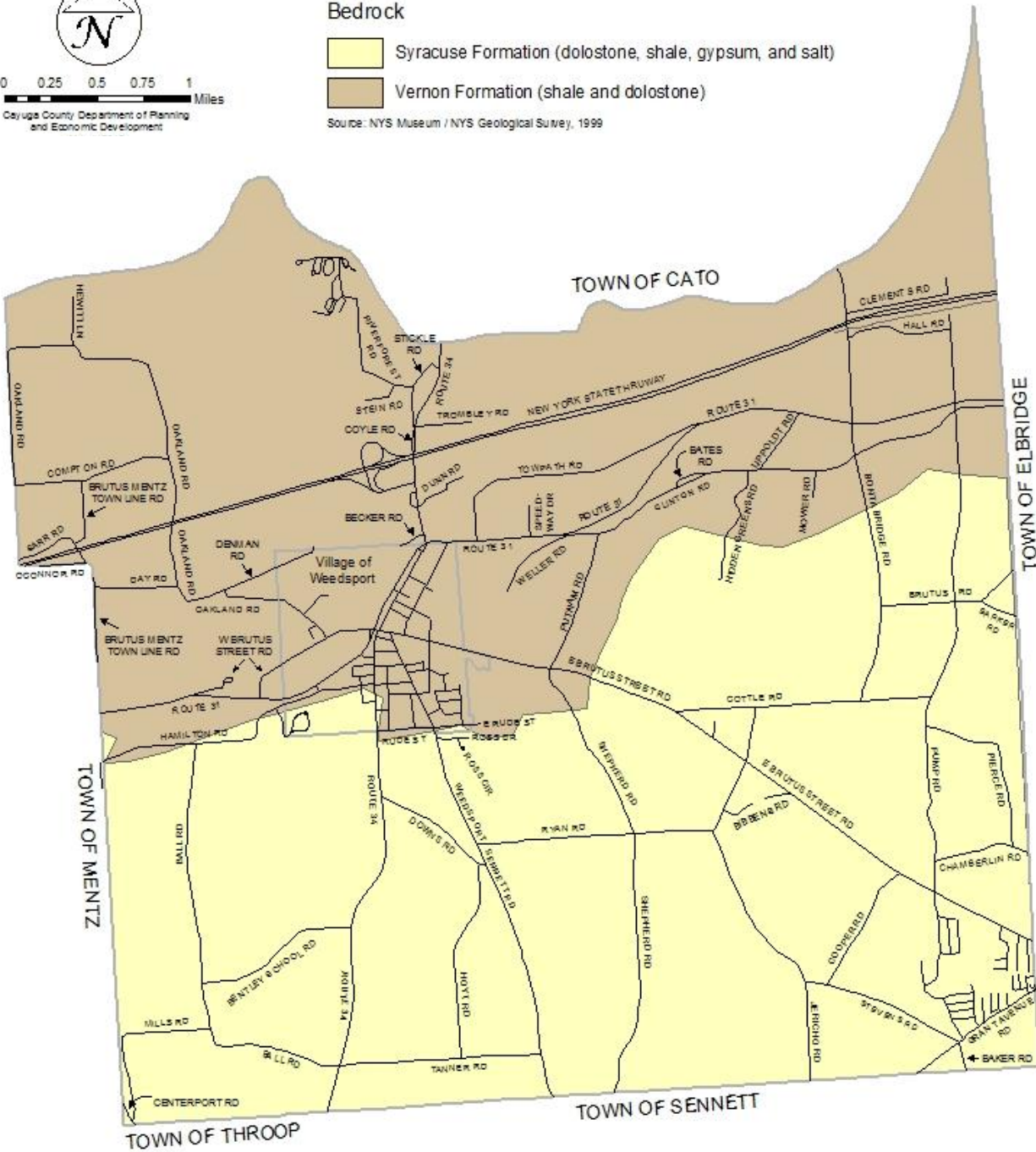
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Bedrock

-  Syracuse Formation (dolostone, shale, gypsum, and salt)
-  Vernon Formation (shale and dolostone)

Source: NYS Museum / NYS Geological Survey, 1999

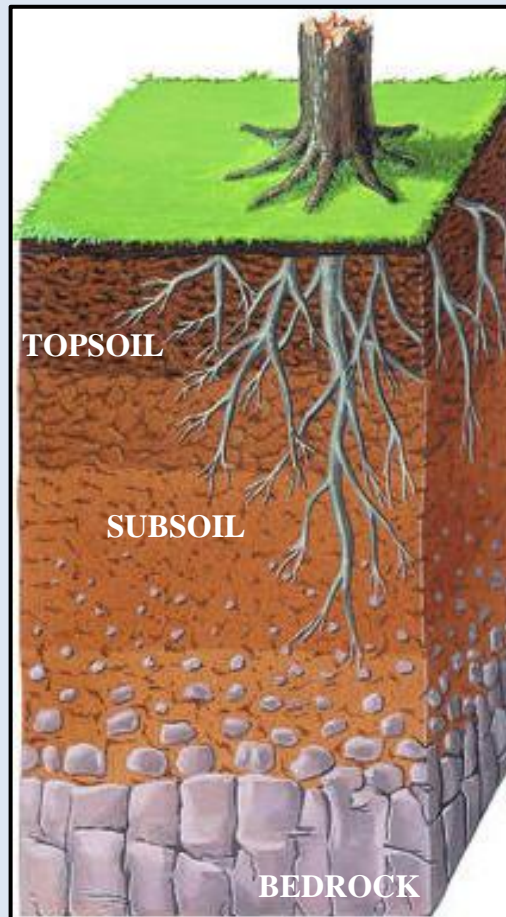


Deeper rock formations can also have an impact on the Town and Village if they have potential for exploration as sources of natural gas. This area has not been extensively explored for natural gas extraction, particularly using the hydraulic fracturing technique. However, if advances in this technology develop in the Marcellus formation further south of the community, the Town and Village may need to consider the potential impacts on the community and its natural resources in the future.

Surficial Geology

The predominant type of surficial geology (subsoil), the material between the topsoil and bedrock, in the Town of Brutus (shown in the map below) is Till which consists of poorly sorted rock, gravel and sand, often mounded in elongated hills, or drumlins, which are predominant features of the landscape in the Town and surrounding communities. The next most prevalent is Outwash, which is coarse sand and gravel deposited in valleys by glaciers. Lacustrine deposits occur in areas around large bodies of fresh water such as ancient lakes and fresh water seas. These deposits are typically rich in fine sand and clay soils as well as former marine life (creating in some places shale and petroleum deposits). Kame deposits are comprised of coarse sand and cobble gravel. Swamp deposits contain muck and peat with minor amounts of sand, silt, and clay accumulated in poorly drained areas.

How well water drains and where groundwater flows and accumulates is determined, to a large extent, by surficial geology. Groundwater tends to accumulate in gravely and sandy surficial geological deposits which serve as key indicators of where aquifers may be located (see the Soil Hydrologic Groups map). The protection of aquifers and aquifer recharge areas is crucial in rural farming communities like Brutus where both farmers and residents are dependent on groundwater.



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Map 7

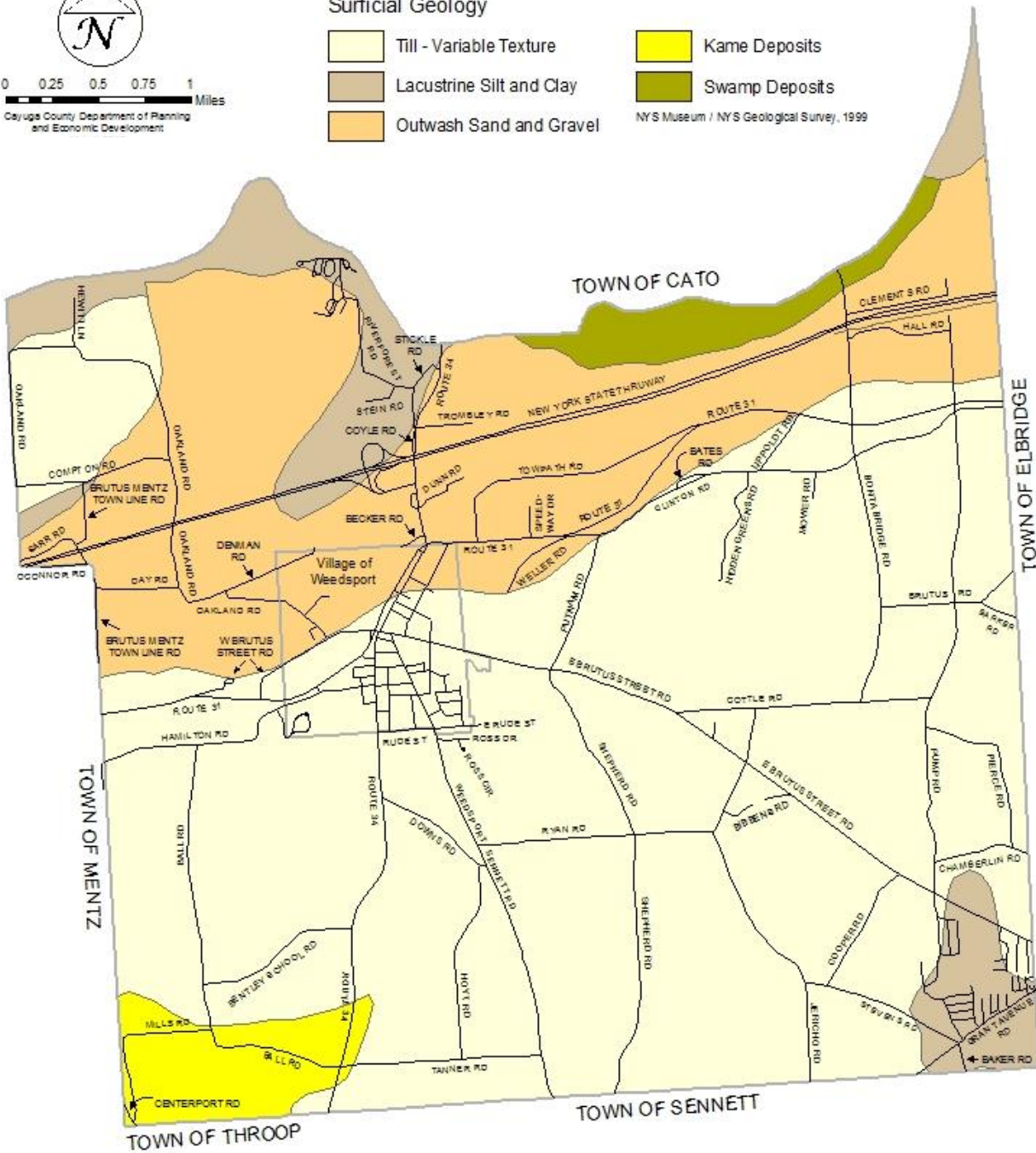
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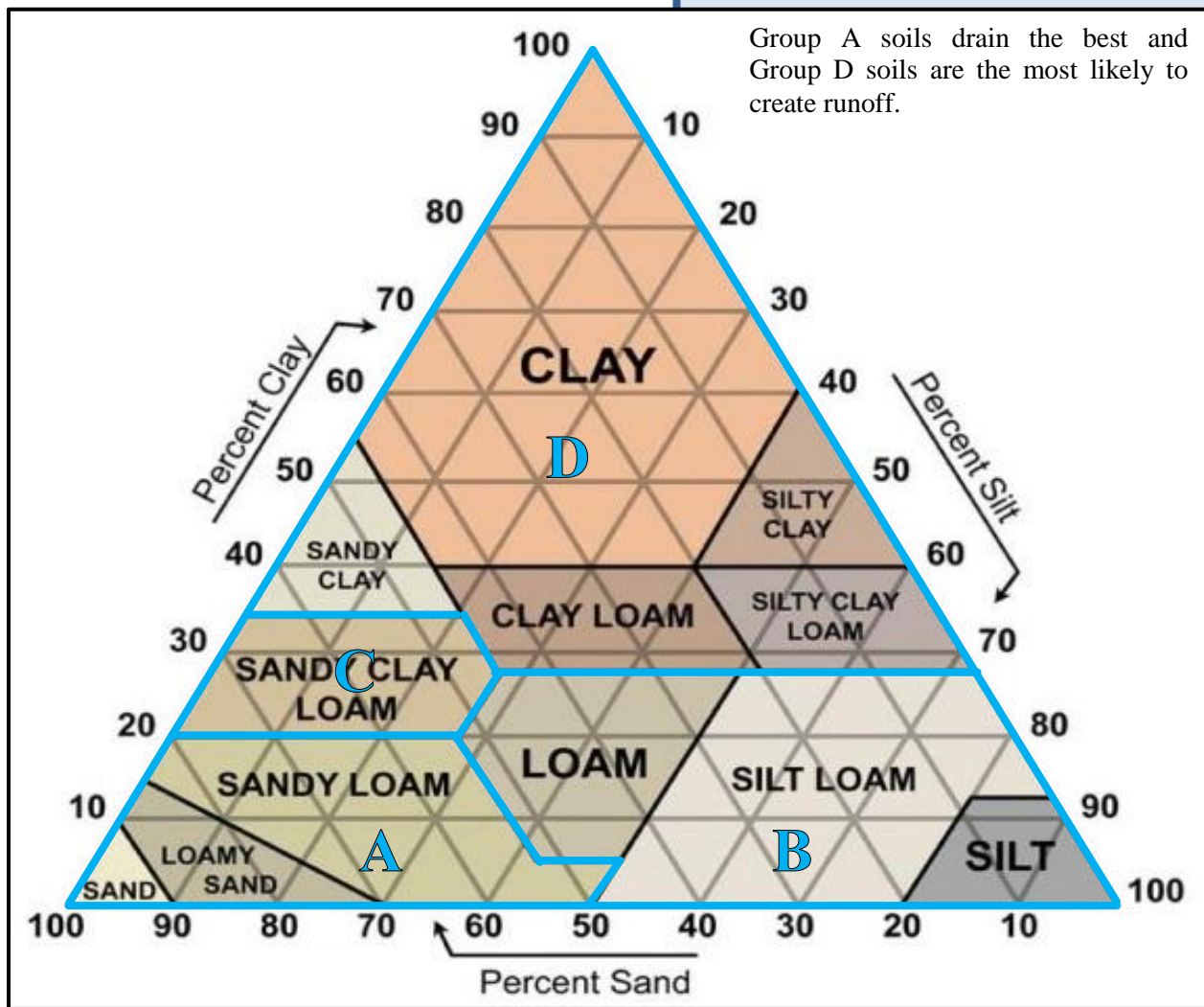
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- NYS Museum / NYS Geological Survey, 1999



Soil Hydrologic Groups

Where Surficial Geology indicates subsoil attributes, Soil Hydrologic Groups can help identify the differences in the ability of soils to drain water. Water infiltrates soils with a higher sand and sandy loam content more easily than it can in clay soils which are more readily saturated and therefore create higher runoff conditions. On the Soil Hydrologic Map below, Group A soils, which are the best drained, are indicated by the brightest shade of green. Group D soils with their high clay content and low water infiltration rates are the most likely to retain water and generate runoff. This information should be considered by the Town's land use decision makers when approving future development plans.

Figure 21: Soil Hydrologic Groups

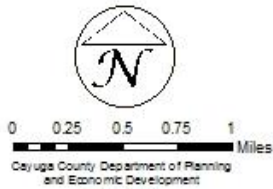


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Map 8

Soil Hydrologic Groups

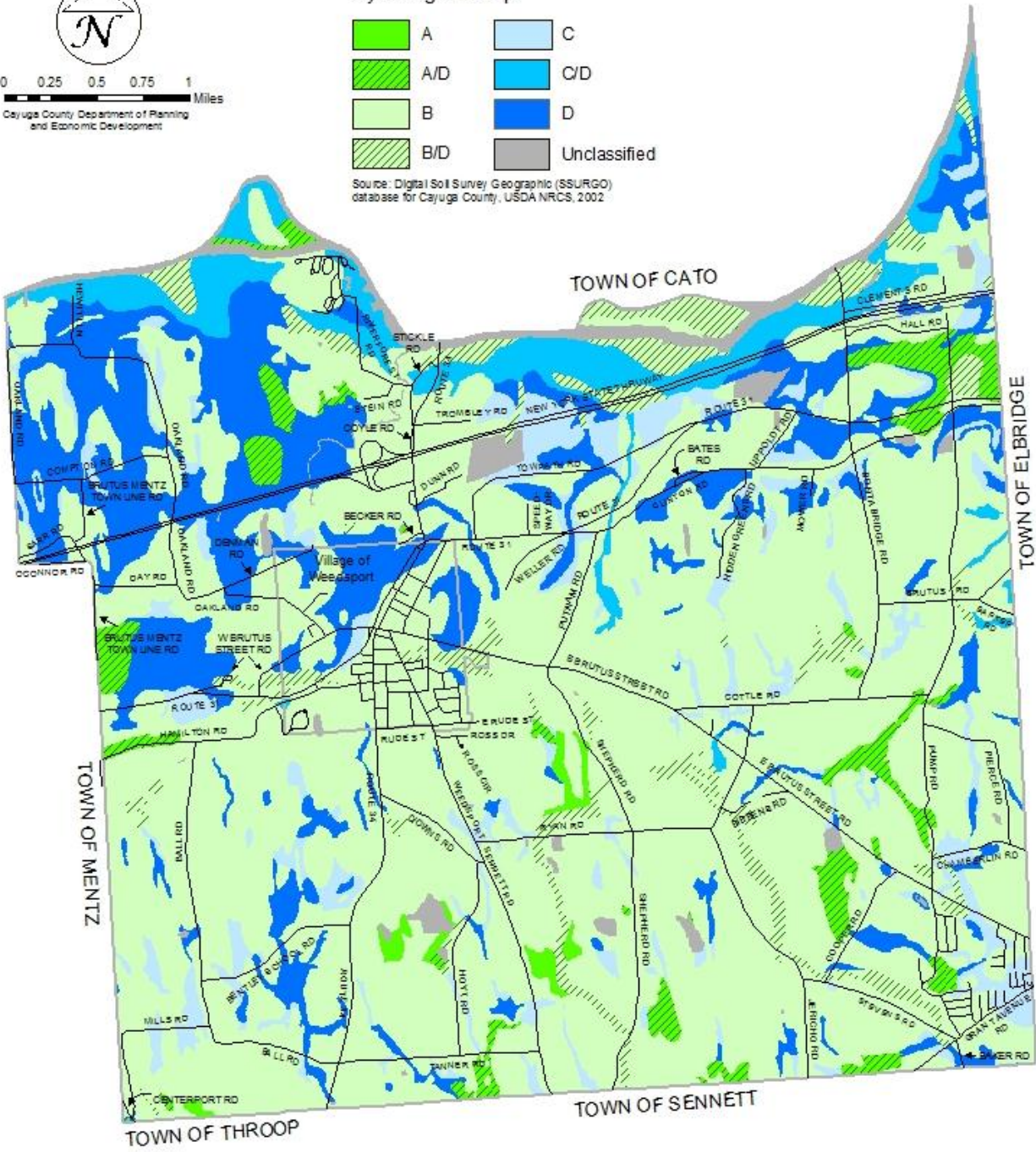
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Hydrologic Group



Source: Digital Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) database for Cayuga County, USDA NRCS, 2002

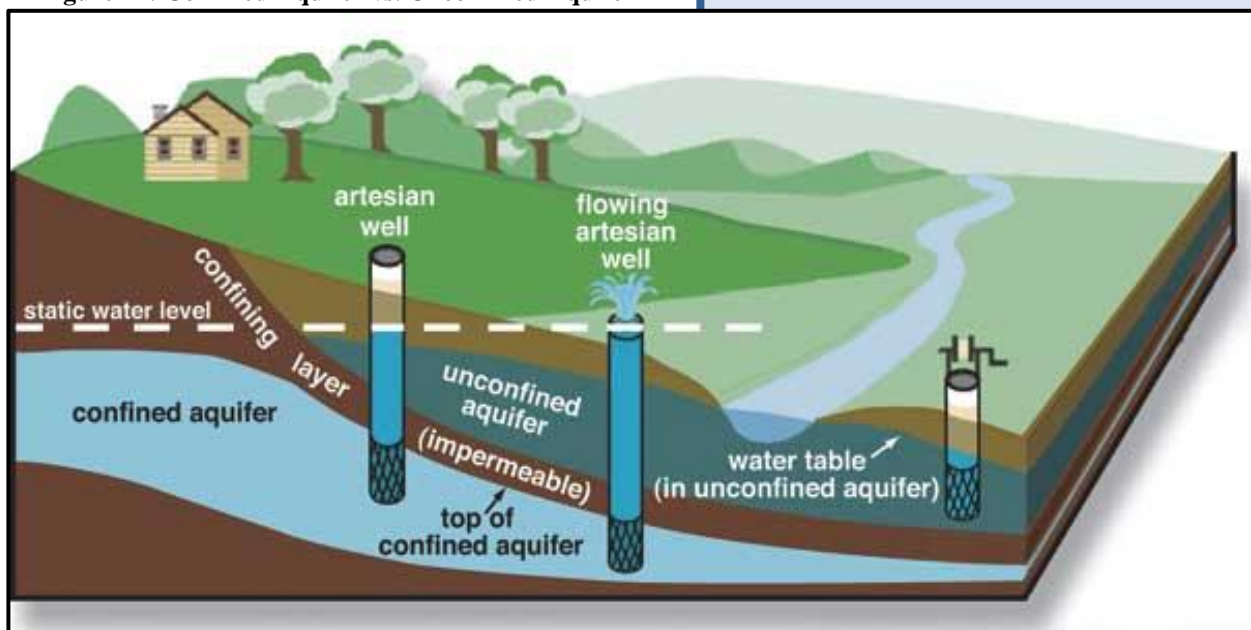


Major Aquifers

One very valuable resource in any rural community is water, specifically groundwater and aquifers. Aquifers are an underground body of saturated rock through which water can easily move and from which groundwater can be extracted through a well. By identifying the types of aquifers, conditions, susceptibility to contamination, and where they are located, the Town and Village can make proactive decisions regarding development and resource protection.

There are two types of aquifers, confined and unconfined. A confined aquifer is typically covered with, or consists of, nearly impermeable rock such as clay or contiguous shale. These aquifers are not in contact with the water table and are therefore less susceptible to contamination from surface water. Confined aquifers are usually located deep below the surface of the ground. An unconfined aquifer typically consists of materials which are easily permeable such as sand and gravel, which creates a higher rate of infiltration from surface waters. They also may have direct contact with the water table, as it fluctuates up and down, as well as with surface waters such as streams and rivers. Unconfined aquifers are usually located close to the surface of the ground and are very susceptible to contamination. The image below illustrates the relationship between a confined and an unconfined aquifer.

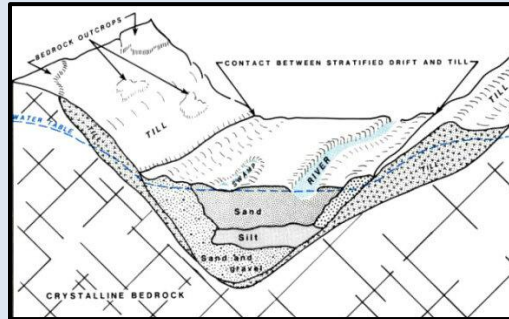
Figure 22: Confined Aquifer vs. Unconfined Aquifer



Source: www.kgs.ku.edu/Publications/PIC/pic23.html

The type of unconfined aquifer which occurs in this part of New York State is called a Stratified-Drift aquifer. These aquifers consist primarily of sand and gravel, have a common depth of 10 to 300 feet, and have a typical yield of 10 to 50 gallons of water per minute, but some formations may exceed 100 gallons per minute. These aquifers can also contain Kame Deposits (coarse sand and cobble gravel 20 to 100 feet thick); Outwash deposits (coarse sand and gravel deposited in valleys by glaciers, 20 to 80 feet thick, yielding over 100 gal/min); and Alluvial deposits (sand, gravel and silt deposited at mouths of tributaries in large valleys 10 to 40 feet thick). Valley-Fill aquifers are the confined aquifers which occur in this region. They typically consist of outwash and alluvial deposits imbedded with clay and silt, have a common depth of 3 to 200 feet, and have a typical yield of 100 to 1,000 gallons of water per minute, with some formations exceeding 3,000 gallons per minute.

The map below illustrates where aquifers are located in the Town and Village. It is important to note that there are only three areas in the community with confined aquifers, which are the least susceptible to contamination from groundwater runoff: the area north of the NYS Thruway adjacent to the Seneca River and Hewitt Ln and the two hatched areas (adjacent to the Seneca River and southwest of the NYS Thruway on the western border of the Town). These aquifers would see the greatest potential for future contamination if deep drill activities were to occur. While there may be deposits of natural gas in these areas, the Town and Village are not located in the Marcellus Shale formation; and the Utica Shale formation, which the community is a part of, has not been extensively explored yet. The Town and Village should be aware of future regulations on the process of hydrofracking and its potential to occur in this community. At this time, there is no immediate need for the consideration of a ban on drilling but this type of activity poses the biggest threat to both the confined and unconfined aquifers in the community if it should occur in the future.

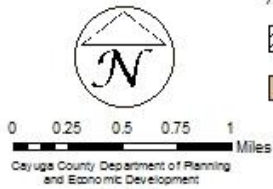


Source: http://www.hvceo.org/images/aquifer_cutaway.JPG

Map 9

Major Aquifers

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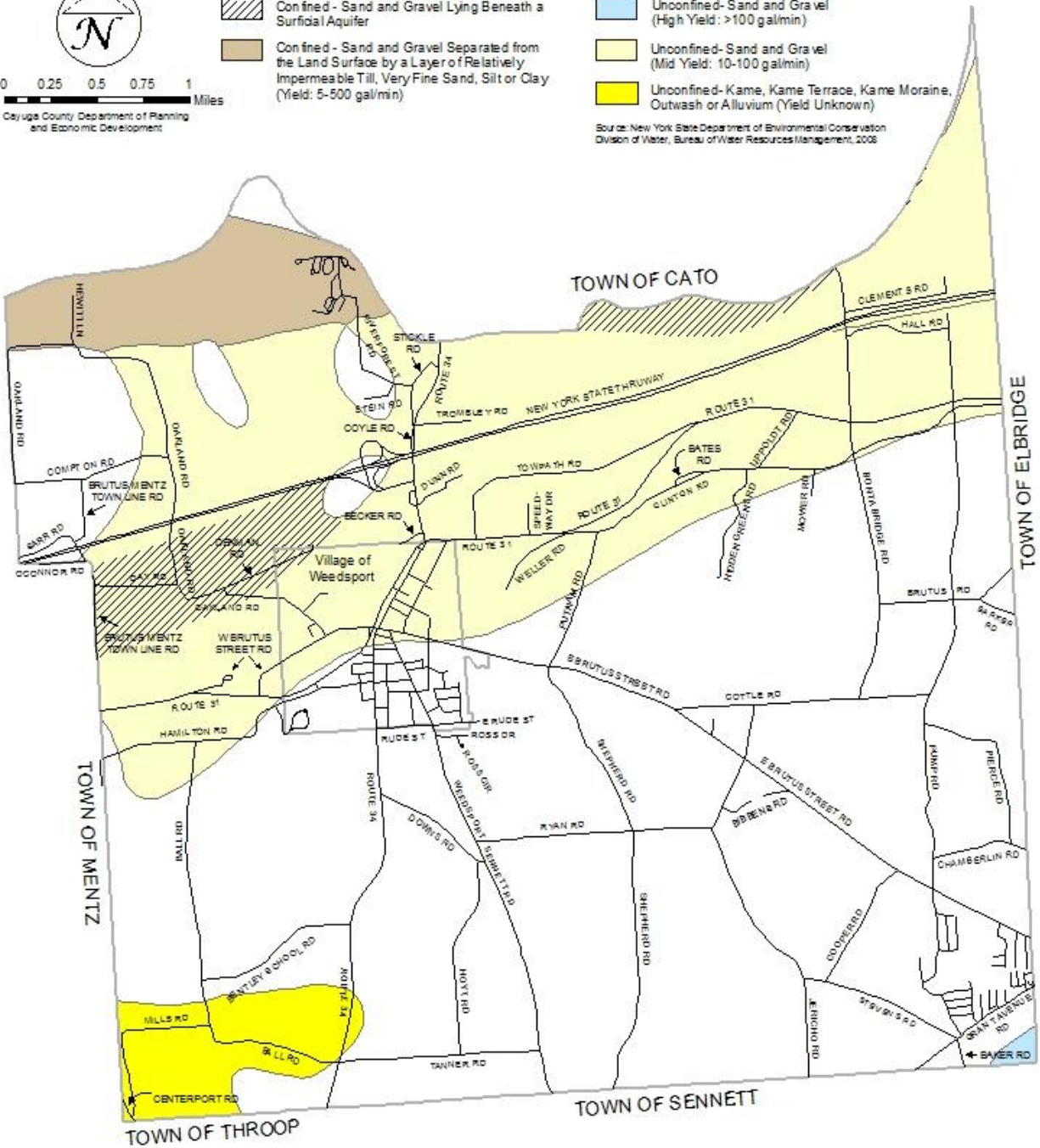


Aquifer Type

- Confined - Sand and Gravel Lying Beneath a Surficial Aquifer
- Confined - Sand and Gravel Separated from the Land Surface by a Layer of Relatively Impermeable Till, Very Fine Sand, Silt or Clay (Yield: 5-500 gal/min)

- Unconfined- Sand and Gravel (High Yield: >100 gal/min)
- Unconfined- Sand and Gravel (Mid Yield: 10-100 gal/min)
- Unconfined- Kame, Kame Terrace, Kame Moraine, Outwash or Alluvium (Yield Unknown)

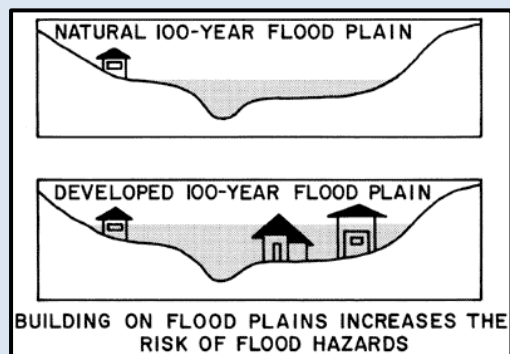
Source: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Water, Bureau of Water Resources Management, 2008



The largest area of an unconfined aquifer is located in the northern third of the Town. This area encompasses a wide range of land used including industrial, commercial, residential and agricultural and should be where the Town and Village concentrate their efforts to reduce runoff and groundwater contamination. The high probability of contamination of this aquifer from groundwater runoff, infiltration of chemicals through the soils, and from contamination in the river and tributaries may lead to a significant reduction in the quality and safety of the well water that residents in this area rely on for drinking and irrigation water.

Streams and Flood Hazard Areas

Surface water in the community flows north towards the Seneca River and most of the streams and creeks are surrounded by a flood plain. The most prominent of these areas are the large contiguous areas located in the 100-year flood plain north of the NYS Thruway. A 100-year floodplain is defined as an area which is predicted to have a one percent chance of flooding each year. On average, these areas would be expected to flood once every 100 years, hence the name. However, it is possible for these areas to experience flooding at any time no matter how long it has been since the last flood. Nearly all of the land in the community which is located in a flood plain is land which, as can be seen in the terrain relief map on page 55, is in the low lying areas of the Town and Village.



Source: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/1993/ofr93-641/images/floodplr.gif>

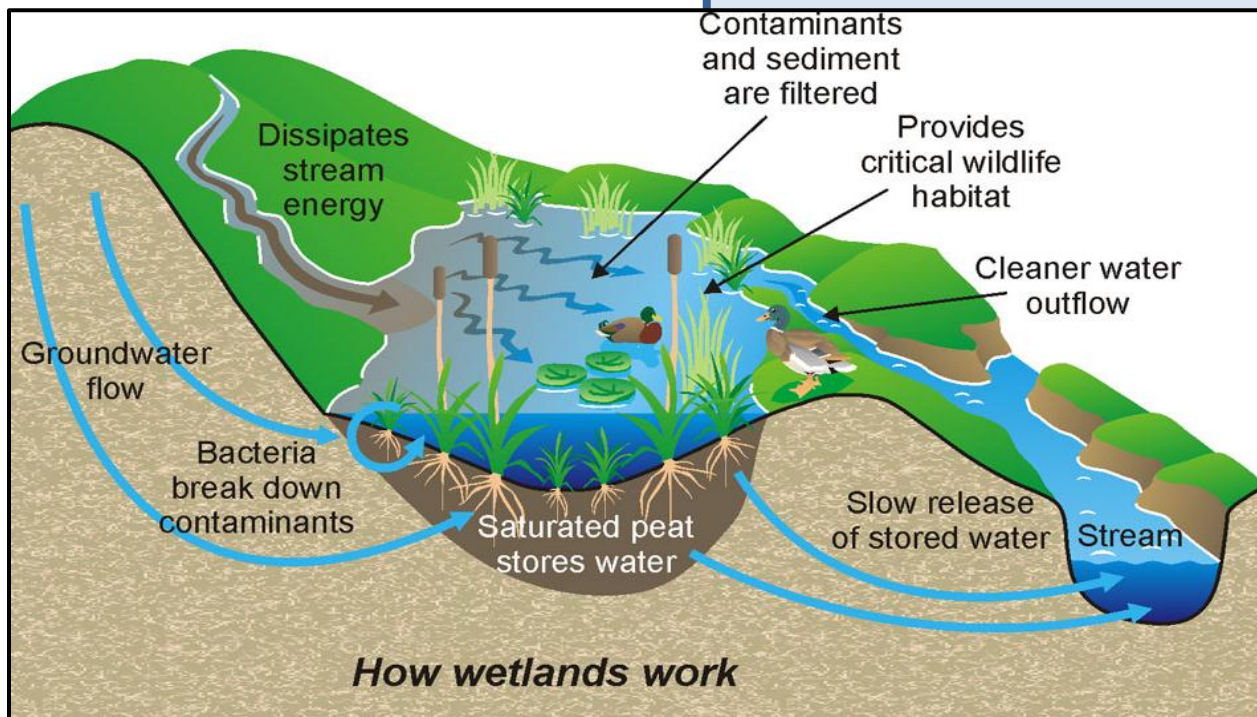
Wetlands

Wetland conservation is important for many reasons but mostly for the habitat they provide to rare insect, animal and plant species; and for their ability to clean surface and runoff water before it is absorbed back into the ground and replenishing groundwater supplies. Wetlands can also retain and store moderate amounts of runoff and flood waters which can, under normal conditions and not during major storm events, help to reduce damage to other lands and buildings downstream. In the Town and the Village NY State DEC regulated wetlands as well as others identified by the US Fish & Wildlife Services are located along major water bodies, in flood plains, and in low lying areas of the Town. Every effort should be made to protect these vital wetland areas.



Source: <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-8HKMW9H616E/UQkMZJEDmKI/AAAAAAZ8/YoEUdz-S1UQ/s1600/wet.jpg>

Figure 23: How Wetlands Work



Source: <http://test.scripts.psu.edu/users/m/p/mpr5018/images/wetlands-diagram.jpg>

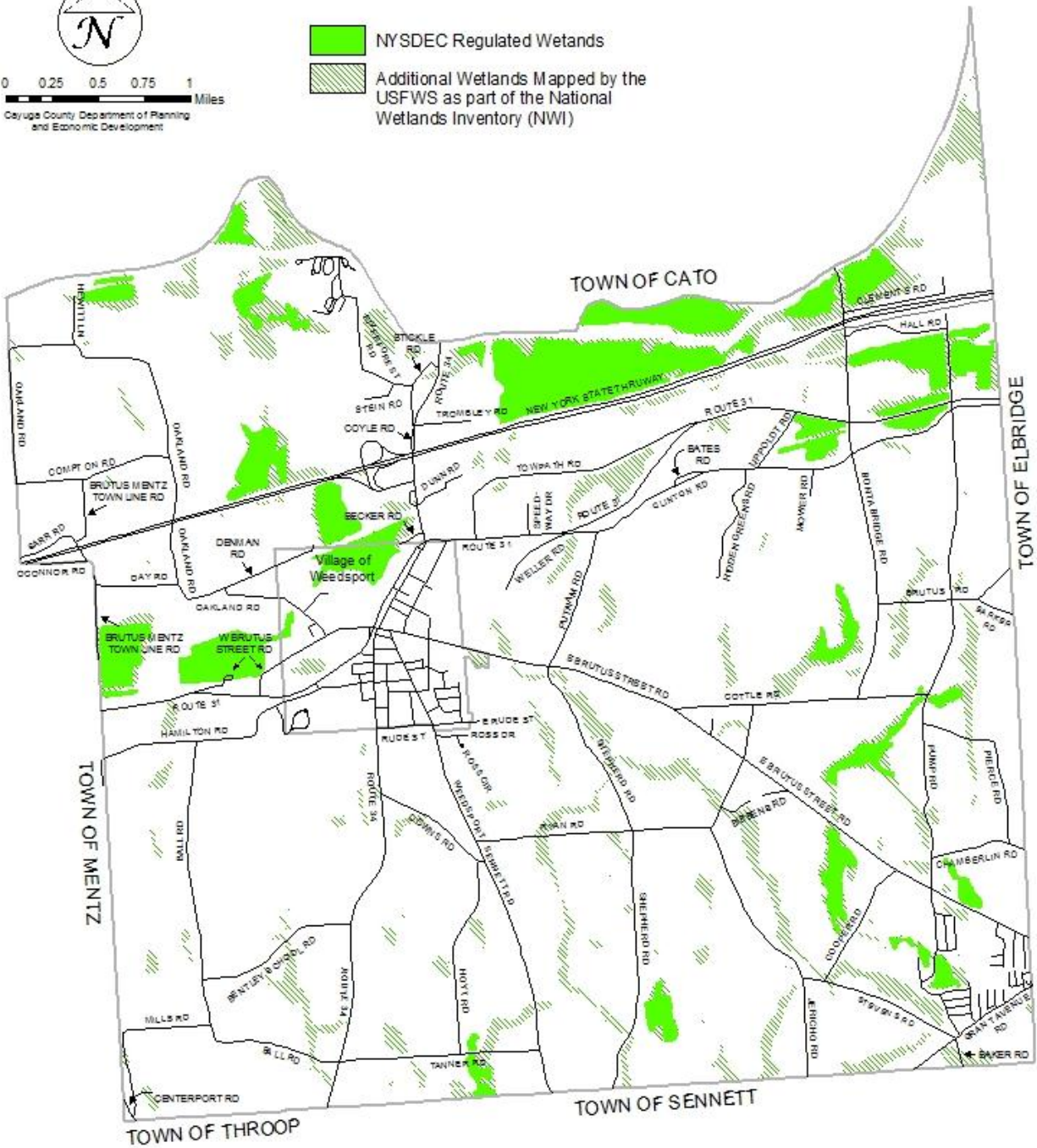
Map 11

Wetlands

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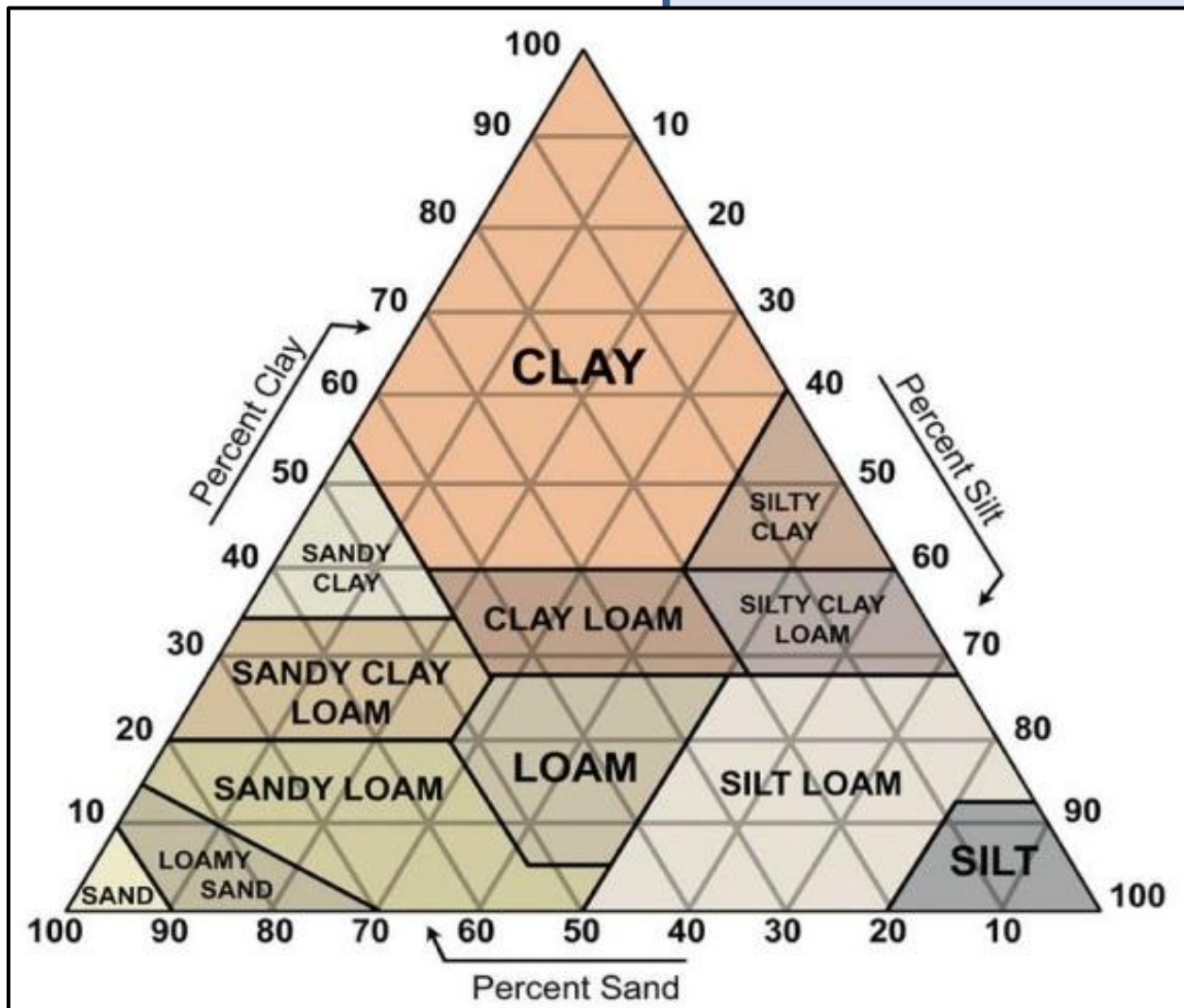
-  NYSDEC Regulated Wetlands
-  Additional Wetlands Mapped by the USFWS as part of the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)



Soil Texture

Of the 38 different surface soil series found throughout the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport, the most prevalent are the Ontario series (25.36% of the total soils). Nearly all of the loam soils (the tan color on the map below) are found in the Ontario soil series. These soils are generally deep or very deep, well drained soils formed in till which is strongly influenced by limestone and sandstone¹. A large portion of this area is utilized for agricultural lands because of these good soil conditions. These soils were also identified in the Town's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan as areas of farmland which should be protected.

Figure 24: Soil Texture Composition



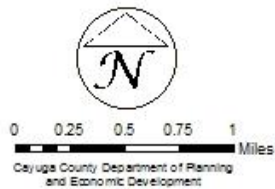
Source: http://www.treesquirrel.us/soil_texture_triangle_1.jpg

¹ The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) maintains the official soils series descriptions and data for soil classification types across the United States. Description information from: [<https://soilseries.sc.egov.usda.gov/osdname.asp>].











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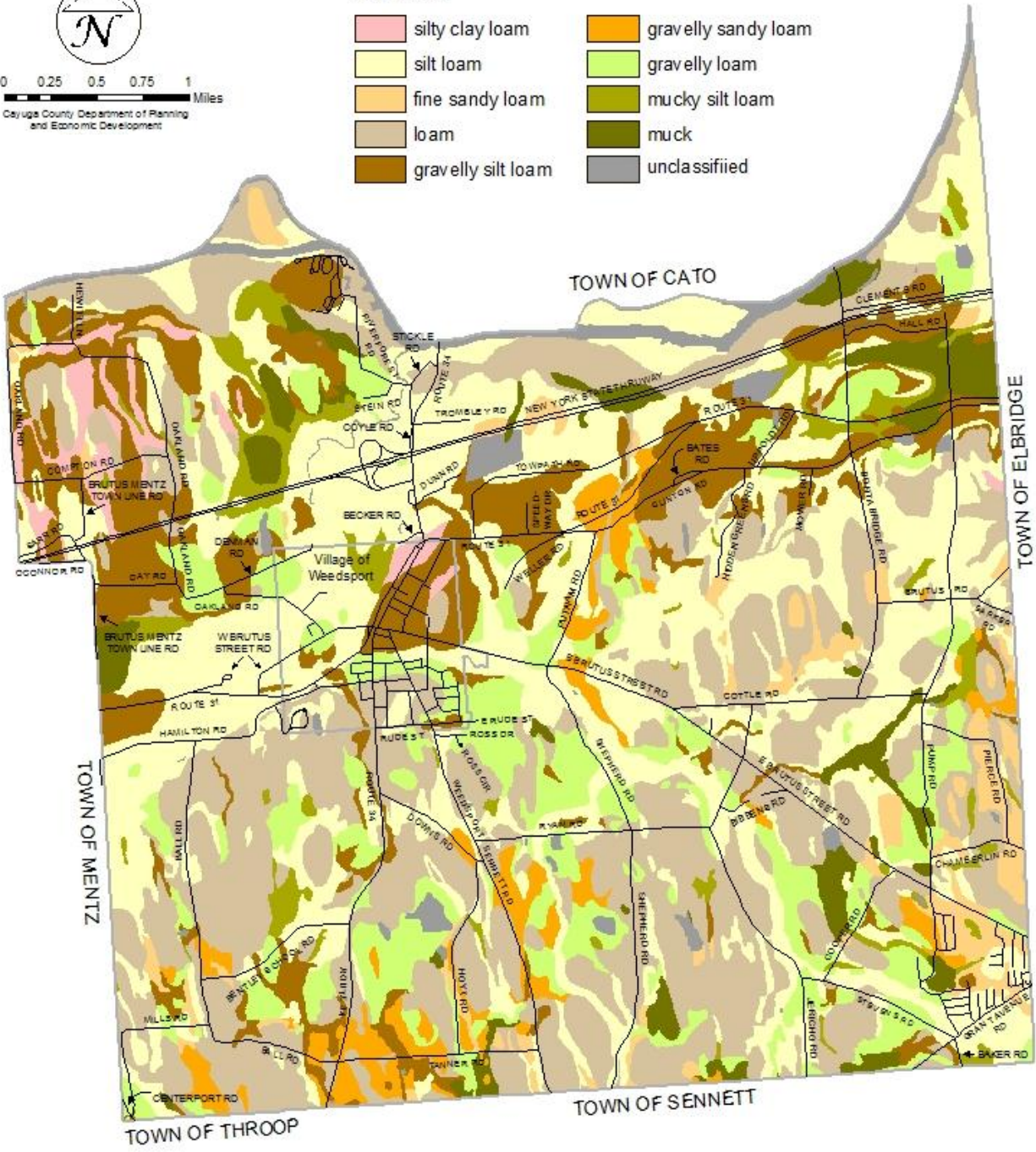
Soil Texture

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Soil Texture

	silty clay loam		gravelly sandy loam
	silt loam		gravelly loam
	fine sandy loam		mucky silt loam
	loam		muck
	gravelly silt loam		unclassified



Landcover

There are five main categories of land cover in the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport: Developed land, Crop or Pasture land, Open Space and Natural Areas, Water and Wetlands, and Barren land. As can be seen in the map below more than half (58%) of the land in the community is used for agriculture as cultivated crops or pasture lands; and nearly a quarter (22%) of the land is considered open space or natural areas. With the addition of open water and wetlands, 95% of the land in the community as a whole is “undeveloped” or non-urban. Only 5% of the community, concentrated in the Village and along the NYS Thruway is developed land; which includes commercial, industrial and residential uses. Together with the rest of the maps in this chapter, the land cover map provides a clear indication of where agricultural, open space, natural areas, and water resources should be protected in the community. More detailed information regarding land cover and specifically land use can be found in Chapter 1- Land Use of this plan.



Agricultural land in the Town of Brutus

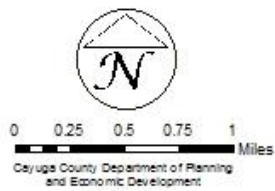


Open Space Scenery in the Town of Brutus

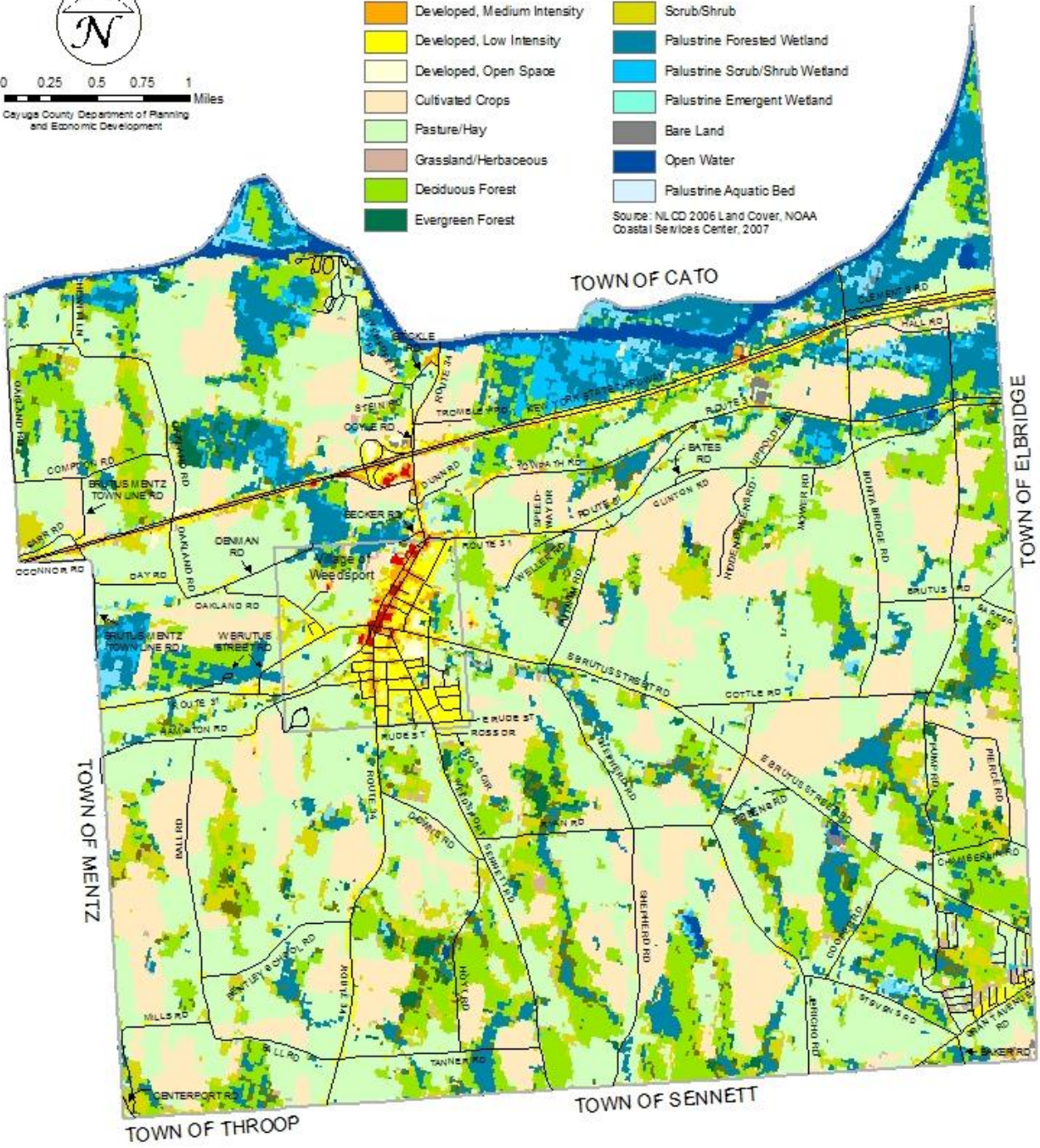
Map 13

Landcover

Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport



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| | Developed, High Intensity | | Mixed Forest |
| | Developed, Medium Intensity | | Scrub/Shrub |
| | Developed, Low Intensity | | Palustrine Forested Wetland |
| | Developed, Open Space | | Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetland |
| | Cultivated Crops | | Palustrine Emergent Wetland |
| | Pasture/Hay | | Bare Land |
| | Grassland/Herbaceous | | Open Water |
| | Deciduous Forest | | Palustrine Aquatic Bed |
| | Evergreen Forest | | |
- Source: NLCD 2006 Land Cover, NOAA Coastal Services Center, 2007



Terrain Relief

The terrain relief map below illustrates the locations of the various drumlin formations in the southern half of the Town which contribute to some phenomenal view sheds and beautiful forested areas. As mentioned on page 46, the map below also illustrates where the low lying areas are at the northern third of the Town adjacent to the Seneca River. These dark blue areas are generally located in the 100-year flood plain.



One of the many Drumlin hills in the Town of Brutus

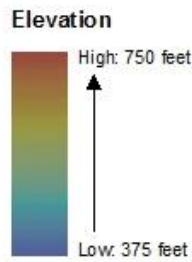
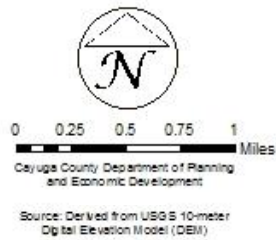


North Brook in the Town of Brutus

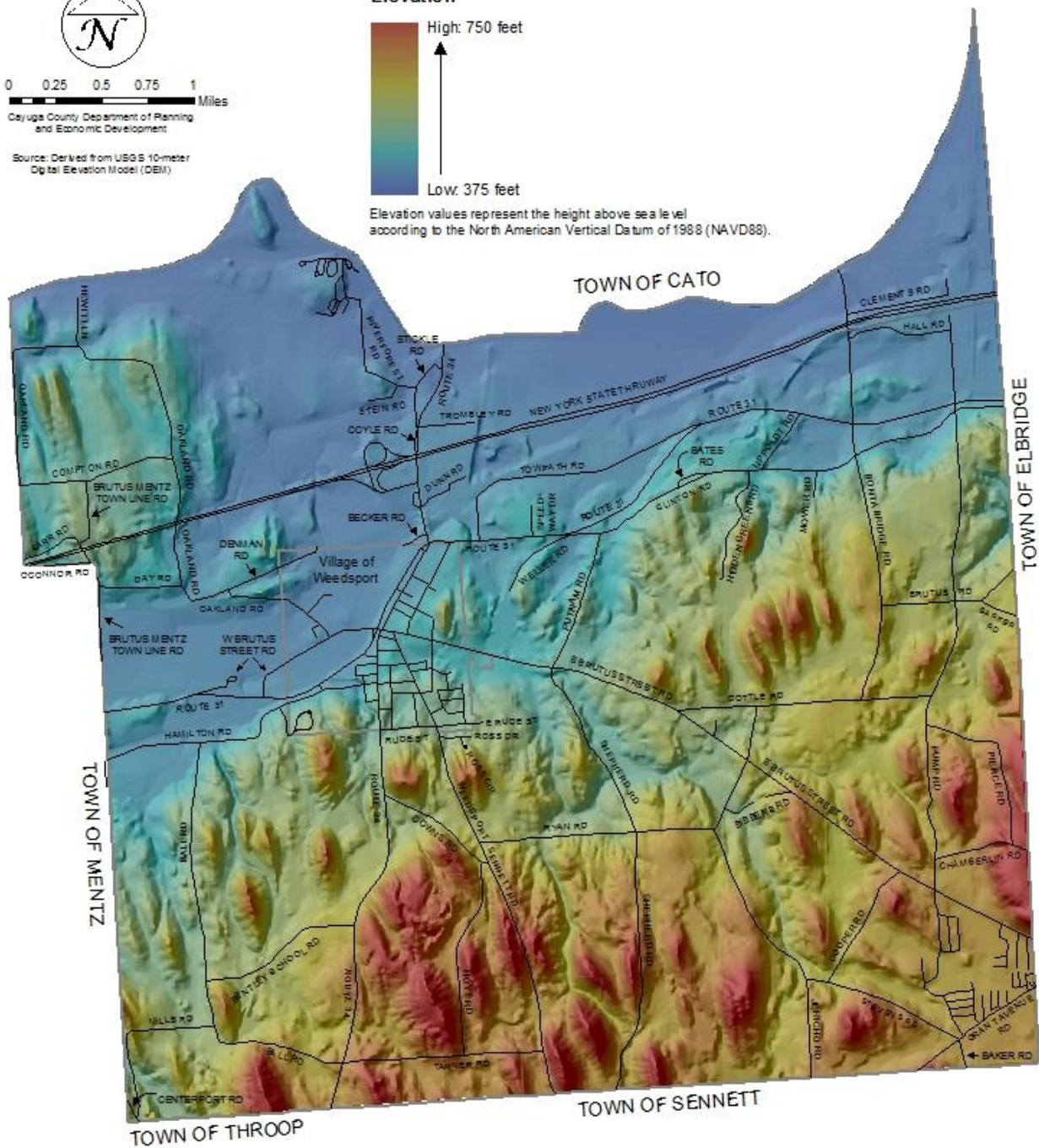
Map 14

Terrain Relief

Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport



Elevation values represent the height above sea level according to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).



Environmental Quality

While for the most part the environmental quality of the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport is good if not excellent in some areas, there are a couple of locations which have been, and in some ways continue to be, areas of environmental concern. The first is an environmental hazard located in the Town of Brutus on Dunn Road at the former W.R. Grace Company's Vermiculite processing plant. At this industrial site, just east of the NYS Thruway Exit 40 interchange, Vermiculite was used to manufacture insulation, building and agricultural products, and fireproofing materials. As a result of these activities the existing building as well as the surface soils on the site itself was contaminated with asbestos. In September 2012 cleanup of the contaminated surface soils began. All cleanup activities were completed in August 2013 and full access was returned to the owner. In the near future, this site may be a prime location for redevelopment as a commercial, agri-business, or light industrial facility.

The second area of environmental concern is a New York State Superfund Site located in the Town on Stickle Road between State Route 34 and the Seneca River at the former Cole Zaiser industrial waste dump. This facility collected and stored waste oils and solvents from the 1970's to the 1980's. In 1996 the property underwent a New York State Superfund Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and was declared a State Superfund site. Studies, testing and various forms of clean up were conducted on the site from the late 1990's to the early 2000's; and in 2008 the site had been remediated to the standards set by the US EPA and delisted. This three acre site is currently owned by Stickle Road, LLC and is adjacent to Devaney's Riverside Grill. These two sites are located on the map below.

Lowering energy consumption can help maintain the environmental quality in the Town and Village. Although the effects are not local to Brutus and Weedsport, the production of energy—whether from coal, gas, electricity or another source—creates air pollution in the form of carbon dioxide as well sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides and other chemicals and other gases. These gases and chemicals have a warming



Existing warehouse at the former W.R. Grace Company Site on Dunn Rd in Brutus



Active Rail line behind the former W.R. Grace Company Site on Dunn Rd in Brutus



Former Cole Zaiser property adjacent to Devaney's Riverside Grill on Stickle Rd in Brutus

effect on the atmosphere and are directly hazardous to humans and other living organisms. Property owners can help to reduce the sources of these pollutants by decreasing energy use and switching to green technologies that produce less pollution for example, small scale solar or wind energy generation systems for residential or agricultural use. In many cases these measures have the added benefit of reducing energy costs. As two of the larger property owners in the community, the Town and Village can continue to lead by example with their own facilities and vehicles. Private property owners can reduce costs and reduce fuel consumption by updating inefficient buildings.



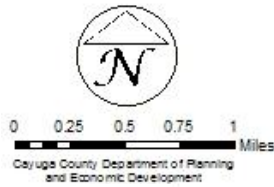
Example of a small scale residential wind energy generation system.

Source: <http://wind-power-generator.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/HAWT-for-Home.jpg>



Map 15

Environmental Hazards

Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport



Former Environmental Hazard Sites

-  Former Cole Zaiser Industrial Waste Dump
-  Former W. R. Grace Company's Vermiculite Plant



The Town and Village will continue to value the integrity of their natural resources and the environment and work to maintain a clean and healthy community for generations to come. The specific Objectives and Actions for Natural Resources and Environmental Quality are listed below. Complete implementation strategies including time frame for completion and possible funding sources for each action can be found in the Implementation Matrix in Chapter 11.

Objective:	Actions:
Work to improve and maintain the air and water quality in the community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Adopt green technology policies and alternative energy systems in all municipal buildings and vehicles.4. Conduct periodic energy audits of all municipal facilities to look for possible cost saving measures.5. Provide information about and encourage retrofits of private buildings to reduce costs and reduce fuel consumption.6. Protect aquifers and recharge areas from potential contamination and excessive development in order to sustain the clean and healthy drinking and irrigation water supplies that the community relies on.7. Discourage development in floodplains and protected wetlands.

CHAPTER 4: TRANSPORTATION

The community of Weedsport grew up along the Erie Canal, which was the most important transportation corridor through Upstate New York in the 1840s and 1850s. Today, the New York State Thruway parallels the old route of the canal, and is as important a transportation corridor as the canal was at its peak. From the origins of the community through to today, Weedsport and Brutus have depended on good transportation access for the livelihood of the community.

Roads

The primary form of transportation in the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport is the automobile. Public roads are provided for automobiles to travel on. There are approximately 72 miles of public streets and roads within the town, including highways maintained by the State, the County, the Town, and the Village.

The most heavily used road in the Town is the New York State Thruway, with annual average daily traffic (AADT) estimated to be more than 32,000 vehicles. The Thruway, designated as Interstate 90, is a toll road maintained by the New York State Thruway authority and funded entirely through tolls.

Exit 40 on the Thruway, which serves Weedsport, is used by approximately 10,000 vehicles daily. Exit 40 is the only Thruway exit in Cayuga County, and the only Thruway access point between Exit 39, 15 miles to the east near Baldwinsville, and Exit 41, 16 miles to the west near Waterloo. For this reason, Weedsport is a major gateway to Auburn, Cayuga County, as well as Cayuga Lake, Owasco Lake, and Skaneateles Lake of the Finger Lakes. The New York State Thruway Authority maintains a maintenance facility at the Weedsport exit.

There are three state highways in the Town maintained by the New York State Department of Transportation. State Route 34, designated as the Tubman Memorial Highway runs north and south through Weedsport, connecting to Cato and Hannibal toward the north and to Auburn toward the south. The length of State Route 34 in the Town of Brutus



Highway signage at the intersection of State Route 31 and 34 in the Village of Weedsport

is 4.3 miles, including 1.0 miles within the Village of Weedsport. In the Village, State Route 34 follows Seneca Street.

State Route 31 runs east and west through the town, connecting to Port Byron, Montezuma and Lyons toward the west and to Jordan and Baldwinsville toward the east. The length of State Route 31 in the Town of Brutus is 5.5 miles, including 1.2 miles within the Village of Weedsport. In the Village, State Route 31 follows Erie Drive. State Routes 34 and 31 run parallel through the center of the Village and cross at the major intersection at the north end of the Village.

The third state highway in the Town of Brutus is State Route 5, which cuts across the southeast corner of the Town for 0.8 miles on its way between Auburn toward the west and Elbridge, Camillus and Syracuse toward the east.

Six routes in the Town of Brutus, totaling approximately 17 miles, are designated as county highways and maintained by the Cayuga County Department of Highways. All county highways are numbered, although these numbers are not shown on signs and typically only used internally by the county highway department. The six county highways are shown below.



State Route 31 in the Village of Weedsport

Table 8: County Highways in Brutus and Weedsport

Road Name(s)	From	To	Route Number	Length
Brutus Street (W. Brutus St., E. Brutus St., E. Brutus St. Rd.)	Erie Drive (Route 31)	Onondaga County line	31B	4.0 miles
South Street, Weedsport-Sennett Road	East Brutus Street	Sennett Town line	12B	2.7 miles
Oakland Street, Oakland Road	West Brutus Street	Mentz Town line	13B	3.0 miles
Cottle Road, Bonta Bridge Road	East Brutus Street Road	Bridge over the Seneca River, Cato Town line	14	3.3 miles
Jericho Road	East Brutus Street Road	Sennett Town line	15A	1.9 miles
Shepherd Road	East Brutus Street Road	Sennett Town line	136A	2.4 miles

Source: Cayuga County GIS Road Inventory Data

The remaining public streets in the Village of Weedsport, totaling approximately 6.6 miles, are maintained by the Village of Weedsport Department of Public Works. The Village's highway equipment and maintenance facility is located on the same site as the wastewater treatment facility on Earl Street.

The remaining public roads in the Town of Brutus, totaling approximately 33 miles, are maintained by the Town of Brutus Highway Department. The Town's highway equipment and maintenance facility is located on Towpath Road, adjacent to the bus garage and maintenance facility of the Weedsport Central School District. Map 16 below shows the hierarchy of roadways in the Town and Village by ownership (i.e. state, county, local, etc.).



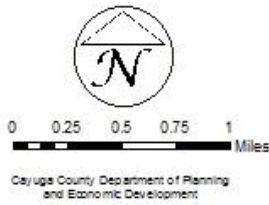
Village of Weedsport maintained local road

Map 16

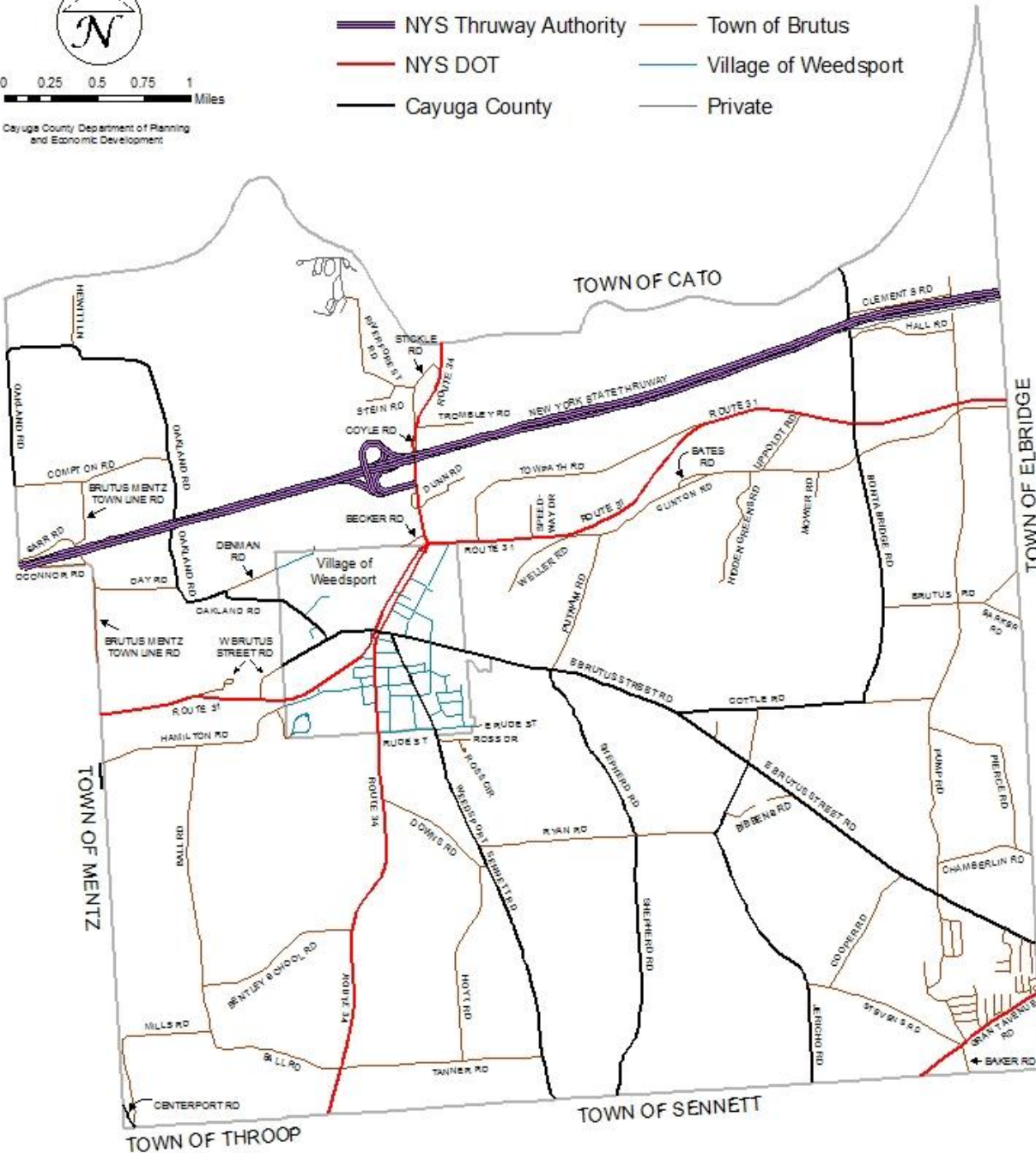
Hierarchy of Roadways

By Ownership/
Responsibility

Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport



- NYS Thruway Authority
- NYS DOT
- Cayuga County
- Town of Brutus
- Village of Weedsport
- Private



Traffic

The main flow of traffic through Weedsport and Brutus is along the state highways as well as to and from the Thruway exit. Traffic is particularly heavy during the morning and evening commute times, but remains heavy throughout the day. A noticeable share of the traffic includes eighteen-wheel tractor-trailers and other large trucks making connections via the Thruway between the Auburn area and points farther away.

The following table shows data for traffic volume compiled by the New York State Department of Transportation. The number reported is annual average daily traffic (AADT), an estimate of total daily traffic in both directions that ignores seasonal variation.

Table 9: Traffic Volume in Brutus and Weedsport

Highway Segment	Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) Estimate
Thruway, east of Exit 40	34,000
Thruway, west of Exit 40	32,200
Route 34, between Route 31 and Thruway exit	13,200
North Seneca Street (Route 34), between Brutus Street & Route 31	9,800
Route 5	9,300
Route 34, south of Brutus Street	7,200
Erie Drive (Route 31), between Brutus Street and Route 34	5,100
Route 31, west of Brutus Street	4,300
Brutus Street, from Erie Drive (Route 31) east to Village line	3,800
Route 31, east of Route 34	3,550
Route 34, north of Thruway exit	3,000
South Street	2,700
Weedsport-Sennett Road	2,500
East Brutus Street Road, east of Village	2,300

Source: NYS DOT Data

The most heavily travelled road in the Town of Brutus, aside from the Thruway, is the stretch of Route 34 between its intersection with Route 31 and the entrance to the Thruway, which has an estimated AADT of 13,200.



Tractor trailers travelling through the center of the Village of Weedsport towards the NYS Thruway or points north on State Route 34

Within the Village Center, Erie Drive (Route 31) has a wider right-of-way and more distant spacing of destinations than the parallel segment of North Seneca Street (Route 34). These features make Erie Drive more appropriate for truck traffic and better able to handle their noise and movement. However, North Seneca Street carries the greater share of truck traffic and has an estimated AADT nearly twice that of Erie Drive. Because a large share of the traffic, including most of the truck traffic, is not local, the Town and Village have little control over the volume of traffic on these roads. Suggestions have been put forward in the past to create a new bypass road around the Village or to use road closures and one-way streets to direct through traffic away from Seneca Street. Such measures are not recommended because a bypass could take away potential customers for downtown businesses, while forcing trucks to make extra turns to avoid downtown could make the traffic situation worse. Instead, the Town and Village should focus efforts on traffic design and streetscape improvements that keep traffic moving steadily without interruption but at slow speeds. Traffic designs that achieve this goal can include:

- Narrowed travel lanes
- Street trees
- Dedicated turn lanes where space is available, and restricting turns where space is not available
- Gentle serpentine curves within the road right-of-way

Steady traffic flow at low speeds can have many benefits in the Village context. Trucks will be quieter if they do not have to accelerate or decelerate as much. Slower speeds and narrowing street crossings will make the environment more pleasant for pedestrians. As long as the traffic flow is steady, lower speeds will not be an inconvenience for drivers passing through the Village.

The Town and the Village do have some control over future local traffic. As set forth in chapter one, the Town and Village should encourage larger-scale commercial and industrial development to locate on Route 31 or north of the Village on Route 34. These uses can create heavy traffic, including heavy truck traffic. These uses should be encouraged to



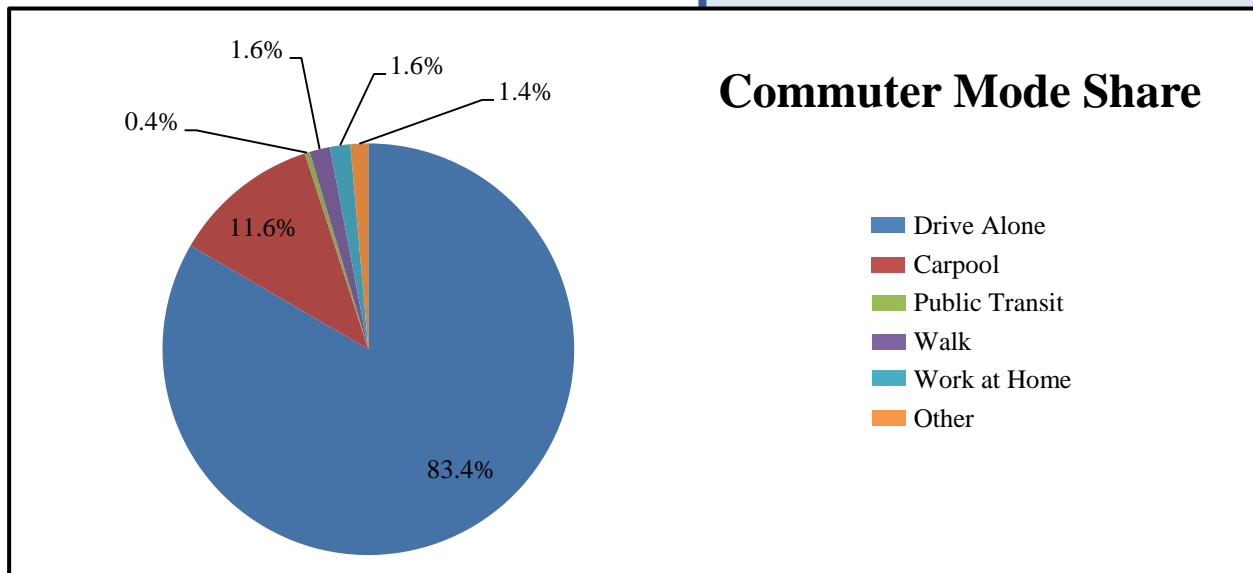
Truck traffic on State Route 31 in the Village of Weedsport near the intersection with State Route 34

locate in areas of the Town and Village that will tend to put that traffic on roads better able to handle it, such as Erie Drive.

Commuting

Most of the residents of Brutus and Weedsport commute to work by private automobile. According to data from the Census Bureau, 83.4 percent of Brutus commuters drive alone.

Figure 25: Commuter Mode Share in the Town of Brutus



Source: American Community Survey 5-year estimates 2007-2010

Looking only at residents of the Village of Weedsport, the percentages are similar but the percentage of people who walk to work increases to 3.5 percent. The percentage of commuters who drive alone is higher than the national average of 76 percent, but the percent carpooling is slightly above the national average of 10 percent. The larger percentage for carpooling may be partly due to the park and ride lot in the community. The 40-space lot, maintained by the New York State Department of Transportation, is located on Dunn Road just off of Route 34 near the Thruway exit.

The same data from the Census Bureau estimates that mean travel time to work is 23 minutes for residents of the Town of Brutus (or 21 minutes looking only at residents of the Village).

Starting from the center of Weedsport, 23 minutes is approximately the time it takes to drive to:

South

- Fleming
- Owasco
- Village of Cayuga

West

- Seneca Falls
- Thruway Exit 42 for State Route 14 toward Geneva or Lyons

North

- Hannibal

East

- Baldwinsville
- Liverpool
- Thruway Exit 25A for Interstate 81
- Camillus
- Marcellus
- Skaneateles

These distances indicate that most of the workforce living in Brutus and Weedsport work elsewhere, including many who work in Syracuse and its near suburbs.

Air Travel

The nearest airport to Brutus and Weedsport is the Whitford Airport, a public-use general aviation air field just over the Seneca River from the Village. The airport has a Weedsport zip code, although it is within the Town of Cato. The nearest major airport with regularly scheduled commercial flights is Syracuse Hancock International Airport (SYR), approximately 30 minutes from Weedsport by the Thruway. Syracuse Hancock provides flights to a wide range of locations, including as of November 2013 Toronto, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, and twelve other airports. Weedsport is also within driving distance from the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) at 70 minutes away and Ithaca-Tompkins Regional Airport at 60 minutes away.



NYS Thruway Exit 40 interchange from State Route 34 in Brutus



Signage for the Whitford Airport at the end of the NYS Thruway off ramp onto State Route 34 in Brutus

Rail

The first railroad to reach Weedsport was a branch of the New York Central Railroad constructed in 1853. Other railroads followed, and from 1908 to 1930 the Village was served by stations on four separate railroads: the New York Central, Lehigh Valley, West Shore, and Rochester & Syracuse railroads. The route of the New York Central is now owned by CSX, while the tracks of the other railroads were abandoned in the 1930s to the 1950s.

Today, there is no passenger rail service in Weedsport, although Amtrak trains do pass through the Town on the former New York Central rail lines eight times each day. There is future potential to construct a passenger rail station on this line near where it crosses Route 34. This could be a hub for commuters going toward Rochester and Syracuse, as well as a hub for visitors headed for the Finger Lakes region. In addition to adding a stop on the existing Amtrak service, a passenger rail station in Weedsport could also be part of a commuter rail line into Syracuse with stops in several other villages and suburbs on the way. While this is unlikely to happen in the next five to ten years, it would be a benefit for the community in Brutus and Weedsport, and help support the economic development objectives outlined in Chapter 8. For that reason, the Town and Village should remain open to cooperating on any passenger rail project into the future.

Public Transit

Public transit is currently very limited in Weedsport. There are no passenger rail services and no intercity bus service that stops in Weedsport. Currently, the Centro Route 38 bus makes four weekday stops in Weedsport, providing commuter access to Auburn, Jordan, Elbridge, and downtown Syracuse.



Active rail line operated by CSX running parallel to Dunn Road in Brutus



Signage for Park & Ride Lot on Dunn Road adjacent to the NYS Thruway in Brutus

Recreational Modes of Transportation

There are many facilities for recreational modes of transportation in the Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport including biking, boating and snowmobiling. Today, these modes of travel are rarely used in the community for regular transportation, but are often used for recreation. More information about these facilities can be found in Chapter 5 on recreational resources. Bicycle routes include off-street multi-use paths as well as signed on-street routes. Currently, there are no marked bicycle lanes on any roads in the Town of Brutus. Future road designs should provide for marked bicycle lanes on signed on-street bicycle routes wherever possible.

Walking

Walking is also often a recreational pursuit, but it remains an important mode of regular transportation. This is particularly true within the Village of Weedsport, where over 800 people, well over half the Village population, live within a quarter-mile walk of the shops in the Village center or the Weedsport Central Schools. As discussed in chapter seven, providing an inviting pedestrian environment in the Village Center is an essential step for revitalizing the downtown and achieving the overarching goals of this plan. Rural roads get less foot traffic than the village streets with the Village of Weedsport, but even outside the Village walking remains an important mode of transportation.

The Village of Weedsport contains approximately 8 miles of sidewalks, lining both sides of most of the residential streets in the Village. There are no sidewalks on public roads in the Town outside the Village. In the Village, the duty of maintaining sidewalks falls to the adjacent property owners, although the Village sets design and maintenance standards. The Village Public Works also designates and maintains street crossings.

In the community survey, most respondents (64 percent) did not agree that sidewalks should be extended to areas that do not have them now. Instead, efforts should focus on maintaining and improving pedestrian infrastructure where it currently exists. Among



Pedestrian crosswalks at the intersection of E. Brutus Street and State Route 34 in Brutus

the minority of survey respondents who wanted sidewalks in places that do not have them now, the most frequent areas mentioned for adding sidewalks were Oakland Street in the northwest corner of the Village, and the Marshall Tract in the southeast corner of the village, and various other specific streets closer to the Village Center.

Sidewalks should be maintained in the areas of the Village with the highest number of potential destinations that people would want to visit on foot, including all of the areas that currently have sidewalks. The Village should work with adjacent land owners to coordinate reconstruction and share costs. Outside the Village in areas of the Town with less foot traffic, sidewalks need not be constructed or maintained. However, walking is still an important form of transportation so the road right of ways should include ample width and flat, mowed areas so that they are safe for pedestrians walking along the road.

As discussed in chapter 10, adequate sidewalks and other facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists is a matter of safety. With heavy truck traffic on the main streets of the Village and throughout the Town, it is even more important the people have safe places to walk and bicycle. Recommended streetscape enhancements include:

- moving sidewalks back from the curb
- making routine repairs to sidewalks and wheelchair ramps at intersections
- clearly marking crosswalks
- installing signal and signage for crosswalks
- clearly marking public parking areas (both on-street and off-street)
- installing signage for public parking areas



Existing pedestrian realm along State Route 34 in the Village of Weedsport. There is no buffer between the pedestrian on the sidewalk and the truck traffic on the street. A more inviting streetscape should be developed.

Complete Streets

The roads of Brutus and Weedsport carry heavy traffic and private cars are the primary mode of transportation. At the same time, the Town and Village has many recreational opportunities for bicyclists and other non-motorized modes of travel, and supports a downtown that is still a walkable size and connected to residential neighborhoods. The concept of Complete Streets offers a way for this situation not to be a contradiction. Complete Streets is the idea that streets should be designed for all users, including not only cars but also for bicycles and pedestrians. A Complete Street accommodates the needs of all users, including people of all ages and all abilities and disabilities. Road designs in the past have often not given enough attention to pedestrians and bicycle-riders, and in particular not enough attention to the needs of children or people who are blind, deaf, use wheelchairs or have other disabilities. For this reason, Complete Streets focus particular attention on accommodating these users of the street.

Implementing the principles of complete streets supports the goals of (1) maintaining a family-friendly Town and Village and (2) attracting tourists. A welcoming and safe pedestrian environment improves quality of life for both visitors and tourists. More bicycle facilities also increase the recreational opportunities for visitors and tourists. Implementing complete streets will also improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, particularly children.

In all future road projects, including planning and design of street construction, reconstruction, redesign, alteration, and upgrades, the Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport should ensure that the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists, with particular attention to children and people with disabilities, be given priority equal to or higher than the facilitation of motor vehicle movement. The Town and Village should each adopt a “complete streets” resolution to make complete streets the official policy for all road projects undertaken by the municipality. In addition, they should include complete streets considerations in the improvements standards for private development.



This image is an example of what a complete street could look like. The illustration is from Indianapolis’s “Multimodal Corridor and Public Space Design Guidelines” which shows how their new street policy specifies place making guidance as well as how to accommodate all modes of travel.

Source: <http://www.pps.org/blog/are-complete-streets-incomplete/>

The specific Objectives and Actions for Transportation are listed below. Complete implementation strategies including time frame for completion and possible funding sources for each action can be found in the Implementation Matrix in Chapter 11.

<p>Objective:</p> <p>Create a safe and inviting pedestrian environment in the Village Center.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve sidewalks, throughout the Town and Village, and pedestrian facilities in the Village Center. <i>(Also see Chapters 6 & 10)</i> 2. Install new sidewalks and appropriate crossings to key pedestrian generators such as hotels, restaurants and recreational facilities. <i>(Also see Chapters 6 & 10)</i>
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Improve the circulation through the Seneca Street and Brutus Street intersection.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with State and local officials and agencies to improve traffic flow and operations through the intersection at peak periods. 2. Reduce truck traffic, noise, and traffic speed on State Route 34.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Secure the local employment base by providing opportunities for the expansion or relocation of advanced manufacturing employers.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinate with Amtrak, CSX, the NYS DOT, and neighboring communities to study the feasibility of developing a commuter rail line between Rochester and Syracuse which would pass through the Town and Village. <i>(Also see Chapter 8)</i>

CHAPTER 5: CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES

The Town of Brutus was originally part of a larger military tract township created after the Revolutionary War and the Village of Weedsport developed following the opening of the Erie Canal and the construction of a basin on the canal (Weed's Basin) which attracted businesses to the area. Not only did the Erie Canal help to shape the community, but so too did the railroad, and later, the New York State Thruway when they were built on lands crossing the Town. The influence of the Erie Canal and the former role of Weedsport as a canal port community are still important today. The community is very proud of its heritage and seeks to find new ways to capitalize on the rich history of the Village through increased recreational opportunities and tourist attractions. While the Town of Brutus does share some of the same affinity for their connection to the Erie Canal, the Town also has a rich agricultural heritage. Agriculture continues to be the backbone of the Town and an important industry to the community, which is evident in the Town's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan completed in 2008. Together, the culture of farming, the recreational opportunities along the path of the Erie Canal, and the historic neighborhoods in the Village will help to establish the community as a unique and attractive place for tourism and recreation bringing together people from across the region, the State of New York, and beyond.

There are several community events throughout the year which highlight not only the culture and history of the Town and Village, but provide recreational opportunities at the same time. The most popular events include: the Fireman's Field Days festival which hosts a parade, carnival, live local music, and vendors; the Weedsport Summer Fest which includes a walk-a-thon, a softball tournament, craft show, and a family friendly movie outside in Trolley Park; DB's Drive-In Restaurant hosts the Central New York Cruise Nights (classic car cruise in) and Sock Hop throughout the summer; and the Old Tyme Christmas festival in December which includes a 5K run/walk, a parade, vendors, and has become one of the biggest events of the year for the community. In addition to these local events, the Cayuga

Some of the existing parks and trails include:



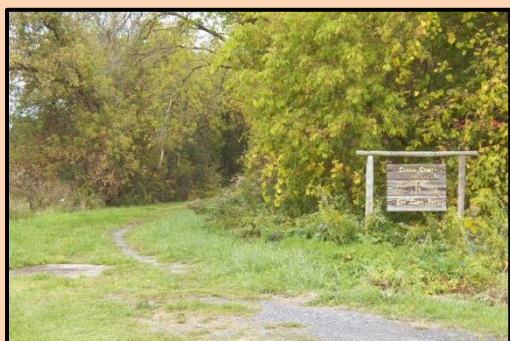
Trolley Park in Weedsport



Aqueduct Park in Brutus



Whittler's Green Park in Weedsport

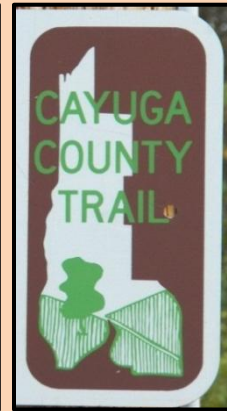


The Cayuga County Erie Canal Trail next to Arby's in Brutus

County Fair has taken place annually in the Town of Brutus at the Weedsport Speedway since 1981, and draws crowds from across the county and region. The county fair is an opportunity to capitalize on all that Brutus and Weedsport have to offer and to draw in tourists from a much larger area.

In addition to community events, many year round recreational opportunities also exist. Rainbow Lanes on State Route 31 is a local bowling alley which is open year round; and the Meadowbrook Golf Club located on Ball Road, south west of the Village, offers an eighteen hole course, a pro shop, and a clubhouse with dining facilities all open to the public. In the Village there are numerous trails which can be used for walking, running, hiking, bicycling, and cross country skiing and snowmobiling in the winter. Additionally, the Old Erie Canal Trail provides all of the same opportunities mentioned above as well as, in some locations, access to water for fishing and to the Seneca River for kayaking and canoeing.

The existing trail system is illustrated in the map below as well as a section of a proposed hiking trail through the Village which would connect an existing trail on the east side of the Village through Trolley Park and downtown to Aqueduct Park. There are also groups in the community who currently utilize private land for horseback riding and for riding 4-wheelers. They have approached the Town in the past regarding adding access on or creating new trails for these uses to the public trail system. Since these two uses are neither compatible with each other or with the existing uses on the public trails, separate facilities would need to be developed to accommodate horseback riding and 4-wheeler use on a public trail system. These two trail uses also require a different level of construction and maintenance costs for the trails than hiking or biking trails, which should be taken into account as a part of a feasibility study for providing public access for these uses.

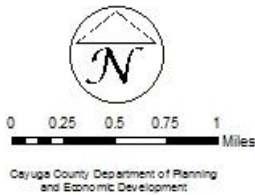


The Canalway Hiking/Biking Trail and the Cayuga County Hiking/Snowmobile Trail

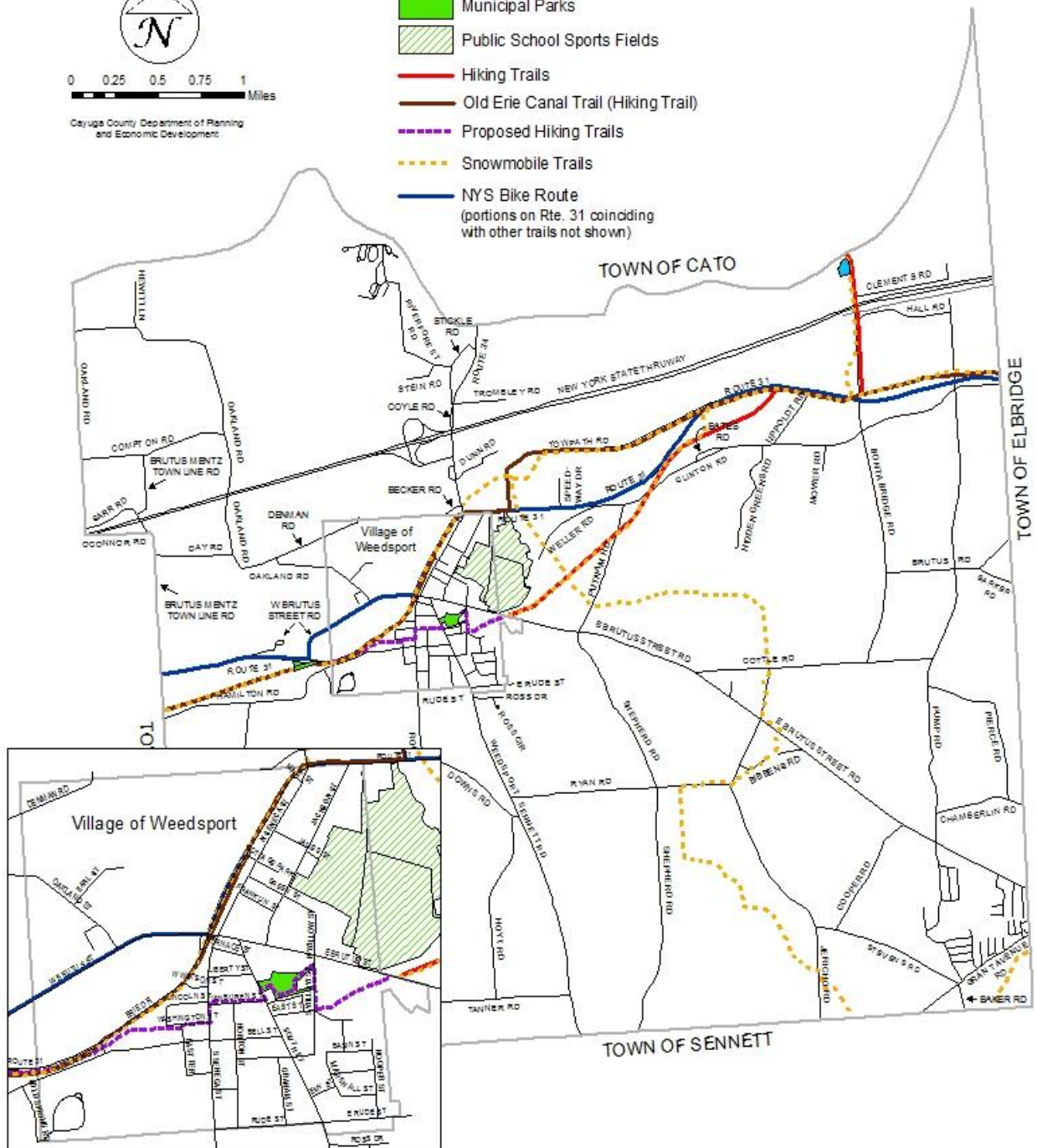
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Parks and Trails

Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport



-  State Owned Paddle Boat Launch
-  Municipal Parks
-  Public School Sports Fields
-  Hiking Trails
-  Old Erie Canal Trail (Hiking Trail)
-  Proposed Hiking Trails
-  Snowmobile Trails
-  NYS Bike Route
(portions on Rte. 31 coinciding with other trails not shown)



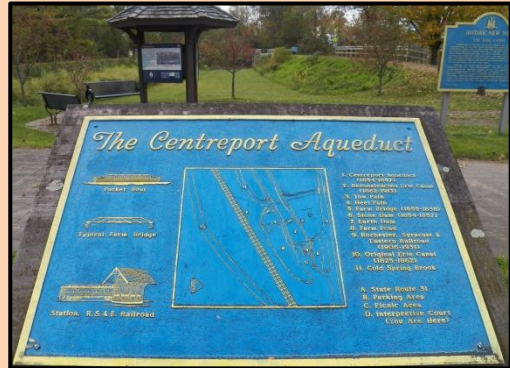
Although the community has strong ties to the water, there are few existing public access sites for boating, kayaking or canoeing, and fishing. There is a public paddle boat launch and fishing area at the Bonta Bridge Boat Launch off Bonta Bridge Road and at the River Forest Parks Campground and Marina. Other areas with limited fishing access include Cold Springs Brook, Putnam Creek, Olivers Creek and on the Seneca River along Mill Road. The limited access to this vital resource hinders the expansion of recreation and tourism in both the Town and the Village. The Town of Brutus should work with the Town of Cato to examine the possibility of installing a public motor boat launch on the Seneca River which would be beneficial to the residents of both communities. One such location could be near State Route 34 either adjacent to the former railroad crossing over the Seneca River on the east side of the highway, or adjacent to Devaney's Riverside Grill on the west side of the river.

The portion of the Erie Canal which passed through the Town and Village has been filled in and now much of it forms the right-of-way of State Route 31. While it may not be feasible to “re-water” the entire length of the canal, there is an opportunity to re-water the section between the Centreport Aqueduct Park in the Town of Brutus and the Rudolph J. Schasel Village Park in the Village of Port Byron. In 2008, the Village of Port Byron hired MRB Group to conduct a feasibility study, with support from the Town of Brutus, for a re-watering project along this stretch of the Erie Canal. The plan found that “the canal could be re-watered using the flow from Cold Spring Brook by constructing a dam across the east end of the canal”² and would allow paddle craft such as kayaks and canoes to transverse the canal in approximately 3 ½ feet of water between the two parks. A portion of the canal could also be used during the winter for ice skating. The plan identifies seven possible scenarios for dam construction (each in a different location/configuration along the canal) and the corresponding potential impacts on neighboring properties which are in the 100-Year Flood Plain. This study also provides project costs for

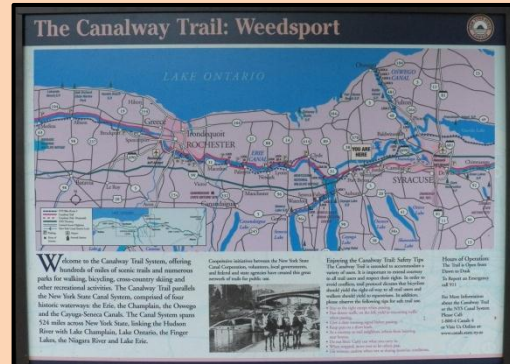
² *Engineering Report for the Re-Watering of the Erie Canal Port Byron to Weedsport*; MRB Group, Rochester, New York; October 2008; pg 1.



Seneca River on the west side of State Route 34 adjacent to Devaney's



Plaque at Aqueduct Park illustrating historically how this aqueduct was used as a part of the Erie Canal



Kiosk sign at Aqueduct Park illustrating this region's section of the Erie Canal and the Canalway Trail as a part of the Erie Canal



Remnants of the old aqueduct, Cold Springs Brook flowing through it, and the pedestrian bridge/bike path which goes over the creek out to Port Byron

two of the scenarios for dam construction, cleaning of the canal, and total project costs.

The Town of Brutus could also refurbish the canal aqueduct, following the guidelines of the National Register of Historic Places, and create a launch site for paddle craft into the canal. As a part of the re-watering project, the Town has also been considering purchasing a portion of a property on the southern edge of Aqueduct Park for the purposes of adding a parking area and similar launch site. If the canal were to be re-watered it would only be open for paddle craft and possibly fishing either from the shore or from a bridge; no motor craft would be allowed.

Additionally, connections could be made from this re-watering project through Cold Spring Brook up to the Seneca River which would increase the opportunities for paddlers in the region to experience the scenic quality of the Erie Canal. This added access to the Seneca River would also increase the access for tourists to the Town and Village from across a tri-county region, and beyond, who will take advantage of the Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail- a paddling trail which includes the entire perimeter of Cayuga Lake, which has a connection to the Seneca River through the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Lock #1 (Mud Lock) in the Town of Aurelius.

The potential for the Brutus-Port Byron re-watering project to connect to the larger paddle trail system in New York State through the Finger Lakes and Erie Canal Trail System presents a huge opportunity to capitalize on a future increase in tourism to these two communities. This reconnection to the canal and the community's past will foster economic development in the form of increased tourism opportunities and the development of local businesses to support them. The image below shows the historic path of the Erie Canal through the Town and Village.

From a historic perspective the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport have much more to offer than just their connection with the Erie Canal. There are several historic neighborhoods, houses, and churches throughout the Village. Jeanne Baker with the Old Brutus Historical Society developed a walking tour of the historic homes for each street in the Village. She compiled a list of historic homes and features throughout the Village into a

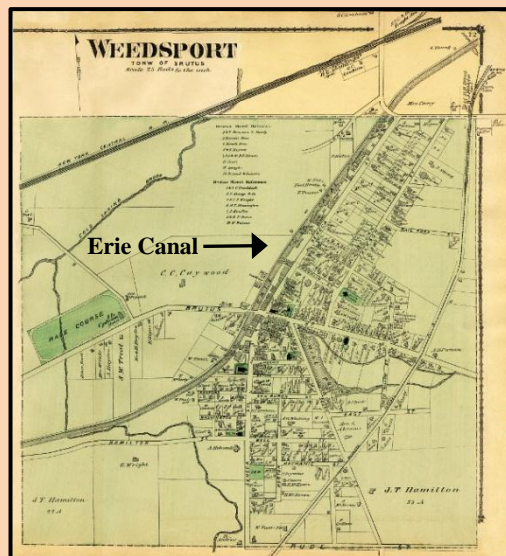


Image from www.nycanals.com



Weedsport First Presbyterian Church



Stained glass window on the front façade of the Weedsport First Presbyterian Church

publication designed to be used as a walking tour, available at the Old Brutus Historical Society, which describes in detail each of the unique features and historical facts for the houses highlighted along the streets of Weedsport. In addition to this publication, the Weedsport First Presbyterian Church, located on State Route 34 at the southern end of the Village, has beautiful historic stained glass windows throughout the building; and in the past, the church has offered guided tours of the church highlighting the historical significance of these architectural gems. The photos below are of the church and one of the prominent stained glass windows on the front façade of the building.

There are also several beautiful and treasured murals depicting the rich history of the community, including its connection to the Erie Canal, located throughout the Village. Below are photographs of the three most prominent murals in the community.

Some of the most tangible historic features in the Town and Village are the three sites which have been included on the National Historic Register: the First Baptist Church of Weedsport, the Orrin W. Burritt House, and Aqueduct Park (Centreport Aqueduct) which was one of the original aqueducts built during the construction of the Erie Canal. The location of these sites and other areas in the community which are likely to lead to future archaeological discoveries are shown on the map below.



Mural on the side of 8914 N. Seneca Street (State Route 34)



Mural on the side of the Old Brutus Historical Society building



Mural on the side of the former railroad abutment on State Route 31 east of Aqueduct Park



First Baptists Church of Weedsport, 2707 Furnace Street



Orrin W. Burritt House, 2696 Van Buren Street



Aqueduct Park (Centreport Aqueduct), 2462 State Route 31

The Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport have an opportunity to capitalize on their rich culture and history by expanding and improving their recreational facilities and community events. The specific Objectives and Actions for Cultural, Recreational and Historic Resources are listed below. Complete implementation strategies including time frame for completion and possible funding sources for each action can be found in the Implementation Matrix in Chapter 11.

<p>Objective:</p> <p>Improve marketing of public events, facilities, and recreational opportunities.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Form a Brutus-Weedsport committee to develop a marketing plan for the community and to promote the community to visitors. 2. Work with local real estate agencies to promote the school district and community.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Support community events.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide organizational support to the Cayuga County Agricultural Society to keep the Cayuga County fair going. 2. Work with the owner(s) of the Speedway to promote and assist with development of that property. 3. Organize new events and increase marketing of existing community events to attract visitors.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Maintain and develop new opportunities along the community's trail network.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a Joint Public Parks and Recreation Department to: oversee future recreational development plans in the community; and to lead, organize and supervise community recreation events at public recreation spaces including at the school. 2. Create and maintain a database of the maintenance costs associated with each of the existing Town and Village public parks and trails. 3. Prioritize the existing Town and Village public parks and trails for maintenance projects. 4. Secure more funding to maintain existing Town and Village public parks and trails. 5. Expand the number of trail routes and trail uses in the community with side-by-side right of ways to accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, horses, snowmobiles, etc. 6. Provide public parking facilities for the community trail network for year-round access to the trails. Also install wayfinding signage to direct users to the appropriate parking areas for the trails (based on use i.e. snowmobiling vs. hiking). 7. Construct a paved trail linking the Village Center to Aqueduct Park; and improve the connection and accessibility from Aqueduct Park to the Old Erie Canal Trail north of the Village by adding signage, lighting, paving off-street trail sections, and additional amenities where appropriate.

Objective:

Capitalize on the history and recreational opportunities along the Erie Canal.

Actions:

1. Provide canoeing and kayaking opportunities along the Erie Canal and construct a public canoe/kayak launch facility on the Seneca River in the Town.
2. Work with the Village of Port Byron, the Town of Mentz and applicable State agencies to re-water the portion of the Erie Canal which passes through the Town of Brutus from Aqueduct Park to the Rudolph J. Schasel Park in Port Byron.
3. Encourage the development of recreational equipment sales, service and rental businesses in the community (e.g. a bicycle or canoe shop).

CHAPTER 6: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Community Facilities

Since community facilities and infrastructure are the essential “bones” of the community, the availability of community services and quality infrastructure such as water and sewer lines, roads and sidewalks, and high speed internet systems is an important consideration in planning for the future.

Currently the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport each have separate municipal offices, both located in the Village, which provide services to the community including: utilities, tax collection, criminal courts, building permits and licenses to name a few. The Village offices share a building with their volunteer fire department which serves the entire community. While the Town and Village have a separate Town and Village Boards, they have worked together with a Planning Board for several years and have discussed the feasibility of combining municipal offices into one central location to better serve the community.

The Weedsport Free Library and the Weedsport Central School District also offer vital services to the community. The library provides access to over 15,522 materials at their location on East Brutus Street, with additional access to a nearly endless online database to electronic materials. In addition to providing excellent public education opportunities to the children of Brutus and Weedsport, the school district maintains several ball fields, a walking track, tennis courts and a pool which are available for public use throughout the year. These facilities are used by the students and are available for public use during the off-season through an application process. Additionally, the school district does allow public groups/organizations to reserve their cafeteria or auditorium to use as meeting or presentation spaces.

At this time neither the Town nor the Village have a community center or fitness center, instead the community utilizes the school facilities when they are available or uses facilities in other communities. A stand-alone community center which offers not only recreational services and facilities but meeting



Weedsport Free Library



**Weedsport Central School District
Elementary School**



**Village of Weedsport offices and Fire
Department**

spaces as well would be a strong asset to the community and would ease some of the pressure at the school with the abundance of requests to use their facilities which simply cannot be filled due to the sheer number of requests. Another asset to the community which is noticeably absent is a medical center or even a local doctor's office. The Town and Village should pursue and encourage the development of a medical facility and/or private medical practices in order to help provide essential services to the community.

The specific objectives and actions for Community Facilities are listed below. Complete implementation strategies including time frame for completion and possible funding sources for each action can be found in the Implementation Matrix in Chapter 11.

<p>Objective:</p> <p>Provide opportunities for life-long learning, adult education programs, English as a Second Language programs and GED programs in existing school facilities or in separate facilities.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider partnering with other communities to develop, construct and operate a community center facility to be used by the entire community and people of all age groups.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Consolidate municipal facilities.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Combine Town offices, Village offices, the Fire department, and other public services together in a new shared building.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Improve communication throughout the community to actively engage community members in committees, events, etc.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solicit input from community members to develop a list of potential volunteers which includes their areas of interest, expertise and contact information. 2. Improve coordination between the Town, Village and School District websites to cross-list events, meetings, etc.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Provide the school district with support which emphasizes their position as the center of the community.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instill a sense of community pride in the students to encourage them to raise their future families in this community. 2. Work to incorporate locally sourced food and agricultural products into the school district. 3. Support the school district's efforts to foster civic engagement and entrepreneurialism among students.

Infrastructure

While the entire Village of Weedsport is served by water and sewer, the vast majority of the pipes for these lines are old and in need of being replaced. The Village is supplied with water purchased from the Town of Sennett by a 10-inch gravity-fed line running parallel to Weedsport-Sennett Road. The Village currently has a five-year contract with Sennett to purchase water at a variable price based on rates set by the City of Auburn. This line has the capacity well in excess of the current water usage or future expected usage. The Village's aging sewer lines feed into a new waste water treatment plant which was installed in 2012. The capacity of the new plant is well above the current rate of usage, although less than the potential capacity of the Village's water supply line.

Table 10: Weedsport Water Rates for 2013

Type of Water Customer	Base Fee per Unit per Quarter	Additional Charge per thousand gallons
Commercial	\$25	\$3.80
Residential (Village water inside the Village)	\$20	\$3.80
Residential (Village water outside the Village; mostly along Weedsport-Sennett Road)	\$30	\$7.60
Residential (County water inside the Village; mostly in Village Heights subdivision in SW corner of Village)	\$20	\$8.46

Source: Village of Weedsport

Table 11: Weedsport Sewer Rates for 2013

Type of Sewer Charge	Base Fee per Unit per Quarter	Additional Charge per thousand gallons over 18,000
Inside the Village	\$54	\$3.00
Outside the Village	\$108	\$6.00
Sewer Debt Service (to pay for Waste Water Treatment Plant)	\$25.50	\$0

Source: Village of Weedsport

Weedsport Water

- **Origin of Water:** City of Auburn water intake on Owasco Lake.
- **Immediate Source:** Purchased from the Town of Sennett.
- **Main Supply Line:** 10" gravity-fed pipe under Weedsport-Sennett Rd, installed in the 1960s.
- **Reservoir Storage Tank Capacity:** 2,000,000 gallon tank on Weedsport-Sennett Rd, just south of the Village.
- **Distribution Lines:** 8" pipes throughout the Village.
- **Total Supply Capacity:** Estimated to be more than 600,000 gallons per day.

Weedsport Sewer

- **New Waste Water Treatment Plant installed in 2012**
- **Average Waste Water Volume in 2013:** 271,000 gallons per day.
- **Design Capacity of Waste Water Treatment plant:** - 550,000 gallons per day.
- **Destination of Treated Waste Water:** Cold Springs Brook, which flows into the Seneca River.

The Town of Brutus does not currently offer sewer services to its residents; however portions of the Town are served by public water. The water lines in the Town are much more recent than those in the Village and may not need to be upgraded for some time. The Town has eight water districts and a proposed ninth, all supplied by a 12-inch lined owned by the Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority, which also supplies the nearby communities of Port Byron, Mentz, Montezuma and Throop. The County Water and Sewer Authority has a purchase agreement with the City of Auburn to supply that line with up to 2,000,000 gallons per day (for the entire line serving all five communities), well above the current usage.

Brutus Water

- **Origin of Water:** City of Auburn water intake on Owasco Lake.
- **Immediate Source:** Purchased from the Cayuga County Water and Sewer Authority.
- **Main Supply Line:** 12” County line roughly following State Route 31.
- **Total Supply Capacity:** Allowed up to 2,000,000 gallons per day (distributed and shared between Throop, Montezuma, Mentz, Port Byron and Brutus).

Table 12: Brutus Water Rates for 2013

Water District	Annual Debt Service Fee	Base Service Fee per Unit per Quarter	Additional Charge per thousand gallons
#1: off Becker Rd	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 7.60
#2: Pump Rd, Clinton Rd (portion), Brutus Rd, (portion), Barker Rd, Pierce Rd (portion), Chamberlin Rd, E. Brutus Street Rd (portion), Cooper Rd, Stevens Rd & Grant Avenue Rd (portion)	\$ 248.22	\$ 20.00	\$ 7.84
#3: Weller Rd, Clinton Rd (portion) & State Route 31 (portion)	\$ 492.51	\$ 20.00	\$ 7.84
#4: Pierce Rd (portion)	\$ 242.51	\$ 20.00	\$ 7.63
#5: Hidden Greens Rd (not functional)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
#6: E. Rude St (outside of the Village)	\$ 118.75	\$ 27.50	\$ 7.60
#7: Dunn Rd, State Route 34 (portion), Trombley Rd, Coyle Rd & Stickle Rd	\$ 202.21	\$ 20.00	\$ 7.84
#8: E. Brutus Street Rd (portion), Cottle Rd, Bonta Bridge Rd (portion), Jericho Rd (portion) & Blowers Rd	\$ 321.79	\$ 20.00	\$ 7.84

Source: Town of Brutus

Providing efficient water and sewer services is a critical component to encourage development both in the Village and in the Town. While it is mentioned in Chapter 8 that the Town should encourage light industrial/manufacturing and/or commercial development adjacent to the New York State Thruway, it is important to note that there is only a small section of water line which is located north of the Village (as seen in the map below) and no available sewer service. The Town will need to work with local economic development agencies to assess the most appropriate capacities needed for water and sewer in these areas and consider the extension of services if they are going to be successful in attracting the kinds of development which would be appropriate in this area.

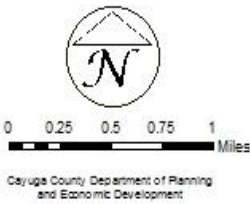


**Town of Brutus Water District 8
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Map 19

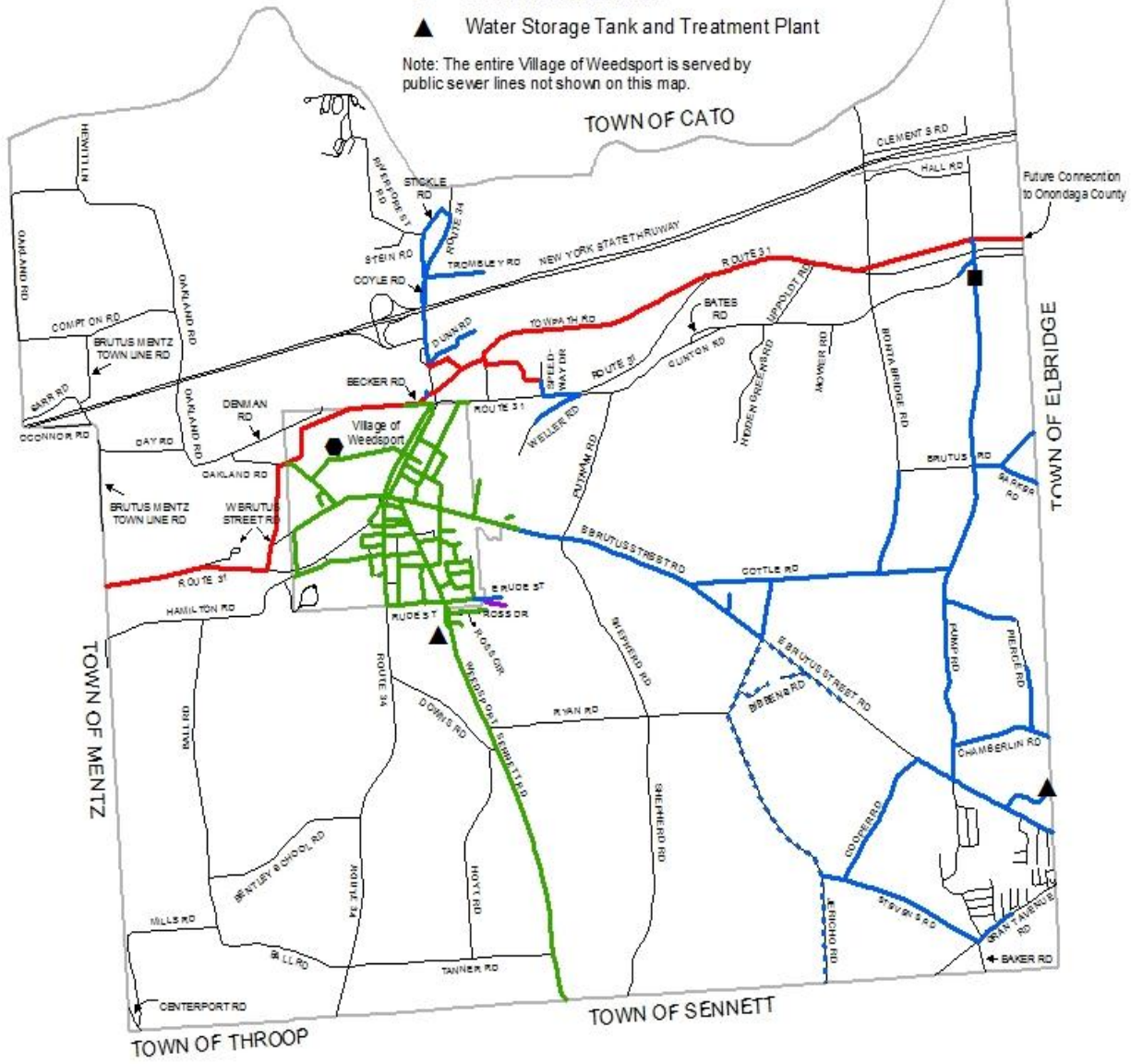
Public Water and Sewer Facilities

Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport



- Town of Brutus Water Line
- - - - Town of Brutus Proposed Water Line
- Village of Weedsport Water Line
- Cayuga County Wwater & Sewer Authority Water Line
- Town Sewer Line
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Water Treatment Plant
- ▲ Water Storage Tank and Treatment Plant

Note: The entire Village of Weedsport is served by public sewer lines not shown on this map.



Another vital piece of infrastructure for both the Village and the Town is the location and condition of sidewalks and curbs. While it may not be appropriate or feasible to install sidewalks and curbing throughout the majority of the Town, the Village already has approximately 8.3 miles of existing public sidewalks and nearly as much curbing. There are several areas in the Village where the sidewalks and especially the curbing is in a state of terrible disrepair. One of the major challenges the Village faces in improving the conditions of the curbs, is that many of the problems are occurring along state maintained roadways. The Village will need to coordinate with the NYS DOT and property owners to make repairs to curbing, which in areas has become quite unsafe for pedestrians and motorists alike.

The last key element for public infrastructure which has become increasingly important is access to reliable broadband internet service. Like other communities in this area of Cayuga County, the Town and the Village do not have widespread, reliable access to high speed internet, especially in parts of the Town. Access to the internet as well as good cellular service, is a key component in marketing the community to both future businesses and residents. As the world of technology evolves and our dependence on the internet grows, the Town and Village will need to keep up and provide access to these services where possible. Currently, there is not a reliable source of information which identifies the specific areas in the community where service is either limited or not available. The Town and Village need to conduct a study to identify the areas where service is either limited or not available in their community. Once this information has been obtained, the Town and Village can reach out to internet and/or cellular providers to upgrade the services provided in the community directly, and/or explore funding and grant options to enhance service coverage in their area.



Broken curb at the rear driveway of Dollar General on State Route 31



Source: <http://www.sheepfort1.com/images/RuralBroadband300.gif>

The Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport need to invest in these key areas of community infrastructure in order to better market the community as a place where people and businesses want to live, work and play. The specific objectives and actions for Infrastructure are listed below. Complete implementation strategies including time frame for completion and possible funding sources for each action can be found in the Implementation Matrix in Chapter 11.

<p>Objective:</p> <p>Create a safe and inviting pedestrian environment in the Village Center. <i>(Also see Chapters 4 and 10)</i></p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve sidewalks, throughout the Town and Village, and pedestrian facilities in the Village Center. 2. Install new sidewalks and appropriate crossings to key pedestrian generators such as hotels, restaurants and recreational facilities.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Provide safe routes for students to walk to school.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet with local parents and students to develop a Safe Routes to School Program and to encourage parents and students to take advantage of safe routes to school. 2. Improve existing and construct new sidewalks and pedestrian crossings as needed in the residential neighborhoods within a one mile radius of the schools.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Secure the local employment base by providing opportunities for the expansion or relocation of advanced manufacturing employers. <i>(Also see Chapters 1 and 8)</i></p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide infrastructure improvements to targeted future industrial and commercial areas. <i>(Action #1 in Chapter 8)</i>
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Encourage internet based home occupation businesses and telecommuting opportunities. <i>(Also see Chapter 8)</i></p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct a study to identify the areas in the community where high speed internet service is either limited or not available; and a feasibility study for bringing reliable high speed internet to the community. 2. Upgrade cable and internet infrastructure and access throughout the community.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Increase the safety for drivers and pedestrians on local roadways. <i>(Also see Chapter 10)</i></p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct an inventory of public sidewalks and curbing which needs to be replaced or upgraded. <i>(Action #2 in Chapter 10)</i> 2. Create and maintain a Public Infrastructure database identifying types; locations; status and repairs needed; and estimated costs for repairs for items such as sidewalks, curbing, utility lines, pavement, etc. Update it regularly as infrastructure improvements are made. <i>(Action #3 in Chapter 10)</i> 3. Upgrade or repair public sidewalks and curbing which have been identified in the Public Infrastructure database. <i>(Action #4 in Chapter 10)</i>

Objective:

Strengthen the resilience of the community to overcome natural hazards and disasters. *(Also see Chapter 10)*

Actions:

1. Identify and upgrade outdated and failing drinking water infrastructure in the Village. *(Action #4 in Chapter 10)*

Objective:

Upgrade or relocate utility infrastructure to compliment the Streetscape Design Standards developed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee. *(Also see Chapter 7)*

Actions:

1. Add light fixtures that fit with the historic character of the Village Center.
2. Bury utility lines in the Village Center.

CHAPTER 7: DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

The Weedsport Village Center is important far beyond the few blocks that define its area. It is the commercial “downtown” for the Village of Weedsport, the entire Town of Brutus, and much of the nearby countryside in surrounding towns. The Village Center shapes the identity of the entire community and investments in the Village Center are thus tangible investments in the viability and strength of the community. In addition, commercial development in areas with established municipal services provide a good cost-benefit ratio with low costs for services relative to the high property-tax revenue that it provides for the Town and Village. Downtown revitalization is an investment in the community and a key to the continued financial health of the local government.

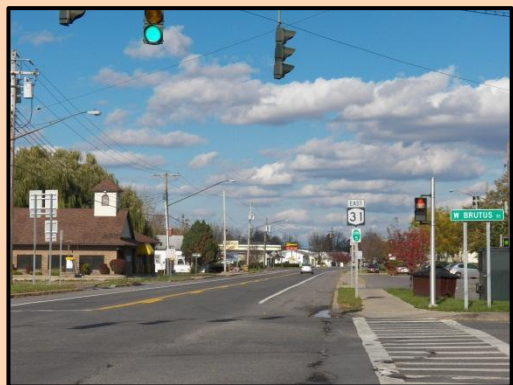
Existing Conditions in the Village Center

The area of focus for Downtown Revitalization is the Village Center, the historic commercial core of the Village surrounding the intersection of Seneca Street (NYS Route 34) and Brutus Street. This commercial core is defined both by a concentration of existing businesses and also by a concentration of buildings with a commercial architectural character, including two- and three-story brick storefronts close to the street which date to the nineteenth century. The commercial core extends south along Seneca Street to Liberty Street, north on Seneca Street to Franklin Street, and east on Brutus Street to South Street. The western edge of the commercial core is defined by the former Erie Canal bed, now Erie Drive (NYS Route 31). The existing block between Seneca Street and Erie Drive is less than 100 feet deep, and the older commercial buildings in this block are built with access on both sides.

Commercial uses in the Village today extend beyond the Village Center and the historic commercial core. In the block between North Seneca Street (NYS Route 34) and Erie Drive (NYS Route 31), commercial uses continue north beyond Franklin Street to the intersection of the two highways at the north end of the Village. In addition, commercial uses



Downtown Commercial Core on State Route 34



Commercial Uses on State Route 31

surround the NYS Route 31 and NYS Route 34 intersection and extend along the west side of Erie Drive north from West Brutus Street. In comparison to the Village Center, however, these other commercial areas are characterized by modern one-story buildings set back from the street edge with individual parking areas. Planners and urban designers call the kind of development in the Village Center “traditional neighborhood commercial” and call the kind of development in the Village’s other commercial areas “highway commercial.”

Today, the Village Center has many strengths but also faces numerous challenges. One of the strengths is the mix of local businesses with strong ties to the local community and to the local economy. Some of these businesses have been in operation for decades and are pillars of the community. One location that deserves special mention here, even though it is neither locally owned nor a business, is the United States Post Office on North Seneca Street at Franklin Street because it remains one of the focal points of activity in the Village Center. Just in the Village Center alone, there is a wide range of business types, from banks and insurance providers to pet grooming, with particular strengths in food establishments and convenience services.

Despite the diverse mix of local businesses, the Village Center has nearly as many vacant storefronts as it has existing businesses. In addition, some of the existing businesses have limited hours of operation, contributing to an impression that the Village Center is not an active and attractive local commercial area. Other former storefronts have been converted to residential apartments, which takes away active uses at street-level and makes for housing with less privacy. Some of the challenges for this revitalization effort are to attract new businesses to occupy vacant storefronts, attract new development to fill vacant lots, and grow the local business market so that more existing businesses will remain active uses for longer hours throughout the day and week.

Another strength and challenge for the Village Center is the volume of traffic passing through on its way to or from the exit on the New York State Thruway. The high number of vehicles, including many tractor-trailer trucks,



**Transitional Zone on State Route 34
Existing Commercial/Industrial Uses on
the west side of the street with Residential
uses on the east side of the street, just north
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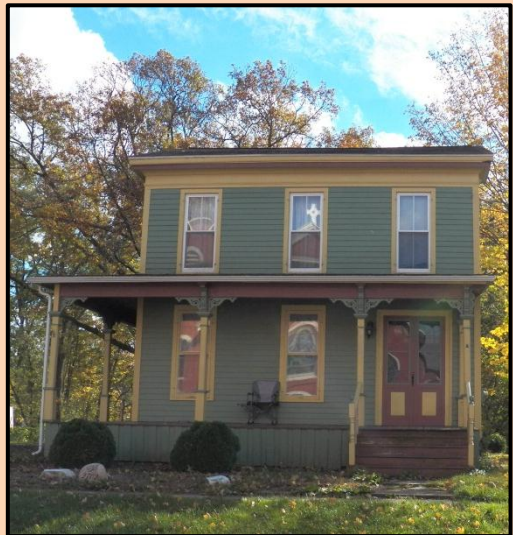
poses a challenge by adding noise and air pollution, creating conflicts with maneuvering cars in and out of parking spaces and driveways, and making it difficult and unpleasant for pedestrians to cross the street and walk around the Village Center. On the other hand, the high volume of traffic brings thousands of potential customers through the Village Center each day. In the words of one local restaurant owner, “If the Thruway wasn’t here, I wouldn’t be here.”

An active and vital downtown, even for a small Village, is enhanced by having residential opportunities right in the downtown area. Downtown residents can ensure activity and a human presence throughout the waking hours of the day, which can help sustain businesses throughout those same long hours. Residential uses at the street level reduces the number of visible spaces which would be better suited for commercial uses. Instead, residential uses in downtown areas should be located on quieter side streets and on the upper stories of buildings on the main streets. A strength of the Weedsport Village Center is that it is closely connected to the Village’s residential neighborhoods that are never more than a block away. In addition, most of the two- and three-story buildings in the Village Center have apartments on the upper stories. However, a significant number of upper stories remain vacant, posing a challenge for the revitalization of the area. Further adding to the challenge, some of the upper-story apartments that do exist are in need of upgrades and renovations to attract future residents.

Possibly the greatest set of challenges facing the Village Center all relate to the aesthetics and visual appearance of the area. Many residents, business owners, and survey respondents commented on the crumbling curbs, lack of trees or green areas, deteriorating building facades, visually cluttered utility lines, and generally unappealing aesthetics of the area. Although an improved local business climate is the best way to generate the money necessary to make these kind of aesthetic improvements, improving the aesthetics of area is an essential first step toward making the area more attractive to customers and businesses alike.



Example of one of the many Victorian style homes in a Residential Neighborhood behind the Commercial Core in the Village Center



Example of one of the many Colonial style homes in a Residential Neighborhood behind the Commercial Core in the Village Center



Example of one of the many Arts and Crafts style homes in a Residential Neighborhood behind the Commercial Core in the Village Center

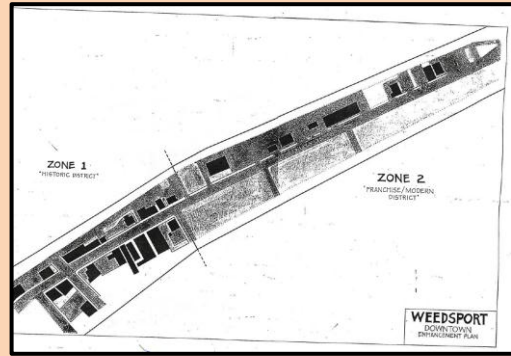
Previous Planning Efforts

At least two previous studies have looked at ways to improve the Village Center. In 1992 and 1993, Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development developed a “Weedsport Central Business District Enhancement Plan” with the assistance of Michael Johnson, a Syracuse University student intern. The main recommendations of the enhancement plan were

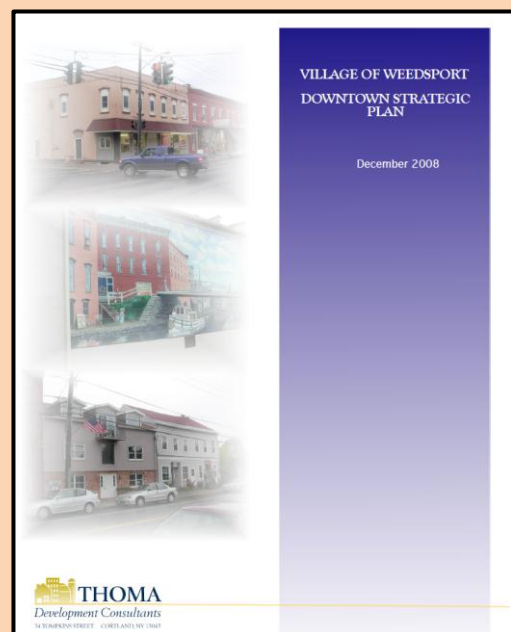
- to expand parking in the Village Center;
- to enhance the visual character of Erie Drive;
- to improve the Village “gateway” at the NYS Route 31 and NYS Route 34 intersection;
- use landscaping and sidewalk improvements to visually define North Seneca Street as a cohesive place; and
- to establish the “Erie Canal” as a unifying theme.

Following the first recommendation, Village parking lots were established along the east side of Erie Drive just north of West Brutus Street and on vacant lots between East Brutus Street and Furnace Street. Following the third recommendation, a gazebo and park was established in the block between North Seneca Street and Erie Drive, between what is currently DB’s Drive-In to the south and the Shurfine Supermarket to the north however, this park is privately owned and maintained. Other recommendations of the plan have not been implemented, and remain good guides for future actions.

In 2007 and 2008, the Village of Weedsport hired Thoma Development Consultants to develop a Downtown Strategic Plan. The 2008 downtown plan contained an inventory of specific recommended actions grouped into categories covering commercial buildings, building facades, the municipal parking lot, streetscape elements, the main intersection of NYS Route 31 and NYS Route 34, signage, traffic calming and circulation, organization, and market conditions. The Village of Weedsport has twice made unsuccessful applications to secure NYS Main Streets grants



Downtown areas from the 1993 Weedsport Central Business District Enhancement Plan



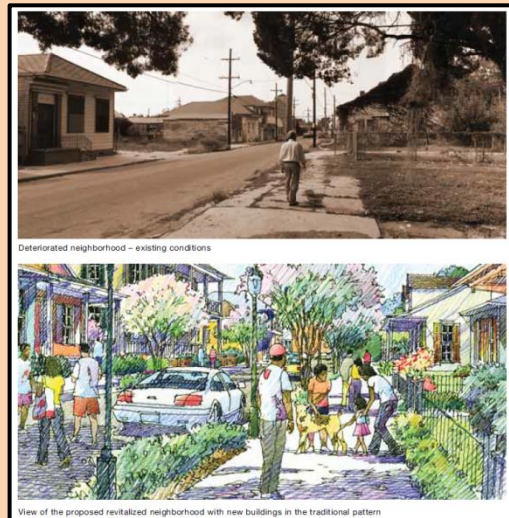
for facade improvements to implement some of the plan's recommendations; and to date none of the plan's recommendations have been implemented.

This comprehensive plan recognizes these previous planning efforts and has incorporated various elements from each of them with the strategies and ideas which arose during this planning effort. A Strategic Vision for the Village Center and a plan for the implementation of these specific recommendations were developed from these previous planning efforts.

Strategic Vision for Downtown Revitalization

An overall strategic vision clearly identifies what the downtown revitalization effort hopes to achieve. It also provides a way to evaluate the effectiveness and usefulness of the many specific recommendations offered in the previous planning efforts. With this in mind, this plan sets out the following elements of a strategic vision for downtown revitalization:

- The Village Center is the commercial core for the entire Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus. It should be the **main focus** of commercial development in the community.
- The Village Center should be **easily accessible** to travelers on the Thruway and state highways, with clear signage and convenient available parking within a short walking distance.
- The Village Center should be an **inviting and safe** place for people to get around by walking once they are there.
- The Village Center should be aesthetically pleasing. It should support a harmonious mixture of architectural styles from different eras that are compatible with, though not limited by, the themes of the historic Erie Canal and the Finger Lakes.
- The Village Center should be **active and lively** throughout the week and weekend.
- Local residents are the customer base that sustains the Village Center. The commercial mix in the Village Center should contain a variety of businesses with the goods, services, and entertainment that **residents of**



Example of a plan for the transformation of a distressed downtown neighborhood into a safe, inviting and active area.

Source: http://www.classicist.org/workspace/pdf/2_HabitatPB_Neighborhood.pdf

the Town and Village desire and can afford.

- Visitors bring money into the local community and can provide the extra revenue that makes local businesses financially viable. The commercial mix in the Village Center should contain a variety of businesses with the goods, services, and entertainment that **visitors and Finger Lakes tourists** seek out and come back for.

This strategic vision supports all three goals of this comprehensive plan. An inviting Village Center with shops and services convenient for local residents will help maintain an environment that is welcoming to families and will help maintain a strong sense of community. With the right mix of local businesses in the Village Center, the same revitalized downtown will also help attract visitors and tourists to the community. Downtown revitalization will also support agriculture by relieving some development pressure on valuable farmland elsewhere in the Town which might otherwise be developed if the Village Center cannot meet the demand.

The recommendations in previous planning initiatives, in this comprehensive plan, and in any future plan should be evaluated, modified, and prioritized according to how effectively they further the downtown revitalization strategy outlined above.

Downtown Revitalization Committee

In addition to outlining a strategic plan, another element that is important for the revitalization of the Village Center is an organization to undertake implementation of the plan's recommendations. Numerous community groups have contributed to the previous revitalization efforts in the Village Center, including the Village Board of Trustees, the Weedsport Chamber of Commerce, the Weedsport Garden Club, as well as many individuals acting on their own or in informal groups. However, there has not yet been a sustained organization established to take responsibility and leadership for carrying out the recommendations in the various plans that have been put forward for downtown revitalization. This plan identifies the lack of a dedicated implementing organization as the single most



Example of streetscape improvements designed to revitalize downtown commercial areas.

Source: <http://www.news.synavista.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/ShowImage1.jpg>



Example of the details of a streetscape improvement plan designed to revitalize downtown commercial areas.

Source: <http://www.ontargetmediasolutions.com/ryerecord/Rye%20Record%20Website%2003.13.09/images/PAGE%201-RENDERING.jpg>

important challenge that has limited the success of previous revitalization efforts.

As outlined in the objectives and actions below, this plan recommends the formation of a volunteer community committee, appointed by the Village Board of Trustees with a specific mandate to manage the implementation of the downtown revitalization strategy and specific recommended actions. The committee cannot achieve all of the recommended actions on its own. It will need cooperation from the Village and town governments, state agencies, and other organizations. However, the Downtown Revitalization Committee will be responsible for engaging the necessary partners, maintaining relationships with them, and ensuring progress in the revitalization strategy.

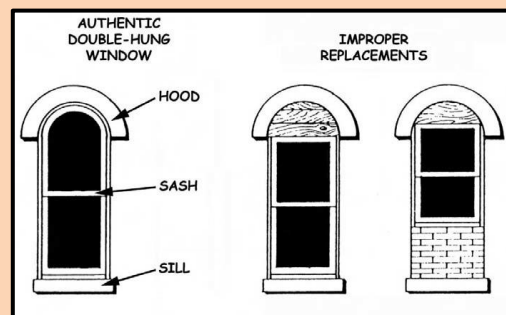
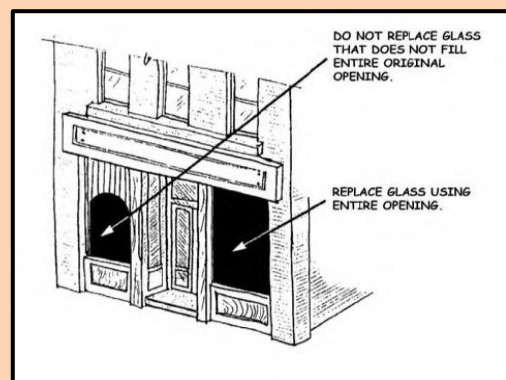
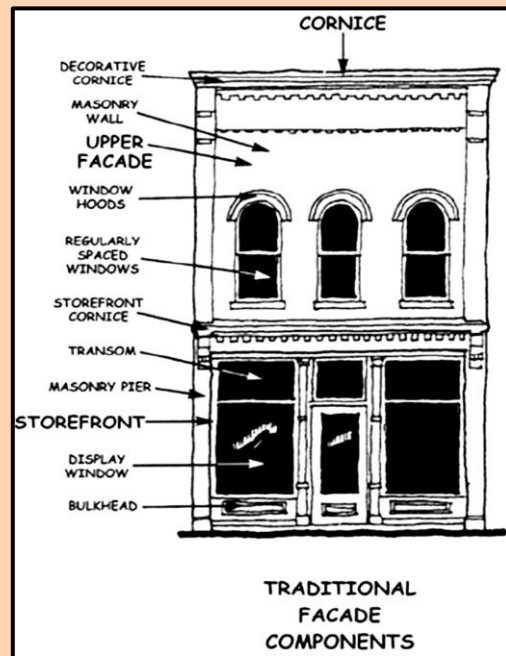
Design Guidelines

One key component of the downtown revitalization strategy is the development of a set of Design Guidelines and Streetscape Standards which will provide guidance and recommendations for property owners and developers in order to establish and maintain the historic character, aesthetic appeal and charm of the Village Center. The Downtown Revitalization Committee will be tasked with developing these Design Guidelines and Streetscape Standards which will be utilized by:

- Property owners making façade improvements or renovations to existing structures.
- Developers building new residential or commercial buildings in the Village Center.
- The Village Board of Trustees and the Village Planning Board when reviewing Site Plan applications and during meetings with property owners or developers regarding future projects in the Village Center.
- The Downtown Revitalization Committee when administering a Main Street Program and processing grant applications for façade improvements.

Character Areas

In the Village Center there are three main Character Areas which should have slightly different design guidelines and criteria. The first is the Commercial Core; which is the



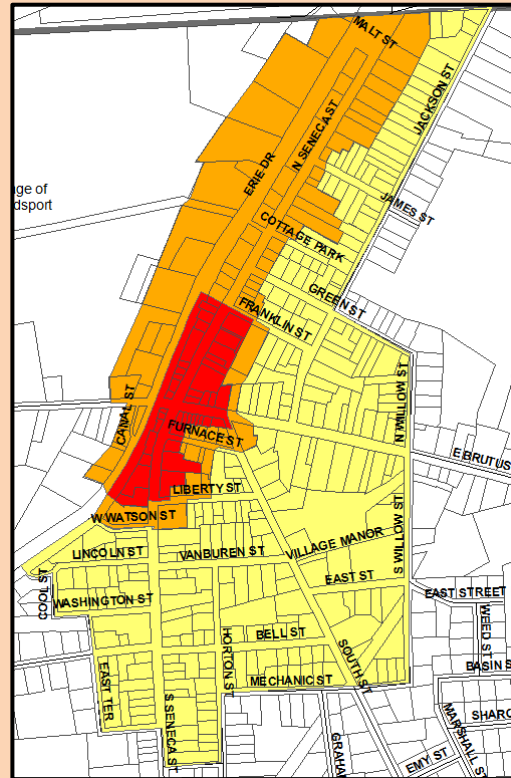
Examples of typical Design Guideline elements and standards.

Source: *Historic Downtown Design Manual: Guidelines for Ripon's Central Business District*, Ripon Historic Preservation Commission

center of the Village where the primary land use is commercial buildings with a few upper story residential units. This area should focus on new or expanded commercial development as the primary goal, with the addition of residential uses on upper stories only. The second Character Area is the Transitional Zone; which is the mixed-use (commercial and single-family residential) area between the Commercial Core and the more traditional residential neighborhoods. This area acts as the “buffer” between the denser Commercial Core and the Residential Neighborhoods and should incorporate some small scale commercial uses, but only in existing houses or buildings which look like a house in order to maintain a residential neighborhood feel. The final Character Area is the Residential Neighborhood which encompasses the remainder of the Village and should continue to function as the traditional residential neighborhoods, each with their own unique character and style. While single-family homes are still the preferred land use in this area, efforts should be made to allow some development of two-family and multi-family housing on a small scale where appropriate.

The following is a list of key elements for design criteria for each of the three Character Areas which should be considered by the Downtown Revitalization Committee when developing the Design Guidelines and Streetscape Standards. This list is not exclusive and additional elements may be included by the Committee.

- Building Orientation and Setbacks (for infill development)
- Building Mass and Articulation
- Façade Treatment and Materials
- Storefronts
- Roofs and Roof Materials
- Accessory Structures
- Parking Placement
- Signage
- Treatment of Outdoor Public Space
- Lighting
- Street Trees and other Landscaping
- Sidewalks
 - Location
 - Materials
 - Setbacks from the Curb, etc.



Commercial Core

Transition Zone

Residential Neighborhood

Existing Character Areas in the Village Center

In order to develop a successful document for the Village Center Design Guidelines the Downtown Revitalization Committee should purchase and utilize the book Revitalizing Main Street: A Practitioner's Guide to Comprehensive Commercial District Revitalization by the National Trust Main Street Center and Andrea L. Dono which can be purchased from the Downtown Research & Development Center's webpage http://www.downtowndevelopment.com/revitalizing_main_street.php#table . It is also recommended that the Committee consider purchasing any of the seven sets of Handbooks published by the National Trust Main Street as companions to the Revitalizing Main Street: A Practitioner's Guide to Comprehensive Commercial District Revitalization which are designed specifically to guide revitalization committees through the process of developing a revitalization strategy for their downtown including the development of design guidelines.

There are other great sources of reference that the Committee should review for inspiration and guidance when developing the Design Guidelines and Streetscape Standards for the Village Center. Some of these resources include:

- *Town of Denton: A Pattern Book for Denton Neighborhoods*, Urban Design Associates www.dentonmaryland.com/uploads/file/pdf/denton_pattern_book_final.pdf
- *A Pattern Book for Neighborly Houses: Details and Techniques for Building and Renovating Neighborly Houses*, U.S. Area Office of Habitat for Humanity International & Institute of Classical Architecture & Classical America

Sections:

Overview:

http://www.classicist.org/workspace/pdf/1_HabitatPB_Overview.pdf

Neighborhood Patterns:

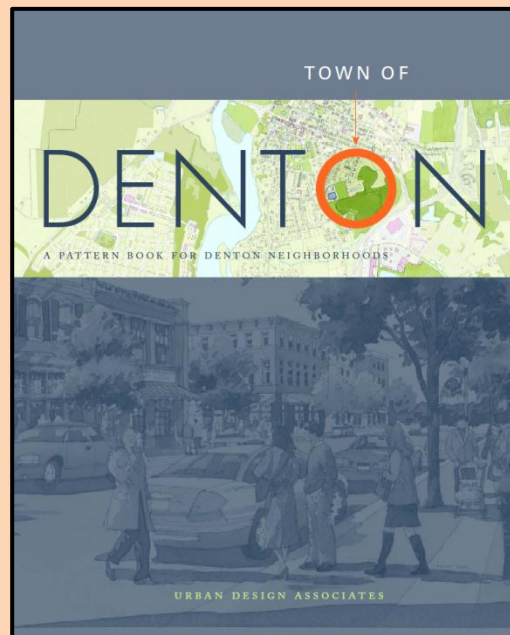
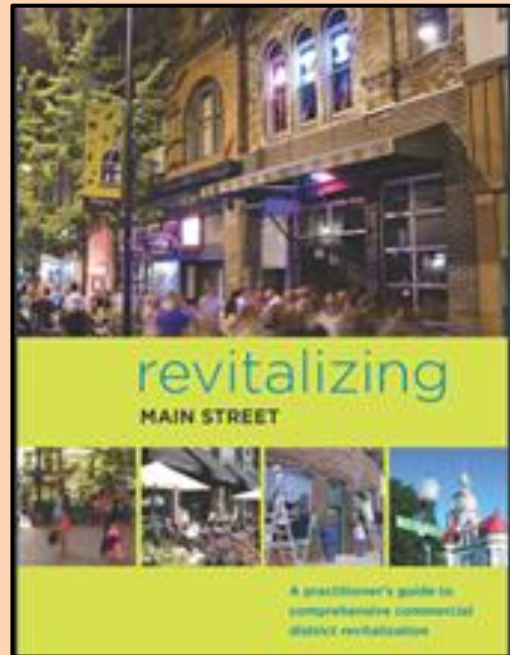
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Housing Patterns:

http://www.classicist.org/workspace/pdf/3_HabitatPB_Housing.pdf

Architectural Patterns:

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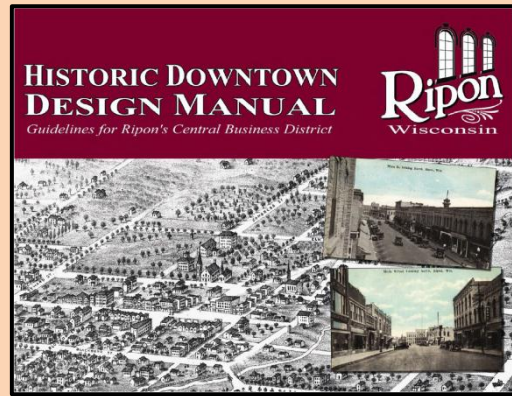
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Application:

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- Design Review, Mark L. Hinshaw. American Planning Association, Planning Advisory Service Report No. 454, Chapter 3.



The specific Objectives and Actions for Downtown Revitalization shall serve as a preliminary mission and task list for the Downtown Revitalization Committee and are listed below. Complete implementation strategies including time frame for completion and possible funding sources for each action can be found in the Implementation Matrix in Chapter 11.

<p>Objective:</p> <p>Create a Downtown Revitalization Committee to promote the Village Center, develop and manage a Main Street Program, and develop Design Guidelines and Streetscape Design Standards for the Village Center.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Form the Village of Weedsport Downtown Revitalization Committee. 2. Adopt building Design Guidelines and Sign Regulations for private and public signs to create a harmonious look throughout the Village Center. 3. Adopt Streetscape Design Standards which identifies specific improvements and changes which should be made to the Village streets and right-of-ways...complementing the Design Guidelines. 4. Design and install new "Welcome to..." signs for the community to be located on Weedsport-Sennett Road and on State Route 34 north of the Village which complements the other four existing "mural" style gateway signs. 5. Design and install directory and way-finding signs for visitors and tourists. 6. Apply for and administer Main Street grant funding to help property owners with renovation and façade improvement projects.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Update zoning regulations for the Village Center to encourage downtown revitalization of commercial and residential areas, and to enforce Design Guidelines and Streetscape Design Standards developed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt Site Plan Review regulations and procedures into the Zoning Code for the Village Center.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Improve public spaces in the Village Center to compliment the Streetscape Design Standards developed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add landscaping to the municipal parking lot in the Village Center, including creating a green space to provide an aesthetically pleasing buffer between East Brutus Street and the municipal parking lot. 2. Redesign Whittler's green to make it more comfortable and inviting for people. 3. Clearly mark, identify, and provide signs for existing public parking spaces to encourage the use of available parking in the Village Center.

Objective:

Upgrade or relocate utility infrastructure to compliment the Streetscape Design Standards developed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee.

Actions:

1. Add light fixtures that fit with the historic character of the Village Center.
2. Bury utility lines in the Village Center.

CHAPTER 8: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

An essential component of this Comprehensive Plan is economic development. In order for the community to thrive, the local economy needs to be strengthened, not only by attracting new businesses of all scales, but by supporting and bolstering the current commercial and industrial enterprises. Encouraging and incentivizing new businesses to come to the community, along with securing the longevity and profitability of existing businesses, will help achieve not only all three of the Goals of this plan: to maintain a family-friendly Town and Village with a strong sense of community, proactively support agriculture, and attract visitors and tourists; but the four focus areas of the Vision for the community as well.

Existing Workforce/Labor force

Out of a population of 4,464, the Town of Brutus, including the Village of Weedsport, is home to a labor force of approximately 2,300 workers. By industry, manufacturing and retail trade employ the largest share of this labor force.



Source: <http://thrivecalgary.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Community-Economic-Development-Visual.jpg>

Table 13: Workforce in the Town of Brutus by Industry

Industry	Typical Job Position	Percent of Workers*
Manufacturing	Factory Worker	14%
Retail Trade	Store Clerk	13%
Health Care and Social Assistance	Doctor or Child Day Care Provider	11%
Public Administration	Town Clerk or Police officer	9%
Educational Services	Teacher	8%
Hospitality and Food Services	Waiter or Hotel Staff	8%
Other Services	Auto Repair Technician or Hair Stylist	6%
Transportation and Warehousing	Truck Driver	6%
Construction	Construction Worker	6%
Finance and Insurance	Banker	4%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Accountant or Lawyer	3%
Administrative Support and Waste Management Services	Office Administrator or Janitor	3%
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing	Realtor	2%
Wholesale Trade	Wholesale Broker	2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farmer	2%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation		<1%
Business Management		<1%
Information Systems		<1%
Mining, Quarrying and Oil/Gas Extraction		<1%
Utilities		<1%

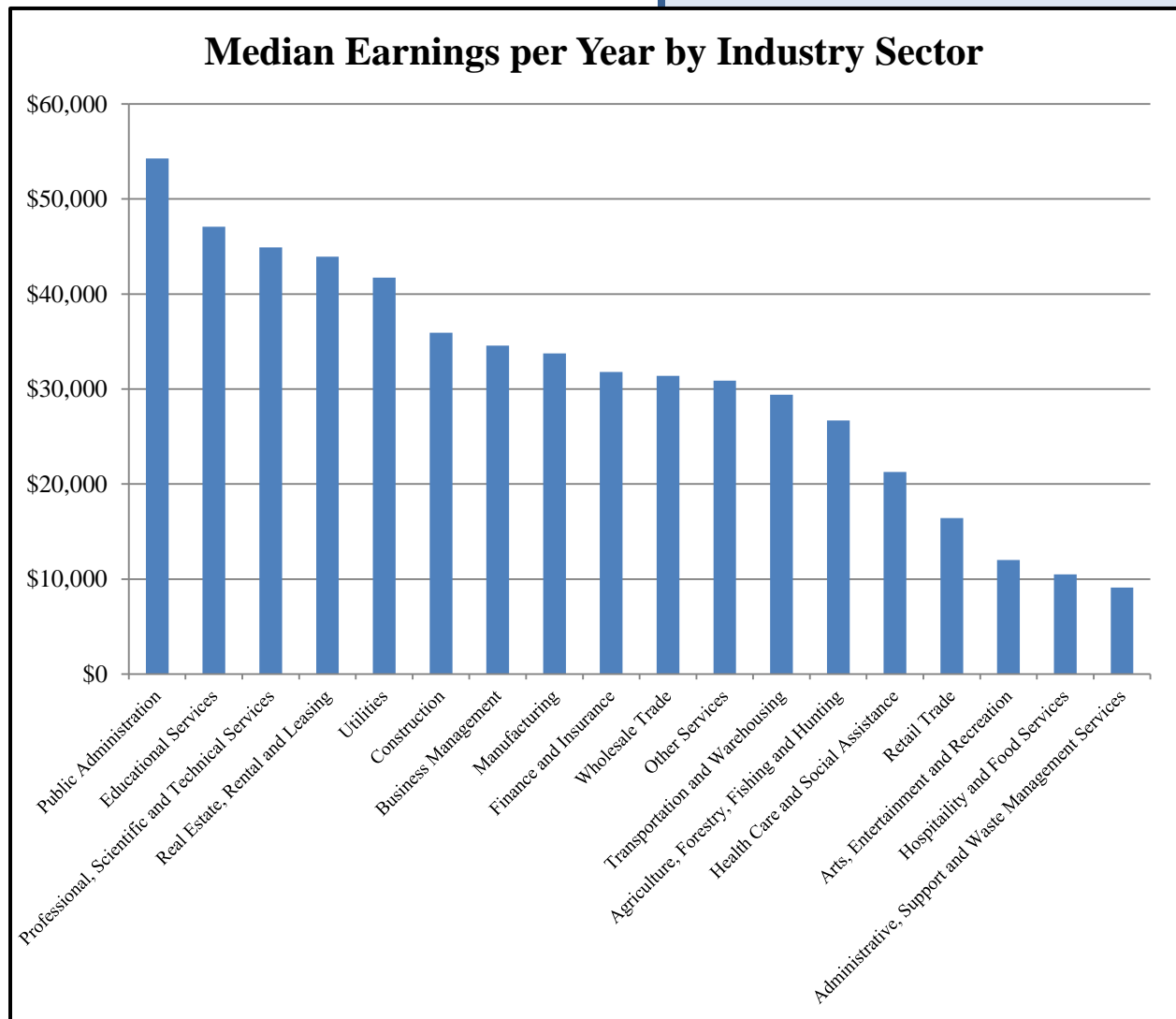
Source: Estimates from the American Community Survey, based on surveys collected monthly from random samples of residents in the years 2007 through 2011.

This information indicates that the Brutus workforce is diverse, and not dominated by one or two industries. Although the workforce is fairly evenly divided between men and women, different industry sectors have very different ratios of male workers to female workers. Among industries that employ a significant percentage of Brutus residents (more than 5%), the following have a higher percentage of male workers: manufacturing (84% male); public administration (75% male); other services (59% male); and construction (94% male). While the follow have a higher percentage of female workers: retail trade (52% female); health care and social assistance (90% female); educational services (62% female); hospitality and food service (72% female); and transportation and warehousing (60% female).

Earnings by Industry Sector

The chart below represents the median earnings per year by industry sector for the residents of the Town and Village corresponding to the same information provided in the table above. Public administration, educational services and manufacturing jobs have employed nearly the same number of people, but have paid significantly higher salaries than residents employed in the retail trade, health care and social assistance, and hospitality and food services industries between 2007 and 2011 when the American Community Survey was conducted.

Figure 26: Earnings in the Town of Brutus by Industry



Data Source: US Census

Existing Economic Climate

Currently, the Village of Weedsport has a commercial core with nearly as many vacant storefronts and commercial buildings as businesses. There is an opportunity for successful infill development to occur in the Village Center. In addition to this potential for infill development, the existing businesses need to be strengthened with continued support from the community and through an increase in visitors and tourist traffic. There has been some recent development at the northern boundary of the Village along State Routes 31 and 34, primarily in the form of automobile-centric development (i.e. gas stations and chain fast food restaurants). While this type of development does bring dollars to the community, the Village should concentrate on revitalizing their commercial core and market themselves as a destination in order to increase the amount of foot traffic in the Village Center.

The Town of Brutus is in a unique situation for economic development in Cayuga County. Not only are there active and inactive rail line opportunities for industry, but the Town has the only exit off of the New York State Thruway (I-90) in the county. The Town needs to capitalize on this fact and market it as an amenity to the community. The proximity to the Thruway, with a highway exit directly into the Town and then the Village, should be utilized in marketing not only for new industry and commercial enterprises, but for tourism and agri-businesses and agri-tourism opportunities as well.

There are some obstacles to the development of new commercial or light industrial uses in proximity to the NYS Thruway, which is the ideal local for these types of future businesses in the Town. One major obstacle is the lack of adequate water and sewer infrastructure in this area. The map below shows this target area near the NYS Thruway and the current availability of water and sewer. The Town should provide additional water and sewer service to the Commercial (orange), Commercial/Light Industrial (red), and Industrial (purple) zoning districts shown on the map below.



Existing commercial core of the community along State Routes 34 & 31



NYS Thruway Exit 40 into Brutus

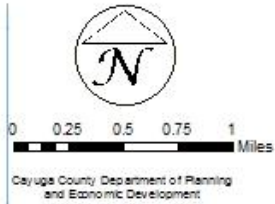
Source: <http://www.upstatenyroads.com/signs/i90/i90exit40wb.jpg>

Map 21

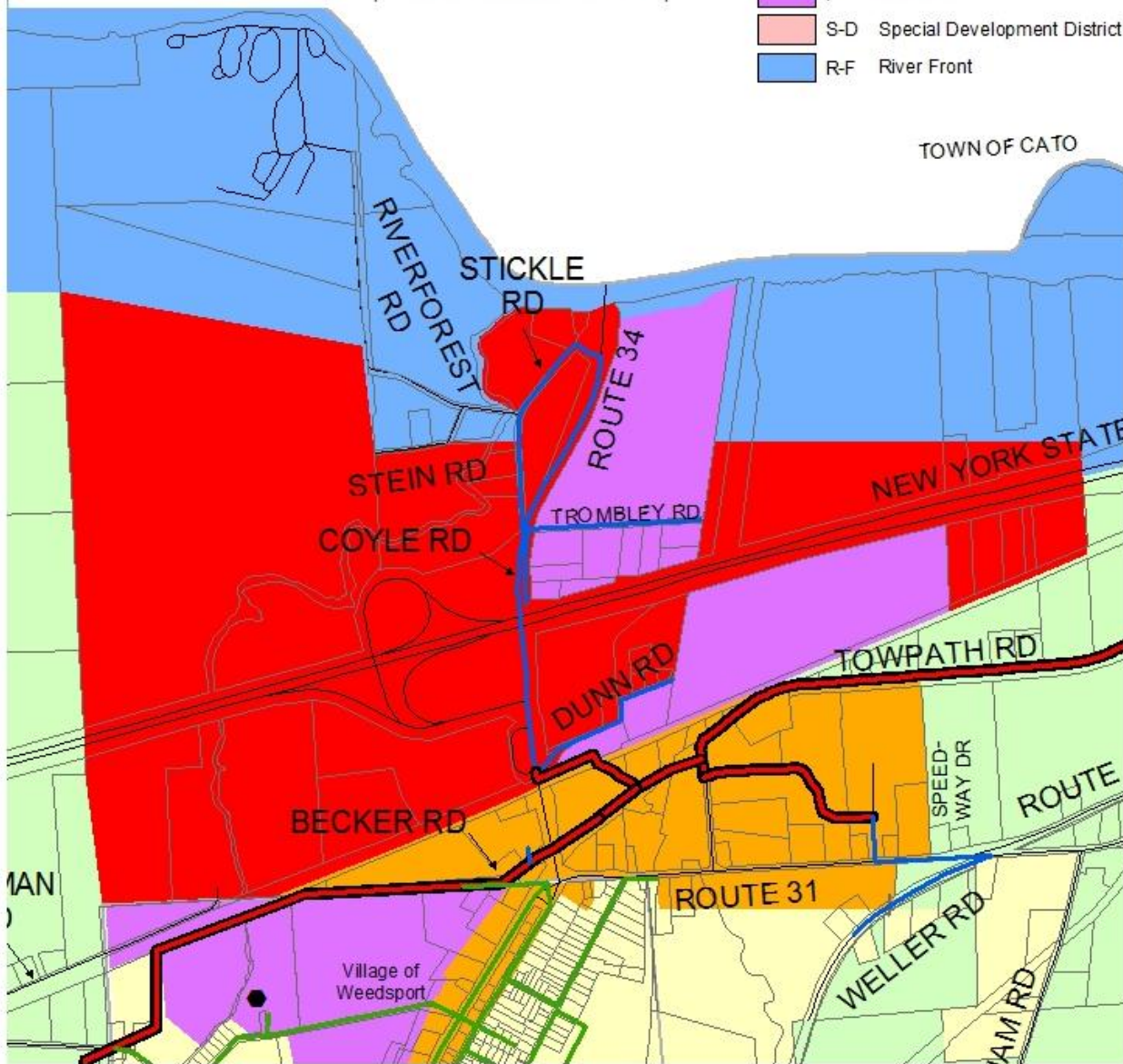
Public Water and Sewer Facilities

Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport

Areas for
Potential
Future
Expansion



- Town of Brutus water line
 - Village of Weedsport water line
 - CCWSA water line
 - Town sewer line
 - Wastewater treatment plant
 - A-R Agricultural - Residential
 - R Residential
 - R-2 High Density Residential
 - C Commercial
 - C-1 Commercial / Light Industrial
 - I Industrial
 - S-D Special Development District
 - R-F River Front
- Note: The entire Village of Weedsport is served by public sewer lines not shown on this map.



Another obstacle to development in this area, as seen in the map below, is that nearly the entire area targeted for development is covered by a floodplain. This condition poses a challenge for development and for the installation of water and sewer infrastructure in added costs to either avoid or to mitigate the presence of the 100-year Floodplain. However, there is an existing active rail line, shown on the same map, which is a tremendous resource, especially with the proximity to Exit 40 of the NYS Thruway, for future industrial development. The Town and the Cayuga County Economic Development Agency should contact CSX and Amtrak, the operators of this rail line, to discuss future development potential and possible spur access for parcels adjacent to the rail line. Efforts should be made to work with businesses interested in building in this area to help mitigate any future flooding issues from being in the floodplain. However, careful attention should be paid to make sure that development of this area does not cause flooding to neighboring parcels or downstream.



Source: <http://www.thruway.ny.gov/news/img/media/thruwayauthnew-big.jpg>



Source: <http://convention.nabainc.org/naba2011/images/CSX-Logo.jpg>



Source: <http://www.premierecustom.com/mobile/Amtrak%20logo.jpg>

The rail line does offer another opportunity...a future high speed commuter rail line between Rochester, NY and Syracuse, NY with a terminal in the Town of Brutus. The development of this type of rail system on an adjacent line would make the Town of Brutus a triple threat. Not only would there be access to the community via the NYS Thruway and State Highway System, but by Commercial Freight Rail line and a Commuter Rail line as well. The addition of a commuter rail line would connect two large cities in Western and Central New York as well as provide and increased opportunity for tourism along a portion of the Erie Canal. The development of a Commuter Rail System will involve Town and Village Officials coordinating with Conrail, NYS DOT, The City of Rochester, the City of Syracuse and all of the communities in between. The development of this system is a long term strategy with a potentially huge payoff for all of the communities which would be involved.

Economic development should be one of the primary focuses in both the Town and the Village in order to achieve the Vision and Goals of this plan. The Objectives and Actions for Economic Development in the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport are aligned with the vision of:

- “growing employment opportunities...by leveraging our unique local assets and resources for business and job development”; and recommendations to
- “Explore development potential of close proximity and strategic access to the NYS Thruway direct Exit 40 interchange.”; and
- “Explore potential sites for job and industrial development.”

from the Cayuga County Economic Development Agency’s *Economic Development Strategic Plan*.



Source: <http://www.cayugaeda.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/Strategic-Plan-Draft-11-11-2011.pdf>

Cayuga County, New York
Economic Development Strategic Plan
 Prepared By: Cayuga Economic Development Agency
 In consultation with:
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This Comprehensive Plan also recognizes and supports the vision of:

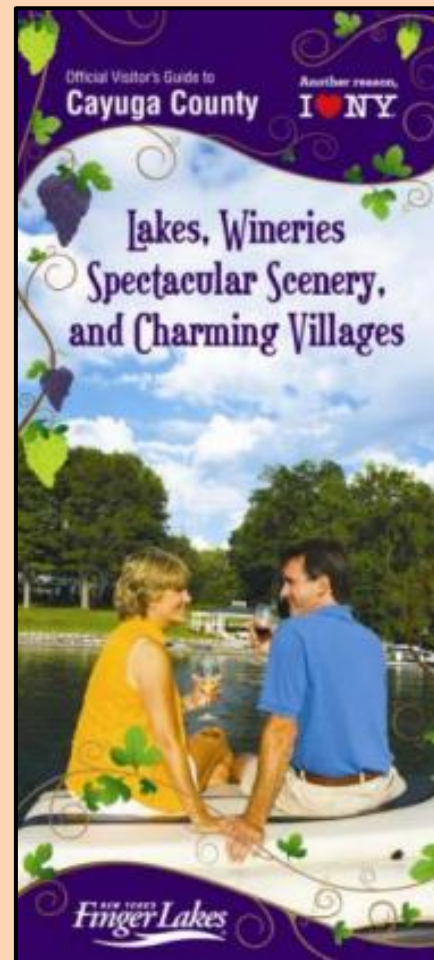
- “...take ownership over our future; operate in a nimble, efficient, and effective manner; and leverage our many assets—natural, agricultural, geographic, economic, educational, cultural, and human—to form a diverse, sustainable, and globally competitive economy while preserving and enhancing our region’s treasured quality of life.”; and the goals to
 - “Strengthen targeted industry concentrations that leverage unique economic assets”;
 - “Improve competitiveness in, and connections to, the regional, national, and global economies”;
 - and
 - “Revitalize our region’s urban cores, main streets, and neighborhoods.”

from the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council’s *Strategic Plan for Central NY*.

The Town and Village should actively promote the development of specific target industries including but not limited to: light industries, advanced manufacturing facilities, medical facilities and doctor’s offices, service industries, retail establishments which support the Finger Lakes brand, and food services such as restaurants.



Source: <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/themes/nyopenrc/rc-files/centralny/finalCNYREDCplansinglepages.pdf>



Source: <http://www.cayugaeda.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/Strategic-Plan-Draft-11-11-2011.pdf>

The specific Objectives and Actions for Economic Development are listed below. Complete implementation strategies including time frame for completion and possible funding sources for each action can be found in the Implementation Matrix in Chapter 11.

<p>Objective:</p> <p>Secure the local employment base by providing opportunities for the expansion or relocation of advanced manufacturing employers.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Provide infrastructure improvements to targeted future industrial and commercial areas. <i>(Also see Chapters 1 & 6)</i> 3. Work with the Cayuga Economic Development Agency (CEDA) and the business community to form a joint public-private committee focused on the development of new businesses in the Town and Village. 4. Coordinate with Amtrak, CSX, the NYS DOT, and neighboring communities to study the feasibility of developing a commuter rail line between Rochester and Syracuse which would pass through the Town and the Village. <i>(Also see Chapter 4)</i>
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Promote entrepreneurship.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and partner with small business development programs. 2. Work with the business community to form a joint public-private committee focused on the development of new small businesses.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Encourage internet based home occupation businesses and telecommuting opportunities.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update Zoning Regulations to permit internet based home occupation businesses by right. 2. Conduct a study to identify the areas in the community where high speed internet service is either limited or not available; and a feasibility study for bringing reliable high speed internet to the community. <i>(Also see Chapter 6)</i> 3. Upgrade cable and internet infrastructure and access throughout the community. <i>(Also see Chapter 6)</i>

Objective:

Support current and future farm businesses by building public support for agriculture and farmland protection in the Town supporting economic opportunities for local farmers and related businesses. *(Also See Chapter 9)*

Actions:

1. Encourage agribusiness to locate in the Town's commercial and industrial zones.
2. Work with the Cayuga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to update the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.
3. Encourage farmers to seek positions on all local boards in order to have consistent representation from the farm community in all aspects of local government.

Objective:

Target the growth of businesses which support the Erie Canal and the Finger Lakes brand.

Actions:

1. Encourage the development of retail businesses in the community which promote the various amenities of the Erie Canal and the Finger Lakes Region (e.g. canoe and kayak rentals; tasting and sales of local wines).

Objective:

Provide support for local organizations and community groups which work to improve the community and enhance tourism opportunities.

Actions:

1. Develop and maintain a database of funding sources and opportunities that the Town, Village and local organizations and groups can utilize.
2. Develop and maintain a database of locations in the Town and Village that community groups can use for meetings. Include a contact number and the night(s) and hours for each week that each facility/room will be available. Make this list available to the public.
3. Coordinate with other Cayuga County Erie Canal communities (which have stops along the canal) and develop a symbiotic relationship to actively promote each other's activities and community events in order to increase regional canal tourism.
4. Work with the Cayuga County Tourism Office to develop a local tourism office in order to provide more publically accessible and visible tourist information about the community and region.

CHAPTER 9: AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION

Agriculture and farming have traditionally been important land uses and economic drivers in the Town of Brutus and the community as a whole; which is reflected in the second goal for this comprehensive plan, that the Town and Village will “Proactively Support Agriculture”. The Town recognizes the importance of the continued operation of farms and agricultural businesses in the community and has taken steps to try to protect as much of this valuable resource as possible from development pressure. In 2008, the Town applied for and received a grant from the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets to develop an Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan. The Town worked with the New York Chapter of the American Farmland Trust to research, develop and adopt the protection plan.

At the time, there were 44 active farms operating in the community and nearly half of those reported that farming was their primary occupation. Additionally, 60% of the soils in the Town are considered by the USDA to be either Prime Agricultural Soils or Soils of Statewide Importance which together generally indicate soils which produce the highest yields of agricultural products, specifically field crops. Once this prime farmland is lost to development, it is lost forever.

Protecting the farmland which remains in the community not only will help to strengthen the agricultural economic climate in the Town, but it will help to protect the small town character and feel that the residents of Brutus and Weedsport have come to cherish. In addition to the working fields and farm structures, other important natural resources will be protected if farmland is protected in the Town. Many farms have areas of woodlands, wetlands and streams which run through their property or border their fields which would be protected as well. Another resource which will be preserved are the beautiful vistas which can be experienced while traveling through the drumlins along some of the key gateway roads in the community. These beautiful views of fields, hills and woodlands have helped establish one element of the community’s identity and



Farm in the Town of Brutus



Farm in the Town of Brutus

with proper marketing will help to attract tourists and visitors to the area.

Vision Statement from the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan:

“The Town of Brutus values agriculture and recognizes the importance farms play in maintaining rural character and strengthening the regional economy. The town seeks to proactively support agriculture by working to retain valuable farmland and provide opportunities for agricultural businesses to grow.”

Maintaining a vibrant and active agricultural community benefits all of the residents of both the Town and the Village. Not only will the local economy be boosted by supporting local businesses but the costs of services for all residents in the community will stay low since farmland pays out far more in services to the community than it actually requires. This comprehensive plan recognizes the work that went into developing the Town of Brutus Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan and the continued work by the Town’s Agricultural Advisory Committee to implement the protection strategies found in that plan. This Comprehensive Plan officially adopts as a part of it, the Town of Brutus Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan.



Farm in the Town of Brutus



Dairy Cows on a Farm in the Town of Brutus

The specific Objectives and Actions for Agriculture & Farmland Protection from the adopted Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan which still need to be acted upon and achieved by the Town are listed below. Complete implementation strategies including time frame for completion and possible funding sources for each action can be found in the Implementation Matrix in Chapter 11.

<p>Objective:</p> <p>Support current and future farm businesses by building public support for agriculture and farmland protection in the Town supporting economic opportunities for local farmers and related businesses. <i>(Also see Chapter 8)</i></p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage agribusinesses to locate in the Town’s commercial and industrial zones. 2. Work with the Cayuga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to update the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan. Engage Town of Brutus farmers, agricultural landowners and local officials in the County plan update process. 3. Encourage farmers to seek positions on all local boards in order to have consistent representation from the farm community in all aspects of local government.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Educate the non-farm public in the Town of Brutus about the value and current state of agriculture in the Town and how to have good relationships with neighboring farms.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider establishing a regular Town newsletter on the internet which consistently includes articles about agriculture and related issues identified in the draft plan. 2. Utilize the “Town of Brutus Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan” publication to promote the benefits of agriculture to the Town and share with new residents. 3. Work with the Brutus Historical Museum to promote its displays of local agricultural history. 4. Work with local schools to encourage the implementation of or support established Ag in the Classroom programs.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Protect farmland by identifying high quality agricultural lands in the Town of Brutus that are at risk for conversion and adopting appropriate protection strategies and tools.</p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a local Farmland Protection Program to permanently protect blocks of high quality farmland in Brutus. 2. Evaluate the potential for adopting a term conservation easement law. 3. Consider the creation of an Agricultural Zoning District.

Objective:

Protect the town's rural character by evaluating the impacts of farm and forestland on local taxes and the demand for public services and working to encourage siting of non-farm public infrastructure near Village and other developed areas.

Actions:

1. Annually distribute information to agricultural landowners about property tax relief programs such as agricultural assessment, farm building exemptions and Farmers School Tax Credit to insure that farmland owners are taking advantage of existing programs.
2. Encourage adoption of agricultural assessment values in current and future special taxing jurisdictions (fire, ambulance, library, etc.).
3. Promote more rigorous consideration of the growth inducing and fiscal impacts of road, sewer and water infrastructure in an Agricultural Zone that may be formed, or in proximity to working farms regardless of the zoning district in which they are located.

CHAPTER 10: HAZARD MITIGATION & PUBLIC SAFETY

Hazard Mitigation

The Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport participated in the development of the Cayuga County Hazard mitigation Plan in 2013. Part of this effort was to identify past and potential future hazards or threats to public and private property, infrastructure and safety. By identifying these issues and the future plans/projects to mitigate them, the Town and Village are now eligible to receive State and Federal funding when it is distributed in New York State after a natural disaster.

The three types of potential disasters which are most likely to occur in this community are flooding, severe storms (all season and types of precipitation), and transportation related incidents. Working to mitigate the potential disastrous outcomes to public and private property from these types of events will help the Town and Village achieve Goal No. 1 of this plan which is to “Maintain a family-friendly Town and Village with a strong sense of community”. Protecting the safety of the public realm by preventing damage from natural disasters, to the extent possible, is important in order to provide a safe environment for the community and families to live, work, play and grow.

This Comprehensive Plan recognizes the work that both the Town and the Village put into the development of their sections of the Cayuga County Hazard Mitigation Plan and as such, formally adopts said plan into this Plan.



Flooding caused by a beaver dam

Source: http://storage.canoe.ca/v1/dynamic_resize/sws_path/suns-prod-images/1297457221598_ORIGINAL.jpg?quality=80&size=650x&stmp=1377101482709



Property damage from a natural disaster

Source: <http://www.armageddononline.org/images/natural-disasters-2011.jpg>

The following is a list of recommendations from the Hazard Mitigation Plan for this community which are now officially Objectives and Actions of this Plan and should be implemented as such. Complete implementation strategies including time frame for completion and possible funding sources for each action can be found in the Implementation Matrix in Chapter 11.

Objective:	Actions:
Prevent Damage from Flooding.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update the Zoning Code to create a Flood Zone Overlay District to strengthen the regulations for development in a flood plain based upon the provisions of both the Town and Village's Flood Damage Prevention laws. 2. Develop a debris control plan for Cold Spring Brook and Putnam Brook, and work with NYS DEC and landowners to regularly clear debris from the streams. 3. Develop a comprehensive beaver management plan along flood-prone streams and marshes in the town. 4. Develop and maintain a database of residential and commercial property flood damage, including permit history for repairs. 5. Mark high water levels and regulatory Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) on utility poles. 6. Identify the cause of ice blockages occurring on Putnam Brook and develop a plan to mitigate. 7. Evaluate cost-effectiveness of relocating or elevating equipment at the Weedsport Sewage Plant and Town Highway Garage to protect from future flood damage. 8. Strengthen the review procedures for stormwater management in the Town and Village Codes.
Strengthen the resilience of the community to overcome natural hazards and disasters.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create Mutual Aid agreements with neighboring towns, villages, and fire departments for continuity of operations during disasters. 2. Obtain and install emergency generators for the School District Bus Garage, the Town Highway Garage, and Town Hall. 3. Procure and install backup generators at the elementary and high schools if used as an evacuation site. 4. Identify and upgrade outdated and failing Village drinking water infrastructure. <i>(Also see Chapter 6)</i>

Public Safety

The safety of the citizens in this community is paramount, not only for the residents but, for workers and visitors as well. The two biggest safety concerns in the community are pedestrian safety along roadways and the perpetual building code violations of both residential and commercial buildings.

Public Safety

State Routes 34 and 31, which cut right through the heart of the Town and Village, carry with them an enormous amount of vehicular traffic daily, particularly truck traffic. While there are some sidewalks along these routes in the Village, they are up against the curb and in most places in need of repair. The available on-street parking along these routes is not striped or well signed, which leads to the hesitation of drivers when they are looking for a place to park. Additionally, there are few striped crosswalks or crossing signals, other than at the intersection of State Route 34 and Brutus Street. Together these issues add up to create an unsafe pedestrian environment in the heart of the community. An investment in streetscape enhancements including: moving sidewalks back from the curb, making routine repairs to sidewalks and wheelchair ramps at intersections, clearly marking crosswalks, installing signal and signage for crosswalks, clearly marking public parking areas (both on-street and off-street), and installing signage for public parking areas will help to create a safer and more pedestrian friendly environment in the Village Center. The image to the right shows curbing which is in need of repair and areas where curbing is missing (just to the left of the pedestrian crosswalk). This photograph also shows the typical traffic pattern at this intersection (except for the tractor trailers), where cars, despite the striped crosswalk, are waiting at a red light in the middle of the pedestrian crosswalk which only further degrades the pedestrian experience in the heart of the Village Center.



Existing on-street parking along State Route 34- no striped spaces



Intersection of State Route 34 and E. Brutus Street

Code Enforcement

Building Code Enforcement is also a concern in the Town and Village. According to the community survey, 46% of responders said that Code Enforcement needs to be strengthened in the community. Currently, the Town and Village share a Code Enforcement Officer who works out of the Town Hall for 3 hours on Saturdays. With so little time available to conduct inspections, issue citations and issue building permits the follow up of and enforcement of citations has been severely lacking in the community. The Town and Village should add administrative support for the Code Enforcement Officer to ease the load of paperwork and allow the CEO to spend more time out in the field; as well as consider extending the hours that the CEO spends in the community in order to most effectively enforce building code and zoning code violations especially for those buildings and properties with multiple violations. The Town and Village should also amend their zoning codes to strengthen the authority of the Code Enforcement Officer to issue and enforce violations.

The last issue of public safety which both the Town and the Village need to address is the lack of an emergency action plan. The community needs an emergency warning system and a designated evacuation route in the event of a weather related or other disaster. The Town and the Village should work with the Cayuga County Emergency Management Services to develop this plan and then make sure that the information is distributed to residents and publically accessible.



Example of a typical building code violation- building in a state of disrepair/safety hazard

Source: <http://img.ehowcdn.com/article-new-thumbnail/ehow/images/a05/t2/pk/report-building-code-violations-800x800.jpg>



Source: <http://www.cayugacounty.us/CountyGovernment/EmergencyServices/EmergencyManagementServices.aspx>

The specific Objectives and Actions for Public Safety are listed below. Complete implementation strategies including time frame for completion and possible funding sources for each action can be found in the Implementation Matrix in Chapter 11.

<p>Objective:</p> <p>Create a safe and inviting pedestrian environment in the Village Center. <i>(Also see Chapters 4 & 6)</i></p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve sidewalks, throughout the Town and Village, and pedestrian facilities in the Village Center. 2. Install new sidewalks and appropriate crossings to key pedestrian generators such as hotels, restaurants and recreational facilities.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Provide safe routes for students to walk to school. <i>(Also see Chapter 6)</i></p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet with local parents and students to develop a Safe Routes to School Program and to encourage parents and students to take advantage of safe routes to school. 2. Improve existing and construct new sidewalks and pedestrian crossings as needed in the residential neighborhoods within a one mile radius of the schools.
<p>Objective:</p> <p>Increase the safety for drivers and pedestrians on local roadways. <i>(Also see Chapter 6)</i></p>	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with local, County and State Police to enforce traffic rules and speeds, especially at peak travel hours; and promote education and traffic safety throughout the Town and Village. 2. Work with local, County and State transportation officials to identify existing and potential safety issues and develop targeted mitigation measures. 3. Conduct an inventory of public sidewalks and curbing which needs to be replaced or upgraded. 4. Create and maintain a Public Infrastructure database identifying types, locations, status and repairs needed, and estimated costs for repairs for items such as sidewalks, curbing, utility lines, pavement, etc. Update it regularly as infrastructure improvements are made. 5. Upgrade or repair public sidewalks and curbing which have been identified in the Public Infrastructure database

Objective:

Strengthen Building and Zoning Code Enforcement in both the Town and the Village.

Actions:

1. Provide additional administrative support staff to the Code Enforcement Officer.
2. Increase the hours that the Code Enforcement Officer is available in the community.
3. Amend both the Town and Village zoning codes to strengthen the authority of the Code Enforcement Officer to issue and enforce violations.

Objective:

Increase public safety during an emergency weather event or other disaster.

Actions:

1. Work with the Cayuga County Emergency Management Services to develop an emergency action plan which includes an evacuation route and an emergency warning system.
2. Distribute information regarding the emergency action plan, evacuation route and emergency warning system to the residents of the community; and make this information publically accessible.

CHAPTER 11: IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation of the Objectives and Actions identified in each of the previous ten chapters of this Comprehensive Plan should directly tie into the Vision and overarching goals for the future of the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport. An implementation matrix has been provided at the end of this chapter which identifies all of the Objectives and their corresponding Actions which relate to each of the three overarching goals of the plan. The matrix also includes information on the type of action which should be taken; the municipal body, board, committee, etc. which is ultimately responsible for achieving that action; budget considerations; specific funding resources (or partnership opportunities); the expected time frame for completion; the chapter(s) in this plan where the Objective and Action are located; and the area of the Vision for the community which will be achieved by that particular action.

There are two essential steps which the Town and Village should take in order to implement the actions of this comprehensive plan, and ultimately creating a better place for the residents of the community to live, work and play.

1. The Town and Village should to continue to utilize a joint Planning Board to make planning decisions which affect the entire community.
2. Work with existing and future community groups, utilizing their strengths and expertise, to achieve the goals and actions of this plan and build a stronger community.
3. The Town and Village should, on an annual basis, update and review the content of this plan for areas where their Zoning Laws should be amended based on the recommendations in this plan.

The Vision for the future of the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport along with the three overarching goals of this plan were developed over several months of gathering public input from the initial kick off meeting, the community survey, and at meetings of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, all of which were open to the public. It is the elements of this vision and the goals which have shaped the objectives, and actions of this plan. The vision and goals are outlined below followed by the implementation matrix.

Vision

In our Vision for the Town of Brutus and the Village of Weedsport in the future, there is a thriving local business community, the rural and family-oriented character of the community has been maintained, and both the abundant Agricultural and natural resources have been protected and become viable tourist attractions.

In the coming years, we will carefully manage new growth and development while respecting private property rights in order to: **Protect** clean water and air, natural and cultural resources, the safety and well-being of the community, and the integrity of our schools to attract new families; **Preserve** the strong sense of community in both the Town and the Village, the vibrant agricultural and farming community, historic buildings, and active outdoor recreation areas; **Enhance** the identity of the community as a place to live, work and play, our role as a gateway to the Finger Lakes, local festivals and holiday events to attract more visitors, tourism along the Erie Canal; and to **Provide** support for young professionals and recent graduates, excellent municipal services, economic development for small businesses and agricultural tourism, and diverse housing opportunities for a range of household incomes to facilitate growth while maintaining the rural and agricultural identity of the community.

Goals

There are three overarching goals for this Comprehensive Plan which are designed to achieve all four areas of the Vision for the community's future. Each of the Objectives and Actions in this plan directly relate back to one of these three goals and to at least one of the four key areas of the vision.

1. Maintain a family-friendly Town and Village with a strong sense of community.

The Town and Village will ensure that Brutus and Weedsport continue to be a desirable place for people to raise a family by making it attractive and possible for people who have left the community to come back to stay; including both young people in their 20s and 30s as well as elderly people and retirees. Brutus and Weedsport will be a place where visitors would want to, and can, settle, stay and be involved in the community.

2. Proactively support agriculture

The Town and Village will value agriculture for maintaining the rural character of the community and for strengthening the rural economy. Brutus and Weedsport will retain valuable farmland and provide opportunities for agricultural business to grow.

3. Attract visitors and tourists

The Town and Village will capitalize on the community's potential to be a gateway to the Finger Lakes, with attractive businesses in the Village Center and recreational opportunities throughout the Town.

The colors of the text for each Goal above correspond to the coloring of the Implementation Matrix and how the Objectives and Actions from each chapter relate to these Goals. This color theme has been used within the body of each chapter as well to further emphasize how the topics are connected to one or more of the three overarching Goals.

A detailed implementation strategy is laid out in a matrix format for each goal, objective and corresponding action beginning on the next page. This matrix includes the *type* of action to be undertaken, the *implementation responsibility*, future *budget considerations*, possible *funding resources*, the *time frame for completion* of the action (during which year(s) after adoption the action should occur), the *chapter(s)* in this plan where more information can be found, and the area of the *vision* which this action will help to achieve. The following is a list of actions sorted according to the time frame of when they should be completed.

Actions Listed by Time Frame for Completion

In Order of How They Appear in the Plan (by chapter)

Day 1

1. Form the Village of Weedsport Downtown Revitalization Committee.

Year 1

1. Adopt building Design Guidelines and Signage Regulations for private and public signs to create a harmonious look throughout the Village Center.
2. Adopt Streetscape Design Standards which identifies specific improvements and changes which should be made to the Village streets and right-of-ways...complimenting the Design Guidelines
3. Apply for and administer Main Street grant funding to help property owners with renovation and façade improvement projects.
4. Incorporate the backside of commercial buildings along Route 31 in any streetscape plan for the Village Center.

Year 1 then Annually

1. Encourage farmers to seek positions on all local boards in order to have consistent representation from the farm community in all aspects of local government.

Year 1 - 3

1. Establish separate zones for: Core Commercial areas; Transition areas; and Residential areas.
2. Encourage new residential development to locate near the Village but outside the Village limits.
3. Permit and encourage housing units in the upper stories of commercial buildings in the Village Center.
4. Expand opportunities for two-family homes and apartments.
5. Reduce infrastructure requirements for new subdivisions to promote new housing at affordable prices, e.g. senior housing.

6. Provide information about and encourage retrofits of private buildings to reduce energy costs and reduce fuel consumption.
7. Work with State and local officials and agencies to restrict left turns at peak times and promote education and traffic safety throughout the Town and Village.
8. Work with local, County and State transportation officials to identify existing and potential safety issues and develop targeted mitigation measures.
9. Combine Town offices, Village offices, the Fire department, and other public services together in a new shared building.
10. Work to incorporate locally sourced food and agricultural products into the school district.
11. Support the school district's efforts to foster civic engagement and entrepreneurialism among students.
12. Identify and partner with small business development programs.
13. Update Zoning Regulations to permit internet based home occupation businesses by right.
14. Conduct a study to identify the areas in the community where high speed internet service is either limited or not available; and a feasibility study for bringing reliable high speed internet to the community.
15. Work with State and local officials and agencies to improve traffic flow and operations through the intersection at peak periods.
16. Conduct an inventory of public sidewalks and curbing which needs to be replaced or upgraded.
17. Provide additional administrative support staff to the Code Enforcement Officer.
18. Increase the hours that the Code Enforcement Officer is available in the community.
19. Amend both the Town and Village zoning codes to strengthen the authority of the Code Enforcement Officer to issue and enforce violations.

20. Work with the Cayuga County Emergency Management Services to develop an emergency action plan which includes an evacuation route and an emergency warning system.
21. Distribute information regarding the emergency action plan, evacuation route and emergency warning system to the residents of the community; and make this information publically accessible.
22. Update the Zoning Code to create a Flood Zone Overlay District to strengthen the regulations for development in a flood plain based upon the provisions of both the Town and Village's Flood Damage Prevention laws.
23. Develop a debris control plan for Cold Spring Brook and Putnam Brook, and work with NYS DEC and landowners to regularly clear debris from the streams.
24. Develop a comprehensive beaver management plan along flood-prone streams and marshes in the Town.
25. Develop and maintain a database of residential and commercial property flood damage, including permit history for repairs.
26. Mark high water levels and regulatory Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) on utility poles.
27. Create Mutual Aid agreements with neighboring towns, villages, and fire departments for continuity of operations during disasters.
28. Obtain and install emergency generators for the School District Bus Garage, the Town Highway Garage, and Town Hall.
29. Procure and install backup generators at the elementary and high schools if used as an evacuation site.
30. Encourage agribusiness to locate in the Town's commercial and industrial zones.
31. Work with the Cayuga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to update the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.
32. Consider establishing a regular Town newsletter on the internet which consistently includes articles about agriculture and related issues identified in the draft plan.
33. Utilize the "Town of Brutus Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan" publication to promote the benefits of agriculture to the Town.
34. Work with local schools to encourage the implementation of or support established Agriculture in the Classroom programs.
35. Consider the creation of an Agricultural Zoning District.
36. Annually distribute information to agricultural landowners about property tax relief programs such as agricultural assessment, farm building exemptions and Farmer's School Tax Credit to insure that farmland owners are taking advantage of existing programs.
37. Provide organizational support to the Cayuga County Agricultural Society to keep the Cayuga County fair going.
38. Work with the owner(s) of the Speedway to promote and assist with development of that property.
39. Create a Joint Parks and Recreation Department to: oversee future recreational development plans in the community; and to lead, organize and supervise community recreation events at public recreation spaces including at the school.
40. Secure more funding to maintain existing trails in the Town and Village.
41. Provide public parking facilities for the community trail network for year-round access to the trails. Also install wayfinding signage to direct users to the appropriate parking areas for the trails (based on use i.e. snowmobiling vs. hiking).
42. Construct a paved trail linking the Village Center to Aqueduct Park; and improve the connection and accessibility from Aqueduct Park to the Old Erie Canal Trail north of the Village by adding signage, lighting, paving off-street trail sections, and additional amenities where appropriate.
43. Provide canoeing and kayaking opportunities along the Erie Canal and construct a public canoe/kayak launch facility on the Seneca River in the Town.
44. Design and install new "Welcome to..." signs for the community along all major gateway routes.
45. Design and install directory and way-finding signs for visitors and tourists.

46. Adopt Site Plan Review regulations and procedures into the Zoning Code for the Village Center.
47. Add landscaping to the municipal parking lot in the Village Center, including creating a green space to provide an aesthetically pleasing buffer between East Brutus Street and the municipal parking lot.
48. Redesign Whittler's green to make it more comfortable and inviting for people.
49. Clearly mark, identify, and provide signs for existing public parking spaces to encourage the use of available parking in the Village Center.
50. Add light fixtures that fit with the historic character of the Village Center.
51. Install a bike lane on State Route 31.
52. Construct "bump outs" at street crossings to reduce crossing distance and improve pedestrian safety.
53. Move sidewalks back from the curb and install green strips and large trees along streets and front yards in the Village Center where feasible to create a more inviting pedestrian environment.

Year 1 - 3 then Continuous

1. Maintain strong enforcement of zoning regulations and building codes.
2. Create and maintain a Public Infrastructure database identifying types; locations; status and repairs needed; and estimated costs for repairs for items such as sidewalks, curbing, utility lines, pavement, etc. Update it regularly as infrastructure improvements are made.
3. Develop and maintain a database of funding sources and opportunities that the Town, Village and local organizations and groups can utilize.
4. Develop and maintain a database of locations in the Town and Village that community groups can use for meetings. Include a contact number and the night(s) and hours for each week that each facility/room will be available. Make this list available to the public.
5. Coordinate with other Cayuga County Erie Canal communities (which have stops along the canal) and develop a symbiotic relationship to actively promote each other's

activities and community events in order to increase regional canal tourism.

Year 3 - 5

1. Preserve historic structures by providing assistance to property owners through property tax incentives and other programs.
2. Adopt green technology policies and alternative energy systems in all public buildings and vehicles.
3. Improve sidewalks, throughout the Town and Village, and pedestrian facilities in the Village Center.
4. Install new sidewalks and appropriate crossings to key pedestrian generators such as hotels, restaurants and recreational facilities.
5. Meet with local parents and students to develop a Safe Routes to School Program and to encourage parents and students to take advantage of safe routes to school.
6. Improve existing and construct new sidewalks and pedestrian crossings as needed in the residential neighborhoods within a 1/2 mile radius of the schools.
7. Provide infrastructure improvements to targeted future industrial and commercial areas.
8. Work with the Cayuga County Economic Development Agency (CEDA) and the business community to form a joint public-private committee focused on the development of new businesses in the Town and Village.
9. Work with the business community to form a joint public-private committee focused on the development of new small businesses.
10. Upgrade cable and internet infrastructure and access throughout the community.
11. Upgrade or repair public sidewalks and curbing which have been identified in the Public Infrastructure database.
12. Identify and upgrade outdated and failing drinking water infrastructure in the Village.
13. Work with the Town of Brutus Historical Museum to develop a display to promote agriculture.
14. Encourage adoption of agricultural assessment values in current and future special taxing jurisdictions (fire, ambulance, library, etc.).

15. Promote more rigorous consideration of the growth inducing and fiscal impacts of road, sewer and water infrastructure in an Agricultural Zone that may be formed, or in proximity to working farms regardless of the zoning district in which they are located.
 16. Form a Brutus-Weedsport marketing committee to develop a marketing plan for the community and to promote the community to visitors.
 17. Work with local real estate agencies to promote the school district and community.
 18. Organize new events and increase marketing of existing community events to attract visitors.
 19. Expand the number of trail routes and trail uses in the community with side-by-side right of ways to accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, horses, snowmobiles, etc.
 20. Encourage the development of recreational equipment sales, service and rental businesses in the community (e.g. a bicycle or canoe shop).
 21. Encourage the development of retail businesses in the community which promote the various amenities of the Erie Canal and the Finger Lakes Region (e.g. canoe and kayaking rentals; tasting and sales of local wines).
3. Coordinate with Amtrak, Conrail, the NYS DOT, and neighboring communities to study the feasibility of developing a commuter rail line between Rochester and Syracuse which would pass through the Town and the Village.
 4. Identify the cause of ice blockages occurring on Putnam Brook and develop a plan to mitigate.
 5. Evaluate cost-effectiveness of relocating or elevating equipment at the Weedsport Sewage Plant and Town Highway Garage to protect from future flood damage.
 6. Establish a local Farmland Protection Program to permanently protect blocks of high quality farmland in Brutus.
 7. Evaluate the potential for adopting a term conservation easement law.
 8. Work with the Village of Port Byron, the Town of Mentz and applicable State agencies to re-water the portion of the Erie Canal which passes through the Town of Brutus from Aqueduct Park to Schasel Park in Port Byron.
 9. Work with the Cayuga County Tourism Office to develop a local tourism office in order to provide more publically accessible and visible tourist information about the community and region.

Year 3- 5 then Continuous

1. Instill a sense of community pride in the students to encourage them to raise their future families in this community.

Once Every 5 Years

1. Conduct periodic energy audits of all municipal facilities to look for possible cost saving measures.

Year 5 - 10

1. Reduce truck traffic, noise, and traffic speed on State Route 34.
2. Consider partnering with other communities to develop, construct and operate a community center facility to be used by the entire community and people of all age groups.

Year 10+

1. Bury utility lines in the Village Center.

Plan Goals, Objectives & Actions: Implementation Matrix Table

Goal	Objective	Action	Type	Implementation Responsibility	Budget Considerations	Funding Resources	Time Frame for Completion	Chapter	Vision
Maintain a family-friendly Town and Village with a strong sense of community.	Enhance the commercial center of the Village while preserving nearby historic neighborhoods and homes.	Establish separate zones for: Core Commercial areas; Transition areas; and Residential areas.	Zoning Law Amendment	Village Board & Planning Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Village Staff time	Year 1-3	1	Preserve
		Encourage new residential development to locate near the Village but outside the Village limits.	Zoning Law Amendment	Town Board & Planning Board	Town Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time	Year 1-3	1	Enhance
		Permit and encourage housing units in the upper stories of commercial buildings in the Village Center.	Zoning Law Amendment	Village Board & Planning Board	Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Village Staff time	Year 1-3	1	Provide
	Provide affordable housing opportunities for families with children and first-time home buyers.	Expand opportunities for two-family homes and apartments.	Zoning Law Amendment	Town Board, Village Board & Planning Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3	2	Provide
	Provide affordable housing opportunities for retired and elderly persons.	Reduce infrastructure requirements for new subdivisions to promote new housing at affordable prices, e.g. senior housing.	Zoning Law Amendment	Town Board & Planning Board	Town Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time	Year 1-3	2	Provide
	Improve the condition and maintenance of homes.	Maintain strong enforcement of zoning regulations and building codes.	Policy	Town Board, Village Board & Code Enforcement Officer(s)	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1 then Continuous	2	Preserve
		Preserve historic structures by providing assistance to property owners through property tax incentives and other programs.	Program Development	Village Board & Village Assessor	Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Village Staff time	Year 3-5		
	Work to improve and maintain air and water quality in the community.	Adopt green technology policies and alternative energy systems in all public buildings and vehicles.	Policy	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff time, Village Staff time, contractor and construction costs (if not covered by grant funds)	NYS Energy Research and Development Authority: Flexible Technical Assistance Program; New Construction Program; Existing Facilities Program (through NYS CFA Application)	Year 3-5	3	Protect
		Conduct periodic energy audits of all municipal facilities to look for possible cost saving measures.	Policy	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Program: Energy Assessments (through NYS CFA Application)	Once Every 5 Years		
		Provide information about and encourage retrofits of private buildings to reduce energy costs and reduce fuel consumption.	Create Brochure	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3		
Protect aquifers and recharge areas from potential contamination and excessive development in order to sustain the clean and healthy drinking and irrigation water supplies that the community relies on.		Zoning Law Amendment	Town Board, Village Board & Planning Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 3-5			
Discourage development in floodplains and protected wetlands.		Zoning Law Amendment	Town Board, Village Board & Planning Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 3-5			

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Maintain a family-friendly Town and Village with a strong sense of community.	Create a safe and inviting pedestrian environment in the Village Center.	Improve sidewalks, throughout the Town and Village, and pedestrian facilities in the Village Center.	Capital Improvement	Town Board & Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Town Staff time, Village Staff time, contractor and construction costs (if not covered by grant funds)	New York Main Street Grant *Streetscape improvements must be part of a larger project; NYS DOT: Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP); Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); Safe Routes to School Program (through NYS CFA Application); Municipal Funds; Property Owner Funds	Year 3-5	4, 6 & 10	Enhance
		Install new sidewalks and appropriate crossings to key pedestrian generators such as hotels, restaurants and recreational facilities.	Capital Improvement	Town Board & Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Town Staff time, Village Staff time, contractor and construction costs (if not covered by grant funds)	New York Main Street Grant *Streetscape improvements must be part of a larger project; NYS DOT: Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP); Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); Safe Routes to School Program (through NYS CFA Application); Municipal Funds; Property Owner Funds	Year 3-5		
	Improve the circulation through the Seneca Street and Brutus Street intersection.	Work with State and local officials and agencies to improve traffic flow and operations through the intersection at peak periods.	Coordination/ Local Law	Town Board, Village Board	Town Staff time, Village Staff time, Sheriff's Office Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3	4	Protect
		Reduce truck traffic, noise, and traffic speed on State Route 34.	Coordination/ Local Law	Town Board, Village Board	Town Staff time, Village Staff time, Sheriff's Office Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 5-10	4	Protect
	Provide safe routes for students to walk to school.	Meet with local parents and students to develop a Safe Routes to School Program and to encourage parents and students to take advantage of safe routes to school.	Program Coordination	Town Board & Village Board	USDA Community Program: Community Facilities Program (through NYS CFA Application); Municipal Funds	NYS DOT: Safe Routes to School Program; Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP); Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (through NYS CFA Application)	Year 3-5	6 & 10	Protect
		Improve existing and construct new sidewalks and pedestrian crossings as needed in the residential neighborhoods within a one mile radius of the schools.	Capital Improvement	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time, School District Staff time	NYS DOT: Safe Routes to School Program; Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP); Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (through NYS CFA Application)	Year 3-5		
	Provide opportunities for life-long learning, adult education programs, English as a Second Language programs and GED programs in existing school facilities or in separate facilities.	Consider partnering with other communities to develop, construct and operate a community center facility to be used by the entire community and people of all age groups.	Capital Improvement	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff time, Village Staff time, contractor and construction costs (if not covered by grant funds)	USDA Community Program: Community Facilities Program (through NYS CFA Application); Municipal Funds (Brutus, Weedsport & Partner Communities)	Year 5-10	6	Provide

Goal	Objective	Action	Type	Implementation Responsibility	Budget Considerations	Funding Resources	Time Frame for Completion	Chapter	Vision
Maintain a family-friendly Town and Village with a strong sense of community.	Consolidate municipal facilities.	Combine Town offices, Village offices, the Fire department, and other public services together in a new shared building.	Capital Improvement	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff time, Village Staff time, contractor and construction costs (if not covered by grant funds)	USDA Community Program: Community Facilities Program (through NYS CFA Application); Municipal Funds	Year 1-3	6	Provide
	Improve communication throughout the community to actively engage community members in committees, events, etc.	Solicit input from community members to develop a list of potential volunteers which includes their areas of interest, expertise and contact information.	Policy	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3	6	Provide
		Improve coordination between the Town, Village and School District websites to cross-list events, meetings, etc.	Policy	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time, School District Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff, Village Staff, and School District Staff time	Year 1-3		
	Provide the school district with support which emphasizes their position as the center of the community.	Instill a sense of community pride in the students to encourage them to raise their future families in this community.	Program /Policy Development	Town Board & Village Board, School District	Town Staff & Village Staff time, School District Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 3-5 then Continuous	6	Enhance
		Work to incorporate locally sourced food and agricultural products into the school district.	Program Development	Town Board, Village Board & Town Agricultural Advisory Committee	Town Staff & Village Staff time, School District Staff time	NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets: Farm to School Program; National Farm to School Network	Year 1-3		
		Support the school district's efforts to foster civic engagement and entrepreneurialism among students.	Policy	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time, School District Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3		
	Secure the local employment base by providing opportunities for the expansion or relocation of advanced manufacturing employers.	Provide infrastructure improvements to targeted future industrial and commercial areas.	Capital Improvement	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff time, Village Staff time, contractor and construction costs (if not covered by grant funds)	Empire State Development Grant (through NYS CFA Application) * Can be used for investment in new infrastructure by installing new water and sewer lines to attract new businesses and expand existing businesses; Community Development Block Grant Program: Public Infrastructure (water/sewer/storm water) (through NYS CFA Application) *Can include sidewalks, streets, parking, open space and publically owned utilities at the same time if they relate to the project.	Year 3-5	1, 6 & 8	Enhance
		Work with the Cayuga County Economic Development Agency (CEDA) and the business community to form a joint public-private committee focused on the development of new businesses in the Town and Village.	Plan Coordination	Town Board, Village Board & CEDA	Town Staff & Village Staff time, CEDA Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time; CEDA Funds	Year 3-5	8	
		Coordinate with Amtrak, CSX, the NYS DOT, and neighboring communities to study the feasibility of developing a commuter rail line between Rochester and Syracuse which would pass through the Town and the Village.	Plan Coordination	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time, Consultant Fees	NYS DOT: Transportation Enhancement Program. (TEP); Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (through NYS CFA Application)	Year 5-10	4 & 8	

Goal	Objective	Action	Type	Implementation Responsibility	Budget Considerations	Funding Resources	Time Frame for Completion	Chapter	Vision
Maintain a family-friendly Town and Village with a strong sense of community.	Promote entrepreneurship.	Identify and partner with small business development programs.	Program Development	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time, CEDA Staff time, CCPED Staff time	NYS Small Business Development Center	Year 1-3	8	Enhance
		Work with the business community to form a joint public-private committee focused on the development of new small businesses.	Plan Coordination	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 3-5		
	Encourage internet based home occupation businesses and telecommuting opportunities.	Update Zoning Regulations to permit internet based home occupation businesses by right.	Zoning Law Amendment	Town Board, Village Board & Planning Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3	8	Enhance
		Conduct a study to identify the areas in the community where high speed internet service is either limited or not available; and a feasibility study for bringing reliable high speed internet to the community.	Conduct Study	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time, Consultant Fees	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time and Consultant Fees	Year 1-3	6 & 8	
		Upgrade cable and internet infrastructure and access throughout the community.	Grant Application	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Connect NY Broadband Grant Program	Year 3-5	6 & 8	
	Increase the safety for drivers and pedestrians on local roadways.	Work with local, County and State Police to enforce traffic rules and speeds, especially at peak travel hours; and promote education and traffic safety throughout the Town and Village.	Coordination/ Local Law	Town Board, Village Board, NYS Police Dept. & County Sheriff's Office	Town Staff time, Village Staff time, Sheriff's Office Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3	6 & 10	Protect
		Work with local, County and State transportation officials to identify existing and potential safety issues and develop targeted mitigation measures.	Coordination/ Local Law	Town Board, Village Board, NYS Police Dept. & County Sheriff's Office	Town Staff time, Village Staff time, Sheriff's Office Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3		
		Conduct an inventory of public sidewalks and curbing which needs to be replaced or upgraded.	Conduct Study	Village Board	Village Department of Public Works Staff time	Allocation of funding for Village Staff time	Year 1-3		
		Create and maintain a Public Infrastructure database identifying types; locations; status and repairs needed; and estimated costs for repairs for items such as sidewalks, curbing, utility lines, pavement, etc. Update it regularly as infrastructure improvements are made.	Policy	Town Board & Village Board	Village Department of Public Works Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3 then Continuous		
		Upgrade or repair public sidewalks and curbing which have been identified in the Public Infrastructure database.	Capital Improvement	Village Board	Town Staff time, Village Staff time, contractor and construction costs (if not covered by grant funds)	New York Main Street Grant *Streetscape improvements must be part of a larger project; NYS DOT: Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP); Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); Safe Routes to School Program (through NYS CFA Application); Municipal Funds; Property Owner Funds	Year 3-5		
	Strengthen Building and Zoning Code Enforcement in both the Town and Village.	Provide additional administrative support staff to the Code Enforcement Officer.	Policy	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time.	Year 1-3	10	Protect
Increase the hours that the Code Enforcement Officer is available in the community.		Policy	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3			

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Maintain a family-friendly Town and Village with a strong sense of community.	Strengthen Building and Zoning Code Enforcement in both the Town and Village. (Cont.)	Amend both the Town and Village zoning codes to strengthen the authority of the Code Enforcement Officer to issue and enforce violations.	Zoning Law Amendment	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3	10	Protect
	Increase Public Safety during an Emergency weather event or other disaster.	Work with the Cayuga County Emergency Management Services to develop an emergency action plan which includes an evacuation route and an emergency warning system.	Plan/Policy Coordination	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time; Cayuga County Funds	Year 1-3	10	Protect
		Distribute information regarding the emergency action plan, evacuation route and emergency warning system to the residents of the community; and make this information publically accessible.	Create Brochure/Mailing	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time; Cayuga County Funds	Year 1-3		
	Prevent Damage from Flooding	Update the Zoning Code to create a Flood Zone Overlay District to strengthen the regulations for development in a flood plain based upon the provisions of both the Town and Village's Flood Damage Prevention laws.	Zoning Law Amendment	Town Board, Village Board & Planning Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3	10	Protect
		Develop a debris control plan for Cold Spring Brook and Putnam Brook, and work with NYS DEC and landowners to regularly clear debris from the streams.	Plan Coordination	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time with assistance from CCPED	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3		
		Develop a comprehensive beaver management plan along flood-prone streams and marshes in the Town.	Plan	Town Board	Town Staff time with assistance from Cayuga County and NYS DEC	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3		
		Develop and maintain a database of residential and commercial property flood damage, including permit history for repairs.	Policy	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff with assistance from Cayuga County, NYS OEM and FEMA	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3		
		Mark high water levels and regulatory Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) on utility poles.	Policy	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff with assistance from Cayuga County, NYS OEM and FEMA	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3		
		Identify the cause of ice blockages occurring on Putnam Brook and develop a plan to mitigate.	Plan	Town Board	Town Staff time with assistance from Cayuga County	FEMA Mitigation Grants; Municipal Funds	Year 5-10		
		Evaluate cost-effectiveness of relocating or elevating equipment at the Weedsport Sewage Plant and Town Highway Garage to protect from future flood damage.	Grant Application	Town Board & Village Board	Town & Village Engineer/NFIP Floodplain Administrator with assistance from CCPED, NYS OEM & FEMA	FEMA Mitigation Grants	Year 5-10		
		Strengthen the review procedures for stormwater management in the Town and Village Codes.	Policy	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3		
	Strengthen the resilience of the community to overcome natural hazards and disasters.	Create Mutual Aid agreements with neighboring towns, villages, and fire departments for continuity of operations during disasters.	Intermunicipal Coordination	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time with assistance from Cayuga County, NYS OEM, FEMA and surrounding municipalities	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3	10	Protect
		Obtain and install emergency generators for the School District Bus Garage, the Town Highway Garage, and Town Hall.	Grant Application	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time with assistance from Cayuga County, NYS OEM and FEMA	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3		
		Procure and install backup generators at the elementary and high schools if used as an evacuation site.	Grant Application	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time with assistance from Cayuga County, NYS OEM and FEMA	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3		
		Identify and upgrade outdated and failing drinking water infrastructure in the Village.	Capital Improvement	Village Board	Village Staff time, contractor and construction costs (if not covered by grant funds)	Community Development Block Grant Program: Public Infrastructure (water/sewer/storm water) (through NYS CFA Application) *Can include sidewalks, streets, parking, open space and publically owned utilities at the same time if they relate to the project.	Year 3-5	6 & 10	

Goal	Objective	Action	Type	Implementation Responsibility	Budget Considerations	Funding Resources	Time Frame for Completion	Chapter	Vision
Proactively support agriculture.	Support current and future farm businesses by building public support for agriculture and farmland protection in the Town supporting economic opportunities for local farmers and related businesses.	Encourage agribusiness to locate in the Town's commercial and industrial zones.	Zoning Law Amendment	Town Agricultural Advisory Committee, Planning Board, CCPED, CEDA	Volunteer Committee time & Town Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time	Year 1-3	8 & 9	Preserve
		Work with the Cayuga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to update the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.	Coordination	Town Agricultural Advisory Committee, Town Board, CCPED	Volunteer Committee time & Town Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time	Year 1-3		
		Encourage farmers to seek positions on all local boards in order to have consistent representation from the farm community in all aspects of local government.	Policy	Town Agricultural Advisory Committee	Volunteer Committee time	N/A	Year 1 then Annually		
	Educate the non-farm public in the Town of Brutus about the value and current state of agriculture in the Town and how to have a good relationship with neighboring farms.	Consider establishing a regular Town newsletter on the internet which consistently includes articles about agriculture and related issues identified in the draft plan.	Create Newsletter	Town Board with assistance from the Town Agricultural Advisory Committee	Town Staff time & Volunteer Committee time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time	Year 1-3	9	Preserve
		Utilize the "Town of Brutus Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan" publication to promote the benefits of agriculture to the Town.	Create Brochure/ Mailing	Town Board with assistance from the Town Agricultural Advisory Committee	Town Staff time & Volunteer Committee time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time and postage	Year 1-3		
		Work with the Town of Brutus Historical Museum to develop a display to promote agriculture.	Create Display	Town Agricultural Advisory Committee with assistance from Town Staff	Volunteer Committee time & some possible Town Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time	Year 3-5		
		Work with local schools to encourage the implementation of or support established Agriculture in the Classroom programs.	Program Development	Town Agricultural Advisory Committee, local Farm Bureau & Cornell Cooperative Extension Educators	Volunteer Committee time & some possible Town Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time	Year 1-3		
	Protect farmland by identifying high quality agricultural lands in the Town of Brutus that are at risk for conversion and adopting appropriate protection strategies and tools.	Establish a local Farmland Protection Program to permanently protect blocks of high quality farmland in Brutus.	Program Development & Grant Application	Town Board & Planning Board with assistance from Town Attorney, Town Staff, Town Agricultural Advisory Committee and the County AFPB	Town Staff time, Volunteer Committee time, Grant Writer for PDR applications	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time and a Grant Writer	Year 5-10	9	Protect
		Evaluate the potential for adopting a term conservation easement law.	Resolution	Town Board, Planning Board, Town Attorney & CCPED	Town Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time	Year 5-10		
		Consider the creation of an Agricultural Zoning District.	Zoning Law Amendment	Town Board, Planning Board & Town Attorney	Town Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time	Year 1-3		
	Protect the town's rural character by evaluating the impacts of farm and forestland on local taxes and the demand for public services and working to encourage siting of non-farm public infrastructure near the Village and other developed areas.	Annually distribute information to agricultural landowners about property tax relief programs such as agricultural assessment, farm building exemptions and Farmer's School Tax Credit to insure that farmland owners are taking advantage of existing programs.	Policy, Create Brochure/ Mailing	Town Assessor to get information for tax billing	Town Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time and postage	Year 1-3	9	Protect
		Encourage adoption of agricultural assessment values in current and future special taxing jurisdictions (fire, ambulance, library, etc.).	Policy/Local Law	Town Board with assistance from the Town Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Town Attorney	Town Staff time & Volunteer Committee time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time	Year 3-5		
Promote more rigorous consideration of the growth inducing and fiscal impacts of road, sewer and water infrastructure in an Agricultural Zone that may be formed, or in proximity to working farms regardless of the zoning district in which they are located.		Policy	Town Board & Planning Board	Town Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff time	Year 3-5			

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Attract visitors and tourists.	Improve marketing of public events, facilities, and recreational opportunities.	Form a Brutus-Weedsport marketing committee to develop a marketing plan for the community and to promote the community to visitors.	Plan Development	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 3-5	5	Enhance
		Work with local real estate agencies to promote the school district and community.	Create Brochure	Brutus-Weedsport Marketing Committee (Result of Action Above)	Staff & Volunteer time	Municipal & Donated Funds	Year 3-5		
	Support community events.	Provide organizational support to the Cayuga County Agricultural Society to keep the Cayuga County fair going.	Program Coordination	Cayuga County Agricultural Society	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3	5	Enhance
		Work with the owner(s) of the Speedway to promote and assist with development of that property.	Program Coordination	Brutus-Weedsport Marketing Committee	Staff & Volunteer time	Municipal & Donated Funds	Year 1-3		
		Organize new events and increase marketing of existing community events to attract visitors.	Program Coordination	Brutus-Weedsport Marketing Committee	Staff & Volunteer time with assistance from the Weedsport Chamber of Commerce	Municipal & Donated Funds	Year 3-5		
	Maintain and develop new opportunities along the community's trail network.	Create a Joint Parks and Recreation Department to: oversee future recreational development plans in the community; and to lead, organize and supervise community recreation events at public recreation spaces including at the school.	Policy & Resolution	Town Board & Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time, allocation of funding for future department budget and staff time	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time	Year 1-3	5	Preserve
		Create and maintain a database of the maintenance costs associated with each of the existing Town and Village public parks and trails.	Create Database	Town Board, Village Board & Joint Parks and Recreation Department (Result of Action Above)	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3		
		Prioritize the existing Town and Village public parks and trails for maintenance projects.	Policy	Town Board, Village Board & Joint Parks and Recreation Department	Town Staff & Village Staff time	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3		
		Secure more funding to maintain existing trails in the Town and Village.	Grant Application	Town Board, Village Board & Joint Parks and Recreation Department	Town Staff & Village Staff time, Consultant Fees for Grant Writing	NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation: Recreational Trails Program (through NYS CFA Application); Cayuga County Health Department: Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work & Play Grant	Year 1-3		
		Expand the number of trail routes and trail uses in the community with side-by-side right of ways to accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, horses, snowmobiles, etc.	Capital Improvement & Program Development	Town Board, Village Board & Joint Parks and Recreation Department	Town Staff & Village Staff time, Consultant Fees for design work, Construction costs and Contractor Fees	NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation: Recreational Trails Program; NYS DOT: Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (through NYS CFA Application); Cayuga County Health Department: Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work & Play Grant	Year 3-5		
		Provide public parking facilities for the community trail network for year-round access to the trails. Also install wayfinding signage to direct users to the appropriate parking areas for the trails (based on use i.e. snowmobiling vs. hiking).	Capital Improvement	Town Board, Village Board & Joint Parks and Recreation Department	Town Staff & Village Staff time, Consultant Fees for design work, Construction costs and Contractor Fees	NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation: Recreational Trails Program; NYS DOT: Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (through NYS CFA Application)	Year 1-3		

Goal	Objective	Action	Type	Implementation Responsibility	Budget Considerations	Funding Resources	Time Frame for Completion	Chapter	Vision
Attract visitors and tourists.	Maintain and develop new opportunities along the community's trail network. (Cont.)	Construct a paved trail linking the Village Center to Aqueduct Park; and improve the connection and accessibility from Aqueduct Park to the Old Erie Canal Trail north of the Village by adding signage, lighting, paving off-street trail sections, and additional amenities where appropriate.	Capital Improvement	Town Board, Village Board & Joint Parks and Recreation Department	Town Staff & Village Staff time, Consultant Fees for design work, Construction costs and Contractor Fees	NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation: Recreational Trails Program; NYS DOT: Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (through NYS CFA Application)	Year 1-3	5	Preserve
	Capitalize on the history and recreational opportunities along the Erie Canal.	Provide canoeing and kayaking opportunities along the Erie Canal and construct a public canoe/kayak launch facility on the Seneca River in the Town.	Capital Improvement	Joint Parks and Recreation Department	Town Staff & Village Staff time, Consultant Fees for design work, Construction costs and Contractor Fees	NYS Canalway Grant Program; and NYS DOT: Transportation Enhancement Program. (TEP); Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); NYS DOS Office of Communities & Waterfronts: Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (through NYS CFA Application)	Year 1-3	5	Enhance
		Work with the Village of Port Byron, the Town of Mentz and applicable State agencies to re-water the portion of the Erie Canal which passes through the Town of Brutus from Aqueduct Park to the Rudolph J. Schasel Park in Port Byron.	Capital Improvement	Joint Parks and Recreation Department with assistance from the Town Board and Village Board	Town Staff & Village Staff time, Consultant Fees for design work, Construction costs and Contractor Fees	NYS Canalway Grant Program; and NYS DOT: Transportation Enhancement Program. (TEP); Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); NYS DOS Office of Communities & Waterfronts: Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (through NYS CFA Application)	Year 5-10		
		Encourage the development of recreational equipment sales, service and rental businesses in the community (e.g. a bicycle or canoe shop).	Policy/Outreach	Brutus-Weedsport Marketing Committee	Staff & Volunteer time	Municipal & Donated Funds	Year 3-5		
	Create a Downtown Revitalization Committee to promote the Village Center, develop and manage a Main Street Program, and develop Design Guidelines and Streetscape Design Standards for the Village Center.	Form the Village of Weedsport Downtown Revitalization Committee	Resolution	Village Board	Village Staff time with assistance from CCPED	Allocation of funding for Village Staff time	Day 1	7	Enhance & Preserve
		Adopt building Design Guidelines and Signage Regulations for private and public signs to create a harmonious look throughout the Village Center.	Policy	Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Village Staff time, Committee member time and possible Consultant fees for design work	Municipal Funds; Citizens Institute on Rural Design	Year 1		
		Adopt Streetscape Design Standards which identifies specific improvements and changes which should be made to the Village streets and right-of-ways...complementing the Design Guidelines.	Policy	Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Village Staff time, Committee member time and possible Consultant fees for design work	Municipal Funds; Citizens Institute on Rural Design	Year 1	7	Enhance & Preserve
		Design and install new "Welcome to..." signs for the community to be located on Weedsport-Sennett Road and on State Route 34 north of the Village which complements the other four existing "mural" style gateway signs.	Capital Improvement	Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Village Staff time, Committee member time, possible Consultant fees for design work, sign and installation costs	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3		

Goal	Objective	Action	Type	Implementation Responsibility	Budget Considerations	Funding Resources	Time Frame for Completion	Chapter	Vision
Attract visitors and tourists.	Create a Downtown Revitalization Committee to promote the Village Center, develop and manage a Main Street Program, and develop Design Guidelines and Streetscape Design Standards for the Village Center.(cont.)	Design and install directory and way-finding signs for visitors and tourists.	Capital Improvement	Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Village Staff time, Committee member time, possible Consultant fees for design work, sign and installation costs	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3	7	Enhance & Preserve
		Apply for and administer Main Street grant funding to help property owners with renovation and façade improvement projects.	Grant Application	Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Village Staff time, Committee member time, CCPED Staff time	New York Main Street Grant (through NYS CFA Application)	Year 1		
	Update zoning regulations for the Village Center to encourage downtown revitalization of commercial and residential areas, and to enforce Design Guidelines and Streetscape Design Standards developed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee.	Adopt Site Plan Review regulations and procedures into the Zoning Code for the Village Center.	Zoning Amendment	Village Board & Planning Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Village Staff time & Committee member time	Allocation of funding for Village Staff time	Year 1-3	7	Enhance & Preserve
	Improve public spaces in the Village Center to compliment the Streetscape Design Standards developed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee.	Add landscaping to the municipal parking lot in the Village Center, including creating a green space to provide an aesthetically pleasing buffer between East Brutus Street and the municipal parking lot.	Capital Improvement	Village Board & Dept. of Public Works with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee and the School District	Village Staff & Volunteer time, Design and Planting costs	NYS DEC: School Seedling Program (can get up to 50 free trees to be planted by students at the school, in a park, along a roadside, or at public buildings); NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation: Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP); Municipal Funds	Year 1-3	7	Enhance & Preserve
		Redesign Whittler's green to make it more comfortable and inviting for people.	Capital Improvement	Downtown Revitalization Committee & Dept. of Public Works	Town Staff & Village Staff time, possible Consultant Fees for design work, Construction costs and Contractor Fees	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3		
		Clearly mark, identify, and provide signs for existing public parking spaces to encourage the use of available parking in the Village Center.	Capital Improvement	Village Board & Dept. of Public Works	Village Staff time and construction costs	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3		
	Upgrade or relocate utility infrastructure to compliment the Streetscape Design Standards developed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee.	Add light fixtures that fit with the historic character of the Village Center.	Capital Improvement	Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Town Staff & Village Staff time, possible Consultant Fees for design work, Construction costs and Contractor Fees	New York Main Street Grant (through NYS CFA Application) * Can be incorporated as part of streetscape improvements	Year 1-3	6 & 7	Provide
		Bury utility lines in the Village Center.	Capital Improvement	Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Town Staff & Village Staff time, possible Consultant Fees for design work, Construction costs and Contractor Fees	**There is potential for this project to be funded as a part of a larger streetscape project through the multiple grants which have been identified for streetscape improvements; Municipal Funds/Bonds	Year 10+		

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Attract visitors and tourists.	Work with State and local officials and agencies to implement the Streetscape Design Standards developed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee.	Install a bike lane on State Route 31.	Capital Improvement	Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Town Staff & Village Staff time, Coordination with NYS DOT, possible Consultant Fees for design work, Construction costs and Contractor Fees	NYS DOT: Transportation Enhancement Program. (TEP); Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (through NYS CFA Application)	Year 1-3	7	Provide
		Construct “bump outs” at street crossings to reduce crossing distance and improve pedestrian safety.	Capital Improvement	Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Town Staff & Village Staff time, Coordination with NYS DOT, possible Consultant Fees for design work, Construction costs and Contractor Fees	NYS DOT: Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS)	Year 1-3		
		Move sidewalks back from the curb and install green strips and large trees along streets and front yards in the Village Center where feasible to create a more inviting pedestrian environment.	Capital Improvement	Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Town Staff & Village Staff time, Coordination with NYS DOT, possible Consultant Fees for design work, Construction costs and Contractor Fees	NYS DOT: Transportation Enhancement Program. (TEP); Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) (through NYS CFA Application)	Year 1-3		
		Incorporate the backside of commercial buildings along Route 31 in any streetscape plan for the Village Center.	Policy	Village Board with assistance from the Downtown Revitalization Committee	Village Staff time, Committee member time and possible Consultant fees for design work	Municipal Funds; Citizens Institute on Rural Design	Year 1		
	Target growth of businesses which support the Erie Canal and the Finger Lakes brand.	Encourage the development of retail businesses in the community which promote the various amenities of the Erie Canal and the Finger Lakes Region (e.g. canoe and kayaking rentals; tasting and sales of local wines).	Policy/ Outreach	Brutus-Weedsport Marketing Committee with assistance from the Finger Lakes Wine Country Tourism Marketing Association and the Cayuga County Office of Tourism	Staff & Volunteer time	CDBG Economic Development Funding; Small Business Assistance (through NYS CFA Application); Town of Brutus: CDBG Revolving Loan Fund Program; Micro Loan Program (through Town of Brutus application)	Year 3-5	8	Enhance
	Provide support for local organizations and community groups which work to improve the community and enhance tourism opportunities.	Develop and maintain a database of funding sources and opportunities that the Town, Village and local organizations and groups can utilize.	Create Brochure & Database	Town Board & Village Board	Staff time and Printing Fees	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time and Printing Fees	Year 1-3 then Continuous	8	Provide
		Develop and maintain a database of locations in the Town and Village that community groups can use for meetings. Include a contact number and the night(s) and hours for each week that each facility/room will be available. Make this list available to the public.	Create Brochure & Database	Town Board & Village Board	Staff time and Printing Fees	Allocation of funding for Town Staff & Village Staff time and Printing Fees	Year 1-3 then Continuous		
		Coordinate with other Cayuga County Erie Canal communities (which have stops along the canal) and develop a symbiotic relationship to actively promote each other’s activities and community events in order to increase regional canal tourism.	Policy Coordination	Brutus-Weedsport Marketing Committee	Staff & Volunteer time with staff time from participating communities	Municipal Funds	Year 1-3 then Continuous		
		Work with the Cayuga County Tourism Office to develop a local tourism office in order to provide more publically accessible and visible tourist information about the community and region.	Program Development	Brutus-Weedsport Marketing Committee with assistance from the Cayuga County Office of Tourism	Staff & Volunteer time, Consultant Fees for design work, Construction costs, Contractor Fees and funds for Marketing	Municipal Funds (possible reuse of the Town Hall after the Town and Village consolidate facilities)	Year 5-10		

**CONCLUSION OF THE TOWN OF BRUTUS & VILLAGE OF WEEDSPORT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

SEE APPENDIX A FOR THE COMMUNITY SURVEY (bound separately)

APPENDIX A



COMMUNITY LINK PROGRAM

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A Study Conducted for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction: This study reports the results of a survey of the residents of the Town of Brutus and Village of Weedsport. The results will be presented in a report to the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus Joint Comprehensive Planning Committee. This report will be used as a compiled source of public input as committee members create the Comprehensive Plan.

Methods: The data were collected from a survey that was available in both online and paper formats. Surveys were completed between September 14 and October 2, 2012. From the target population of 4,464 residents, 318 responses were collected (7%). 141 respondents completed the survey online (44%), while 177 respondents completed a paper copy of the survey (56%). 59 responses were removed from the sample because respondents indicated that they fell outside of the target population, leaving a sample size of 259 (6% of the target population). The survey may not accurately reflect the target population.

Findings:

1. Respondents considered “clean water and air” the most important community issue (4.8).
2. Respondents were most satisfied with the current condition of “clean water and air” in Weedsport and Brutus (4.2).
3. 54% of respondents said the Town and Village should “do more to encourage” future residential development. (n=223)
4. The most respondents (68%) considered “near the Village, but outside the Village limits” an appropriate area for new residential development. (n=216)
5. The most respondents (91%) said that “single-family homes” are an appropriate type of new residential development for Weedsport and Brutus. (n=239)
6. The most respondents (72%) said that housing “for families with children” is a type of housing that is needed in Weedsport and Brutus. (n=229)
7. 86% of respondents said that the Town and Village should not relax enforcement of building codes and zoning. (n=227)
8. 63% of respondents said that water and sewer services should be extended into areas that do not have service now. (n=256)
9. 86% of respondents said that the Town and Village should “do more to encourage” shops, restaurants, and other commercial activity. (n=245)
10. The most respondents (69%) said that “in the commercial center of the Village” is an appropriate location for commercial development. (n=223)
11. 59% of respondents think the Town and Village should “do more to encourage” industrial activity. (n=218)
12. The most respondents (52%) said that “elsewhere in the Town of Brutus outside the Village” is an appropriate location for industrial development. (n=195)
13. The most respondents (44%) said that restaurants or coffee shops were a type of retail business or service that they would like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus. (n=175)
14. The most respondents (62%) said that the Town and Village should “organize events to attract people” in order to improve the commercial center of the Village. (n=238)
15. 53% of respondents said that they were concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads. (n=240)

16. The most respondents (44%) identified Route 34 as a road on which they were worried about heavy traffic or speeding. (n=124)
17. 64% of respondents were not sure of or against the extension of sidewalks or off-street routes for walking into areas that do not have them now. (n=247)
18. 60% of respondents said that “walking/bicycling trails in the historic Erie canal corridor” is a recreational activity that they would like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus. (n=210)
19. 76% of respondents said that the Town and Village should “do more to encourage” green technology. (n=224)
20. The most respondents (25%) described there being growth or more businesses and attractions as a part of their visions of Weedsport and Brutus in the future. (n=185)

INTRODUCTION

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METHODS

How Data Were Collected

Instrument Design: The paper survey was created by Gabriel Holbrow of the Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development with assistance from Bo Stewart and the Weedsport and Brutus Joint Comprehensive Planning Committee. The online version of the survey was designed to resemble the paper version as much as possible.

Data Collection Method: Postcards were mailed to all 1,390 owners of property in Weedsport and Brutus on Tuesday, September 18. The postcards explained the purpose of the survey and listed the web address for the online survey, as well as a list of locations where a paper version of the survey could be obtained and returned. The survey was promoted in a variety of other ways, as well (see Figure 1 for a breakdown of promotion methods). Respondents completed the online survey between Friday, September 14 and Wednesday, October 10. Paper versions of the survey were first available for residents to pick up at the Town and Village offices on Monday, September 17. The final completed paper surveys were collected on Wednesday, October 10. 318 surveys were completed. Of these, 141 were completed online and 177 were completed on paper.

Figure 1
Survey Promotion Methods

Method	Details
Web links	Web links to the online survey were posted on the websites of the Town of Brutus, Weedsport Central School District, and the Weedsport and Brutus Joint Comprehensive Planning Committee.
Advertisements	The survey was advertised in the <i>Port Byron Shopping Guide</i> and <i>Inport Magazine</i> . These are both free local publications that are distributed to addresses in the Town and Village.
Announcements	Announcements were made at various local churches and at the Central Weedsport High School football game on October 5.
Homework requirement	Some students at Weedsport Central High School were required to complete the survey as homework for history class.
School district e-newsletter	Information about the survey and how to complete it were included in the September edition of the Weedsport Central School District's e-newsletter.

Target Population and Sample: The target population consists of all 4,464 residents of the Town of Brutus (which includes the 1,815 residents of the Village of Weedsport). Due to the data collection method, the sampling frame cannot be determined. 59 of the 318 completed responses indicated that the respondent “lived outside the Town of Brutus.” These responses were removed, as they fall outside of the target population. The sample consisted of the remaining 259 responses (5.8% of the target population).

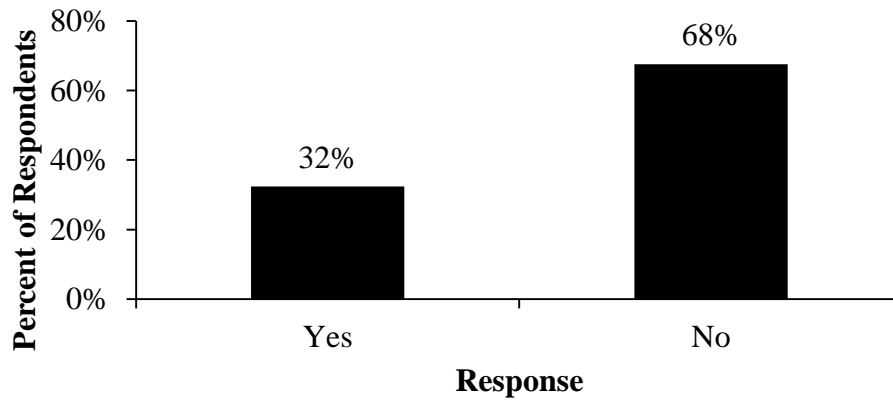
Quality of Data

Representativeness: The sample may not accurately reflect the target population. Village residents were overrepresented in the sample by 15% (they make up 41 % of the target population but 56% of the sample). Renters were underrepresented in the sample. They make up 20% of the target population, but only 8% of the target population. Those between the ages of 18 and 55 were also underrepresented in the sample by 10%. Those over 55 year of age were overrepresented by 10% (see Figure 2). More involved members of the community may also be overrepresented due to the fact that they had more exposure to advertising and information about the survey than residents who are less involved in the community. Graphs displaying more demographic information about the sample are shown on the following pages. Readers can use their own judgment to evaluate the quality of the sample.

**Figure 2
Demographics (Sample vs. Target Population)**

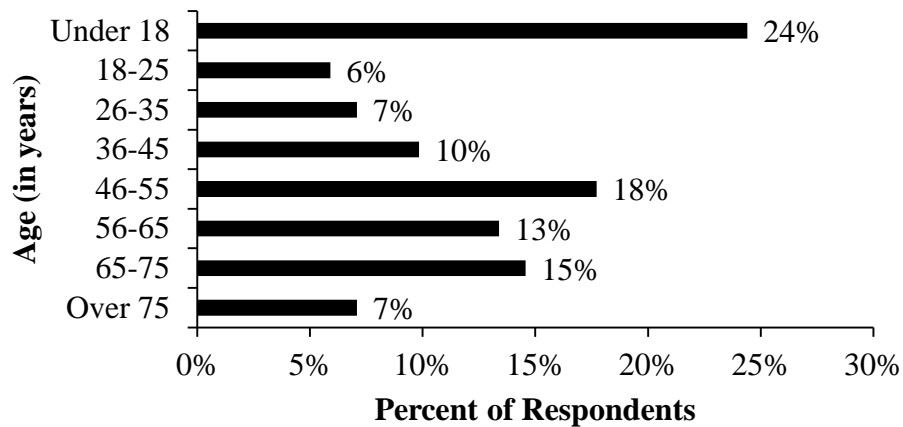
	Sample	Target population
Residence		
Village of Weedsport	56%	41%
Town of Brutus (outside of Village)	44%	59%
Age		
Under 18	24%	23%
18-55	41%	51%
Over 55	35%	25%
Housing Status		
Own	92%	80%
Rent	8%	20%

**Whether or Not Respondents Own or Work at a
Business in Weedsport or Brutus
n=250**

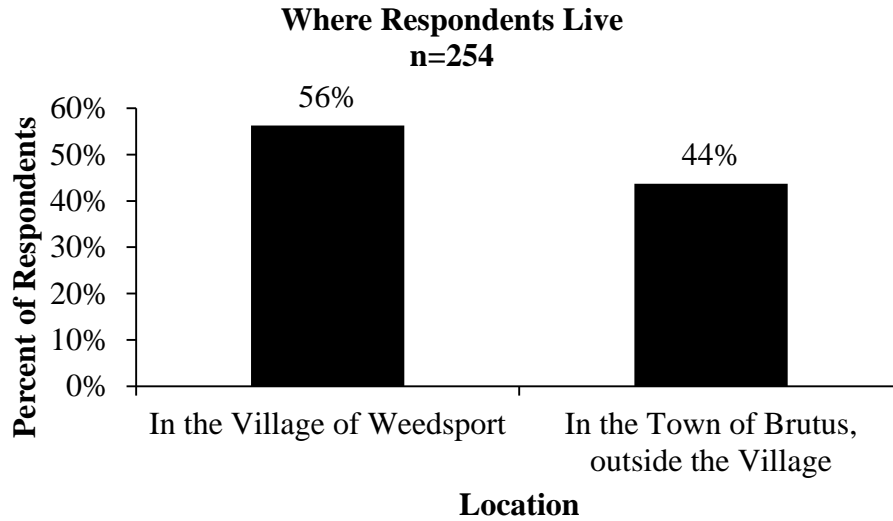


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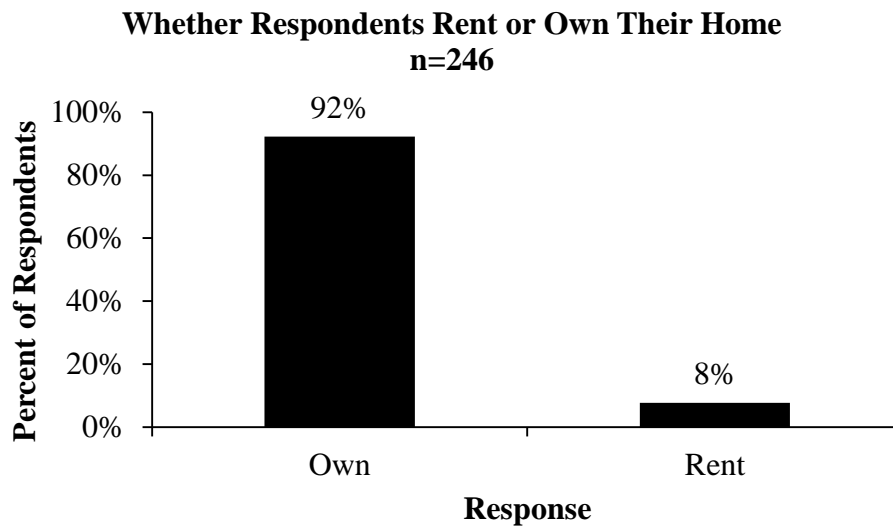
**Age of Respondents
n=254**



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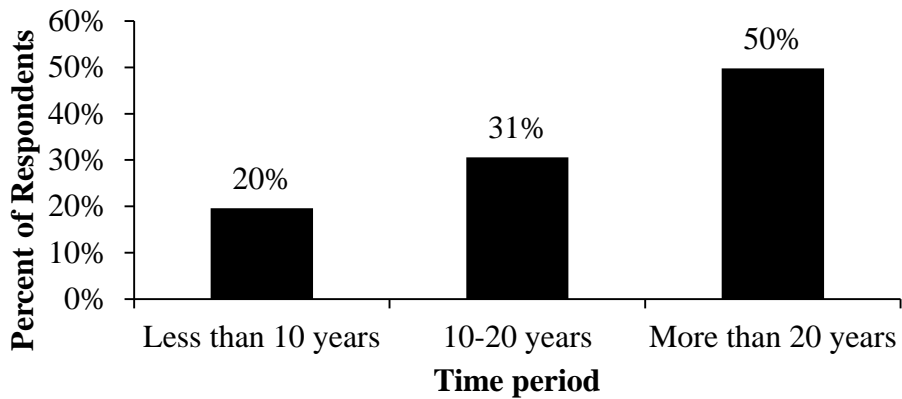


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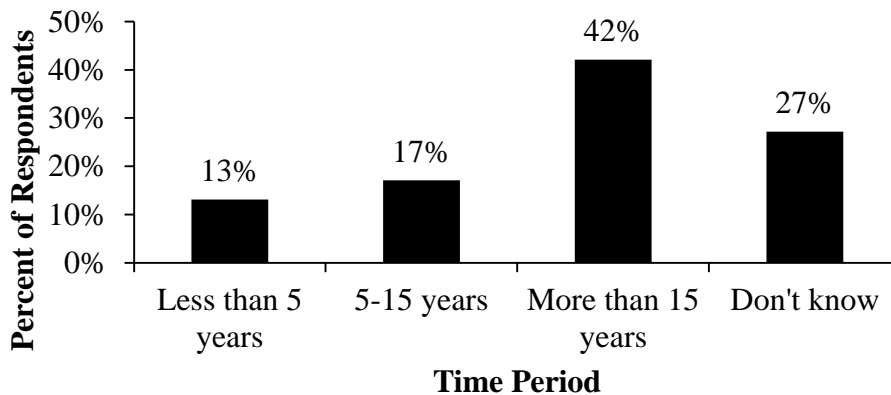
How Long Respondents Have Lived in Weedsport or Brutus
n=255



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Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding.

How Far into the Future Respondents Plan on Living in Weedsport or Brutus
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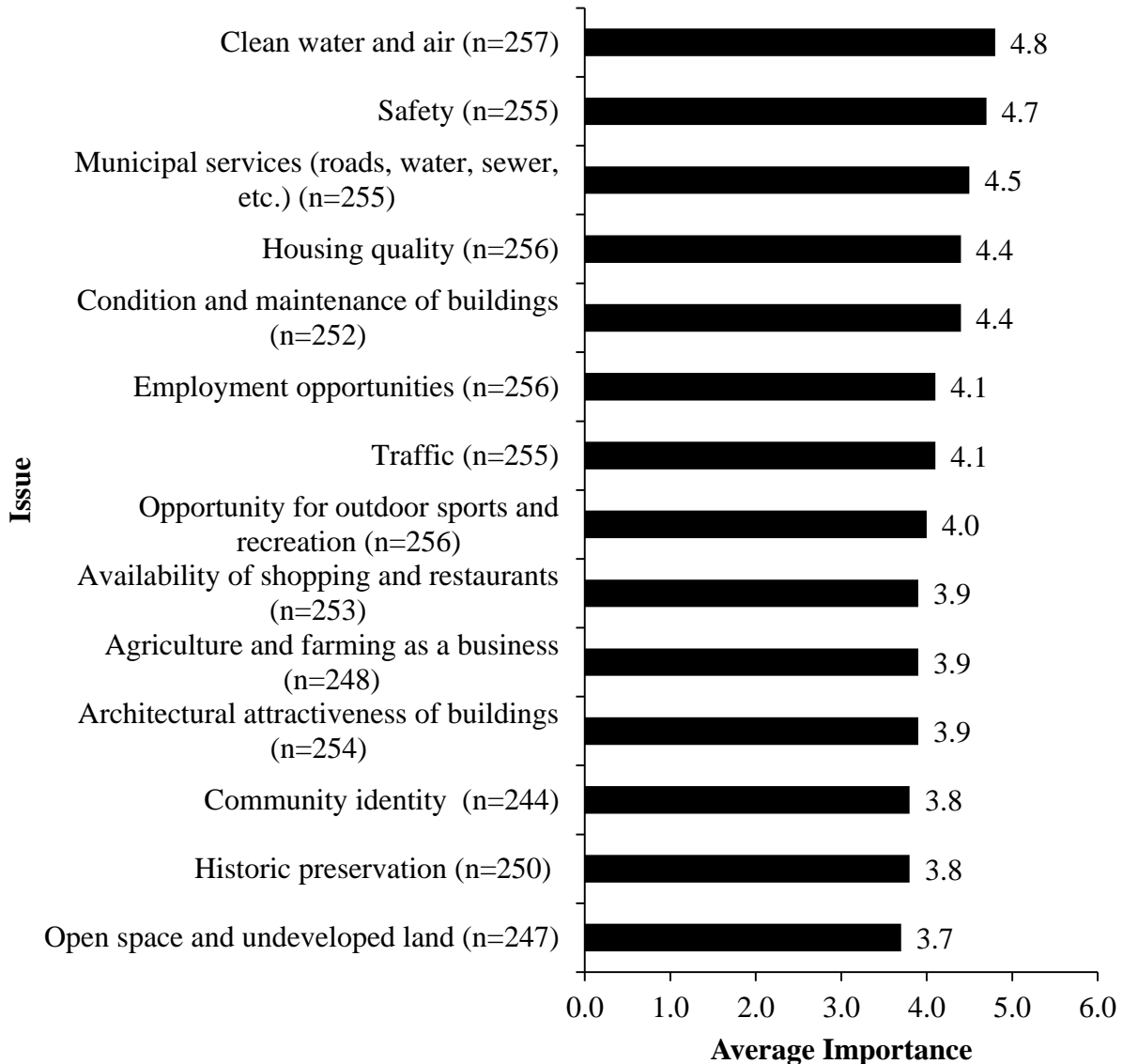
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Accuracy: The table format of the first two questions may have caused some respondents to make mistakes while recording their responses. Some respondents filled in two responses on one line, and no answers on the line either above or below that line. In cases where respondents chose more than one response, the response was treated as a non-answer. Other inaccuracies may stem from the fact that a few open ended responses were thrown out because they were either illegible or unintelligible.

FINDINGS

1. Respondents considered “clean water and air” the most important community issue (4.8).

Importance Level that Respondents Give Community Issues

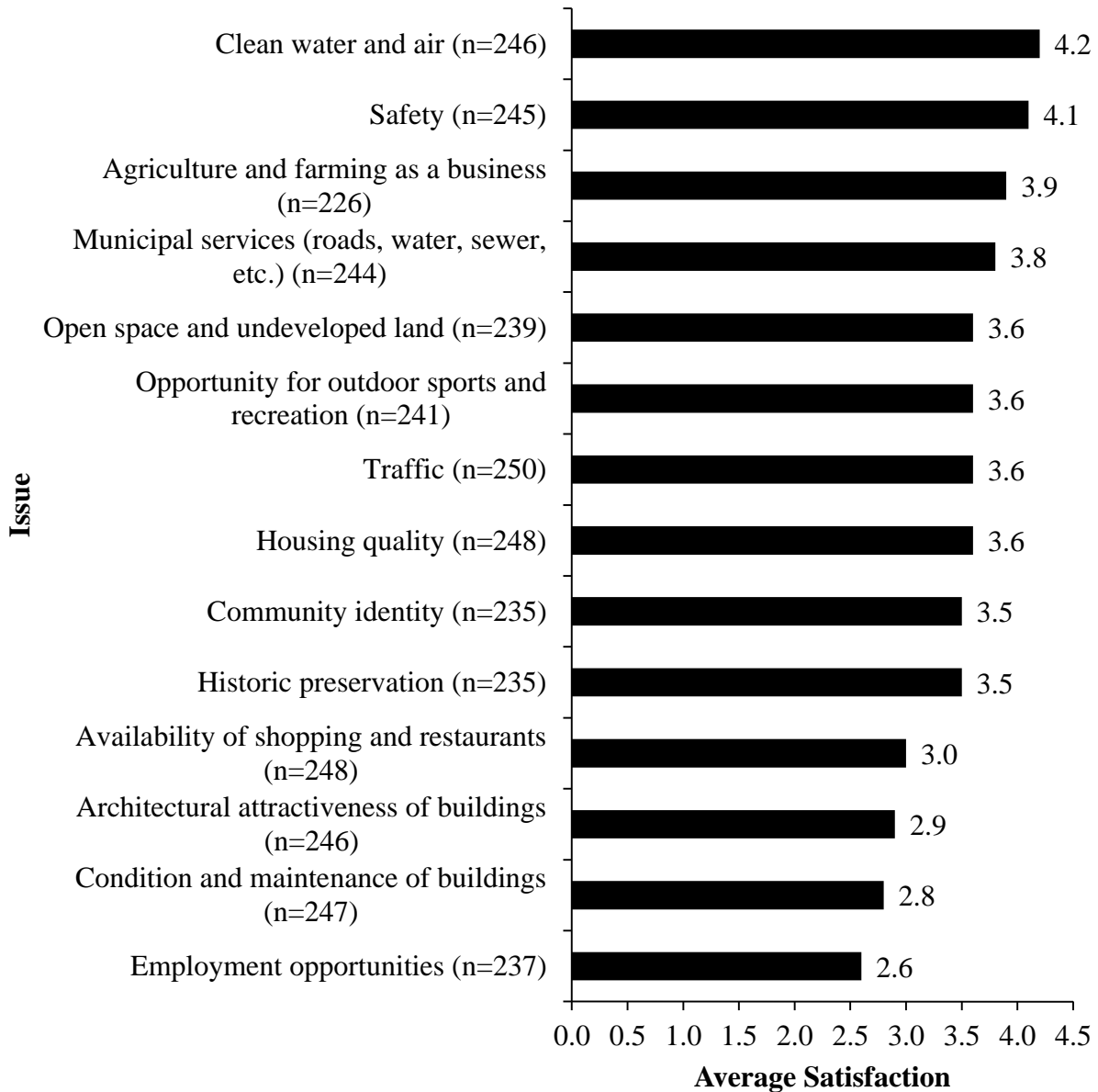


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Comment: Importance ratings were on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being “Not Important,” 2 being “Little Importance,” 3 being “Some Importance,” 4 being “Important,” and 5 being “Very Important.” The score is the average for each issue. The above finding is based on survey question 1. See Appendix II for frequencies. See Appendix V for original bar graphs.

2. Respondents were most satisfied with the current condition of “clean water and air” in Weedsport and Brutus (4.2).

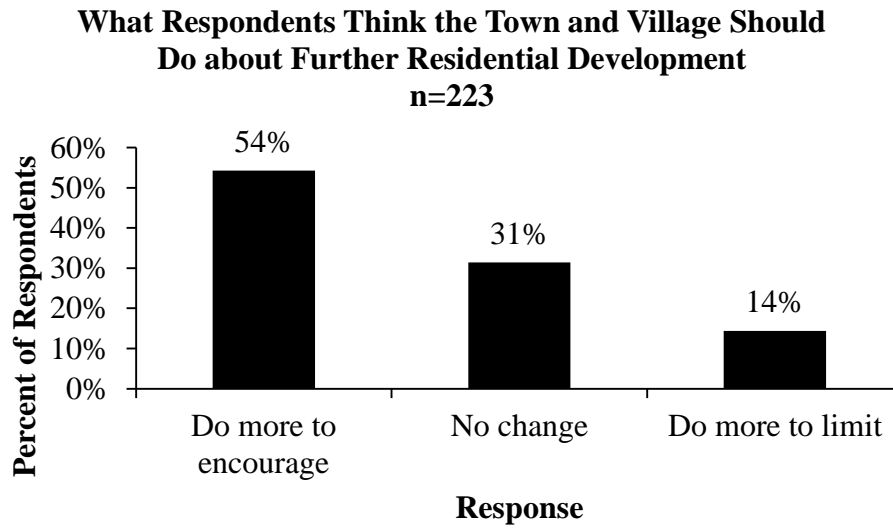
Respondents' Ratings of the Current Condition of Community Issues In Weedsport and Brutus



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Ratings were on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being “Very Poor,” 2 being “Poor,” 3 being “Fair,” 4 being “Good,” and 5 being “Excellent.” The score is the average for each issue. The above finding is based on survey question 2. See Appendix II for frequencies. See Appendix V for original bar graphs.

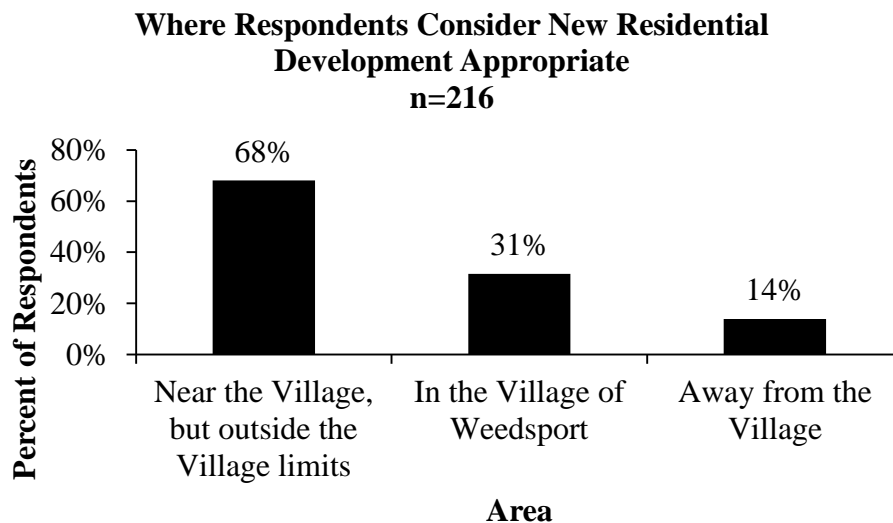
- 54% of respondents said the Town and Village should “do more to encourage” future residential development.



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to less than 100 % due to rounding. 27 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

- The most respondents (68%) considered “near the Village, but outside the Village limits” an appropriate area for new residential development.

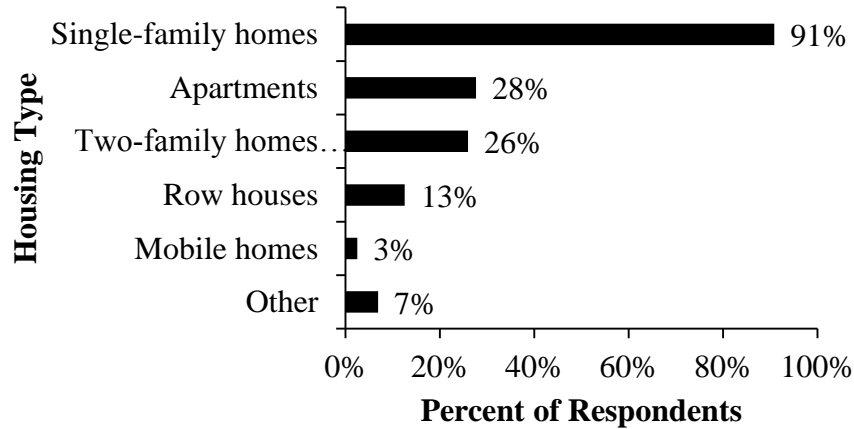


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100 percent because respondents had the option of choosing more than one answer. 8 respondents responded with “Don’t know.” Respondents were asked the follow-up question, “More specifically, in which areas?” 44 respondents answered this question. The most frequent responses were “Hamilton Street area” and “off of Route 31.” For a complete list of responses, please see Appendix III.

- The most respondents (91%) said that “single-family homes” are an appropriate type of new residential development for Weedsport and Brutus.

Types of Housing Respondents Say Are Needed in Weedsport and Brutus
n=239

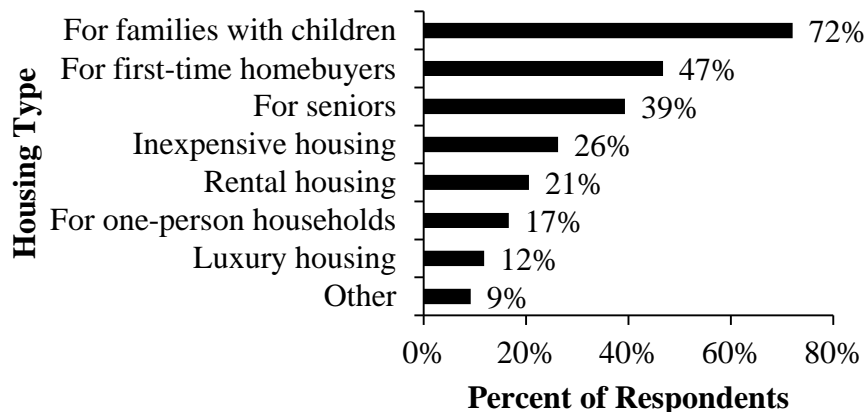


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100 percent because respondents had the option of choosing more than one answer. 16 respondents responded with “Don’t know.” The most frequent response given for “Other” was “senior apartments/condominiums.” For a complete list of responses given for “Other,” see Appendix III.

- The most respondents (72%) said that housing “for families with children” is a type of housing that is needed in Weedsport and Brutus.

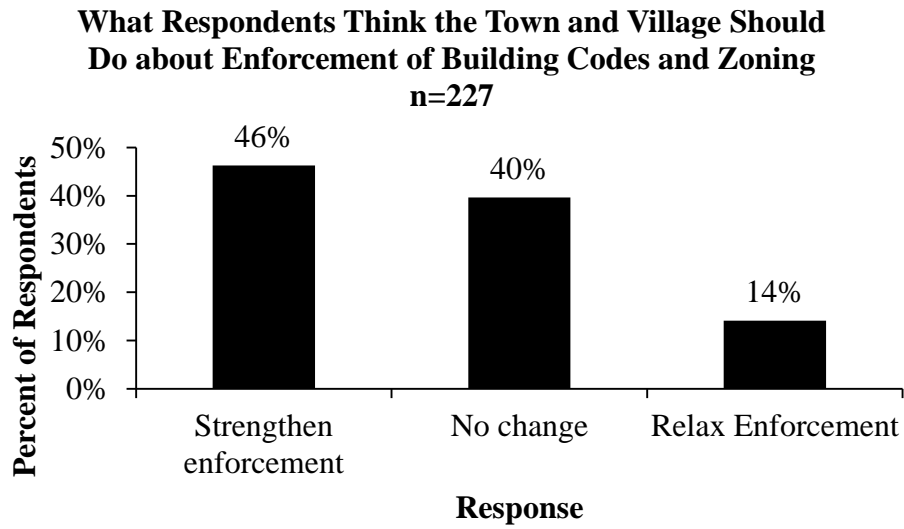
Housing Types Respondents Say Are Needed in Weedsport and Brutus
n=229



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100 percent because respondents had the option of choosing more than one answer. 27 respondents responded with “Don’t know.” The most frequent response given for “Other” was “moderately-priced homes.” For a complete list of responses given for “Other,” see Appendix III.

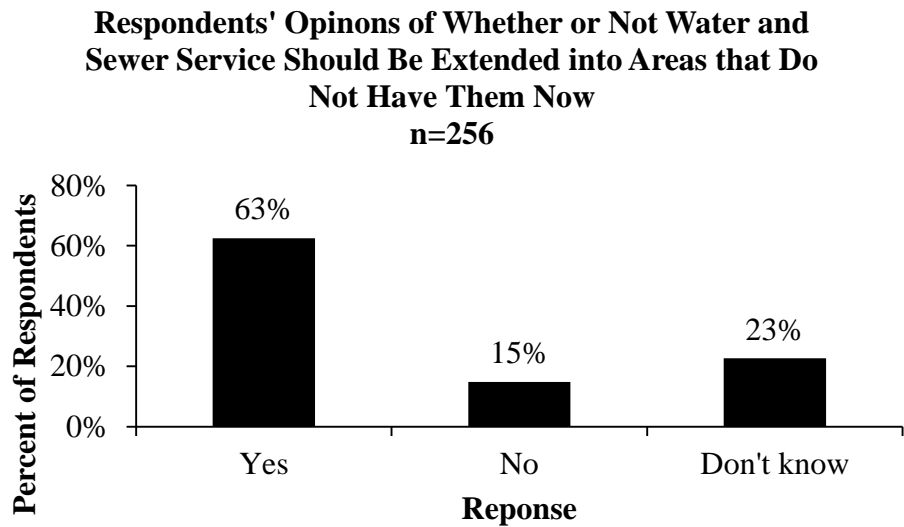
- 7. 86% of respondents said that the Town and Village should not relax enforcement of building codes and zoning.



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 27 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

- 8. 63% of respondents said that water and sewer services should be extended into areas that do not have service now.

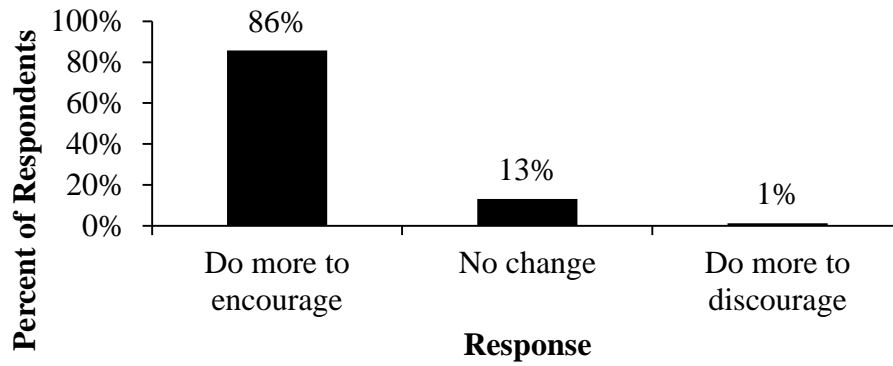


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100 percent due to rounding.

9. 86% of respondents said that the Town and Village should “do more to encourage” shops, restaurants, and other commercial activity.

Respondents' Opinions of What the Town and Village Should Do about Shops, Restaurants, and Other Commercial Activity
n=245

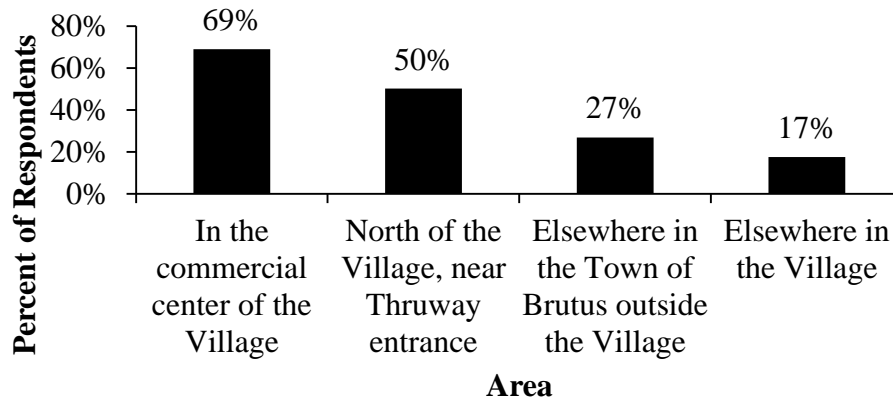


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 6 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

10. The most respondents (69%) said that “in the commercial center of the Village” is an appropriate location for commercial development.

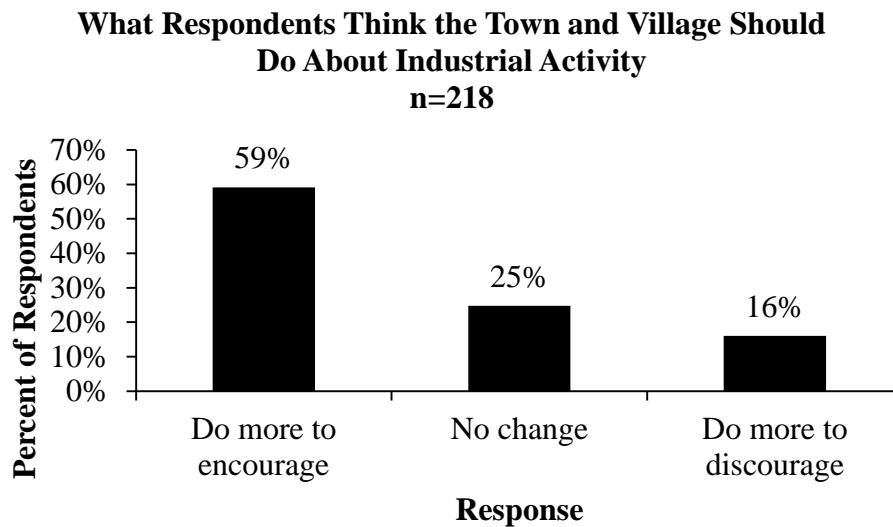
Where Respondents Consider Commercial Development Appropriate
n=223



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100 percent because respondents had the option of choosing more than one answer. 30 respondents responded with “Don’t know.” Respondents were asked the follow-up question, “More specifically, in which areas?” 33 respondents answered this question. The most frequent response was “along Route 31.” For a complete list of responses, please see Appendix III.

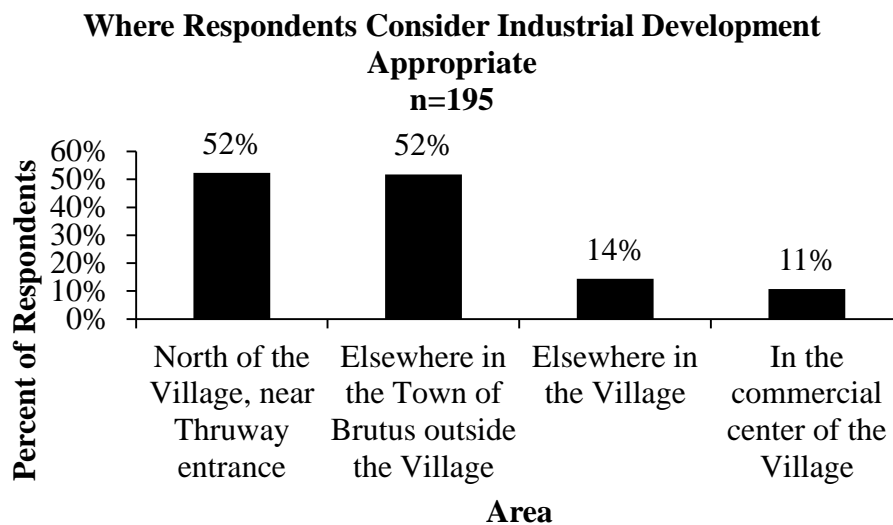
11. 59% of respondents think the Town and Village should “do more to encourage” industrial activity.



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 31 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

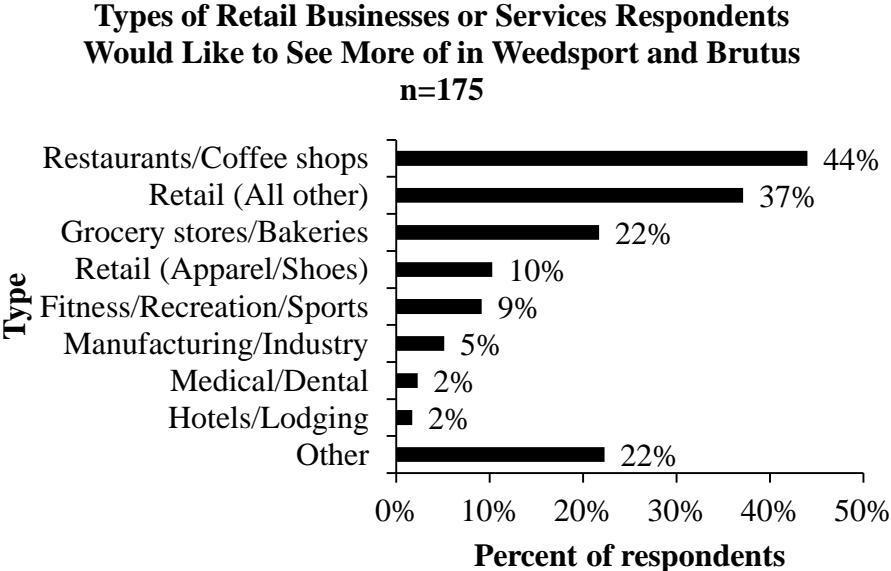
12. The most respondents (52%) said that “elsewhere in the Town of Brutus outside the Village” is an appropriate location for industrial development.



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100 percent because respondents had the option of choosing more than one answer. 53 respondents responded with “Don’t know.” Respondents were asked the follow-up question, “More specifically, in which areas?” 28 respondents answered this question. The most frequent response given was “Route 31.” For a complete list of responses, please see Appendix III.

13. The most respondents (44%) said that restaurants or coffee shops were a type of retail business or service that they would like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus.

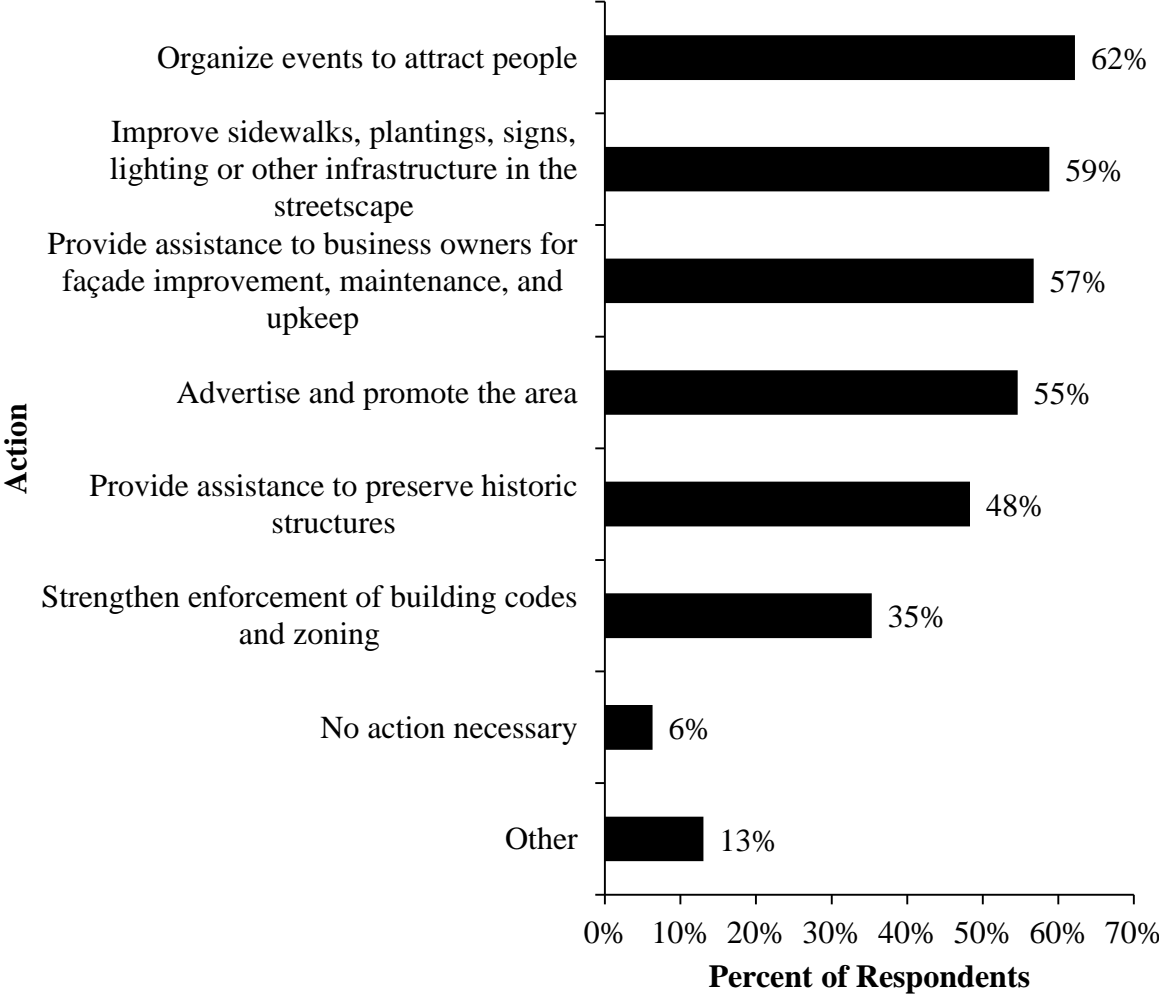


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100 percent because respondents had the option of choosing more than one answer. 3 respondents responded with “Don’t know.” The most frequent responses given for “Other” were “hairdresser/barbershop” and “florist.” For a complete list of responses broken down by category, please see Appendix III.

14. The most respondents (62%) said that the Town and Village should “organize events to attract people” in order to improve the commercial center of the Village.

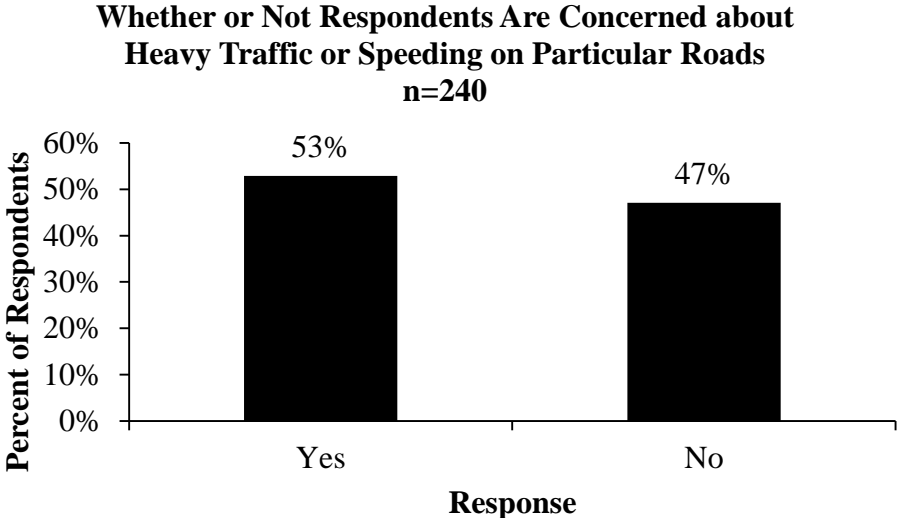
What Actions Respondents Think the Town and Village Should Do To Improve the Commercial Center of the Village
n=238



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100 percent because respondents had the option of choosing more than one answer. 13 respondents responded with “Don’t know.” The most frequent response given for “Other” was “encourage business owners to take better care of their property.” For a complete list of responses given for “Other,” please see Appendix III.

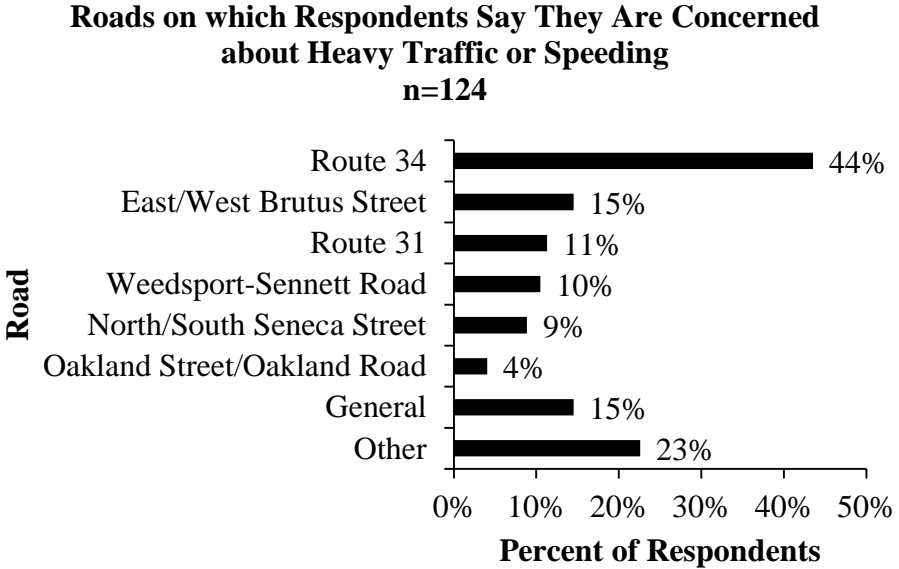
15. 53% of respondents said that they were concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads.



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 10 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

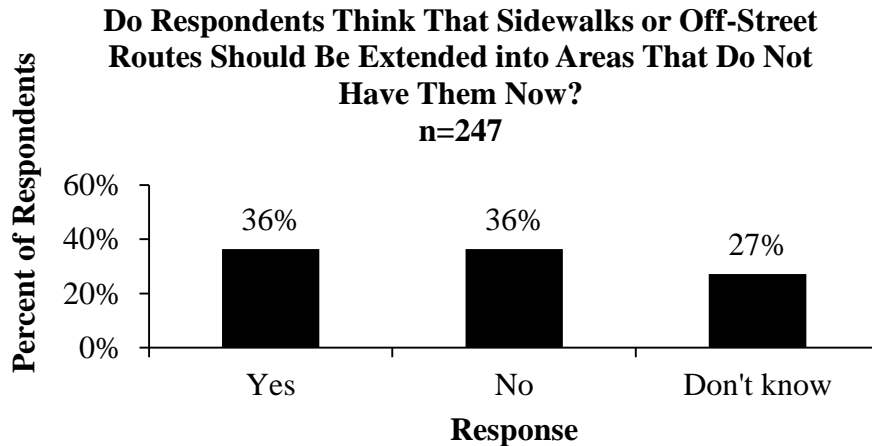
16. The most respondents (44%) identified Route 34 as a road on which they were worried about heavy traffic or speeding.



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100 percent because respondents had the option to list more than one response. The sample size for this question was smaller than others because it was asked as a follow up if the respondent answered “yes” to the previous question. The most frequent responses that fall into the “Other” category are “South Street,” “Jericho Road,” “Bell Street,” “Shepherd Road,” and “Jackson Street.” For a complete list of responses broken down by category, please see Appendix III.

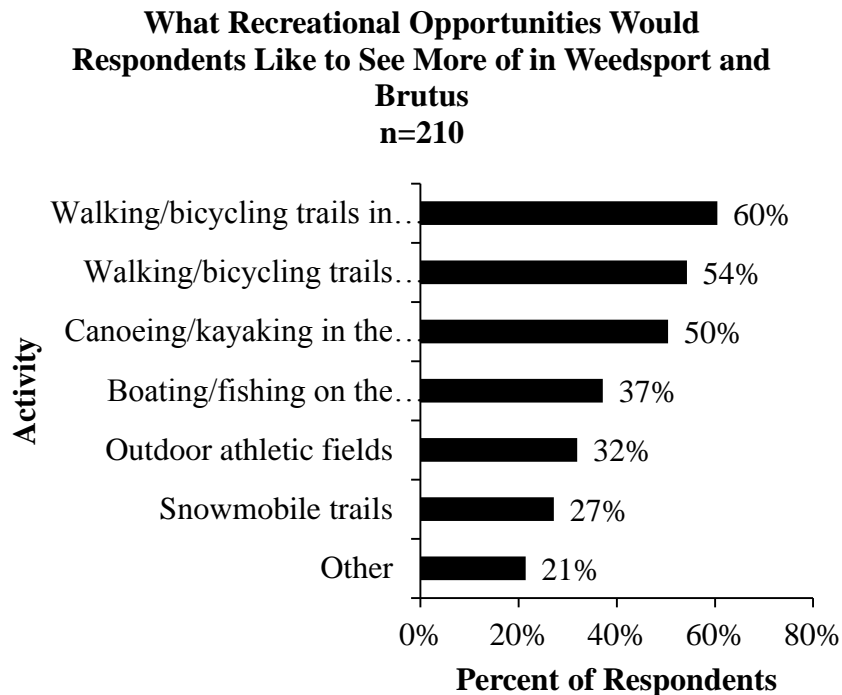
17. 64% of respondents were not sure of or against the extension of sidewalks or off-street routes for walking into areas that do not have them now.



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to less than 100 percent because respondents had the option to list more than one response. Respondents were asked the follow-up question, “If yes, which areas?” 57 respondents answered this question. The most frequent responses were “Marshall Tract,” “Oakland Road/Oakland Street area,” and “South Street.” For a complete list of responses, please see Appendix III.

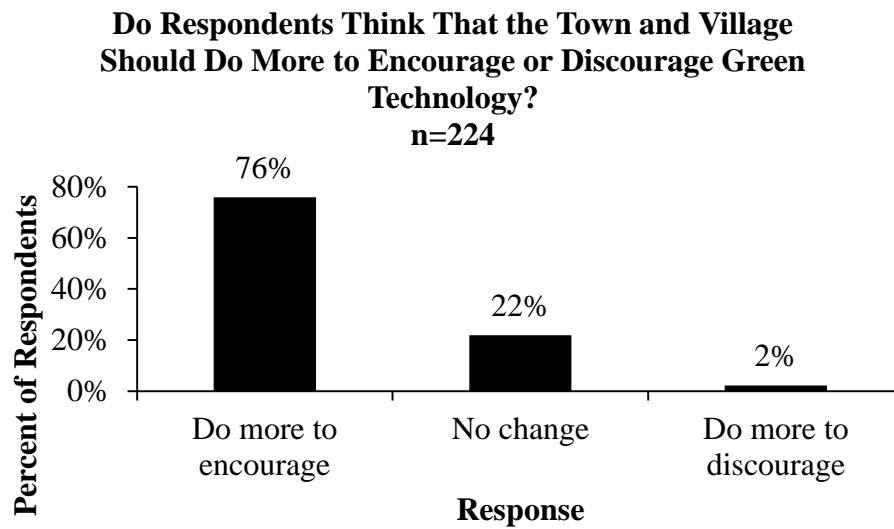
18. 60% of respondents said that “walking/bicycling trails in the historic Erie canal corridor” is a recreational activity that they would like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus.



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100 percent because respondents had the option of choosing more than one answer. 35 respondents responded with “Don’t know.” The most frequent responses given for “Other” were “community/recreation center” and “dog park.” For a complete list of responses given for “Other,” please see Appendix III.

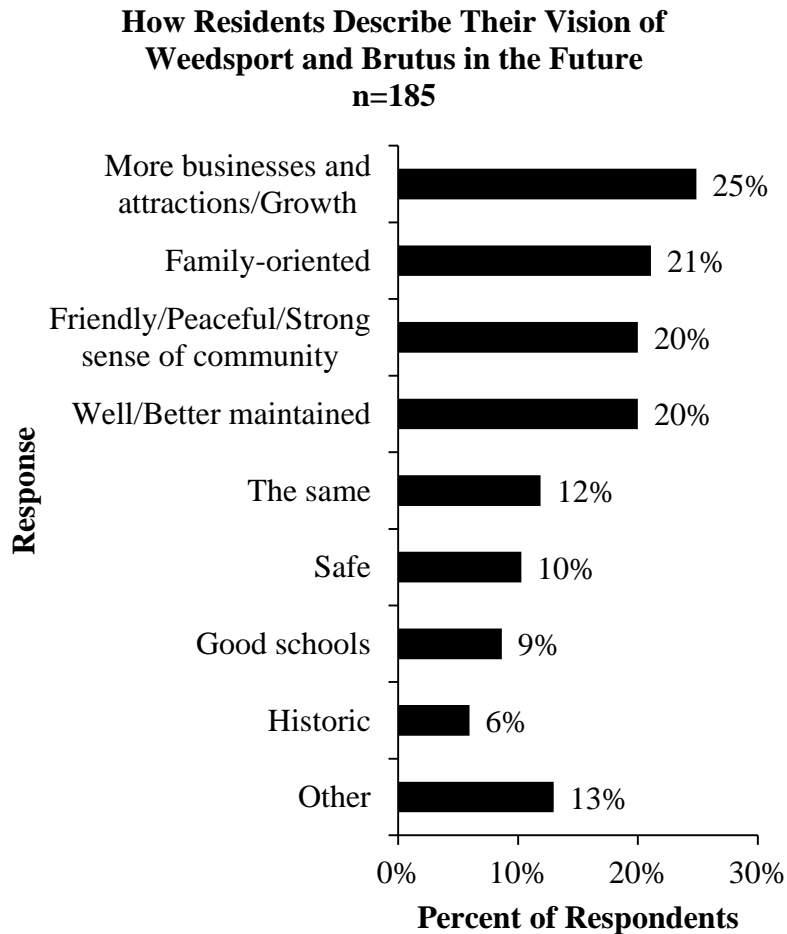
19. 76% of respondents said that the Town and Village should “do more to encourage” green technology.



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 29 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

20. The most respondents (25%) described there being growth or more businesses and attractions as a part of their visions of Weedsport and Brutus in the future.



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100 percent because respondents had the option to list more than one response. The most frequent response given for “Other” was “lower taxes/more efficient government.” For a complete list of responses broken down by category, please see Appendix III.

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Town of Brutus
 Village of Weedsport
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Community Survey

Save paper and time! Fill out this survey online at
<http://cayugacounty.us/weedsport/complan>

The Village of Weedsport and the Town of Brutus are creating a Joint Comprehensive Plan to guide our community's future. Help us learn more about your ideas for how to improve and enhance Weedsport and Brutus. Please fill out this survey, then ask your friends, neighbors, and family to do it too.

You can complete this survey online, but if paper is more convenient continue below with question 1. Be sure to send in your answers by **Wednesday, October 3, 2012**. Thank you!

1. How important are the following when you think about your community?
 For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.

	Not Important	Little Importance	Some Importance	Important	Very Important	Don't Know
a. Open space and undeveloped land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Housing quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Clean water and air	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Municipal services (roads, water, sewer, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Opportunity for outdoor sports and recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Availability of shopping and restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Employment opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Agriculture and farming as a business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Community identity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Historic preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Architectural attractiveness of buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Condition and maintenance of buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Other <i>Please Specify:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus?
For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Don't Know
a. Open space and undeveloped land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Housing quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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e. Clean water and air	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Municipal services (roads, water, sewer, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Opportunity for outdoor sports and recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Availability of shopping and restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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j. Agriculture and farming as a business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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l. Historic preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Architectural attractiveness of buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Condition and maintenance of buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Other <i>Please Specify:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Housing and Residential Development

3. Should the Town and Village encourage or limit future residential development?
 Do more to encourage Do more to limit No Change Don't Know
4. Where would new residential development be most appropriate? *Check all that apply.*
 In the Village of Weedsport Near the Village, but outside the Village limits
 Away from the Village Don't Know
 More specifically, in which areas? _____
5. What types of new residential development are most appropriate for Weedsport and Brutus?
Check all that apply.
 Single-family homes Two-family homes (duplexes) Apartments Mobile homes
 Row houses (homes that share one or two walls with their neighbors)
 Other *Please Specify:* _____
 Don't Know
6. What types of housing are most needed in Weedsport and Brutus? *Check all that apply.*
 Inexpensive housing Luxury housing Rental housing For seniors
 For first-time homebuyers For families with children For one-person households
 Other *Please Specify:* _____
 Don't Know
7. Should the Town and Village strengthen or relax enforcement of building codes and zoning to maintain the condition and appearance of residential properties?
 Strengthen enforcement Relax enforcement No Change Don't Know
8. Should water and sewer service be extended into areas that do not have service now?
 Yes No Don't Know

Commercial and Industrial Development

9. Do you own or work at a business in Weedsport or Brutus?
 Yes No
10. Should the Town and Village encourage or discourage shops, restaurants, and other commercial activity?
 Do more to encourage Do more to discourage No Change Don't Know
11. Where is commercial development most appropriately located? *Check all that apply.*
 In the commercial center of the Village Elsewhere in the Village
 North of the Village, near Thruway entrance Elsewhere in the Town of Brutus outside the Village
 Don't Know
More specifically, in which areas? _____
12. Should the Town and Village encourage or discourage industrial activity?
 Do more to encourage Do more to discourage No Change Don't Know
13. Where is industrial development most appropriately located? *Check all that apply.*
 In the commercial center of the Village Elsewhere in the Village
 North of the Village, near Thruway entrance Elsewhere in the Town of Brutus outside the Village
 Don't Know
More specifically, in which areas? _____
14. What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus?

15. Which actions should the Town and Village take to improve the commercial center of the village?
Check all that apply.
 Improve sidewalks, plantings, signs, lighting or other infrastructure in the streetscape
 Provide assistance to business owners for façade improvement, maintenance, and upkeep
 Provide assistance to preserve historic structures
 Strengthen enforcement of building codes and zoning
 Organize events to attract people
 Advertise and promote the area
 Other *Please Specify:* _____
 No action necessary
 Don't Know

Transportation, Recreation, and Conservation

16. Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads?
 Yes No Don't Know
If yes, which roads? _____
17. Should sidewalks or off-street routes for walking be extended into areas that do not have them now?
 Yes No Don't Know
If yes, which areas? _____
18. What recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? *Check all that apply.*
 Outdoor athletic fields Canoeing/kayaking in the historic Erie canal corridor
 Boating/fishing on the Seneca River Walking/bicycling trails in the historic Erie canal corridor
 Snowmobile trails Walking/bicycling trails elsewhere in the town
 Other *Please Specify:* _____
 Don't know
19. Should the Town and Village do more to encourage or discourage green technology?
 Do more to encourage Do more to discourage No Change Don't Know

About you

20. What is your age group?
 Under 18 26-35 46-55 65-75
 18-25 36-45 56-65 Over 75
21. Where do you live?
 In the Village of Weedsport In the Town of Brutus, outside the Village Outside the Town of Brutus
22. Do you rent or own your home?
 Rent Own
23. How long have you lived in Weedsport or Brutus?
 Less than 10 years 10-20 years More than 20 years Not a resident
24. For how many years into the future to you plan to live in Weedsport or Brutus?
 Less than 5 years 5-15 years More than 15 years Don't know

Additional Comments

25. What kind of place do you envision Weedsport and Brutus should be in the future?
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
26. Would you like to receive more information as work continues on this plan? If so, please provide your name and contact information.
- _____
- _____
- _____

Thank you for participating in planning for the future of our community!

Tell your neighbors! Tell your friends!
Remember, they can fill out this survey online at: <http://cayugacounty.us/weedsport/complan>
Just make sure they complete the survey by Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

Please return completed surveys by **October 3** to any of the three following locations, by mail or in person:

Brutus Town Hall	(315) 834-9398	Weedsport Village Hall	(315) 834-6634
9021 N Seneca Street, Weedsport, NY 13021		8892 South Street, Weedsport, NY13021	

Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development (315) 253-1276
Cayuga County Office Building 5th Floor, 160 Genesee Street, Auburn, New York 13021

If you have any questions about this survey or about the comprehensive plan, please contact:
Gabriel Holbrow, Planner Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development
(315) 253-1276 gholbrow@cayugacounty.us

Appendix II

Note: All responses, including those that fell outside of the target population, are included in these frequencies.

1. How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.

	Not important	Little Importance	Some Importance	Important	Very Important	Don't Know	Count
Open space and undeveloped land	5.1% (16)	7.6% (24)	26.0% (82)	29.2% (92)	28.6% (90)	3.5% (11)	315
Housing Quality	0.3% (1)	1.3% (4)	7.6% (24)	37.8% (119)	52.1% (164)	1.0% (3)	315
Safety	0.0% (0)	0.6% (2)	6.1% (19)	16.9% (53)	76.4% (239)	0.0% (0)	313
Traffic	1.0% (3)	4.5% (14)	20.7% (65)	33.4% (105)	40.1% (126)	0.3% (1)	314
Clean water and air	0.3% (1)	0.3% (1)	2.8% (9)	13.0% (41)	83.2% (263)	0.3% (1)	316
Municipal services (roads, water, sewer, etc.)	0.6% (2)	1.3% (4)	6.4% (20)	31.8% (100)	58.9% (185)	1.0% (3)	314
Opportunity for outdoor sports and recreation	1.0% (3)	5.7% (18)	20.6% (65)	35.9% (113)	36.2% (114)	0.6% (2)	315
Availability of shopping and restaurants	1.6% (5)	5.4% (17)	24.9% (78)	41.2% (129)	26.2% (82)	0.6% (2)	313
Employment Opportunities	1.3% (4)	4.8% (15)	15.6% (49)	30.5% (96)	47.9% (151)	0.0% (0)	315
Agriculture and Farming as a business	2.3% (7)	7.7% (24)	21.9% (68)	32.5% (101)	34.4% (107)	1.3% (4)	311
Community identity	1.6% (5)	4.7% (15)	27.5% (87)	32.9% (104)	26.3% (83)	7.0% (22)	316
Historic preservation	2.9% (9)	7.8% (24)	23.3% (72)	35.3% (109)	29.1% (90)	1.6% (5)	309
Architectural attractiveness of buildings	1.6% (5)	6.6% (21)	23.7% (75)	35.0% (111)	30.3% (96)	2.8% (9)	317
Condition and maintenance of buildings	1.0% (3)	0.6% (2)	9.6% (30)	35.5% (111)	52.1% (163)	1.3% (4)	313
Other (Please specify below)	2.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	2.3% (1)	16.3% (7)	58.1% (25)	20.9% (9)	43

2. How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Don't Know	Count
Open space and undeveloped land	0.3% (1)	5.9% (18)	33.7% (103)	46.1% (141)	8.8% (27)	5.2% (16)	306
Housing Quality	0.7% (2)	6.2% (19)	36.6% (112)	50.7% (155)	4.2% (13)	1.6% (5)	306
Safety	0.3% (1)	1.0% (3)	15.1% (46)	56.3% (171)	26.3% (80)	1.0% (3)	304
Traffic	2.3% (7)	5.6% (17)	29.1% (89)	52.6% (161)	9.8% (30)	0.7% (2)	306
Clean water and air	0.3% (1)	1.3% (4)	7.9% (24)	58.4% (177)	31.7% (96)	0.3% (1)	303
Municipal services (roads, water, sewer, etc.)	1.0% (3)	3.3% (10)	22.9% (69)	54.8% (165)	15.0% (45)	3.0% (9)	301
Opportunity for outdoor sports and recreation	2.3% (7)	7.5% (23)	28.9% (88)	45.9% (140)	13.1% (40)	2.3% (7)	305
Availability of shopping and restaurants	4.6% (14)	22.9% (70)	43.5% (133)	24.8% (76)	3.9% (12)	0.3% (1)	306
Employment Opportunities	7.2% (22)	30.6% (94)	45.6% (140)	9.8% (30)	2.0% (6)	4.9% (15)	307
Agriculture and Farming as a business	0.0% (0)	6.9% (21)	32.6% (99)	43.1% (131)	7.9% (24)	9.5% (29)	304
Community identity	2.3% (7)	6.6% (20)	36.6% (111)	40.9% (124)	6.9% (21)	6.6% (20)	303
Historic preservation	1.0% (3)	9.5% (29)	33.8% (103)	41.3% (126)	8.9% (27)	5.6% (17)	305
Architectural attractiveness of buildings	4.9% (15)	24.4% (75)	46.6% (143)	19.9% (61)	1.6% (5)	2.6% (8)	307
Condition and maintenance of buildings	5.9% (18)	26.6% (81)	42.6% (130)	22.6% (69)	1.0% (3)	1.3% (4)	305
Other (Please specify below)	26.1% (6)	17.4% (4)	8.7% (2)	26.1% (6)	4.3% (1)	17.4% (4)	23

3. Should the Town and Village encourage or limit future residential development?

309 respondents

Do more to encourage	47.2% (146)
No Change	28.2% (87)
Do more to limit	12.3% (38)
Don't know	12.3% (38)

4. Where would new residential development be most appropriate? Check all that apply.

304 respondents

In the Village of Weedsport	28.0% (85)
Away from the Village	12.2% (37)
Near the Village, but outside the Village limits	58.2% (177)
Don't Know	14.1% (43)

5. What types of new residential development are most appropriate for Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.

314 respondents

Single-family homes	82.2% (258)
Two-family homes (duplexes)	24.8% (78)
Apartments	27.7% (87)
Mobile homes	2.9% (9)
Row houses (homes that share one or two walls with their neighbors)	11.1% (35)
Don't Know	8.3% (26)
Other (please specify)	6.7% (21)

6. What types of housing are most needed in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.

315 respondents

Inexpensive housing	25.1% (79)
For seniors	33.7% (106)
For first-time homebuyers	41.6% (131)
Luxury housing	11.4% (36)
For families with children	64.4% (203)
Don't know	9.8% (31)
Rental housing	19.4% (61)
For one-person households	15.9% (50)
Other (please specify)	8.3% (26)

7. Should the Town and Village strengthen or relax enforcement of building codes and zoning to maintain the condition and appearance of residential properties?

Strengthen enforcement	40.1% (125)
No change	32.4% (101)
Relax enforcement	12.8% (40)
Don't know	14.7% (46)

8. Should water and sewer service be extended into areas that do not have service now?

315 respondents

Yes	61.9% (195)
No	14.0% (44)
Don't know	24.1% (76)

9. Do you own or work at a business in Weedsport or Brutus?

309 respondents

Yes	29.8% (92)
No	70.2% (217)

10. Should the Town and Village encourage or discourage shops, restaurants, and other commercial activity?

310 respondents

Do more to encourage	83.2% (258)
No change	12.9% (40)
Do more to discourage	1.3% (4)
Don't know	2.6% (8)

11. Where is commercial development most appropriately located? Check all that apply.

307 respondents

In the commercial center of the Village	60.9% (187)
Elsewhere in the Village	16.3% (50)
Don't Know	14.3% (44)
North of the Village, near Thruway entrance	43.0% (132)
Elsewhere in the Town of Brutus outside the Village	22.5% (69)
More specifically, in which areas?	39 responses

12. Should the Town and Village encourage or discourage industrial activity?

307 respondents

Do more to encourage	48.5% (149)
No change	23.1% (71)
Do more to discourage	13.7% (42)
Don't know	14.7% (45)

13. Where is industrial development most appropriately located? Check all that apply.

295 respondents

In the commercial center of the Village	9.5% (28)
Elsewhere in the Village	11.5% (34)
Don't know	25.1% (74)
North of the Village, near Thruway entrance	39.0% (115)
Elsewhere in the Town of Brutus outside the Village	42.4% (125)
More specifically, in which areas?	31 responses

14. What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus?

226 respondents

15. Which actions should the Town and Village take to improve the commercial center of the village? Check all that apply.

Improve sidewalks, plantings, signs, lighting or other infrastructure in the streetscape	56.8% (175)
Provide assistance to business owners for façade improvement, maintenance, and upkeep	52.9% (163)
Provide assistance to preserve historic structures	46.1% (142)
Strengthen enforcement of building codes and zoning	31.8% (98)
Organize events to attract people	58.8% (181)
Advertise and promote the area	50.6% (156)
No action necessary	4.9% (15)
Don't Know	6.8% (21)
Other (please specify)	11.4% (35)

16. Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads?

309 respondents

Yes	44.7% (138)
No	50.8% (157)
Don't know	4.5% (14)
If yes, which roads?	134 respondents

17. Should sidewalks or off-street routes for walking be extended into areas that do not have them now?

306 respondents

Yes	36.6% (112)
No	34.6% (106)
Don't know	28.8% (88)
If yes, which areas?	67 respondents

18. What recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.

303 respondents

Outdoor athletic fields	29.4% (89)
Boating/fishing on the Seneca River	32.0% (97)
Snowmobile trails	24.4% (74)
Don't know	12.9% (39)
Canoeing/kayaking in the historic Erie canal corridor	42.9% (130)
Walking/bicycling trails in the historic Erie canal corridor	50.5% (153)
Walking/bicycling trails elsewhere in the town	45.2% (137)
Other (please specify)	17.8% (54)

19. Should the Town and Village do more to encourage or discourage green technology?

312 respondents

Do more to encourage	67.3% (210)
No change	18.9% (59)
Do more to discourage	1.9% (6)
Don't know	11.9% (37)

20. What is your age group?

313 respondents

Under 18	31.9% (100)
18-25	6.1% (19)
26-35	6.7% (21)
36-45	8.9% (28)
46-55	17.3% (54)
56-65	11.2% (35)
65-75	12.1% (38)
Over 75	5.8% (18)

21. Where do you live?

313 respondents

In the Village of Weedsport	45.7% (143)
In the Town of Brutus, outside the Village	35.5% (111)
Outside the Town of Brutus	18.8% (59)

22. Do you rent or own your home?

298 respondents

Rent	8.1% (24)
Own	91.9% (274)

23. How long have you lived in Weedsport or Brutus?

314 respondents

Less than 10 years	18.5% (58)
More than 20 years	42.0% (132)
10-20 years	32.5% (102)
Not a resident	7.0% (22)

24. For how many years into the future do you plan to live in Weedsport or Brutus?

307 respondents

Less than 5 years	15.3% (47)
More than 15 years	36.8% (113)
5-15 years	16.0% (49)
Don't know	31.9% (98)

25. What kind of place do you envision Weedsport and Brutus should be in the future?

234 responses

Appendix III

Open-Ended Responses

How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.

Other (Please specify below)

(36 responses; importance ratings are listed in parentheses after each response)

- Attracting new business to the community (Important)
- Basketball Courts (Very important)
- Cleanliness (Very important)
- coffee shops / antique shops (Very important)
- Community Interconnection- Different branches of the community working together. (i.e. school working with local youth groups and businesses, businesses working with neighborhood) (Very important)
- Consolidation of the two Municipalities (Very important)
- cost effectiveness of municipal government (Very important)
- Cost of Garbage Bags (Very important)
- developing land with industry/businesses for taxing purposes (No importance rating given)
- Development in New Housing (No importance rating given)
- Free trash pick (Very important)
- friendliness or tolerance of cultural identity (No importance rating given)
- growth (Don't know)
- Having a recreation area/center (Very important)
- Health (Very important)
- Helping neighbors keep their property looking good (Very important)
- improvement of downtown bldgs' inter and end walls (Very important)
- local school (No importance rating given)
- organization of local stores, services and housing (Very important)
- other (No importance rating given)
- Our role as a gateway (Very important)
- Preservation of our historic structures (Very important)
- Restaurants (Important)
- School and fire service (Very important)
- Schools (Very important)
- senior housing, activities for seniors (No importance rating given)
- shade trees in residential areas (Important)
- Some of our old beautiful homes are falling apart due to lack of up-keep. I'm not just referring to large old homes. We have many old beautiful small homes too. Quality of housing, condition and maintenance of buildings, and architectural attractiveness are all tied in in together. Also, there is little pride for a town that is run-down. It would also be nice if we could make housing less attractive to sex offenders. Dad's dollar store looks great!!! (No importance rating given)
- speeding on west brutu st (Very important)
- The overall upstate small quiet town with plenty of outlaying space for businesses outside the village (Very important)
- The village business district is very run down and appears to be the result of inconsistent planning (No importance rating given)
- water in brutus (No importance rating given)
- Water on Tanner Road (Very important)
- Water south of the village in town of Brutus (Very important)

- We would like to see homeowners made to be responsible for maintaining their property (Very important)
- Would like to be a self-sufficient area, not have to drive distances for services, but remain a country atmosphere (No importance rating given)

Responses from respondents who fell outside of target population

(6 responses; importance ratings are listed in parentheses after each response)

- public library (Important)
- People (Important)
- Please stop allowing 18 wheeler trucks to drive thru the center of the village (Important)
- No destruction of forestry or wildlife habitats (Very important)
- Restoring businesses (Very important)
- veteran services (Very important)
- high quality school district (No rating given)

How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.

Other (Please specify below)

(23 responses, ratings are listed in parentheses after each response)

- architectural integrity is there not maintained (No rating given)
- beautify downtown (No rating given)
- business area is unacceptable to attract tourist - #1 priority (No rating given)
- City Water in the town of brutus (Very poor)
- Cleanliness (Good)
- Commercial Downtown (Poor)
- Dilapidated bldgs (Very poor)
- downtown should be kept up and attractive being that it's a main thoroughfare (No rating given)
- Health (Good)
- intra and end walls of historic village buildings need help repairing - suggest a mural on Jereck Sub building (Poor)
- Most buildings are in good shape some do need attention but not by adding more stringent codes an heavy enforcement don't turn this beautiful small town into a snob neighborhood or gated community (No rating given)
- mowing more often on sides of roads (Good)
- Our open undeveloped spaces are not bad, bit are going fast. New houses going up all the time. We have plenty of places to eat, a few places to shop that are ok. Most store fronts and sides need a face lift. (No rating given)
- outdoor recreation could be improved, always hear about can't do that due to insurance issues. Other places do it why not Weedsport (No rating given)
- people are not hampered by regulations (Excellent)
- restaurants (Fair)
- Restaurants and Business are different and should be separate questions. (No rating given)
- Seneca street, houses and businesses, need to be kept up better as they are the "face" of Weedsport. (No rating given)
- Shade trees on residential streets (No rating given)
- There are several "eye sores" in the village (Very poor)
- Two town boards (Very poor)
- village people have lots of junk cars, garbage etc laying around that makes the entire village look bad (Very poor)
- Would really like the downtown area to come alive, variety of shops (No rating given)

**Responses from respondents who fell outside of target population
(6 responses; ratings are listed in parentheses after each response)**

- public library (Good)
- Please stop allowing 18 wheeler trucks to drive thru the center of the village (Fair)
- nice common people (Good)
- taxes (Good)
- school district has an excellent reputation (No rating given)
- funding for repairs on old buildings (Very poor)

**Where would new residential development be most appropriate? Check all that apply.
More specifically, in which areas?**

(44 responses)

- abandon houses
- Any of those areas
- Areas that no one uses anymore
- Ball road would seem an excellent area for development
- Blumer road
- don't know
- east and west
- East of the high school
- Going South on Rt. 31 towards Port Byron and North near the fairgrounds
- Hamilton street, big area for development, nothing ever happened there
- Hamilton to centerport/ rude to shepard rd
- Hawley Heights
- I think it should stop. One can fix up an older home for the price of a lot and building a new home.
- If development is going to be encouraged it would need to be in conjunction with road ways that could stand the additional traffic patterns for construction and then the everyday use patterns. Considerations for infrastructure assets need to be considered also.
- In areas that can be easily supported by extension of water and sewer
- In areas that don't affect agriculture production
- In both the Town and Village
- In the country
- In the town
- More single family home-encourage ownership & pride -NOT more rental units
- near golf course
- Near Meadowsbrook
- Near the golf course
- Non Ag areas
- North and West
- north of the Thruway
- Not in Weedsport. More room for hunting
- not much available land to develop inside the village, other than Village Heights
- on Long Island there is a credit system. So when land is developed farm land is preserved forever.
- On route 31 or route 34, off to the side
- on the seneca river
- outside the village then annex into village for their services
- Past the High School on E Brutus but not behind the school.
- past the thruway
- pursue where existing public water is available

- Redevelopment of existing areas that are in need of repair.
- right in town, many houses are abandoned and could be rebuilt
- Seneca St (North and South)
- Smart growth
- South of the village
- There are many areas available now, use them
- town of Brutus both north and south of the village
- Whatever is available in or out of village
- where the free market finds a need

**Responses from respondents who fell outside of target population
(9 responses)**

- Don't need it
- center of the village or outside
- Outskirts of Weedsport
- Some great homes in the village, but need to be fixed.
- outside of the school, leaving the town
- development within the Village will bring in more Village tax revenue.
- around the town
- Weedsport-Sennett, 34, Hamilton
- outside the village

What types of new residential development are most appropriate for Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.

**Other (please specify)
(18 responses)**

- Build retirement apartments and or condos on the seneca river.
- Condominiums
- condos, retirement apts
- Don't think new is appropriate, funding for preservation and maintenance to existing would be really helpful.
- Enough is enough!!! I don't want our small town to have even more traffic, fix up what is here and use it. People live here because they want a small town and a great school. We can't add more housing and keep our small town. We can't have both.
- handicapped 2-bedroom apts. on one floor
- homes with senior citizens in mind
- Housing for the elderly, progressive living center style
- Need to improve what we already have
- senior citizen housing, patio homes, affordable housing for younger families
- Senior housing
- Senior Housing
- senior housing-monroe county cannot provide enough-high end senior housing are designed like villages. We have the village.
- Sr. housing without income limits (non-subsidized)
- Sr. housing without income limits (non-subsidized)
- These homes need to be reflective of current housing demand for the local areas and potential growth trends in the next twenty year.
- upgraded senior homes, patio homes, etc.
- where there is a need the market will develop

Responses from respondents who fell outside of target population

(3 responses)

- Don't need it
- enough for one person
- If you're trying to improve the image and reputation of the town and village, then NO MORE MOBILE HOME PARKS. You need to cater to "baby boomer" and young professional types with convenient housing where outside maintenance is provided and paid for with home owner assoc fees (like Anne's Grove in Camillus!!). Also I didn't see Condo's on the list but I would recommend over apartments.

What types of housing are most needed in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.

Other (Please specify)

(21 responses)

- Affordable housing for median or average income families
- An excessive number of rental properties are not kept up.
- apartment houses
- Apartments downtown
- At this time there is no need for more housing
- cheap house with a lot of land
- Family homes - somewhere between luxury and inexpensive
- for the price can't get the same square footage as in older homes
- Housing in weedsport needs to reflect the current population trends and prepare for the change.
- just nice homes, not cheap, not too expensive
- Leave it alone, see about finding resources to improve/maintain existing housing.
- Limit dumping the mentally ill in Weedsport, alcoholics, no more permits made available to the adult home over by recycle center.
- mid-priced housing
- nice attractive homes, well kept
- not trailers
- one floor, 2 bedroom apts.
- Sr. housing for middle-upper income tenants
- Sr. housing for middle-upper income tenants
- veterans housing
- We have too many apartments already.
- We should have a mix of housing

Responses from respondents who fell outside of target population

(5 responses)

- Don't need it
- Weedsport doesn't currently have the convenient quality grocery store and shopping that would draw people to "luxury housing". you would need to draw a bigger grocery store chain like Wegmans to the community. If you could get Wegmans to build a store between Auburn and Weedsport, Weedsport would draw higher income earning families to the community. Seniors need quality, affordable housing - no doubt about it
- Availability for all
- Up keep of houses need improving
- People that are homeowners need to keep up the outside

Where is commercial development most appropriately located? Check all that apply.

More specifically, in which areas?

(33 responses)

- A good balance between village and town that would allow for expansion into both

- Along Rt 31 and Rt 34 corridor
- also east of village toward Jordan
- Anywhere
- By the thruway entrance
- By the thruway exit
- close proximity to the village, but not inside
- Closer to where all the businesses are
- Commercial development should be encouraged first to revitalize the spotty commercial center of the village and then extend outward toward the Thruway.
- Downtown
- East & West on 31
- everywhere
- Enforce the Town Laws you have already on commercial and residential
- North and South of the village
- out 31 towards Jordan
- Over by Barber Welding
- Preserve the Village (leave the way it is) In the future develop Laflure saw mill and North with commercial and up by Warrens gun shop
- Route 31 between Weedsport and Jordan
- Route 31 in village
- Rt #34 - Seneca Street in village
- Rt 31 roads west and east
- Rt 31 west towards the viaduct/east towards Jordan past the fairgrounds, north of the thruway bridge
- Rt. 31 and W. Brutus, Dunn Rd. annex
- The 4 corners, Rt 31 (in the village), Brutus St. (4 corners to AirCrete)
- The old railroad station needs to run again
- There are a lot of shop locations down in the village that would lend for nice development if we could promote walking traffic for niche items. More day to day and tourism.
- traffic is the highest, people stay the longest at traffic lights.
- Utilize currently vacant properties within the village
- We have empty stores - help new shop owners promote tourist businesses
- we need business and being that we are so close to the thruway it only makes sense.
- We shouldn't have growth in our undeveloped areas.
- west on Rt 31
- where a profit can be made

**Responses from respondents who fell outside of target population
(6 responses)**

- Don't need it
- New York or Syracuse
- you should look at Skaneateles as a model for Village development. They have shops, restaurants, parks, sidewalks, local business' (i.e. doctors, lawyers, realtors), churches, a library. **WHAT THEY DON'T HAVE IS 18 WHEELERS DRIVING THRU THE CENTER OF THE VILLAGE NONSTOP!** If you want to have a village that people want to live in, you **MUST** stop the trucks from driving through the center of town.
- near Arby's and near the bridge
- North and South so people flow through the center too
- on the main road in Weedsport

Where is industrial development most appropriately located? Check all that apply.

More specifically, in which areas?

(28 responses)

- Anywhere
- Anywhere
- close proximity to the village, but not inside
- Currently vacant properties in the village
- East & West on 31
- east towards Jordan past the fairgrounds north of the thruway bridge
- green grants- surely there's enough previous toxic materials used in the past to justify the grant.
- how much industry do we currently have besides Barber welding?
- in the designated area north of the village
- Industrial development or production shipping would be best suited located near the canal, thruway or rail.
- make use of existing buildings
- most efficient location to make product and profit
- No industrial development should be allowed within the village, the existing industrial enterprises should be encouraged and supported to move outward into the Town
- No more development
- Nowhere. We don't need more noise, ugly factory buildings, pollution, traffic to and from industry.
- North and south of the village on both routes 31 and 34
- North and South of the village
- Not on Private Property
- Over by Barber Weeding
- Over by Barber Welding
- Rt. 31 and W. Brutus, Dunn Rd. annex
- Rte 31
- Rte 31
- The 4 corners, Rt 31 (in the village), Brutus St. (4 corners to AirCrete)
- West of the village toward Port Byron
- West of village on Rt 31
- West side Rt. 31
- Where zoning and utilities can best handle

Responses from respondents who fell outside of target population

(3 responses)

- Don't need it
- Industrial development should be outside the village so that any toxic waste, or smoke produced from the manufacturer doesn't affect the residents. A fine example of what NOT to do is what Allied Chemical, Solvay Process and Crucible did to the Village of Solvay and Onondaga Lake.
- not

What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus?

(175 responses; responses may be placed in more than one response category)

Restaurants/Coffee shops (77 responses)

- another grocery store movie theatre another fast food like arbys/taco bell
- A seafood market/restaurant, a bakery, a florist, a garden center, a coffee/tea shop, a banquet hall, a fabric/yarn/arts & crafts/framing shop, a jewelry store, small boutiques
- Different fast food places, more local shops (not antique or groceries or another dollar store), retail (like Hannaford), salons
- restaurants, little stores, hairdressers, Friendly's, Master/Supercuts
- Coffee shop; upscale restaurants; florist; barber shop
- affordable motel/hotels for travelers, affordable restaurants, more grocery stores, fast food places.
- family food restaurants motels fast food
- Bookstores, restaurants (besides pizza), bakery, clothing shoe, any business that's open all 4 seasons

- clothing stores, ma & pa family restaurants, bargain shops (Target, Kmart, etc.)
- A better grocery store, chain restaurant, small shops
- Aldi's, morning coffee shop/breakfast, specialty stores, wool/quilt shop, a store w/WIFI
- Art related store. Good grocery store
- Bigger stores, one more fast food
- Boutiques and shops that are well kept up, restaurants
- Coffee shop / Antique shops
- Dunkin Donuts, perhaps another fast food rest. Small retail shops like antiques etc.
- fast food, more shopping stores
- Fast food, restaurants, stores
- more quaint shops, additional fast food options
- More shopping and restaurants
- more shopping, stores, more restaurants.
- Record stores and restaurants
- Red Lobster Restaurant Tourist type gift shops, specialty, handworks with more local tourism support and advertising- utilize Thruway exit location to attract visitors
- Restaurants and shops. Take advantage of the thruway traffic.
- restaurants, specialty shops. fill the empty storefronts downtown. Maybe make rent more reasonable so someone can start up something. We need a coffee shop like Burrets - that was a wonderful place and promoted local artists too. Great for guests staying at our hotels.
- retail, restaurants- seem like we could have more choices and competition as we sit on a main interstate highway. We should look toward more business opportunities with out of town visitors. Interstate travelers.
- Shopping and restaurants
- shopping and restaurants
- Shopping stores, more food restaurants
- shops and restaurants.
- shops and restaurants
- small shop fast food family restaurant
- small specialty shops like yarn, fabric/quilt shops, coffee shop/cafe, book store.
- Wal-Mart McDonald's
- Coffee shop, clothing stores, venues for music/arts, recreational services (gym, basketball/volleyball courts, exercise classes)
- Fitness facilities, affordable restaurant or cafe, clothing
- A gym (public), fast food, grocery
- Coffee community gathering space similar to Burritt's. Community pool use like Cato Rec Center.
- Fast food, cafe, and rec center
- Some sort of recreation center for youth. Some kind of cafe` similar to the former Burritt's.
- Chain grocery store ie:tops/wegmans Doctor/Dentist
- Clothing mercantile, popular restaurant chains
- More clothes shops or fast food
- a new grocery store, new restaurants
- Addit. grocery store; McDonalds; Chain Restaurant such as Ruby Tuesdays or a Cheesecake Factory
- coffee house, larger chain supermarket, place for early morning breakfast and coffee for locals.
- Coffee shop/bakery
- More restaurants and grocery areas.
- Nice restaurants (NOT fast food, NOT a diner) Coffee Shop/Bakery that is affordable for residents
- restaurants, bakeries, ice cream shops
- Restaurants, grocery stores
- restaurants, more grocery options

- A couple more restaurants
- Coffee shops
- Different fast food places
- different types of restraints
- Diner
- Fast food
- McDonald's and Taco Bell
- More fast food restaurants.
- more food places to go eat.
- more places to eat
- more restaurants such as olive garden or dunkin doughnuts
- More restaurants
- More restaurants
- more restaurants
- national chain restaurants
- nice restaurants
- Perhaps a bakery/coffee shop which is not a franchise but privately owned
- restaurants
- Restaurants
- restaurants (non fast food)
- restaurants, but there's no room
- Restaurants
- Taco Bell
- The return of a coffee shop (non-chain) would be nice. Also, a cafe-style restaurant and a venue (non-bar) for local musicians would be great for Weedsport.
- We don't have a large variety of restaurants to choose from when dining out.

Grocery stores/Bakeries (38 responses)

- another grocery store movie theatre another fast food like arbys/taco bell
- larger grocery store, office buildings (i.e. medical billing office), manufacturing businesses (i.e. computer parts), upscale hotels near thruway exit, concert/theater venues (i.e. Yanni)
- affordable motel/hotels for travelers, affordable restaurants, more grocery stores, fast food places.
- A better grocery store, chain restaurant, small shops
- Aldi's, morning coffee shop/breakfast, specialty stores, wool/quilt shop, a store w/WIFI
- A gym (public), fast food, grocery
- a new grocery store, new restaurants
- Addit. grocery store; McDonalds; Chain Restaurant such as Ruby Tuesdays or a Cheesecake Factory
- coffee house, larger chain supermarket, place for early morning breakfast and coffee for locals.
- Coffee shop/bakery
- More restaurants and grocery areas.
- Nice restaurants (NOT fast food, NOT a diner) Coffee Shop/Bakery that is affordable for residents
- restaurants, bakeries, ice cream shops
- Restaurants, grocery stores
- restaurants, more grocery options
- Grocery/sports/lumber
- More shopping area's or groceries' and a new gym/weight facility.
- clothing, groceries, luxuries, books, electronics
- An Aldis or Bass Pro-Shop
- Discount grocery, department stores

- general merchandise store, bakery
- Grocery and general store other than Kinney Drugs and Dollar General.
- grocery, appliance
- Clothing store, another grocery store
- clothing store, grocery competition
- Food, clothing stores
- A top-quality supermarket
- Aldi grocery store
- another super market and or bakery....
- Another grocery store
- Bakery
- Grocery store
- Grocery Store
- Grocery stores
- Higher quality grocery store, bakery, competition for DB's
- I'd like to see our Sure Fine grocery store remodeled and clean! It's a shame that the residents of Weedsport have to travel to Auburn for the majority of food shopping. I'm confident in saying if changes were made to Sure Fine, business there would increase immensely.
- more grocery choice - Wegmans or Tops
- Wegmans

Retail (Apparel/Shoes) (18 responses)

- Fitness facilities, affordable restaurant or cafe, clothing
- clothing, groceries, luxuries, books, electronics
- clothing stores, ma & pa family restaurants, bargain shops (Target, Kmart, etc.)
- Bookstores, restaurants (besides pizza), bakery, clothing shoe, any business that's open all 4 seasons
- Clothing stores.
- Clothing stores/ shoe stores, music/electronics
- Possibly more variety in food and clothing stores
- more clothing shops, more entertainment opportunities.
- Clothing store, another grocery store
- clothing store, grocery competition
- I would like to see more artistic and clothing retail in Weedsport and Brutus.
- Food, clothing stores
- Clothing mercantile, popular restaurant chains
- Coffee shop, clothing stores, venues for music/arts, recreational services (gym, basketball/volleyball courts, exercise classes)
- more clothing stores.
- store for fine men's clothing.
- Clothing store, We have enough dollar stores, antique store, banks
- More clothes shops or fast food

Medical/Dental (5 responses)

- Small shop, more regards to Health etc.
- Medical/Dental Services
- Health ones Doctor Dentist
- Chain grocery store ie:tops/wegmans Doctor/Dentist
- Florist, Dentist, Urgent Care

Fitness/Sports/Recreation (16 responses)

- Fitness facilities, affordable restaurant or cafe, clothing
- Coffee shop, clothing stores, venues for music/arts, recreational services (gym, basketball/volleyball courts, exercise classes)
- Rec center
- Grocery/sports/lumber
- Coffee community gathering space similar to Burritt's. Community pool use like Cato Rec Center.
- better public playground/ or even indoor play area for children
- Businesses that are good for the community, a community center is Jordan on Rt. 3, but not tattoos or sexual types or beer.
- A gym (public), fast food, grocery
- More shopping area's or groceries' and a new gym/weight facility.
- If sports & recreation to come, then related stores to the sport/recreation activity
- Fast food, cafe, and rec center
- Rec Center/Fitness Center/ Gym
- A recreational facility
- Rec. Center/Community Center.
- Youth Center of some sort, Youth need some place to go other than loiter on the streets
- Some sort of recreation center for youth. Some kind of cafe` similar to the former Burritt's.

Retail (All other) (65 responses)

- Grocery/sports/lumber
- More shopping area's or groceries' and a new gym/weight facility.
- Small shop, more regards to Health etc.
- clothing, groceries, luxuries, books, electronics
- clothing stores, ma & pa family restaurants, bargain shops (Target, Kmart, etc.)
- Bookstores, restaurants (besides pizza), bakery, clothing shoe, any business that's open all 4 seasons
- Clothing stores/ shoe stores, music/electronics
- I would like to see more artistic and clothing retail in Weedsport and Brutus.
- Restaurants and shops. Take advantage of the thruway traffic.
- grocery, appliance
- An Aldis or Bass Pro-Shop
- Fast food, restaurants, stores
- More stores and shops to increase commerce and jobs.
- another grocery store movie theatre another fast food like arbys/taco bell
- Boutique and art shops along the lines of Skaneateles
- Dunkin Donuts, perhaps another fast food rest. Small retail shops like antiques etc.
- general merchandise store, bakery
- Any boutique type retail should be encouraged, installation of any more "dollar store" oriented stores should be banned, Restaurant choices could be expanded, some financial incentive (tax break) should be encouraged to fill the empty retail space in the village and some assistance for facade beautification should be investigated.
- Boutiques and shops that are well kept up, restaurants
- Wal-Mart McDonald's
- Grocery, and general store other than Kinney Drugs and Dollar General.
- Kmart, Target, other bargain stores
- Gamestop...
- Shopping

- Red Lobster Restaurant Tourist type gift shops, specialty, handworks with more local tourism support and advertising- utilize Thruway exit location to attract visitors
- bookstores & pet supplies
- Art related store. Good grocery store
- restaurants, specialty shops. fill the empty storefronts downtown. Maybe make rent more reasonable so someone can start up something. We need a coffee shop like Burrets - that was a wonderful place and promoted local artists too. Great for guests staying at our hotels.
- A seafood market/restaurant, a bakery, a florist, a garden center, a coffee/tea shop, a banquet hall, a fabric/yarn/arts & crafts/framing shop, a jewelry store, small boutiques
- retail
- A better grocery store, chain restaurant, small shops
- restaurants, little stores, hairdressers, Friendly's, Master/Supercuts
- Different fast food places, more local shops (not antique or groceries or another dollar store), retail (like Hannaford), salons
- More shopping and restaurants
- small strip mall to locate businesses so everything is together
- get rid of the dollar stores and have more upscale shops
- shops and restaurants.
- Aldi's, morning coffee shop/breakfast, specialty stores, wool/quilt shop, a store w/WIFI
- Shopping stores, more food restaurants
- shops like Skaneateles has.
- car dealerships, movies, larger stores/ chain stores like Wal-Mart or Best Buy
- Record stores and restaurants
- specialty shops
- Maybe a mega market like Wal-Mart.
- Shopping and restaurants
- fast food, more shopping stores
- More farming and agriculture business and a bass pro!!!
- Discount grocery, department stores
- Bigger stores, one more fast food
- more quaint shops, additional fast food options
- shopping and restaurants
- A "Made in USA" store that would attract people to come off the thruway, light industry
- more shops and stores, more places to go
- retail, restaurants- seem like we could have more choices and competition as we sit on a main interstate highway. We should look toward more business opportunities with out of town visitors. Interstate travelers.
- small specialty shops like yarn, fabric/quilt shops, coffee shop/cafe, book store.
- shops and restaurants
- Small shops
- An information center like a village chamber would be great to gather information for new folks or visiting folks. I've lived just outside the village for 6 months now and am finally discovering some of the neat home town things about Weedsport and the Town. Retail businesses that had a better appearance or quality look and feel would be better appreciated. The current businesses are great but they need to step up their appearances.
- small shops
- More shopping places.
- Coffee shop / Antique shops
- more shopping, stores, more restaurants.
- specialty shops similar to Skaneateles
- small shop fast food family restaurant

- More little shops

Hotels/Lodging (3 responses)

- family food restaurants motels fast food
- affordable motel/hotels for travelers, affordable restaurants, more grocery stores, fast food places.
- larger grocery store, office buildings (i.e. medical billing office), manufacturing businesses (i.e. computer parts), upscale hotels near thruway exit, concert/theater venues (i.e. Yanni)

Manufacturing/Industry (9 responses)

- larger grocery store, office buildings (i.e. medical billing office), manufacturing businesses (i.e. computer parts), upscale hotels near thruway exit, concert/theater venues (i.e. Yanni)
- A "Made in USA" store that would attract people to come off the thruway, light industry
- Job creating manufacturing
- manufacturing, remember Welch Allyn wanting to dev on Rt 31 w
- machine shop and textile factory I think
- Perhaps a truck stop since we have an exit off I90? Or production of a product?
- at least another factory
- An off campus for Carrier Plastic or some small factory for local employment
- Good pay manufacturing jobs, small business park area, agricultural connected enterprises

Other (45 responses)

- another grocery store movie theatre another fast food like arbys/taco bell
- A seafood market/restaurant, a bakery, a florist, a garden center, a coffee/tea shop, a banquet hall, a fabric/yarn/arts & crafts/framing shop, a jewelry store, small boutiques
- Different fast food places, more local shops (not antique or groceries or another dollar store), retail (like Hannaford), salons
- restaurants, little stores, hairdressers, Friendly's, Master/Supercuts
- Coffee shop; upscale restaurants; florist; barber shop
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- Businesses that are good for the community, a community center is Jordan on Rt. 3, but not tattoos or sexual types or beer.
- Florist, Dentist, Urgent Care
- more clothing shops, more entertainment opportunities.
- Possibly more variety in food and clothing stores
- All any
- Any
- Any and all!
- Any business is good - except for "adult" shops!
- Anything but tattoo shops and any sexual related franchise
- cat house
- Coordinated/cooperative town and village offices in a community building large enough to house the food pantry with a one-floor truck accessible entrance.

- do more to enhance the existing business'
- family entertainment Library expanded in center of village: more technology, careers, arts space. school and community sharing resources: space, practical times and usage of facilities, transportation-towns near colleges do well.
- Farmers Market
- food
- Further growth of food options as well as cultural preservation of the past.
- Good pay manufacturing jobs, small business park area, agricultural connected enterprises
- I would like to see more food businesses/services
- More businesses that reach out to all age groups.
- more food places
- More services not sure what type would be able to come.
- Need more public parking
- ones that will create more than ten jobs
- Perhaps a truck stop since we have an exit off I90? Or production of a product?
- Places for the community and also for visitors coming off the thruway such as places where people can gather outside for music and other performances. A place other than the pitstop to meet, have a cup of coffee and chat with neighbors. Shops where there are locally made and raised food such as a bakery or butcher. Not shops that have filler merchandise but products that the community needs. These places need to be located where you park, walk and shop. This community is a close knit community but you wouldn't know it by looking at how it's being taken care of.
- popular things to attract people and make Weedsport bigger or more sufficient.
- the kind that make money and pay taxes and employ workers
- Unique to area to draw people here and appropriate, meaning not an adult store or adult/ men's club
- Unsure - we have some of almost all types; we do not need "big box" stores and the problems they create (i.e. traffic, loss of smaller stores and shops).
- Warehouse We have great transportation

Responses not included in findings because respondent fell outside of target population (47 responses)

- More electronics services like game stop or radioshack; something of similar nature
- None
- I'd like to see more store type jobs and more farming
- restaurants (not chains), clothing stores, incentivize businesses small to mid-size businesses to locate/relocate to Weedsport
- No change
- more places to eat.
- Restaurants, food establishments
- Food
- family oriented
- Clothing stores, restaurants
- None
- cloths, and fast food
- somewhere you could buy simple clothing
- clothing stores, restaurants, an arcade or go karts
- More places to eat
- More restaurants
- more to eat, like McDonalds
- More restaurants and more shopping places and recreational things
- Fast food restaurants
- Restaurants, Movie Theater, Children's Recreation Facility

- I think we're good how we are.
- More clothing stores, and restaurants.
- Quality restaurants. They will draw visitors like nothing else! Specialty shops with unique items. Art galleries (perhaps even an "art barn"- where artists can sell their work on consignment). Professional businesses, (ie. Doctors, lawyers, realtors, accountants). A coffee shop, bakery bookstore, jewelry store. The dog groomer/pet store is a great addition! We have enough beauty shops and pizza shops - they compete with each other and put each other out of business!
- more grocery centers/shopping areas
- Health Club, Light Manufacturing, Put a Industrial development zone. Use the Thruway exit and the river to attract businesses and jobs to our area
- Restaurants, cafe, shops, movie theatre (to draw people into Weedsport)
- Maybe a shopping store, bigger/better grocery store
- Dunkin Doughnuts
- I would like to see more clothing stores in Weedsport and Brutus
- Different styles of places to eat
- shopping places
- Recreational facilities, restaurants
- The current businesses are sufficient
- Coffee shop/bakery Fitness center
- clothing stores, restaurants
- Grocery
- grocery stores
- Shopping areas, not sure
- No more food (unless a bakery) - more "shops" to buy items - gift shops - fishing shop
- More restaurants and places to shop for clothing, also a weight room for the town to use/gym/rec center
- Recreational,
- Legitimate businesses that have an actual purpose and benefit to the community.
- Coffee/Sandwich shops; bakery; book store;
- More restaurants
- Clothes and appliances
- A clothing store.
- I think more shopping places would be nice. We should be encouraging and helping small businesses.

Which actions should the Town and Village take to improve the commercial center of the village? Check all that apply.

Other (please specify)

(31 responses)

- attractive signs, a nice post office w/ convenient drop-off of mail and parking
- Beautification with flowers and trees downtown
- business owners should do more to take care of their property, like the Winton Shoppe Owner
- Clean up the 4 corners, modernize the area Walgreens on the se corner, clear the old buildings on the sw corner all the way to NY pizza [area for restaurant and shops, clear and rebuild nw corner to key bank, clear out the ne corner to the old erie all areas for restaurants and shops
- Curbs on Brutus street and more of Seneca street, would very much improve the appeal of the main streets.
- Demolish buildings such as the red one near the P/office
- Discourage future antique stores from opening
- Downtown Weedsport village looks like a dump ! Buildings with siding missing for years, village homes with garbage piled up and the village does nothing about it !
- Encourage more businesses to attract tourists, better parking
- Expand/ Add New Business

- From a planning perspective these all go hand in hand. Asset management planning would help to drive the development and maintenance of infrastructure. I jog the village almost every day and find the sidewalks, roadways and lighting are good at the time. Good job! However, promotion events do help build community spirit and morale.
- handicap accessible buildings, snow removed. Encourage cyber space .
- Improve parking opportunities
- invest in our history- Spend to upkeep our Weedsport Aqueduct for tourism and for local attractions like the influx of camping that is a big draw to this area with campgrounds near the river.
- Leonardi Manufacturing could do a lot to help their building and grounds. It is an eye sore. So is the building near Whittlers Green. Banks, churches, Old Erie, museum some others look great!!
- Live for the future/ Lose the historical society
- make buildings more consistent with one another
- make our taxes WORK ! Enforce current codes and make police get out of their cars and do something!
- Not solely at tax payer expense, owners need to maintain better
- Offer more for teens/children
- Our main routes of 34 & 31 are in dire need of "sprucing up" in general. Our main streets look like hodge-podge because of the lack of bldg and zoning enforcement and a true plan throughout the years. Use the thruway as a plus to draw focus on this area such as Aurora, Cazenovia, Skaneateles, etc.
- plant trees
- Please buy some signs like they have in Auburn when entering village stating that we have noise limits
- reduce property taxes, which are driving businesses away
- Remove trees on Rt 31 that block a left hand turn
- signs to indicate parking for businesses, especially for those traveling through, and not residents
- The center needs to attract more appealing businesses. It's predominantly second-hand merchandise, so I do almost all of my shopping outside of Weedsport.
- The center of town is not attractive; industrial businesses should be encouraged to relocate and provided assistance for doing so.
- the corner building on W. Brutus and S. Seneca
- The owners should spruce up their property
- Uniformity in building appearance in the village would make the town more attractive.

**Responses from respondents who fell outside of target population
(4 responses)**

- Promote tourism
- offer 1-2yr real estate tax discounts to those that want to purchase commercial properties and open businesses. provide financial incentives to those who are motivated to make the village a better place and penalize those that don't!
- Create meeting/recreational spaces for the community using architectural landscaping and artwork
- Divert trucks to around the village center

**Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads? If yes, which roads?
(124 responses; responses may be placed in more than one category)**

Route 34 (54 responses)

- Rt. 34 - very heavy 31 should be for truck traffic
- the main road through the center of the village Rt. 34
- Rte 34
- Route 34 through the village
- Absolutely - unfortunately with rts 31 & 34 traveling directly through the village is there anyway around the problem??
- streets which enter village limits - speed (34,31,31B)
- Route 34 south of the village! Traffic coming off the thruway still think it's 65 MPH!

- downtown, rt.34....difficult for pedestrians to cross and cars from side streets to enter
- route 34, 31, side streets in village
- Rte 31 , Rt34,Rte 31B
- route 31 & 34 speeding
- Rt 34 on south side of village
- Route 34 through the Village and South Street
- Rt34 as many out of towners don't respect limits and laws
- Route 34
- Route 34-trucks, West Brutus Street
- Route 34
- Rt 34 thru the Village area Rt 31
- Rt 34 through downtown, commercial traffic should be diverted to 31 out of downtown
- Rt. 34 - in village
- Rt 34 and 31
- Route 34.
- Rt. 34
- Rt 34 in village
- Rt 34, Green Street, Rt 31
- Rt 34 - North and South - into and leaving Village. I'm concerned with the number of red lights being "run" at the 4 corners.
- Route 34 both N and S,
- Bell Street, the intersection of Rt. 31 and Rt. 34
- Rt 34
- Heavy traffic @ times on Rt. 34
- Route 34!
- Rt. 34. It should be one way thru village (like Ithaca)
- RT #34 / Rt #31 traffic pattern and flow in the village
- Rt 34
- The southern entrance to the village on Rt. 34 (heading both northbound and southbound).
- Rt. 34
- ROUTE 34, WEEDSPORT SENNETT ROAD, ROUTE 31
- route 34 south of village
- rt.34 and tanner rd
- Route 34
- rt. 34
- Rt. 34
- State Rte 34
- Route 34, entering & leaving the south end of the village
- Route 34 through Village
- Rt 34 - Weedsport Sennett
- Route 34 through town...Route 31 is a much better option for trucks and traffic...keep 34 as local traffic and pedestrian friendly.
- Rt 34 coming from Auburn
- Throughout village, esp. Weeds-Sennett Rd. & Route 34
- Route 34/S. Seneca. Ridiculous the number of cars/trucks speeding into the village.
- Main St Rt. 34 and 31
- Sometimes on 34
- rt 34 all the way thru village truck traffic

- when heading south on rt.34 at light turning left onto e. brutus st. holds up traffic

Route 31 (14 responses)

- Absolutely - unfortunately with rts 31 & 34 traveling directly through the village is there any way around the problem??
- streets which enter village limits - speed (34,31,31B)
- route 34, 31, side streets in village
- Rte 31 , Rt34,Rte 31B
- route 31 & 34 speeding
- Rt 34 thru the Village area Rt 31
- Rt 34 and 31
- Rt 34, Green Street, Rt 31
- Bell Street, the intersection of Rt. 31 and Rt. 34
- RT #34 / Rt #31 traffic pattern and flow in the village
- ROUTE 34, WEEDSPORT SENNETT ROAD, ROUTE 31
- Main St Rt. 34 and 31
- south and north seneca st and e.brutus st by the school
- route 31 in and thru the village and out the opposite way

East/West Brutus Street (18 responses)

- streets which enter village limits - speed (34,31,31B)
- Rte 31 , Rt34,Rte 31B
- south and north seneca st and e.brutus st by the school
- Route 34-trucks, West Brutus Street
- when heading south on rt.34 at light turning left onto e. brutus st. holds up traffic
- East Brutus, when school is starting and after school
- west brutus st
- early mornings Brutus / Seneca Street - BAD!
- E. Brutus
- E Brutus Street--I don't think anyone goes the speed limit for a street that has many people walking.
- North and South Seneca and Route 31
- South Seneca Street
- 31 B (East Brutus St.)
- Thru Village, 31 B, Putnam Road
- Cottle, Pump, Bonta Bridge, Clinton, Brutus
- South and Seneca Streets
- E. brutus st towards rt 5
- The Jericho, 31b intersection. It needs a traffic light

North/South Seneca Street (11 responses)

- early mornings Brutus / Seneca Street - BAD!
- North and South Seneca and Route 31
- Route 34/S. Seneca. Ridiculous the number of cars/trucks speeding into the village.
- Seneca St (length of)
- North Seneca Street
- N. and S. Seneca Sts.
- very busy on Fridays - even early afternoon - N & S Seneca Streets near 4 corners
- North & South Seneca Street

- Willow onto Green Seneca St.
- N. and S. Seneca Sts. Erie Drive
- north & south seneca streets

Weedsport-Sennett Road (13 responses)

- ROUTE 34, WEEDSPORT SENNETT ROAD, ROUTE 31
- Rt 34 - Weedsport Sennett
- Throughout village, esp. Weeds-Sennett Rd. & Route 34
- Weedsport, Sennett Rd.
- By Bibbens-Sennet
- Shepherd, Weedsport & Sennett, Jericho
- Weedsport - Sennett Rd.
- Weedsport-Sennett Road and South St. in the village
- Sennett Road
- Weedsport Sennett Road
- Weedsport & Sennet Rd.
- Weedsport-Sennet
- Weedsport - Sennett Rd.

Oakland Street/Oakland Road (5 responses)

- Oakland St
- Oakland St and West Brutus
- Oakland St. (speeding)
- Speeding Oakland Rd.
- Oakland Road

General (18 responses)

- back roads with no speed limit signs (Jericho Rd.)
- Specifically young drivers speeding on village streets
- some large trucks - the largest scrap dealer". and the guy with the black truck w/ copper strips a hot dogging and harassing residents tailgating and loud.
- All main road entering the village.
- most side streets, especially "cut-through" or "short-cut" streets.
- But if there is a Bypass Downtown Weedsport will die
- route 34, 31, side streets in village
- right thru downtown - especially no signage in cross walks
- roads need to be reconfigured - wider, better parking
- all areas
- Kids come out of high school driving way too fast. Trucks through town are loud and smell like exhaust.
- Traffic = jobs
- truck traffic should be diverted to rt 31 and not allowed down the center of downtown
- outside the city limit
- speeding is fine
- Tractor trailers speeding through downtown. Get police to start doing the job.
- traffic means people and business
- all of the back roads

Other (28 responses)

- Bell Street seems to be a major cut through

- Bell Street
- Bonta Bridge Road -speeding
- South Street
- Putnam Rd people fly down, race on and are generally not paying attention. I can't count how many times I have almost been run over while out jogging.
- Ditmar Rd.
- Weedsport-Sennett Road and South St. in the village
- Rt 34, Green Street, Rt 31
- Thru Village, 31 B, Putnam Road
- N. and S. Seneca Sts. Erie Drive
- Jackson St. and by the HS
- Truck traffic on main street
- The Jericho, 31b intersection. It needs a traffic light
- back roads with no speed limit signs (Jericho Rd.)
- Speeding on streets/roads leading into/out of village
- Tow Path
- South and Seneca Streets
- South St
- n wiilow
- Jackson St (Speeding)
- rt.34 and tanner rd
- Shepherd, Weedsport & Sennett, Jericho
- Main St Rt. 34 and 31
- Willow onto Green Seneca St.
- By Bibbens-Sennett
- E Rude St from the top of the hill
- Shepherd road, it's like a race track
- Cottle, Pump, Bonta Bridge, Clinton, Brutus

Responses not included in findings because respondent fell outside of target population (10 responses)

- Grand Ave Road
- stop allowing 18 wheeler trucks to drive thru the center of the village
- rt 34, thruway
- 34 and Weedsport-Sennett
- Coming off the thruway at Route 34 - there should be a traffic light
- Speeding on Weedsport Sennett Road
- Main Street in the Village is extremely dangerous! In the best interest of the village it 's residents, you must reroute the truckers.
- Rt 34, Weedsport Sennett Rd
- Route 34
- Main road

Should sidewalks or off-street routes for walking be extended into areas that do not have them now? If yes, which areas?

(57 responses)

- a little ways up Weedsport Sennett
- all areas
- all areas should be required to have sidewalks.

- ALL AREAS WITHIN THE VILLAGE, CURRENTLY SIDEWALKS END FAR BEFORE THE VILLAGE BOUNDARIES ON RT 34 AND SOUTH STREET
- all over
- all within the village
- along rt 31 the entire length within the village limits
- Anywhere in the Village where pedestrians may walk...we should do more to encourage walking and biking to improve health and reduce car travel.
- Around town, sidewalks need work.
- By pass from for truck traffic from ex. 40 to Auburn
- Connect East and West on Erie Canal
- connecting aqueduct park to downtown area and other trails
- Connecting Big M and fastrac
- cross walk to drug store
- Cross walks on main street
- Develop canal path connection through village.
- Down all of South St to Village limits
- Downs Rd, Weedsport-Sennett, the side roads
- From Evergreen Heights on Oakland Street to W. Brutus St.
- From Evergreen Heights to West Brutus Streets
- from town to fairgrounds, evergreen heights into town
- If anywhere on Weedsport-Sennett Rd
- In the village connected to the waterfront
- Low traffic areas like the Marshall tract are ok for walking, but sidewalks, and maybe curbing would help on one side at least of south street.
- Marshall track and South St, Rude St....there should be sidewalks in every part of the village.
- Marshall Track
- Marshall track area
- Marshall track areas and farther
- Marshall Tract
- Marshall Tract
- Marshall Tract
- Marshall Tract
- Marshall tract, Rude street, Hamilton road
- Marshall Tract; W. Brutus St.; N. Seneca St.
- Maybe not sidewalks so much, but better shoulders for areas outside the village for the people that use the roadways in addition to the vehicles.
- near the field days
- Near the Northern edge of town
- Oakland Rd
- Oakland Rd
- Oakland Road Area
- Oakland Street
- Oakland Street - W. Brutus to Aqueduct park (* sidewalks to trails)
- People don't use newly repaired sidewalks
- route 34 south
- Rte 34
- Rude Street. Marshal Development - Marshall Heaven
- Some of the larger residential areas
- South St. and Rude St
- South St. towards the Marshall Tract to Rude St.

- South Street extended to the town line
- South Willow St. and Marshall track
- That would be Wonderful!!!!!! I love that sidewalks were redone a few years ago. Would love sidewalks everywhere!
- Throughout the whole village
- to school, village boundaries, to aqueduct park
- Trails
- Up toward Byrne Dairy on 5
- W. Brutus St, Oakland St
- Weedsport - Sennett Rd. / South Street

**Responses from respondents who fell outside of target population
(10 responses)**

people want to walk into town

off road trails

on trails

outside of the village

the main focus for street and sidewalk improvements should be the village (Main Street area between Liberty St and the Thruway Entrance). This is the area that "defines" the village of Weedsport. It's where thousands of people pass by as they drive to or from the Thruway. If you make efforts to improve it, people will drive thru and think, gosh what a nice town, I'd like to live here. Unfortunately, they can't say that now.

Rt 31 by Kwik fill - Big M for one area

All areas within the Village should have sidewalks

Wherever needed

all

Weedsport Senate Road

What recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.

Other (please specify)

(45 responses)

- "Free" use of natural surrounding
- A baseball field over on Hamilton on that new development outside the village and one over by by the bowling alley
- a large community building to hold events for parties, family events etc., movie theater, miniature golf
- A marina
- A public pool
- A rec center
- Allow snowmobilers to enter village to go to restaurants, Also, as stated previously, focus on more for our youth.
- ATV trails and allow them on existing trails.
- Basketball courts
- Community Center like Cato and Red Creek
- concert venues, YMCA programs using the school pool for seniors, families, etc
- dog park
- dog park
- Dog park and nature trails
- existing recreational opportunities are sufficient
- fix the courts at the park
- Good quantity now, don't need more

- Handicap Access Fishing Pier at Bonta Bridge Fishing Access Site
- Horse trails
- I don't think this should be a first priority, but would be great.
- ice skating on the Eire Canal also fishing expan the Town Park
- Ice skating rink, community sports complex
- indoor basketball and lifting areas
- indoor sports facilities
- Keep snowmobiles of residential property and from running across private driveways and lawns
- Let horses use trails
- No snowmobiles on Erie Canal trail was wrong and need adult groups for the others
- Ok as is
- opportunities for senior citizens
- park with picnic tables, gills - besides aqueduct park
- Picnic or park areas
- Possibly more adult activities/sports
- Promote youth sports
- rec center
- Rec center/facility, no more baseball fields
- skate/bmx park so we are not riding where we're not supposed to
- Skate park
- snow shoeing, outdoor exercise opportunities
- So we already have a bunch of these and there are other things that could be utilized through the school. It would be great if the Town and Village could work with the school to do some community sports such as basketball, swimming, soccer etc. Not only for youth but the big kids in all of us. And then charge an activity or membership fee to help cover the cost of liability insurance.
- splash pad, better public playground
- There appears to be a great idolization and financial support of child athletes in the Town of Brutus, perhaps some greater support of academics, theater and/or arts for our young people could be investigated.
- Tour boat
- Village should be more snowmobile friendly
- volleyball courts w/ lighting for evenings, horse shoe pits, boce ball
- Would love to see a recreation center for families of the town and village- including gymnasiums, weight / aerobics rooms ect..

**Responses from respondents who fell outside of target population
(8 responses)**

- (More kick ball and hockey
- arcade and go karts
- inside things because there is already a lot of outdoor things
- all outdoor opportunities for families and individuals are great ideas. people will want to live where they can have fun, where shopping is convenient, where the schools are great and where they are safe.
- four wheeling trails
- outdoor volleyball court
- Any activity good for community
- Horseback riding trails and camping facilities

What kind of place do you envision Weedsport and Brutus should be in the future?

(185 responses; responses may be placed in more than one category)

Friendly/Peaceful/Strong Sense of Community (37 responses)

- A beautiful area that promotes a strong sense of community and that pulls in people from the surrounding areas due to something special that Weedsport has to offer.
- A beautiful, friendly, historic community. I am most interested in preserving our history and the Erie Canal. The canal should be our most valuable asset.
- a community where tourism thrives, has a theme, beautiful, more organized in its location of businesses and services, bedroom community, thriving community where a business has moved in, encouraging families to move here, active senior citizen community, destination community or look like the gateway to the finger lakes, more attractive and inviting, a "main street community" creative w/green energy, friendlier to encourage "newcomers", locate a Cayuga county chamber office here that stands out with information for tourists because we are the "gateway", cleaned up, fixed up downtown, beautiful organized themed signage
- A friendly place that works with property owners.
- A fun filled place that's happy and has lots to do.
- A mixture of the small town, close-knit community that it is now with more attractions, businesses, or events that draw people to Weedsport and make it more of a destination that people like to come to.
- a nice and caring town.
- a nice place to live, better than now, a place people want to move to and be a part of
- a nice, welcoming community
- A peaceful place. Keep the streets clean and the people nice. There also should be a recreational center for kids and teens.
- A place people would be proud to say they are a part of.
- A place that attracts people because of its great school system, community minded residents, well-kept business area and residential area. -- a place that attracts new residents because of its nice environment and friendly atmosphere.
- a place that people are proud to say they live in. A growing population.
- A place that when viewed by people for the first time sends the message that this is a community that its citizens take pride in and that it must be a very nice place to call home.
- A place to be proud to live here and invite friends and relatives to visit and move to.
- A safe, family-friendly environment with a strong sense of community, while preserving our historical roots...just expanding on what we have now. Would like to see a more vibrant & attractive "downtown", and more community events.
- A small town that offers big things to its residents; sporting fields, new businesses, recreational activities, maybe a town park with town swimming pools near the thruway.
- A very welcoming town with some attractions to make it more city like and a very good community.
- A village that is proud of its heritage. Why not capitalize on how important the canal was? Let's use the knowledge of its seniors and local residents who have studied the area's history, etc., to retain and spread how Weedsport's past was all about. As an aside, why not dam the canal at the very least, clean it up (not cut trees and brush and toss it in canal like on Port Byron side), and have nature lovers use it more? This past summer, met many people from out of state, and country, on path. Many positive comments but a common question - "Where is the canal?" Let's install signs by Arby's as to where the canal path continues.
- An area that people want to call home, an area that meets the everyday needs of households without having to travel, and remain a country area, not a suburb.
- Beautiful planting and decorations. A village that I would be proud of. Not where I am embarrassed.
- Family friendly, good schools, great opportunities for outdoor activities, more social gatherings to promote sense of community. I think a community pool would be great for families to gather during the summer and provide employment opportunities for student lifeguards.
- friendly welcoming comm. places to stop at when traveling to other destinations
- Hopefully the safe and carefree environment that we grew up in. On that enhances school and community spirit and a place where I would feel safe and comfortable raising my kids
- I believe that Weedsport should continue to be the friendly village it is today.

- I believe Weedsport and Brutus should stay the way it is; a small tightly-knit community.
- I envision Weedsport and Brutus too be more community and family oriented in the future.
- I love this place already. The people are very home town and I would like to encourage more intra-community connections between resources that already exist between the school, businesses, churches and other community groups.
- More residential population with small sized commercial businesses. Being a community oriented area providing a positive habitat for living and raising a family.
- Quiet peaceful community.
- Relaxed - Quiet - Comfortable - Financially Stable.
- Same Friendly - Growth - Working together as a community not as Village and Town
- Skaneateles like but not SNOBBISH
- Small quiet upstate community
- Strong, tight-knit, civic minded, small town/village community, where school graduates want to remain
- We would like to see it continue to be a quiet village with tree lined streets and homes that are painted and well kept.
- Well maintained, quaint, peaceful.

The same (22 responses)

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- Same Friendly - Growth - Working together as a community not as Village and Town
- We would like to see it continue to be a quiet village with tree lined streets and homes that are painted and well kept.
- I like the way it is now but it would be nice to see more opportunities for things to do around here.
- I think it should stay the same, there's nothing wrong with it.
- It should be just as it is now, a wholesome community
- Just a small simple town like it has been my whole life.
- Keep small town atmosphere
- Same as it is now
- same.
- Same. I strongly suggest that the trash stickers be eliminated to pick up trash. We pay enough high taxes and should be part of this. Port Byron does not have to pay for trash pick-up. Please bring this issue up in your meetings. Thank you.
- small, no changes.
- Stay a small town
- the same
- The same but not to lose any more people to other States because of lack of jobs or taxes are too high here.
- The same but with a few adjustments in the community to help deal with different problems
- the same high class well educated small town with lots of space
- The same kind of place it is now.
- The same maybe a little improved
- The same.

Safe (19 responses)

- A safe, family-friendly environment with a strong sense of community, while preserving our historical roots...just expanding on what we have now. Would like to see a more vibrant & attractive "downtown", and more community events.

- Hopefully the safe and carefree environment that we grew up in. On that enhances school and community spirit and a place where I would feel safe and comfortable raising my kids
- More residential population with small sized commercial businesses. Being a community oriented area providing a positive habitat for living and raising a family.
- a bit cleaner, kept up, safer
- A clean, safe, family orientated village.
- A family centered community promoting a fun safe place to live. A community by design.
- A fun and safe place for children with many entertaining things.
- A good safe place for people to live in where they'll feel comfortable raising their children
- A place where others driving thru would say" I'd like to live in this quaint, safe town"
- A place where people come to shop and spend time and money. A place to raise a family with a great school district. Continued good fire and police efforts. We feel safe.
- A place with a booming schooling system that has kept up its high standards for academics, discipline, and athletics. Also a safe neighborhood, where everyone knows each other, much like the Weedsport I grew up in.
- A safe community to raise a family with an excellent school system with adequate green space. Outdoor recreational space important. Country space and agriculture is important as well.
- A safe place for families to work and play and own their own homes
- A safe place to raise your family. A very close family oriented community.
- A safe, clean, happy place to raise families and to provide for all of the needs of its residents so that they don't need to travel to other towns for shopping. I would like to see more events to bring people together...like Old Tyme Christmas...and the gazebo gatherings
- safe and prosperous
- safe, interesting, historically recognized, clean, "repaired" downtown district, family-rich, a village families grow in and return to raise next generations.
- To be kept free of dope and narcotics for our youth and also to be kept to the highest of standards which it has in the past.
- Well organized kept clean, good no violence, great for kids.

Family-oriented (39 responses)

- A safe, family-friendly environment with a strong sense of community, while preserving our historical roots...just expanding on what we have now. Would like to see a more vibrant & attractive "downtown", and more community events.
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- To be kept free of dope and narcotics for our youth and also to be kept to the highest of standards which it has in the past.
- Well organized kept clean, good no violence, great for kids.
- A peaceful place. Keep the streets clean and the people nice. There also should be a recreational center for kids and teens.
- Family friendly, good schools, great opportunities for outdoor activities, more social gatherings to promote sense of community. I think a community pool would be great for families to gather during the summer and provide employment opportunities for student lifeguards.
- I envision Weedsport and Brutus too be more community and family oriented in the future.
- a family oriented town
- a kid friendly and more teen friendly place
- A place for kids and families to grow and become prepared for life
- A place that maintains its historic and homely feel while still moving into the 21st century and keeping up with the times. A place where all income levels could raise a family, with affordable taxes and good schools.
- a place to raise kids and grandkids in wholesome traditional values
- A place where people want to raise their children.
- A place where people would want to live and possibly raise a family
- A place where young couples want to begin and grow with their families. This should be a place where education and values are seen as important and the small-town feel is preserved and celebrated. I would like to see Weedsport step up in the area of going green and preserving what we have for future generations. One suggestion is that a curbside pick up for recycling is offered each week or at least every other week as driving to the recycling center is causing most people not to recycle as much as they would with curbside pick up (i.e. storing items takes space, smell from these items while you store them).
- A quaint but self-sustaining place to live and raise a family. We have a wonderful school district, but we need to get things back in line to preserve this village/town with modernization in order to retain and/or add peoples to the area.
- A small family friendly town that is ideally it's located in the Finger lakes, close to Syracuse, where one can enjoy nature, the arts, and recreation.
- Family friendly w/ "small town" values. Clean and pleasant.
- Family friendly with thriving businesses. Good schools with affordable housing.
- Family friendly, more jobs to encourage people to live here, improve downtown area to make it more attractive.
- Family place - parks, playgrounds, walking/biking trails, access to Seneca River (fishing, boating), cross country skiing, concerts, camping, sidewalk arts and crafts, festivals (need better parking, alternate travel route to keep traffic off the main road)
- I believe it should be a town with lots to do, where the kids won't get bored and get into trouble because they have nothing better to do.
- I certainly hope that Weedsport and Brutus continue to be places where patriotic and traditional family values are nurtured. The schools seem to be the hub of our wheel and I would hope that would always be the case. The village retail core needs to be cleaned up more uniformly, some places are beautiful and inviting while others are in total disrepair. Some efforts should be expended to clean up those in disrepair.
- I envision Weedsport looking presentable (better appearance) and I expect it to continue to be the ideal town for raising children.
- I hope it continues to be a family-friendly town that places emphasis on traditional values with a solid school system and library.
- I place to raise children with small town values and quality businesses
- I think taxes with force more consolidation of services. Good question, I would like to see abandon houses become space for new housing. More people walking, being healthy, less drugs, alcohol just a good place to grow and learn at any age.
- The village should be a clean well taken care of small village with shops and nice places to eat, shop and enjoy. The Town should be a great center for recreation, sports and family activities.

- To be kept clean on our roads, discourage the use of drugs and alcohol abuse for our youth, clean up the center of town and get some owners to keep up their homes as well as business owners (i.e. side of bldg on N & S Seneca St).

More business and attractions/Growth (47 responses)

- A safe, family-friendly environment with a strong sense of community, while preserving our historical roots...just expanding on what we have now. Would like to see a more vibrant & attractive "downtown", and more community events.
- Family friendly, more jobs to encourage people to live here, improve downtown area to make it more attractive.
- Same Friendly - Growth - Working together as a community not as Village and Town
- I like the way it is now but it would be nice to see more opportunities for things to do around here.
- a community where tourism thrives, has a theme, beautiful, more organized in its location of businesses and services, bedroom community, thriving community where a business has moved in, encouraging families to move here, active senior citizen community, destination community or look like the gateway to the finger lakes, more attractive and inviting, a "main street community" creative w/green energy, friendlier to encourage "newcomers", locate a Cayuga county chamber office here that stands out with information for tourists because we are the "gateway", cleaned up, fixed up downtown, beautiful organized themed signage
- A mixture of the small town, close-knit community that it is now with more attractions, businesses, or events that draw people to Weedsport and make it more of a destination that people like to come to.
- A small town that offers big things to its residents; sporting fields, new businesses, recreational activities, maybe a town park with town swimming pools near the thruway.
- A very welcoming town with some attractions to make it more city like and a very good community.
- A community like Skaneateles with plenty of retail establishments and people walking the streets enjoying Weedsport. Weedsport could also sustain a community center like the one in Cato and the one in Red Creek.
- a community that promotes diversity, is attractive to visitors and supports growth by encouraging small business activity.
- A growing commercial center
- A larger place with more to do and see, more stores to visit, more appealing looks, modernized
- A little big bigger of a town.
- A more vibrant commercial downtown with shops that people passing though the town stop and shop at and other opportunities that make Weedsport a destination for day-trips
- A place of a lot of people coming in, like a Wal-Mart.
- A place where people can come to events and have fun as well as having some of its old business back.
- A quiet, residential area with an excellent school system, and some additional motels.
- A small community as it is now, but with a more attractive downtown, better maintained homes, and a few more businesses.
- An upscale town, new building, new places to eat and shopping.
- Be an attraction and place people want to come
- become slightly larger with more shopping opportunities.
- busy village with all stores open and attractive
- Develop Downtown with shops. Promote local farmers with a farmer's market.
- Developing and growth Less stupid laws - Restrictions discourage everyone from doing anything to improve property.
- Enhance Historical areas to draw people to visit. Info Center? Variety of Recreational opportunities available "free" to public Shops for tourists, local people
- I think that Weedsport/Brutus should focus more on expansion in the future; would like to see it become a major town.
- I think Weedsport and Brutus would can change into something like Skaneateles, where they have a lot of retail opportunities. That way the town would flourish a lot more.

- I think Weedsport has the potential to attract the middle to upper class families due to the access of the Thruway and excellent School District. We need to find more ways to attract business to keep the town and village afloat. If we continue to raise taxes to the residents that currently live here they will find their way out and this will demolish or Village / Town. We need leadership / government that is able to oversee and operate our village / town as a profitable business. I think there needs to be young blood at the reins but the issue there is no one wants to get involved in their early years due to the demand that society puts on people. It is not a 9-5 Mon - Fri Society it is a 24 hrs a day society and no one has the time or wants to spend the little additional time they have in local government so they can be looked upon as an individual that make poor decisions. It is tuff out there and I hope all is well without town.
- I wish the storefronts in the village were updated and more attractive thereby enticing patrons. Less dollar stores, more restaurants, bakery, coffee shop, ice cream parlor, etc.
- It would be great if we could model Weedsport after Armory Square in Syracuse (attractive landscaping/signage/lampposts, unique boutiques and restaurants (non-chain and non-diner).
- Manufacturing, more senior citizen housing
- McDonald's and KFC and steel factory
- More booming and/or green technological.
- More fast food restaurants, to intrigue more customers from the thruway.
- more industrial
- More lively, where you can do things to have fun day and night.
- More open and stay up later keeps business open 24/7
- One that attracts more businesses and people desire to live here for the community harmony
- Slightly larger population but still small town
- Some business - Industry - bedroom community
- Somewhere around the commercial center part of Skaneateles is where I see Weedsport possibly going someday.
- The downtown needs to be developed perhaps with quaint gift shops, more than one eating establishment, and beautification on storefronts.
- There will be more people because of business buildings brought to our community
- To survive I don't think we can stay a bedroom community. We need jobs and business which will ultimately change the feel of this community. Perhaps we can maintain some of the hometown feel but I feel business and employment is more important then hometown feel.
- tourist attraction with industrial backing to help keep the taxes low
- With its access to the Thruway- promote it as bedroom community with easy commuting to Syracuse area. More people- more business

Well/better maintained (37 responses)

- Family friendly, more jobs to encourage people to live here, improve downtown area to mske it more attractive.
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- A peaceful place. Keep the streets clean and the people nice. There also should be a recreational center for kids and teens.
- Family friendly w/ "small town" values. Clean and pleasant.
- I certainly hope that Weedsport and Brutus continue to be places where patriotic and traditional family values are nurtured. The schools seem to be the hub of our wheel and I would hope that would always be the case. The village retail core needs to be cleaned up more uniformly, some places are beautiful and inviting while others are in total disrepair. Some efforts should be expended to clean up those in disrepair.
- I envision Weedsport looking presentable (better appearance) and I expect it to continue to be the ideal town for raising children.
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- a bit cleaner, kept up, safer
- We would like to see it continue to be a quiet village with tree lined streets and homes that are painted and well kept.
- Well maintained, quaint, peaceful.
- A clean, organized place.
- A place with better looking shops, more plants, better lighting. some of the buildings and houses are so hideous. Sometimes I feel like I live in the ghetto. I'd be willing to help update the looks of our village. The Dollar General and the building across from CJ's pub and restaurant look terrible at the moment.
- bring back some life into downtown, enforce codes for residents to clean up property, junk cars, garbage, mowing grass, etc. Start arresting or fining property owners for non-compliance. Trustees should stop yawning and start looking at their own properties.
- Clean community, housing extended into town, industry outside of Weedsport
- Clean, attractive, safe, quiet, relaxed, inviting. Properties that are kept up - including commercial and private.
- clean, more recreational activity.
- Clean, upscale environment with "green" technology.
- Cleaned up, fixed up, more parking area, businesses take more pride in fixing up their buildings - painted, new lighting, signs, plants, clean up cigarette butts, weeds pulled, Bring back CIVIC PRIDE
- Cleaner
- Fix up old buildings and homes and make it more clean.
- I envision Weedsport as a nicer greener town with more attractiveness and better homes.
- I picture it as a small, clean town, and it is very respectful as a town.
- I plan to live here for the rest of my life. I would love to see our village spruced up. A place like Burritts again. I hate to have said so many negative things. I do love this village. I want it to stay small.
- I would like to see things cleaned up, the run down homes and unlicensed cars and garbage etc shows the village and code officer do not care...WE all suffer for this
- It would be nice if some of the homes in Weedsport could look better.
- Maintain the small town feel while improving the down-town area to make it look nicer and more attractive.
- More picturesque. The buildings need paint, and there are no flowers downtown. The village needs to step up its game and not rely on the garden club.
- more tourist friendly with community support to spruce up the area - flags / pole flags supporting business / more attractive lighting - upgrade total community presentation - trees / lawns / weeds / etc
- To maintain the small village appearance - Assoc. of Towns and Conference of Mayors should be more aggressive to reduce mandates!

Historic (11 responses)

- safe, interesting, historically recognized, clean, "repaired" downtown district, family-rich, a village families grow in and return to raise next generations.
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- A historic canal residential town
- A popular, technology filled town with a lot of historic value.
- I place where people come a visit it. recreation is big Player also the Erie Canal should a big focus.
- Quaint little town that promotes history and tourism. A town that visitors won't soon forget.
- Weedsport IS the gateway to the Finger Lakes. It should welcome visitors off the thruway. It should reflect what the Finger Lakes are. It should reflect the beauty of our natural resources and the history of the Erie Canal.

Good schools (16 responses)

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- A safe community to raise a family with an excellent school system with adequate green space. Outdoor recreational space important. Country space and agriculture is important as well.
- Family friendly, good schools, great opportunities for outdoor activities, more social gatherings to promote sense of community. I think a community pool would be great for families to gather during the summer and provide employment opportunities for student lifeguards.
- A place where young couples want to begin and grow with their families. This should be a place where education and values are seen as important and the small-town feel is preserved and celebrated. I would like to see Weedsport step up in the area of going green and preserving what we have for future generations. One suggestion is that a curbside pick up for recycling is offered each week or at least every other week as driving to the recycling center is causing most people not to recycle as much as they would with curbside pick up (i.e. storing items takes space, smell from these items while you store them).
- A quaint but self-sustaining place to live and raise a family. We have a wonderful school district, but we need to get things back in line to preserve this village/town with modernization in order to retain and/or add peoples to the area.
- Family friendly with thriving businesses. Good schools with affordable housing.

- I hope it continues to be a family-friendly town that places emphasis on traditional values with a solid school system and library.
- A place with a booming schooling system that has kept up its high standards for academics, discipline, and athletics. Also a safe neighborhood, where everyone knows each other, much like the Weedsport I grew up in.
- A place that attracts people because of its great school system, community minded residents, well kept business area and residential area. -- a place that attracts new residents because of its nice environment and friendly atmosphere.
- a place young families want to live/raise families. Need to have excellent schools to attract new families.
- at the time when the state forces our school districts to merge Weedsport will lose residents. Our best asset is our school system, it our new board members don't ruin it first.
- Keeping open spaces on outskirts/ With more of a "quaint" uniform downtown.
- Professional community that takes advantage of the great school system. Village should be future home to professional people who work in Syracuse or Auburn.

Other (24 responses)

- Professional community that takes advantage of the great school system. Village should be future home to professional people who work in Syracuse or Auburn.
- Same. I strongly suggest that the trash stickers be eliminated to pick up trash. We pay enough high taxes and should be part of this. Port Byron does not have to pay for trash pick up. Please bring this issue up in your meetings. Thank you.
- a "minni" Auburn
- A place that counts on its sports and cheers for the sports
- a place that has homes and jobs without being property taxed to death. Both Village and Town Boards need to pressure school Boards to cut spending
- A place that is more centered toward quality of life like extending the exercise trail/can trail from behind Arbys and over in Centerport right on through the village. A place where noise is regulated. Also please explore the possibility of moving the fire house over to the thruway to cut down on the noise and safety of the village. Please try to create more (much more) parking for car pooler over by the thruway - so they don't park in our village all day and not buy anything.
- a place where people are not told what they can or can't do on their property regarding appearance issues.
- A popular and little big town.
- A small town but still one that can provide jobs and entertainment for the people living in it as well as travelers.
- all republican - Obama sticks!
- Colorful, Control outside burning of trash
- Faming/agriculture is a main business in the area; do not want to see more farm land lost to "developments" - residential or other. There are enough locales easily accessible for needs/services not available locally. Definitely do not want to see us turned into an area like route 31 in Clay.
- I envision Weedsport to be more than just a thru-way stop
- I would like Brutus to keep its rural atmosphere.
- Ideally a community that could have good housing and employment opportunities to be self-sustaining.
- Mostly residential, but with small industries to provide employment and a tax base.
- One combined government. Dissolve the village in to the town.
- One with more buildings and better utilities and road maintenance outside the village.
- place of opportunity
- Rid of the mobile home parks. Lean government - consolidate village with and town governments.
- something like Skaneateles without the lake
- Take a good hard look at downtown Skaneateles
- Weedsport has potential to become a cultural center for historic preservation as well as a modern backbone to hold the town upright.

- Where you can enjoy vacation, without leaving.

Responses not included in findings because respondent fell outside of target population (47 responses)

- A place that encourages all forms of potential within its students and residents.
- Don't try and copy a Skaneateles or Cazenovia, which is what it sounds like with all this. It's not what Weedsport is. Weedsport is a hardworking, blue collar community that takes pride in that they are from Weedsport and not being from PB, or Auburn, Cato, or JE. Keep Weedsport what it is. Clean up the areas that are eye sores. Take advantage of the Erie Canal trails. Bring back good shows to the Fairgrounds - I mean what ever happened to "you know its summer when they are rocking in Weedsport!" You go to Syracuse and you say you are from Weedsport and that is what people think of Weedsport; along with its "real good football teams." I mean that is what Weedsport was known for - and what happened to that? Look at what Devaney's has done - and with success as evident with their Thursday Night Jambakes. They have kept the blue collar, working community idea by creating a classy experience but still has that gritty feel. You can't force people into changing who they are, and that is after all what a community is - the people. Use Weedsport's strengths and make them really good as the attraction for people. Then clean up the "eye sores" and see where it goes from there...
- I want Weedsport to have more stores and businesses in the future such as a mall close by.
- I'd like the town to continue to be the place where families would like to raise their children. Clean, safe, affordable, continue with excellent school system, taxes competitive, energy affordable.
- No change
- more places for people to eat.
- Nicer buildings, different/more diversity of shops
- Same
- A solid community that is more open to people that have not lived here for many generations. Overall, it is a great small town.
- a family oriented, bustling town.
- A peaceful town.
- Don't know
- a place were people want to be.
- I envision it a little bit better as in roads outside of town being fixed and repaired and more housing for people.
- The same as now, a small laid back place with an amazing community
- Moving more activities for kids and places to shop and eat
- Brighter and happier more murals and more inviting
- A bigger town with more to see
- A town that has a lot of old features but has some up to date recreational things for the kids and inexpensive housing.
- a very welcoming community
- A small comfortable highly functioning town
- A place like Old Forge where you have all the little gift shops and small restaurants.
- it could be Mayberry. Weedsport is a place where people can go to to escape the "city", raise their kids in a safe, country like setting and still be within driving distance to work (Syr, Auburn, Skan). The school district has a great reputation, but the quality of the village itself needs to improve if you want to grow. Zoning laws need to be enforced and certain types of businesses need to be moved OUT of the village center. For example - the auto repair shop on the corner of Main and Brutus is a HUGE eyesore and allowing a bottle recycler to move into the Village center was a big mistake - it stinks and it looks bad. A big loss to the village was closing of Burritts Coffee Shop. That was a very unique place where people came from all over to meet and listen to music. It was unfortunate to see the neighboring business fight over parking spaces. Rather than work together to promote each other's business, they fought. It was very discouraging and I'm sure damaged the reputation of Weedsport as a "business friendly" type of place. I've always thought that Weedsport would be the perfect place to hold an "Organics - type" festival. Weedsport could go "green" by hosting an event that promotes organic farmers, organic food businesses, and social health and well-being. This is the type of event that will boost the reputation of Weedsport after

events like dirt racing and the K-Rock concerts destroyed it. Before planning events, the planning board should consider if Skaneateles would do it. If the answer is no, then Weedsport shouldn't either.

- more of an education center for advanced learning etc.
- A Town and Village that is forward thinking for both families and business alike.
- A place where families can grow
- No change
- The same as it is now.
- I honestly don't know.
- a great fun place.
- A place where people decide as a destination on the throughway, instead of just passing through
- The town should stay a small town atmosphere
- I hope Weedsport will be a place with a lot of people and places to shop.
- a great eco-friendly place to visit
- A small town country like place.
- Small town community watching out for each other but growing and branching out. Things more accessible to older people - groceries, restaurants.
- a kid friendly safe place
- A perfect country town like all buildings are perfect brightly colored. The roads with no pot-holes. The lawns are all take care of and no trash
- I think it should remain quaint and historical yet add some modernization to it also - kind of eclectic - industry outside village to bring workers into village businesses
- A place where you can walk around and go into shops or go work out in a gym (like a weight room for the town or a rec area) or get dinner at a nice restaurant.
- I think Weedsport could market themselves as a recreational community using the Erie canal trail for biking/walking/running and maybe kayaking. This park is a real gem for our town and area.
- No sure
- I envision it being a more agricultural place.
- small
- A traditional town
- maybe the town won't be so small and more people will wanna come and live there.
- I think it should still stay a small town but we should be encouraging small businesses to come here.

Appendix IV

Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus Joint Comprehensive Plan Community Survey Codebook

COLUMN	FIELD NAME	DEFINITION	CODE
A	IMPORTANCE 1	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Open space and undeveloped land	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't Know 99= No Response
B	IMPORTANCE 2	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Housing quality	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't Know 99= No Response
C	IMPORTANCE 3	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Safety	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't Know 99= No Response
D	IMPORTANCE 4	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Traffic	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't know 99= No response
E	IMPORTANCE 5	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Clean water and air	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't know 99= No response
F	IMPORTANCE 6	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Municipal services (roads, water, sewer, etc.)	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't know 99= No response
G	IMPORTANCE 7	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Opportunity for outdoor sports and recreation	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't know 99= No response

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H	IMPORTANCE 8	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Availability of shopping and restaurants	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't know 99= No response
I	IMPORTANCE 9	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Employment opportunities	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't know 99= No response
J	IMPORTANCE 10	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Agriculture and farming as a business	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't know 99= No response
K	IMPORTANCE 11	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Community identity	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't know 99= No response
L	IMPORTANCE 12	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Historic preservation	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't know 99= No response
M	IMPORTANCE 13	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Architectural attractiveness of buildings	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't know 99= No response
N	IMPORTANCE 14	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Condition and maintenance of buildings	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't know 99= No response
O	IMPORTANCE 15	How important are the following when you think about your community? For each issue please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Other (Please specify below)	1= Not Important 2= Little Importance 3= Some Importance 4= Important 5= Very Important 6= Don't know 99= No response

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P	IMPORTANCE 16	Specify "Other" here	(Open response question) 99= No response
Q	RATE 1	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Open space and undeveloped land	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
R	RATE 2	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Housing quality	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
S	RATE 3	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Safety	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
T	RATE 4	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Traffic	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
U	RATE 5	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Clean water and air	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
V	RATE 6	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Municipal services (roads, water, sewer, etc.)	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
W	RATE 7	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Opportunity for outdoor sports and recreation	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
X	RATE 8	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Availability of shopping and restaurants	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response

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Y	RATE 9	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Employment opportunities	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
Z	RATE 10	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Agriculture and farming as a business	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
AA	RATE 11	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Community identity	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
AB	RATE 12	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Historic preservation	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
AC	RATE 13	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Architectural attractiveness of buildings	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
AD	RATE 14	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Condition and maintenance of buildings	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
AE	RATE 15	How would you rate the current conditions of the following in Weedsport and Brutus? For each issue, please put a check under the answer that most closely reflects your opinion.- Other (Please specify below)	1= Very Poor 2= Poor 3= Fair 4= Good 5= Excellent 6= Don't know 99= No response
AF	RATE 16	Specify "Other" here	(Open response question) 99= No response
AG	RESDEV	Should the Town and Village encourage or limit future residential development?	1= Do more to encourage 2= Do more to limit 3= No change 4= Don't know 99= No response

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AH	RESDEVWHERE 1	Where would new residential development be most appropriate? Check all that apply.- In the Village of Weedsport	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AI	RESDEVWHERE 2	Where would new residential development be most appropriate? Check all that apply.- Away from the Village	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AJ	RESDEVWHERE 3	Where would new residential development be most appropriate? Check all that apply.- Near the Village, but outside the Village limits	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AK	RESDEVWHERE 4	More specifically, in which areas?	(Open response question) 99= No response
AL	RESDEVTYPE 1	What types of new residential development are most appropriate for Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Single-family houses	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AM	RESDEVTYPE 2	What types of new residential development are most appropriate for Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Two-family homes (duplexes)	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AN	RESDEVTYPE 3	What types of new residential development are most appropriate for Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Apartments	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AO	RESDEVTYPE 4	What types of new residential development are most appropriate for Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Mobile homes	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AP	RESDEVTYPE 5	What types of new residential development are most appropriate for Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Row houses (homes that share one or two walls with their neighbors)	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AQ	RESDEVTYPE 6	Other (please specify)	(Open response question) 2= No 3= Don't Know 99= No response
AR	HOUSINGNEED 1	What types of housing are most needed in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Inexpensive Housing	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AS	HOUSINGNEED 2	What types of housing are most needed in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- For seniors	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AT	HOUSINGNEED 3	What types of housing are most needed in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- For first-time homebuyers	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AU	HOUSINGNEED 4	What types of housing are most needed in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Luxury housing	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response

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AV	HOUSINGNEED 5	What types of housing are most needed in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply- For families with children	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AW	HOUSINGNEED 6	What types of housing are most needed in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply- Rental housing	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AX	HOUSINGNEED 7	What types of housing are most needed in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply- For one-person households	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AY	HOUSINGNEED 8	What types of housing are most needed in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply- Other (please specify)	(Open response question) 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
AZ	CODES	Should the Town and Village strengthen or relax enforcement of building codes and zoning to maintain the condition and appearance of residential properties?	1= Strengthen enforcement 2= Relax enforcement 3= No change 4= Don't know 99= No response
BA	WATER	Should water and sewer service be extended into areas that do not have service now?	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
BB	WORK	Do you own or work at a business in Weedsport or Brutus?	1= Yes 2= No 99= No response
BC	COMACTIVITY	Should the Town and Village encourage or discourage shops, restaurants, and other commercial activity?	1= Do more to encourage 2= Do more to discourage 3= No change 4= Don't know 99= No response
BD	COMDEVWHERE 1	Where is commercial development most appropriately located? Check all that apply.- In the commercial center of the Village	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BE	COMDEVWHERE 2	Where is commercial development most appropriately located? Check all that apply.- Elsewhere in the Village	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BF	COMDEVWHERE 3	Where is commercial development most appropriately located? Check all that apply.- North of the Village, near Thruway entrance	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BG	COMDEVWHERE 4	Where is commercial development most appropriately located? Check all that apply.- Elsewhere in the Town of Brutus outside the Village	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BH	COMDEVWHERE 5	More specifically, in which areas?	(Open response question) 99= No response
BI	INDUSTRY	Should the Town and Village encourage or discourage industrial activity?	1= Do more to encourage 2= Do more to discourage 3= No change 4= Don't know 99= No response

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BJ	INDWHERE 1	Where is industrial development most appropriately located? Check all that apply.- In the commercial center of the Village	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BK	INDWHERE 2	Where is commercial development most appropriately located? Check all that apply.- Elsewhere in the Village	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BL	INDWHERE 3	Where is commercial development most appropriately located? Check all that apply.- North of the Village, near the Thruway entrance	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BM	INDWHERE 4	Where is commercial development most appropriately located? Check all that apply.- Elsewhere in the Town of Brutus outside the Village	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BN	INDWHERE 5	More specifically, in which areas?	(Open response question) 99= No response
BO	BUSINESSES 1	What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus?	(Open response question) 99= No response
BP	BUSINESSES 2	What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? – Restaurants/Coffee shops	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BQ	BUSINESSES 3	What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? – Grocery/Bakery	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BR	BUSINESSES 4	What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? – Retail (Apparel/Shoes)	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BS	BUSINESSES 5	What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? – Medical/Dental	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BT	BUSINESSES 6	What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? – Fitness/Rec/Sports Facilities	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BU	BUSINESSES 7	What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? – Retail (All other)	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BV	BUSINESSES 8	What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? – Hotels/Lodging	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BW	BUSINESSES 9	What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? – Factories/Industry	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response

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BX	BUSINESSES 10	What types of retail businesses or services would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? – Other	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BY	ACTIONS 1	Which actions should the Town and Village take to improve the commercial center of the village? Check all that apply.- Improve sidewalks, plantings, signs, lighting, or other infrastructure in the streetscape	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
BZ	ACTIONS 2	Which actions should the Town and Village take to improve the commercial center of the village? Check all that apply.- Provide assistance to business owners for façade improvement, maintenance, and upkeep	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
CA	ACTIONS 3	Which actions should the Town and Village take to improve the commercial center of the village? Check all that apply.- Provide assistance to preserve historic structures	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
CB	ACTIONS 4	Which actions should the Town and Village take to improve the commercial center of the village? Check all that apply.- Strengthen enforcement of building codes and zoning	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
CC	ACTIONS 5	Which actions should the Town and Village take to improve the commercial center of the village? Check all that apply.- Organize events to attract people	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
CD	ACTIONS 6	Which actions should the Town and Village take to improve the commercial center of the village? Check all that apply.- Advertise and promote the area	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
CE	ACTIONS 7	Which actions should the Town and Village take to improve the commercial center of the village? Check all that apply.- No action necessary	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
CF	ACTIONS 8	Which actions should the Town and Village take to improve the commercial center of the village? Check all that apply.- Other (Please specify)	1= Yes 2= No 99= No response
CG	TRAFFIC 1	Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads?	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
CH	TRAFFIC 2	Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads? If yes, which roads?	(Open response question) 99= No response
CI	TRAFFIC 3	Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads? If yes, which roads?- Route 34	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
CJ	TRAFFIC 4	Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads? If yes, which roads?- Route 31	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response

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CK	TRAFFIC 5	Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads? If yes, which roads?- East/West Brutus Street	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
CL	TRAFFIC 6	Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads? If yes, which roads?- North/South Seneca Street	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
CM	TRAFFIC 7	Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads? If yes, which roads?- Weedsport-Sennett Road	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
CN	TRAFFIC 8	Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads? If yes, which roads?- Oakland Road/Oakland Street	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
CO	TRAFFIC 9	Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads? If yes, which roads?- General	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
CP	TRAFFIC 10	Are you concerned about heavy traffic or speeding on particular roads? If yes, which roads?- Other	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
CQ	SIDEWALKS 1	Should sidewalks or off-street routes for walking be extended into areas that do not have them now?	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
CR	SIDEWALKS 2	If yes, which areas?	(Open response question) 99= No response
CS	RECREATION 1	What recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Outdoor athletic fields	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
CT	RECREATION 2	What recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Boating/fishing on the Seneca River	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
CU	RECREATION 3	What recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Snowmobile trails	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
CV	RECREATION 4	What recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Canoeing/kayaking in the historic Erie canal corridor	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
CW	RECREATION 5	What recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Walking/bicycling trails in the historic Erie canal corridor	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
CX	RECREATION 6	What recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Walking/Bicycling trails elsewhere in town	1= Yes 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response

COLUMN	FIELD NAME	DEFINITION	CODE
CY	RECREATION 7	What recreational opportunities would you like to see more of in Weedsport and Brutus? Check all that apply.- Other (Please specify)	(Open response question) 2= No 3=Don't know 99= No response
CZ	GREEN	Should the Town and Village do more to encourage or discourage green technology?	1= Do more to encourage 2= Do more to discourage 3= No change 4= Don't know 99= No response
DA	AGE	What is your age group?	1= Under 18 2= 18-25 3= 26-35 4= 36-45 5= 46-55 6= 56-65 7= 65-75 8= Over 75 99= No response
DB	LIVE	Where do you live?	1= In the Village of Weedsport 2= In the Town of Brutus, outside the Village 3= Outside the Town of Brutus
DC	HOME	Do you rent or own your home?	1= Rent 2= Own 99= No response
DD	LONG	How long have you lived in Weedsport or Brutus?	1= Less than 10 years 2= 5-15 years 3= More than 15 years 4= Don't know 99= No response
DE	FUTURE	For how many years into the future to you plan to live in Weedsport or Brutus?	1= Less than 5 years 2= 5-15 years 3= More than 15 years 4= Don't know 99= No response
DF	ENVISION 1	What kind of place do you envision Weedsport and Brutus should be in the future?	(Open response question) 99= No response
DG	ENVISION 2	Friendly/Peaceful/Strong sense of community	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
DH	ENVISION 3	The same	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
DI	ENVISION 4	Safe	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
DJ	ENVISION 5	Family-oriented	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response

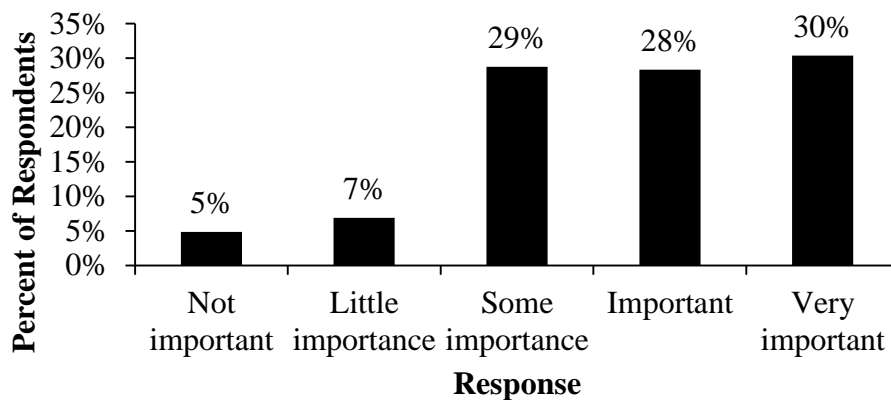
COLUMN	FIELD NAME	DEFINITION	CODE
DK	ENVISION 6	More businesses and attractions/Growth	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
DL	ENVISION 7	Well/Better maintained	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
DM	ENVISION 8	Historic	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
DN	ENVISION 9	Good schools	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response
DO	ENVISION 10	Other	1= Yes 2= No 3= Don't know 99= No response

Appendix V

Additional Graphs

The following graphs display the level of importance that respondents gave to the specified issues. Each rating displayed in Finding 1 was calculated from the data presented in the graphs below.

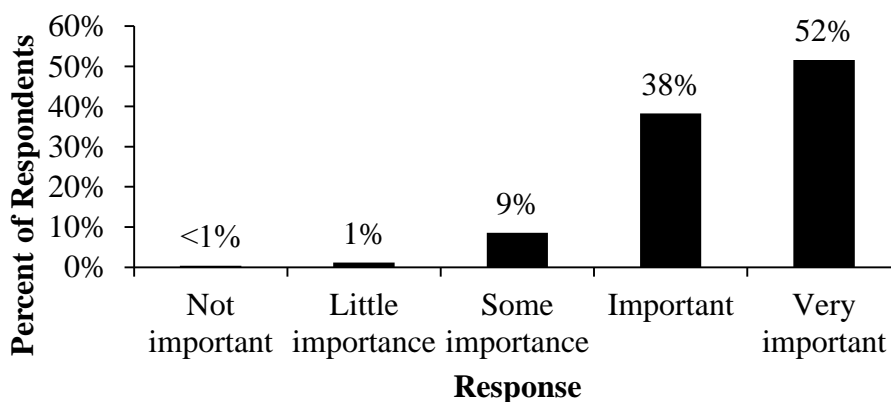
**How Important Respondents Consider Open Space
and Undeveloped Land to the Community**
n=247



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to less than 100% due to rounding. 9 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

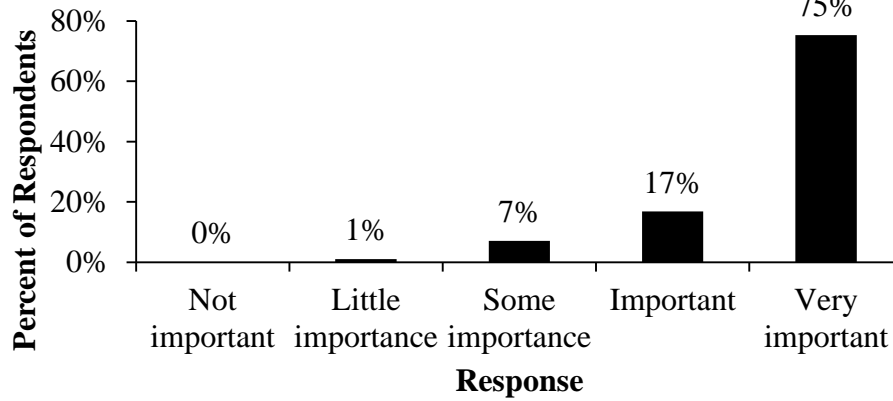
**How Important Respondents Consider Housing
Quality to the Community**
n=256



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

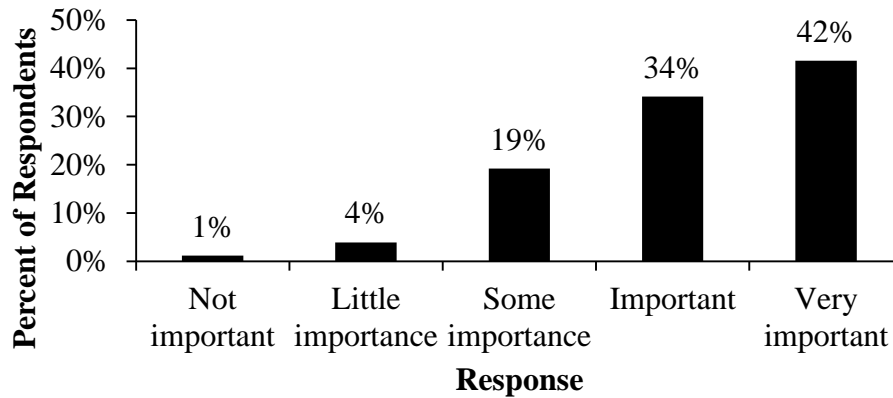
Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding. 1 respondent responded with “Don’t know.”

How Important Respondents Consider Safety to the Community
n=255



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

How Important Respondents Consider Traffic to the Community
n=255

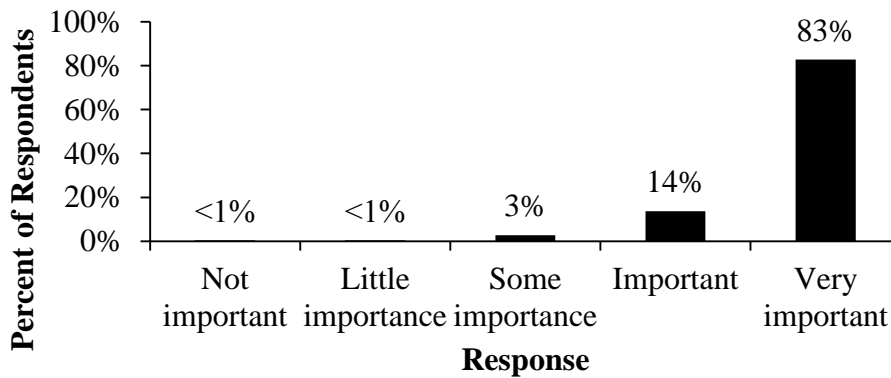


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 1 respondent responded with “Don’t know.”

How Important Respondents Consider Clean Water and Air to the Community

n=257

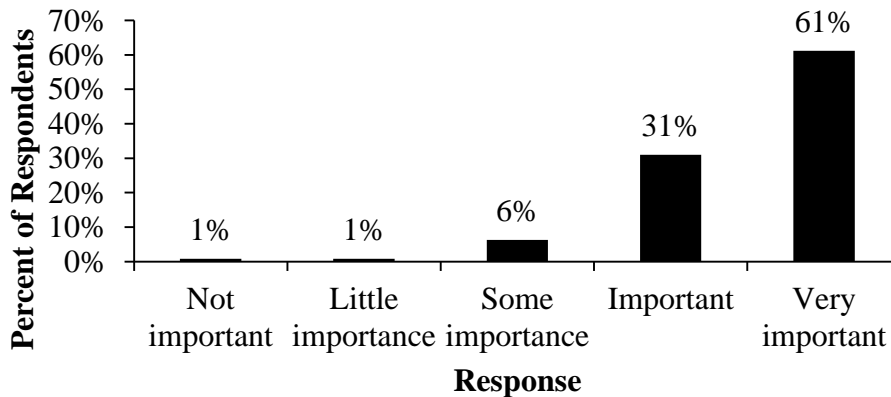


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding. 1 respondent responded with “Don’t know.”

How Important Respondents Consider Municipal Services to the Community

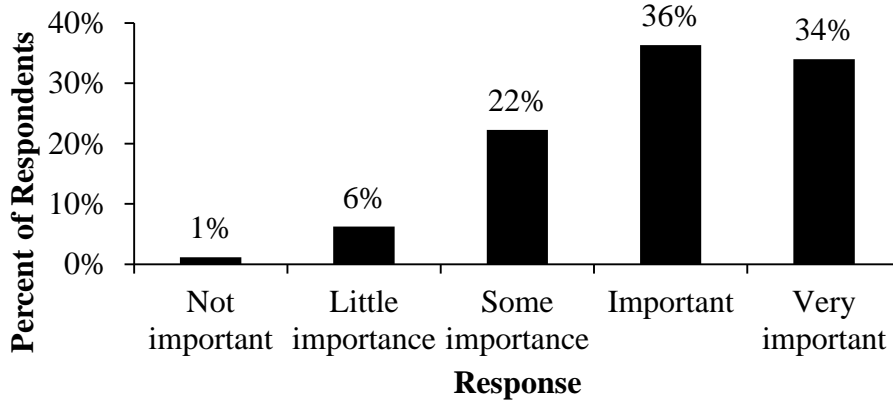
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Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 1 respondent responded with “Don’t know.”

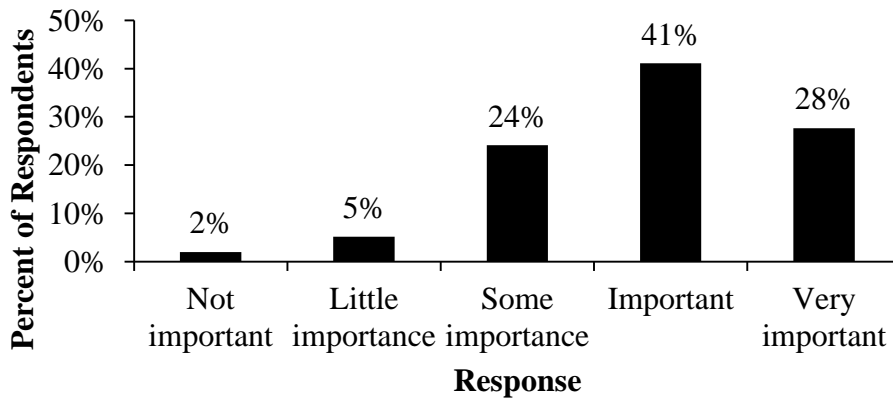
**How Important Respondents Consider Opportunity
for Outdoor Sports and Recreation to the Community**
n=256



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

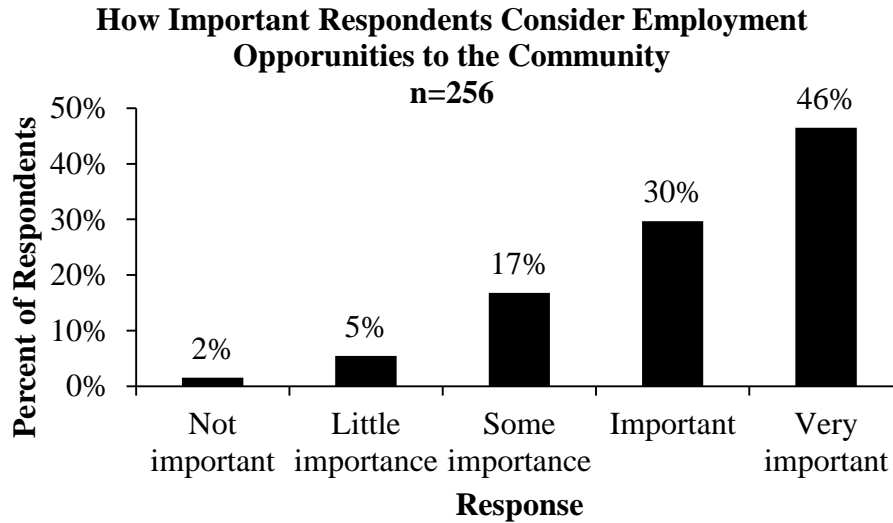
Comment: Percentages add up to less than 100% due to rounding.

**How Important Respondents Consider Availability of
Shopping and Restaurants to the Community**
n=253

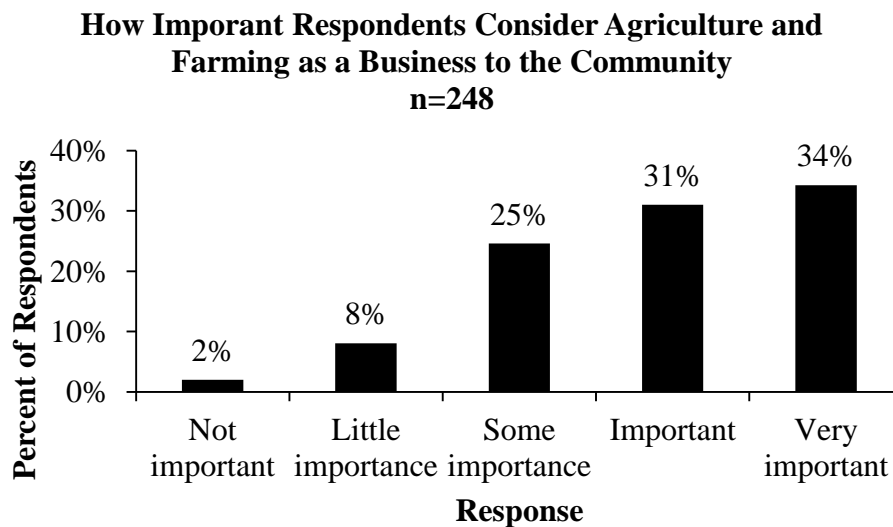


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 2 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”



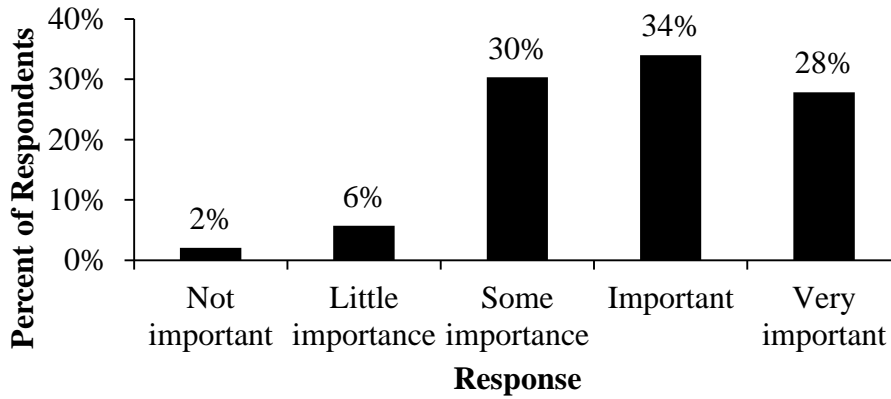
Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 4 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

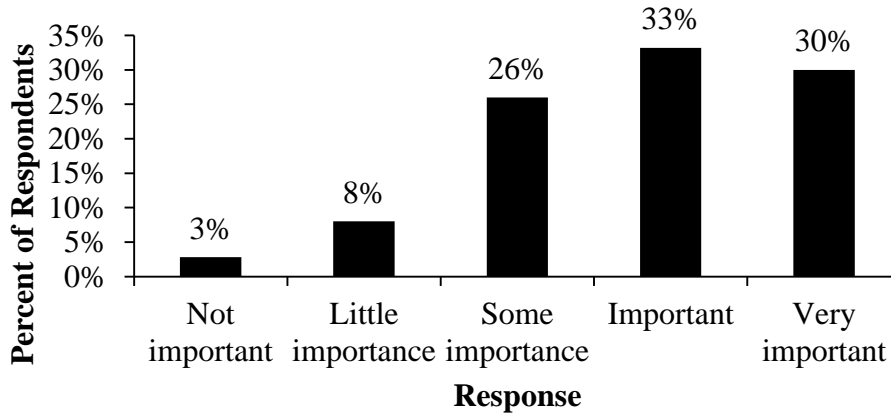
How Important Respondents Consider Community Identity to the Community
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Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 13 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

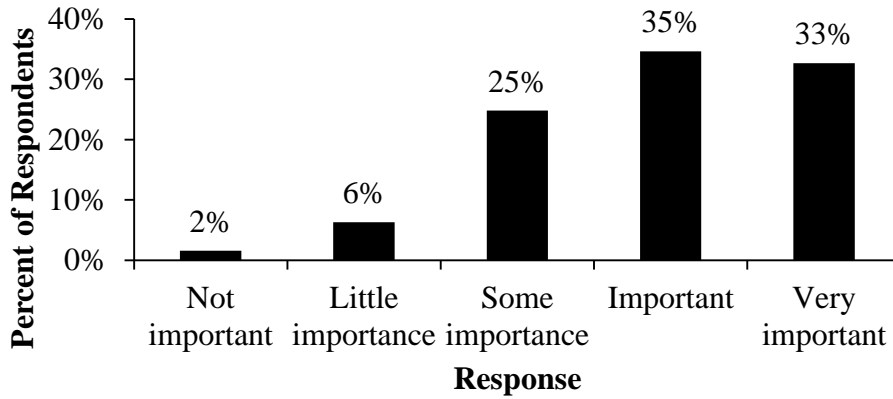
How Important Respondents Consider Historic Preservation to the Community
n=250



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 4 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

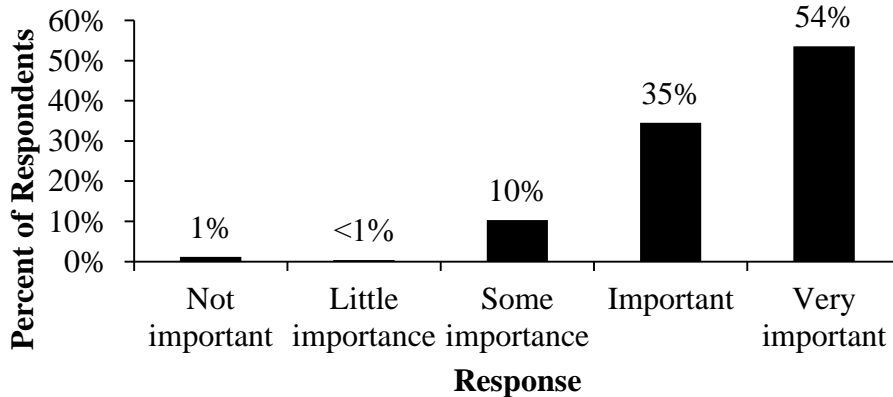
**How Important Respondents Consider Architectural
Attractiveness of Buildings to the Community**
n=254



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding. 4 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

**How Important Respondents Consider Condition and
Maintenance of Buildings to the Community**
n=252

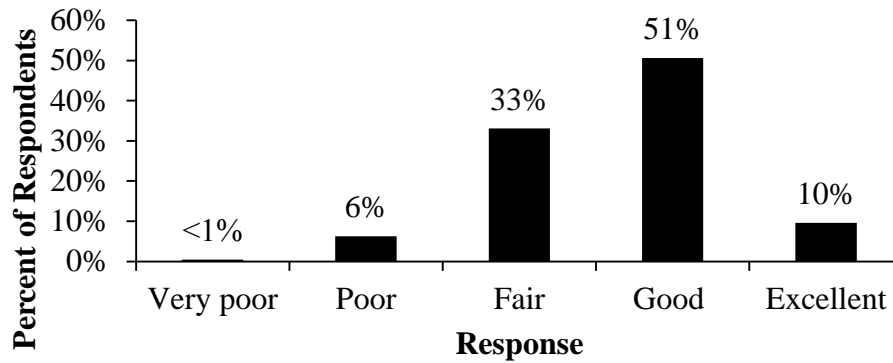


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding. 3 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

The following graphs display how respondents rate the current conditions of the specified issues in Weedsport and Brutus. Each rating displayed in Finding 2 was calculated from the data presented in the graphs below.

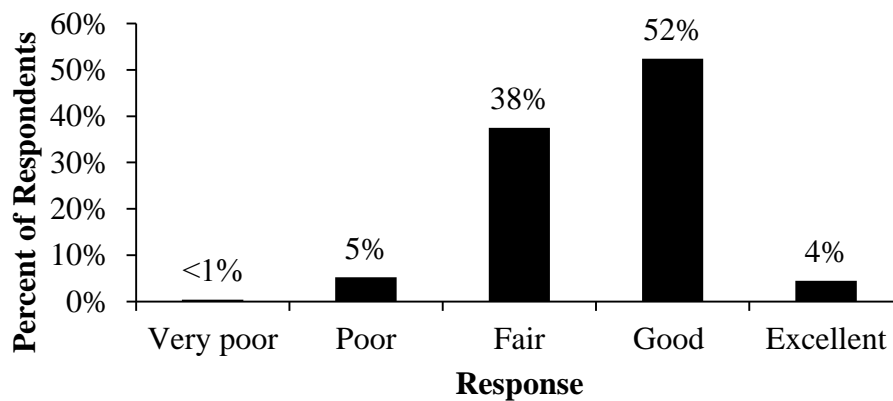
How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of Open Space and Undeveloped Land in Weedsport and Brutus
n=239



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding. 11 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

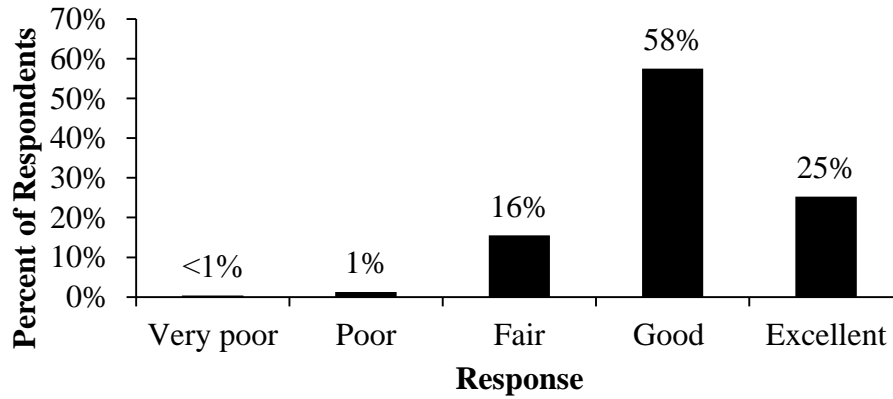
How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of Housing Quality in Weedsport and Brutus
n=248



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to less than 100% due to rounding. 1 respondent responded with “Don’t know.”

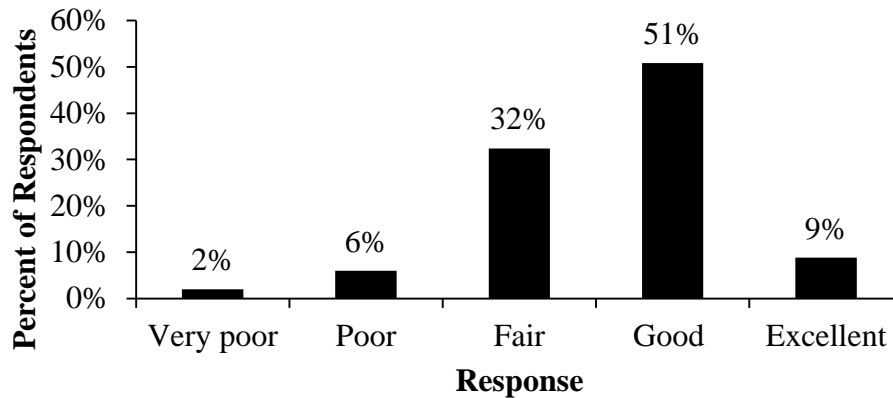
**How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of
Safety in Weedsport and Brutus
n=245**



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

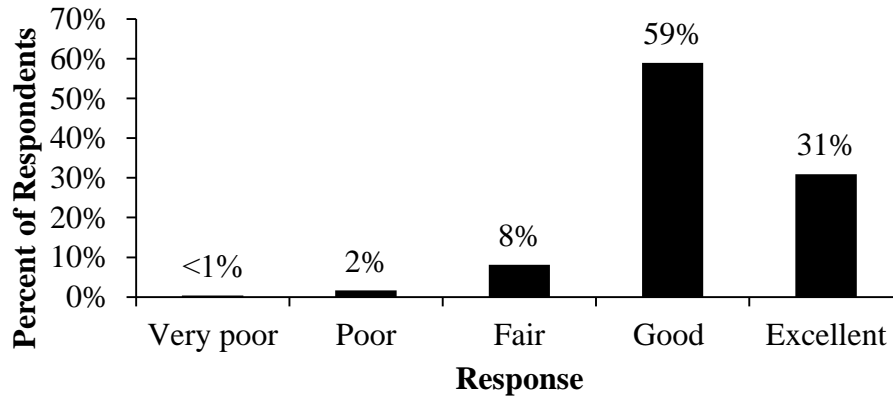
Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding. 2 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

**How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of
Traffic in Weedsport and Brutus
n=250**



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

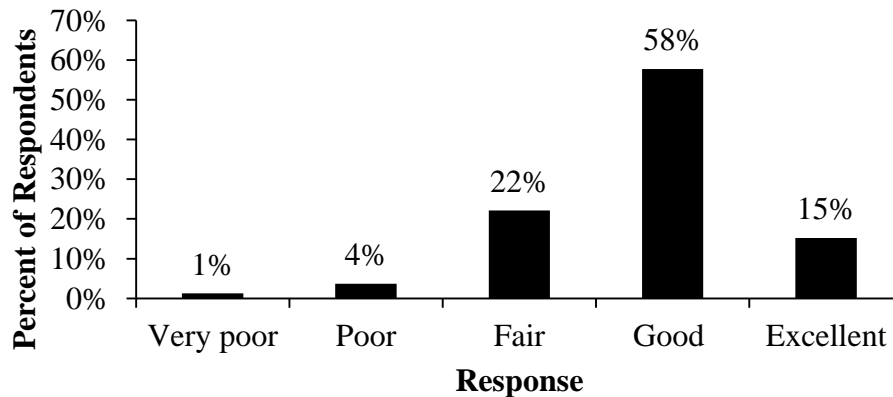
**How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of
Clean Water and Air in Weedsport and Brutus
n=246**



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding.

**How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of
Municipal Services in Weedsport and Brutus
n=244**

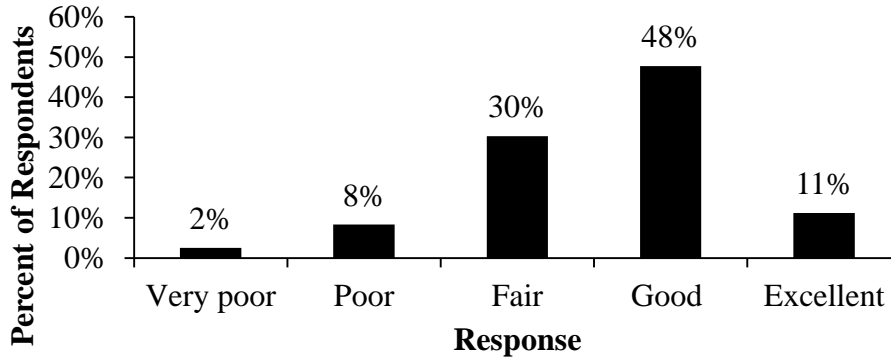


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 2 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of Opportunity for Outdoor Sports and Recreation in Weedsport and Brutus

n=241

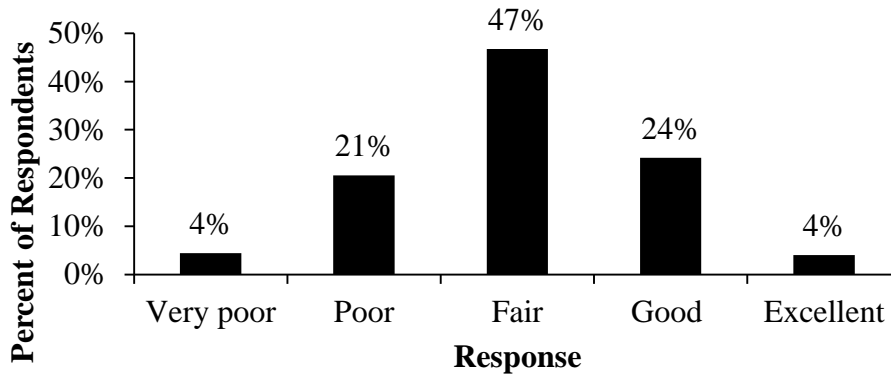


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to less than 100% due to rounding. 7 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of Availability of Shopping and Restaurants in Weedsport and Brutus

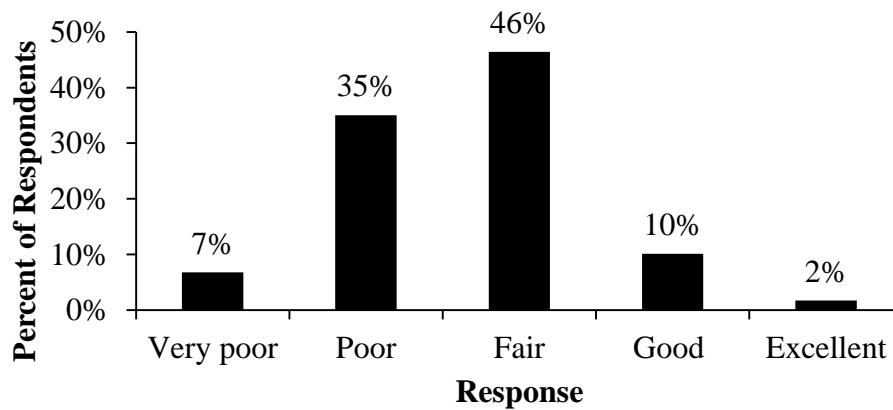
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Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 1 respondent responded with “Don’t know.”

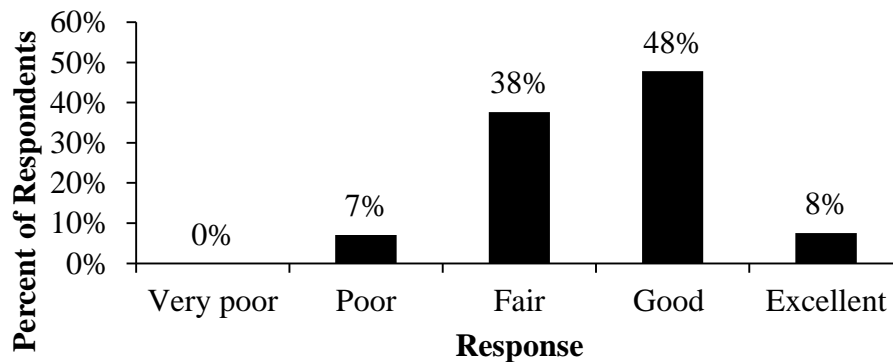
**How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of
Employment Opportunities in Weedsport and Brutus
n=237**



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 13 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

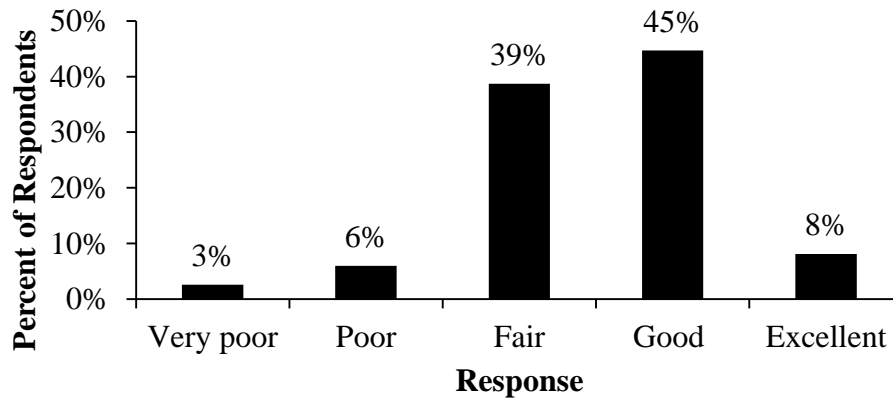
**How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of
Agriculture and Farming as a Business in Weedsport
and Brutus
n=226**



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding. 23 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

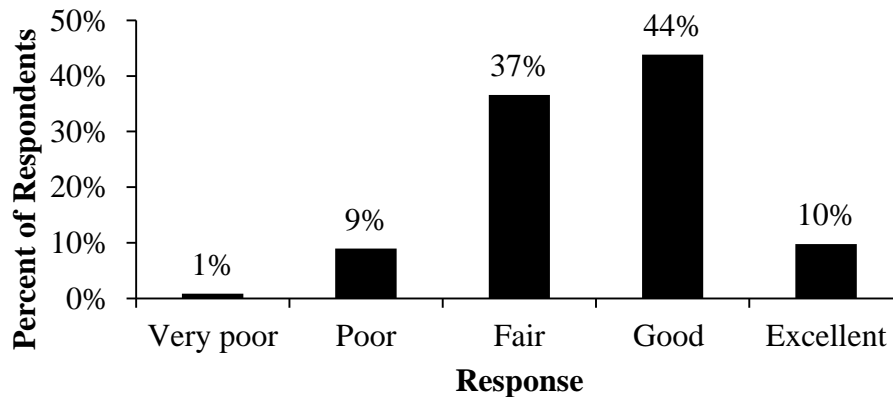
**How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of
Community Identity in Weedsport and Brutus
n=235**



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding. 13 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

**How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of
Historic Preservation in Weedsport and Brutus
n=235**

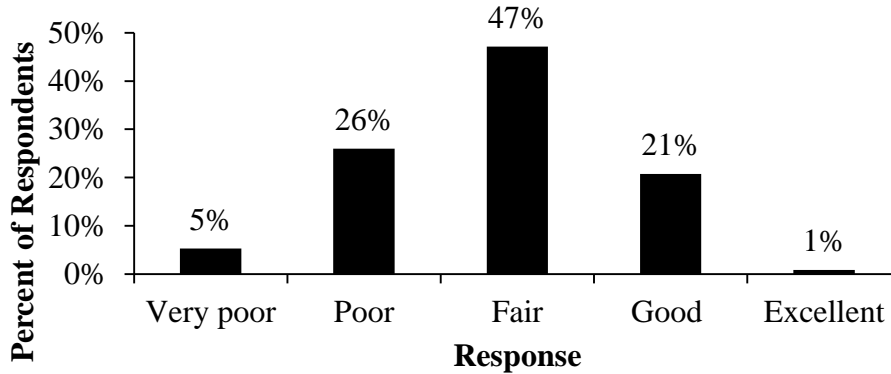


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding. 14 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of Architectural Attractiveness of Buildings in Weedsport and Brutus

n=246

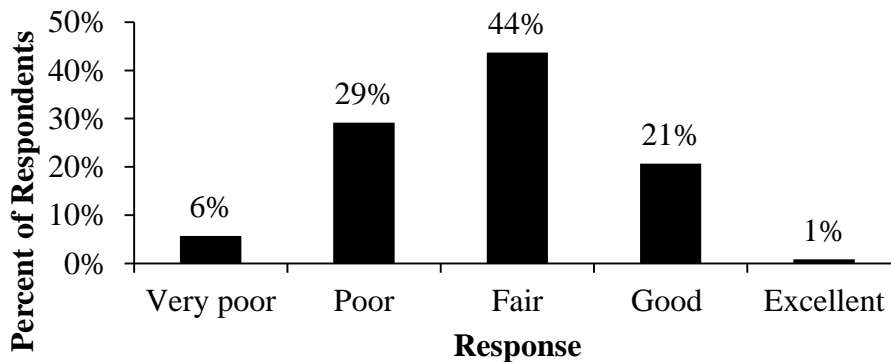


Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: 4 respondents responded with “Don’t know.”

How Respondents Rate the Current Condition of Condition and Maintenance of Buildings in Weedsport and Brutus

n=247



Source: Data collected for the Village of Weedsport and Town of Brutus by Bo Stewart, Community Link Project, Syracuse University, 2012.

Comment: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding. 1 respondent responded with “Don’t know.”

Appendix VI

IMPORTANCE 1	IMPORTANCE 2	IMPORTANCE 3	IMPORTANCE 4	IMPORTANCE 5	IMPORTANCE 6	IMPORTANCE 7	IMPORTANCE 8	IMPORTANCE 9	IMPORTANCE 10	IMPORTANCE 11	IMPORTANCE 12	IMPORTANCE 13
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