

Town of Cazenovia Comprehensive Plan Update 2030



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Executive Summary

The Town of Cazenovia has completed a 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update to the 2008 *Comprehensive Plan for the Town and Village of Cazenovia*. The planning process provided the opportunity for the Cazenovia community to analyze recent trends, reflect on how these changes align with the community's vision for the desired future, and identify strategies to enable progress. The 2030 Plan Update will serve as a framework to guide Town actions, investments, and partnerships over the next several years.

The planning process was initiated by the Cazenovia Town Board and was guided by a steering committee comprised of Town residents and community leaders. Community input is an essential component of planning for the Town, and feedback from public outreach events informed the creation of the vision, goals, and strategies. Community outreach included a survey, two public meetings, and a website. The vision, goals, and strategies identified in this plan are intended to respond to challenges and build on the strengths of the Town. The implementation matrix presented in this Plan Update provides a framework for guiding future actions by the Town's elected leaders, Town departments, residents, and other stakeholders.

The 2030 Plan Update is organized around six planning principles: Livable Built Environment, Harmony with Nature, Resilient Economy, Healthy Community, Responsible Regionalism, and Interwoven Equity. These planning principles represent the Town's priorities and provide a framework for the goals and strategies that will help achieve the Town's vision. The matrix on pages 4 and 5 provides a summary of the planning principles and corresponding goals.

This Comprehensive Plan Update was adopted by the Cazenovia Town Board on February 10, 2025. The Plan Update represents conditions at the time of adoption but is considered to be a living and evolving document, to be updated as conditions in the Town and region change. Therefore, the Town is committed to the principles of adaptive management as the goals and strategies of this plan are implemented. Adaptive management is a method of "learning by doing." In other words, this process will entail continuous monitoring of the results of implementing this plan's goals and strategies and, if necessary, making adjustments to management techniques to act in the best interests of the Town. This Plan Update will be reviewed every five years, with special attention given to emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities in the town, region, state, and nation.



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Planning Principles and Goals Summary Matrix	
Livable Built Environment	
Objective	<i>Strive to ensure that all elements of the built environment work together to provide a sustainable, welcoming environment for living, working, and recreation. Cazenovia is characterized by natural beauty, its lake and streams, historic places, and a strong sense of community. We need to ensure that these characteristics are sustained when considering future development. The long-term sustainability, resilience, and safety of the Town and the health of its residents should be a central factor in development decisions.</i>
Goals	Continue to embrace “Smart Growth” principles.
	Sustain our historic rural character and cultural resources.
	Provide a wider range of housing opportunities.
Harmony with Nature	
Objective	<i>Cazenovia’s natural resources provide multiple benefits to the community as well as to the global environment. Food and fiber are produced from agricultural areas, while the lakes and streams are a source of freshwater, recreation, and habitat for aquatic life. The groundwater aquifer is a source of high-quality potable water. The open spaces and mosaic of land cover provide opportunities for recreation and promote both mental and physical well-being. These intrinsic services have been recognized and protected for generations, and the updated Comprehensive Plan includes a series of goals and strategies to promote harmony with nature.</i>
Goals	Protect and manage air, land, and water resources considering a changing climate.
	Understand natural resources and how they are affected by human activities.
	Strive to balance renewable energy with overall land resources and development.
Resilient Economy	
Objective	<i>Cazenovia, like all communities, must be able to adapt to change. A key to adaptation is a resilient economy that supports growth in a sustainable manner despite challenges. A diverse mix of retail, professional services, industrial, commercial, agribusiness, educational, artistic, and hospitality services supports the community. The updated Comprehensive Plan affirms the commitment to ensuring that community leaders encourage economic investments to benefit current and future generations.</i>
Goals	Support and accommodate commercial activity that provides jobs, services, housing, and recreational opportunities that contribute to the appeal of Cazenovia as a place to live and work.
	Support local farms and the agricultural economy.
	Support organizations that provide key services to our community and quality of life.
Healthy Community	
Objective	<i>The term ‘healthy community’ encompasses many components. This section of the updated Comprehensive Plan considers measures designed to promote physical and mental well-being of individuals, families, and the community at large through access to recreational opportunities, healthy foods, healthcare, and social services.</i>
Goals	Encourage recreational activities for all ages and abilities.
	Support efforts for trail system connectivity and access.



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	Consider recreational access when planning development; focus on making community areas more walkable and bikeable.
	Support regional programs that provide healthy food options to mitigate local and regional food insecurity.
	Support access to healthcare and social services.
Responsible Regionalism	
Objective	<i>Cazenovia enjoys harmony with its neighboring communities at the same time it maintains a distinct identity based on its natural resources, historic architecture, and scenic agricultural landscape. The communities of Central New York have many common goals and interests. This section of the updated Comprehensive Plan outlines recommendations to enhance communication and cooperation among neighboring communities for mutual benefit and advancement of shared goals. These shared goals may encompass the availability of affordable housing, pedestrian and bicycle-oriented development, and preservation of open space and biodiversity.</i>
Goals	Identify and pursue mutually beneficial partnerships with neighboring communities.
	Remain informed of initiatives related to regional development led by Madison County’s Planning Department and IDA in addition to those of local universities, colleges, and technical schools. .
	Enhance transportation alternatives and opportunities for citizens to connect with neighboring communities.
Interwoven Equity	
Objective	<i>One of the measures of success of the updated Comprehensive Plan will be the extent to which the existing high level of social capital within Cazenovia is maintained into the future. Social capital is defined as “a set of shared values or resources that allows individuals to work together in a group to effectively achieve a common purpose.” While it’s an abstract concept, it can be measured by participation in community organizations, public safety, and equality of opportunities. A community high in social capital is one in which all residents can live, shop, congregate, and spend their time in safety and comfort with their civil rights respected. This planning principle outlines goals and strategies related to this desired outcome.</i>
Goals	Continue to enjoy and foster a high level of civic engagement.
	Ensure fairness and equity in providing for the housing, services, health, safety, and livelihood needs of all citizens and groups, and actively discourage discriminatory practices – particularly regarding economic development and opportunity, schooling, and land use or development.



Introduction

SCOPE AND PARTNERS

Plan Update

The *Comprehensive Plan for the Town and Village of Cazenovia (Plan)* was completed and adopted in 2008. The Plan was developed in a collaborative manner, with significant involvement of Town and Village planning boards, elected officials, business owners, and residents. Environmental Design & Research (EDR), a professional planning firm, was retained to guide the community through a structured process to identify a vision, establish goals, and identify specific actions that would help make the vision a reality. This focus on local input reflects New York State's adoption of Municipal Home Rule, meaning that the primary authority for guiding community planning and land development is vested in cities, towns, and villages. Local communities have the power to define how their community grows.

An adopted comprehensive plan can provide a regulatory basis for modifications to zoning and subdivision laws. Many of the recommended actions in the 2008 Plan related to modifications of zoning and subdivision laws. Over the past decade, the Town of Cazenovia has adopted local laws to encourage conservation subdivisions, protect the community's scenic and historic assets, support robust farmland protection measures, and protect natural resources such as Cazenovia Lake and the aquifer that serves as a public water supply. A summary of the status of major recommendations of the 2008 Plan is included as Appendix A. The New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) recommends that communities periodically review and update their comprehensive plans to reflect changing demographics, economics, housing stock, natural areas, and a host of other factors. This update provides a tool for the Cazenovia community to analyze these changing conditions, reflect on how these changes align with the community's vision for the desired future, and identify feasible management measures to support progress.

The level of community engagement in Cazenovia has continued to grow and there are many new institutional and community partners contributing energy and ideas to advance the common good. The 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update includes these new partners in the implementation strategies. Another change is the explicit incorporation of the need to build resilience to a changing climate. Both the Town and Village have achieved Bronze level certification in the NYS Climate Smart Community Program, as has Madison County.

Acknowledgments

This update to Cazenovia's Comprehensive Plan was initiated by the Cazenovia Town Board under the direction of former Town Supervisor William Zupan. The steering committee was chaired by Kyle Reger, current Town Supervisor, and included Kristi Andersen and Liz Moran, prior members of the Town Council, Bob Ridler and Mike Palmer, current members of the



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Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and Jen Wong, Executive Director of the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation (CPF). Draft versions of the updated Plan were shared with elected and appointed officials of the Town and Village for their input. The updated comprehensive plan was presented to the community for review and comment prior to final adoption.

The steering committee began its work in 2022 by reviewing the vision, goals, strategies, and recommended actions included in the 2008 Plan and tailoring them to reflect changing conditions and emerging issues. This project team reviewed the status of focused recommendations included in the 2008 Plan and updated the priority list to reflect current conditions and trends.

Village of Cazenovia and Cazenovia College Planning

This Plan is focused on the Town and does not include goals and strategies that pertain specifically to the Village. Therefore, this plan presents Town data about existing conditions as “Town outside the Village.” Presenting the Town data in this way ensures that the Plan captures an accurate snapshot of the current conditions in the Town so that the goals and strategies best align with local priorities. The closure of Cazenovia College is a pressing issue for the Cazenovia community. However, since the college campus is located within the Village, this Plan does not consider specific goals and strategies related to adaptive reuse of the campus area.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PROCESS

The development of this Plan Update followed a four step exploration process as outlined below:

- **Where are we now?** Assess current conditions and inventory demographics, employment, and housing data.
- **Where are we going?** Identify trends and emerging issues.
- **Where do we want to be?** Develop an updated vision for the Town’s future.
- **How do we get there?** Establish goals and strategies to achieve the desired future.

Public Participation

Community ideas and feedback were a guiding factor in developing this Plan Update. Input received from Town residents during public meetings and from the community survey guided the updates to the vision, goals, and strategies.

Public Meeting 1

The first public meeting was held on October 24, 2023, at the Town of Cazenovia Library Community Room. Members of the public were invited to learn more about the comprehensive planning process, share ideas, and provide feedback to guide the development of the goals and strategies in the plan. Feedback received during this meeting was utilized to improve the



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community vision statement, develop additional goals and strategies, and create the future land use map.

Public Meeting 2

The second public meeting was held on May 30, 2024, at the Town of Cazenovia Library Community Room. The purpose of this meeting was to present the draft comprehensive plan to the public and solicit feedback. A presentation of the draft plan was followed by a Q&A session.

Public Meeting 3

The third public meeting was held on December 9, 2024, at Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to present the draft plan and gather public feedback.

Community Survey

A community survey was developed to gauge community perspectives regarding planning themes and the initial goals and strategies presented at the first public meeting. This survey was widely advertised in the Town through both paper and digital methods, and the survey link was distributed via a postcard that was delivered to every Town resident. The survey was available from October to December 2023 and garnered 379 responses. The survey responses were utilized to finalize the community vision statement, shape the goals and strategies, and develop the future land use map. Aggregate responses are included in Appendix C.

Website

A website was developed to provide community members with up-to-date information regarding the comprehensive plan. The website provided an overview of the planning process, information about public meetings, a link to the community survey, and a copy of the draft comprehensive plan.

Plan Update Current Conditions

Data and information about community conditions are presented in this Plan Update to describe trends experienced since the completion of the 2008 plan. The current conditions section of each planning principle also provides a snapshot of the community, including existing challenges experienced by the Town and opportunities for growth or improvement. The current conditions inventory serves as the basis for the goals and strategies in each planning principle section.

Identifying Goals and Strategies

Each section of this Plan Update includes a list of goals and strategies that are based on the findings of the current conditions analysis and public input that was gathered through the community engagement process. The goals and strategies are intended to address challenges and capitalize on strengths and opportunities in order to reach the Town's 2030 vision. The



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implementation matrix provides a framework for the entity responsible for implementing each strategy as well as the anticipated timeframe.

As part of this planning effort, the Town created a future land use map based on the priorities of the goals and strategies and that helps to envision and guide long-term land use decisions. The future land use map was prepared based on community input and an analysis of the existing infrastructure and natural resources. This map is not a regulatory document and does not mandate a set of rules or provisions for the community to follow. Rather, this map can inform future regulatory or zoning changes and serve as a guide for development or redevelopment, preservation, and strategic growth.

PLANNING PRINCIPLES

The 2030 Plan Update is organized around a series of six planning principles: Livable Built Environment, Harmony with Nature, Resilient Economy, Healthy Community, Responsible Regionalism, and Interwoven Equity.¹ These planning themes reflect the overarching priorities of the Town of Cazenovia and intrinsically describe the Town's goals for the future. Each planning theme is strengthened by goals and strategies that will guide the Town towards its vision for 2030.

Community Vision

The community vision statement for this plan update builds on the vision of the 2008 comprehensive plan but reflects emerging priorities and where the Town sees itself in 2030. This updated vision statement reflects community input and priorities for the Town, including an emphasis on climate action and equity. The previous vision statement and other unifying themes from the community were considered to develop the following vision statement:

Preserve and enhance the unique characteristics of the Cazenovia community, which reflect a composition of distinctive natural, cultural, historical, and scenic resources. Encourage sustainable economic growth and climate action while maintaining an inviting and equitable atmosphere for all to experience Cazenovia's historic Village, magnificent lake, quaint hamlet, and productive agrarian landscape.

¹ Adopted from the American Planning Association's Comprehensive Plan Standards for Sustaining Places. Available at: <https://www.planning.org/sustainingplaces/compplanstandards/>



Planning Principle 1: Livable Built Environment

OBJECTIVE

Strive to ensure that all elements of the built environment work together to provide a sustainable, welcoming environment for living, working, and recreation. Cazenovia is characterized by natural beauty, its lake and streams, historic places, and a strong sense of community. We need to ensure that these characteristics are sustained when considering future development. The long-term sustainability, resilience, and safety of the Town and the health of its residents should be a central factor in development decisions.

CURRENT CONDITIONS

The Town of Cazenovia seeks to foster a built environment that supports and maintains a high quality of life for its residents. Town policies, actions, and programs need to support land use patterns, transportation and housing options, energy choices, and community infrastructure that together provide sustainable, green places for people to live, work, and recreate.

Land Use Patterns

Rural agriculture, which comprises low density residential development and agricultural land (active and inactive), is the predominant character of the Town. The Town has actively worked to protect farmland and open space through the use of easements² and/or purchase of development rights programs. New York State enables purchase of development rights through the Farmland Protection Implementation Grant (FPIG) program. Interested farmers apply through the Town of Cazenovia, and if approved, the farmer receives cash for the difference between market value and the agricultural value of the land. An easement is placed on the land to restrict development and the farmer retains all other property rights.

The current land use patterns are reflective of the Town's priorities to embrace "smart growth"³ planning and development principles to preserve and protect agricultural land, natural resources, and the quality of life of residents, while also encouraging an appropriate level of growth. The Town, in partnership with local and regional organizations, has made significant progress in protecting valuable natural resources and restricting unwanted development. Other Town policies, like conservation subdivision requirements that were developed through the last comprehensive planning effort, help to strike a balance between the increasing demand for

² An easement is a legal document between a property owner and a qualified government or non-profit organization that restricts future activities on the property to protect specific values. (Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, 2024).

³ Smart Growth supports choice and opportunity by promoting efficient and sustainable land development, incorporates redevelopment patterns that optimize prior infrastructure investments, and consumes less land that is otherwise available for agriculture, open space, natural systems, and rural lifestyles. (American Planning Association, 2024).



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residential development and the preservation of open space and agricultural land. Where development does occur, the Town encourages mixed land use, infill development, and redevelopment/rehabilitation of structures near areas of the Town that have already been developed.

Future land use (Future Land Use section) will continue to reflect the priorities listed above. The potential for future growth within the Town is limited by the capacity of the wastewater treatment plant which is reaching its maximum operating capacity. Any significant future development within the Town will likely require expansion of the capacity within the wastewater treatment plant.

Transportation Options

The Town seeks to enhance multimodal transportation through safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that allows residents and visitors to use a variety of transportation modes and reduce dependency on automobiles. Enhanced bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure (including trails) provide more recreational opportunities, allows residents and visitors to commute between destinations without a vehicle, and has been shown to have a positive impact on retail sales, commercial property values, and overall economic development (MacCleery et al., 2016). A majority of residents feel that their community is walkable and bikeable, based on responses from the community survey (Appendix B). However, residents note key challenges facing pedestrians and bicyclists, such as safety and a lack of streetscape amenities (e.g., bike racks, benches, water fountains, street lighting, and crosswalks). Another notable challenge is the lack of bicycle and pedestrian trail connections to Town neighborhoods and the Hamlet of New Woodstock. The Cazenovia South Trail currently extends from Ballina Road West in the Town to the Hamlet of New Woodstock. There is an opportunity to connect the Fairchild Hill and Burlingame Area Trails, located off the southwest corner of Cazenovia Lake, to Rippleton Road (Route 13) via the existing railbed. This would enhance connections within the Town and to the Hamlet of New Woodstock.

Establishing additional multimodal paths on trails or roadways will also expand connections for pedestrians and bicyclists to destinations throughout the entire Town, not just to the Village center. For example, pedestrians and bicyclists frequently travel on East Lake Road, however the speed and congestion of vehicle traffic creates dangerous conditions for travelers. Providing an expanded road shoulder or an off-road multimodal pathway would greatly improve safety. There is potential for enhanced trails in Helen McNitt State Park and for a new boardwalk in the wetlands located in the northern portion of Cazenovia Lake. Improvements for pedestrian and bicyclist safety along East Lake Road will help connect residents and visitors to these new recreational amenities. A final example is access to commercial sites at the eastern Village edge along Route 20. While some sidewalks and crosswalks are present, there are gaps that reduce public safety. These examples illustrate the importance of continued collaboration between the Town and Village to improve connectivity and public safety.



Housing Options

Healthy and livable neighborhoods have a variety of housing choices to support current and prospective resident's needs. Over the last 10 years, the population demographics in the Town have shifted. The population of young and middle-aged people decreased while the population of seniors increased (Table 1). Town policies and actions that support a diversity of housing types (e.g., single-family, two-family, multi-family, Townhomes, etc.) will help to provide choices that can accommodate the needs of current and future residents. Seniors may be looking for smaller co-living residences or accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to continue to reside in the Town long-term. Young people and families also desire a variety of housing options, for example, rentals in multi-family homes, Townhomes, or ADUs. A large number of Town residents agree that the Town needs more market-rate rentals and condominiums, as indicated in responses to the community survey (Appendix B). Town residents also support new senior housing in the form of market-rate rentals, condominiums, and assisted living facilities. The Hamlet of New Woodstock and the land surrounding the hamlet may be suitable for some additional housing development, but due to the surrounding forested and agricultural land, it is not likely that there will be significant growth.



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Table 1. Population Change by Age

	Town of Cazenovia			Town Outside Village			Madison County		
	2011	2021	% Change	2011	2021	% Change	2011	2021	% Change
Total Persons	7,038	6,755	-4.0	4,210	4,021	-4.5	73,156	68,466	-6.4
0-4	3.8%	2.3%	-42.4%	4.2%	3.1%	-30.3%	5.4%	4.7%	-17.8%
5-9	6.2%	5.1%	-20.7%	7.5%	6.2%	-20.9%	5.9%	5.3%	-16.1%
10-14	8.1%	5.4%	-35.6%	8.8%	6.5%	-29.8%	6.5%	5.5%	-21.4%
15-19	11.3%	15.1%	27.9%	6.5%	5.0%	-25.9%	9.4%	8.9%	-11.2%
20-24	8.3%	11.5%	33.6%	4.6%	4.0%	-16.9%	8.4%	7.7%	-14.2%
25-34	5.1%	5.6%	6.4%	3.8%	5.8%	44.7%	10.0%	10.2%	-4.3%
35-44	10.0%	9.7%	-7.3%	11.0%	11.2%	-2.6%	12.4%	10.7%	-19.8%
45-54	15.4%	9.7%	-39.6%	18.5%	11.2%	-42.4%	16.0%	12.7%	-25.9%
55-59	8.1%	5.4%	-35.7%	9.9%	7.3%	-29.9%	7.0%	7.6%	2.8%
60-64	6.0%	7.9%	27.0%	7.3%	10.6%	38.0%	5.3%	8.1%	43.7%
65-74	10.5%	12.6%	15.1%	12.2%	16.5%	29.4%	7.6%	11.2%	38.7%
75-84	5.5%	5.3%	-7.2%	4.5%	6.3%	34.2%	4.5%	5.1%	6.6%
85+	1.7%	4.3%	139.7%	1.0%	6.2%	495.2%	1.7%	2.3%	25.3%
Median Age	42.1	41.2	---	---	---	---	38.9	42.5	---

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Providing a range of housing options will improve housing affordability in the Town. Currently, the Town’s median home value is \$266,100, whereas the median home value in Madison County is \$151,100 (Table 2). While the Town of Cazenovia has a higher median income than Madison County, the breakdown of household income (Table 3) indicates that people with a variety of income levels reside in the Town. Additionally, a total of 29.2% of Town residents are housing cost-burdened (Table 4), which means that more than 30% of the resident's income is spent on housing costs (i.e., mortgage/rent and utilities). This is not unusual, however, as 25.8% of



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residents in Madison County are housing cost-burdened and 32.8% of residents in New York State are housing cost-burdened. The Town supports creating a variety of housing options, such as ADUs, co-living residences, and co-housing communities to help alleviate housing cost burden. Furthermore, the Town will continue to coordinate with non-profit agencies that are working to increase workforce housing in the region as this will serve to improve housing affordability and bolster the Town economy.

Table 2. Median Home Value

	Town of Cazenovia				Town Outside Village				Madison County			
	2011		2021		2011		2021		2011		2021	
	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%
Total Owner-Occupied Units	2,063	---	1,995	---	1,477	---	1,569	---	20,375	---	19,294	---
Less than \$50,000	11	0.5%	14	0.7%	0	---	14	0.9%	1,896	9.3%	1,202	6.2%
\$50,000 to \$99,000	118	5.7%	19	1.0%	92	6.2%	0	0%	6,609	32.4%	4,231	21.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	321	15.6%	198	9.9%	175	11.8%	137	8.7%	5,015	24.6%	4,122	21.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	459	22.2%	401	20.1%	317	21.5%	284	18.1%	2,868	14.1%	3,329	17.3%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	576	27.9%	491	24.6%	419	28.4%	382	24.3%	2,360	11.6%	3,586	18.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	414	20.1%	573	28.7%	332	22.5%	489	31.2%	1,268	6.2%	2,088	10.8%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	127	6.2%	264	13.2%	110	7.4%	239	15.2%	281	1.4%	588	3.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	37	1.8%	35	1.8%	32	2.2%	24	1.5%	78	0.4%	148	0.8%
Median Value	\$218,800		\$266,100		---		---		\$114,900		\$151,100	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



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Table 3. Household Income

	Town of Cazenovia		Madison County	
	2011	2021	2011	2021
Total Households	2,565	2,336	26,930	24,779
Less than \$10,000	4.6%	1.5%	5.6%	4.9%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3.2%	1.9%	4.8%	3.8%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	4.8%	14.7%	10.2%	9.7%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	7.9%	5.9%	10.7%	7.9%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12.0%	7.9%	15.5%	12.3%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	18.6%	13.8%	21.5%	19.7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12.7%	9.8%	13.7%	13.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	19.6%	20.9%	12.4%	15.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6.9%	8.7%	3.1%	6.8%
\$200,000 or more	9.7%	14.9%	2.5%	5.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.



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Table 4. Housing Affordability

	Median Home Value	Occupied Housing Units with a Mortgage		Occupied Housing Units Without a Mortgage		Occupied Rental Units		% of Total Occupied Housing Units Housing Cost Burdened
		Median Monthly Costs for Homeowner	% of Housing Units Housing Cost Burdened	Median Monthly Costs for Homeowner	% of Housing Units Housing Cost Burdened	Median Monthly Gross Rent	% of Housing Units Housing Cost Burdened	
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2000	\$135,500	\$1,353	30.4%*	\$474	30.4%*	\$529	29.0%	29.9%
2011	\$218,800	\$1,891	31.5%	\$681	11.7%	\$928	48.5%	28.1%
2021	\$266,100	\$1,905	34.8%	\$1,020	19.1%	\$1,030	32.9%	29.2%
Madison County								
2000	\$81,500	\$967	20.6%*	\$368	20.6%*	\$509	32.6%	24.4%
2011	\$114,900	\$1,293	29.8%	\$501	16.9%	\$712	36.7%	27.6%
2021	\$151,100	\$1,437	26.9%	\$579	15.2%	\$789	40.6%	25.8%
New York State								
2000	\$148,700	\$1,357	26.4%	\$457	26.4%	\$672	40.5%	34.2%
2011	\$301,000	\$2,017	41.2%	\$687	22.4%	\$1,025	52.3%	52.7%
2021	\$340,000	\$2,267	32.6%	\$826	18.8%	\$1,390	51.6%	32.8%
<p>Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 4, Matrices HCT2, HCT11, HCT14, HCT15, HCT17, HCT21, HCT24, HCT29, HCT31, HCT76, and HCT79.</p> <p>HCT32, HCT41, HCT43, HCT51, HCT52, HCT59, HCT64, HCT66, HCT75, and U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</p> <p>Note: *Calculation includes all owner occupied housing units, data do not distinguish between mortgage status for 2000 census data.</p>								



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Energy Choice

In planning for the future and prioritizing the well-being of future generations, the Town understands the need to improve the way energy is generated and used in order to mitigate the effects of climate change. However, protecting agricultural land and open space will still remain a priority when determining suitable locations and the capacity for renewable energy development. In addition to large-scale commercial solar development, the Town seeks to support small scale residential and municipal solar. The use of residential and municipal geothermal heat pumps is also a viable renewable energy option that is currently being explored by the Town. See the Harmony with Nature section for more information on renewable energy.

Historic and Cultural Resources

Historic and cultural resources are important Town assets that influence the economy, education, and community cohesion. These resources are not simply limited to specific landmarks or buildings but include a broad range of activities on the land, for instance, scenic viewsheds and corridors which are abundant in the area. The Town is fortunate to work with partners such as the Town Historian, Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, Cazenovia Heritage, Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia Public Library, New Woodstock Library, New Woodstock Historical Society, and the Madison County Historian that aim to identify and protect historic and cultural resources. The Town strives to protect these resources by discouraging growth in areas that negatively impact historic and cultural assets and promoting protection, preservation, and restoration of important structures where possible and consider adaptive re-use as a final alternative to demolition. .

Community Infrastructure

The Town is committed to sustaining the rural character of the community through the preservation of open space and agricultural land, while also improving infrastructure to ensure that the community remains a vibrant destination and a desirable place to live. To foster a livable built environment, community services and infrastructure that meet the needs of all Town residents are necessary. Services and amenities in the Town should aim to attract and retain a vibrant community and workforce. Enabling access to healthy foods, medical services, and walkable neighborhoods can improve the quality of life for all Town residents.

Creating a livable built environment entails more than just improving infrastructure. All aspects of the Town must coordinate together to provide a community atmosphere with sustainable, green places for people to live, work, and enjoy recreational opportunities. Ensuring a livable built environment relies on the success of implementing and integrating goals and strategies of all other identified planning themes within this comprehensive plan.



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GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Goal: Continue to embrace "Smart Growth" principles

Strategy: Prioritize infill and redevelopment/rehabilitation rather than creation of housing developments on farmland or other green space.

Strategy: Encourage housing development where residents can easily and safely walk or bike from their homes to a variety of businesses and services (e.g., school, church, post office, library, grocery stores, and restaurants).

Strategy: Encourage mixed land use, where residential, commercial, and recreational properties are within proximity.

Strategy: Support and encourage "main street" businesses and services in the Village and Hamlet.

Strategy: Continue to require conservation subdivision analyses for all development projects. The process includes protection of cultural and natural resources, open space, recreational access, wildlife habitat, and water sources.

Strategy: Encourage participation by multiple stakeholders in discussions of future development, including planners, natural resource specialists, and representatives of land conservation organizations.

Strategy: Concentrate new commercial and industrial development in designated mixed-use or industrial areas.

Strategy: Locate denser development adjacent to existing areas of settlement and infrastructure.

Strategy: Provide and/or identify funding to conduct a feasibility study to expand the wastewater treatment plant to support new development.

Goal: Sustain our historic rural character and cultural resources

Strategy: Future land use decisions and development plans should actively protect the rural character and strive to maintain a "greenbelt" around more densely developed areas. Greenbelts may include agricultural or forested areas, parks, and open space. These protected landscape features will help maintain viewsheds, including views from the Village toward Cazenovia Lake, and scenic corridors including both east and west Route 20.

Strategy: Continue to value historic properties and promote their adaptive re-use. Assign a member of the Cazenovia Town Board as liaison on initiatives and programs related to the goal.

Strategy: Work with Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, Cazenovia Heritage, Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia Public Library, New Woodstock Library, New Woodstock Historical



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Society, Madison County Historian, and other institutions to implement programs for the identification, planning, and sustainable management of cultural and historic resources within the Town.

Strategy: Manage growth and development in a manner that coexists with the protection and/or preservation of historic resources.

Strategy: Support property owners who are interested in nominating their properties to the National and State Register of Historic Properties.

Goal: Provide a wider range of housing opportunities

Strategy: Consider expanding the range of housing opportunities to accommodate the needs of seniors, young families, caretakers, and the local workforce. Examples may include Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and multiple family housing with appropriate controls to maintain consistency with local character.

Strategy: Continue to support the mission of non-profit agencies working to increase workforce housing in our region.



Planning Principle 2: Harmony with Nature

OBJECTIVE

Cazenovia's natural resources provide multiple benefits to the community as well as to the global environment. Food and fiber are produced from agricultural areas, while the lakes and streams are a source of freshwater, recreation, and habitat for aquatic life. The groundwater aquifer is a source of high-quality potable water. The open spaces and mosaic of land cover provide opportunities for recreation and promote both mental and physical well-being. These intrinsic services have been recognized and protected for generations, and the updated Comprehensive Plan includes a series of goals and strategies to promote harmony with nature.

CURRENT CONDITIONS

The Town of Cazenovia strives to ensure that the natural environment is recognized, valued, maintained, and improved where possible. Town actions and policies will promote efforts to protect natural habitats and sensitive lands. The Town will continue to pursue and utilize accurate data and guidance to inform local decisions regarding the protection and preservation of natural resources to guide future Town growth.

Climate Resiliency

Seeking to act in the best interests of future generations, the Town will support policies that reduce the Town's carbon footprint and encourage climate change adaptation. For example, Town actions and policies can help reduce vulnerability to flooding from extreme precipitation events by implementing green infrastructure⁴ (e.g., rain gardens, bioswales, etc.) that captures stormwater runoff in developed areas of the community. Open spaces, parks, greenways, and forested areas contribute to climate resilience by providing protection and helping to mitigate the impacts from extreme weather events (Bucchin and Tuley, 2022). The Town supports its residents' use of low- and zero-carbon transportation options, such as carpooling, walking and bicycling, and increased bus ridership for children to and from school (as opposed to parents driving their children to school). Town programs that aim to improve energy efficiency can further reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For instance, supporting energy efficiency retrofits of existing municipal facilities and homes and facilitating educational programs that promote energy conservation.

Renewable Energy

⁴ Green infrastructure uses largely natural processes (trees, soil, floodplains, and wetlands) to retain and treat stormwater at its source, reducing the amount of water and improving the quality of the water that eventually enters a community's waterways. (American Planning Association, 2017)



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The Town is poised to be a valuable producer of renewable energy, primarily through solar and geothermal power generation (Town and Village of Cazenovia, 2015). Renewable power generating facilities are an important asset not only for the purpose of climate change mitigation but also as a revenue source for the Town and its residents. However, the Town recognizes that there must be a balance between the protection of agricultural land and open space with the development of commercial solar facilities. The Town will continue to prioritize the preservation of active farmland with prime and important agricultural soils but also recognizes the importance of diversifying its energy profile in accordance with New York State goals and to support Cazenovia's designation as a climate smart community.

Encouraging small scale residential and municipal solar will also aid in climate change mitigation and diversifying the Town's energy profile. The biggest barrier for residents wishing to implement on-site solar is the high upfront cost, however, some of this burden can be alleviated through Town programs that offer low-interest loans or organizing group buying programs, such as Community Choice Aggregation⁵, to negotiate lower prices.

The Solar Siting Toolkit developed by the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation serves as a guide for the Town and private landowners to identify land that is suitable and not suitable for solar power generating facility development. Land suitability was determined based on topography, natural features (e.g., wetlands, floodplains, and agricultural land), protected land, and the presence of historic or scenic resources. The toolkit identifies that there are pockets of potentially viable sites for solar development in Cazenovia and also points out the areas where solar development is prohibited or unsuitable. This toolkit will continue to be an invaluable resource for the Town during solar development siting processes. The Town of Cazenovia's Major Renewable Facility Committee is another useful resource to assist in locating community-scale or commercial solar energy facilities. Neighboring municipalities will be important Town partners in efforts to efficiently expand renewable energy projects.

Geothermal heat pumps are another potential source of clean energy for the Town and its residents. Geothermal heat pumps work by using the relatively constant underground temperature, which ranges from 45°F to 75°F, as the exchange medium instead of the outside air temperature (U.S. Department of Energy, 2024). This results in more efficient heating in the winter and cooling in the summer, resulting in energy savings. The Town supports the use of geothermal heat pumps in residences, the Town Garage, and in businesses along Route 20 East.

Water Resource Protection

Cazenovia Lake and Chittenango Creek are some of the Town's most valuable assets, therefore the Town is prioritizing the preservation and management of these water resources and others

⁵ The purpose of Community Choice Aggregation is to allow participating local governments to procure energy supply service and distributed energy resources for eligible energy customers in the community through a shared purchasing model. (NYSERDA, 2024)



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including streams, watersheds, and floodplains. These resources contribute to adequate water supplies, safe water quality, and essential ecological functions. Town residents indicated in the community survey that the health of Cazenovia Lake and Chittenango Creek is one of the most important environmental challenges facing the Town for the foreseeable future (Appendix B). For example, the Cazenovia Lake shoreline is becoming increasingly developed by large suburban homes with treated lawns. This development threatens water quality, scenic views, and the health of the lake's ecosystem. The Town has made significant steps to preserve the quality of the lake by designating the Cazenovia Lake watershed as a Critical Environmental Area, and by supporting the Cazenovia Lakeshore Development Guidelines. The Town is committed to continuous efforts to improve the lake's water quality and clarity, protect scenic views, and reduce the negative ecological impacts that occur from invasive species, such as Eurasian Milfoil.

Chittenango Creek is buffered from other land uses by steep slopes, dense tree cover, and vegetation which helps protect the creek's water quality and habitat. The Chittenango Gorge Trail runs parallel to Chittenango Creek and connects to the larger Link Trail network. The Town will continue to prioritize preserving land around Chittenango Creek and other important waterways to ensure that water quantity, quality, and ecosystems are protected from pollutants that may result from surrounding development and stormwater runoff.

Protecting the community's drinking water remains a top priority. The Town, in coordination with the Village, has successfully taken strides to protect the quantity and quality of groundwater that recharges the natural aquifer that is located approximately between Chenango Street and Route 20, and overlaps the Village/Town jurisdictional boundary. This area is currently zoned as the Wellhead Protection Overlay, which stipulates development restrictions to reduce negative impacts to groundwater, such as pollution. Development that is approved in the overlay district must meet stringent stormwater management provisions. The Town aims to continuously protect this valuable source of drinking water through development restrictions and best practices for stormwater management.

Land Resource Protection

Trails in the Town not only provide recreational amenities to residents and improve quality of life but are also an avenue for protecting important land areas. Contiguous tracts of green space are essential for preserving wildlife habitats and passages. The Town of Cazenovia has been successful in protecting its valuable natural resources because it prioritizes protection of trails and green space.

The Cazenovia Preservation Foundation (CPF) is an important Town partner that successfully preserves over 3,700 acres of local farmland, habitat, and open space through direct ownership and conservation easements. CPF also maintains over 13 miles of hiking trails for use by residents and visitors. The Town will continue to coordinate with and support CPF to protect agricultural land, open space, and public trails.



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The Town is interested in establishing a greenbelt area to ensure that open space continues to be protected. A greenbelt refers to natural, undeveloped, or agricultural land that surrounds developed lands. Greenbelts may be a combination of open space, parks, and working lands (i.e., farms and forestry lands). Greenbelts provide important ecosystem services, such as protection of water quality, flood control, and carbon sequestration (Shore, 2021). The Town wants to establish and protect a greenbelt area from the southern end of Route 92, across the south shore of Cazenovia Lake and through the protected lands adjacent to Route 20. This greenbelt area overlaps with and expands upon the Cazenovia Lake watershed protection overlay and the wellhead protection overlay, providing further protection of valuable water resources.



GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Goal: Protect and manage air, land, and water resources considering a changing climate.

Strategy: Continue to implement stormwater management practices that improve hydrologic resilience and minimize the loss of nutrients, sediments, and salts from the landscape.

Strategy: Expand protections of riparian areas and floodplains to reflect changing environmental conditions.

Strategy: Protect critical recharge areas for water supply wells to ensure continued provision of public water supply that meets or exceeds standards.

Strategy: Future land use decisions and development plans should actively protect the rural character and strive to maintain a "greenbelt" around more densely developed areas. These protected landscape features will help to conserve valuable natural resources.

Strategy: Continue to recruit members to the Cazenovia Conservation Commission to advise the Town Board on emerging issues and provide additional expertise in project review.

Goal: Understand natural resources and how they are affected by human activities.

Strategy: Encourage and support citizen-science initiatives and data collection and sharing to inform our policies regarding lake health, storm-water runoff, road maintenance practices, and aquifer protection.

Strategy: Coordinate with stakeholders to enhance partnerships and opportunities for protection and restoration of Cazenovia Lake and watershed.

Strategy: Support efforts to increase understanding of risks and available resources to respond to aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. Focus on prevention, early detection, and rapid response.

Strategy: Continue to partner with local resources to promote educational programs targeted to local landowners. These programs include updating the Lakeshore Living Guidelines, guidance on the use of fertilizers, importance of native plants and pollinators, and tree maintenance.

Goal: Strive to balance renewable energy with overall land resources and development.



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Strategy: Encourage developers to engage with the Town of Cazenovia’s Major Renewable Facility Committee to complete smart siting modeling to locate any community-scale commercial renewable energy projects. Criteria for smart siting include protection of natural, agricultural, cultural, and scenic resources.

Strategy: Continue to update the 2022 Town of Cazenovia Solar Guidelines which identify where future development for renewable energy projects, commercial, and residential development can be best sited. The Guidelines analyze and map areas of critical natural and cultural resources such as wetlands and riparian corridors, aquifer recharge areas, wildlife habitat, and prime agricultural soils.

Strategy: Continued commitment to principles and actions to support Cazenovia’s designation as a Climate Smart Community.

Strategy: Support initiatives to reduce air pollution.

Strategy: Provide guidance and coordination to neighboring communities to minimize negative impact and maximize energy producing projects.



Planning Principle 3: Resilient Economy

OBJECTIVE

Cazenovia, like all communities, must be able to adapt to change. A key to adaptation is a resilient economy that supports growth in a sustainable manner despite challenges. A diverse mix of retail, professional services, industrial, commercial, agribusiness, educational, artistic, and hospitality services supports the community. The updated Comprehensive Plan affirms the commitment to ensuring that community leaders encourage economic investments to benefit current and future generations.

CURRENT CONDITIONS

The Town of Cazenovia strives to foster an economy that is prepared to deal with changes, both positive and negative, and to initiate development and redevelopment strategies that are compatible with the Town’s character to ensure sustainable economic development. The Town seeks to grow the economy and workforce to reflect local character while limiting sprawl into agricultural land and open space.

Population Trends that Impact the Town’s Economy

A decrease in the Town’s population of 4.5% in the last 10 years (Table 5) indicates a shrinking customer base for local businesses. The recent closure of Cazenovia College further reduces business patrons. The Town outside of the Village currently has 87 businesses that employ a total of 1,662 workers (Table 6). In the last 10 years, the number of workers that commute into the Town has decreased by 9.2% and the number of workers employed in the Town has decreased by 20.4% (Table 7). Conversely, the number of workers that commute out of Town has increased by 1.9%.

Table 5. Population Change

	2011	2021	% Change
Town of Cazenovia	7,038	6,755	-4.0%
Town Outside Village	4,210	4,021	-4.5%
Madison County	73,156	68,466	-6.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.



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Table 6. Businesses and Employees in the Town of Cazenovia

	Town of Cazenovia		Town Outside Village	
	Business Count	Employees	Business Count	Employees
Agriculture & Mining	10	25	7	18
Construction	20	139	14	89
Manufacturing	7	206	3	36
Transportation	6	241	2	203
Communication	2	5	1	3
Utility	2	63	0	10
Wholesale Trade	3	74	2	59
Retail Trade	51	637	9	185
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	31	160	4	22
Services	108	1,127	33	989
Government	14	124	5	41
Unclassified Establishments	15	8	7	7
Total	269	2,609	87	1,662

Source: ESRI Business Analyst, 2023.

Table 7. Commuters in and out of the Town of Cazenovia for work

	Commuters		
	2010	2020	% Change
Workers Commuting into Town	1,676	1,522	-9.2%
Workers Commuting out of Town	2,193	2,234	1.9%
Workers employed in the Town	560	446	-20.4%

Source: U.S. Census OnThe Map 2010 and U.S. Census OnThe Map 2020.



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Sustainable Economic Development

There is an opportunity to foster and expand commercial activity that suits the existing community character. Residents indicated in the community survey that they generally feel the Town has enough amenities and services (e.g., grocery store, auto repair shop, beauty salon, etc.) that they need for daily life (Appendix B), however, it is likely that some residents travel to suburbs of the City of Syracuse (e.g., Village of Fayetteville or Town of Dewitt) for additional shopping needs that are not fulfilled in the Town. Residents also indicated more of a preference for enhanced economic and business development in the Town (rather than housing development, growth in green practices, or public space development) through responses to the community survey (Appendix B). However, additional development potential is somewhat limited because of areas of protected land around Route 20 (the primary location of commercial development) and due to constraints with water and sewer infrastructure.

Economic activity is mostly concentrated in the Village center and along Route 20 East. Since 2008 there have been eight Town properties annexed by the Village, including five along Route 20 East (Table 8). The Village requires all public water users to be located in the Village, therefore, landowners with property along the Village boundary on Route 20 East have sought annexation. Route 20 East is developed as a commercial strip with several businesses, offices, and apartments. The charming, walkable Village center lined with connected storefronts, office spaces, and important historic and cultural assets is a unique draw of the area. Denser development within the Village center and along Route 20 East allows for less intensive development in the Town that serves to preserve agricultural land and other areas of valuable open space. The Town will continue to support infill development and redevelopment in proximity to areas that are already developed and will coordinate with the Village to ensure that commercial uses in the Town complement those in the Village.

The Cazenovia Area Community Development Association (CACDA) has been actively involved in fostering the community's economy. CACDA has received various state grants (e.g., Micro-Enterprise Grants) to support the growth of new businesses and businesses that are trying to hire additional staff. The Town will continue to partner with and support CACDA in looking for additional grants for local economic development initiatives.



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Table 8. Town of Cazenovia Parcel Annexations since 2008

Year	Address	Owner	Tax Map #
2011	Route 20 East	Little John LLC/Bowers & Company CPA	95.3-2-22
2013	33 Rippleton Road	33 Rippleton, LLC	94.4-1-28
2013	Route 20 West	New York State	94.4-1-29
2016	Nelson Street	New Venture Assets, LLC	95.17-1-4
2016	126 Nelson Street	Marketplace Partners/ Route 20 LLC	95.3-1-8.1
2016	120 Nelson Street	New Venture Assets, LLC	95.3-1-7.2
2016	112 Nelson Street	New Venture Assets, LLC	95.3-1-7.1
2018	360 Burke Meadow Drive	The Landing at Burke Meadow	95.30-1-18

Source: Town of Cazenovia, 2023.

The Town of Cazenovia has a unique agricultural identity that can be capitalized on to enhance economic activity. Protecting productive farmland and providing opportunities for farmers to sell their products locally is a sustainable avenue for economic growth and adds to the local charm of the Town, which can serve to bring new clientele and businesses. Agritourism is a thriving economic sector, and the Town is positioned to continue to grow this industry. Agritourism businesses already exist and are successful in the Town. For example, Critz Farms produces a variety of crops to sell locally, and hosts farm activities and a brewery on site. Meier's Creek Brewing Company is also located in the Town and includes a taproom, restaurant, a disc golf course, and an apiary.

Cazenovia Lake is another defining aspect of the Town's character which the Town can utilize to spur economic activity. Efforts to sustain the lake and the surrounding environment not only improve quality of life but also increase property values in the area. Nearby trails and spaces for outdoor recreation, like Helen McNitt State Park, further promote the lake and Town as a tourist destination. Additionally, the Town could strive for designation as a trail Town which would further bolster tourism in the area and support businesses.

Workforce Development

Other systems in the Town must function well to promote a growing and vibrant economy. Adequate transportation infrastructure is essential for workers to access jobs and for customers to access businesses. In addition to an adequate road network, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that provides access to retail destinations expands the client base and provides resting places along trail routes.



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A large customer base supports increased commercial development, therefore, housing development that attracts and retains residents and workers is important to ensure that businesses can thrive. Mixed-use and dense development that provides both residential and retail space and can be accessed by multiple modes of transportation is attractive to residents of all ages.

Public Infrastructure

The Town has telephone, cellular, and cable communication services through a variety of service providers located in the Central New York region. The top five broadband providers are Spectrum, Kinetic by Windstream, Starlink, ViaSat, and HughesNet. Approximately 3.8% (117 persons) of residents do not have broadband service (New York State Public Service Commission, 2023). The Town is committed to supporting the latest technology innovations through municipal infrastructure and will continue to identify and prioritize infrastructure and service needs.



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GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Goal: Support and accommodate commercial activity that provides jobs, services, housing, and recreational opportunities that contribute to the appeal of Cazenovia as a place to live and work.

Strategy: Support and attract commercial activity that is consistent with community values and does not disrupt the surrounding natural environment.

Strategy: Collaborate with County, Regional, and State economic development resources to maintain updated analyses of demographics, housing stock, employment, and commuting patterns.

Strategy: Maintain public infrastructure that can adapt to changes with innovations in technology, transportation, economic development opportunities, and the workforce. Public infrastructure includes trails and bikeways.

Strategy: Encourage expansion of infrastructure in appropriate areas.

Strategy: Support minimal impact home-based businesses.

Strategy: Support local and regional efforts to promote tourism and the visitor experience including the 'I Love New York' inclusion of the Underground Railroad circuit.

Goal: Support local farms and the agricultural economy.

Strategy: Continue participation in the New York State farmland protection program and related programs.

Strategy: Support agricultural tourism enterprises that are compatible with the rural agricultural landscape.

Strategy: Support local and regional farmers' markets.

Goal: Support organizations that provide key services to our community and quality of life.

Strategy: Support efforts to address transportation challenges for workforce development as well as for seniors.

Goal: Continue efforts to ensure that development occurs in a way that will enhance connectivity and walkability.

Strategy: Convene an annual joint meeting of the Town and Village Planning Boards to coordinate priority issues related to development of the corridor.



Planning Principle 4: Healthy Community

OBJECTIVE

The term 'healthy community' encompasses many components. This section of the updated Comprehensive Plan considers measures designed to promote physical and mental well-being of individuals, families, and the community at large through access to recreational opportunities, healthy foods, healthcare, and social services.

CURRENT CONDITIONS

The Town of Cazenovia seeks to ensure that public health needs are recognized and addressed by supporting programs that provide access to healthy food, resources for physical activity, adequate healthcare, safe neighborhoods, and that embody environmental justice principles. The overall health of a community is influenced by social determinants of health⁶ which are the non-medical factors that influence health outcomes. These include an individual's socioeconomic, physical environment, behavioral, and health care experiences. A healthy community is largely dependent on the built environment (further discussed in Livable Built Environment) as the Town's decisions regarding land use and transportation can impact air quality, access to recreational resources, and exposure to pollutants.

Access to Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor recreation access is a pillar of a healthy community. There are a number of recreational trails in the Town, and a majority of Town residents feel that the community is walkable and bikeable, as indicated through responses in the community survey (Appendix B). However, residents expressed that key challenges remain for pedestrians and bicyclists. Lack of safety and insufficient bicycle and pedestrian trail connections to neighborhoods were the two main challenges indicated by residents. The Town is committed to improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and providing access to recreational resources, such as Cazenovia Lake, Chittenango Creek, and Town parks. Potential new trail connections could be made along East Lake Road to connect residents and visitors to Helen McNitt State Park and the wetlands at the north end of the lake where new recreational amenities, such as a boardwalk, could be created with consideration of permit requirements and the imperative to protect the lake ecosystem. The Town will continue to work in partnership with the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation to protect open space that helps to preserve the character of the Town and allow for better connections to recreational amenities for more community members. The Town will continue to

⁶ Social determinants of health are the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life. These forces (e.g., racism, climate) and systems include economic policies, development agendas, social norms, social policies, and political systems. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2022)



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prioritize the protection of open space by encouraging conservation subdivisions for all new residential developments and coordinating with developers to incorporate recreational access in all new developments.

Community members indicated that they desire the creation of new public spaces. The Town seeks to support the creation of facilities that meet the public's needs and serve as community gathering spaces to foster engagement and involvement in Town decisions. Community gathering spaces and recreational facilities can also support programming for kids, adults, and seniors alike, which is a request of residents based on responses to the community survey (Appendix B). The Town will work with neighboring municipalities and organizations to expand recreation programming and activities for residents of all ages and ensure that information about opportunities is shared broadly.

Access to Healthcare

Equitable access to healthcare and mental health services improves quality of life for community members. Mental health and physical health are interconnected and part of an individual's overall wellbeing. The Town recognizes the level of need in our community as evidenced by Madison County metrics show that residents struggle with mental health, especially young people, of whom which 42% reported having felt sad or hopeless within a month period (Madison County Department of Health, 2022). Promoting access and support to mental health resources for residents will contribute to a healthier community.

Seniors (those aged 65+) make up 29% of the Town population outside of the Village (Table 1). Since almost a third of the Town's population are seniors, the health of this population has a large impact on overall community health. The Town is committed to providing support and services to enhance quality of life and assist seniors to age-in-place. In addition to supporting the development of senior housing, the Town may be able to partner with local providers to enable services for seniors that include meal delivery, support for nursing/aide visits, enhancing public transportation access, and supporting senior programs.

Access to Healthy Food

The Town is fortunate to be a part of a strong regional agricultural community from which the public can enjoy locally grown foods. The Town can foster connections between farmers and community members to ensure that all residents have access to healthy food choices by supporting local farmers markets and farm share programs. Furthermore, the Town is committed to understanding and employing best practices to mitigate food insecurity. The Town can also coordinate with schools to support educational opportunities for children to learn the importance of healthy foods and outdoor recreation.



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Safe and Resilient Neighborhoods

Ensuring safe neighborhoods for residents in the Town of Cazenovia means protecting infrastructure and community safety. For example, residents often walk or bike along East Lake Road because it serves as a connection between Town neighborhoods, the Village center, and recreational areas. However, the lack of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure paired with high vehicle speeds makes this corridor dangerous. Efforts to reduce dangers for multi-modal users in the Town will improve Cazenovia's overall community health.

To protect infrastructure and community safety the Town participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, regulated by FEMA; this program aims to reduce the impact of flooding on private and public structures by providing affordable insurance for property owners. Furthermore, the 2022 Madison County Hazard Mitigation Plan identified and proposed projects in the Town of Cazenovia to mitigate flood hazards along roadways by improving drainage and culvert infrastructure. The Town will continue to utilize accurate and current data sources in implementing future hazard mitigation actions to ensure safety for all residents.

Environmental Justice

Environmental justice means the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of income, race, religion, creed, color, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, tribal affiliation, predisposing genetic characteristics, arrest or conviction record, or any other characteristics protected by law in decision-making activities that affect human health and the environment. The Town is committed to ensuring public engagement efforts that embody the principles of environmental justice by facilitating accessible and transparent outreach and decision-making. In this way, the Town aims to foster social cohesion and actions that support all community members.



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GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Goal: Encourage recreational activities for all ages and abilities.

Strategy: Support recreational opportunities offered by organizations within the Town.

Strategy: Continue to foster the Joint Youth Recreation Program to provide programming for summer recreational activities for the youth of Cazenovia, Nelson, and Fenner.

Strategy: Explore development of a centralized calendar to keep residents informed of recreational and cultural opportunities offered by multiple organizations.

Strategy: Support specialty programming focused on specific groups, such as Joint Youth Recreation and Senior activities through [Community Resources for Independent Seniors \(CRIS\)](#), [Cazenovia Area Senior Association \(CASA\)](#), and community recreation programs. Encourage intergenerational activities that allow for shared experiences among different age groups.

Strategy: Continue to support [Cazenovia Community Development Association \(CACDA\)](#) and the Madison County Planning Department as they explore a wide range of grant funding opportunities to improve community recreational programming and infrastructure.

Strategy: Collaborate with the Village to establish and maintain a dog park.

Goal: Support efforts for trail system connectivity and access.

Strategy: Continued engagement with and support of [Cazenovia Preservation Foundation \(CPF\)](#), the [North Country Trail Association](#), the Town of Nelson, and NYSDEC_ to expand and maintain their trail systems.

Strategy: Encourage collaboration among local municipalities, Cazenovia Central School District, and other interested organizations on measures to increase opportunities for physical activity and recreation for all ages.

Goal: Consider recreational access when planning development; focus on making community areas more walkable and bikeable

Strategy: Work with the Town and Village Planning Boards, Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, NYSDOT, and the Zoning Board of Appeals to ensure recreational access is explored for all applicable projects.

Goal: Support regional programs that provide healthy food options to mitigate local and regional food insecurity.

Strategy: Support and engage with local organizations, such as [Caz Cares](#) and [Cornell Cooperative Extension](#) to address hunger and food insecurities.



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Strategy: Support community gardens, local farms, and retailers that provide healthy food options.

Strategy: Support the [Cazenovia Chamber of Commerce](#) and [Caz Life](#) in their efforts to promote and facilitate the local Farmers Market. This strategy includes providing space that accommodates the needs of the vendors as well as offering a safe, welcoming environment for patrons with adequate parking.

Goal: Support access to healthcare and social services.

Strategy: Promote and support initiatives that provide access to physical health and mental health for all residents such as [CRIS-CAT](#) (Cazenovia Area Transportation) and County services for transportation support.

Strategy: Partner with local, county, regional, and state human service agencies to increase awareness of resources for all residents. For example, [CazCares](#) is a local organization which provides support services to Cazenovia area residents.

Strategy: Encourage and support healthcare service expansion and development in Cazenovia.



Planning Principle 5: Responsible Regionalism

OBJECTIVE

Cazenovia enjoys harmony with its neighboring communities at the same time it maintains a distinct identity based on its natural resources, historic architecture, and scenic agricultural landscape. The communities of Central New York have many common goals and interests. This section of the updated Comprehensive Plan outlines recommendations to enhance communication and cooperation among neighboring communities for mutual benefit and advancement of shared goals. These shared goals may encompass the availability of affordable housing, pedestrian and bicycle-oriented development, and preservation of open space and biodiversity.

CURRENT CONDITIONS

The Town of Cazenovia strives to be a responsible regional partner by ensuring that local governmental actions connect with and support the plans of adjacent municipalities, as well as those in the surrounding region. Regional planning requires collaboration to adequately plan for and finance common ecological, economic and infrastructure goals and opportunities.

Responsible regionalism ensures that local economic development strategies identify new regional businesses to maximize economic growth of local businesses by exploring opportunities for mutual benefit. The Madison County Industrial Development Agency is an ideal source of information to assist with identifying business opportunities with the establishment of Micron in the region. The Town will continue to collaborate with the Madison County Industrial Development Agency to identify ways to capitalize on the economic growth expected from the development of Micron in Central New York.

Regional Relationship Building

Coordination with regional partners will be an ongoing process that involves representatives and stakeholders from all relevant municipalities. The residents in the Town of Cazenovia expressed their preference in the community survey for regional partnerships that enhance recreational opportunities, public services, business and tourism, technological innovation, and balanced renewable energy development (Appendix B). Ongoing collaboration through planning activities and resource sharing with the Village of Cazenovia, Madison County, the Towns of Manlius, Pompey, Sullivan, DeRuyter, Nelson, and Fenner as well as local educational institutions is a priority.

Regional Planning for Natural Resource Protection

Natural resources do not follow jurisdictional boundaries. Streams, creeks, and watersheds overlap municipal boundaries, requiring collaboration amongst communities to protect these



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natural features. Furthermore, regional land use planning is also necessary to protect agricultural lands, open space, and greenbelts from unwanted development. The Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, the Madison County Farmland Protection Board, and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County all serve as regional advocates for agricultural and open space preservation, in addition to supporting local farmers and small businesses. The Town will continue to collaborate with these organizations to strike an appropriate balance between farmland and open space preservation and the development of commercial solar power generating facilities.

Expanding recreational trails will not only improve the environmental protection of nearby ecological resources, but will also help to enhance the quality of life for Town residents. The Town wishes to continue its close partnership with the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation to enhance trail connections across municipalities in order to improve access to recreational resources.

Regional Planning for Economic Development

The Town of Cazenovia strives to collaborate with municipal partners to create a vibrant regional economy. Other community factors, such as housing, infrastructure, and workforce development programs, should support sustainable economic development. The Town wishes to collaborate with regional partners to provide affordable housing that permits individuals to live near their work and allows the entire region to grow in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Regional Planning for Community Infrastructure and Services

The Town desires to collaborate with regional partners to enhance transportation and energy infrastructure as well as services that promote access to healthy foods. Among the Town's priorities is providing infrastructure that supports an expanded range of transportation options beyond vehicles, such as walking, bicycling, and buses. Working with regional partners to improve transportation options would further strengthen infrastructure and connectivity to destinations throughout the region.

The productive local agricultural community in the Town and the surrounding region enable residents access to healthy foods, whether that be through farm share programs or local farmers markets. The Town plans to further support local organizations that aim to provide and expand healthy food access to all residents and mitigate food insecurity.



GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Goal: Identify and pursue mutually beneficial partnerships with neighboring communities.

Strategy: Foster relationships among neighboring regional, county, Town, and local governmental entities and explore opportunities to collaborate to achieve common goals, objectives, and interests.

Strategy: Encourage Town leaders in the region to share information from Madison County broadly.

Strategy: Pursue partnerships with neighboring communities to identify opportunities for shared resources and services to protect natural resources, such as surface water, groundwater, and habitat.

Goal: Maximize community engagement with local universities, colleges, and technical schools about programs related to regional development.

Strategy: Develop lines of communication with SUNY Morrisville and Colgate University, Syracuse University, SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry, Cornell University, the Central New York Community Engagement Committee, and others with programs related to regional development (i.e., solar placement in partnership with SUNY Morrisville, greenhouse gas inventory in partnership with SUNY ESF). Designate a Town Board representative to serve as the liaison with Colgate's Upstate Institute.

Goal: Enhance transportation alternatives and opportunities for citizens to connect with neighboring communities.

Strategy: Inventory existing transportation resources and issues, identify gaps, and collaborate with neighboring municipalities to identify potential solutions.

Strategy: Support senior citizen transportation services such as those provided by Community Resources for Independent Seniors (CRIS), Madison County Office of the Aging, and Madison County Community Action Partnership (CAP).



Planning Principle 6: Interwoven Equity

OBJECTIVE

One of the measures of success of the updated Comprehensive Plan will be the extent to which the existing high level of social capital within Cazenovia is maintained into the future. Social capital is defined as “a set of shared values or resources that allows individuals to work together in a group to effectively achieve a common purpose.” While it’s an abstract concept, it can be measured by participation in community organizations, public safety, and equality of opportunities. A community high in social capital is one in which all residents can live, shop, congregate, and spend their time in safety and comfort with their civil rights respected. This planning principle outlines goals and strategies related to this desired outcome.

CURRENT CONDITIONS

The Town of Cazenovia seeks to incorporate equity considerations into all planning decisions to ensure fairness in the housing, services, health, safety, and livelihood needs of all citizens. Each of the planning themes and related goals and strategies were developed with equity as a guiding principle. Implementing the goals and strategies of all planning themes ensures equitable growth of the community.

The Town strives to improve the built environment including neighborhood features, such as parks, recreation facilities, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and the housing stock. Doing so will help to reduce barriers to jobs, transportation, and education. The Town is committed to expanding access to jobs and recreational amenities through effective public transit and land uses that encourage walkability and bikeability. Adequate and equitable access (i.e., ADA accessible) to open space and recreational assets that are available for a wide range of user groups is also a Town priority.

The demographics in the Town have shifted in the last ten years, and seniors (those aged 65 and above) make up a large portion (29%) of the population in the Town today. Infrastructure and services in the Town should reflect current residents’ needs while also planning for and attracting new residents. A diverse housing stock that includes senior housing, accessory dwelling units, multi-family housing, and workforce housing will support a range of individuals and families that call the Town of Cazenovia their home. A wider variety of housing choices will also help to attract new residents to the Town.

While residents require a wide range of health and healthcare needs, the Town can support practices that promote an overall healthy community. In partnership with local and regional organizations, the Town strives to provide equitable access to community services and outdoor



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recreation space. To further its mission, the Town can support its schools in enhancing services and education about mental and physical health.

Public participation is critical to ensuring that the local government is making decisions that are in the best interests and reflective of community priorities. Ensuring equitable Town practices will be an ongoing process. The Town will continue to evolve its understanding of equity and fairness to fully consider the perspectives of community members while also referring to data and best practices to make decisions about the future of the Town and the Town's relationships with nearby municipalities.



GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Goal: Continue to enjoy and foster a high level of civic engagement.

Strategy: Improve and broaden communications related to opportunities for members of the community to share their perspectives and talents to enhance outcomes for Cazenovia. Explore opportunities to communicate with residents via text message (e.g., TextMyGov, PublicInput, etc.).

Strategy: Encourage and support community organizations that build social capital. Examples include local schools, churches, public libraries, and many other nonprofit organizations.

Goal: Ensure fairness and equity in providing for the housing, services, health, safety, and livelihood needs of all citizens and groups, and actively discourage discriminatory practices – particularly regarding economic development and opportunity, schooling, and land use or development.

Strategy: Continue to require Town staff and board members to complete annual training related to unconscious bias.

Strategy: Members of the Town Board will report annually on progress toward meeting the goals related to equity and fairness. These reports will incorporate summary information provided by relevant agencies and organizations.

Strategy: The Town will periodically review progress toward meeting the goals and principles embodied in the Plan.



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Future Land Use Plan

A Future Land Use Plan serves as the fundamental building block for a community. It is an illustration of the Town's collective vision and reflective of the diverse and complex needs of its residents. The Town of Cazenovia's appeal is in its distinct rural character as defined by abundant natural resources including scenic views, working agricultural lands, trails, creeks, and woodlands. The physical landscape offers Cazenovia residents and visitors the opportunity to directly interact with their natural surroundings whether it be through walking, biking, or hiking through the miles of publicly accessible trails or enjoying the scenic beauty of Cazenovia Lake. The lake and sprawling agricultural landscape are often considered the most important components of Cazenovia's character and contribute to the strong sense of place. As the Cazenovia community evolves, it will be critical to balance economic and development interests with maintaining the strong rural character.

Economic development spatially oriented around existing commercial areas, multi modal transportation corridors, and infrastructure will facilitate opportunities for new commercial and residential development while preserving the rural character of the community. This preferred growth pattern, as identified in the plan, will enable Cazenovia to simultaneously create high value in concentrated areas while reducing pressure to develop agricultural and natural resources.

Achieving this vision, to an extent, is dependent upon how the Town uses and shapes the land. Managing growth and development relies on the Future Land Use Plan which provides the framework for determining the types of uses and locations necessary to shape desired land use patterns. The Future Land Use Plan is not a regulatory document; rather, it translates the goals and strategies outlined in this plan into an illustrative vision intended to guide future decision-making, particularly capital improvements and maintenance planning, infrastructure planning, local ordinances and zoning and subdivision ordinance updates to provide the regulatory mechanism for plan implementation.

The Future Land Use Plan was prepared based on input from the community as well as analysis of existing infrastructure and land use. It depicts what Cazenovia envisions as the best opportunities to guide long-term use decisions, understanding that it may take beyond the life of this plan for conditions as represented on the future land use map to occur. As a living document, the Cazenovia community will need to continually reevaluate the Future Land Use Plan to ensure the vision established herein accurately reflects current conditions.

What a Future Land Use Plan is...

- A graphic illustration intended to further the Town of Cazenovia's vision and goals
- Generalized expectations for what types of land uses are appropriate throughout the community



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- A guide for development or redevelopment of locations for residential, civic, commercial, open space, and other uses
- A decision making tool

....And what it is not

- A regulatory document
- A parcel-by-parcel analysis of land uses
- A set of rules or provisions the community must follow

FUTURE LAND USE MAP

The Future Land Use Map (FLUM) is an essential piece of the Future Land Use Plan. The FLUM focuses on how the Comprehensive Plan envisions development over the next 10-20 years, as opposed to conditions as they exist today. Unlike a Zoning Map which designates zoning districts for every parcel within the Town's jurisdiction, the FLUM illustrates a variety of land uses organized by Character Area or category - locations within the Town that share similar physical characteristics and communicate the type of development envisioned to complement and support each other.

Each Character Area is outlined on the following pages along with a description of the intent, the characteristics of future development, and types of uses.

CHARACTER AREAS

RURAL AGRICULTURAL

Intent

The Rural Agricultural Character Area refers to lands that are primarily active farming and working agricultural lands and low-density residential uses. Large-scale residential developments and commercial land uses may not be permitted in this area; however, individual residences may be allowed where lands are not suitable for farming.

Characteristics

It is anticipated that agricultural production and single-family residential dwellings will continue as the primary land use in the Rural Agriculture Character Area. Other residential uses, such as accessory dwelling units and co-housing developments may be permitted where the land is not suitable for farming.

Uses

- Single-Family Residential
- Accessory Dwelling Units (as a secondary use)



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- Co-housing developments
- Low impact home based businesses
- Agricultural-related facilities, businesses, and operations as permitted by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
- Agri-tourism

CONSERVATION RESIDENTIAL

Intent

The Conservation Residential Character Area represents areas where residential subdivisions currently exist and may have the potential to expand onto adjacent undeveloped land. The Town zoning requires that all proposed subdivisions on parcels totaling over nine acres must adhere to conservation subdivision standards that promote the conservation of surrounding open space and natural resources. Existing single-family home subdivisions are scattered throughout the Town and are not the dominant residential development type. This Character Area is envisioned as residential, composed of clustered single-family attached and detached dwellings, accessory dwelling units, and multi-family dwellings.

Characteristics

New residential uses within the Conservation Residential Character Area should be integrated to conserve the existing landscape as best as possible as design permits. The area's important agricultural land, open space, and scenic qualities will require continued adherence to the thoughtful design in the Zoning Code to protect the natural characteristics of the community. Clustered single-family dwellings will likely require ½ acre lots to accommodate septic systems.

Uses

- Single-family detached and attached dwellings
- Two-family dwellings
- Multi-family dwellings
- Accessory dwelling units (as a secondary use)
- Co-housing developments
- Minimal impact home-based businesses

RURAL BUSINESS

Intent

The Rural Business Character Area represents locations along Route 20 East and Ballina Road where light industrial and manufacturing businesses currently exist. This character area will support additional manufacturing, production, office and research facilities that do not



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negatively impact the surrounding environment or resident's quality of life. Additional uses in this area should support and attract new jobs and increase economic activity in the Town.

Characteristics

This area is suitable for light production facilities that do not disrupt the surrounding natural environment. New facilities will be located on parcels at least three acre in size and will be set back from the roadway to minimize their scenic impact.

Uses

- Light production facilities
- Office / Co-working Space
- Research / Technology Facilities

OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION

Intent

The Open Space Conservation Character Area encompasses land surrounding Cazenovia Lake, Chittenango Creek, forested areas, and permanently protected lands. This Character Area represents valuable ecosystem services that the Town is seeking to protect long-term by limiting intense development. By conserving and protecting natural lands and important environmental features, the Town strives to create a greenbelt around more densely developed lands.

Characteristics

Permanently protected lands and natural systems within the Open Space Conservation area serve as a natural constraint when considering future development. The Cazenovia Lake watershed overlay and lands surrounding Chittenango Creek should be conserved as open space to protect ecosystem quality. Growth will likely be limited in this area due to the presence of sensitive natural systems and protected lands. Any significant residential growth that does occur should adhere to conservation subdivision regulations set forth in the Town's zoning code that aim to conserve valuable and sensitive natural resources and open space.

The existing trail network and potential trail connections throughout the Town are a key aspect of this character area. Potential trail connections are illustrated on the Future Land Use Map. The establishment of connections between existing trail segments is a long term goal that will require significant coordination with private landowners.

Uses

- Public parks, trails, open space amenities
- Single-family attached and detached dwellings in rural agriculture
- Single-family attached and detached dwellings in conservation subdivisions



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- Accessory dwelling units (as a secondary use)
- Co-housing developments

HAMLET

Intent

The Hamlet Character Area refers to the Hamlet of New Woodstock located in the southern portion of the Town. This area is not suitable for substantial growth due to the surrounding forest and agricultural lands. However, the hamlet setting offers opportunities for growth in ways that foster a strong sense of community through a variety of residential dwelling alternatives. New Woodstock has seen an increase in the number of new residents, including young families. The intent of the Hamlet Character Area is to encourage housing options that meet the needs of a mixed age population of both young and older Town residents.

Characteristics

New residential development in the Hamlet should reflect the small lots (approximately ¼ acre) and building footprints that exist. New residential development will reflect the existing dense, walkable pattern through additional apartments/co-housing buildings and multi-family structures. Commercial growth will be limited in the Hamlet.

Uses

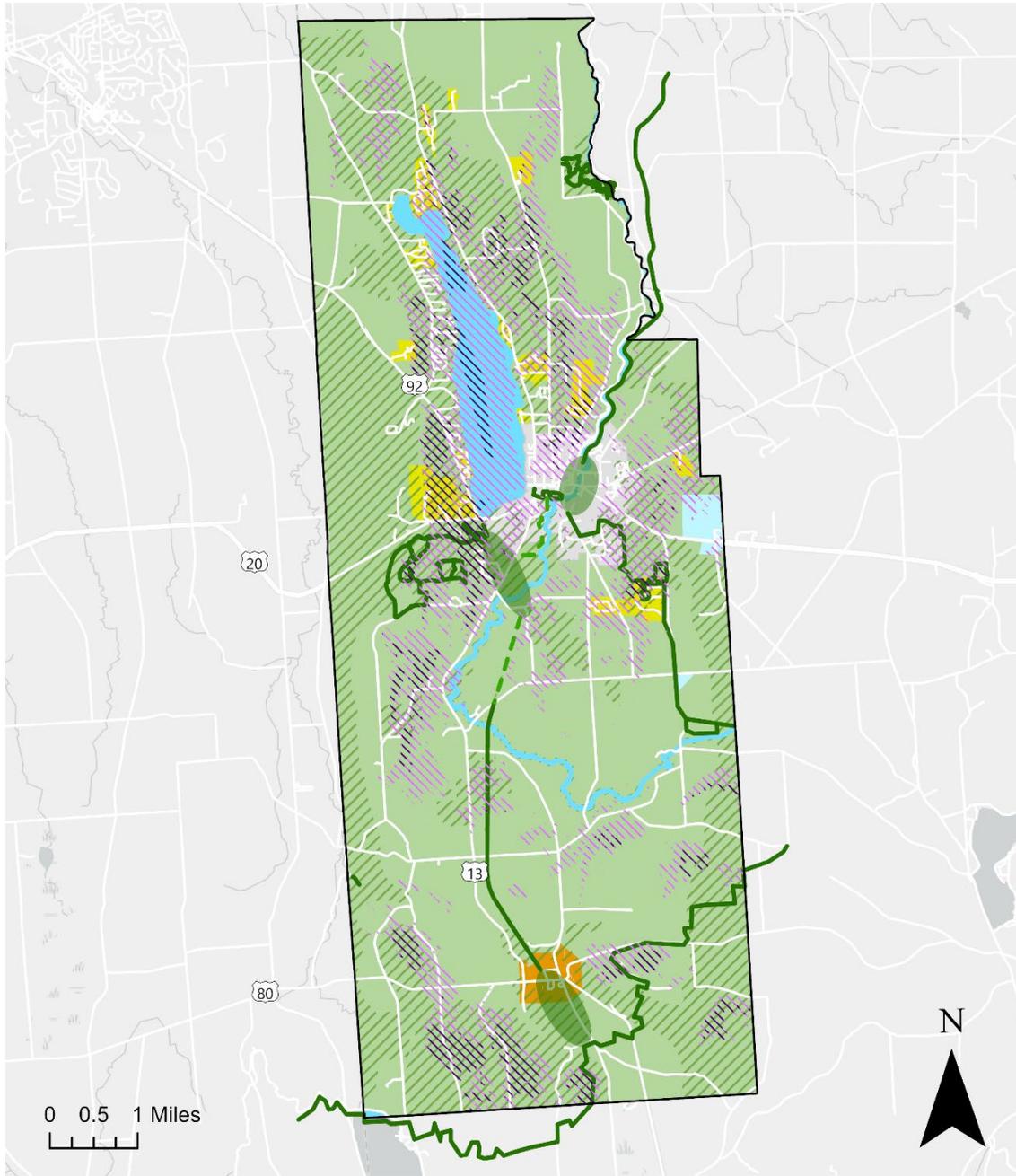
- Single-family attached and detached dwellings
- Accessory Dwelling Units (as a secondary use)
- Apartments buildings
- Co-housing developments

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Future Land Use Map



Future Land Use Character Areas

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Rural Agricultural | Rural Business | Existing Trails | Waterbodies |
| Conservation Residential | Open Space Conservation | Informal Trail Access | Town of Cazenovia |
| Hamlet | | Potential Trail Connectivity Area | Village of Cazenovia |



Implementing the Comprehensive Plan

The Implementation Table summarizes the recommended goals and strategies for each planning theme. This is a useful tool for decision-making and for monitoring progress. Each of the goals and strategies is assigned the following in the implementation table:

- Lead responsibility – who is responsible for seeing that the action is pursued.
- Other involved parties – most likely, who will do the work
- Time frame – Short-Term (0-3 years), Long-Term (3-7 years), or continuous

Implementation Table of Goals and Strategies

Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
LIVABLE BUILT ENVIRONMENT				
Continue to embrace “Smart Growth” principles	Prioritize infill and redevelopment/rehabilitation rather than creation of housing developments on farmland or other green space.	Town Board	Town Planning Board	Short-Term
	Encourage housing development where residents can easily and safely walk or bike from their homes to a variety of businesses and services (e.g., school, church, post office, library, grocery stores, and restaurants).	Town Board	Town Planning Board	Short-Term
	Encourage mixed land use, where residential, commercial, and recreational properties are within proximity.	Town Board	Town Planning Board	Short-Term
	Support and encourage “main street” businesses and services in the Village and Hamlet.	Town Board	Village Board	Short-Term

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Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
	Continue to require conservation subdivision analyses for all development projects. The process includes protection of cultural and natural resources, open space, recreational access, wildlife habitat, and water sources.	Town Board	Town Planning Board	Continuous
	Encourage participation by multiple stakeholders in discussions of future development, including planners, natural resource specialists, and representatives of land conservation organizations.	Town Board	Town Planning Board, Cazenovia Advisory Conservation Committee, Cazenovia Lake Watershed Council, Community Geothermal Subcommittee	Short-Term
	Concentrate new commercial and industrial development in designated mixed-use or industrial areas.	Town Board	Town Planning Board	Long-Term
	Locate denser development adjacent to existing areas of settlement and infrastructure.	Town Board	Town Planning Board	Long-Term
	Provide and/or identify funding to conduct a feasibility study to expand the wastewater treatment plant to support new development.	Town Board		Short-Term
	Future land use decisions and development plans should actively protect the rural character and strive to maintain a "greenbelt" around more densely developed areas. Greenbelts may include	Town Board	Town Planning Board, Cazenovia	Continuous

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Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
Sustain our historic rural character and cultural resources	agricultural or forested areas, parks, and open space. These protected landscape features will help maintain viewsheds, including views from the Village toward Cazenovia Lake, and scenic corridors including both east and west Route 20.		Advisory Conservation Commission	
	Continue to value historic properties and promote their protection, preservation, and restoration when possible and consider adaptive re-use as a final alternative.	Town Planning Board	CPF, Caz Heritage	Continuous
	Work with Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, Cazenovia Heritage, Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia Public Library, New Woodstock Library, New Woodstock Historical Society, Madison County Historian, and other institutions to implement programs for the identification, planning, and sustainable management of cultural and historic resources within the Town.	Town Board	CPF, Caz Heritage	Short-Term
	Manage growth and development in a manner that coexists with the protection and/or preservation of historic resources.	Town Board	Town Planning Board	Continuous
	Support property owners who are interested in nominating their properties to the National and State Register of Historic Properties.	Town Board	CPF, Caz Heritage	Short-Term
Provide a wider range of housing opportunities	Consider expanding the range of housing opportunities to accommodate the needs of seniors, young families, caretakers, and the local workforce. Examples may include Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and multiple family housing with appropriate controls to maintain consistency with local character.	Town Board	Town Planning Board	Long-Term

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Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
	Continue to support the mission of non-profit agencies working to increase workforce housing in our region.	Town Board		Continuous
Harmony with Nature				
Protect and manage air, land, and water resources considering a changing climate	Continue to implement stormwater management practices that improve hydrologic resilience and minimize the loss of nutrients, sediments, and salts from the landscape.	Town Board	Highway Department, Cazenovia Advisory Conservation Committee	Continuous
	Expand protections of riparian areas and floodplains to reflect changing environmental conditions.	Town Board	Cazenovia Advisory Conservation Committee, Village Board	Short-Term
	Protect critical recharge areas for water supply wells to ensure continued provision of public water supply that meets or exceeds standards.	Town Board	Cazenovia Advisory Conservation Committee, Village Board	Short-Term
	Future land use decisions and development plans should actively protect the rural character and strive to maintain a "greenbelt" around more densely developed areas. These protected landscape features will help to conserve valuable natural resources.	Town Board	Cazenovia Advisory Conservation Committee, Cazenovia Preservation	Continuous

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Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
			Foundation, Village Board	
Understand natural resources and how they are affected by human activities	Encourage and support citizen-science initiatives and data collection and sharing to inform our policies regarding lake health, storm-water runoff, road maintenance practices, and aquifer protection.	Town Board	Cazenovia Lake Association	Short-Term
	Coordinate with stakeholders to enhance partnerships and opportunities for protection and restoration of Cazenovia Lake and watershed.	Town Board	Cazenovia Lake Watershed Council, Village Board	Short-Term
	Support efforts to increase understanding of risks and available resources to respond to aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. Focus on prevention, early detection, and rapid response.	Town Board	Cazenovia Lake Watershed Council, Village Board	Short-Term
	Continue to partner with local resources to promote educational programs targeted to local landowners. These programs include updating the Lakeshore Living Guidelines, guidance on the use of fertilizers, importance of native plants and pollinators, and tree maintenance.	Town Board	Cazenovia Lake Watershed Council	Continuous

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Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
Strive to balance renewable energy with overall land resources and development	Encourage developers to engage with the Town of Cazenovia’s Major Renewable Facility Committee to complete smart siting modeling to locate commercial renewable energy projects including battery storage. Criteria for smart siting include protection of natural, agricultural, cultural, and scenic resources.	Town Board		Long-Term
	Continue to update the 2022 Town of Cazenovia Solar Guidelines which identify where future development for renewable energy projects, commercial, and residential development can be best sited. The Guidelines analyze and map areas of critical natural and cultural resources such as wetlands and riparian corridors, aquifer recharge areas, wildlife habitat, and prime agricultural soils.	Town Board	Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Continuous
	Continue commitment to principles and actions to support Cazenovia’s designation as a Climate Smart Community.	Town Board	Cazenovia Advisory Conservation Committee	Continuous
	Support initiatives to reduce air pollution.	Town Board	Village Board	Short-Term
	Provide guidance and coordination to neighboring communities to minimize negative impact and maximize energy producing projects.	Town Board	Village Board, Towns of Manlius, Pompey, Sullivan, DeRuyter, Nelson, and Fenner, Madison County	Short-Term

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Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
Resilient Economy				
Support and accommodate commercial activity that provides jobs, services, housing, and recreational opportunities that contribute to the appeal of Cazenovia as a place to live and work.	Support and attract commercial activity that is consistent with community values and does not disrupt the surrounding natural environment.	Town Board	Town Planning Board, Village Board	Long-Term
	Collaborate with County, Regional, and State economic development resources to maintain updated analyses of demographics, housing stock, employment, and commuting patterns.	Town Board	Madison County	Continuous
	Maintain public infrastructure that can adapt to changes with innovations in technology, transportation, economic development opportunities, and the workforce. Public infrastructure includes trails and bikeways.	Town Board	Village Board	Continuous
	Encourage expansion of infrastructure in appropriate areas.	Town Board	Village Board, Madison County	Continuous
	Support low impact home-based businesses.	Town Board		Short-Term
	Support local efforts to promote tourism and the visitor experience.	Town Board	Village Board, Madison County	Short-Term
Support local farms and the agricultural economy.	Continue participation in the New York State farmland protection program and related programs.	Town Board	Madison County, Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Continuous

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Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
	Support agricultural tourism enterprises that are compatible with the rural agricultural landscape.	Town Board	CPF	Short-Term
	Support local and regional farmers' markets.	Town Board		Short-Term
Support organizations that provide key services to our community and quality of life.	Support efforts to address transportation challenges for workforce development as well as for seniors.	Town Board	Village Board, Madison County	Short-Term
Continue efforts to ensure that development occurs in a way that will enhance connectivity and walkability.	Convene an annual joint meeting of the Town and Village Planning Boards to coordinate priority issues related to development of the corridor.	Town Planning Board	Village Planning Board	Short-Term
Healthy Community				
Encourage recreational activities for all ages and abilities	Support recreational opportunities offered by organizations within the Town.	Town Board		Short-Term
	Continue to foster the Joint Youth Recreation Program to provide programming for summer recreational activities for the youth of Cazenovia, Nelson, and Fenner.	Town Board	Town of Nelson, Town of Fenner	Short-Term
	Explore development of a centralized calendar to keep residents informed of recreational and cultural opportunities offered by multiple organizations.	Town Board	Caz Life	Short-Term
	Support specialty programming focused on specific groups, such as Joint Youth Recreation and Senior activities through	Town Board		Short-Term

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Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
	Community Resources for Independent Seniors (CRIS), Cazenovia Area Senior Association (CASA), and community recreation programs. Encourage intergenerational activities that allow for shared experiences among different age groups.			
	Continue to support Cazenovia Community Development Association (CACDA) and the Madison County Planning Department as they explore a wide range of grant funding opportunities to improve community recreational programming and infrastructure.	Town Board		Long-Term
Support efforts for trail system connectivity and access.	Continued engagement with and support of Cazenovia Preservation Foundation (CPF) and the North Country Trail Association to expand and maintain their trail systems.	Town Board		Continuous
	Encourage collaboration among local municipalities, Cazenovia Central School District, and other interested organizations on measures to increase opportunities for physical activity and recreation for all ages.	Town Board		Short-Term
Consider recreational access when planning development; focus on making community areas more walkable and bikeable.	Work with the Town and Village Planning Boards, Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, NYSDOT, and the Zoning Board of Appeals to ensure recreational access is explored for all applicable projects.	Town Board		Long-Term

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Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
Support regional programs that provide healthy food options to mitigate local and regional food insecurity	Support and engage with local organizations, such as Caz Cares and Cornell Cooperative Extension to address hunger and food insecurities.	Town Board		Short-Term
	Support community gardens, local farms, and retailers that provide healthy food options.	Town Board		Short-Term
	Support the Cazenovia Chamber of Commerce and Caz Life in their efforts to promote and facilitate the local Farmers Market. This strategy includes providing space that accommodates the needs of the vendors as well as offering a safe, welcoming environment for patrons with adequate parking.	Town Board		Short-Term
Support access to healthcare and social services.	Promote and support initiatives that provide access to physical health and mental health for all residents such as CRIS-CAT (Cazenovia Area Transportation) and County services for transportation support.	Town Board	Madison County	Short-Term
	Partner with local, county, regional, and state human service agencies to increase awareness of resources for all residents.	Town Board		Short-Term
	Encourage and support healthcare service expansion and development in Cazenovia.	Town Board	Village Board	Long-Term

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Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
Identify and pursue mutually beneficial partnerships with neighboring communities.	Foster relationships among neighboring regional, county, Town, and local governmental entities and explore opportunities to collaborate to achieve common goals, objectives, and interests.	Town Board	Village Board, Madison County, Towns of Manlius, Pompey, Sullivan, DeRuyter, Nelson, and Fenner	Short-Term
	Encourage Town leaders in the region to share information from Madison County broadly.	Town Board	Towns of Manlius, Pompey, Sullivan, DeRuyter, Nelson, and Fenner	Short-Term
	Pursue partnerships with neighboring communities to identify opportunities for shared resources and services to protect natural resources, such as surface water, groundwater, and habitat.	Town Board	Village Board, Towns of Manlius, Pompey, Sullivan, DeRuyter, Nelson, and Fenner,	Continuous
Maximize community engagement with local	Develop lines of communication with SUNY Morrisville and Colgate University, Syracuse University, SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry, Cornell University, and	Town Board		Long-Term

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Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
universities, colleges, and technical schools.	others with programs related to regional development. Designate a Town Board representative to serve as the liaison.			
Enhance transportation alternatives and opportunities for citizens to connect with neighboring communities.	Inventory existing transportation resources and issues, identify gaps, and collaborate with neighboring municipalities to identify potential solutions.			Long-Term
	Support senior citizen transportation services such as those provided by Community Resources for Independent Seniors (CRIS), Madison County Office of the Aging, and Madison County Community Action Partnership (CAP).	Town Board		Short-Term
Interwoven Equity				
Continue to enjoy and foster a high level of civic engagement.	Improve and broaden communications related to opportunities for members of the community to share their perspectives and talents to enhance outcomes for Cazenovia. Explore opportunities to communicate with residents via text message (e.g., TextMyGov, PublicInput, etc.).	Town Board		Short-Term
	Encourage and support community organizations that build social capital. Examples include local schools, churches, public libraries, and many other nonprofit organizations.	Town Board		Short-Term
Ensure fairness and equity in providing for the housing, services, health, safety, and livelihood needs of all citizens and groups, and actively discourage	Continue to require Town staff and board members to complete annual training related to unconscious bias.	Town Board		Continuous
	Members of the Town Board will report annually on progress toward meeting the goals related to equity and fairness. These reports will incorporate summary information provided by relevant agencies and organizations.	Town Board		Continuous

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Goal	Strategy	Lead Responsibility	Other Involved Parties	Time Frame
discriminatory practices – particularly regarding economic development and opportunity, schooling, and land use or development.	The Town will periodically review progress toward meeting the goals and principles embodied in the Plan.	Town Board		Long-Term



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Appendix A: Status of Recommended Actions of the 2008 Joint Comprehensive Plan

Introduction

The 2008 joint plan involved a large overall committee (14 members), also a “Town Special Board”, as well as sub-committees dealing with each area/chapter (Agriculture; Infrastructure and Community Services; Lake and Watershed; Natural and Cultural Resources; New Woodstock; Route 20). These sub-committees were relatively free to come up with “Goals and Recommended Action Steps.” In the years since the plan was adopted, Kristi Andersen (former Town Board member assigned as liaison on Planning & Zoning and CACDA Board member) and Kurt Wheeler (Village Mayor) tracked the status of recommendations; this Appendix is a summary of their notes.

Housing/residential neighborhoods

Town Zoning codes were thoroughly revised and updated after the 2008 plan was adopted, by a committee of Town and Village board members and the Town attorney, John Langey. No centralized “checklist of community resources” exists, but Cazenovia Preservation Foundation (CPF) and Cazenovia Lake Association (CLA) provide data and advice, along with the Cazenovia Area Conservation Commission (CACC) which can be called in to advise Village and Town boards when buildings or developments are proposed. The Village has a Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) that monitors alterations of Village properties in the central Historic District. Currently Cazenovia Heritage is working on documenting and protecting historic resources. In 2018 the Town created and distributed the “Cazenovia Lakeshore Development Guidelines” to be used by both lakeshore property owners and the Planning Board. Senior and supportive housing now is currently being developed on Burton Street. All Village neighborhood developments now require sidewalks.

Land Use and Zoning

New subdivision codes were adopted in 2009; a major improvement was the adoption of conservation subdivisions requirements. An aquifer recharge zone was incorporated into zoning maps and includes wellhead protection measures. Created Village Edge districts along Route 20 to allow commercial development. Purchase of development rights has continued; CPF currently holds 25 conservation easements on agricultural lands and natural habitat and owns or maintains easements on a total of almost 3,700 acres in the Town. “Dark Sky” standards are now incorporated into Town and Village laws. New zoning codes for New Woodstock were incorporated in 2009 code revisions, and subsequent changes have been made in response to NW residents’ suggestions.



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Infrastructure

The wastewater treatment plant is now owned and operated by the Town. Town Board attempted to create a sewer district on the east side of the lake in 2012, but many residents were opposed. A completed Village project disconnected downspouts on buildings along Albany Street from the sanitary sewer system and re-directed rainfall into the stormwater sewer system. The Village has continued repairing and upgrading sewer and water infrastructure. Regarding consolidation of highway services, a grant-supported examination of the possibility of Village-Town consolidation in 2018 concluded that the high level of shared services, equipment and personnel was working well, and that consolidation would not result in better services or lower taxes.

Community Services

The Village has received grants of several million dollars over the past several for work within Lakeland Park; extensive improvements are nearing completion. Carpenters Barn, located within the park, has been repaired and renovated (via grants to CACDA and Caz Arts) and now serves as an art hub, with studios and space for classes and performances. Lakeside Park now has rentable pavilions as well as playground equipment, ball fields, and boat launch facilities. Efforts to prevent the introduction of invasive species have expanded, with the addition of waterfront stewards and a boat washing station. Walking/hiking trails continue to be created and expanded, with help from the North County Trail Association, CPF, CACDA, and volunteers. More trail connections are being developed. The Cazenovia Library parking lot has been expanded; new playground established there. CAVAC has built a new facility on Route 20.

Community Economy

CACDA has received various state and other grants (e.g., "Micro-Enterprise Grants") to support newly created businesses and businesses which are hiring additional staff and will continue to look for grants supporting local economic development. The Chamber of Commerce (GCAC) has recently re-organized to focus on increasing the number of local concerts, festivals and so on, as well as a stronger social media presence. Since December 2022, a wide array of individuals and organizations have been working as an informal planning group to develop uses for the college campus that will fit will into and benefit the community.

Agriculture

Recommendations in the 2008 plan are pretty much all underway, thanks to CACDA, CPF, and Cornell Cooperative Extension. Summer farmers markets are successful. Open Farm Day. The possibility of a geothermal system, recommended in 2008, is currently being investigated for businesses on Route 20 East.



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New Woodstock

Streetscape improvements have been made, including the creation of a park with a gazebo and opportunities for summer programming. Town renovation of State Police barracks in New Woodstock; important improvements to the New Woodstock library externally and internally. Sidewalks have been repaired; new sidewalks have been added.



Appendix B: Demographic, Employment, and Housing Data

The Town of Cazenovia relies on demographic, employment, and housing data to properly prepare for the future of the community. This comprehensive plan is specific to the challenges and opportunities of the Town, therefore extracting the Village data is necessary to ensure that the goals and recommendations accurately reflect the Town’s existing conditions. Demographic, employment, and housing data are presented below and categorized by varying geographies. The Town of Cazenovia data presents metrics about the entire Town, including the Village. The Town outside Village data presents metrics specifically about Town residents and infrastructure, excluding Village data.

Population Trends

The Town of Cazenovia, a municipality in Madison County, had a population of 6,755 in 2021, as shown in Table A-1. This is a 4% decrease in population compared to the 2011 population of 7,028. The Town of Cazenovia outside of the Village, along with Madison County experienced similar population decreases from 2011 to 2021 - a 4% decrease and a 6.4% decrease, respectively.

Table A-1. Population Change

	2011	2021	% Change
Town of Cazenovia	7,038	6,755	-4.0
Town outside Village	4,210	4,021	-4.5
Madison County	73,156	68,466	-6.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



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There was a net change of -89 Madison County residents from 2016 to 2020 as shown in Table A-2. The majority of residents that moved out of Madison County traveled to neighboring or nearby counties, such as Chenango, Cayuga, Monroe, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego. Trends are similar for residents moving into Madison County.

Table A-2. Changes in Inflow and Outflow Residency Inflow and Outflow

	Madison County Residents		
	Inflow	Outflow	Net Change
New York Counties	---	---	---
Albany	29	29	0
Allegany	58	0	+58
Bronx	43	7	+36
Cattaraugus	0	5	-5
Cayuga	0	169	-169
Chautauqua	4	2	+2
Chemung	25	0	+25
Chenango	147	160	-13
Clinton	0	18	-18
Columbia	8	0	+8
Cortland	13	60	-47
Delaware	12	0	+12



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Dutchess	15	21	-6
Erie	50	5	+45
Essex	0	11	-11
Franklin	0	84	-84
Genesee	0	12	-12
Herkimer	11	0	+11
Jefferson	79	0	+79
Kings	60	106	-46
Lewis	0	9	-9
Livingston	143	0	+143
Monroe	85	404	-319
Montgomery	0	31	-31
Nassau	26	0	+26
New York	28	32	-4
Niagara	5	0	+5
Oneida	431	615	-184
Onondaga	822	604	+218
Ontario	115	0	+115
Orange	26	3	+23



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Orleans	4	0	+4
Oswego	37	112	-75
Otsego	19	32	-13
Putnam	74	0	+74
Queens	22	21	+1
Rensselaer	0	2	-2
Richmond	20	0	+20
Rockland	9	0	+9
St. Lawrence	7	53	-46
Saratoga	0	3	-3
Schoharie	4	13	-9
Schuyler	19	0	+19
Seneca	6	0	+6
Steuben	12	0	+12
Suffolk	41	9	+32
Tioga	13	0	+13
Tompkins	7	53	-46
Ulster	1	7	-6
Warren	0	3	-3



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Wayne	11	0	+11
Westchester	87	24	+63
Wyoming	20	8	+12
Yates	0	10	-10
Total	2648	2737	-89

Source: U.S. Census, Census Flow Mapper, 2016-2020.

The greatest resident inflow and outflow migration for Madison County occurs within the Northeast region of the US, as shown in Table A-3. Residents from beyond the northeast region are less likely to move to Madison County. The greatest outflow migration of Madison County residents is to the South and Midwest US.

Table A-3. Madison County Resident United States Inter-regional Inflow and Outflow

U.S. Regions	Madison County Residents		Net Change
	Inflow	Outflow	
Northeast	2967	2988	-21
South	359	588	-229
Midwest	99	327	-228
West	249	289	-40
Total	3,674	4,192	-518

Source: U.S. Census, Census Flows Mapper, 2016-2020

Race & Ethnicity



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As shown in Table A-4, the population of the Town is predominately white (90.5%). This is also true for the population in the Town outside the Village (95.7%) and in Madison County (91.7%). Also, the second largest population group in the Town and the Town outside the Village is of Hispanic origin (3.6% and 4.1%, respectively). This population has grown since 2011. Similarly, populations of two or more races have grown in the Town and the Town outside the Village. Only 2.8% of the total population in the Town is Black, and there is no Black population in the Town outside the Village. The Town has a larger Black population compared to Madison County (1.5%).

Table A-4. Population by Race and Ethnicity

Population	Town of Cazenovia		Town Outside Village		Madison County
	2011	2021	2011	2021	2021
Total Persons	7,038	6,755	4,210	4,021	68,466
White Alone	94.2%	90.5%	97.3%	95.7%	91.7%
Black Alone	2.2%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%
American Indian Alone	0.5%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%
Asian Alone	1.2%	0.8%	1.3%	0.0%	1.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.2%
Two or More Races	0.4%	1.8%	0.3%	1.7%	2.7%
Hispanic Origin	1.4%	3.6%	0.7%	4.1%	2.4%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates					



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Age

The population in the Town, the Town outside the Village, and Madison County decreased from 2011 to 2021. However, population changes amongst different age groups are slightly more nuanced. In the Town, the Town outside the Village, and Madison County, the population of people aged 0-14 decreased, as shown in Table A-5a and Table A-5b. The largest population increase occurred among people aged 85+. However, this is likely not due to new residents moving to the area, but rather the current population aging in the Town and county.

Table A-5a. Population by Age Segment (In Percentage)

	Town of Cazenovia			Town Outside Village			Madison County		
	2011	2021	% Change	2011	2021	% Change	2011	2021	% Change
Total Persons	7,038	6,755	-4.0	4,210	4,021	-4.5	73,156	68,466	-6.4
0-4	3.8%	2.3%	-42.4%	4.2%	3.1%	-30.3%	5.4%	4.7%	-17.8
5-9	6.2%	5.1%	-20.7%	7.5%	6.2%	-20.9%	5.9%	5.3%	-16.1
10-14	8.1%	5.4%	-35.6%	8.8%	6.5%	-29.8%	6.5%	5.5%	-21.4
15-19	11.3%	15.1%	27.9%	6.5%	5.0%	-25.9%	9.4%	8.9%	-11.2
20-24	8.3%	11.5%	33.6%	4.6%	4.0%	-16.9%	8.4%	7.7%	-14.2
25-34	5.1%	5.6%	6.4%	3.8%	5.8%	44.7%	10.0%	10.2%	-4.3
35-44	10.0%	9.7%	-7.3%	11.0%	11.2%	-2.6%	12.4%	10.7%	-19.8
45-54	15.4%	9.7%	-39.6%	18.5%	11.2%	-42.4%	16.0%	12.7%	-25.9
55-59	8.1%	5.4%	-35.7%	9.9%	7.3%	-29.9%	7.0%	7.6%	2.8



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60-64	6.0%	7.9%	27.0%	7.3%	10.6%	38.0%	5.3%	8.1%	43.7
65-74	10.5%	12.6%	15.1%	12.2%	16.5%	29.4%	7.6%	11.2%	38.7
75-84	5.5%	5.3%	-7.2%	4.5%	6.3%	34.2%	4.5%	5.1%	6.6
85+	1.7%	4.3%	139.7%	1.0%	6.2%	495.2%	1.7%	2.3%	25.3
Median Age	42.1	41.2	---	---	---	---	38.9	42.5	---

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Table A-5b. Population by Age Segment

	Town of Cazenovia			Town Outside Village			Madison County		
	2011	2021	% Change	2011	2021	% Change	2011	2021	% Change
Total Persons	7,038	6,755	-4.0	4,210	4,021	-4.5	73,156	68,466	-6.4
0-4	269	155	-42.4%	178	124	-30.3%	3,958	3,252	-17.8
5-9	435	345	-20.7%	316	250	-20.9%	4,293	3,600	-16.1
10-14	568	366	-35.6%	372	261	-29.8%	4,768	3,748	-21.4
15-19	796	1,018	27.9%	274	203	-25.9%	6,847	6,081	-11.2
20-24	581	776	33.6%	195	162	-16.9%	6,111	5,244	-14.2
25-34	358	381	6.4%	161	233	44.7%	7,315	7,003	-4.3



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35-44	703	652	-7.3%	463	451	-2.6%	9,100	7,301	-19.8
45-54	1,082	653	-39.6%	779	449	-42.4%	11,724	8,687	-25.9
55-59	572	368	-35.7%	418	293	-29.9%	5,089	5,229	2.8
60-64	423	537	27.0%	308	425	38.0%	3,875	5,570	43.7
65-74	742	854	15.1%	514	665	29.4%	5,528	7,665	38.7
75-84	388	360	-7.2%	190	255	34.2%	3,281	3,499	6.6
85+	121	290	139.7%	42	250	495.2%	1,267	1,587	25.3
Median Age	42.1	41.2	---	---	---	---	38.9	42.5	---
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates									

Household Trends

The average household size is slightly smaller in the Town (2.35) compared to the county (2.54), as shown in Table A-6. Over the past 10 years, family households have decreased, while non-family households have increased. Among family household types, 2-person households are the most common and have increased in the last 10 years in the Town, the Town outside the Village, and the county. This indicates that a large percentage of the population are couples with no children. Among non-family households, 1-person households are the most common type. Non-family, 1-person households have decreased slightly in the Town and Town outside Village but have increased in Madison County.

Table A-6. Population by Household Size

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	Town of Cazenovia		Town Outside Village		Madison County	
	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021
Total Households	2,565	2,336	1,565	1,665	26,930	24,779
Average Household Size	2.47	2.35	---	---	2.51	2.54
Types of Households						
Family Households	1,877	1,473	1,295	1,122	18,402	15,993
2-Person	49.7%	52.5%	47.6%	55.7%	46.2%	48.1%
3-Person	18.6%	23.6%	17.3%	20.6%	22.4%	23.5%
4-Person	21.5%	14.3%	24.8%	14.9%	20.5%	17.9%
5-Person	8.4%	7.2%	8.8%	6.2%	7.8%	7.2%
6-Person	1.7%	2.5%	1.2%	2.6%	1.7%	2.3%
7+ Person	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	1.4%	0.9%
Nonfamily Households	688	863	270	543	8,528	8,786
1-Person	88.2%	88.1%	90.4%	86.4%	79.8%	83.5%
2-Person	10.0%	11.9%	9.6%	13.6%	16.9%	15.1%
3-Person	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	1.2%
4-Person	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.1%
5-Person	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%
6-Person	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%



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7+ Person	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates						

Educational Attainment

The population in the Town and Town outside the Village generally have higher educational attainment than the population of Madison County as a whole, as shown in Table A-7. Among the Town and Town outside the Village population, the highest percentage of residents have earned a graduate or professional degree (25.3% and 24.7%, respectively).

Table A-7. Educational Attainment of Population 25 Years and Over

	Town of Cazenovia	Town Outside Village	Madison County
	2021	2021	2021
Population 25 Years and Over	4,095	3,021	46,541
Less than 9 th Grade	0.9%	0.6%	2.0%
9 th to 12 th grade, no diploma	1.6%	0.8%	5.2%
High School Graduate	19.6%	20.5%	35.3%
Some College, No Degree	12.8%	13.4%	16.6%
Associate's degree	15.3%	16.9%	14.6%
Bachelor's degree	24.6%	23.1%	13.8%
Graduate or Professional Degree	25.3%	24.7%	12.4%

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Income

As shown in Table A-8, the Town of Cazenovia has a higher median household income (\$85,526) compared to Madison County (\$63,312). In the last 10 years, the median household income in both the Town and the county increased by about \$10,000.

Table A-8. Household Income

	Town of Cazenovia		Madison County	
	2011	2021	2011	2021
Total Households	2,565	2,336	26,930	24,779
Median Household Income	\$73,423	\$85,526	\$53,473	\$63,312
Mean Household Income	\$98,370	\$122,349	\$65,444	\$83,710

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The greatest percentage of residents in the Town have a household income of \$100,000 to \$149,000, as shown in Table A-9. In Madison County, the greatest percentage of residents have a household income of \$50,000 to \$74,999.

Table A-9. Breakdown of Household Income

	Town of Cazenovia		Madison County	
	2011	2021	2011	2021



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Total Households	2,565	2,336	26,930	24,779
Less than \$10,000	4.6%	1.5%	5.6%	4.9%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	3.2%	1.9%	4.8%	3.8%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	4.8%	14.7%	10.2%	9.7%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	7.9%	5.9%	10.7%	7.9%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12.0%	7.9%	15.5%	12.3%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	18.6%	13.8%	21.5%	19.7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12.7%	9.8%	13.7%	13.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	19.6%	20.9%	12.4%	15.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6.9%	8.7%	3.1%	6.8%
\$200,000 or more	9.7%	14.9%	2.5%	5.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Employment

Jobs

As of 2021, the largest percentage of employees were in the education services, health care, and social assistance industry in the Town (33.4%), the Town outside the Village (33.6%), and the county (29.9%) as shown in Table A-10. Among the lowest employment industries of residents in the Town, the Town outside the Village, and the county are agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining (2.5%, 2.8%, and 3.1% respectively).



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Table A-10. Employment by Industry

Industry	Town of Cazenovia		Town Outside Village		Madison County	
	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021
Civilian employed population 16+ years	2,851	3,160	2,247	2,719	34,019	31,369
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	1.4%	2.5%	2%	2.8%	2.8%	3.1%
Construction	3.6%	5.4%	4%	5.4%	6.9%	7.6%
Manufacturing	8.3%	5.1%	7%	4.0%	12.6%	9.2%
Wholesale trade	5.3%	2.9%	3%	2.4%	3.5%	2.1%
Retail trade	5.3%	8.6%	5%	8.9%	9.6%	9.9%
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2.6%	3.2%	2%	3.2%	4.0%	4.6%
Information	3.9%	2.0%	5%	1.7%	1.9%	1.2%
Finance and Insurance, real estate and rental/leasing	9.2%	5.7%	9%	5.3%	5.4%	5.1%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	10.8%	12.0%	11%	12.2%	7.8%	7.8%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	33.6%	33.4%	36%	33.6%	28.8%	29.9%



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Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	7.6%	13.3%	9%	14.2%	7.8%	10.6%
Other services, except public administration	2.8%	3.0%	2%	3.1%	4.1%	4.7%
Public Administration	5.6%	3.0%	5%	3.3%	4.8%	4.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

As shown in Table A-11, the primary mode of transportation to work among Town commuters is to drive alone. However, the number of commuters doing so has decreased by 12.8% in the last 10 years. All other modes of commuting have increased in the last 10 years. Notably, residents working from home has also increased in the last 10 years by 117.9%.

Table A-11. Primary Commuting Patterns

Means of Transportation to Work	Town of Cazenovia Commuters		
	2011	2021	% Change
Drove Alone (car, truck, or van)	2,327	2,028	-12.8%
Carpooled (car, truck, or van)	116	252	117.2%
Public Transportation (excluding taxicab)	1	63	6200.0%
Walked	107	289	170.1%
Taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle or other	8	18	125.0%
Worked from home	190	414	117.9%

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The highest percentage of Town commuters travel 30 to 34 minutes to work (20.9%) as shown in Table A-12. However, the percentage of residents who travel less than 10 minutes to work is only slightly lower (20.6%). Indicating that a large percentage of residents are either employed within the Town or likely travel to the City of Syracuse for work.

Table A-12. Travel Time to Work

Travel Time	Town of Cazenovia Commuters
	2021
Less than 10 minutes	20.6%
10 to 14 minutes	14.4%
15 to 19 minutes	7.2%
20 to 24 minutes	7.1%
25 to 29 minutes	4.3%
30 to 34 minutes	20.9%
35 to 44 minutes	14.2%
45 to 59 minutes	7.0%
60 or more minutes	4.4%
Mean travel time	24.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



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The greatest number of workers in the Town commute out of Town for work and this number has increased by 1.9% in the last 10 years, as shown in Table A-13. The number of workers commuting into the Town for work has decreased by 9.2% in the last 10 years. Workers that live in the Town and work in the Town has decreased by 20.4%, indicating that there is a loss of employment and economic activity in the Town.

Table A-13. Commuters in and out of the Town for work

	Commuters		
	2010	2020	% Change
Workers Commuting into Town	1,676	1,522	-9.2%
Workers Commuting out of Town	2,193	2,234	1.9%
Workers employed in the Town	560	446	-20.4%
Source: U.S. Census On The Map 2010 and U.S. Census On The Map 2020			

Business

The highest number of businesses and employees in the Town and the Town outside the Village are in the services industry, as shown in Table A-14. The lowest number of businesses and employees in the Town and the Town outside the Village are in the communication and utility industries. Notably, business counts are much higher in the Town compared to the Town outside the Village. This indicates that economic activity is mostly happening in the Village, especially in the retail sector, the finance, insurance, and real estate sector, and the services sector.

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Table A-14. Businesses and Employees in the Town of Cazenovia

	Town of Cazenovia		Town Outside Village	
	Business Count	Employees	Business Count	Employees
Agriculture & Mining	10	25	7	18
Construction	20	139	14	89
Manufacturing	7	206	3	36
Transportation	6	241	2	203
Communication	2	5	1	3
Utility	2	63	0	10
Wholesale Trade	3	74	2	59
Retail Trade	51	637	9	185
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	31	160	4	22
Services	108	1,127	33	989
Government	14	124	5	41
Unclassified Establishments	15	8	7	7
Total	269	2,609	87	1,662
Source: ESRI Business Analyst, 2023.				



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Housing

The total number of housing units in the Town has decreased by 4.4% in the last 10 years, as shown in Table A-15. The greatest change was in renter occupied units, which decreased by 32.1%. The number of vacant units in the Town increased by 31%. However, the Town outside the Village experienced an increase of 11.1% in total occupied units. Owner occupied and renter occupied units also increased in the last 10 years. This indicates that the Village is seeing a decrease in inhabitants, while the Town outside the Village is seeing an increase, likely due to new housing construction and suburban sprawl. Interestingly, vacant units also increased in the Town outside the Village by 53.1%. In the Town and the Town outside the Village, the majority of housing units are owner occupied.

Table A-15. Town of Cazenovia Housing Units and Occupancy

	Town of Cazenovia					Town Outside Village				
	2011		2021		% Change	2011		2021		% Change
	Units	%	Units	%		Units	%	Units	%	
Total Units	2,894	---	2,767	---	-4.4%	1,740	---	1,933	---	11.1%
Occupied Units	2,565	88.6%	2,336	84.4%	-8.9%	1,565	89.9%	1,665	86.1%	6.4%
Owner Occupied	2,063	80.4%	1,995	85.4%	-3.3%	1,477	94.4%	1,569	94.2%	6.2%
Renter Occupied	502	19.6%	341	14.6%	-32.1%	88	5.6%	96	5.8%	9.1%
Vacant	329	11.4%	431	15.6%	31.0%	175	10.1%	268	13.9%	53.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



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Madison County housing units and occupancy trends over the last 10 years are similar to the Town of Cazenovia in Table A-15. As shown in Table A-16, Madison County experienced a decrease in total occupied units (2.6%), owner-occupied units (8.0%), and renter-occupied units (16.3%). However, the county experienced an increase in vacant units (29.0%).

Table A-16. Madison County Housing Units and Occupancy

	Madison County				
	2011		2021		% Change
	Units	%	Units	%	
Total Units	31,539	---	30,726	---	-2.6%
Occupied Units	26,930	85.4%	24,779	80.6%	-8.0%
Owner Occupied	20,375	75.7%	19,294	77.9%	-5.3%
Renter Occupied	6,555	24.3%	5,485	22.1%	-16.3%
Vacant	4,609	14.6%	5,947	19.4%	29.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The majority of housing units in the Town and the Town outside the Village are 1-unit detached houses, as shown in Table A-17. In the Town, there are more multi-unit structures compared to the Town outside the Village, however, the number of multi-unit structures has decreased in the Town. In the Town outside the Village, while the number of 2-unit housing units is lower than the Town, that number has increased in the last 10 years from 11 to 35. The increase in total housing units in the Town outside the Village indicates there is likely new construction and housing sprawl occurring.



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Table A-17. Town of Cazenovia Units in Structure

	Town of Cazenovia				Town Outside Village			
	2011		2021		2011		2021	
	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%
Total Housing Units	2,894	---	2,767	---	1740	---	1,933	---
1-Unit, detached	2,375	82.1%	2,262	81.7%	1710	98.3%	1,766	91.4%
1-unit, attached	79	2.7%	158	5.7%	9	0.5%	132	6.8%
2 units	99	3.4%	108	3.9%	11	0.6%	35	1.8%
3 or 4 units	116	4.0%	109	3.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
5 to 9 units	153	5.3%	60	2.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
10 to 19 units	15	0.5%	8	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
20 or more units	47	1.6%	62	2.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mobile Home	10	0.3%	0	0.0%	10	0.6%	0	0.0%
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The highest percentage of the housing stock in the Town and the Town outside the Village was built in 1939 or earlier in the Town (34.9%) and the Town outside the Village (31.0%), as shown in Table A-18. New housing units have been steadily built each decade since then.



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Table A-18. Town of Cazenovia Housing Units by Year Built

	Town of Cazenovia		Town Outside Village	
	Units	%	Units	%
Total Housing Units	2,767	---	1,933	---
Built 2020 or later	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Built 2010 to 2019	211	7.6%	165	8.5%
Built 2000 to 2009	235	8.5%	200	10.3%
Built 1990 to 1999	267	9.6%	228	11.8%
Built 1980 to 1989	315	11.4%	228	11.8%
Built 1970 to 1979	203	7.3%	119	6.2%
Built 1960 to 1969	156	5.6%	116	6.0%
Built 1950 to 1959	257	9.3%	173	8.9%
Built 1940 to 1949	157	5.7%	104	5.4%
Built 1939 or earlier	966	34.9%	600	31.0%



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

As shown in Table A-19, the median home value in the Town is \$266,000. In the Town and the Town outside the Village, the greatest percentage of units are valued between \$300,000 and \$499,000. The number of housing units that are valued at less than \$299,000 has decreased over the last 10 years, while the number of housing units valued above \$300,000 has increased. This indicates that new construction of homes is likely occurring to serve and attract a demographic that can afford homes over \$300,000. In Madison County, the median housing value is \$151,000. The highest percentage of homes in Madison County are valued between \$50,000 and \$99,000 (21.9%), but this is followed closely by the second highest percentage of homes which are valued between \$100,000 and \$149,999 (21.4%). Town of Cazenovia home values are much higher than Madison County home values.

Table A-19. Town of Cazenovia Housing Units by Value

	Town of Cazenovia				Town Outside Village				Madison County			
	2011		2021		2011		2021		2011		2021	
	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%
Total Owner-Occupied Units	2,063	---	1,995	---	1,477	---	1,569	---	20,375	---	19,294	---
Less than \$50,000	11	0.5%	14	0.7%	0	---	14	0.9%	1,896	9.3%	1,202	6.2%
\$50,000 to \$99,000	118	5.7%	19	1.0%	92	6.2%	0	0%	6,609	32.4%	4,231	21.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	321	15.6%	198	9.9%	175	11.8%	137	8.7%	5,015	24.6%	4,122	21.4%



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\$150,000 to \$199,999	459	22.2%	401	20.1%	317	21.5%	284	18.1%	2,868	14.1%	3,329	17.3%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	576	27.9%	491	24.6%	419	28.4%	382	24.3%	2,360	11.6%	3,586	18.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	414	20.1%	573	28.7%	332	22.5%	489	31.2%	1,268	6.2%	2,088	10.8%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	127	6.2%	264	13.2%	110	7.4%	239	15.2%	281	1.4%	588	3.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	37	1.8%	35	1.8%	32	2.2%	24	1.5%	78	0.4%	148	0.8%
Median Value	\$218,800		\$266,100		---		---		\$114,900		\$151,100	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Table A-20 is a calculation of the total occupied housing units that are housing cost burdened. A household is cost burdened when more than 30% of income is spent on housing costs (i.e., mortgage/rent and utilities). A total of 29.2% of households in the Town are housing cost burdened, compared to 25.8% of households in Madison County, and 32.8% of households in New York State.



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Table A-20. Housing Affordability

	Median Home Value	Occupied Housing Units with a Mortgage		Occupied Housing Units Without a Mortgage		Occupied Rental Units		% of Total Occupied Housing Units Housing Cost Burdened
		Median Monthly Costs for Homeowner	% of Housing Units Housing Cost Burdened	Median Monthly Costs for Homeowner	% of Housing Units Housing Cost Burdened	Median Monthly Gross Rent	% of Housing Units Housing Cost Burdened	
Town of Cazenovia								
2000	\$135,500	\$1,353	30.4%*	\$474	30.4%*	\$529	29.0%	29.9%
2011	\$218,800	\$1,891	31.5%	\$681	11.7%	\$928	48.5%	28.1%
2021	\$266,100	\$1,905	34.8%	\$1,020	19.1%	\$1,030	32.9%	29.2%
Madison County								
2000	\$81,500	\$967	20.6%*	\$368	20.6%*	\$509	32.6%	24.4%
2011	\$114,900	\$1,293	29.8%	\$501	16.9%	\$712	36.7%	27.6%
2021	\$151,100	\$1,437	26.9%	\$579	15.2%	\$789	40.6%	25.8%
New York State								
2000	\$148,700	\$1,357	26.4%	\$457	26.4%	\$672	40.5%	34.2%
2011	\$301,000	\$2,017	41.2%	\$687	22.4%	\$1,025	52.3%	52.7%
2021	\$340,000	\$2,267	32.6%	\$826	18.8%	\$1,390	51.6%	32.8%
Source: U.S Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 4, Matrices HCT2, HCT11, HCT14, HCT15, HCT17, HCT21, HCT24, HCT29, HCT31, HCT76, and HCT79.								

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HCT32, HCT41, HCT43, HCT51, HCT52, HCT59, HCT64, HCT66, HCT75, and U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey, and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

*Note: *Calculation includes all owner occupied housing units, data does not distinguished between mortgage status for 2000 census data.*



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As shown in Table A-21, the median cost for an occupied unit with a mortgage in the Town is \$1,905 and the median cost for an occupied unit without a mortgage in the Town is \$1,020. A majority of the housing units in the Town and the Town outside the Village have a mortgage. Among occupied units with a mortgage, the highest percentage of residents pay between \$1,500 and \$1,999 per month in the Town (29.8%) and the Town outside the Village (30.4%). Among the occupied units without a mortgage, the majority of residents pay \$1,000 or more in monthly costs in the Town (52.7%), and the Town outside the Village (57.7%).

Table A-21. Town of Cazenovia Owner-Occupied Housing Units by Monthly Costs

	Town of Cazenovia		Town Outside Village	
	2021		2021	
	Units	%	Units	%
Occupied Units with Mortgage	1,272	---	1,016	---
Less than \$500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$500 to \$999	49	3.9%	38	3.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	281	22.1%	191	18.8%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	379	29.8%	309	30.4%
\$2,000 to \$2,499	254	20.0%	218	21.5%
\$2,500 to \$2,999	98	7.7%	92	9.1%
\$3,000 or more	211	16.6%	168	16.5%
Median Cost	\$1,905		---	
Occupied Units without Mortgage	723	---	552	---
Less than \$250	0	0.0%	0	0.0%



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\$250 to \$399	47	6.5%	41	7.4%
\$400 to \$599	91	12.6%	61	11.0%
\$600 to \$799	133	18.4%	83	15.0%
\$800 to \$999	71	9.8%	49	8.9%
\$1,000 or more	381	52.7%	319	57.7%
Median Cost	\$1,020		---	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates				

As shown in Table A-22, the greatest percentage of residents in rental units pay between \$1,000 and \$1,499 in the Town (47.4%) and the Town outside the Village (49.3%). The median cost of rent in the Town is \$1,030.

Table A-22. Town of Cazenovia Rent Paid for Renter Occupied Units

	Town of Cazenovia		Town without Village	
	2021		2021	
	Units	%	Units	%
Occupied Units Paying Rent	310	---	75	---
Less than \$500	47	15.2%	0	0.0%
\$500 to \$999	96	31.0%	31	41.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	147	47.4%	37	49.3%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	6	1.9%	0	0.0%



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\$2,000 to \$2,499	14	4.5%	7	9.3%
\$2,500 to \$2,999	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$3,000 or more	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Median Cost	\$1,030		---	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates				

The highest number of building permits for new house starts were administered in 2016 in the Town outside the Village, as shown in Table A-23.

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Table A-23. Town Outside Village Cazenovia Building Permits Administered for New House Starts

Year	New House Starts Permits Administered
2009	4
2010	9
2011	4
2012	5
2013	9
2014	5
2015	8



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2016	15
2017	5
2018	12
2019	12
2020	8
2021	13
2022	13
Source: Town of Cazenovia, 2023.	

As shown in Table A-24, eight properties have been annexed by the Village since 2008.

Table A-24. Town of Cazenovia Parcel Annexations since 2008

Year	Address	Owner	Tax Map #
2011	Route 20 East	Little John LLC/Bowers & Company CPA	95.3-2-22
2013	33 Rippleton Road	33 Rippleton, LLC	94.4-1-28
2013	Route 20 West	New York State	94.4-1-29
2016	Nelson Street	New Venture Assets, LLC	95.17-1-4
2016	126 Nelson Street	Marketplace Partners/ Route 20 LLC	95.3-1-8.1
2016	120 Nelson Street	New Venture Assets, LLC	95.3-1-7.2

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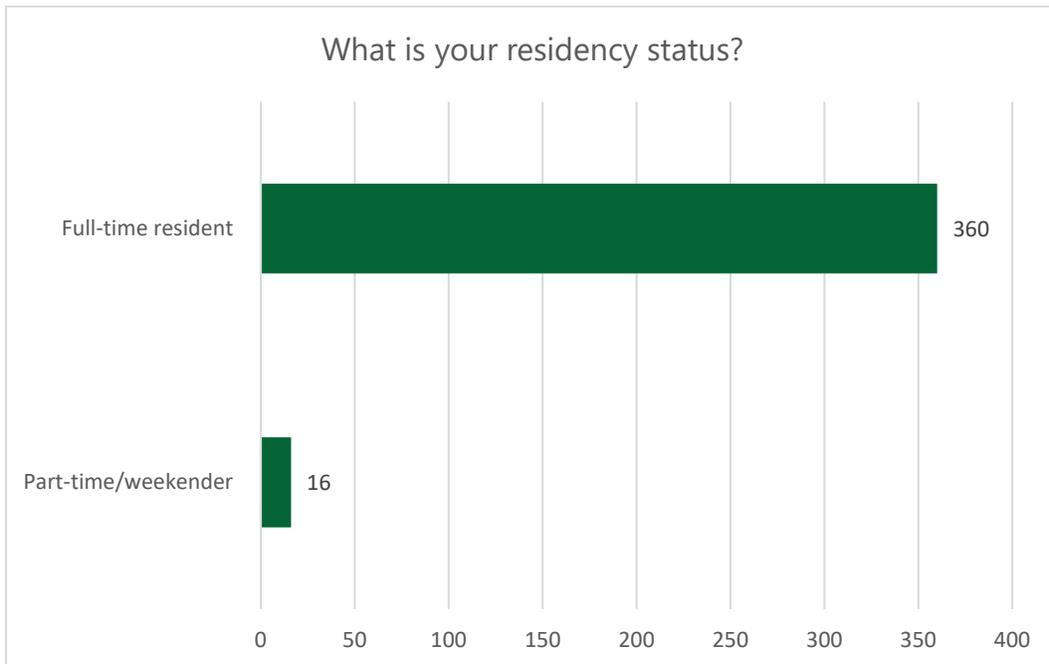
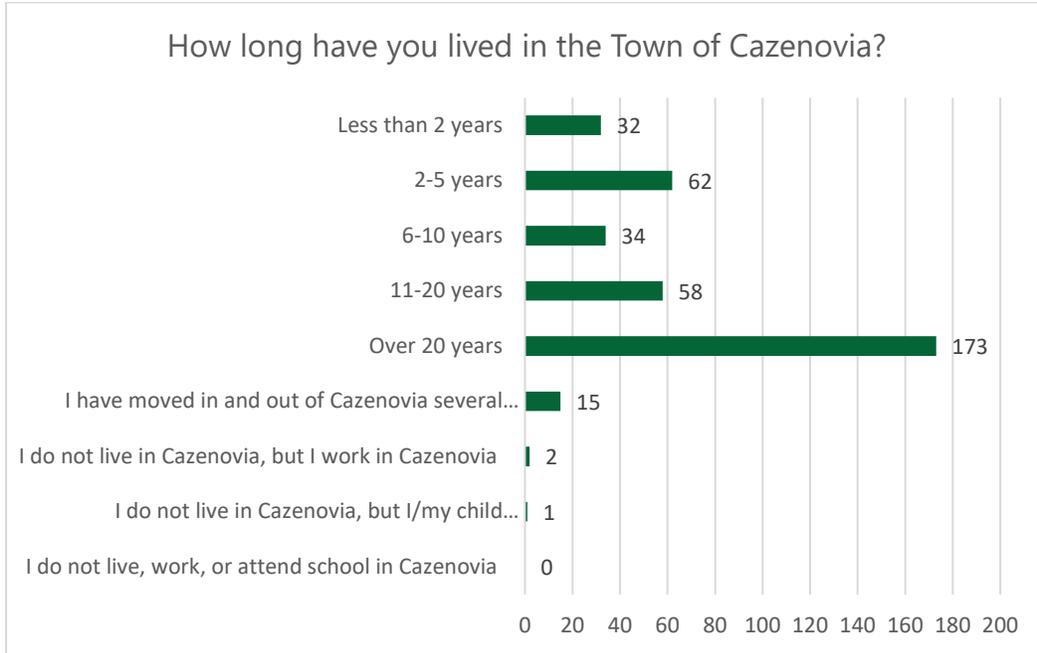
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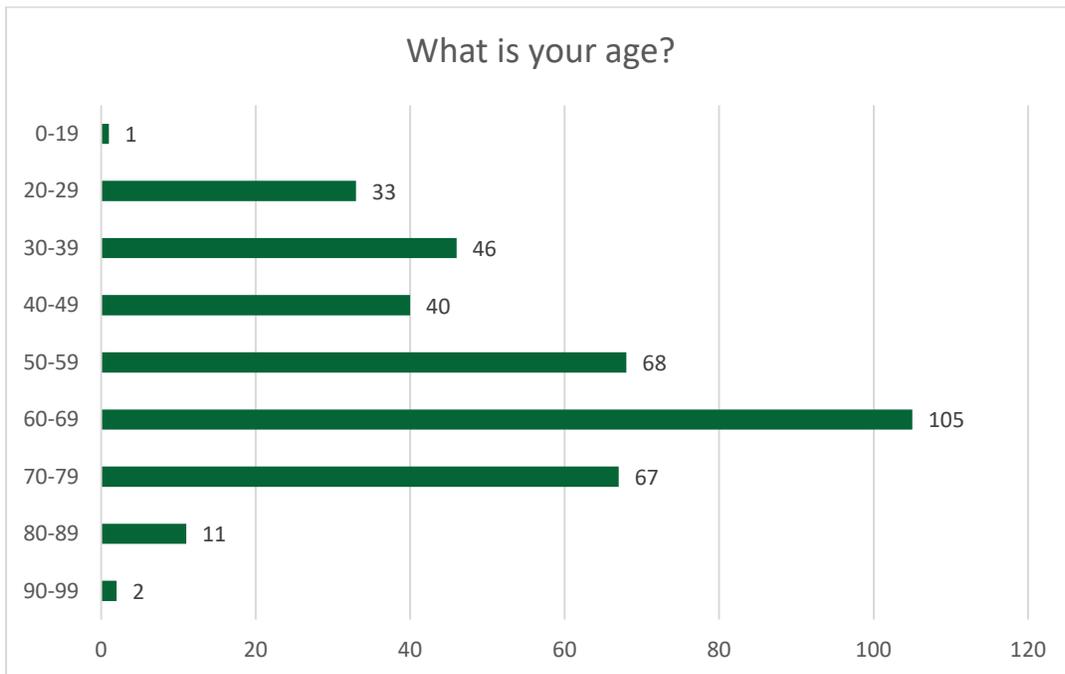
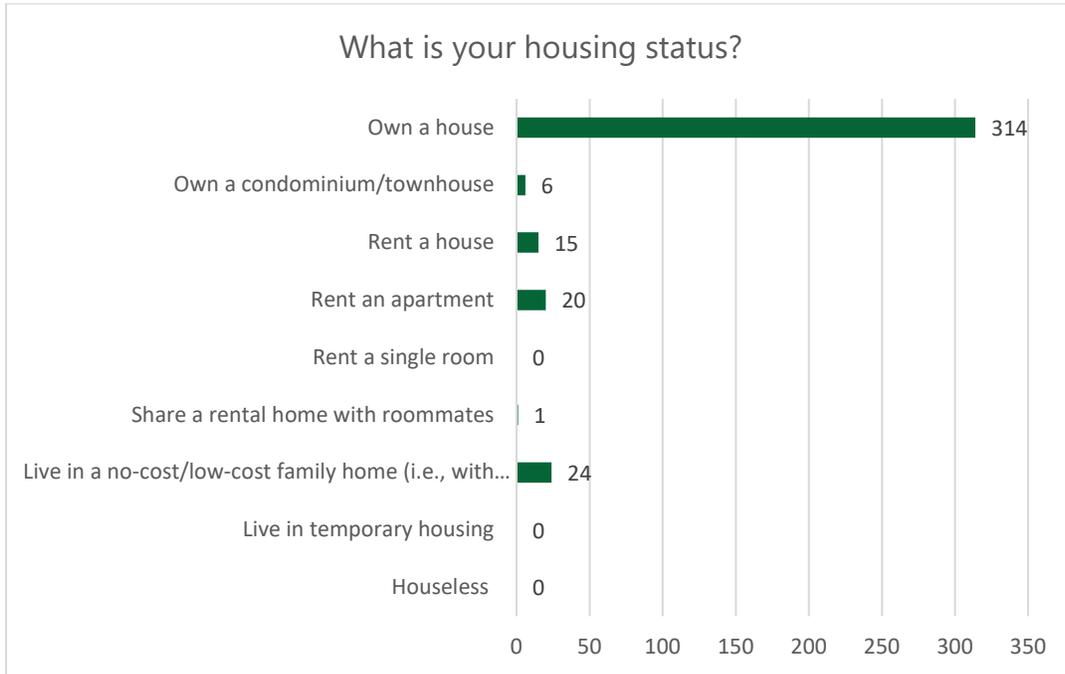


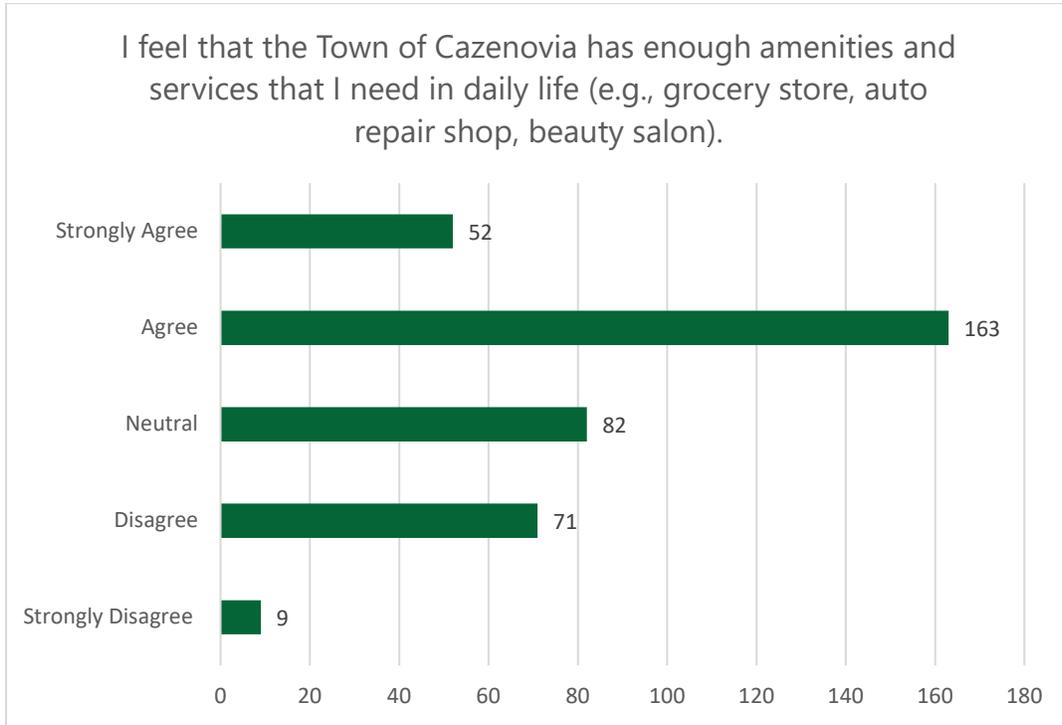
2016	112 Nelson Street	New Venture Assets, LLC	95.3-1-7.1
2018	360 Burke Meadow Drive	The Landing at Burke Meadow	95.30-1-18
Source: Town of Cazenovia, 2023.			



Appendix C: Community Survey







Describe a strength you feel the Town should further promote in one or two words.

- Equality
- Quaint safe Town
- Safety
- Heritage
- Retail
- Community events
- Nature trails
- Community Pride
- Low taxes
- Norman Rockwell-esque
- The lake
- Natural beauty
- Access to lake
- Shopping and commerce
- Safe, inclusive, forward thinking
- Agriculture and Trail Preservation
- Equity among all residents
- Inclusion
- timeless
- Clean yards!
- Safety
- Women’s clothing
- walkability of downTown/amenities and health of lake
- Safe
- Our excellent education system
- The lake
- Rural characteristics, small Town community
- community members talents
- Rural community easily accessible to urban attractions



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- Village living
- cultural hub of Madison County
- Vibrant downTown
- The lake.
- High end, restaurants and shopping
- Encourage support of local retail, o/w retail will continue to shrink
- Encourage more small businesses
- Community and safety
- Diversity; refugee resettlement
- Remove several derelict buildings (old NAPA)
- Beach maintenance
- Small Town feel
- Retail shops
- Cazenovia Lake
- Affordable housing
- Preserve Greenspace
- Greenspace
- quality of life
- Walk ability
- Quiet
- Lake recreation
- Local shops from local food producers
- Community
- Beautiful scenery
- historic character; farmland
- Entertainment
- Saturday Farmers Market
- THE LAKE
- Activating space that is sitting idly in the downTown area to create a economic zone for retail.
- Sense of community
- The lake
- Historically
- Neighborly beauty
- Rural community setting is its strength
- Community
- Green spaces
- Historic nature and charm of Albany Street
- Preserve the small Town character and support/enhance "downTown Caz"
- businesses, especially on Albany street/Linklaen Street.
- Lake access, hiking and biking trails
- Green energy
- Terminally disappointed by the Town's leadership towards small business. Zero support or respect towards business owners.
- Tourism
- Safe place to live.
- The sense of community we have here. "Town spirit"
- Support retail
- Rural Atmosphere, Lake,
- Its beauty and natural resources
- Welcoming
- Walkability
- Preserving Nature while increasing housing
- Walkable downTown
- Places/activities for children
- I see no strength
- Continue being a quaint Town and stop becoming a strip mall
- location
- Small Town community
- clothing store
- Community
- Senior housing
- Better roads
- Rural America
- Lake and seasonal activities
- Nature/Trails
- Friendliness
- Local control of services such as energy, wireless, land use.
- diversity
- The lake
- Retirement housing
- Farming
- I think many aren't aware of the opportunity to rent the shelters at Lakeland, and they're amazing!



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- Add more unique locally owned businesses
- Thriving artist program
- Affordable housing
- Don't Change!
- Lots of community organizations
- Outdoor activities
- It's shops and restaurants
- Livability
- Keeping the lake water clean.
- Small businesses
- Lake Access
- Beverage trail.
- Community and Safety
- The Town has quick access to the country side and local Town community. It's the perfect balance!
- Low crime rate
- Simply but elegant and safe
- The lake
- Go in the direction of Skaneateles. Make into tourist Town with more shops and restaurants. People are going to just go to Fayetteville or Manlius for most amenities.
- The lake
- The downtown shops
- Village shopping
- Charm
- Patriotism
- Natural beauty
- Historic presence
- Traditional community
- We need to emphasize our role in abolitionist history and the relationships that we have between land and art.
- Tax payers outside Village of Caz still need gas stations and stores gas
- Culture
- Retail merchants
- Lake, Community
- Community Solitude.
- Young families
- Equity. Access to housing in Cazenovia
- The Lake
- Mental health
- Culture
- Community Events
- Uniqueness, simplicity
- Historical preservation
- Sustainability
- Charm and luxury
- Outdoor recreation
- The natural beauty and historic essence of the Town. Stop modernizing it.
- Events
- timeless aesthetic
- No growth
- Small Town feel
- Restaurants
- Cazenovia lake is what sets us apart. Town resources should be prioritized to protect the lake to continue to attract local tourism and maintain our character.
- Safety, neighborhood
- outside recreation
- Quaint Village
- Affordable senior housing
- A flea market
- More Restaurants
- Tourism
- New businesses
- The trails and Lake
- Outdoor recreation
- Measured commercial development
- Small Town atmosphere
- Business. Tourism / events
- Rural character
- Great geography
- It's charm
- More mixed use housing developments rather than suburban sprawl (commercial on first floor with apartments above, ex) with large walkable sidewalks, bike lanes, green space, ex. The apartments next to the Aldi are a good start



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- Progressiveness
- Gatherings in Lakeland park
- Beauty
- Cultural diversity
- Lake, SQHAP
- Community
- The wonderful people
- climate change reduction
- Shops
- Albany street needs to be better developed, easier parking, and events that draw people in
- Clearer lake
- Tourism
- Charming
- Friendly and safe
- School
- Trees
- I believe we live in a beautiful area and should develop green spaces as well as invest in our current parks such as well as the railroad tracks
- Rural classiness
- + variety, stores
- Walkability
- Destination, lake, charm
- Staying true to its roots
- More visitors
- Senior Housing
- Local business
- Support Main Street store-front businesses
- Tourism/charm
- The Lake
- great place to raise a family and tourism
- Community and safety
- Sense of community
- History
- Athletic facilities
- Safe, secure fret
- Townhouses low maintenance
- More free concerts in the park.
- Historic environment
- Charm
- More commercial tenants occupied
- Friendliness of residents; a slower paced relaxed way of life
- Charming
- Walkable main street
- Pretty Village
- Close Community
- Access to nature
- lake
- Safety
- Community
- Community and walkability
- School
- Financial value of property
- local businesses
- Restaurants
- Retirement community
- Affordable housing
- natural resources
- Community Mindedness
- community
- charm and community
- stop development
- Renewable Energy
- Like Family
- Outdoor activities
- Welcoming community
- The lake
- Agriculture conservation
- Lake life
- preservation of character
- Housing
- Dog park
- more communication
- Preservation
- Small shops
- Consistency
- Lorenzo historic park in our Town
- Senior living facility with levels of care
- Small business incentives
- Historic. Art Filled Community
- Old fashioned charm and lake
- Activities & lake
- Arts and outdoor opportunities



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- Small Town living
- More affordable gift shops and everyday items.
- Young families
- Village commercial district
- small Town environment
- More affordable housing, more job opportunities
- Downtown shopping
- Beauty congenial
- vibrant
- Hiking Trails
- lower taxes
- Destination restaurants and filling empty retail spaces
- Safe small Town atmosphere
- Community
- Extend Town sewer system
- Diversity
- Senior living community
- healthy living
- Tranquility and family
- lake
- Recreation
- Retail options
- More retail/dining options
- Community, local values
- Viewsheds
- Cazenovia is a "quaint and friendly" community
- Volunteering
- Business District
- Lots to do. Nature trails. Art shows. Library. Restaurants. Bars.
- Close to state parks
- Village atmosphere
- Historic community
- Village and park walkability
- diversity
- Walkability
- Tourism and climate refuge
- Outdoor activities
- shopping and dining
- Local Charm
- Small Town life
- Small
- Vintage atmosphere
- tourism for family activities
- Historical architecture
- To stay quaint
- Village shops
- A YMCA is badly needed. Pickleball courts would be great.
- Safe and stable
- Family friendly connections to main street
- Scenic-ness
- walkability
- balance of housing prices in the community
- Very limited for everyday essentials...socks, underwear
- The Town is extremely cute and promotes outside activities as well as retail opportunities.
- Friendly, walkable
- Charm and history
- Main Street
- Support for more restaurants
- Quality shopping
- Quiet and beautiful
- Diversity
- Small business development start ups
- An attractive and vibrant main street.
- Quaint presentation
- Education
- Lake
- Rural
- diversity
- Lake
- sustainability
- Pedestrian mindedness
- Sustainability, equal opportunity
- Unique retail
- Charm/character of the Village architecture and warm, welcoming vibe of the Village business district.
- Charm and character



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- Small-Town feel / walkability / very few corporate retailers
- Diversity of outdoor activities
- Outdoor activities
- Our parks
- Outdoor activities
- Urgent care facility
- Growth and support for residents
- Peace quiet
- Mature but enjoyable
- Collaboration, Communication
- Charm and rural beauty
- Historic

In one or two words, identify what you feel is the Town's biggest challenge to be addressed.

- Recreational Development
- Not enough here
- outside Prejudices
- Parking
- Affordable dining & an inviting public beach
- College reuse
- Diversity
- Taxes
- Know it all lefties trying to force their views on the rest of the residents
- Empty business fronts
- seaweed
- Resistance to diversity
- Shops
- 200 year old infrastructure
- Truly affordable family housing
- The college closing should have been an opportunity for a trade school rather than a law enforcement training center for better diversity in our community.
- Inclusion/thoughtfulness of all and not just those with power or money.
- Individual needs be addressed. Mental health etc.
- Avoiding being sucked into to state and federal green agendas.
- Solar/ wind turbines ☀️
- overdevelopment
- caz college usage
- Community rooms
- College Future
- Housing
- Preservation with growth
- Overdevelopment
- need farming event regulation
- Infrastructure upkeep
- Unwanted changes
- Getting an educational institution back at the former college
- Caz college closing
- Cazenovia College. I'd also like to see a deli
- Cazenovia, College campus
- ?
- Long term use of Cazenovia College
- Cost of living
- Lack of Diversity
- The loss of the college
- Caz college use
- Road maintenance
- Cazenovia College vacancy
- Loss of College
- Loss of Cazenovia College
- Progress vs preservation
- Very poor codes enforcement
- Retail rental pricing
- development
- Business hours
- College closing
- Future of the college
- Restrictions on my property
- Traffic
- No rubbish pickup



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- Airbnb vacation rentals in formerly residential neighborhoods
- Tradition
- All-electric wintertime heating of new homes after 2026
- New families
- Empty spaces
- Old outdated beliefs
- Not to become commercial
- Albany Street Vacancies
- Maintain character
- Cazenovia College
- Collaborating with the Village on developing an occupancy strategy for the vacant College property!!!e pr
- Business development
- Empty buildings (Napa, Albany St, etc.) - Empire Management
- Taxes. Health of the lake
- Inappropriate development
- Sewer
- College closing
- Making Cazenovia a destination
- Modernization
- Any idiots who want to take on debt.
- keep taxes down
- Replacing the small business customers the college represented.
- Keeping Albany street
- Housing for Seniors
- Preserving the lake and natural resources
- The empty shops on/around Main Street!
- Affordable for everyone
- Empty stores
- Cautious growth
- Commercial/housing sprawl
- Housing affordability
- A continuum of care senior living facility
- Have Town government care about Cazenovia and stop wasting money galore in "grandiose" wasteful projects
- poor political leadership
- Over development
- lack of parking
- Aging population
- Caring for seniors
- Repair roads
- Aging population and out of control taxes
- Transit/Mobility Options
- Utility co's secretive plans
- caz college property
- senior housing
- Loss of the college
- Responsible growth
- Amenities Services
- Snow removal early enough for our early risers!
- Future occupants of Cazenovia College campus and other college properties.
- Closing of Caz college
- Business
- low income
- Senior care
- Tourism
- saving the lake
- New purpose for college
- College campus
- How to move forward economically without the college.
- incorporating our hamlets
- Housing
- Free parking
- Lack of Variety
- Overall physical/mental health of children- make Town better for kids to engage in (sports/arts)
- Lack of parking
- Loss of tax base from college
- College property
- Cazenovia College / Rise in property & school taxes
- Growth
- The use of the college properties
- Lake weeds
- College future



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- High taxes
- Communicating area events
- Lack of things for teens
- College
- Strategic planning
- Exclusion & inequity
- Developing hamlet's ,so retired can remain.
- Young people
- Disposition of Caz College
- Cazenovia College
- College.
- Not innovative
- College closure. No more police academy.
- Town charm
- Prices
- Insularity
- The retention of businesses
- Too much unnecessary growth
- Preventing commercialization without holding back economic growth
- Entertainment
- Diversity and being welcoming of new people and ideas.
- Run down
- Losing the college
- Business retention
- Places to eat.
- Food
- Overdevelopment / sprawl
- Liberal policies
- Need more shops/restaurants
- College closing
- Albany street business community health. Work to keep Albany street thriving.
- Get the athletics back. We suck at sports now
- affordable housing
- Maintain rural character
- College property
- Climate change
- Same as above
- Affordable rentals
- Tax base
- The college
- Modernize the old downtown buildings
- The empty college
- College closing
- Lake
- In ability to be open to smart growth
- Restrictive legislation
- Caz College
- Attracting and keeping business
- The residents allowing any change to happen
- Retention of younger population
- Lack of Diversity
- Town becoming boring, low growth rate
- Traffic
- Cazenovia college
- College, Traffic
- Diversity
- Our main street
- climate change reduction
- College and senior housing
- The new users of caz college is a huge negative
- Housing
- What to do with the college
- Caz college
- More specialty stores and restaurants like Skaneateles shopping
- Downtown attraction
- Cost of living
- Diversity
- College closure
- Economic decline!
- Lacking College
- Sustainability, college
- Growing
- Too closed
- Use of the college campus long term
- Empty store fronts
- Keeping Main Street commerce alive
- Climate change
- The Lake



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- re-purposing the college
- Staying economically healthy after loss of Caz College
- more and different restaurants
- Renewable energy sources
- Tax Increases
- Elder access
- Housing for independent aging population
- Figuring out a productive use for the Caz College campus
- Social fragmentation
- traffic
- sustainability
- The loss of Cazenovia college
- Managing growth
- Diversity—All people could feel included
- Repurposing of Caz College facilities that aligns with the essence of the Town.
- Need better grocery store
- College closing
- Diversity- ethnic backgrounds
- Losing the college
- Clean energy
- Village draw
- Urban sprawl
- Affordable housing
- Cazenovia College
- Lake, Cazenovia College
- Risk of over developing open land
- limited services
- Housing
- Aging workforce
- Fair government
- growth and development
- Elitism
- jobs/economy
- housing
- preserve forests
- We need a big box type store
- Village losing vibrancy
- Aesthetics
- Bringing back college
- Sprawl
- Closing businesses
- development pressure
- College Campus / Poor Main Street
- Cost of living
- Derelict buildings
- Town board
- Town Hall
- Maintain its character
- College closing
- Economy
- lack of parks and recreation for residents
- Vibrant replacement for Caz college
- Republicans ignoring Jan 6
- Empty store fronts, limited available housing
- Child care
- College leaving
- Future of college campus
- balancing growth with maintaining rural character
- Plans for the College space
- Vacant storefronts
- Identity crisis
- Walkability outside the Village. Transportation.
- tax base
- The college- what will happen with it?
- Overdevelopment
- Weeds
- college closing
- Empty Storefronts
- lower commercial rents
- College campus
- Crime
- Economic stability
- Sewers around entire lake.
- Stores and restaurants open more
- College & lake
- sustainable development
- identity
- parking
- Tax base
- School taxes



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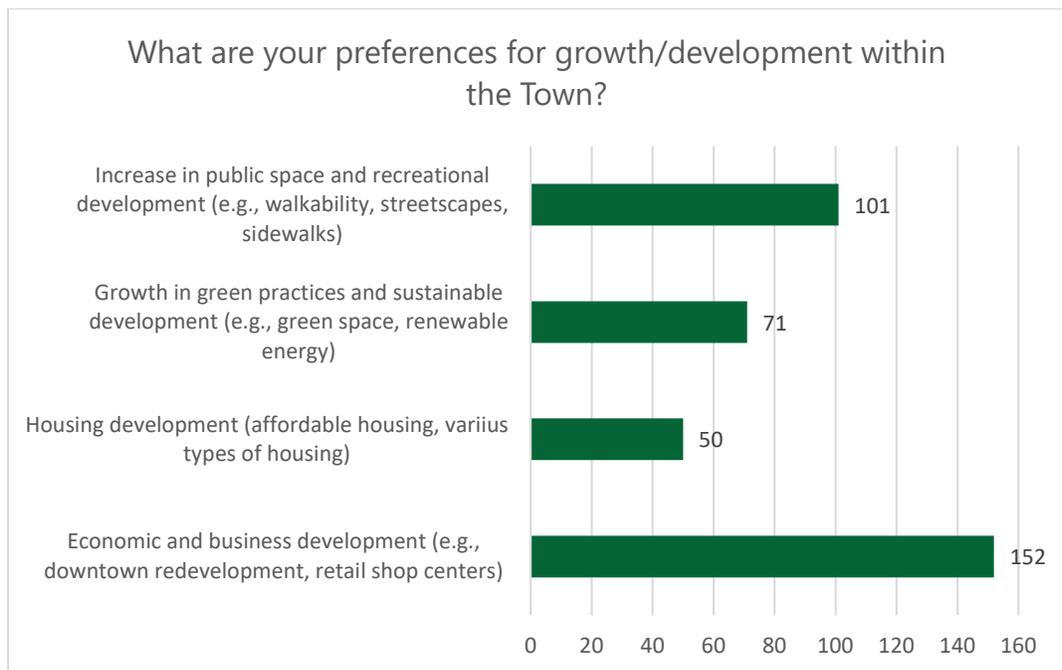
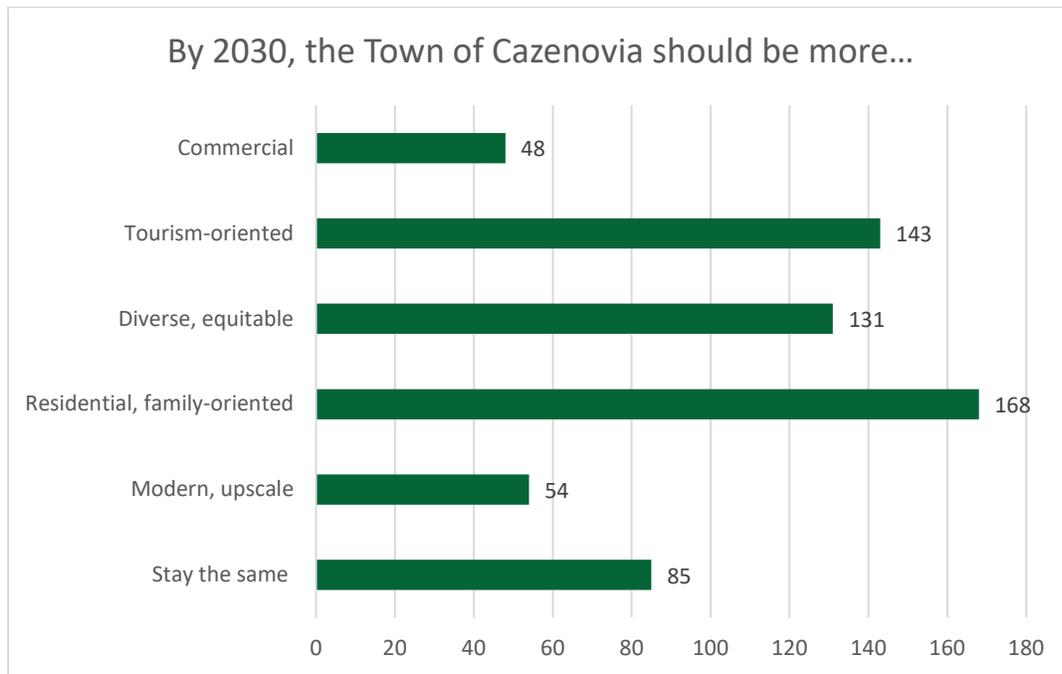
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- Retaining Village character, connection to farms
- Caz College
- Degradation of Caz's rural beauty, specifically, by businesses
- Town Office
- Empty College
- Empty store fronts.
- Too many entitled Karen's.
- Parking
- Excessive development
- Keeping the taxes under control
- diversity
- Too many cars
- Use of the college and revitalize downtown
- Grow without losing charm
- College footprint
- College Building
- Future of Caz College campus
- Strip mall mentality
- Unattractive new buildings in the Village
- affordable family housing
- Health of our lake
- Attracting tourists. Using Albany street in a smarter, more appealing way. A lot of wasted prime space as people have to drive through caz to get to Hamilton etc...
- Repurpose the college facilities. Approve construction of new building on NAPA & gas station. site.
- Diversity; long-term college solution
- Maintaining proper development/aesthetic in projects that benefit community AND developer
- Not enough young families
- future vitality
- balancing business needs while protecting the residents from overreach
- Better restaurants
- A solution to the hole that losing the college has left
- Caz college
- Having a clean lake
- Loss of college
- The college grounds
- Loss of Cazenovia College
- College
- Progress and diverse things to do
- communication, addressing concerns
- Empty business buildings
- Controlled growth
- Empty storefronts.
- Replacing the college
- Taxes
- Closing businesses and college
- School taxes
- non-agricultural uses happening within ag properties
- College closure
- affordable housing
- Urban sprawl
- Ledyard avenue store fronts
- Empty storefronts
- Empty storefronts, lack of diversity
- The college
- Lack of racial diversity = lack of feeling of inclusion for people of color.
- Loss of college
- Being a College Town
- College status
- College void
- Caz College
- Managing nontraditional agriculture
- Lake pollution
- Quality housing
- Change is very difficult for this community.
- Sprawl
- Caz College
- Over development



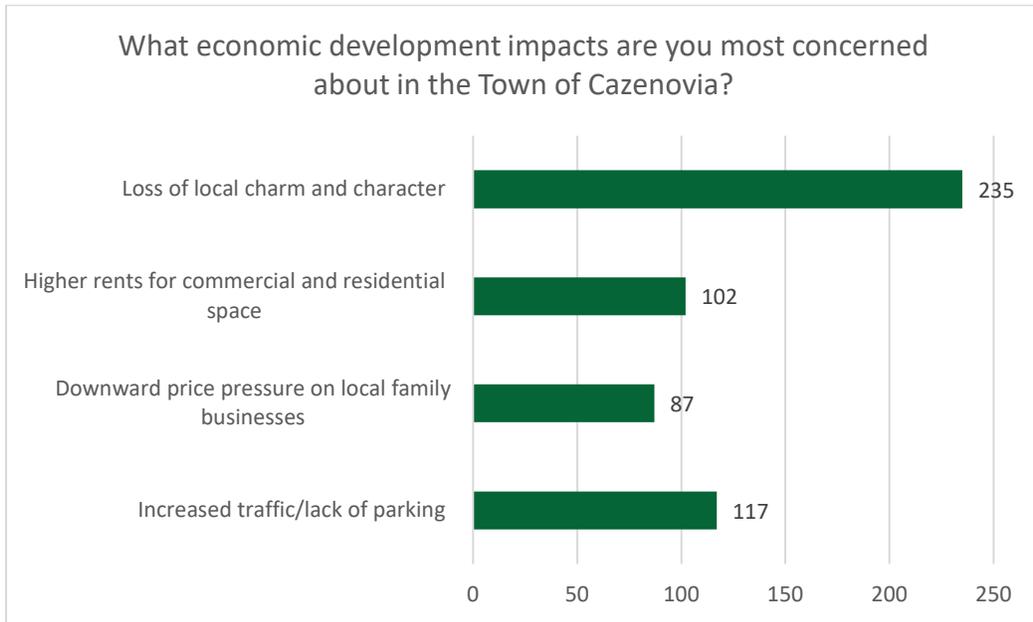
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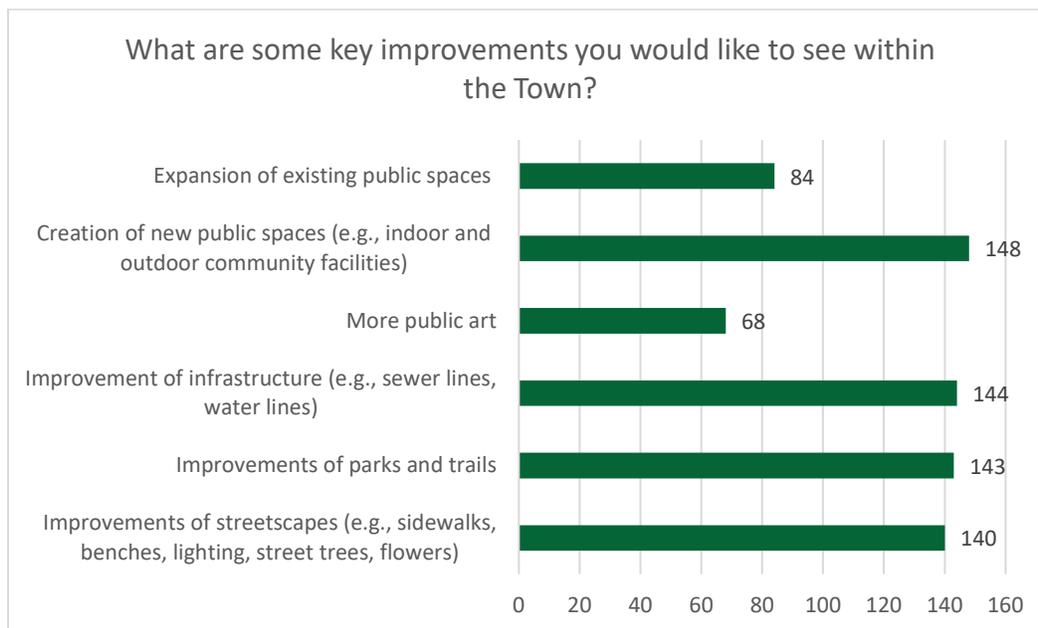
- Low income and rent based housing
- Less housing available for middle class, full time residents as outsiders are moving in and driving home prices up
- Activities in zoned agricultural use not meeting farm operations definition
- Since the 60s Caz has become less of a Village and more of a suburb/exurb
- Lack of commercial outside the Village
- These sound like Village concerns
- Lack of entertainment options
- Weak main street shopping – very weak viable retail enhancement
- Caz College future development
- Impact of the vacant college properties
- Taxes
- Commercial sprawl's negative impacts on downtown
- Your failure to promote new businesses to alleviate the tax burden
- Promoting walkability/bikeability in the Village and repurposing underutilized parking
- Future settlement of migrants draining the resources and property values of our Town
- Improved amenities and services
- Lack of progressive leadership and modernization
- Economic development impact positives outweigh the concern. If people's rent increases, the new jobs economic development brings will offset it.
- Land use for solar
- While also being open minded – Cazen-NO-via
- Increased traffic trucks congestion
- Well planned development should mitigate all concerns above



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- Insufficient guidelines/enforcement for new development risks incompatibility with built/natural environment
- Loss of agricultural lands and rural open space
- Retention of current local character while promoting growth and new businesses
- Urban sprawl-empty Village center
- Businesses closing on Albany Street
- Truly helping the Village improve and not just have new growth on the outskirts
- Activities in zoned agricultural use do not meet farm operations definition. Cazenovia should regulate non-traditional agriculture to be compatible with residences.
- Loss of college jobs and other economic impacts
- Need regulation of non-farming activities in agriculture zoned area
- Too many apartment projects being approved



Other Individual Responses:

- Apartments that aren't expensive
- Healthier eating options with variety that are reasonable/inexpensive. Everything in Caz with the exception of McDonald's or pizza or Dunkin doesn't fit all the income levels in Caz. Be inclusive of your entire community and not just the higher income levels. This is why people go outside of Caz for many food options.
- Enforcement to not allow non-farm operations in agriculture-only use zoning
- Parking for businesses in Albany Street
- Not attracting modern/upscale lifestyles – bedroom community
- Highlight farms and their value added products
- Improvement of lake health
- Redevelop college property for community benefit & increased tax base



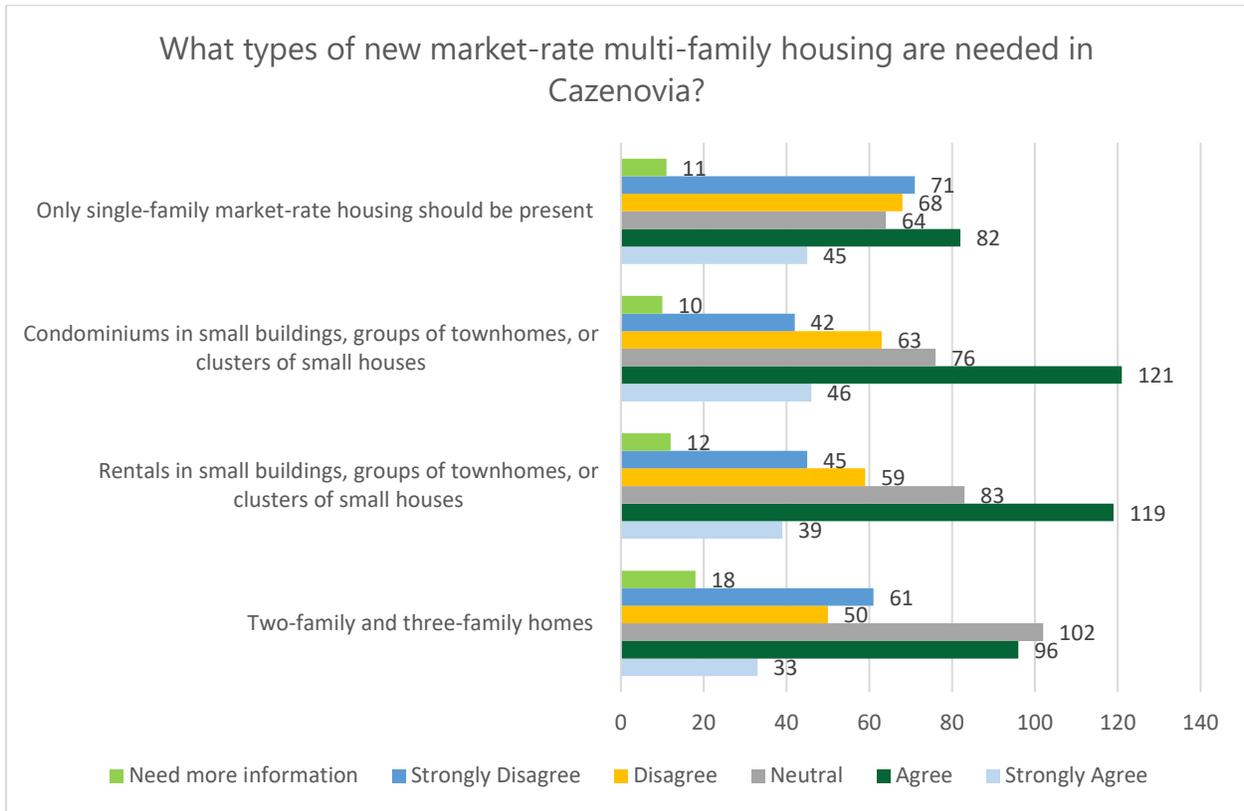
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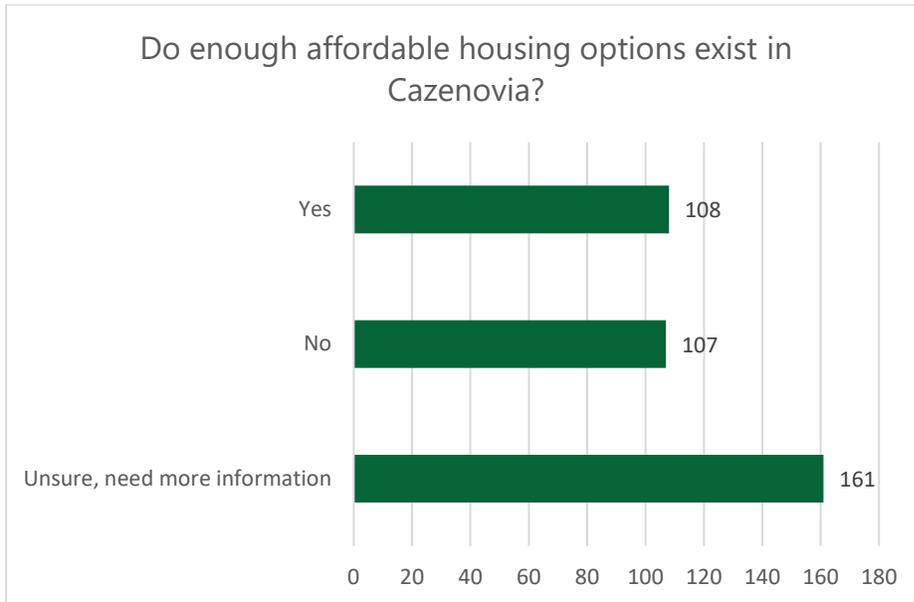
- Reopen utilization of Cazenovia College's swimming pool and other sports facilities
- None. Change would be the opposite of improvement
- More varied restaurants and public fitness facilities
- An urgent care. Another grocery store (local co-op?). A pet supply store.
- Addressing local poverty/inequality
- More winter activities (pool/indoor sports)
- Use existing buildings & do not build more. Everything listed above is enough & wonderful, no improvements needed.
- Improve existing/fill vacant buildings on Albany Street
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Integrate (former) Caz College
- Attract new businesses and employers
- Bicycle lanes
- Better parking
- Diversity in commercial space ownership! NB: compare carriage garden to suburban park!
- Long term plan to the campus of the former Caz College
- Roads with bike lanes. Pickle ball courts
- Make East Lake Road easier to use for bicycles.
- Bike lanes, lock-up areas
- Redevelopment of existing vacant space
- Outdoor permanent concrete cornhole boards/courts
- Urgent care and expanded medical care
- Office building owners in the Village clean-up & maintain their buildings/ end of lake building, old gas stations, Village buildings in disrepair
- All of them
- Dedicated bike paths
- Care of side streets, as well as Albany Street, i.e., sidewalks
- Sidewalk or bike path on Ridge Road and other
- Using the existing spaces and upgrading them to foster economic growth
- Indoor and outdoor pickleball courts
- Development of clean energy

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Market-rate housing refers to any house or apartment priced according to market trends and is available to anyone who can afford to purchase or rent it.



Affordable housing refers to any dwelling subsidized through public or charitable programs to remain less expensive or accommodate people in circumstances that make finding appropriate



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housing challenging, such as military veterans or people with disabilities. To determine eligibility, incomes are compared to the median income, or AMI, of local households.

If you answered “no” to the previous question, please list the affordable housing options for which there should be more (e.g., multi-family buildings, duplexes, single-family housing, etc.)

- Single family housing
- Single family
- Multifamily buildings
- Single-family housing
- Multi family
- Multi-family buildings
- Any form of housing that's affordable for one income.
- Multi-family housing, single-family housing, apartments/Townhouses for rent, income-driven
- To me affordable housing doesn't mean subsidized, there should be housing affordable for employees in local businesses
- people just getting out of school and anyone working close to or at minimum wage.
- Duplexes & single-family housing
- Apartments are way to expensive in this economy. They are the price of a monthly mortgage or more in some cases. If you want to attract new people starting out to build a family you need affordable options for all.
- Multi-family housing
- Single-family housing
- No! Burton St. housing will be a disaster; change Caz character for the worse.
- Houses people can afford and stop allowing the same 2 people to purchase all of east lake road and surrounding areas it's absolutely ridiculous you allow like three people to dictate the housing market in Cazenovia
- Condo complexes for seniors, affordable single family housing or duplexes for families
- all ideas for innovative solutions to housing needs
- Low-middle income single family housing.
- Single family housing
- Multifamily buildings, duplexes
- Multi-family serving a range of needs (elderly, working poor, disabled)
- Affordable single family homes
- duplexes and multi family
- Housing owned and operated by churches or other private charitable organizations, receiving tax exemptions but no other public subsidy ; and publicly subsidized financing of individual homes. NEVER any publicly owned or -operated housing of any sort; never any rent subsidies.
- Small rental units, like owner occupied duplexes, triplexes
- Utilize the Caz College buildings/dorms to increase affordable housing options.
- Multifamily housing
- multi-family buildings, duplexes, condos
- a variety--apartments, duplexes etc.



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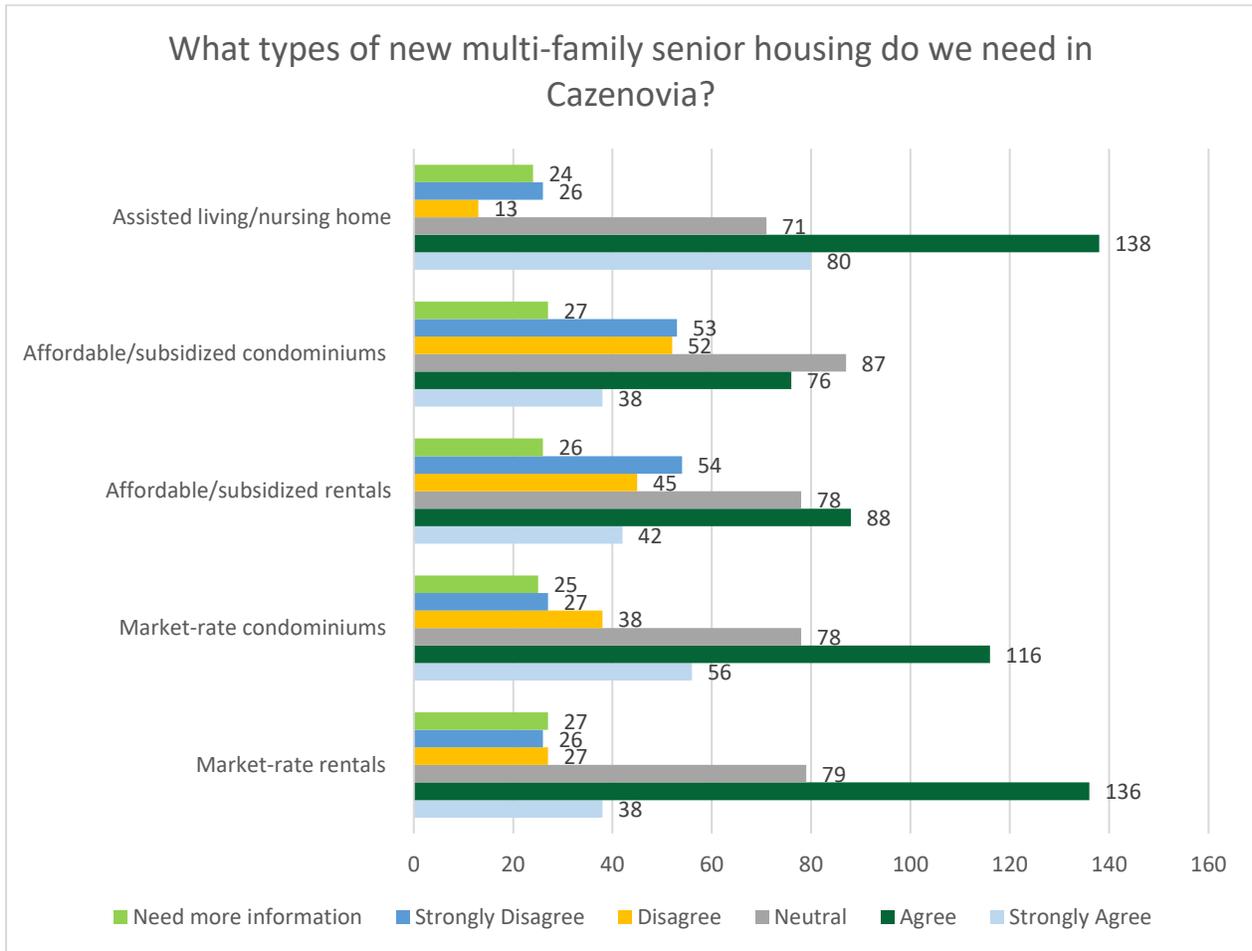
- Income producing as well as inter-generational living spaces. Conversion of college dorm space for single adults or group shared living for single parents as well
- All options, for sale or rent, LEED certified when built new
- Multifamily mixed use facilities within walking distance of the Village core.
- Single family and multi - family
- multi-family
- multi-senior buildings
- I don't know.
- Multi-family homes
- All housing should be affordable.
- More reasonable single family houses
- Duplexes
- All of the above
- Ideally, a mixture of the examples in this question.
- Rentals are very expensive
- Multifamily buildings, duplexes, rooms/apartments
- Stop building new "low income" houses here
- Young families with children need single family homes
- All
- Residential for disabled. Develop more than just the Village of Cazenovia for seniors who are trying to stay in their homes in other hamlets of Cazenovia. Senior citizen housing for baby boomers in other areas of Town besides Village of Cazenovia.
- multi family
- All of the above!
- Multi-family buildings and duplexes.
- all
- Affordable rental for seniors
- Senior citizen apartments or condos
- open to designs but what is Caz def. School district there is affordable house ???
- Split use, commercial first floor with rentals above.
- Multi-family buildings, apartments and condos
- Multifamily and single family
- Apartments, homes for young families
- multi-family buildings and duplexes
- Entry level homes
- Larger apartments for extended families taking care of seniors especially in their home environment, duplexes well designed triplexes. These are 0% of the current market as far as I know.
- Multi Family homes, single, duplex family homes
- All of the above. Also, tiny houses.
- affordable housing for seniors in all forms and apartments that cost less than 1,000 per month for single people and young families
- All of these
- Multifamily elder disable access



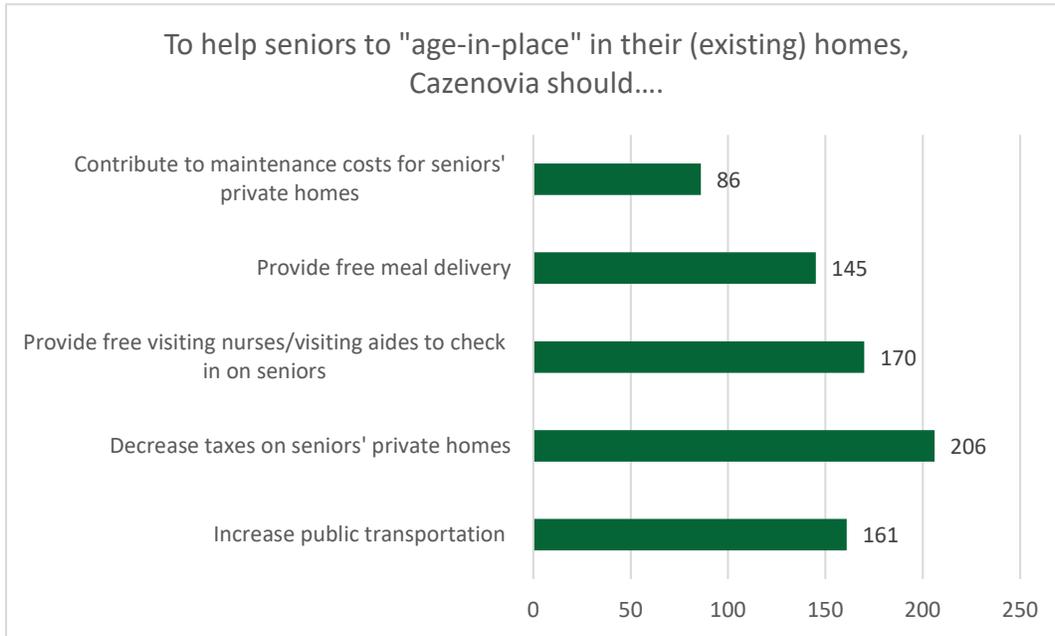
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- duplexes
- multi-family
- All of the above. Affordable rentals, affordable first time purchase options for new home owners
- Single-family housing
- Multifamily buildings
- Multifamily buildings and duplexes.
- Single family, condos for singles
- duplexes or single family housing
- I think housing is affordable here (relative to the nation), there just isn't enough housing
- I'm unsure however any section 8 housing that I have seen usually becomes run down because the landlord gets the money from government no matter what. However, when the Town or entity of which the section 8 housing is in, enforces local law to hold landlords responsible...the housing seems manageable. I think the residents should also be trained on what is expected of the conditions to reside in section 8; ultimately goal to move out.
- Mixed income housing options of all types. (i e. Any new housing proposed should include a percentage (+/- 15-20%) of affordable units)
- multifamily and single family
- Single family and condos
- Duplexes, single family
- Duplexes, condominiums
- Any
- condos, multi-family, senior living, duplex, etc.
- Multi-family
- All of the above. I heard the term "workforce housing" which has a different connotation than affordable housing.
- Affordable apartments for singles and families.
- Housing for working seniors
- Senior housing with green spaces and parks
- Single family housing, new and sustainably sized (smaller)
- zoning for 2-3 acre properties
- Duplexes and condos
- Duplexes - not high rise 4 story apartments
- More subsidized housing for seniors and perhaps affordable condos for young families
- all types
- Duplexes, clusters of smaller homes. No more single-fam homes on enormous lots (chewing up farmland and doesn't improve anyone's quality of life)
- Multi-family is probably most realistic
- All types to maintain flexibility
- Multi-buildings, duplexes, single family, tiny homes



Senior housing refers to any housing that limits the residents to people over the age of 55 or families with one member over the age of 55. These units can be rentals or owner-occupied and can be market-rate or affordable.



Other Individual Responses:

- Increase support services that assist this population
- All of these options seem insane. If a senior cannot afford their home, they should sell it to help make more homes "affordable."
- Work with CRIS on providing volunteers to check in on & help seniors with age-in-place needs.
- Establish a senior center with activities and pool (could be used by community too)
- None of the above
- Make transition homes available and affordable
- Nothing is free
- Zoning for in-law apartments so families can stay together
- Make existing roadways safer for pedestrian/bicycle use, e.g., wider shoulders
- From volunteer groups to aid with house repairs at any economic level
- Volunteer transportation
- Need more information
- Free obviously means higher taxes. Let the faith based organizations continue to provide these needs. Government should stay out of it.
- Housing options for seniors within a walkable distance to library, post office, etc.
- Not a Town concern?
- Provide affordable, walkable housing options
- There you go trying to raise taxes again...
- Community assistance with Maintenance of Senior Properties
- Again – having an urgent care
- Expand the services already offered through the office of aging



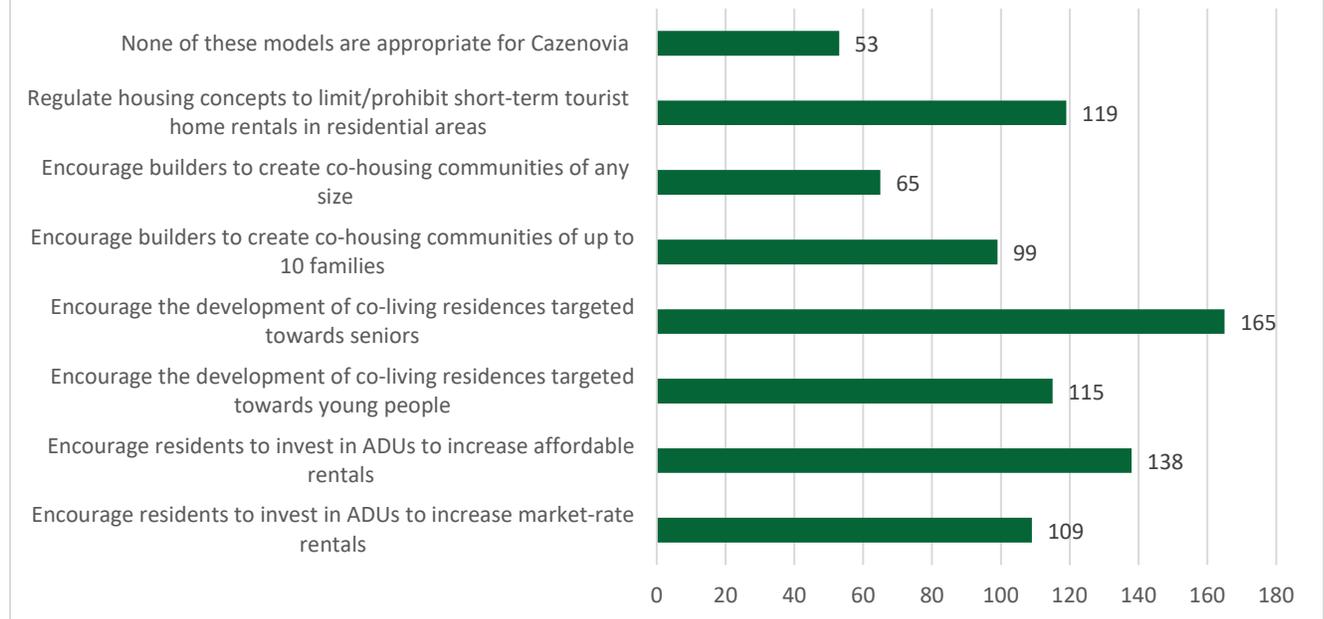
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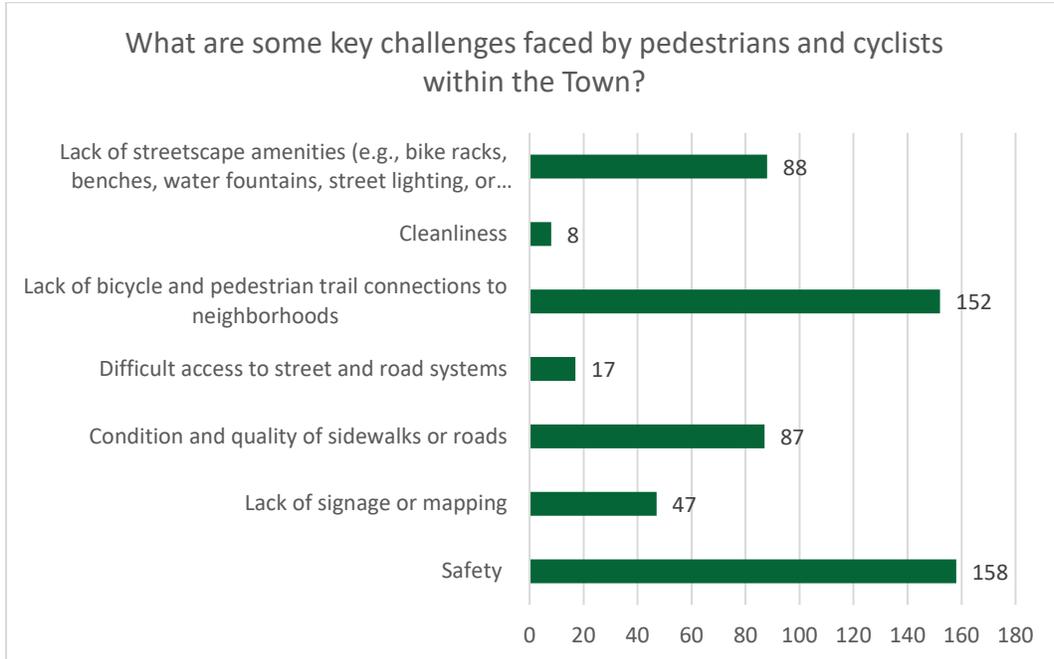
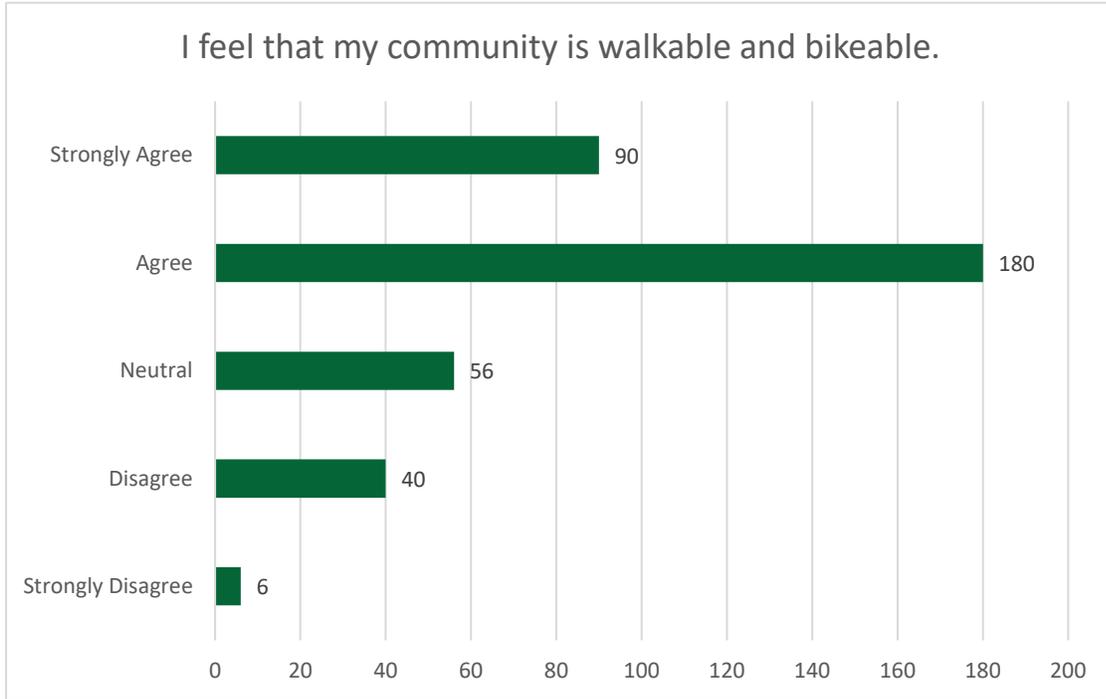
- Provide assistance in identifying and accessing age-in-place services
- Do nothing. Less government please. They are already getting this assistance through their own healthcare and Medicaid.
- Develop other hamlets in the Town besides the Village of Cazenovia. New Woodstock needs affordable grocery store and gas station etc. to help seniors stay at home for example
- None of the above
- Do not use my taxes to maintain someone else's private residence
- Assisted living facility
- Support CAVAC in providing assessment/physician connections in medical
- Nothing
- More seniors would need a greater variety of "stores" including affordable restaurants offering healthy choices
- Build senior meeting spaces/entertainment
- I don't support taxpayer subsidized programs. People should plan and save for retirement, or look to family for support
- Contribute to subsidize energy costs for seniors' private homes
- Encourage neighbor to neighbor assistance
- Continue to grow community connections for seniors by connecting able-bodied teens to seniors (community service)
- There is no public transportation!
- Offer discount for any CNA or Aide working to assist elderly and living in Cazenovia. I don't think the general tax payers should have to pay for meal service or maintenance of their homes. However, if the aide is able to find affordable housing, they can assist the person in maintaining their property or serve as an advocate for the person.
- County "office for aging" free meal delivery
- Volunteer or paid drivers to help with errands if the family doesn't live nearby. Perhaps high school kids community service
- We don't need to use tax dollars for this, you can "age in place" with your own resources
- Provide ongoing programs and services through senior center
- Not sure what should be done here
- Snow removal sidewalks and drives. Garbage disposal services
- Build pickleball courts as senior facility, social, and exercise activity
- Public outreach/programs for seniors to engage in
- Provide a service so that nurses and aids have transportation to and from Caz
- By decreasing taxes on seniors, the other categories would be affordable
- Public transportation for all
- Why limit public transportation to an age group?



The following four alternative housing types (see below) are becoming more common nationwide and may increase the number of housing units in Cazenovia. How should Cazenovia approach these new housing models?



1. *Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) – These refer small “in-law” apartments, cottages, or other small buildings on the property of a single-family home. Often, these units are not distinct from the main residence when viewed from the street.*
2. *Co-living residences – These are purpose-built or converted houses where residents live in private bedrooms but share common kitchens, bathrooms, and amenities. These could be open to anyone but are typically most popular with young professionals and seniors who do not want to live alone.*
3. *Co-housing communities – These follow a similar model to co-living residences but on a larger scale. These free-standing houses cluster around a common outdoor area, where residents share laundry, parking, and recreation or entertainment spaces. Typically, these developments need special permission to allow smaller residences to be grouped more closely in exchange for larger public spaces.*
4. *Short-term tourist home rentals – These are private dwellings in which rooms or the entire home is rented for a short period of time (i.e., typically less than a month) for the purpose of accommodating travelers or temporary guests. Any type of dwelling can serve as a short-term tourist home (e.g., apartments, single family home, multi-family home, etc.).*



Other Individual Responses:

- None (X3)
- We need a flashing pedestrian signs by Kinney's



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- Adequate lighting
- Its fine
- Everything is beyond adequate
- Too many bikers on sidewalks; need to encourage bike rules and safety
- I do not think there is a large challenge faced by pedestrians
- No complaints
- Bike lanes or wider shoulders
- East Lake Road
- No idea I don't bike
- Clearly marked bike lanes. Shoulders wide enough for bikes/pedestrians. For example, on East Lake Road. Several other roads as well.
- Lack of sidewalks in South Village; seniors should not be places in areas that are not walkable
- It's fine actually
- Lack of crossing lights, crosswalks, and traffic calming measures
- Increase protected bike facilities. High volume roads should not rely on paint alone. They do not promote biking because they do not promote safety. It's understood that there are national standards (MUTCD, Supplement, etc.) but other countries have mastered this (Dutch).
- Public restrooms. This would benefit EVERYONE, not only pedestrians and cyclists
- Educate folks re: rules of road, i.e., walk facing traffic – bike with traffic
- Poorly established/quality of the shoulders of Town and country roads
- Lack of visible indicators for crosswalks in Village
- People need to follow crosswalks, lights and safety laws
- Poor bike lanes
- It is great!
- 90% of sidewalks are in the Village and only funded by Village taxpayers but used by all
- None of these apply
- More sidewalks will encourage more walking to shops, schools, restaurants
- There are few bike lanes. Most roads have narrow shoulders
- Bike/pedestrian lanes around entire lake; more walking/biking safer when no sidewalks present
- Speed limit on East Lake Road needs to be lowered. Trucks using GPS are being routed on East Lake Road instead of Route 13.
- Extend current sidewalks
- Shoulders on some roads are so dangerous, such as sections of East Lake Road
- Better signage for crosswalks. Traffic has increased so difficult to cross Albany Street at crosswalks that are not at the main traffic lights
- Connecting existing trail networks
- Need dedicated bike or walking paved areas
- Great if you live in Village, which I am lucky to enjoy
- Adequate ice mitigation in winter
- Cars that do not allow walkers to clear road before turning
- Need crossing signs that have flashing lights when pedestrians are crossing
- All good
- Village is great for walking and biking. Grates on roads are dangerous. Town roads are not as bike friendly



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- Blinking crosswalks

Based on your answers above, please share which challenges are a priority to be addressed by the Town.

- I would love paved walking trails! Need a flashing sign across Albany St
- Lighting
- Discontinue low-income based housing projects and rentals because it puts a strain on the independent residential homeowners to pay the majority of the budget. Invite affordable shopping and eateries to the community. Combine the water/sewer bills and make it more comprehensive. Complete Town-wide assessments of each property that hasn't been reassessed in almost a decade to offset tax increases. Create an inviting, weed-free public beach with sand and play space to attract tourism.
- College reuse
- Pedestrian trails to the Village
- Nosey neighbors
- Safety & condition/quality of sidewalks outside the Village
- Increase safety for bike lanes and pedestrian road crossings.
- Affordability, inclusion and equitability.
- Roads like East Lake Road are not wide enough for vehicles and cyclists.
- Lack of public transportation- not walking or biking!
- Maintaining the small Town identity, safety, and historic character of Cazenovia.
- None
- N/A
- Oppose more affordable housing. Oppose all immigration settlement.
- All of the above
- Lack of bicycle and pedestrian connections
- Need to encourage healthy people. The walking and biking options are there, a public health campaign to encourage use would be beneficial.
- Non-traditional farming activities such as those in agri-tourism and agritainment have negative impacts on surrounding residents and must be regulated to be compatible with the community.
- Crosswalk safety; focus on the character of "future Cazenovia" once affordable housing becomes the majority of housing
- Bike lanes
- Biking is difficult and somewhat dangerous due to narrow roads with no shoulders.
- Implicit (racial, economic, anti-immigrant) bias
- In the winter the sidewalks are hazardous for days to weeks.
- Recreation trails
- Roadways need to be wider to accommodate bike traffic so riders don't have to be in the traffic lane
- Parked cars make travel difficult on county roads (like East Lake Rd.).
- Speeding traffic
- For pedestrians & cyclists? Bike/walk trails



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- Lack of Preservation Laws to protect historic architecture
- Trails
- Zoning and supporting local small businesses
- Bike paths along the roads
- Widen shoulders on E, N, and W Lake Rds. (2) Include a left green arrow for Northbound entry to Forman St from northbound Rippleton Rd on EVERY lighting cycle, not just when triggered by a car, so that northbound bicyclists can execute this route safely and with less confusion.
- Empty retail space— and I reference the old NAPA auto parts store downtown- empty for ~30 years. Pressure should be put on the owners to either sell it or have it taken over by the city. Embarrassing.
- Widen shoulders of main roads such as East Lake Road, West Lake Road
- Walking on Town roads is dangerous because drivers do not follow speed limits. Either more sidewalks or better enforcement is needed.
- Preserve the small Town character of Caz. Listen to residents before permitting any new development. Enforce regulations regarding businesses, including ag/farm businesses.
- Bike trail around Caz lake
- Streetscapes
- Need a local program similar to Citi Bike in NYC - Community Bank Bike!
- Lack of streetscape amenities
- Lower taxes.
- We do a pretty great job already. More signage could be helpful though.
- Condition and quality of sidewalks and roads
- enhancing housing options in Village and not approving any development that is not walkable and lacks community green space
- A way to walk to the Aldi plaza from Town safely would be great
- Grant application for crosswalk and sidewalk improvements
- Work with Village to concentrate development downtown and Village
- Don't feel safe riding a bike on the street or having to push stroller on street where no sidewalk is available.
- Fix the crosswalks on Albany street adding blinking warning signals like in other places that alert drivers better that they are to STOP for pedestrians, the signage simply doesn't cut it and traffic even stops for main traffic light with their cars IN THE CROSSWALK, showing how little they care or are aware. Also parking spots right next to the crosswalks prevent even alert drivers from seeing potential pedestrians, especially kids, about to cross or step out
- Obtaining a Town government that genuinely cares for the people of Cazenovia and not their own aggrandizement.
- Drivers ignore pedestrian crossing areas. Needs better enforcement
- More sidewalks
- Both checked by me
- Bike infrastructure
- Lack of street scape amenities
- condition for safety
- Safety as car/large truck traffic increases as well as driving speeds while driver's attention decreases



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- East lake road is very dangerous for walkers and bikers. No shoulders.
- Maintain the Town exactly as it exists today. Do not encourage any population growth.
- Maintaining the health of the lake. Sewers around the lake. Senior tax breaks are more than the star exemption. Attracting small business, a family restaurant other than a pizza shop would be nice
- Bike and walking trails
- reversing the decline of the lake quality
- "Keep the small Town ambience w/o taxes increasing so much as to prevent people from purchasing a home Or force them from their home because taxes have increased too much
- What to do w the Cazenovia college campus "
- Economic development, especially in the outlying areas. I don't see the Town doing anything to help Main Street in New Woodstock.
- Wider, better maintained shoulders of roads would improve safety for bikers and walkers
- Enhanced walking and cycling paths.
- The old rail trail needs to be cleaned up more often.
- Poverty, affordable housing, recreation for adults and kids
- Size if sidewalks
- Crosswalk lights
- Sidewalk repair/improvement
- No answer not that important for the Town to be concerned
- Maintain the historical conditions of Caz
- Co living residences for our disabled and for our seniors that need support.
- The health of the lake and more sidewalks
- Single housing
- More sidewalks for safe walking
- Water fountains
- Let people develop homes that are suited to the market. Let supply and demand govern without being driven from above by aggressive predetermined planning.
- Road Safety for biker and pedestrians is a large issue
- "The Town & Village must use the existing building space in the Village / Town.
- No new builds for offices etc. needed, we have plenty of vacant spaces to be utilized & renovated. That is the sustainable choice.
- We need to maintain the character of the buildings , proper maintenance on these historic homes & buildings. That is Caz's uniqueness! People move to Caz because of the uniqueness, why change that?
- Cazenovia's setting, buildings, lake, surroundings exude charm & attraction for over 200 years.
- Increased bike safety with improved and additional bike lanes would be helpful. The crosswalk by the federal credit union is treacherous as parked cars on the street often block the view of pedestrians trying to cross.
- Cazenovia struggles with generating and maintaining businesses that could provide jobs for 25-35 year olds, which in effect would allow this age group the opportunity to live comfortably in Caz. Many of the businesses I've seen tend to be focused in restaurants/ low paying or minimum wage jobs which does not tend to the demographic of people seeking to start their "adult lives"



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- The first thing that the Town should address is the eyesore that the mechanic shop on Albany Street is. The one that's still "open"
- Food options
- Them following traffic laws
- East Lake Rd is very dangerous for pedestrians
- Trail connections to neighbors and Aldis
- Parking merchant development
- Economic impact of college shutting down (threat to local shops, loss of jobs in area, etc.).
- As a founding member of CAPP, the issue is how to allow standalone businesses to develop. Unique home business' will morph into larger business and grow. Recreate zoning so developments can replicate a New Woodstock and small sense of community with basic shops. Unique shops like a Dean and Deluca in a setting like NW. Our zone does not endorse this.
- Easier access to walking bicycling
- Assistance to Village to maintain infrastructure like parks and sidewalks used by all
- Bike / walking path around the lake
- Extend sidewalk on route 20 to reach the parking area at the south of the lake
- Investing in more affordable, longer-term housing, less emphasis on short-term housing, such as renting out housing purely for short stays like Airbnb
- Creating a bike/ pedestrian lane on East Lake Road
- Streetlights surrounding the Village
- The answers checked.
- Connecting trails safely to neighborhoods
- Safety on the roads
- Lack of bicycle lanes and trails
- To maintain Town safety and integrity.
- A mix of housing options
- South street can be dangerous. People drive the wrong way and/or speed down the road. There is also dog poop on the sidewalks around Town.
- Public restrooms (electric and hybrid charging systems too!!)
- Lack of streetscape amenities especially lighting (additional street lights could only be on during certain hours so as not to disturb sleep for resident e.g. until 10 pm and after 6 am).
- Condition and quality of sidewalks or roads
- Closed mindedness to changes holds Caz back
- Sidewalks
- No issues
- affordable housing and commercial spaces for small businesses
- lake management weed control
- bike lanes on highways
- Affordable housing
- Roads outside the Village have little room for pedestrian traffic.
- Townhouses along the lines of Old Farms where lawn care and snow removal are taken care of and without age restriction.
- Incompatible development
- Medium duty roads (like East Lake Rd) must have walkable/bikeable shoulders or a lane



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- Create affordable commercial and tenant leases and rentals
- Strict adherence to the master plan; not readily allowing exceptions when not clearly justified.
- Affordable housing that would increase diversity and sense of inclusion in Town
- Recreational path connecting multiple neighborhoods and nature areas
- increase of traffic and their speed
- We need single family residence for tax base no more multi-unit rentals that don't contribute to tax base.
- There are sooo many signs in this Town the main streets look like they are littered with signs
- Build a sewer line around the lake and outlaw residential fertilizer use within the lake watershed.
- Address traffic volume and speed on east lake rd.
- More street lights on the streets that are not right downtown
- Lack of young workforce
- We need to encourage new development in close proximity to retail stores, unlike Aldi's, which isn't walkable.
- Our community seems hesitant to acknowledge and/or render assistance to the growing number of lower income residents and demonstrates fear towards those who look, think, behave differently.
- more sidewalks in the Town
- parking close to Village businesses and markets
- Bike lane space to the major local areas; yes, share the road concept but not everyone obeys the law
- Better maintained sidewalks year round
- Bring college and bring back fitness center from college
- Current roads are great for most cyclists (I've ridden nearly 40k miles here in the last 5 years), but trails and formal bike infrastructure supporting children or novice riders is lacking.
- Increase interconnected bike trail systems utilizing existing "rail to trail" networks
- Car Culture
- More trail options would be great
- Need bike lanes
- "Adequate Town Hall"
- Community awareness- share the road
- Thru traffic
- Allow ADUs to be built
- Extend current sidewalks
- More street lights outside of the Village.
- We are newer residents but it is obvious to us that the Town is undergoing an identity crisis. With the college leaving and shops closing up, the Town should embrace its past.
- Walkability outside Village and common spaces in the Village:
- Dogs off their leashes on the trails
- enforce speed limits
- Lake health, college campus, empty structures on Albany St
- Increased traffic
- Condition of sidewalks, roads
- Lack of safe bicycling from some of the neighborhoods to the center of Town.



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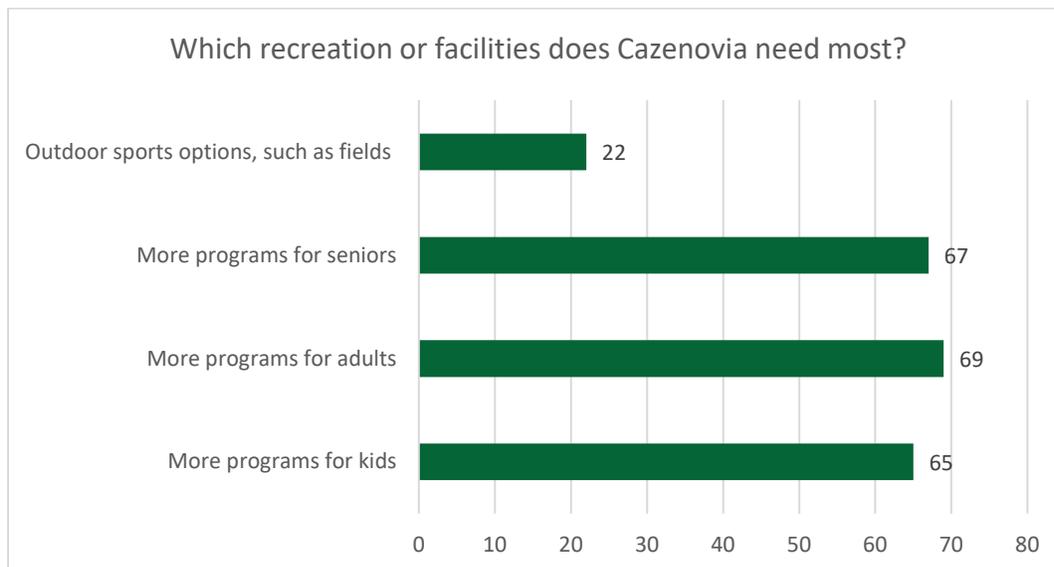
- affordable housing
- Retaining Village center, character, walkability, while increasing family housing in planned developments outside the center with bike and walking access to schools, trails, and Village.
- Why does this questionnaire segregate seniors from others (i.e., pose a question for seniors that limit the housing to over 55)? You should focus on mixed age community models as a preferred option.
- Creating bike trails/routes
- Keeping people close to nature
- Clearly marked bike trails would be nice.
- Connections to neighborhoods
- Traffic
- Biking and walking present 2 distinct issues and shouldn't be grouped together. Biking around the lake is popular but life threatening. Shoulder is nonexistent or rubble. Car speed is not enforced and people drive 60 plus mph once they are out of the Village.
- need dedicated bike lanes rather than shoulder of road
- Car dependence
- A walking/biking path around the lake would serve residents and visitors. It's dangerous as it is now.
- It seems that bike lanes and biking options could be more clearly marked
- Safe pavement. Ditch the oil and stone
- Start anywhere
- Finding ways to help bikers and pedestrians feel safer navigating streets, especially Rt. 20 when busy.
- Bike lanes
- Conditions of side street sidewalks
- Reconstruction of NAPA & gas station site.
- Signage that identifies where trails/bike paths are located
- Not great options for building
- Sidewalks around the lake
- Better or more police/ auxiliary cops
- I ride my bike a lot and use it for errands. And I don't like to have to bring it inside tops or whatever store I'm at. I have a lock but there are no places to lock it up to.
- Car traffic is too fast around the lake and on East Lake Rd
- Bike lanes
- Bringing start-ups and tech business to Caz. Equals young families living local
- Better signage at crosswalks, including flashing signage
- Add bike racks that are secure
- Non-traditional agriculture uses including agri-tainment and agri-tourism have negative impacts on surrounding residents and must be regulated to become compatible with the community. Only those activities that meet farming operation definitions should be allowed.
- Getting drivers to notice bicycles
- crosswalks need more obvious signage (maybe lighting?). It's rare that I see cars stop at the crosswalk, even when pedestrians are trying to cross.
- Empty buildings



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- Need bike lanes where possible
- Would be helpful to have bike lanes/bigger shoulders for biking, safer crosswalks, and more sidewalks outside the Village.
- Bike lanes where possible, sidewalk maintenance
- Becoming a college Town again
- Need stronger zoning laws and oversight to make sure agricultural entities are only conducting farming.
- Rails to trails
- More bike trails
- Biking trails to safely connect parks for kids, poor lighting of crosswalks



Other Individual Responses:

- None
- Swimming pool
- Dog park
- We need more outdoor sports options. We need an indoor Rex facility in Cazenovia.
- An attractive beach
- Space similar to Manlius or Fayetteville where there is a Senior Center.
- A full sized gym
- Community indoor pool!
- More kayaking paddleboarding options
- a public, indoor pool like the one that Caz College had
- Affordable day care/after school care
- None of the above
- We cannot afford what we currently have



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- Public swimming pool and gym
- A wintertime swimming pool
- Lake sporting options in the summer months
- Again, looking to spend, spend, spend...
- better trail connectivity through the Village; bike paths
- A pool
- Large safe indoor walking facility for adults fighting weather conditions
- Bring back the Cazenovia College swimming pool
- stay within a balanced budget. stop spending and taxing
- There are enough facilities now
- Indoor/outdoor tennis and Pickleball courts
- Indoor swimming availability and a good gym
- all of above with neighboring communities to increase participation
- Better senior friendly parking in the Village and lake.
- Indoor winter sports options
- Hang out spots for teens
- Community center for all ages.
- Programs in New Woodstock and facilities for our disabled and seniors.
- We have it all
- We need the college athletic facilities complex for a comprehensive recreation facility that will provide the entire community with opportunities for health and recreation activities
- Adults and kids recreational sports
- omg no more fields
- Use what's here
- Indoor sports complex to replace Caz College sports facility.
- Better swimming options
- Businesses that provide jobs for recent graduates
- Cultural arts
- Less turf fields and more natural grass.
- Indoor sports
- A large center that attracts all ages for community activities
- Satisfied
- All the above really! Modern multi smaller screen cineplex like in Oneida.
- No issues
- Increased childcare support and options to attract young families and jobs in childcare.
- Green space
- Buy the Caz Ski Club and operate it as a Town facility.
- Pickle Ball Courts.
- Lake access
- For teens/young adults
- Community center with gym and pool.
- Cazenovia has enough recreation fields and facilities
- swimming pool
- A gym facility to replace what was lost with caz college



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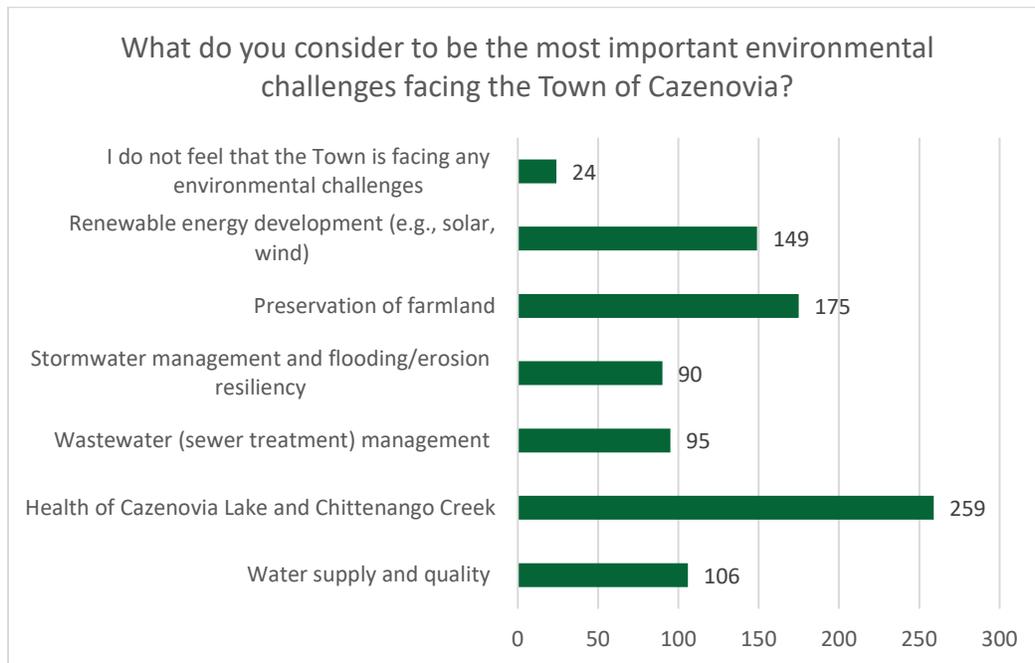
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- All of the above programs especially for kids and seniors
- Make use of the college pool and athletic facilities
- Trail systems that provide true connectivity.
- A private beach for Caz lake residents
- Local YMCA
- Indoor Track
- After school programming
- Indoor Public swimming
- I think we have a good range of options available
- gathering places/community space
- Indoor/outdoor community sports and fitness center
- Closing gaps in existing trail networks
- Community theatre
- Community pool and rec center,
- It seems there are many options to me
- Although it's an expensive option to maintain, a well-designed swimming facility would be a great addition. Swim instruction for all ages, plus aqua fitness classes.
- I think we do very well in this area
- Pickleball courts. Seniors, adults & kids will all use it.
- I would like more for kids, adults and seniors
- The first three. This is why I believe a YMCA would be an incredible asset
- We lost the pool and rec building at the college
- More and better Town-sponsored music at Lakeland in summer, Katherine Cummings in winter
- indoor options for winter
- More programs for tweens and teens
- Fenced dog park
- A YMCA
- Indoor facilities for recreation
- Potentially a dog park



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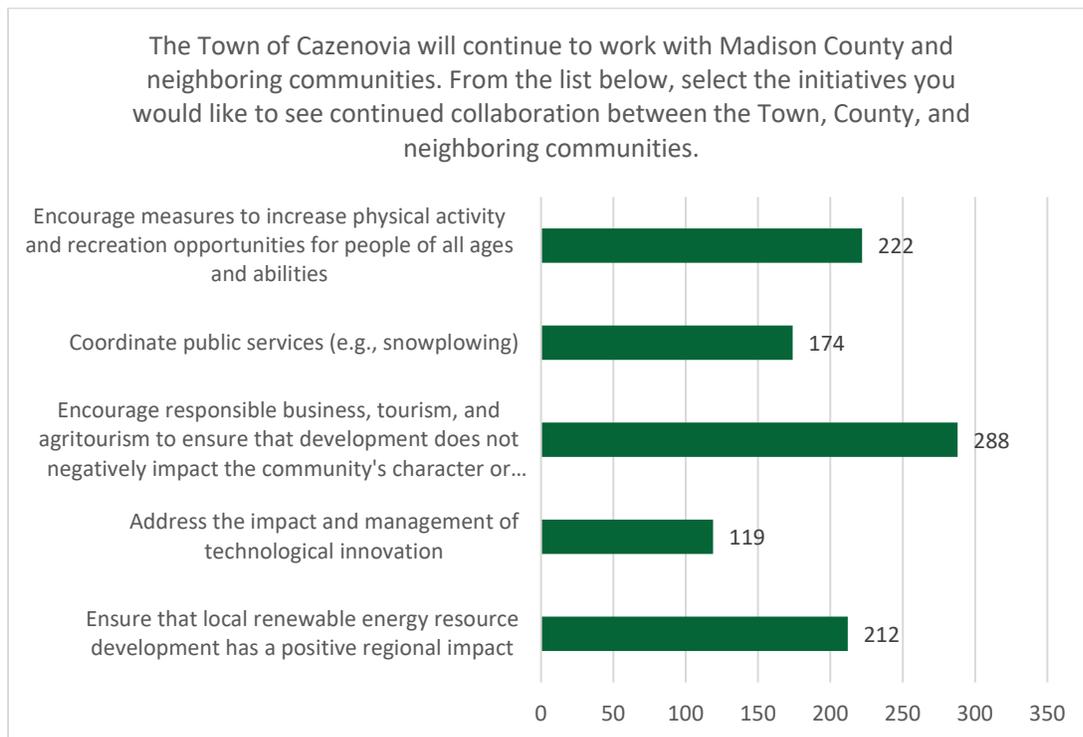
- The Town board members farm polluting the lake which then requires the Town to pay a fortune to fill the lake with cancer juice to kill the weeds
- Farmer has negative effect because of runoff on my property.
- Wind farms and solar farms are NOT welcome!
- Stopping the state from ruining our Town with those stupid solar panels you will be putting up in Fenner
- Careful not to encroach on property owners rights
- Stop selling farmland for solar farms
- Work with the State to develop wind and solar. Try to get feedback from the residents, not just the vocal minority.
- I do not support electric cars or adding more highways. Let the country be the country. Its why we live here.
- Not sure
- Putting in a toxic turf field at the high school that drains into the lake
- Synthetic turf
- reduction of our contributions to global climate change
- Keep solar and wind out of CANZENOVIA
- Tighter noise regulation/ farm sewage stink control
- Need sewer system around the lake
- Viewscape polluted by windmills and solar farms. These projects are just raising the cost of energy and the net impact on global warming is minuscule.
- I feel strongly that a centralized Town-based food waste composting facility would reduce solid waste going into the landfill, would benefit the environment and would serve to make more residents aware of the food waste we create.



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- Solar and wind consume valuable farm land.
- stop the loss of farmland ,woods and open fields to housing developments
- Sign pollution. Too many sandwich boards and ugly lime green crosswalks
- Management of energy development
- Increased traffic
- I am not aware of any environmental challenges.
- Municipal waste and trash management, posting
- Car pollution/air quality
- Unsightly solar farms
- Need more green spaces near dwellings
- Don't have enough awareness of water issues to answer
- Outdoor events



Other Individual Responses:

- Make the Village more accessible for seniors and people with disabilities
- Stop the solar panels
- Maintaining the transfer station
- Consolidate services to save taxes
- Town/Village garage sale weekend, more coordinated things
- Community police force
- Public safety



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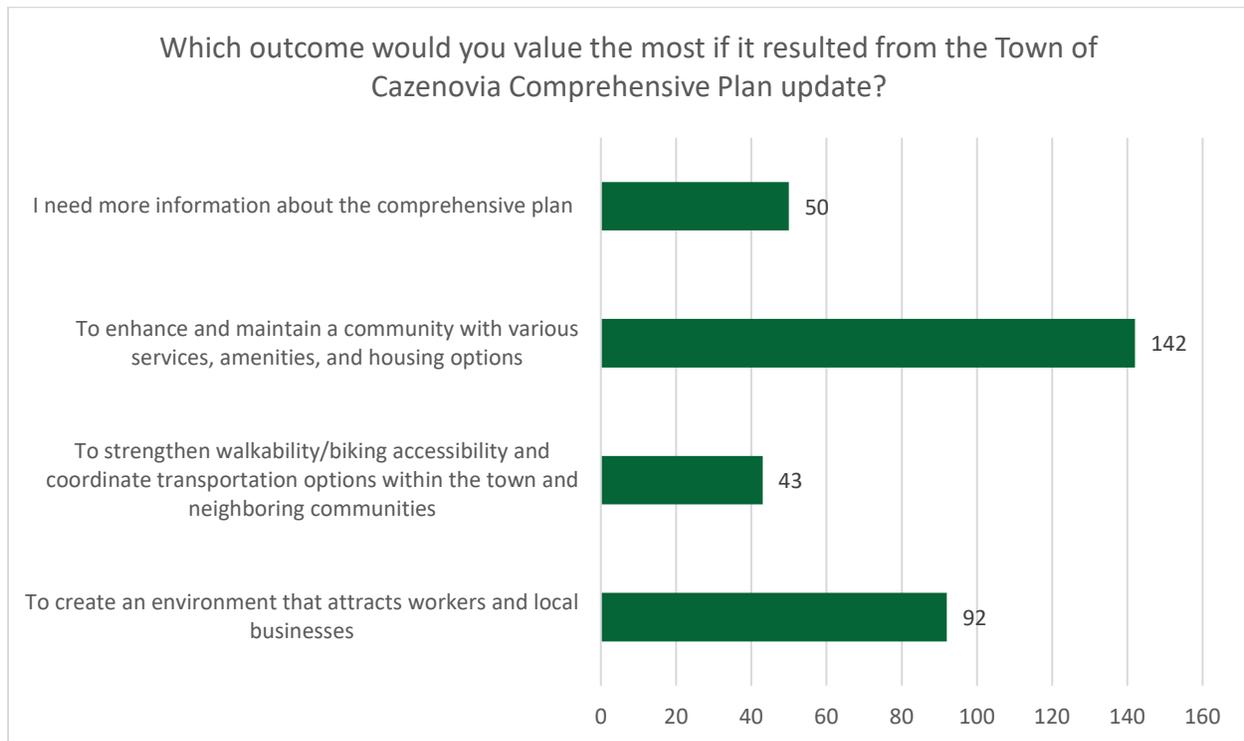
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- Please DO NOT destroy the farms or try to make us Skaneateles. We are Caz and we are awesome as we are.
- None
- Discourage solar farms
- We need a residential facility to support disabled individuals who can no longer live at home. There is no place for them in Madison County.
- Ensure adequate provision of police, fire, ambulance and emergency services. Expand water, sewer and gas utilities
- Advertise for tourism in the spring, summer and fall
- Would like to see Village & Town merge
- Governmental consolidation for financial savings!
- Think Town and Villages should merge municipalities for more efficiency
- Green space county wide
- Assure proper cell coverage for most residents/visitors.
- Increase access to needed services for those in rural or isolated areas
- Disability accessibility
- Consolidate services
- Local food businesses should partner more to offer locally sourced products and served foods at new brick and mortar's
- For example, Owerá winery is operating as a commercial business under an agriculture zone and this has negative impacts on neighboring homes
- Municipal waste management & composting.
- Coordinate preservation of rural character of the area.
- Pickleball sites needed
- I love this Town since 1977
- Support renewable energy collaboratively



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Other Individual Responses:

- More accessible for seniors and those with disabilities
- I need your verbiage dumbed down / not haughty
- Preserve open space, promote lake health
- Stopping the solar panels
- To highly value the right to peaceful enjoyment of property by ALL Town of Cazenovia residents, year-round.
- Development and change should be more organic and less planned
- Protection of historic and cultural resources
- preservation and conservation
- Enhance communication with residents about proposed changes/development. Send letters to residents that live nearby to ensure they know what is being proposed and have ample opportunity to give their input.
- Stop trying to become Skaneateles, Manlius or Dewitt.
- To maintain Cazenovia's character; something that has eroded significantly
- Control over rising taxes
- I do not support any of the progressive proposals currently suggested.
- To create an environment that attracts new residents and businesses
- To maintain and improve the Village/agricultural and small Town appeal of Cazenovia
- To have first residence for the disabled in Madison county would be a blessing!!!
- Programs to draw young families to caz
- Slow down or stop new buildings



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- To create an environment that attracts worker and local business, without detracting from the unique walkability of the Town (e.g. stay away from chains/ strip mall like establishments)
- Pickle ball
- #'s 1 & 3 above both! The college death COULD suck the Town down with it. Many of the suggestions here could be more readily enacted arguably at lower cost in former campus buildings. I would advocate for a LOCAL Public Interest Corp to finance and develop the former Caz College campus.
- To make sure that Cazenovia becomes as environmentally friendly as possible, reducing its carbon footprint, increasing its sustainability.
- Create and promote an environment that attracts businesses and residents but preserves the look and character that attracted them in the first place. Not easy.
- Address the roots of the lake issues vs continued chemical treatment.
- stop building and stop the loss of green spaces, forests and farms
- Both want to attract new businesses and workers but also want to be able to maintain the history and culture of Cazenovia. We need some growth but not to the degree that our Town completely changes.
- Environmental wellness
- Preservation of Village character with improved bike paths, trails, and public transportation throughout the Town and Village center.
- Enhance and preserve the quaint rural character of Caz and the area.
- A vibrant community fighting climate change
- Look at the speed and the amount of cars going around the lake and East Lake Rd.
- value and protect the residents who live and work in this community
- Maintain the character of the Town
- Sustainability in terms of energy, water, economics
- To strengthen zoning to regulate non-traditional farming such as agritainment and agriculture-tourism. Be fair and equitable to all farm beverage entities

Please provide any additional comments (i.e., what are your desires or concerns for the community regarding the outcome of the Town of Cazenovia Comprehensive Plan)?

- Walkable, paved trails, affordable shops and places to eat, amenities closer to home, more public access to the lake for swimming(lakeside has no parking and that "beach" ends up like mud), more events/shops that encourage tourists,
- Thank you
- We do not need more coffee houses, restaurants, and gift shops! We need actual job creating businesses! We need less of Muraco creating high rent empty buildings and ruining the Town.
- Who pays for all the wonderful ideas?
- The question about alternative housing has 4 types but the box to check regarding the 4th type only mentions to limit /prohibit short term rentals which is already the case, obviously whoever wrote the survey doesn't want them but doesn't realize many others do and that there is a need.
- I'm not sure this is something the Comprehensive Plan can address but I am extremely concerned about white supremacist propaganda being distributed within Town limits and instances of



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racism, transphobia, and homophobia. I'm also troubled by the resistance to affordable senior and family housing at The Landing at Burke Meadow (I realize this may be more of a Village issue than a Town issue) and bigoted views expressed against those with mental illness who may be living in the development's supportive housing unit. The unwelcome attitude towards marginalized folks in our community is my biggest concern about the future of our Town.

- Cazenovia is a beautiful place to live. We have a great community but I feel with the loss of the college we will have less younger individuals interested in the area and we will not have a healthy progressive view to keep positive forward thinking individuals here.
- There needs to be more than ONE public presentation of the proposed comprehensive plan!!!!
- None
- Do not let affordable housing advocates destroy Cazenovia. Keep the lake healthy. Senior assisted living for Caz College. Promote the arts. Smart restrictions on open space development & nighttime lighting.
- See all the above
- That it be followed and not disregarded for special interests as with previous plans!
- Unpopular opinion here - when the state police leave the Cazenovia College campus in 2 years; the community really needs to think about that space. It will not be used for education, as a college, as a campus again. The population curve indicates that there are simply not enough college age kids to go around. The supply of colleges is too high for the demand of education. This means that higher end schools will take all the college age kids. Even SUNY will struggle to keep rural campuses open (this is already happening). The community needs to accept this fact and seriously consider the demolition of the existing college structures. Keep the theatre, keep the library, keep the health center etc. Other structures can be torn down (I understand this costs money) and returned to the private taxpayers of the Village. Sell off the land at market price to private, single family homebuyers. This puts children in the schools and increases the tax base for the Town and Village, so that we can accomplish all of these comprehensive goals. This sets the perfect stage for the ADU housing option, with newly built single family market cost dwellings.
- "There is a need to address quality of life issues in the Town of Cazenovia. Current conflicts within agriculture include the hosting of events. There is a need to balance the adverse effects through regulation. Farm winery and beverage entity events and weddings are types of land uses that generate impacts such as noise, traffic, and lighting. There is currently no enforcement for activities that fall outside of farming operations. Zoning or event legislation should be adopted to deal with these impacts more effectively while recognizing the importance of economic contributions to the community that are created by them. Special use permit should be considered for activities that are not clearly as of right.
- I have a specific suggestion for a strategy related to the Goal to Support local farms and the agricultural economy. Example Strategy: Ensure that non-traditional farming activities are fully compatible with surrounding residences and allow the protection of peaceful enjoyment of property by all community members."
- I was happy to relocate to Cazenovia from Endicott where I've watched every neighborhood suffer and decline, taking property values with them. With the college's closing (an opportunity for more apartments, I've heard) and a focus on affordable housing front and center, I fear for the future of this Village.
- Less planning. Too much planning discourages creativity and innovation



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- Refugee resettlement
- The 2008 Plan established that apartments and shared housing be located in the Village, not the Town. It is unclear why you are reversing this position in the above questions.
- A lot of questions seemed more geared towards the Village. To what extent is there cooperation between the Town and Village?
- Allow short term rentals, promote recreation on the lake, allow boat rentals, bring in a floating activity center for a few weeks, invest in gravel bicycle trails.
- Do not take away the rights of property owners
- A vibrant Main Street, any commercial development concentrated on the Route 20 corridor, preservation of historic and rural character elsewhere in the Town, better zoning controls over vacation rentals.
- Focus especially on providing higher-density housing, and accessory small businesses such as convenience stores, within walking distance of Cazenovia's large employers in business parks (e.g. Marquardt)
- Attract new residents that will commute to work in Syracuse
- Too many empty store fronts and unsightly lots in the Village
- TRANSPARENCY from Town and Village electeds. With a new comprehensive plan, the community should be fully aware of the enforcement and accountability mechanisms, process, and public involvement in any/all violations, proposed changes, updates, amendments or addendums to said plan. Cazenovia has repeatedly suffered from a lack of enforcement, "backroom deals," and one-offs -- making any 'plan' just a piece of paper and a raw political exercise, and not to the benefit of the community.
- We will attract more businesses and appropriate housing options. This is supported by an inviting downtown, walkability, healthy lake.
- Look ahead to increasing stresses due to climate change. How will they impact the Town of Cazenovia?
- Modernization, Change is good
- If you need money for things - learn how to raise it like the nonprofit sector does - don't just increase taxes or add admin - that is plain lazy and impossible to unwind.
- We must not get sucked into the Agenda 2030 "equity" agenda!
- Preserve the historic, natural, and agricultural resources while enhancing biking and walkability which means increasing housing options in the Village core
- I think the Town's top priority in coming years should be to work with the Village to enhance Cazenovia's historic Village core and protect the rural character that surrounds it. These two things are the critical features that set Cazenovia apart from other CNY communities and make it desirable. Without those two things, it will continue to grow more similar to other suburban communities in CNY and therefore be less attractive to live in, due to its distance from Syracuse and the amenities there.
- I want to be able to more easily walk and bike with my small children and have more playgrounds/ parks/indoor recreation opportunities.
- The reality is that this Town is a mix of old school monied individuals who have no desire but to preserve it from any form of change , for what or who I am not sure, and the basic middle class family with 2 incomes, commuting daily out of the area for jobs and obtaining most all of their daily needs for goods and services while outside of the area . There is constant turnover in " new"



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businesses tried here over the last decade most all are gone but a couple. So those supposedly attracted or recruited by the desires expressed in the previous CP didn't amount to much or get proper continual local support enough to survive. The restaurant here suck, very inconsistent service and quality of food, except for Brewster which does an amazing job but is so very high priced for many of us on any regular basis. Several of the current special businesses have very odd days and hours that have to be planned for or around to obtain their goods. If local average families are not seeking their daily goods and services here so be itcater then to a different audiencetourists? BUT that would involve a great deal of effort to recruit viable unique quality shops , boutiques artisans, and specialty businesses with consistent daily hours including 8-9 pm while tourists and/or bus tours are driving or walking about for meals and general enjoyment and a business district group mindset far different than the HBD has ever truly had or been known for without wailing and gnashing of teeth and minor budget to achieve it. There was far more hope of all that 25-30: years ago and they lost that window of opportunity ...and seemed against becoming like say Skaneateles or CoopersTown tourism wiseso, now, with the state of this country and economy it will be nearly impossible IMHO. So....perhaps the empty storefronts can instead be filled with professional office rentals and medical offices who don't rely on what a retailer relies on to survive. And...could we please fly AMERICAN FLAGS for a show of unity instead of the mix of rainbow brights??? i have NOTHING against anyone's personal preferences / lifestyle wise whatsoever, BUT not at the cost of further splintering a community and disrespecting our veterans and current service members IMHO. Reality is reality....a vast majority of this Town and neighbors Towns have gotten their groceries , daily coffee, dry cleaning , bakery goodies, craft supplies, fabric supplies, latest discount store(target, marshalls, tj's, etc) , home goods, and so on, on their lunch hours or commutes not only for convenience sake but because they cannot do all that here conveniently even if they wanted tosorry, painful but true

- Stop spending and taxing. do better at attracting businesses that will offset ridiculously high property / school taxes.
- "Cazenovia is a wonderful Town. Development would ruin it. Cazenovia could become Erie Blvd if we're not very careful. What is profitable for a developer is not desirable for Cazenovia.
- There are many senior citizens living in with a Cazenovia area. We need more housing with garages and sidewalks in a caring, community-centered environment, such as co-housing for seniors. Loneliness in isolation is the biggest problem that the aging population faces other than health issues.
- That it involves meetings that the public is encouraged to attend and their feedback become part of the plan. Let's face it Cazenovia is not a place (especially the Village and lake) that the average person can afford to live in due to the cost of housing and high taxes
- plan for the caz college area
- Strengthening walkability and biking accessibility as well as improving public space such as parks and trails can attract more active, healthy residents seeking Cazenovia's fantastic proximity to nature and recreation.
- Keep as much of the quaint and historic as possible..
- I do not see ANY problems needing to be addressed or required in a T of C Comprehensive Plan! Where will the funds come from to cover all the proposals? Using the old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it!" We luckily live in a great Town, why screw it up?



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- There is input from lake residents and non lake residents and all age groups as you move forward with planning
- More bike-able and walkable trails
- I'd really love to see the Town show some love to New Woodstock and other outlying areas. The Village is obviously the focus of many initiatives, but we have other communities that receive no focus.
- Keeping the charm of the lake and Village
- We do not need excessive traffic, boutiques and fast food places. I do not want to live in a hectic, tourist heavy Skaneateles or a tech centric Tokoyo. Cazenovia is beautiful, safe, family friendly and wonderful as is. Its why we live here- no 15 minute cities please.
- The community dies if there is no or negative growth. We can grow while still maintaining our charm. That's the challenge
- Recreation center (YMCA), year round activities for all ages.
- No solar farms, encourage more family/teen friendly restaurants or fun spots in the Village
- Do not destroy Caz trying to implement current trendy fashions in Town planning. We all live in Caz for what it is, do not wreck it!
- Thank you for being interested in our opinion. It should shut the mouths of those complaining (on Next door)we brought State Police Academy without their opinion. Now they have a format and I hope they use it. I see the academy students and teachers using stores and restaurants. I am glad they are using Caz. College.
- The options in this survey are limited and are not providing progressive vision or planning
- Greater tourism
- Cazenovia has what it needs. The trails , walking, biking , sidewalks are not over crowded. We have Village children's playgrounds not over crowded. The lake parks are not over crowded. If you are looking for an activity, you can find it in Caz. The historic buildings & properties need to be maintained. Zoning is important. New Businesses must follow specific architecture & use materials that look like they are from central NY, not stone work from a tropical island. Caz planners need to be intentional on their requirements for exteriors. Shingles or clapboards / shutters are the most common in Caz. Let's keep it that way. New Businesses comply to architecture requirements in other historic Towns. Mc Donald's can look like a shingled cape. Caz has always naturally been a wonderful place. The original Village & Town planners intentionally had a vision & we must maintain that.
- A main concern of mine is that not enough will be done/changed as a result of this plan. I know a lot of people in the community tend to resist change.
- Some ideas:
 - A community center would be a wonderful addition to Caz. The college's athletic building inspired this idea but I realize that this property can likely not be used for this purpose.
 - Bike lanes, walkability, and public transportation is key, especially as the climate crisis worsens. These changes will help Caz meet sustainability goals.
 - Accessibility to affordable, fresh food could be an issue for some. Are there any ways to encourage and/or further subsidize fresh produce?
 - It can be difficult for newcomers to make connections/friends in Cazenovia. Encouraging events to help facilitate connection building is vital for the well-being of community members. Thank you for all your hard work on this!!



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- I'd like some public hearings on this comprehensive plan for idea sharing and development among residents and various Town officials. I think the limited scope of this questionnaire is appropriate but could be looked into in further detail in each topic very a public forum.
- To be affordable while maintaining the historic character.
- I believe we should make better use of the buildings and homes that are already standing in Cazenovia, rather than building more. Convert existing houses into multi-family or co-living. We do not need suburban sprawl. Cazenovians are fine with having to drive out of Town to get certain things or go to certain restaurants. That's just part of living in a small Town, and we desperately need to keep Cazenovia's unique charm, which I feel is slipping away with each new development on Rt 20.
- housing should be multi generational
- Develop an overall plan for the Town and Village. maintain agricultural status while increasing development to the east of the Village.
- Allow the earths gifts to this area. Sun and wind to flourish that we may share the new electrical lifestyle and energy with America. A smart community looking towards the near future, not be stuck to home values and stodginess.
- Continuing educational classes for seniors
- Lower school and property taxes
- Casa is good for senior community
- My main concern is that without a viable economic replacement for the college, local businesses will suffer, property values will drop and residents will move away. Possible solutions could be increased tourism and/ or favorable conditions for businesses.
- Review the original comp plan and follow the guidelines. i.e. no public parking in front of new buildings. revisit the node concept of communities outside the immediate Village for housing developments, smart growth. Reach out to original member of CAPP for history, 1000's of hours were put in on the first plan. Times have changed but Cazenovia hasn't. We can't bring in quality developers because we hamstringing them with every little detail and it is not profitable. Examples of Scott Shannon and Ed Green's development. The solar farm in New Woodstock that is completely hidden and utilizing marginal farmland yet the developer is not making any money because of the Town being difficult and slow. Would not approve because they didn't want to plow the road and would not accept the developer plowing the road and bonding for damages. Really. Not every concept is right but we have to learn how to help quality developers when they have a good idea. I have been on many non profit boards in Cazenovia and have walked away because of our inability to see the forest thru the trees and because of this we get poor developers that extrapolate the real costs of doing business. How many partially finished housing developments do we have???
- Better jobs more opportunities to create business
- This questionnaire will give you misleading information because of the way the questions are asked, and the answers already staged. It's rigged to get answers. Someone does not want to get information that's helpful and what the community needs. Some of the questions can be answered just by looking, but yet you ask. Hopefully the next questionnaire will try to be more productive. There are so many things that could be done to help make Cazenovia even better, but you don't touch on those
- Keep Cazenovia a great place to live.



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- Don't screw up the Town character with subsidized or "market rate" housing. This whole thing is worded to try to support it. We live 1/2 hour from Syracuse for a reason. Don't screw it up.
- Plans are nice. Experience shows they get tossed overboard with distressing ease having 0 enforcement provisions. See Aldi complex's ugly apartment building et al. Personally I think the Aldi building would look just fine with the sign on it facing 20! Flexibility is more effective than rigid dictates. What I just said isn't a conflict, just common sense.
- I wonder about the Town's relationship with the school district. How can both institutions support each other?
- Top priority would be to develop and implement a long-term solution regarding the lake's milfoil and other issues before it becomes a swamp, which would devalue much of what we love here. Next priority would be intelligent, planned economic development as well as housing development in order to increase the tax base sufficiently for to pay for lake cleanup, improved public services/programs, etc. We need to open up to the potential and all the positive possibilities/impacts that intelligent economic & housing can bring us. The Town & Village have been run with a closed-minded, no change wanted mentality that will ultimately have very negative impact on our ability to make progress while maintaining and improving the "local charm" of a community like Cazenovia.
- I care very much about the quaintness and charm of Cazenovia and would like any new housing to have to confirm with our character.
- I hope we can become a model, affordable, green community that nurtures families and seniors-- a place where one can walk to everything one needs, a place where one can access solar/wind energy and charge an electric vehicle. By emphasizing environmental sustainability and quality of life, Caz can become the best place to live in CNY.
- After the Caz College loss I believe what was left behind are many existing available rental options for those needing to rent versus own, in addition to the already existing rental housing market here.
- Safe Senior access to shopping and community services like library
- Do not buy into the push for electric busses and other vehicles. The technology is decades away from being a viable alternative to conventional or hybrid vehicles. Maybe look at it in another 10 years to see how it has worked out in communities with a similar climate and geography.
- That the Plan is used as a guide, not an imperative, and is flexible enough to accommodate differing needs, opinions, and changing circumstances.
- Don't want it to be fear driven and exclusive bent
- "-Getting caz collage property on the tax role.
- Multi family rental units should be paying tax in line with residential home owners. residential/business park development "
- I'm concerned that the Town is going to keep developing all the way up route 20 and build more insanely commercial hotels that are sitting empty. Who is staying in Cazenovia for business or for a cheap overnight in a hotel? Nobody. The Town barely has any trees on Albany street anymore and it's ugly. We should be looking to be like a small scale Skaneateles with trendy shops and beautiful tree lined streets. Hopefully no more shops will be able to look as obnoxious as Protel. Apartments and affordable housing is so important and can be done in a way that is classic, timeless, blends in, not in a modern way ruining the charm and historic nature of the Town.



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- IMO we don't need any new development until the college is fully repurposed and all existing Village apartments/builds are rented. There has already been too much development. The more Rt 20 is developed, the more it will gut the Village and ruin the character of the Town.
- The speed limit on east lake rd. should be 35 mph along the lake and 45 mph to the Town line. This will make the road more accessible to bikers and walkers
- Would like to have more services/businesses (locally owned) that support families (children's play center, lab draw, hair salons, auto services, urgent care, swim programs, pet boarding/daycare facility). Would prefer to stay in Cazenovia to seek those services for myself and children rather than needing to go to Fayetteville, Manlius, Dewitt, Syracuse etc. on the weekends. Build the community up like downtown Saratoga Springs with a strong focus on the environment, renewable energy and safety for local residents.
- This Town needs more immigrants, it will die without embracing younger people and enticing them to live here
- We need to provide a greater priority on educating our youth. School programs should include classes in renewable energy and natural resource protection.
- keep Caz from becoming just another commercial Town - stop building more houses and preserve the farmland and open fields forever. We must preserve forever our green spaces
- With the loss of the college Cazenovia needs to get on the Map of travel- helping the rest of the state; especially down state, families know how great this area is to raise a family. However this community is missing emergency "room" resources. Help people and family not have to leave for service like dental, general health care, mental health care.
- Be sensitive to the rise of antisemitism as promoted by some local businesses.
- The Village is on a precipice. Soon to look like Canastota or Chitt if not careful.
- We need to fill the store vacancies in Town with businesses that have character and restaurants, sandwich shops, and/or breweries that offer locally sourced ingredients.
- Very concerned about the college campus and what it has turned into.
- More focus on environment
- Improved Town Hall
- Removing derelict buildings, either repurpose, force owners to maintain or tear down
- Allow ADUs to be built. That will help with tourism, and increase people residing and staying in Caz. We want to build an ADU for our aging parents to live with us but can't and therefore will have to move eventually.
- I do not feel that we need any more apartments to be built. There are many empty spaces in the buildings that are already in existence. Let us NOT build any more affordable apartments stuck in the middle of a field in the Village!!!! It takes away the charm and forcing wildlife out. Apartments need to be built where residents can walk to stores and not be in close proximity of a school! Can also cause a lot of unnecessary traffic!
- Overall, I'm not dissatisfied with the Town as it is.
- while this is a nice exercise, the black swan events that materially shape the Town cannot be foreseen. For instance, did anyone predict the college closure 7 years prior? Were interest rate hikes and inflation predicted in 2014? Covid? The Town needs to be realistic in presenting a plan such as proposed and prominently disclose the very real risk that all the plans could be dashed by events beyond the Town's control.
- No more affordable housing.



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- Promote local shopping to aid and increase local business by maybe having a local business tax incentive for twenty years to ""LOWER"" the cost of doing business in Caz Village including school taxes. Mabe aided by increased money from Caz college properties.
- I believe we need more in our Town and having it be a tourist destination isn't a bad thing. We also need to diversify and offer more people the opportunity to be able to afford to live, shop and dine in Cazenovia. We can make some slight changes without going so far that we lose the charm that people love. Right now we have a lot of the same things offered at the same prices and unfortunately a lot of people who live in Cazenovia and people who do not live in but their kids go to school in Cazenovia cannot take advantage of anything we offer because it's not affordable. i.e.. Almost every sit down restaurant in Cazenovia offers the same kind of food at the same high prices in the same environment (not conducive to having kids) and are open on the same days and times. Even the cafes are not reasonably affordable.
- Pretty simple - Don't allow our viewscapes to be turned into solar panel fields and don't allow our Town to look like Manlius. Grow smart, sustainably, affordable.
- I do not think multi-story housing units should be developed within the Village, especially since the college buildings are still available for re-development. Multi-family and planned communities should be developed outside of the center with increased public transportation and pedestrian, bike, and trail access to Village businesses, schools, amenities, and recreational opportunities.
- Some questions can be interpreted several ways, so answers should recognize the various potential interpretations.
- Caz should seriously consider innovating multi-modal housing that integrates families, singles, and seniors. (2) Caz should ease restrictions on multi-family residences/properties within the Town outside the Village.
- None
- Keep character. Increase affordability to live here.
- Thank you for the opportunity to provide input!
- Don't turn into a Dewitt Erie boulevard
- Keep the Village historical. Develop walking and biking trails that would benefit residents and attract visitors .
- Although attracting workers and local businesses seem paramount to me, those certainly go hand in hand with ensuring services, amenities (including transportation of all kinds), and housing options are available to the new workers.
- Care of the old buildings on Albany Street
- We want to attract people but not sure we can be successful without prioritizing history and quaint look of Town. Without this tourism focus, i think Cazenovia runs the risk of becoming like Manlius. Better not to rush into expanding randomly...also without regard to environmental issues.
- Cazenovia is a wonderful, welcoming community to live in, raise children in and retire in. Over the next two decades we can expect growing interest in this area because it will be much less negatively impacted by climate change than many other locations.
- Daytime docks at Lakeland park. Affordable co dos anywhere in Town.
- The solar panels are a mistake and should be avoided at all costs



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- "Please protect the entrances into Cazenovia so that they do not look like Skaneateles. Businesses are fine but landscaping with trees on the road that hide the buildings is much better. At all costs protect the businesses in the Village over growth on the outskirts.
- We must not sell the college to a random Chinese millionaire like has happened to many other shuttered liberal arts schools have done. That would not be the answer that would help us and in fact the college would just languish and fall into more disarray. We need to have a concrete understanding who the buyer is and what they will do with it before the college is sold. I know we Villagers don't probably have control over this but I sure hope that we have the opportunity to voice our opinions.
- We live on East Lake Rd near Crawford farms. Since moving to this area we are so disappointed in the speed and the amount of cars that go flying down our road. It's a straight away and cars go as fast as they can. I like to walk and someday I am afraid I'm going to get hit. Cars don't move over and there is a small area to walk next to the road. Unless I get in my car there isn't a place to walk other than East Lake Road and Cheese Factory. The days I do walk, I pick up trash. The amount of trash I pick up on a weekly and daily basis is ridiculous. I pick up all sorts of beer & wine cans, liquor bottles, McDonald's & Duncan Donuts wrappers to list just a few. If I walk the loop down East Lake Road and Cheese Factory, I collect at least 2-3 bags of garbage! Why are there no littering signs on East Lake Rd. and Cheese Factor Rd.? I would love to just one day to walk down either road and not find any trash.
- Invasive species, pollution of the lake as a linchpin for the community
- What part of Cazenovia "Township" does this refer to? Looks like it would benefit some, but not most. How does any of this help us in the "country" part of Caz? We don't want sewer or water, we have well and septic. The latter of which on our property is only 13 years old. Out of our pocket.
- Ensure that Town planning does not create more suburban sprawl
- See above
- The Town of Cazenovia has not fairly applied regulations and land use approvals to all beverage entities in a equal manner over time. Owera Vineyards has a competitive advantage over other beverage entities in the Town due to special considerations for them, and new regulations need to be developed and applied to correct this. Current conflicts with non-traditional agriculture are affecting peaceful enjoyment of property and zoning should be enforced to allow only actual farming operations, especially when those operations are extremely disruptive, exceeding the property lines, in a dense residential area. Wedding events are not agricultural use and generate negative impacts such as music and patron noise, lights, and higher traffic. Special use permit should be utilized for activities that are not clearly of right. The Town should require reporting and accountability and develop a transparent process to share metrics with residents. A Town goal should be to protect the rights of community members. A strategy related to the Goal to Support Local Farms and the Agriculture Economy should be to Ensure that non-traditional farming activities are not negatively impacting the community and are fully compatible with surrounding land uses, especially for residential use to allow the protection of peaceful enjoyment of property by all Cazenovia Town residents. The Town needs to develop new ways to regulate questionable farming activities and develop a process for residents to participate.
- Pesticides should be banned by the lake watershed. Drainage from lakeside properties is destroying the investment made to keep weeds out of the lake.



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- I am concerned that, by restricting new development, the Town is creating a situation where it grows horizontally. Urban sprawl requires higher infrastructure costs, is environmentally damaging, discourages pedestrian access, and will result in downtown atrophy.
- Move the seniors out
- Overdevelopment. Once the character and charm of the Village is gone, it will become like any other Village.
- Comp plans only have meaning if they are actually used/followed/referenced. Meaningless if they collect dust, if not used as intended.
- YMCA or Buy the college athletic center for the Town
- Strengthen zoning and monitoring agriculture uses to ensure any entities with PILOT agreements are actually continuing to conduct only true farming activities. Otherwise, the Town and school district are losing needed tax revenue. Not all beverage entities are fairly regulated - this is an equity concern. Residents' peaceful enjoyment of property should be a top priority for the Town of Cazenovia, over the interests of a single business. Repetitive negative impacts cause mental health impacts and stress. This problem is a poor public relations issue for the Town of Cazenovia. The Town boards should strengthen zoning and other regulations in order to increase the quality of life for residents and hold "farms" to only farming operations activities with annual monitoring.
- The school district's concern is being able to make progress for our students. We lack affordable housing opportunities and many families would like to move into or stay in our community.
- Sprawl is the biggest challenge. Preserving the Town and its landscape as much as possible is crucial while simultaneously keeping the Village of Cazenovia as attractive and desirable to live in as possible is crucial but if houses are nicer (and newer) on the outskirts and shops are such you have to drive to anyway then you've taken away the appeal of the Village and we're going to sprawl out all over the Town and destroy the beauty and character.