

Town of Walworth

Comprehensive Plan

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INTRODUCTION

Purpose

A Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document which provides an overview of current conditions, establishes a vision for the future of the Town, and recommends how the Town can make that vision a reality. It acts as a guide for decision-making for the Town over the next 10 to 20 years.

Legal Basis

The Comprehensive Plan has been prepared pursuant to NYS Town Law §272-a, which specifies that the Town Board is responsible for preparing and adopting a Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document that does not in itself have the force of law. However, the Plan will guide changes in Town laws and regulations, funding decisions, and other Town actions during the next 20 years. As specified in NYS Town Law Section 272-A.11, zoning and other land use regulations should be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. However, the purpose of a land use plan is as a general guide over a period of time; zoning is more specific and has the force of law.

Preparing the Plan

The development of this Comprehensive Plan was led by the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee which was appointed by the Town of Walworth Town Board. Members of the Steering Committee include:

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Plan Organization

This Plan is divided into several sections, each focused on a different major subject area. Each subject area is assessed looking at both existing conditions and trends. Goals are outlined for each subject area which were developed based on both analysis of current conditions as well as input from the Comprehensive Plan Committee and community public survey. The Plan includes recommended action items related to each of the subject areas that can assist the Town in achieving the outlined goals.

Plan Implementation

The Town's elected officials are responsible for implementing the Comprehensive Plan. Annually, the Town Board, or its appointed delegates, will review the implementation strategy, document the status, and determine those actions that have been accomplished, those which are no longer required or relevant, and those which should be a priority during the upcoming year.

For each of the priority actions, the Town Board will assign a person or board to be responsible for timely completion.

LAND USE

CURRENT CONDITIONS

Regional Setting

Established in 1829, the Town of Walworth is comprised of 20,425 acres bordered by the towns of Ontario to the north, Marion to the east, Macedon to the south, and Penfield (Monroe County) to the west. (See Map 1: Regional Setting.)

Existing Land Use

Intersected by New York State Route 350 and New York State Route 441, the town has three hamlets – Walworth, West Walworth, and Lincoln. An additional community, Gananda, is located partially in the Town of Walworth and partially in the Town of Macedon. Gananda was established in 1971 as a planned development.

Each hamlet, Walworth, West Walworth, and Lincoln, includes a mixture of residential, commercial, and community uses. Major thoroughfares include NYS Route 441, NYS Route 350, and NYS Route 286.

Recreational opportunities include three (3) park facilities – Ginegaw Park, Sherburne Road Park, and Dolomite Park. The Town Hall, library, and recreation complex are located in the south, between the Gananda community and the Hamlet of Walworth.

Commercial establishments are located along NYS Route 441, within the hamlets and in scattered locations throughout the Town. These include a Tops supermarket, self-storage facility, automotive businesses and other small retail and service buildings. Approximately, 179 acres and 37 parcels are commercial in nature.

A dolomite quarry operates on two parcels with a total of 285 acres located in the geographic center of the municipality. The only other industrial use is a machining company on Walworth-Marion Road.

Land Cover

See Map 2: Land Cover

Land Cover Types	# Acres	#
Developed	2,608	12.0%
Agriculture	9,744	45.0%
Forest	5,098	23.5%
Shrubland	72	0.3%
Barren	173	0.8%
Herbaceous	44	0.2%
Wetland	3,840	17.7%
Water	77	0.4%
	21,656	100.0%

SOURCE: 2019 National Land Cover Database (NLCD)

Land Use by Tax Parcel

Map 2: Existing Land Use by Tax Parcel depicts the land use categories of the tax parcels in the Town. Parcels comprise approximately 20,936 acres in the Town. The remainder of the Town's land area is in roadways and waterways. The predominant land uses are agricultural, residential, and recreation. The table below summarizes the number of parcels and acreage by general land use classification, based on 2022 real property tax records.

Parcels by Land Use Classification, Town of Walworth, 2022

	# Parcels	# Acres	%
Agricultural	80	4,017	19.2%
Agriculture with Residence	238	6,864	32.8%
Residential	2,979	4,410	21.1%
Commercial	37	179	0.9%
Industrial/ Mining	3	285	1.4%
Recreation/ Public/ Community Service	38	822	3.9%
Utilities/ Transportation	9	144	0.7%
Vacant	351	4,216	20.1%
	3,735	20,936	100%

SOURCE: Tax Parcel Assessment data

Development Trends

Agricultural and residential uses are evenly distributed throughout the municipal boundary as depicted in Map 2: Existing Land Use by Tax Parcel. Over recent years, most development has been residential in nature. In 2021 there were 2,979 residential parcels in addition to 238 residential parcels that are part of farms.

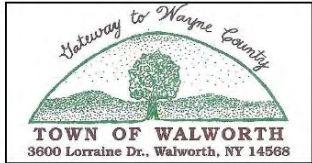
According to the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Councils Regional Land Use Monitoring 2019 Report, there have been 61 new residential units, 2 industrial units, 2 commercial units, and 1 community service units permitted in the Town of Walworth in the five-year period from 2015 to 2019. Table 1 outlines the total number of permitted unit types in the Town of Walworth from 2015 to 2019. Table 2 outlines the total number of permitted building types in the Town from 2010 to 2019.

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Five-Year Residential, Industrial, Commercial, Community Service Permit Data (2015 - 2019)					
	Residential Units	Industrial Units	Commercial Units	Community Service Units	Total
2015	19	0	1	0	20
2016	18	1	0	0	19
2017	8	1	0	0	9
2018	7	0	1	0	8
2019	9	0	0	0	9
Total	61	2	2	0	65
SOURCE: GFLRPC 2019 Land Use Monitoring Report					

Number of Permitted Building Types, 2010 to 2019				
Year	<i>Residential Units</i>	<i>Industrial Buildings</i>	<i>Commercial Buildings</i>	Total
2010	14	0	0	14
2011	13	0	0	13
2012	14	0	0	14
2013	16	0	0	16
2014	15	0	2	17
2015	19	0	1	20
2016	18	1	0	19
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2019	9	0	0	9
Total	133	1	4	138
SOURCE: GFLRPC 2019 Land Use Monitoring Report				

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REGIONAL
SETTING

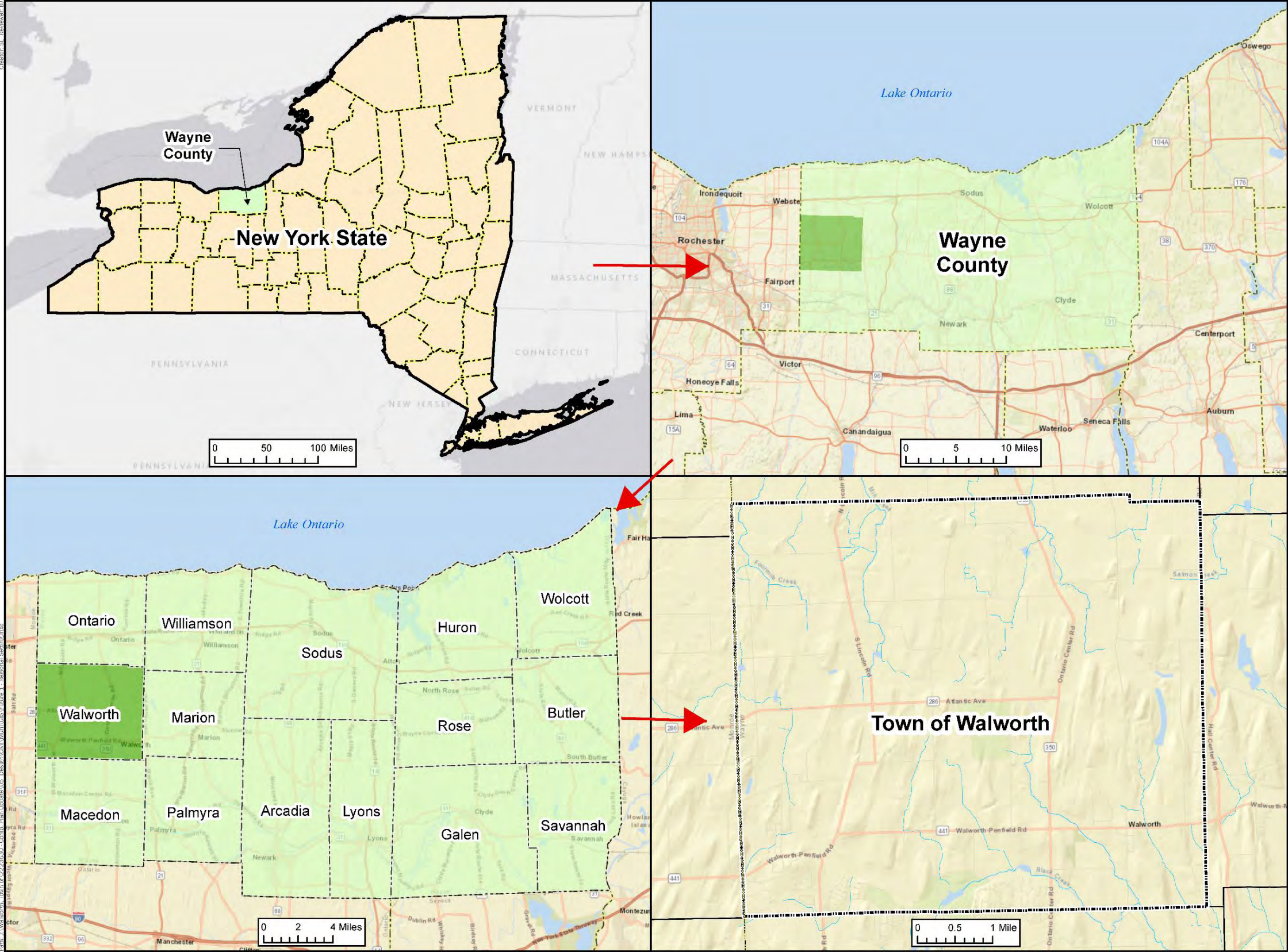
Legend

- Streams
- Railroad
- Town Boundary
- Other Municipal Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- NYS Boundary

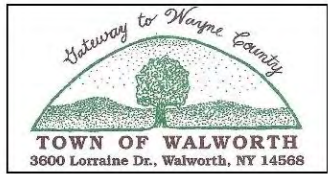


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AERIAL BASEMAP

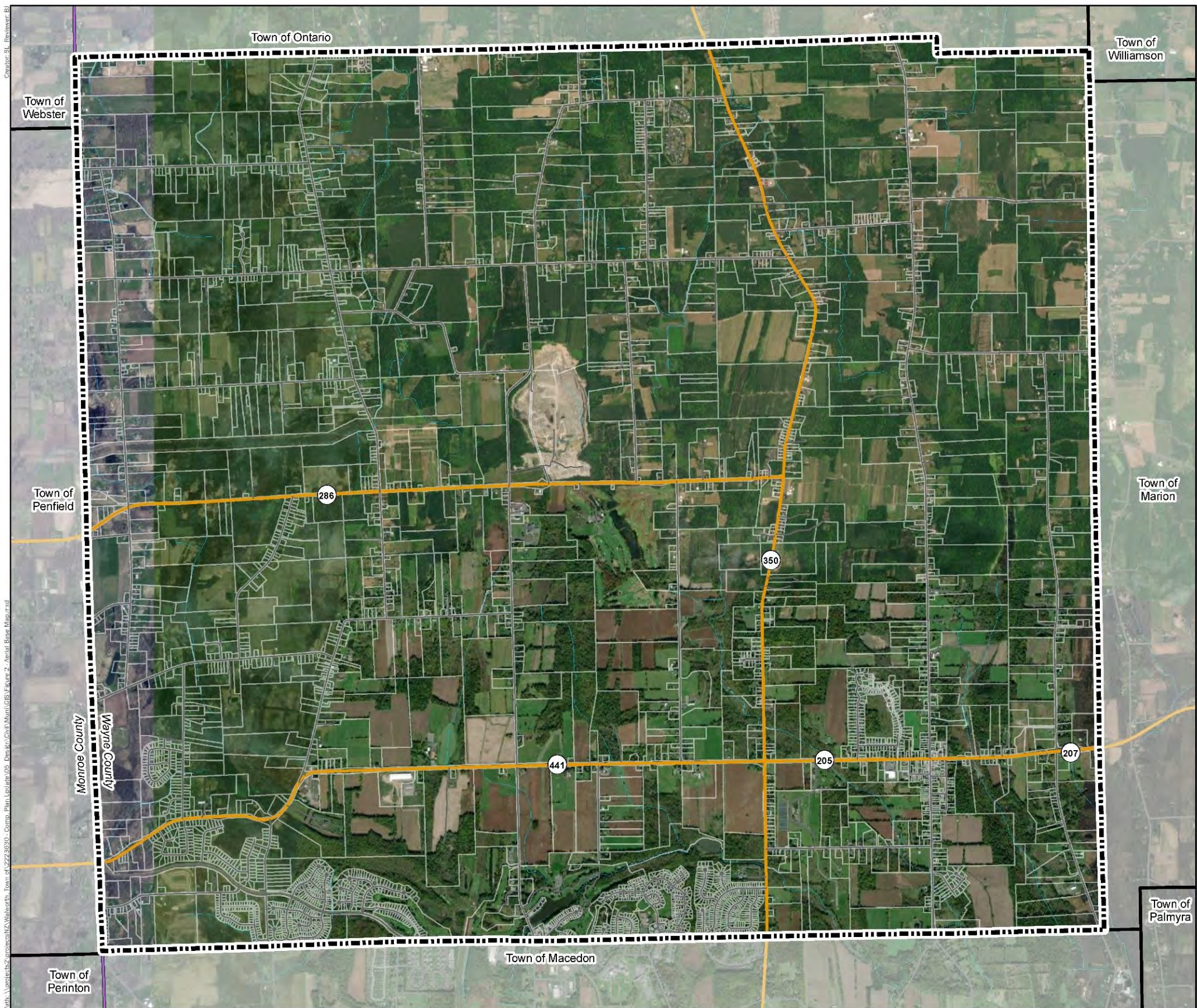
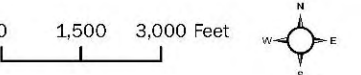
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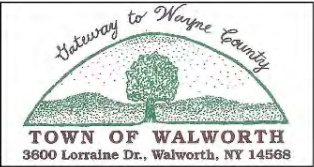


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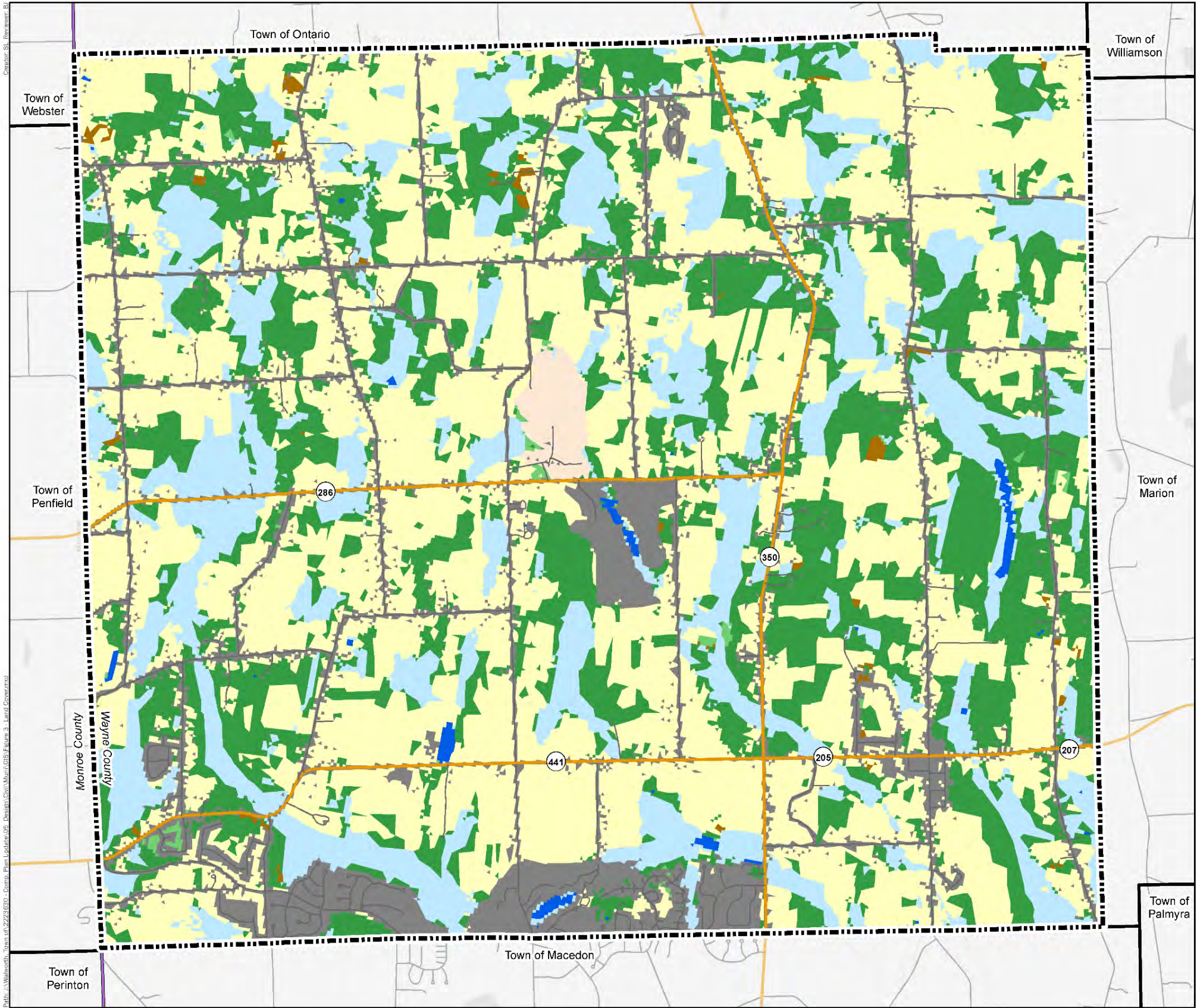
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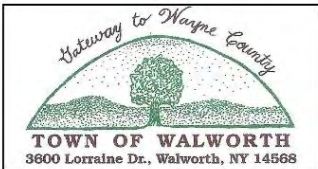
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EXISTING LAND USE
BY TAX PARCEL

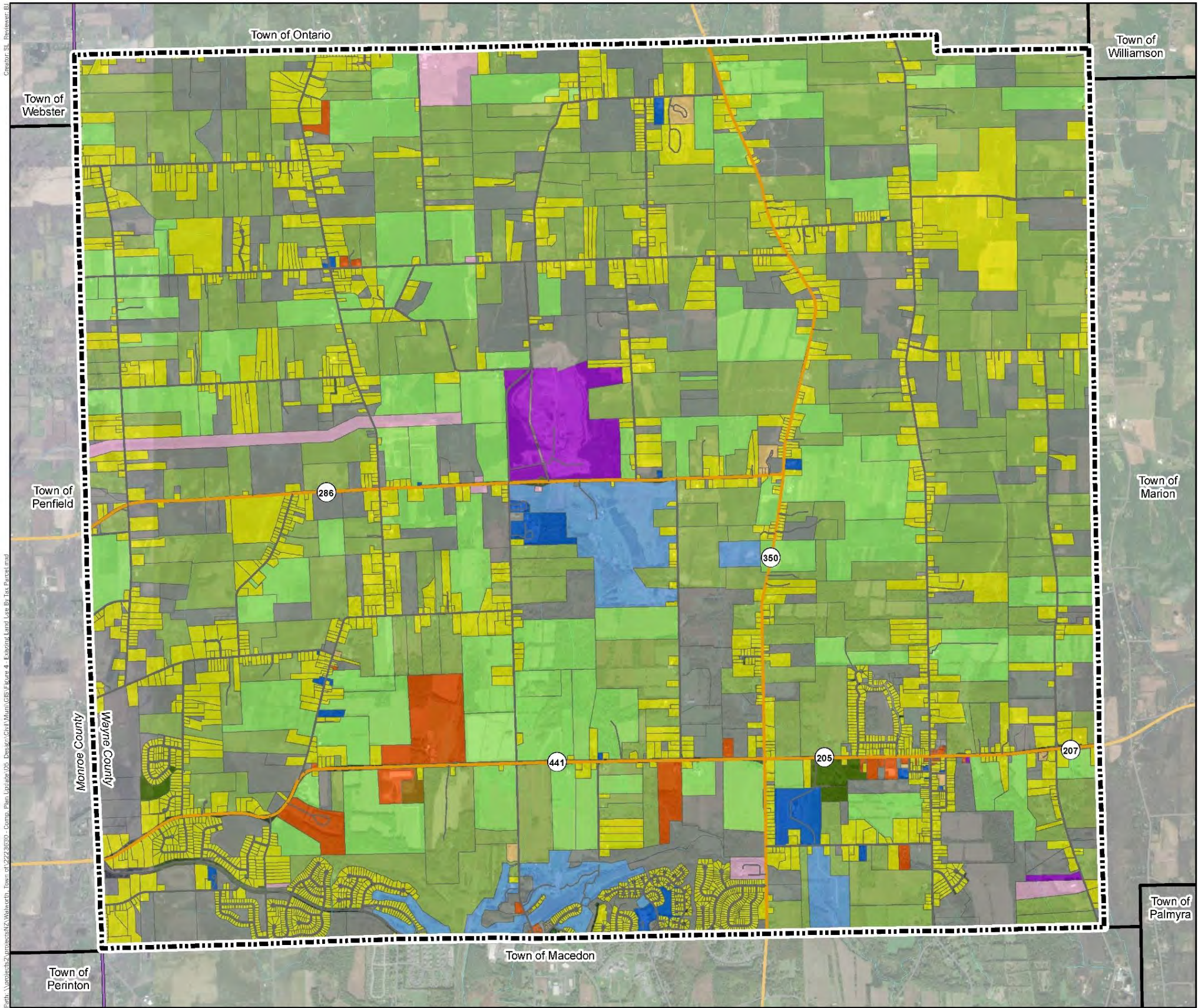
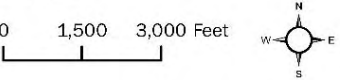
- Tax Parcel Classification**
- Agricultural
 - Residential w/ Ag
 - Residential
 - Vacant
 - Apartments; Mobile Home Park
 - Commercial
 - Storage/ Distribution
 - Recreation
 - Public / Community Service
 - Manufacturing / Mining
 - Utilities/ Transportation
 - Conservation

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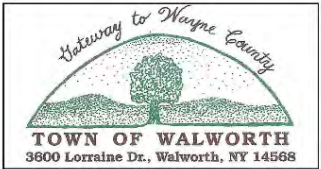


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YEAR BUILT

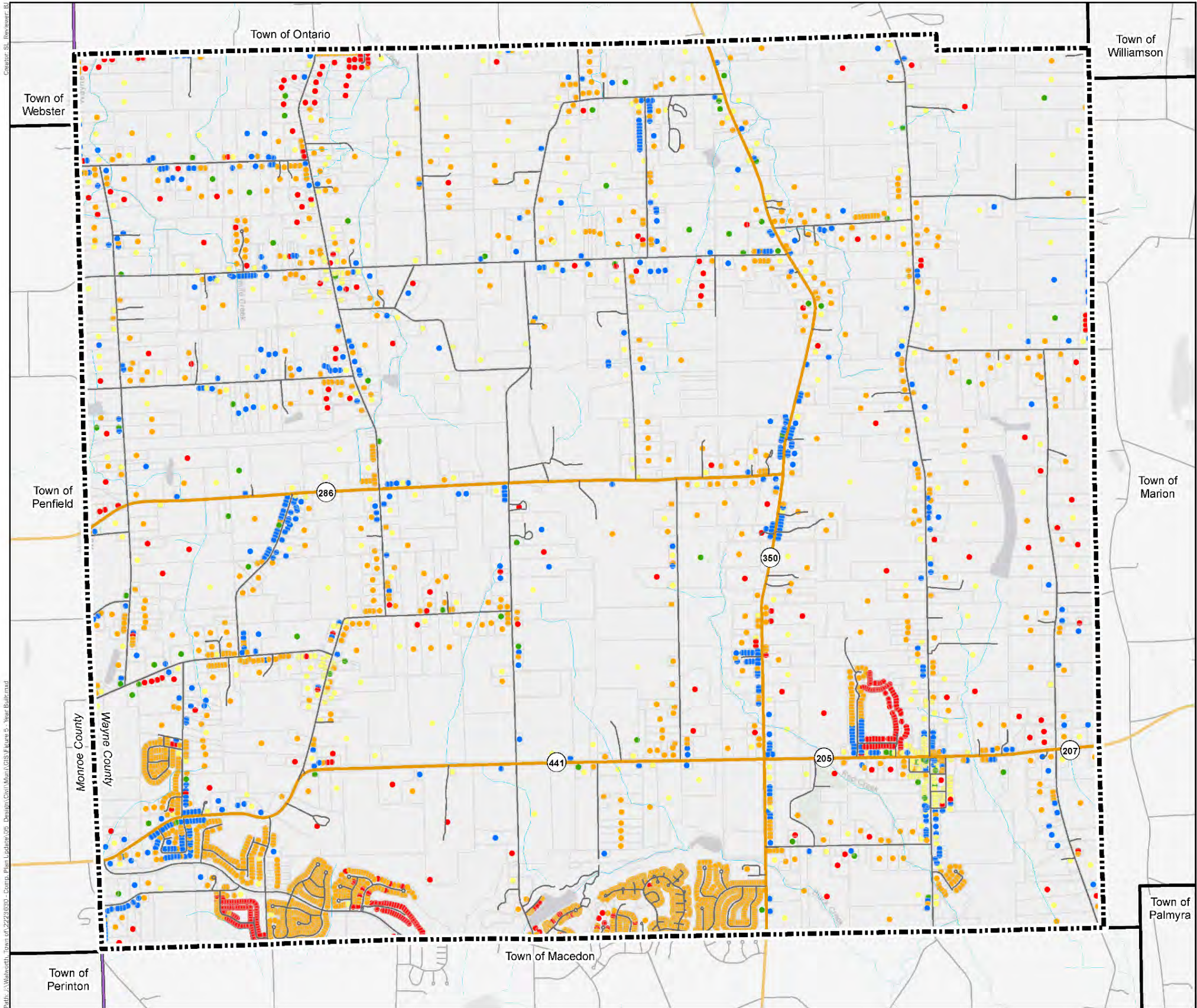
- Year Built**
- 1900 or earlier
 - 1901 - 1939
 - 1940 - 1969
 - 1970 - 1999
 - 2000 - 2022

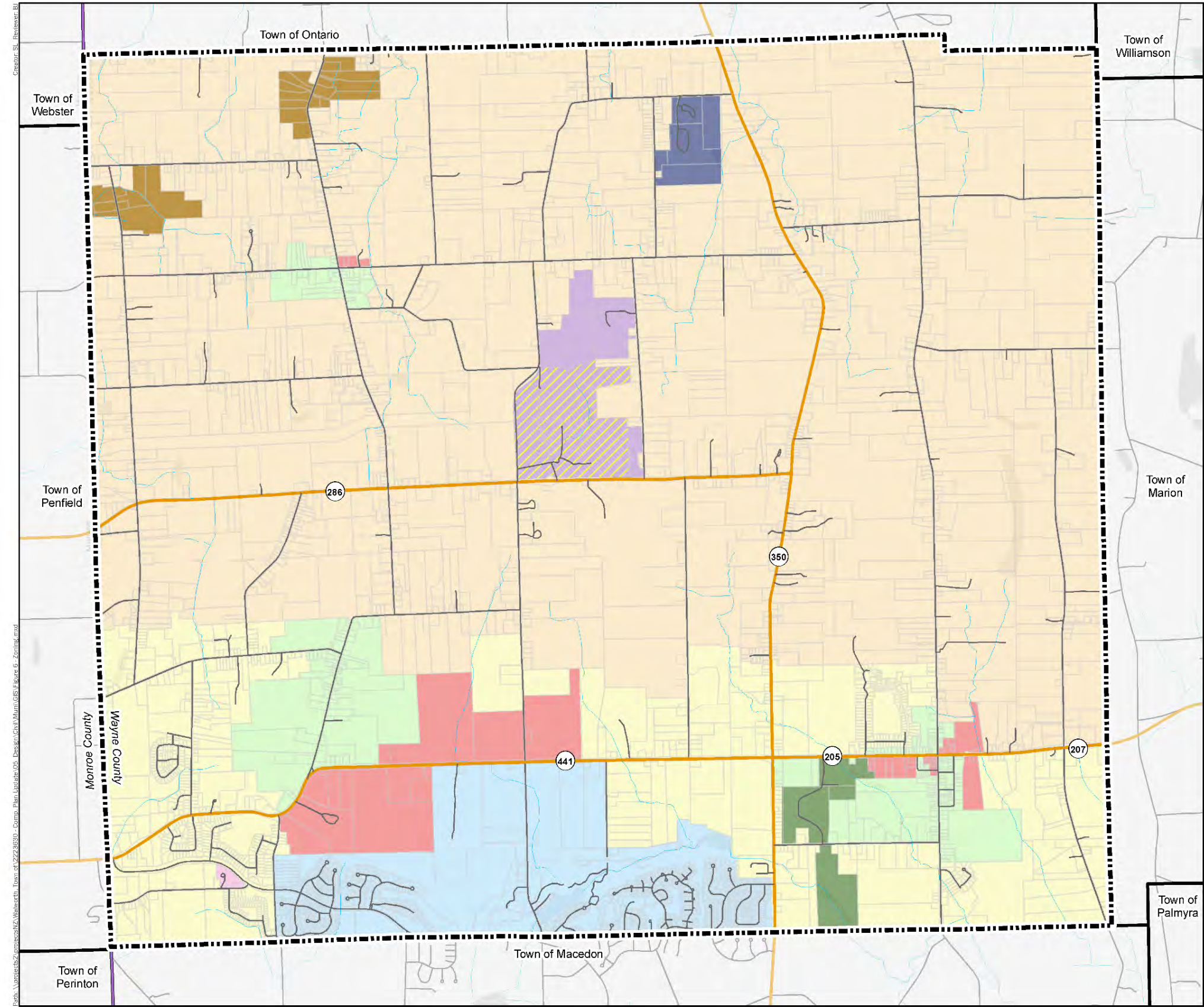
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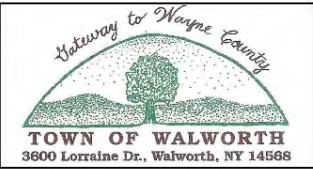
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ZONING

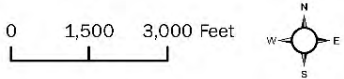
- RESIDENTIAL (R) - .5 ACRE
- RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR - 1) - 1 ACRE
- RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR - 1A) - 2 ACRES
- HAMLET
- MANUFACTURED HOUSING OVERLAY
- BUSINESS
- INDUSTRIAL
- PD - PLANNED DEVELOPMENT
- DAYCARE OVERLAY
- T.O.P. - TOWN OFFICE AND PARKS
- ADULT OVERLAY

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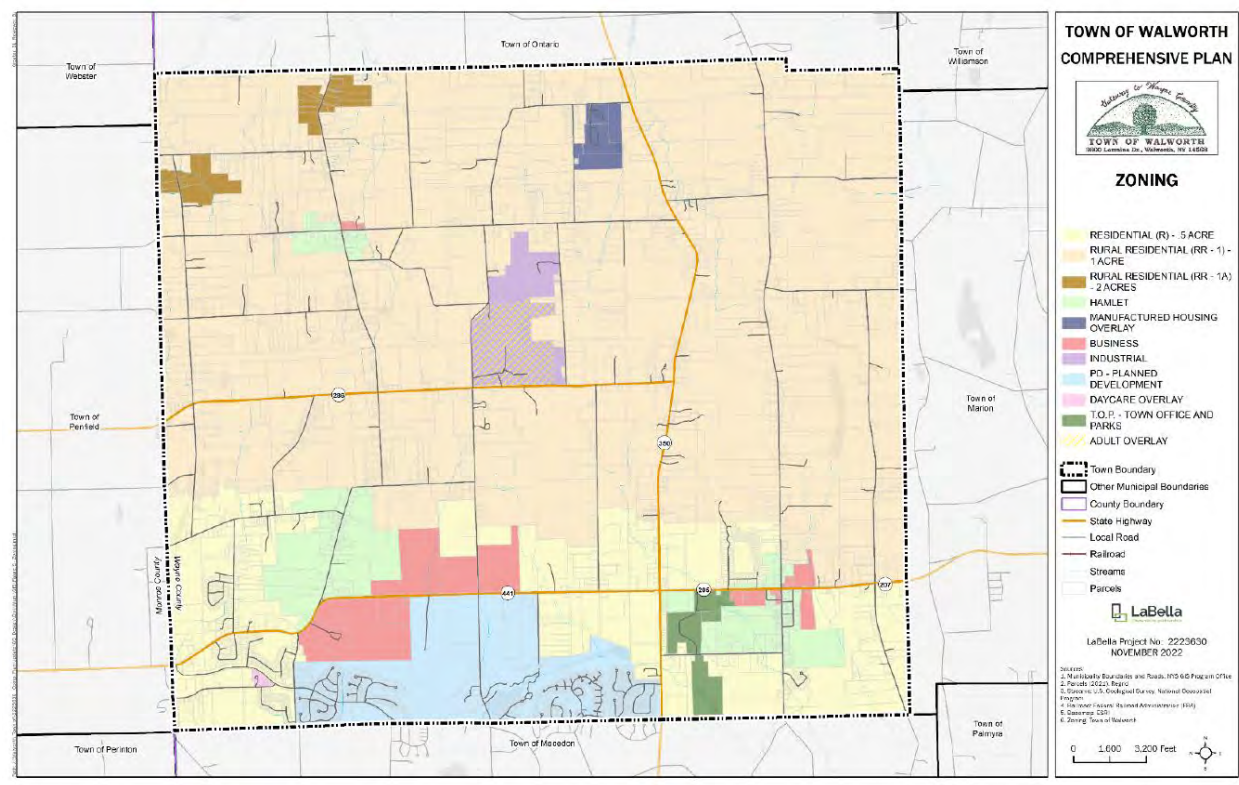


RELEVANT PLANS, PROGRAMS, & REGULATIONS

Land Use Regulations

Town Zoning

The Town's Zoning Ordinance establishes 8 standard zoning districts and 3 overlay districts. Overlay Districts include Mobile Home Park Overlay District, Daycare Center Overlay District, and Adult Use Business Overlay District. The map below depicts the Town zoning districts and the Table 3 provides a brief description of, and context regarding, each zoning district.



Summary of Zoning Districts		
District	Description	Context
RR-1A	Rural Residential	Limited areas north of the drainage divide
RR-1	Rural Residential	Includes the majority of the land area in Town
R	Single-Family Residential	Areas accessible to major roadways, Hamlets, and Town Hall.
Hamlet	Multifamily/Neighborhood Business	Three existing Hamlets (Walworth, West Walworth, and Lincoln)
B	General Business/Professional Office/Office Research Park/High Density Residential	Located along NYS route 441
I	General Industrial	Dolomite quarry located at the geographic center of Town
PD	Planned Development	Unified development area approved by Town Board; existing PD district is Gananda
MFD	Municipal Facilities District	Town's major facilities located south of NYS Route 441

The Town zoning code outlines the requirements of each district including permitted principal and accessory uses, specially permitted uses, and lot, yard, and bulk requirements. Specially permitted uses possess such unique and special characteristics that each specific use is considered as an individual case and requires approval by the Town Planning Board. The table below summarizes the principal, accessory, and special permit uses allowed in each of the Town's zoning districts.

Zoning District & Uses	
District	Permitted Principal, Accessory, and Special Permit Uses
RR-1 Single-Family Residential	Permitted Uses: single-family dwelling; customary agricultural operations on a farm; & uses in accordance with campground and recreational vehicle parks
	Accessory Uses: Home occupations; private swimming pools; private garages, ponds; & keeping of chickens
	Special Permit Uses: Golf courses and country clubs; cemeteries; places of worship; veterinary office for farm animals; satellite receiver antennas and windmills; private elementary and high schools; institutions of higher learning; public libraries; municipal buildings; horse boarding; & noncommercial broadcast radio antennas
RR-1A Single-Family Residential	Permitted Uses: single-family dwelling & customary agricultural operations on a farm
	Accessory Uses: Home occupations; private swimming pools; private garages, ponds; & keeping of chickens
	Special Permit Uses: Golf courses and country clubs; cemeteries; places of worship; veterinary office for farm animals; satellite receiver antennas and windmills; & noncommercial broadcast radio antennas
R Single-Family Residential	Permitted Uses: single-family dwelling; customary agricultural operations on a farm; public elementary and high schools; & public parks and playgrounds
	Accessory Uses: Home occupations; private swimming pools; satellite receiver antennas and windmills; private garages, ponds; & keeping of chickens
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Zoning District & Uses	
District	Permitted Principal, Accessory, and Special Permit Uses
Hamlet Multifamily/ Neighborhood Business	Permitted Uses: all uses permitted in any residential district; two-family dwelling; insurance offices; medical and dental offices; attorney's offices; offices for licensed professionals; barber shops and beauty shops; florist shops; & dog groomer stores.
	Accessory Uses: all permitted accessory uses in RR-1 and R Districts
	Special Permit Uses: Branch banks; commercial schools; supermarkets and convenience food stores; laundromat or dry-cleaning establishments; bakeries; drugstores or pharmacies; hardware stores, garden supply stores and paint and wallpaper stores; liquor stores; craft shops; sit-down and take-out restaurants; day-care centers; multifamily dwellings; hospital, sanitariums, rest homes, nursing homes, old-age or senior citizen housing and similar uses; & uses deemed compatible with the district by the Planning Board
B General Business	Permitted Uses: all uses permitted in the Hamlet District; retail outlets, department stores, strip shopping malls, banks, drive-in bank facilities, mortuaries or funeral homes, theaters, bowling alleys, miniature golf courses, driving ranges, batting cages or other associated uses deemed appropriate by the Planning Board; high-density residential uses; & offices
	Accessory Uses: uses accessory to the above permitted uses and deemed appropriate by the Planning Board
	Special Permit Uses: Bars, taverns, restaurants or other eating establishments; auto sales, new and used, and recreational vehicle sales; auto repair shops, auto accessories and parts; gasoline service stations, vehicle washes, rental of trucks, trailers or other associated uses deemed appropriate by the Planning Board; motels, hotels, bus stations, rental car agencies or other associated uses deemed appropriate by the Planning Board; mini storage facilities, machine shops, light manufacturing, assembling, fabrication or packaging of products from previously prepared materials, such as cloth, plastic, paper, leather or precious or semiprecious metals or stones, excluding maintenance, repair or outdoor storage facilities; scientific research or experimental development of materials, methods or products, including engineering and laboratory research; manufacture of electric, electronic or optical instruments or devices; administrative, educational, regional or district offices of various types of companies and other office-related activities in conjunction with a permitted use; public buildings and grounds, public utility substations and uses, excluding power plants, maintenance, repair or outdoor storage facilities; banks and drive-in banking facilities; mortuaries or funeral homes; & uses accessory to the above special permit uses and deemed appropriate by the Planning Board.
I General Industrial	Permitted Uses: All industrial uses, including sawmill operations, cutting, splitting and sale of firewood, not otherwise prohibited & quarries, sand pits and gravel pits.
PD Planned Development	Permitted Uses: All uses within an area designated as a PD District shall be determined in part by the approval of the proposed project and can include residential uses; commercial, service, and other nonresidential; public and private institutional and recreational facilities; office, research and manufacturing uses; open space, any permitted uses which are subject to a special use permit in any other zoning district; & uses which may be permitted pertaining to home occupation, minor.
MFD Municipal Facilities District	Specially Permitted Uses: Government-owned parks and recreational facilities open to use by the general public; government-owned municipal facilities and buildings, such as town halls, town highway facilities and town offices, public libraries; & minor uses by public utilities, such as pumping stations, but not including waste treatment plants. Accessory Uses: Customary accessory uses to the above uses

Town Subdivision Regulations

NYS Town Law allows Towns to authorize the Planning Board to review and approve the division of lots into one or more smaller lots. In addition to Board approval, subdivisions require a public hearing. In 2019, there was one subdivision application in the Town of Walworth for a total of 98 lots (see Table 3 below).

Subdivision Applications, Approvals, and Number of Lots (2019)	
Subdivision (containing 4 or more lots) Applications	1
Subdivision Approvals	0
Number of Lots (total)	98
SOURCE: GFLRPC 2019 Land Use Monitoring Report	

Comprehensive Plan (2016)

The Town of Walworth prepared a Comprehensive Plan update in 2016. The plan included an inventory of existing conditions, development vision and goals, and a conceptual land use plan. Below is a summary of the goals and recommendations outlined in the previous comprehensive plan.

The 2016 Comprehensive Plan outlined two major goals in terms of overall land use and zoning, as summarized below:

1. Concentrated residential development to remain in Hamlets and where sewer services are available.
2. Development to be contiguous, prioritizing orderly growth and preservation.

LAND USE PLAN

The Town's Land Use Plan aims to retain the predominantly rural and agricultural character of much of the Town, while retaining the accommodating additional residential development business development in appropriate areas and enhancing Rush Hamlet as a focal point of the community. The land use categories defined for the Land Use Plan are not identical to existing or proposed zoning district names; the Land Use Plan is intended as a general guide while the zoning map and zoning regulations will have the force of law. The Land Use Plan describes general areas with distinct characteristics and is intended to guide updates to the Town's Zoning map and regulations.

The Land Use Plan Map delineates the following land use categories:

- Hamlet Mixed Use
- Hamlet Residential
- Agricultural/ Rural Residential
- Commercial/ Limited Industrial
- Government, Recreation & Community Service.

Agricultural/ Rural Residential

Much of the land area in the Town is designated for continued Agriculture and Rural Residential uses. These areas are intended to accommodate farming as well as residential development. Areas designated Rural Residential encompass the existing RR-1 and RR 1-A zoning districts.

Residential

Areas designated Residential are intended to accommodate additional residential subdivisions and other types of Sewer service allows for more intensive residential development than in the rural, unsewered areas of the Town.

Manufactured Housing Overlay

The Manufactured Housing Overlay designation encompasses an existing manufactured home park and surrounding areas currently zoned MH Manufactured Housing Overlay.

Hamlet Mixed Use

The vision for the Hamlet Mixed Use designation is to accommodate a mix of residential and business uses on small lots consistent with the traditional historic development pattern within the hamlets of Walworth, Lincoln, and West Walworth, with accommodations for additional development in surrounding areas. A variety of business and residential uses are encouraged. Lot size and setback requirements should be consistent with existing development patterns. Design guidelines will help to maintain the character of the hamlet. The Hamlet Mixed Use areas align with the town's existing Hamlet zoning district.

Business

The Business designation is intended to support business development along the Route 441 corridor. A variety of business uses would be suitable in these locations, such as professional and personal services,

dealerships, retail, manufacturing within enclosed buildings, and storage facilities. Zoning for these areas should allow a wide variety of business and limited industrial uses as well as a variety of residential uses, including compact development such as townhouses and patio homes.

Town Office and Parks

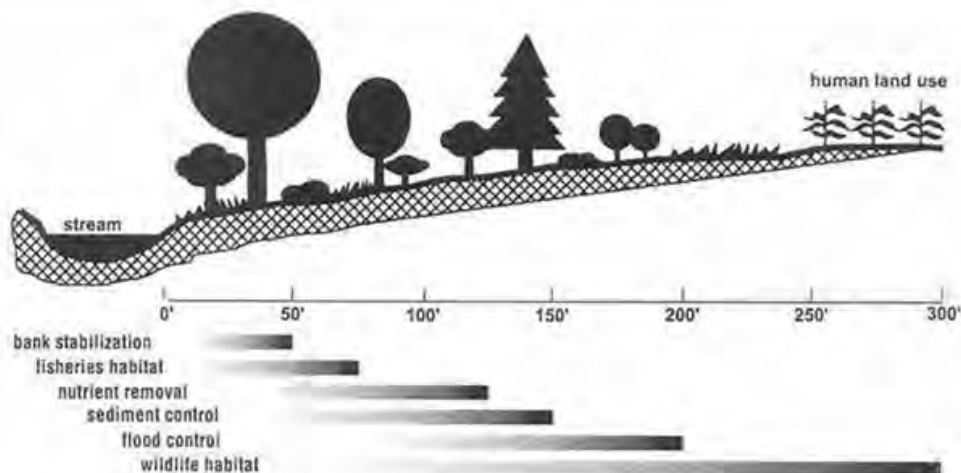
The Land Use Plan map designates the land currently occupied by the Town Hall and parks for continued public and recreational uses.

Conservation Overlays

The Conservation Overlays map designates areas where development is limited, and land is most suitable for conservation or agricultural use. These areas include:

- farmland protected through permanent conservation easements;
- wetlands protected by State and Federal agencies;
- flood hazard areas;
- stream corridors; and
- Wetlands, flood zones and stream corridors are generally not developable and have value for maintaining wildlife habitat and preventing flood damage.

Retaining or restoring vegetation adjoining streams can help to prevent erosion of soil and runoff of nutrients into streams. Recommended buffers from streams range from 50 to 150 feet based on the characteristics of the land adjoining the stream.



Sample buffers for various environmental quality goals

Figure 1: Sample stream buffer widths

As depicted in the figure above, a 50-foot buffer from the water's edge is typically minimal to maintain the stability of the stream bank; a 75-foot buffer maintains fisheries habitat; 125-foot buffer filters nutrients; and a 150-foot buffer is best to manage sedimentation. As each stream is different, field investigation would be needed to delineate the areas of sensitivity. The Conservation Overlay depicts all three buffers (measured from the centerline of the stream) as a guide to encourage retention of the natural vegetation along streams to protect of water quality and the ecological benefits of riparian buffers.

GOALS & RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

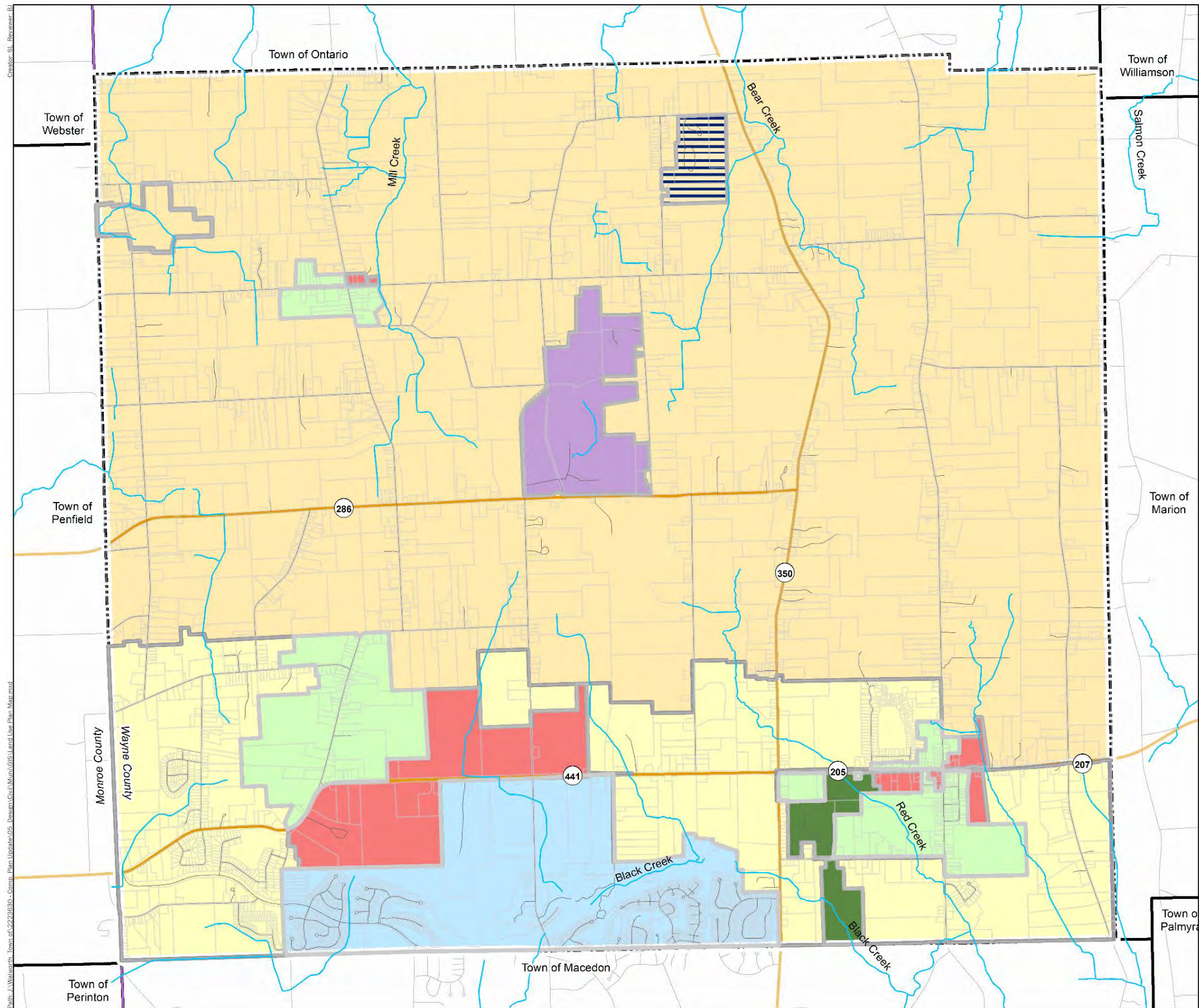
Goal: Preserve existing rural character, especially outside sewerred areas and hamlets.

Goal: Revitalize the Hamlet District to allow for a mix of uses, encourage local business development, and to create a greater sense of community.

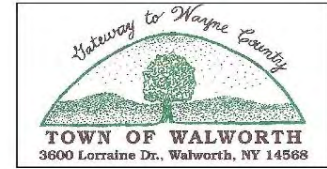
Goal: Encourage business development along the Route 441 corridor.

Recommended Actions

1. Maintain zoning for rural areas.
2. Revise zoning in the hamlets to accommodate a mix of residential and business uses.
3. Maintain business zoning along the Route 441 corridor.
4. Revise zoning – clear, streamlined, customize list for each district.
5. Extend sewer to additional locations along Route 441.



TOWN OF WALWORTH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



LAND USE PLAN MAP

Land Use Categories

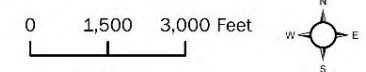
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- Manufactured Housing Overlay
- Hamlet Mixed Use
- Business
- Industrial / Mining
- Planned Development (Gananda)
- Town Office & Parks

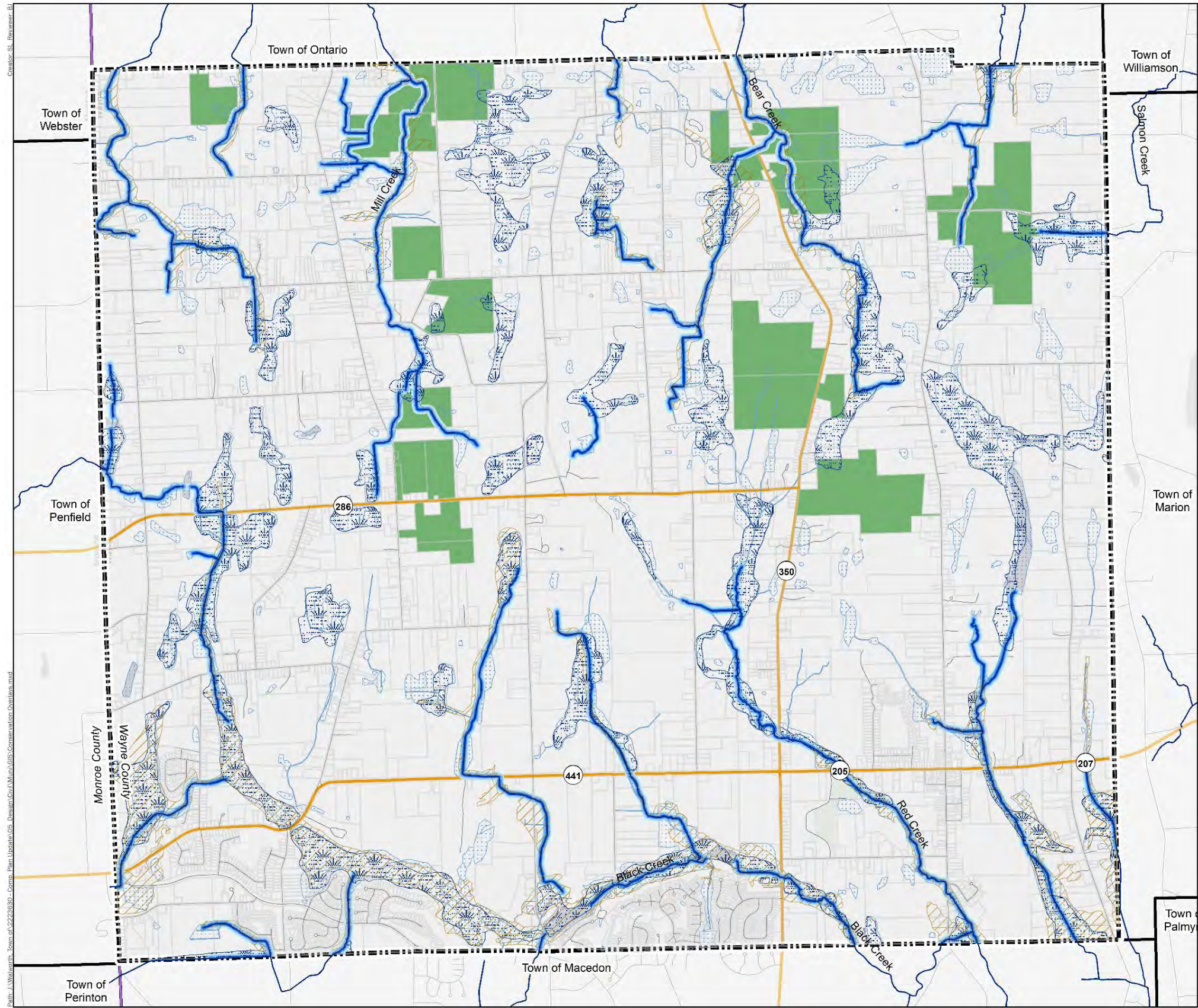
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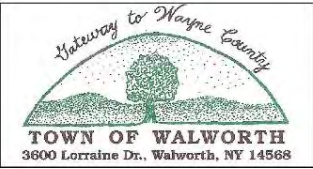
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TOWN OF WALWORTH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



LAND USE PLAN MAP CONSERVATION OVERLAYS

Conservation Overlays

- Protected Farmland
- Wetlands (DEC)
- Wetlands (NWI)

Flood Zone

- Flood zones (A and AE)

Stream Buffers

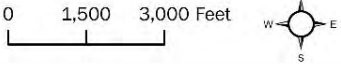
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HAMLET REVITALIZATION

CURRENT CONDITIONS

Along Route 441, on the east side of the Town, the Hamlet of Walworth is located less than a mile from Town Hall. This main town hub includes a mixture of residential, commercial, and community uses.



Land Use & Zoning

The Town of Walworth code includes a hamlet-specific zoning district entitled *Hamlet District: Multifamily/Neighborhood Business*.

Per §180-13 of the town code, the purpose of establishing this district is to “provide suitable areas or centers for multifamily residential dwellings and suitable areas and centers for convenience shopping and service-oriented used that are accessible to neighborhoods and in certain instances, can be used as a transition area between residential uses and commercial uses.”

A variety of residential uses are permitted, specifically *all uses permitted in any residential districts, subject to all provisions specified for such residential districts* (§180-13B). Permitted commercial uses are limited to the following:

- Insurance offices of independent or general agents.
- Medical and dental offices.
- Attorneys' offices.
- Offices for licensed professionals, such as architects, designers, engineers, etc.
- Barber shops and beauty shops.
- Florist shops.
- Dog groomer stores.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Per the community input survey, 73% of respondents indicated that they would like to see more food & beverage establishments, like restaurants and breweries, in the Town of Walworth. Restaurants are not permitted in the Hamlet District without a special permit (§180-13D) and the inclusion of at least 20 parking spaces (§180-39A). With these barriers, it is unlikely a restaurant could be established within the current hamlet.

40% indicated they would like to see more small retail businesses (clothing, specialty goods, etc.) and nearly 30% indicated they would like to see more entertainment and recreational businesses in the town. During the walking tour, individuals indicated they would like to see a bank and a bakery in the hamlet. Similar to restaurants, these uses are not permitted in the hamlet district without a special permit.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee held a public walking tour to solicit comment and feedback on the hamlet with a focus on local businesses. Attendants noted a lack of population volume and density along with disconnection from the larger market. Some of the hamlet businesses are hidden and lack visibility, especially for those that are not seen from Route 441. Most Town residents tend to pass through and pass by without stopping to explore the hamlet. Residents tend to travel west for amenities, instead of east towards the hamlet. Additionally, many visitors come to Ginegaw Park but don't continue less than a mile east into the hamlet. The hamlet competes with larger suburban towns with more amenities. Walworth businesses want to retain residents and keep them local for their shopping.

There was a desire for Town support specifically in terms of assisting with grant opportunities and event promotion. The walking tour group noted the following:

- Celebrate long-term businesses. To sustain a business long-term is a feat.
- Parking is an issue. Square footage is the basis for the required number of parking, and it can be difficult for businesses to meet these requirements.
- Town recreation programs speak to families who can provide patronage to local businesses.
- The Town should celebrate and spotlight businesses, and the hamlet should have a presence and be a point pride in our hamlet.
- Annually highlight local businesses before the holidays.
- Allow business ads to be placed in Town Topics. Include interviews with local business owners and use town programs & events as a vessel to engage local residents.
- Create a development team or corporation to bring things together, get funding, and coordinate events. The Town could employ an individual to head this or the community could form a volunteer group.

Placemaking Measures

During the hamlet walking tour, the following placemaking measures were suggested and discussed.

Walking towards the hamlet center from the Fire Station, the group past a vacant commercial space located at 2194 Walworth Penfield Road (Route 441). When asking what people would like to see at this location, the group agreed the space between the business and the sidewalk would be ideal for outdoor seating for a coffee shop or bakery. Though the group agreed outdoor seating would be preferable, elimination of the front parking area may bring the business out of compliance with the required parking minimum.



2194 Co Rd 205 (Route 441). Image from Google Maps.

The group approached the intersection at Route 441 and Walworth-Ontario Road, the de facto center of the hamlet and town. Individuals noted that individuals passing through are often not even aware they are currently in the hamlet when approaching the intersection. Individuals on the walking tour noted that the pedestrian space lacks lighting and is pitch black by 5:00 pm in the winter. In terms of circulation, individuals noted that the two curb cuts on the corner allows for traffic to cut through the pizzeria parking.

Placing a sculpture or other focal point in this location can act as a cornerstone of the hamlet and create additional visual interest. Additional lighting and landscaping can also help make the intersection safer and more aesthetically pleasing.

The inclusion of a welcome sign was also discussed to help appeal to passersby. In addition to signage in the hamlet, it may be beneficial to place signage at the intersection of Route 441 and Route 350, at the opening of the Gananda community, directing people to the hamlet and amenities further east.



Southwest corner of Route 441 and Walworth-Ontario Road (3719 Walworth Palmyra Road). Image from Google Maps.

The group talked about how people need a “third place,” a place where people spend time between home and work. More “third places” can strengthen Walworth’s sense of community and could result in greater resident retention. Further public features and cohesiveness can help improve the hamlet. One suggestion was the inclusion of cow benches in town to match the mural present on the post office in the hamlet.



Left: 2263 Walworth-Marion Road (Route 441). Image from Google Maps.

Right: 647 Park Avenue, Rochester, NY. Image from www.funkycow.com.

GOALS & RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Goal: Allow for a mix of uses in the hamlet areas

Allowing for a mix of housing and commercial uses within the hamlet can set the stage for an active town hub. Being less prescriptive in the uses permitted in the zoning code removes additional special processes for businesses and other development, easing the process and reducing the time and effort needed to gain approvals. A mix of uses can attract a wide range of residents and visitors while maintaining the traditional hamlet character.

Being less restrictive in the uses allowed in the hamlet can help facilitate adaptive reuse which promotes active occupation of structures while maintaining the existing physical character of the area. Adaptive reuse can encourage investment in the hamlet while preserving the historical value of older buildings.

Recommendations

1. Revise zoning regulations to accommodate a mix of uses and the traditional character of the hamlets.

Goal: Foster a business-friendly environment

The hamlet is a hub for local business activity with public support. Over 56% of public survey respondents indicated that they would like to see additional business development along Route 441, the major east-west thoroughfare on the southern side of the Town that runs through the hamlet. 47.33% of respondents indicated they would like to see additional business development specifically in the Hamlet of Walworth.

Recommendations

2. Eliminate parking minimums in the Hamlet District allows for more efficient land use, further walkability, and the removal of a substantial barrier to the establishment of new businesses.
3. Create a shop local campaign with a local business passport available at town hall for both residents and visitors.
4. Host workshops or open office hours at town hall which provide information regarding approvals required to run a business in town.
5. Reach out to local businesses to be a part of existing Town events including the Farmers Market and annual festivals.

Goal: Improve mobility, connectivity, and safety in the Hamlet

Making the streetscape safer and more accessible makes it easier for individuals to visit the hamlet, promoting additional activity and connection. The following measures can help improve mobility, connectivity, and safety in the Hamlet.

Recommendations

6. Installation of clear signage, maps, and wayfinding markers to guide pedestrians and visitors to key destinations. Features should be consistent and visually appealing.
7. Installation of pedestrian-scaled lights which may include adding lamps low on existing poles to eliminate the sidewalk.
8. As needed, replace public lighting to LEDs.
9. Install bike racks and repair stations to promote alternative forms of transit within the hamlet.
10. Delineate parking lot access points and reduce curb cut widths to discourage frontage pavement.
11. Enhance sidewalks, crosswalks, and street lighting where possible to make the town more pedestrian-friendly and safe.
12. Evaluate current sidewalk conditions and incorporate expected costs into capital improvement program.
13. Expand sidewalk network along Sherburne Road.
14. Advocate for pedestrian-activated signals or countdown timers at crosswalks, and for additional mid-block crossings, to improve safety for pedestrians along state roadways.

Goal: Enhance the sense of community in the Hamlet

Creating a sense of community can help revitalize the hamlet and promote connection amongst residents, businesses, and visitors. Safe, beautiful, public features and amenities create places where people want to be. Potential placemaking measures are outlined below.

Recommendations

15. Encourage local businesses and organizations to create public art installations which can include large-scale murals, sculptures, and painted intersections.
16. Install outdoor seating areas like benches, picnic tables, or seating areas in public spaces to encourage relaxation and socializing.
17. Maintain existing green spaces and incorporate trees, shrubs, and plantings to create a visually appealing environment and provide shade.

AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND

VISION

Agriculture will continue to be a predominant land use and major industry in the Town of Walworth. Farmland with high quality agricultural soils will continue to be available for farming.

CURRENT CONDITIONS

The Town is a traditional agricultural community with many large and small working farms. Approximately 10,880 acres (more than one-half of the Town's land area) and 318 parcels are classified as agricultural, including farm residences. Most of the Town is within a State-Certified Agricultural District Law as shown in Map 1: Agricultural Districts.

Agricultural Land Cover

Based on land cover data from satellites, 45% of the Town's land area (9,744 acres) is in pasture, hay, or cultivated crops. (See Map 2: Aerial Basemap and Map 3: Land Cover.)

Agricultural Parcels

Approximately 10,880 acres (more than one-half of the Town's total) in 318 parcels are parcels classified as agricultural, including farm residences.

Types of Farms

Types of farms in Walworth include field crops, dairy, other livestock, fruit and berry farms. Several farms sell directly to consumers with on-farm sales or community supported agriculture (CSAs).

Agricultural Soil Suitability

Approximately 80% of the Town's land area consist of high-quality agricultural soils (those classified as "Prime," "Farmland of Statewide Importance" or "Prime if Drained" in the USDA Soil Survey).

Approximately 11,700 acres, representing 54% of the Town's land area, consists of Prime soils. These soils are highly suited to agricultural production and represent an important resource for the region's agricultural industry.

Agricultural Soil Suitability	Acres	% of total
Prime Farmland	11,695	54%
Prime if drained	3,307	15.3%
Soils of Statewide Importance	2,063	9.5%
Not prime farmland	4,591	21.2%
SOURCE: USDA Soil Survey		

Protected Farmland

Several farms in the Town have been placed under permanent conservation easements. Funding for the easements was obtained through New York State's Farmland Implementation Grant Program, and in one case, through the federal Agricultural Conservation Program. Both programs purchase the development rights to farmland to prevent it from being developed for non-agricultural purposes. The conservation easements are held and managed by the Genesee Land Trust and the Town of Walworth.

The following farms are protected through conservation easements:

- G & S Orchards (fruit and berries, U-Pick, CSA); 200 acres in 2023
- Amsler Farm (commodity grains, woodlot); 231 acres in 2022
- Weber Farm (beef cattle); 396 acres in 2021 and 123 acres in 2007.
- DeMink Farm (corn, soybeans); 241 acres in 2015
- Keyes Farm (corn, other crops, woodlot); 129 acres in 2007

The protected farmland is best suited for continued agricultural use. As these lands no longer have value for development purposes, they may be affordable to young or beginning farmers to continue the tradition of farming and utilize high quality lands for agricultural production.

RELEVANT PLANS, PROGRAMS, & REGULATIONS

Agricultural Districts

Most of the Town's land area, comprising approximately 16,900 acres, are within Wayne County's consolidated Agricultural District #1. The Agricultural District must be renewed every eight years, at which time parcels may be added or removed. The 8-year review for Wayne County's Agricultural District No. 1 will be scheduled to take place in the fall of 2023.

While parcels can only be removed during the 8-year review process, landowners may request to have their parcels added to an Agricultural District during the County's Annual Ag District Enrollment period between January 1st and January 31st of each year. To be included in the Agricultural District, parcels must be predominantly viable for agriculture. The Wayne County Department of Economic Development and Planning manages the Agricultural District Program.

The Agricultural District program and NYS Agricultural District Law support the long-term economic viability of farming through the following benefits:

- Local governments may not enforce laws, ordinances, rules or regulations which would unreasonably restrict or regulate farm operations within an agricultural district unless it can be shown that public health or safety is threatened.
- To discourage private nuisance lawsuits, the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets will issue opinions and interpretations regarding what is considered a "sound agricultural practice".
- To limit the impact of projects that receive public funding or require an eminent domain, State agencies, local governments, and public benefit corporations which intend to acquire more than one acre of land from any active farm within an agricultural district or more than 10 acres in total from a district must file a notice of intent with the Commissioner of Agriculture and the County agricultural and farmland protection board.
- Assessments for special improvement districts are limited to dwellings and farm structures directly benefiting from the services.

Agricultural use assessment, established as part of the NYS Agricultural Districts Law, allows eligible farmland to be taxed based on its value for agricultural production, rather than at its fair market value. Landowners must apply annually to receive agricultural use assessments. The land must be used in a farm operation that generates the required minimum gross income to be eligible. Farmland owners must apply annually to the Town Assessor to request agricultural use assessments.

Wayne County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan (2023 Update)

The Wayne County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan (2023 Update) identifies actively farmed land with soils highly suitable for agricultural use as priorities for long-term protection. The Plan identifies active farmland with soils classified as prime farmland, soils of statewide importance, and prime soils if drained (that have been improved with drainage infrastructure) as well as soils classified as Mineral Soil Groups 1 – 5 as the highest quality. The Plan recommends that land preservation activities target these high-priority agricultural lands.

The County Ag Plan recommended strategies and actions to:

- enhance agricultural economic development;
- protect farmland;
- Improve public awareness and understanding of agriculture; and
- Support farm operations.

The strategy most relevant to the Town of Walworth is, “Strategy R. Avoid or minimize impacts on agriculture and farmland from non-agricultural development.” The Plan recommends that municipalities:

- Utilize the Agricultural Data Statement during review of proposed development projects to identify potential impacts to agriculture and alternatives that would avoid or mitigate those impacts; and
- Educate planning and zoning boards about ways to avoid or minimize impacts on farms and farmlands by revising zoning and subdivision regulations and applying standards for development reviews.

The Plan references [toolkit](#) published by the American Farmland Trust to guide local governments in ways to retain farmland and minimize impacts of development.

GOALS & RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Goal: Retain high quality farmland for agricultural production

Recommendations

1. Encourage farmers to partner with land trust organizations to place permanent easements on their land.
2. Maintain local laws to limit the development of large-scale solar facilities on high quality farmland.

Goal: Maintain the economic viability of farms

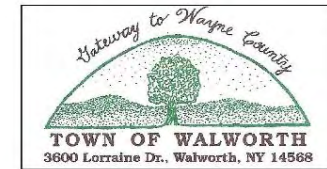
Recommendations

3. Revise zoning as needed to accommodate value-added production and agri-tourism activities on farms.



Fall harvest stand (Source: Walworth Historical Society)

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AGRICULTURAL SOIL SUITABILITY

Agricultural Soil Suitability

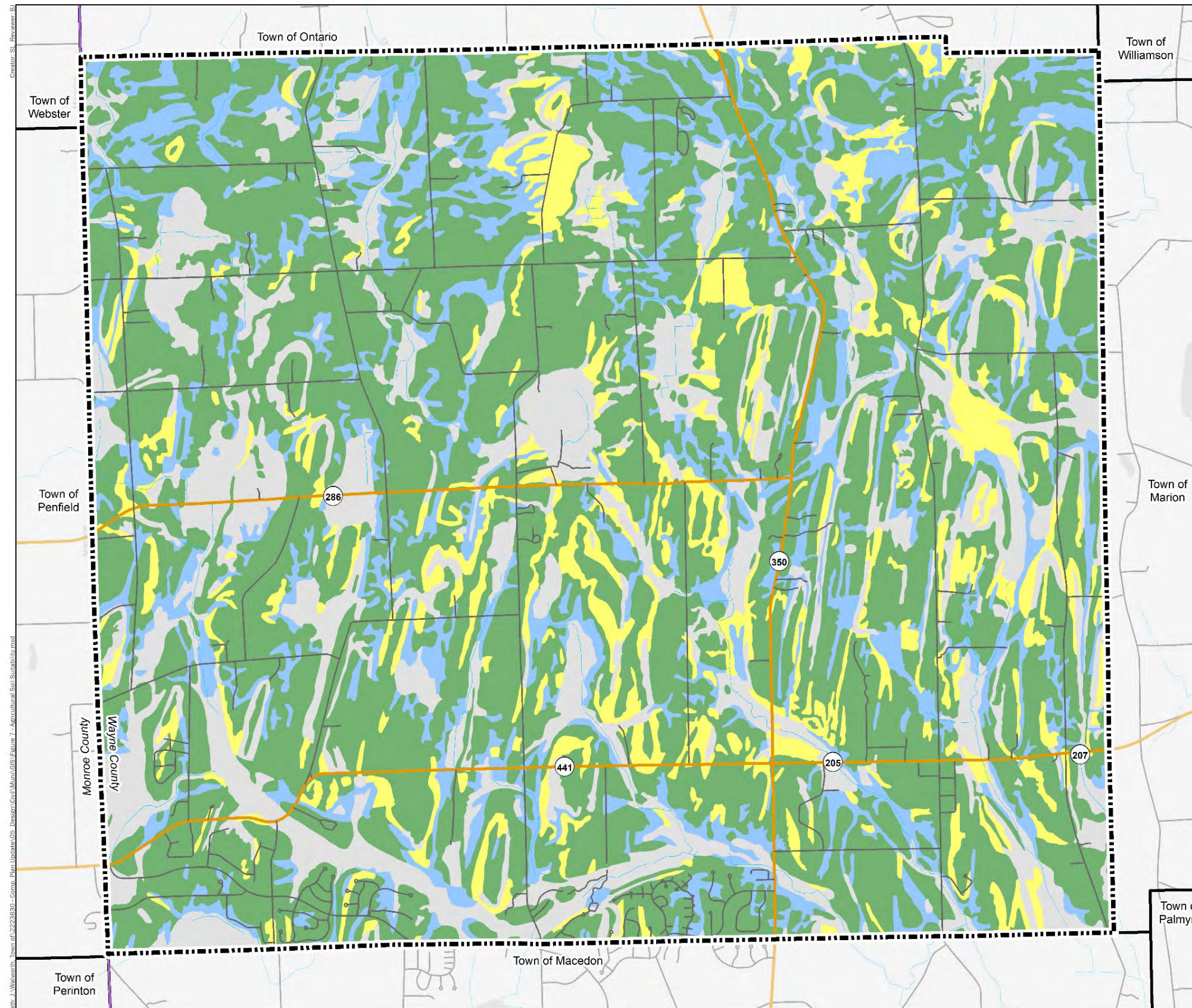
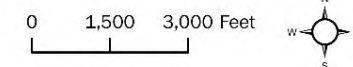
- All areas are prime farmland
- Farmland of statewide importance
- Prime farmland if drained
- Not prime farmland

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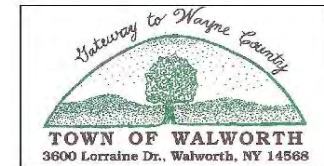


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AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

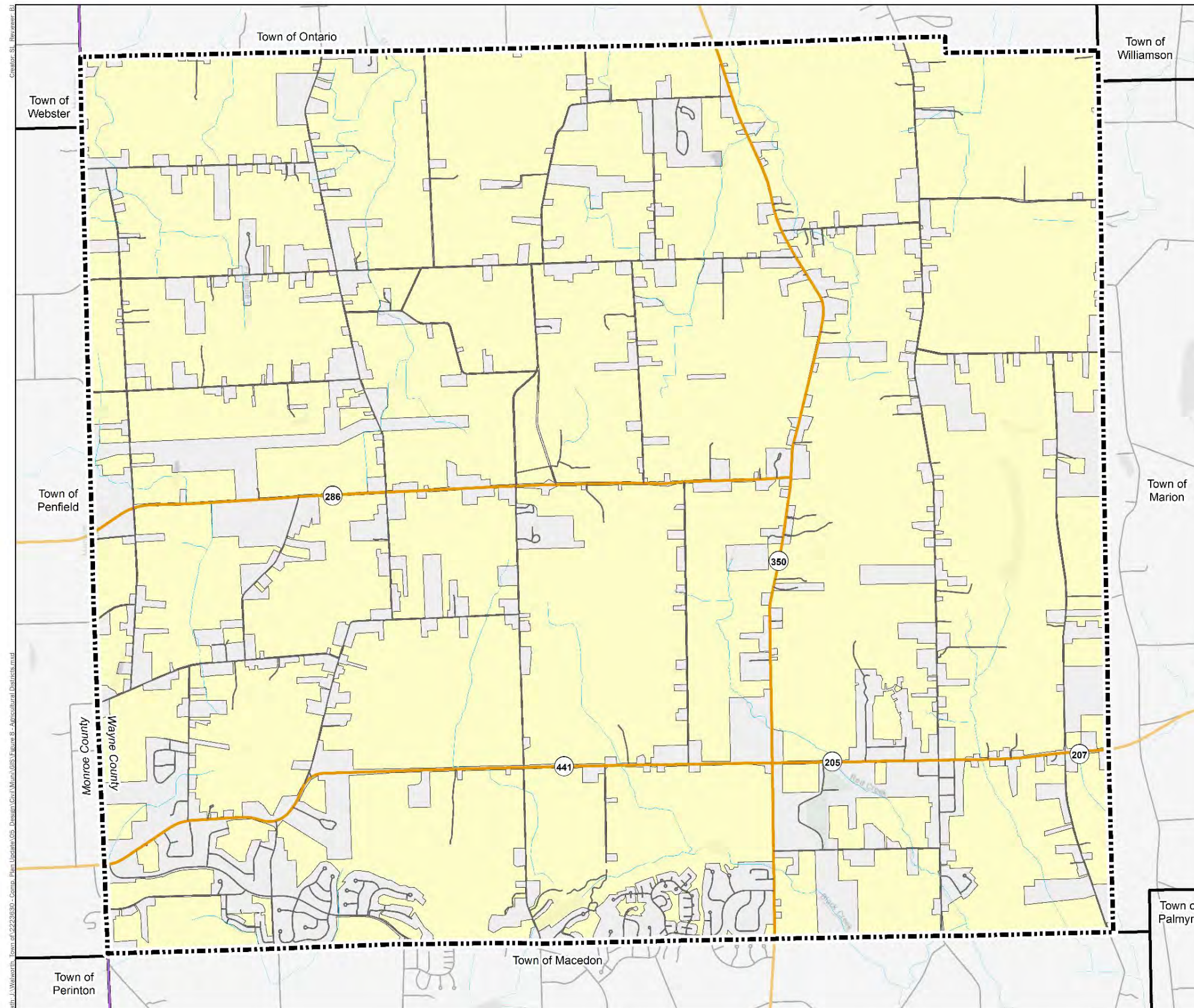
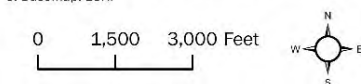
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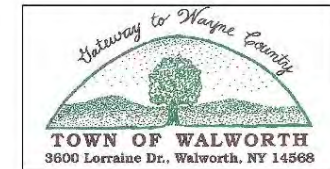


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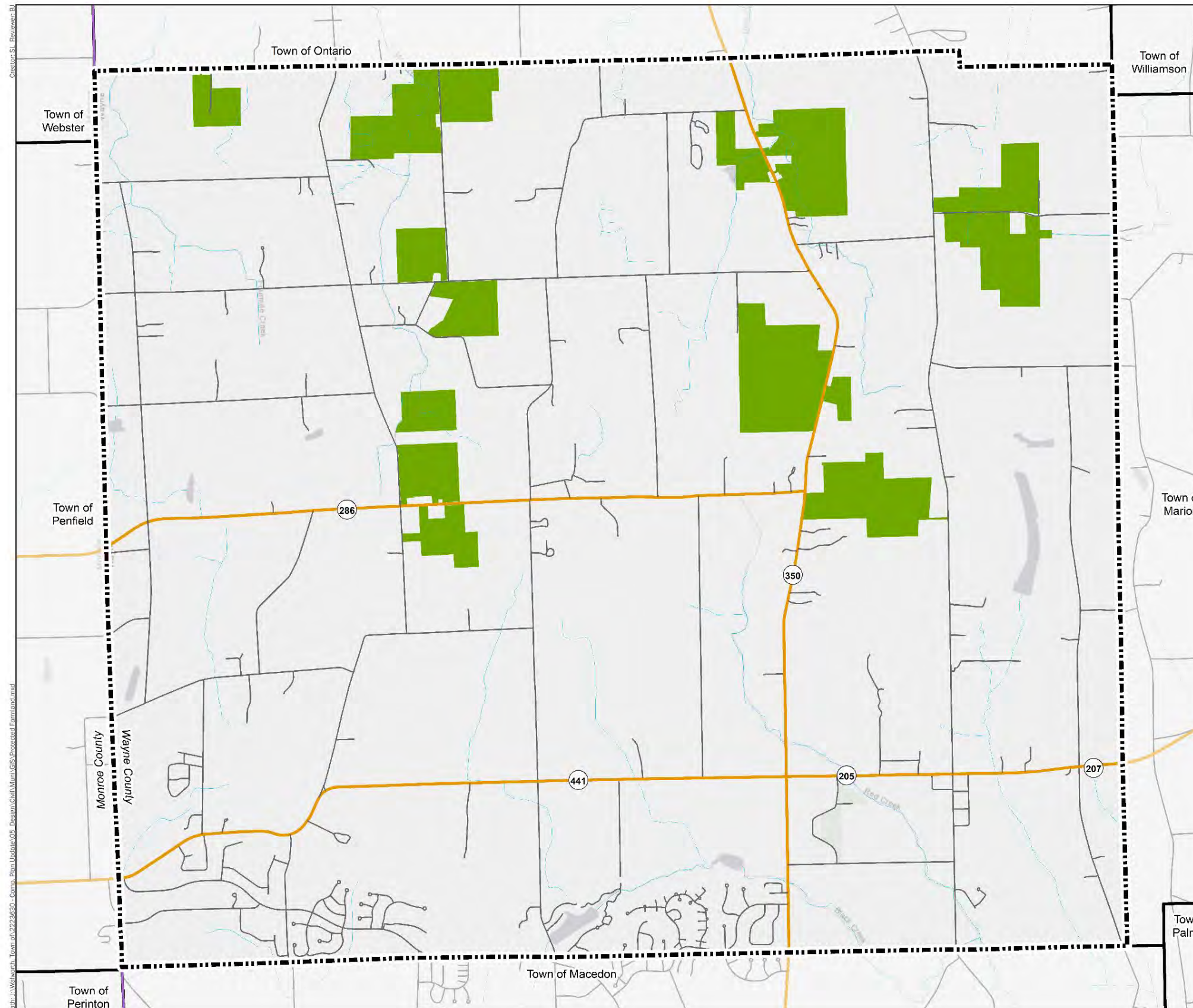
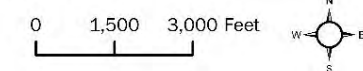
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NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

VISION

The Town will protect and preserve sensitive natural resources to maintain water quality and ecosystem benefits.

CURRENT CONDITIONS

Geology & Soils

Topography & Bedrock Geology

The topography of the Town of Walworth contains numerous drumlins and small steep hills scattered across the town. Drumlins are elongated oval-shaped hills formed by retreating prehistoric glaciers. The drumlins in Walworth extend north to south and range from one mile to one-half miles in length. Surface elevations throughout the town vary from a low of approximately 400 ft (122 m) to an elevation high of 656 ft (200 m) above sea level. The town's lower elevations are primarily associated with the land along the creek valleys of Bear Creek, Mill Creek, and Red Creek. The town's highest elevations are associated with the myriad of hills throughout the lower half of the town such as Boyton Hill, Kuttruff Hill, and Morse Hill.

The bedrock geology underneath the Town of Walworth is comprised of sedimentary rock types dolostone, limestone, and shale which trend across the town east to west. Bedrock characteristics can strongly influence above and below ground water movement and the movement of contaminants in water supplies. The types of bedrock found underneath Walworth are typically more permeable and are therefore more susceptible to groundwater contamination from surface water runoff.

Surficial Geology & Soils

Surficial geology is the layer of unconsolidated sediment that sits above the bedrock. The two primary groups of surficial geology throughout the town are outwash sand and gravel (og) and till (t); additionally, there is a large stretch of bedrock (r) that stretches east to west across the top half of the town.

Soil is the foundation for ecosystems and many of the ecosystem services that humans benefit from. Ecosystem services that soil provides includes nutrient and water cycling, filtering nutrients and contaminants, biological control of pests and diseases, and providing raw materials such as clay and topsoil. When considering land use, it is important to account for soil characteristics such as pH, texture, acidity, permeability, drainage, organic content, depth to bedrock, and slope. These types of characteristics can impact projects such as the design of drainage systems, septic system evaluation, building basement and foundation construction, and agricultural yield. In Walworth, the predominant soil association is Madrid-Bombay. This soils association is characterized as deep, well to moderately well-drained, and moderately coarse textured soils.

Most of the soils in Walworth are considered ideal for agriculture. 11,803 acres of land or 57% of all land within the town has soils that are considered prime farmland while an additional 9 acres are considered

farmland of statewide significance. Farmers in Walworth utilize these prime farmland soils to grow general crops, corn, and a variety of grains.

Water Resources

Watersheds

A watershed is an area of land from which all water drains into a particular stream, river, lake, or other waterbody. Surface topographic features (such as ridges, mountains, and hills) help to define the boundaries of these watersheds. In Walworth, all the water that falls on the land or is expelled drains into four different HUC-12 sub-watersheds (Appendix watershed map). Water within these sub-watersheds carry water into two HUC-8 watersheds, the Irondequoit-Ninemile Creek and Seneca River. Divided by the elevations across the middle of the town, sub-watersheds in the northern half drain directly into Lake Ontario while sub-watersheds in the southern half drain into the Seneca and Oswego Rivers drainage basin via the Erie Canal which itself then drains into Lake Ontario.

The Irondequoit-Nine Mile Creek Watershed encompasses 454,207 acres of land across Monroe, Wayne, Cayuga, and Oswego County. This watershed covers 11,526 acres of land in the town. The sub-watersheds Fourmile Creek, Bear & Mill Creek, and Salmon Creek all drain into this watershed. According to the National Land Cover Database (NLCD), 48% of landcover within this watershed is considered agricultural land, 23% is considered forested, and 8% is considered developed.

The Seneca River Watershed covers 2,211,908. acres of land across Ontario. Steuben, Wayne, Yates, Cayuga, Tompkins, and Seneca County. This watershed covers 10,177 acres of land in the town. Only the sub-watershed Red Creek West drains into this watershed. According to the NLCD, 42% of landcover within the watershed is considered agricultural, 24% is forested, and 16% is considered developed. As seen in Table X, a primary source of impairment for nearly all the sub-watersheds found in Walworth is agriculture.

Subwatershed	Acreage within the Town	Water Quality Class	Best Uses	Source of Pollutants	Pollutants
Fourmile Creek	1,545	C	Fishing	Unknown	Dissolved Oxygen and pH
Bear & Mill Creek	7,317	C	Fishing	Agriculture and Atmospheric Sources	Dissolved Oxygen, pH, E. Coli, and Pesticides
Salmon Creek	358	C	Fishing	Stormwater Runoff, Agriculture, and Atmospheric Sources	Phosphorus, Nitrogen, and pH
Red Creek West	12,447	C	Fishing	Agriculture	Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Phosphorous, and Suspended Sediments

Waterbodies

The primary waterbodies throughout the Town of Walworth are Bear Creek, Black/Red Creek, Fourmile Creek, and Mill Creek. Bear, Fourmile, and Mill Creek all begin in the northern half of Walworth and traverse northward before emptying into Lake Ontario. The headwaters of Black/Red Creek originate in Walworth through various tributaries. These various streams eventually coalesce into one waterbody before reaching its outfall into the Lower Ganargua Creek. Not all waterbodies in the Town of Walworth have had their water quality assessed by the NYSDEC, however, those that have been assessed have a water quality grade of C which means their best use is for fishing only.

Wetlands & Floodplains

Other significant waterbodies within the town include wetlands and floodplains. In Walworth, there are 56 New York State regulated wetlands that cover 3,882 acres of land. Additionally, there are 870 federally mapped wetlands in the town. Wetlands provide a plethora of ecosystem services that benefit agricultural practices, the natural environment, and the residents of Walworth. such ecosystem services include filtering and sequestering stormwater/urban runoff, supporting pollinator populations, recharging well water sources, and protecting lands from flood damage.

Floodplains are areas of low-lying land that are typically found adjacent to bodies of water that become inundated during times of high-water flow. Floodplains in Walworth are found along the banks of Bear Creek, Black/Red Creek, Mill Creek, and Fourmile Creek. These Floodplains offer several ecosystem services that benefit the natural environment and residents of Wales. These ecosystem services include regulating flood risk/damage, recharging groundwater capacity, regulating sediment and nutrient levels, and maintaining wildlife habitats. There are 444 parcels in the Town of Walworth that are in a floodplain, which is 12% of the total number of parcels in the town. Of these 444 parcels, 57% contain single family residences, however, as of 2020 there are only 6 properties that have flood insurance with FEMA.

Parcel Type	# of Parcels in the Floodplain
Single Family Res.	255
Two-Family Res.	1
Rural Res.	77
Agriculture	11
Vacant Land	82
Commercial & Industrial	10
Public Infrastructure	5
Conservation & Parkland	2

Groundwater & Aquifers

Groundwater is a primary source of water that feeds rivers and streams while aquifers are defined as areas with significant amounts of groundwater saturation. Aquifers can be used as a primary source of water to supply private wells and irrigation systems. However, groundwater supply can be impacted by the amount of impervious surface area or the type of bedrock in a watershed by altering the rate which water infiltrates the ground. Additionally, groundwater and subsequently aquifers can become contaminated by polluted run-off from sources such as salting roads and applying pesticides to residential lawns and agricultural fields. Municipal drinking water provided by the Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority is available for Walworth residents on 95% of the town's roads. This water comes from a variety of sources including Lake Ontario, Canandaigua Lake, and several drilled wells. The town's remaining population

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receives their water from individual household wells. There are 15 registered wells in Walworth with the NYSDEC. Most of these wells are located throughout the southern half of the town around the only aquifer within the town boundary. This aquifer is unconfined and has yield varying between 10-100 gal/min. This aquifer is not a primary aquifer; therefore, NYS does not regulate what is built on the ground above it.

Climate

Climate in Wayne County and the Town of Walworth is temperate and variable, from warm summers bringing the occasional drought to cold and snowy winters. However, there is widespread scientific consensus that the Earth's climate is warming, and this is at least partially a result of human activity. Generated by the burning of fossil fuels and other industrial processes, greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and methane accumulate within the planet's atmosphere, trapping heat that normally would escape into space and thus warming the planet over time. In 2014, The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) updated their ClimAID, Responding to Climate Change in New York State, Technical Report with new projections on the impact of climate change in New York State, including Wayne County.

Air Temperature

Average yearly temperature in the Town of Walworth is 48.5 °F with a summer average high of 79.6 °F and a winter average low of 19.6 °F. According to the 2014 ClimAID Report, the average annual air temperature in Walworth and Wayne County is predicted to increase by 4.3-6.3 °F by the year 2050 and by as much as 11.7 °F by 2100. NYSERDA's report anticipates that each season will experience similar amounts of warming. For the Town of Walworth this means that the growing season could lengthen by over a month and new crops will be able to be grown, however, summer will become more intense, and winters will be milder. Furthermore, rising air temperatures can be a concern to human health as warmer temperatures can exacerbate asthma, allergies, and other respiratory issues.

Precipitation

On average, the Town of Walworth receives 2.05" of rainfall per month with an average of 24.7" of rainfall per year. According to the 2014 ClimAID Report, the average rate of precipitation in Walworth and Wayne County is predicted to increase by 4-10% by 2050 and by as much as 19% in 2100. Flooding and streambank erosion will become a persistent hazard with more continual heavy rainfall events.

Severe Weather Events

As climate characteristics such as air temperature and precipitation are anticipated to increase, the rate of extreme weather events is also anticipated to increase. According to the 2022 Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, Walworth has experienced several hazard events over recent years. These events include high wind thunderstorms, hailstorms, and lake-effect snowstorms. The increase in severe weather events and daily temperatures will have the potential to negatively impact resident health and the local economy of Walworth.

Decade	# of Days over 90F	# of Days under 32F
2020s	14-17	103-111
2050s	22-34	84-96
2080s	27-57	68-88

RELEVANT PLANS, STUDIES, & PROGRAMS**Wayne County Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Strategic Plan (2021)**

In 2021, the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District released their 2021-2025 AEM Strategic Plan. The mission of the plan is to bridge knowledge gaps in the county's agricultural community by providing information on new conservation technologies and encouraging farmers to improve and mitigate impacts on the environmental and economic sustainability of their land. For this plan, each watershed within the county was assessed based on the amount of cropland, number of farms, type of farms, agricultural water quality impacts, soil sampling, farmer input, and previous studies. Results from this assessment identified which watersheds should be targeted each year throughout the plans duration into 2025. The plan recommends that the County's watersheds be prioritized as follows:

2021: Fourmile Creek, Bear/Mill Creek, Salmon Creek East & West

2022: Red Creek West & East and Upper Ganargua Creek

2023: Sodus Bay/Sodus Creek, East Bay/Mudge Creek, Port Bay/Wolcott Creek, Blind Sodus Bay/Blind Sodus-Red-Little & Black Creek

2024: Lower Ganargua Creek, Erie Canal West, Canandaigua Outlet, and Black Brook

2025: Erie Canal East, Clyde River, Crusoe/Butler/Black Creeks, and Seneca River

During each year of the program, specific tasks will be conducted for the listed watersheds including contacting landowners/farmers in the watershed, scheduling outreach and education events, initiating various plans with farmers including comprehensive nutrient management plans and whole farm plans, and finally applying for grants and other funding to implement best management practices on farms. The four watersheds that cover land in the Town of Walworth were all assessed in 2021 and 2022.

Red Creek West Watershed Assessment (2014)

Published in 2015 by the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District, this report sought to assess the water quality of the Red Creek West watershed, identify sources of pollution, and provide recommendations for remediation. The headwaters of Red Creek originate along the Wayne-Monroe County line in the Towns of Walworth and Macedon. The creek flows throughout Wayne County before reaching its outfall into the Lower Ganargua Creek. In total the Red Creek West watershed covers 30,750 acres of land, 12,477 of which covers land in Walworth.

This report analyzed the water quality of the Red Creek West watershed by sampling the concentrations for four pollutants: total phosphorus (TP), Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN), Nitrate/Nitrite (NO_x), and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). Of these four pollutants, TP and TKN exceeded standards set by NYS and EPA. For TP, NYS sets a standard for concentrations in flowing water to be 0.065 mg/L, the average concentration of TP in the watershed across 16 testing sites was 0.0765 mg/L. For TKN, the EPA sets a standard for waterbodies to have no more than 0.2 mg/L of TKN, however, the average concentration of TKN in this watershed was 0.889 mg/L which is over 4x the recommended level.

Following the analysis of water quality within the watershed, this report identified several sources of pollution. These sources include non-point sources such as livestock, cropland, stormwater runoff, septic system discharges, and hydrologic modification. In addition, one point source was identified which is a wastewater treatment plant in the Town of Walworth. The report concluded by offering recommendations to reduce pollution from each source. For the Town of Walworth, recommendations included upgrading

the Town's wastewater treatment plant and to implement green infrastructure projects along Red Creek West to mitigate stormwater runoff.

Town of Walworth MS4 Program

An MS4, otherwise known as a "municipal separate storm sewer system" is a collection of structures, including retention basins, ditches, and underground pipes that is separate from a sewer system and designated to gather stormwater from built-up areas and discharge it into bodies of water without treatment. MS4s that are located within an urbanized boundary as designated by the U.S. Census are required by the EPA to develop a stormwater management program (SWMP) which is regulated by the NYSDEC. The program is intended to protect waterways by helping reduce the quantity of pollutants that stormwater picks up and carries through the Town's MS4.

To comply with these requirements, the Town of Walworth first passed their stormwater management local law in 2007. As part of this local law, the Town has an appointed stormwater management officer who is responsible for conducting inspections on all stormwater management practices throughout the Town. When properties or construction projects are in violation of the Town's local law, the officer may place stop-work orders, levy fines, or require the restoration of lands in violation. Furthermore, the Town's local law provides the Town authority to control the illicit discharge of pollutants into the Town's MS4 and may suspend service to properties if illicit discharges are detected. Other activities that the Town does to minimize pollutants in stormwater runoff within the Town includes (1) maintaining a website detailing Town MS4 activities, (2) notifying the public of upcoming stormwater related activities, (3) keeping an updated map on file of all storm drain outfalls, (4) having the Town Planning Board and Engineer review stormwater pollution prevention plans for compliance, and (5) conducting post-construction inspections on all stormwater features maintained by the Town's Highway Department.

To help support smaller communities in Wayne and Ontario County with their SWMP, government entities within the area including the Towns of Farmington, Macedon, Ontario, Walworth, the Wayne and Ontario County Highway Departments, and the Town and Village of Victor formed the Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition (OWSC). As part of being a MS4 community, municipalities are required to provide an annual report to the DEC highlighting how they are implementing the six minimum control measures (MCMs) of their SWMP: (1) Public education and outreach, (2) public involvement and participation, (3) illicit discharge detection and elimination, (4) construct site stormwater runoff control, (5) post construction stormwater management, and (6) pollution prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations. Coalition members work together to fulfill these MCMs and to improve water quality in a cost-effective manner. The coalition itself submits the annual report on behalf of these municipalities and assists with the implementation of MCMs 1 and 2. Each municipality and agency implement MCM 4 and 5 for their entire area of authority and MCMs 1, 3, and 6 in MS4 designated areas only. To help with MCMs 1 and 2, the OWSC hosts workshops, conducts annual trainings, installs signage at storm drains for public awareness, and publishes educational literature to be distributed to the public.

Despite the best efforts by the Town and the OWSC to mitigate pollutant sources in stormwater runoff, the water quality for all major waterbodies in the Town of Walworth is classified by the DEC as class C. Below is summary of all known potential stormwater pollution sources in and around the Town of Walworth.

NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Town of Walworth Dams

Name	Hazard Level	Located in a MS4 Area
D M Dalton Pond Dam	Not Assigned	Y
William Daly Marsh Dam	Low Hazard	N
New Carey Pond Dam	Low Hazard	N
Stonewall Golf Course Dam A	Low Hazard	N
Stonewall Golf Course Dam B	Low Hazard	N
Stonewall Golf Course Dam C	Low Hazard	N
Gananda Gold Course Dam	Low Hazard	N
Leeward Lake Dam	Intermediate Hazard	N
Windward Lake Dam	Low Hazard	N
Baker-kemp Pond Dam	Not Assigned	N

- 1 Town of Walworth Sewer District #1 WWTP
- 2 15 registered PBS Facilities, six of which are still active.
- 3 One active CBS Facility
- 4 One permitted and one reclaimed mine
- 5 One concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO)

In addition to these potential sources of stormwater runoff pollution, there is one known environmental clean-up and monitoring site within the Town. From 1965-1966 The Hoff Brothers Refuse Site was used for the disposal and storage of waste oil and solvents from Xerox. Upon closure of the site in 1967, residents complained of foul smells and tastes in their drinking water. Private wells were sampled, and analyses revealed the presence of several contaminants. Post-closure assessments of the site concluded in 1997.

GOALS & RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Goal: Protect water quality

Nearly 86% of respondents rated “Protection of water quality of streams and ponds” as very important for the future of the Town. The following recommendations can help assist the Town in protecting its water quality. Define buffer zones around water bodies and wetlands and limit development in these areas to prevent pollution, erosion, and habitat disruption.

Recommendations

1. Revise zoning to incorporate minimum buffers around streams.
2. Continue active participation in the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program which prioritizes stormwater management.
3. Continue comprehensive SEQRA reviews as part of the development review process.

Goal: Maintain natural features and environmental resources

Walworth's natural features and open spaces sets it apart from many of the surrounding, more suburbanized municipalities. This open space provides various benefits including mitigating pollution, reducing stormwater discharge, and maintaining wildlife habitat.

Recommendations

4. Review Town's zoning code to incorporate additional protections of environmental resources.
5. Revise zoning code to ensure open space retained via cluster development is meaningful and has ecological and/or recreational benefits.

Goal: Prioritize stewardship of Town parks and their natural features

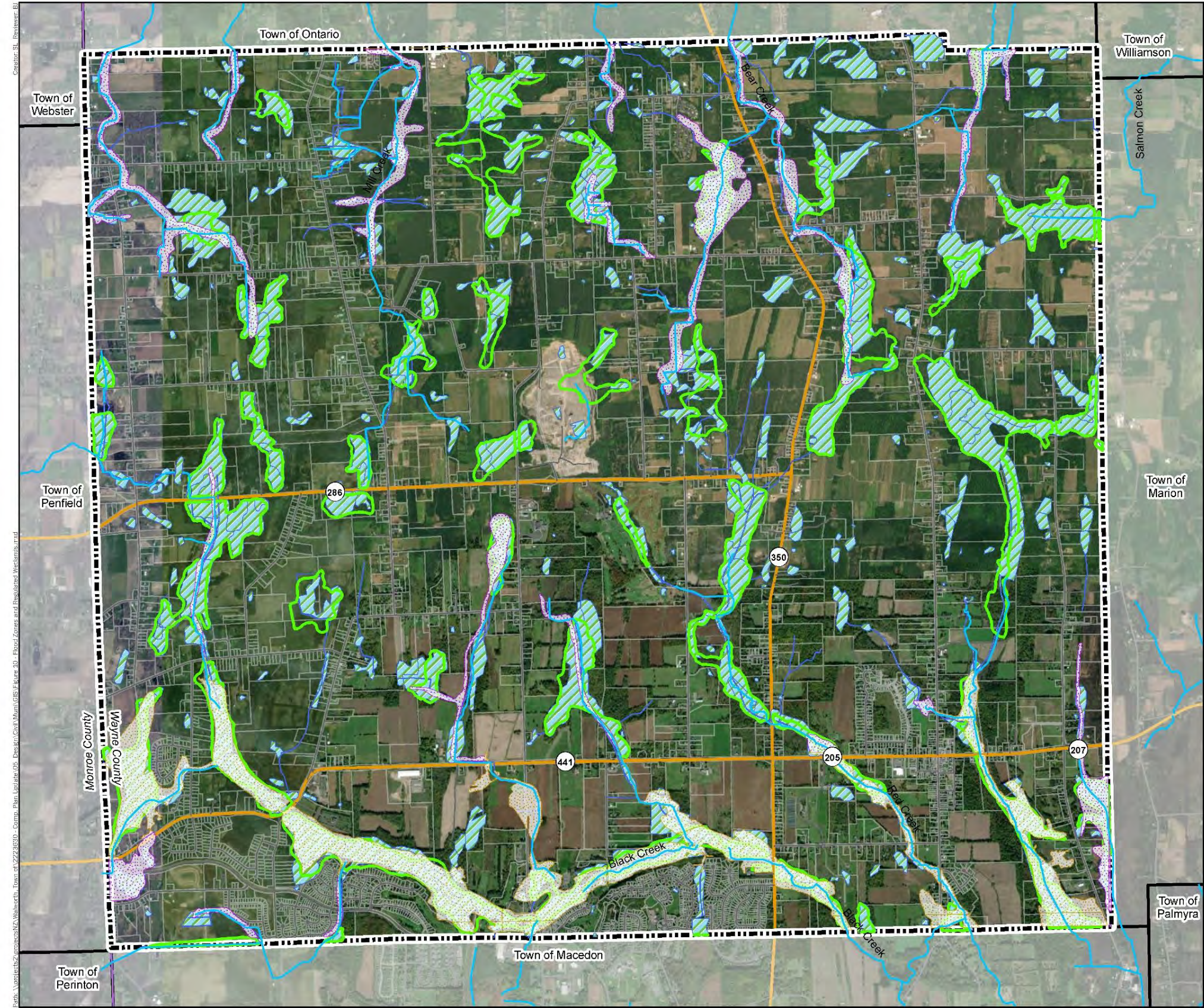
Beyond its recreational benefits, Town parks also provide environmental benefits to its residents, including preservation of natural landscapes and habitats as well as heat and stormwater mitigation. To ensure these benefits remain into the future, the Town must continue to prioritize the maintenance and expansion of park land and resources.

Recommendation

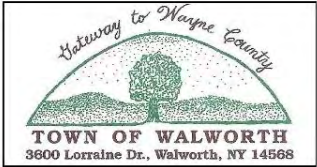
6. Carry out tree planting and maintain vegetation within stream buffers at Town parks and other Town-owned land.



Photo Source: Walworth Historical Society



TOWN OF WALWORTH
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



FLOOD ZONES &
REGULATED WETLANDS

- Wetlands (DEC)
- Wetlands (NWI)
- Flood Zone**
 - A
 - AE

- Town Boundary
- Other Municipal Boundaries
- County Boundary
- State Highway
- Local Road
- Railroad
- Streams
- Parcels



LaBella Project No: 2223630
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- Sources:
- 1. Municipality Boundaries and Roads: NYS GIS Program Office
 - 2. Parcels (2021): Regrid
 - 3. Streams: U.S. Geological Survey, National Geospatial Program
 - 4. Railroad: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
 - 5. Basemap: ESRI
 - 6. Wetlands: DEC & NWI
 - 7. Floodzone: FEMA NFHL

0 1,500 3,000 Feet



POPULATION & HOUSING

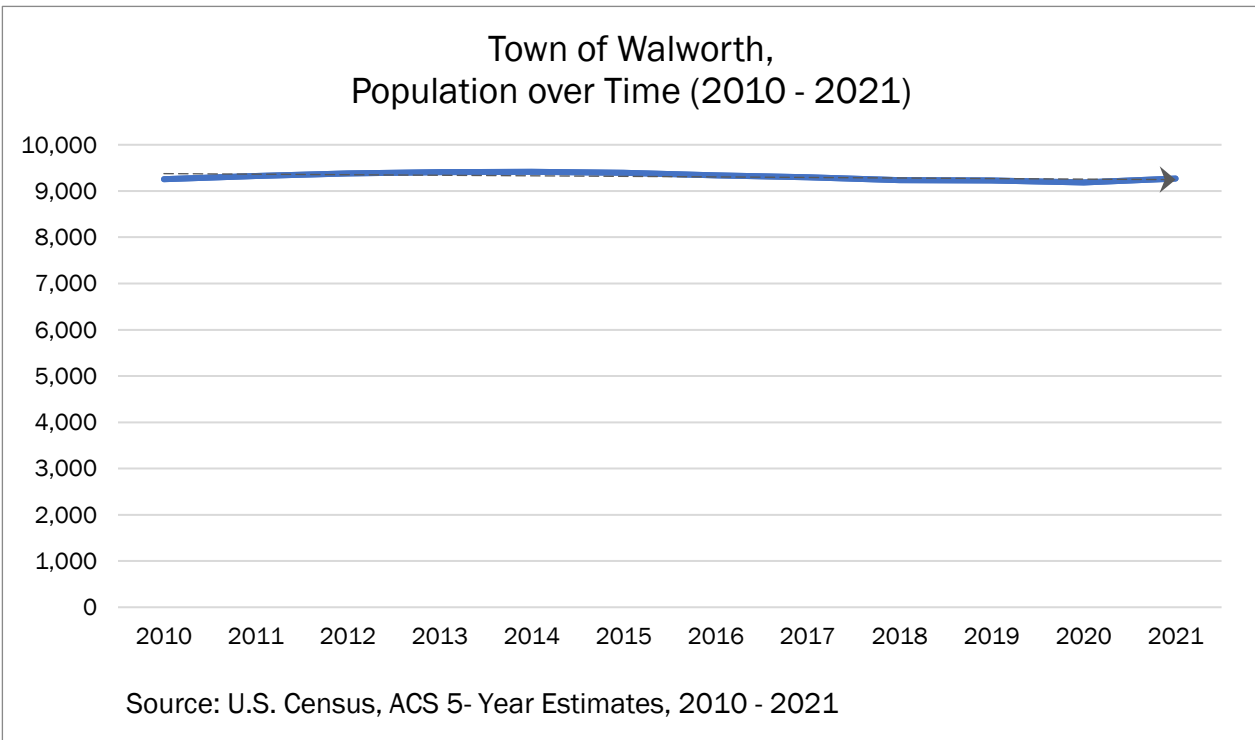
This chapter presents an overview of current conditions and trends in Town's population and types of housing, describes the issues and opportunities raised in the Community Survey, and recommends actions to maintain a high quality of life for Town residents.

Population

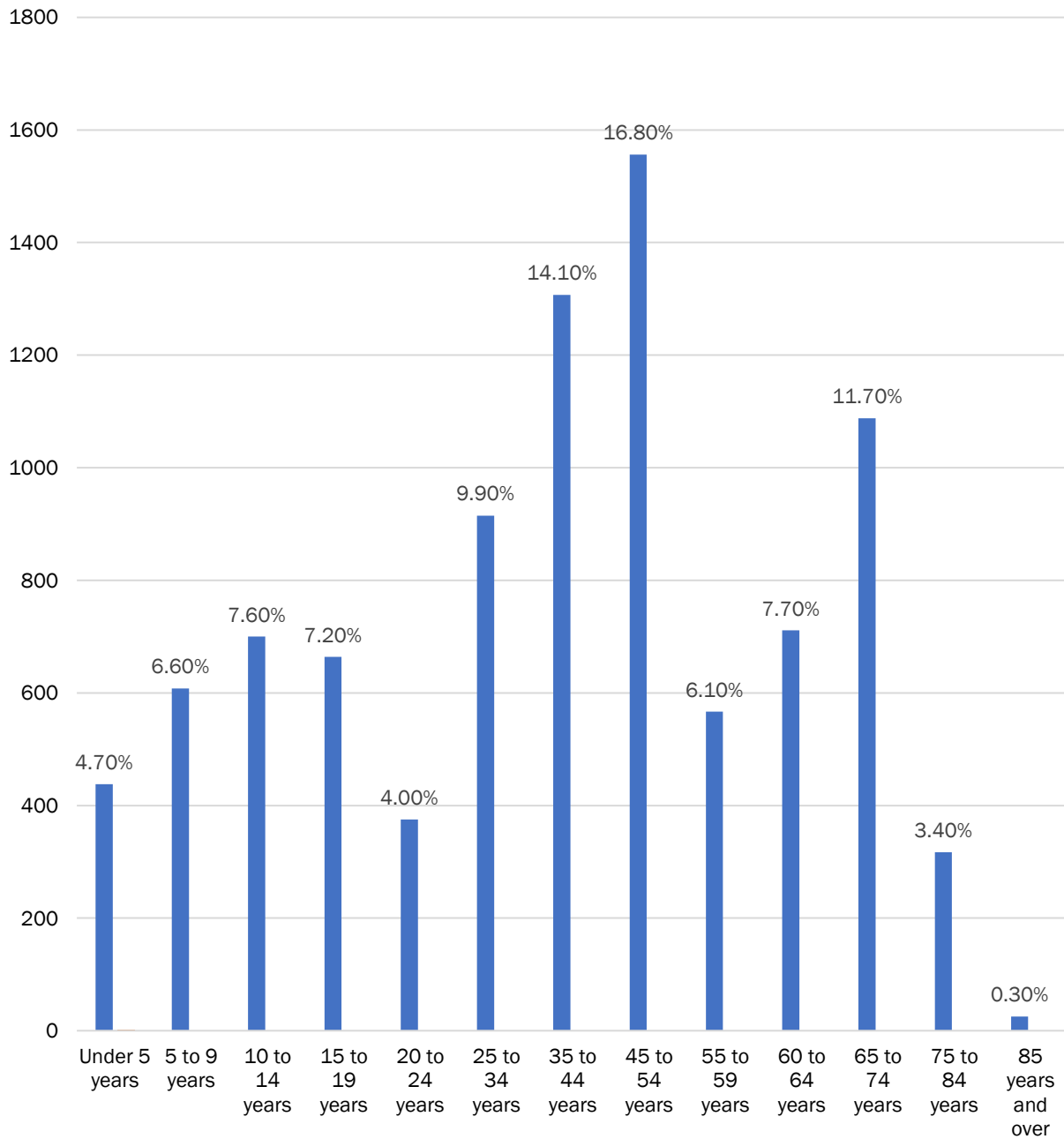
The Town of Walworth's population has remained fairly stable over the last decade, with slightly over 9,000 residents. Changes in population have been nearly negligible, with less than a 1% change each year, as seen in the following table.

The population skews older, with 46% of the population over 45 years of age. This is consistent with the New York State and the country overall, which is seeing a general aging of the population as the Baby Boomer generation reaches retirement age.

Year	Population	Margin of Error	Percent Change
2010	9,256	±20	-
2011	9,322	±24	0.71%
2012	9,381	±18	0.63%
2013	9,405	±33	0.26%
2014	9,415	±20	0.11%
2015	9,397	±18	-0.19%
2016	9,336	±22	-0.65%
2017	9,296	±22	-0.43%
2018	9,237	±36	-0.63%
2019	9,228	±29	-0.10%
2020	9,185	±19	-0.47%
2021	9,271	±33	0.94%



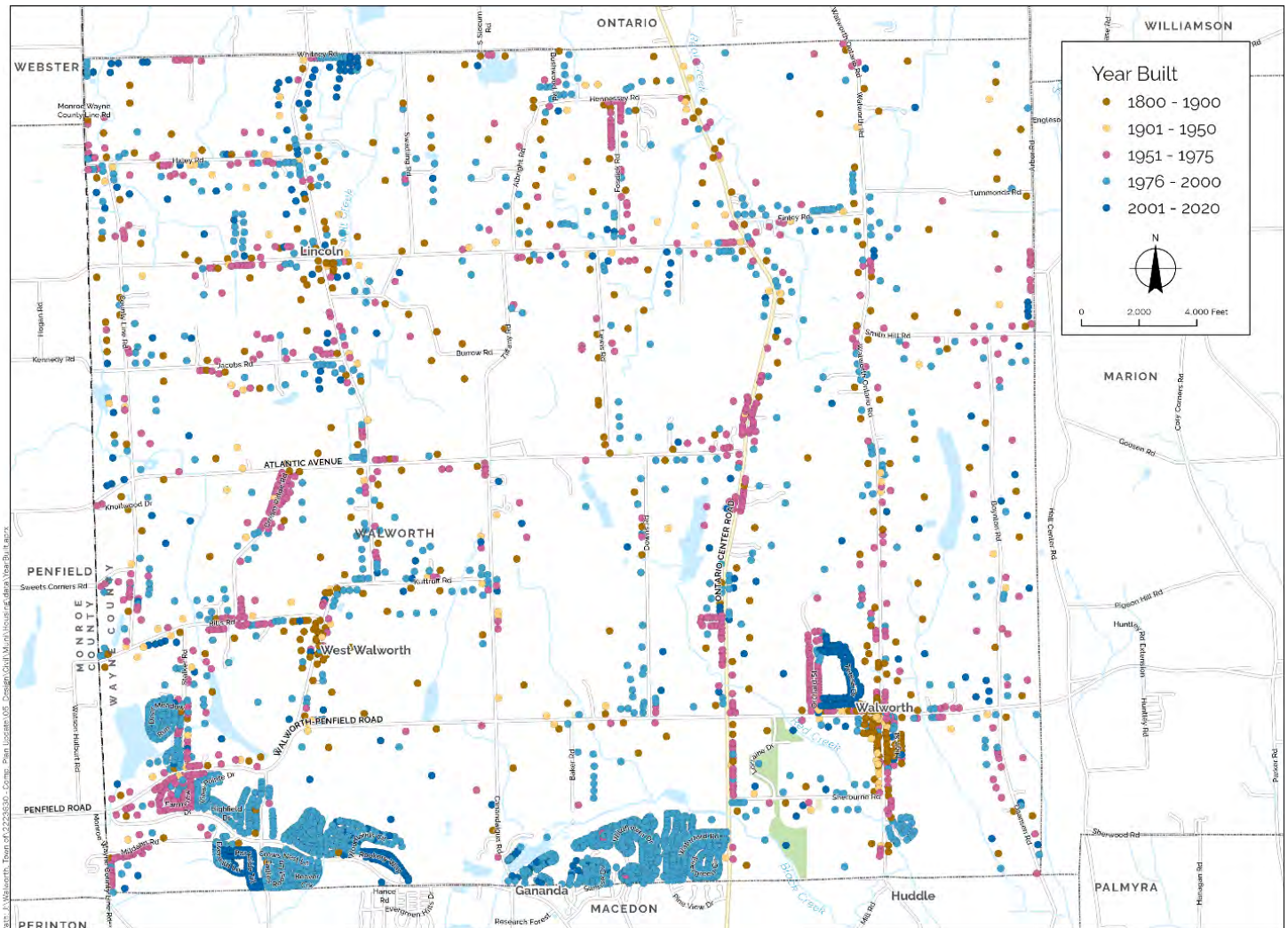
Town of Walworth, Age & Population (2021)



Source: U.S. Census, ACS 5-Year Estimates, 2021

Housing

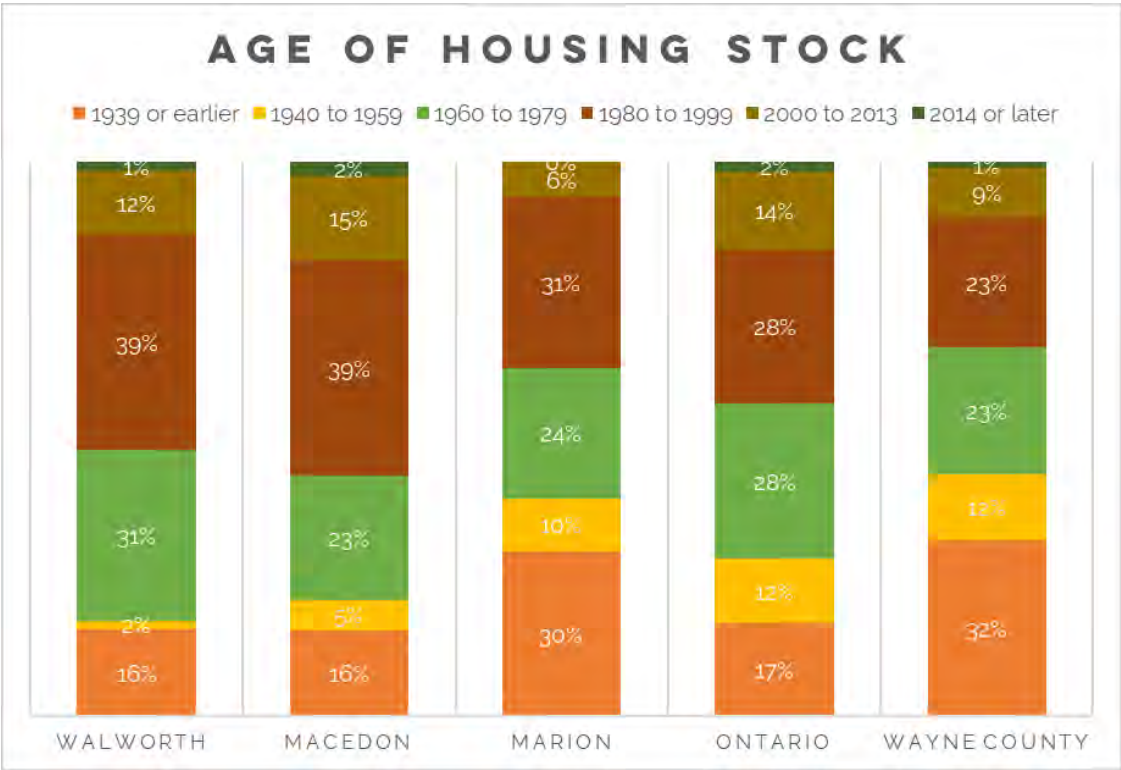
The Town of Walworth in 2020 was home to 9,185 residents living in 3,844 households across 3,670 units of housing. Housing in Walworth encompasses two centuries of growth and development and follows distinct spatial patterns that correspond to the period of building. The map below shows where residences are located in Town and their age, as indicated by color.



The earliest homes in Walworth, those built in the 19th century, can often be seen concentrated along the crossroads of the Town's earliest places of settlement, such as the intersection of Walworth-Renfield Road and Ontario Road in Walworth proper, and at the junction of West Walworth Road and Bills Road in West Walworth. In the first half of the 20th century, new builds generally grew on the edge of the established community centers or else as farmhouses scattered amongst the agricultural land.

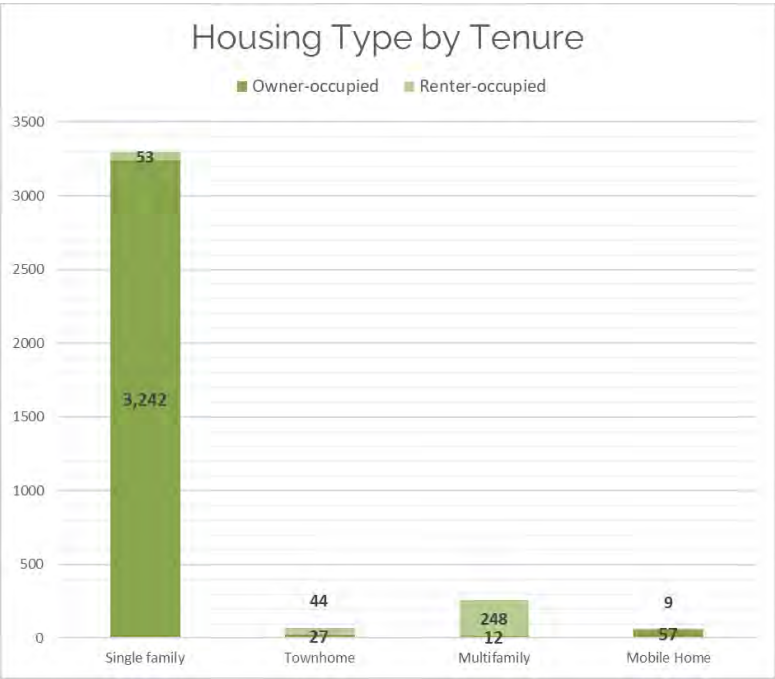
Development in the post-war period usually followed semi-dense suburban style north-south or east-west subdivisions along existing streets (Cream Ridge Road, Bills Road, Orchard Street). Conversely, much of the development in the last four decades has clustered along the Town's southern portion, along the border with Macedon. These subdivisions are arranged along curvilinear streets and generally feature smaller lot sizes than can be found elsewhere in Town.

However, Walworth is a younger town relative to its neighbors and to Wayne County as a whole. Its most robust period of residential building was in the second half of the century (between 1960 and 1999), when an estimated 70% of Walworth’s 3,764 homes were built. Only 18% of Walworth’s total housing stock was built prior to 1960, a smaller proportion than Macedon (21%), Marion (40%), Ontario (29%) or Wayne County as a whole (44%). Walworth is by and large a young Town, one which owes much of its growth and development to the post-war period as residents left Rochester for new opportunities to own single family homes in its emerging suburbs.

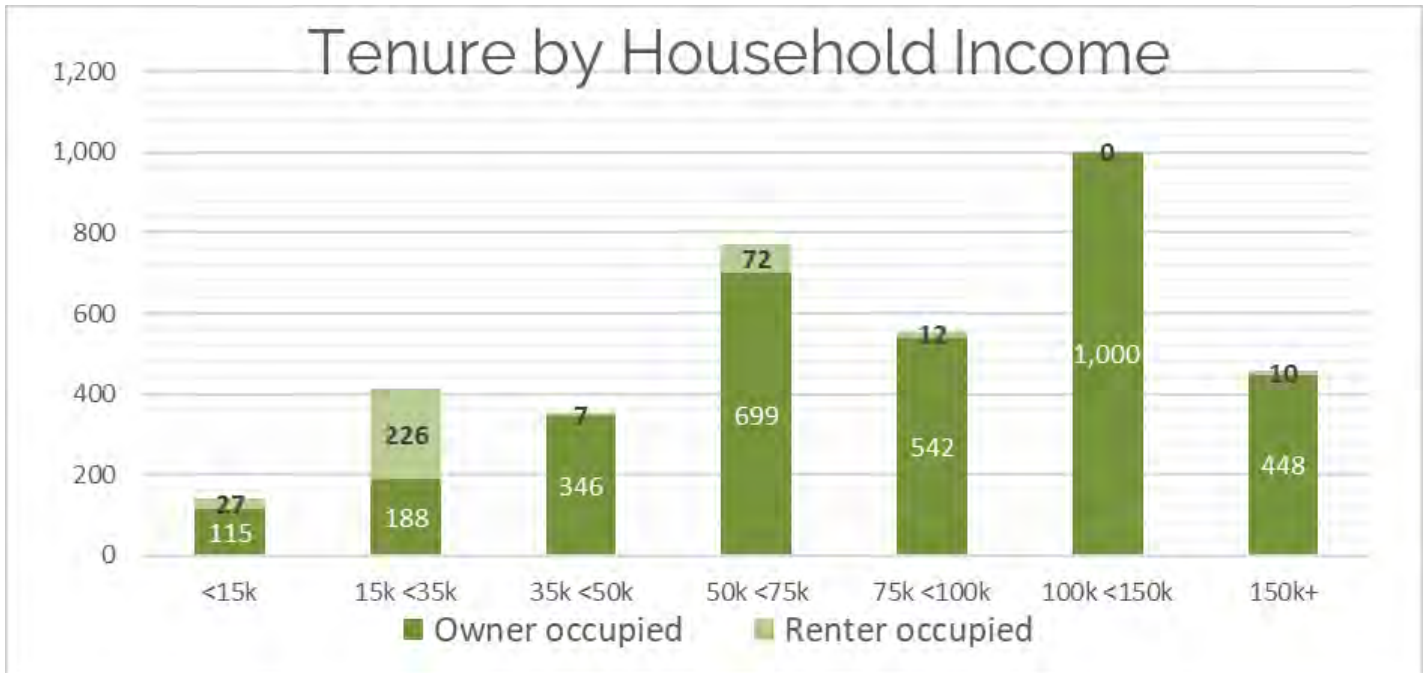


2023 real property data from the Town assessor indicate that Colonial-style buildings, which often feature symmetrical windows and a rectangular floorplan and flat exterior walls, was the most common architectural style among residential dwellings in Walworth, followed by ranches.

Homeownership is the dominant tenure arrangement in Walworth, and the vast majority of its housing stock is in the form of single-family homes. Walworth features a few other housing types, including townhomes, multifamily, and mobile homes, though none account to a significant share of overall inventory. Multifamily housing, however, accounts for the largest share of rental housing in Walworth, featuring some 248 rental units.

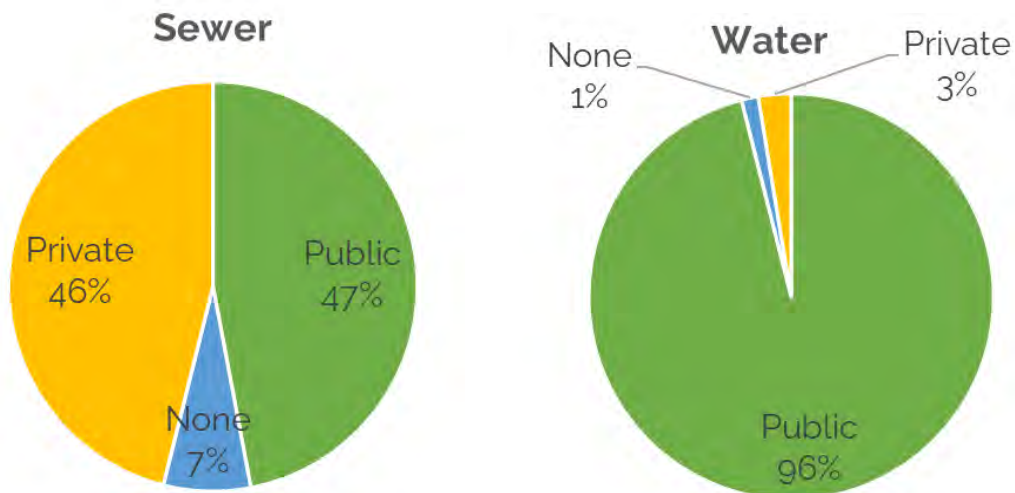


Walworth's inventory of rental housing forms a critical housing option for residents making below \$35,000 annually. Residents earning in excess of this generally own their homes.



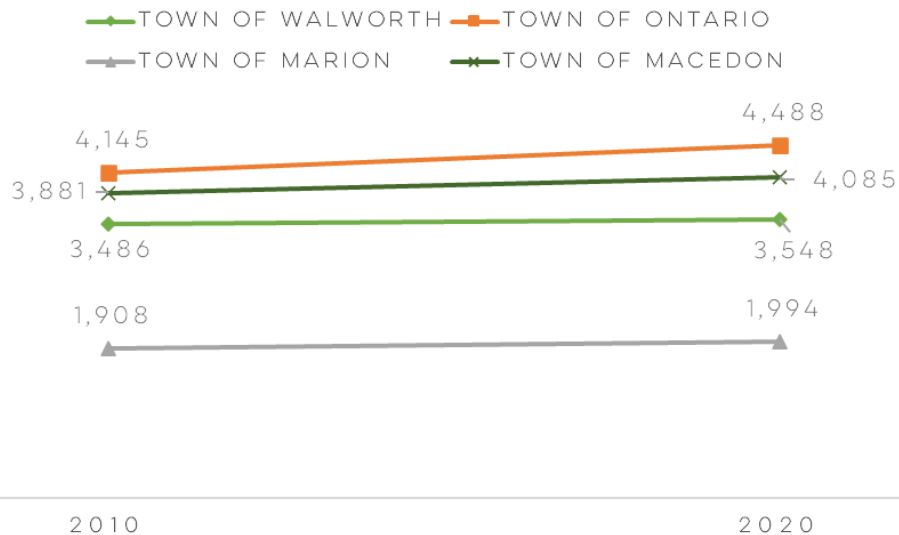
Roughly an equal share of parcels in Walworth contains either private or publicly provided sewer systems. The provision of public infrastructure in the form of water or sewer districts can be crucial in dictating the direction and location of future residential development in communities where there is private interest to build. Water and sewer mains necessarily subsidize the development of new homes – without this infrastructure, new development will often be prohibitively expensive.

Presently, public sewer districts are concentrated in the south of Town, along the hamlet of Walworth and the planned unit development (PUD) of Granada, along the southern border with Macedon. Conversely, public water is much more common throughout Walworth, extending to roughly 96% of all parcels.



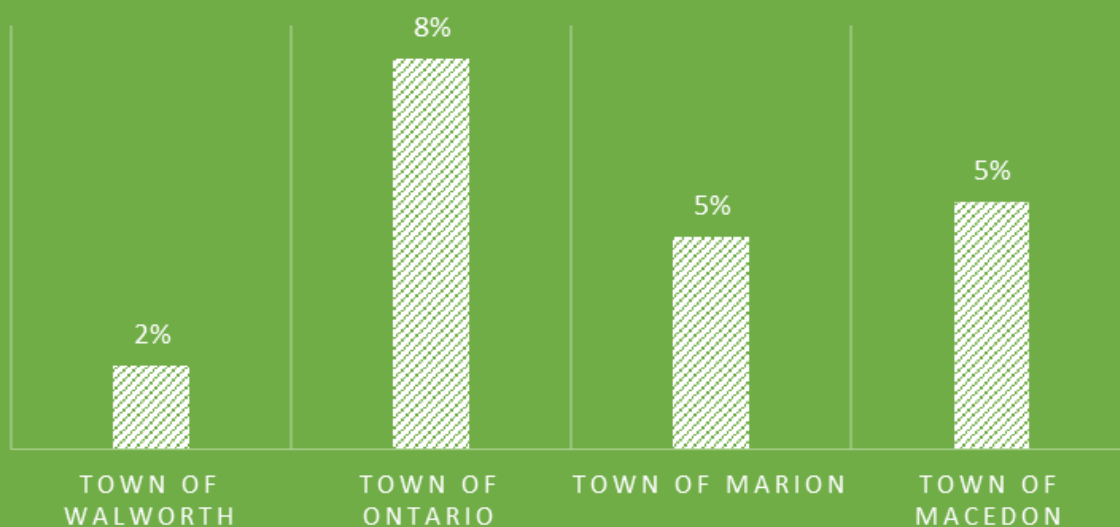
When compared to its neighboring townships, the rate of housing growth in Walworth has for the past decade been comparatively slow, growing 2% between 2010 and 2020.

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS 2010 TO 2020

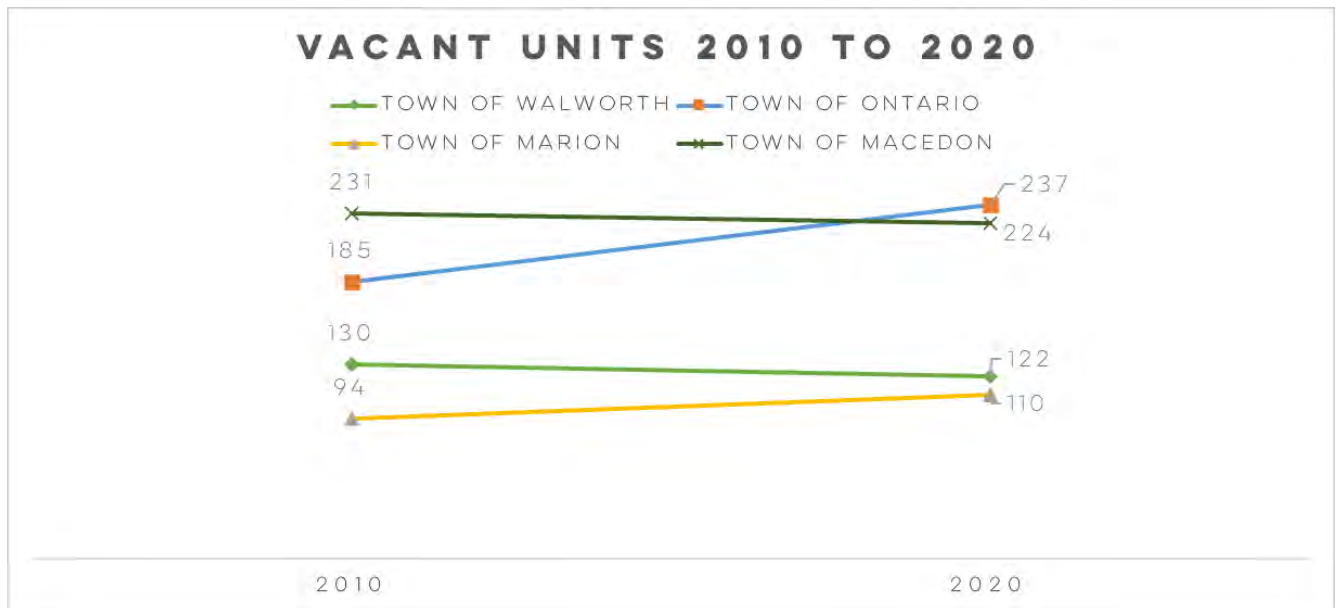


Walworth is outpaced by Marion, Ontario, and Macedon (the latter two of which are similarly sized). However, household growth in Walworth was only narrowly outpaced by Wayne County as a whole, which grew by 3% between 2010 and 2020, adding some 1,200 units of housing. The slower growth in Wayne County can most likely be attributed to conditions farther east in the County, outside the influence of the Rochester metropolitan area.

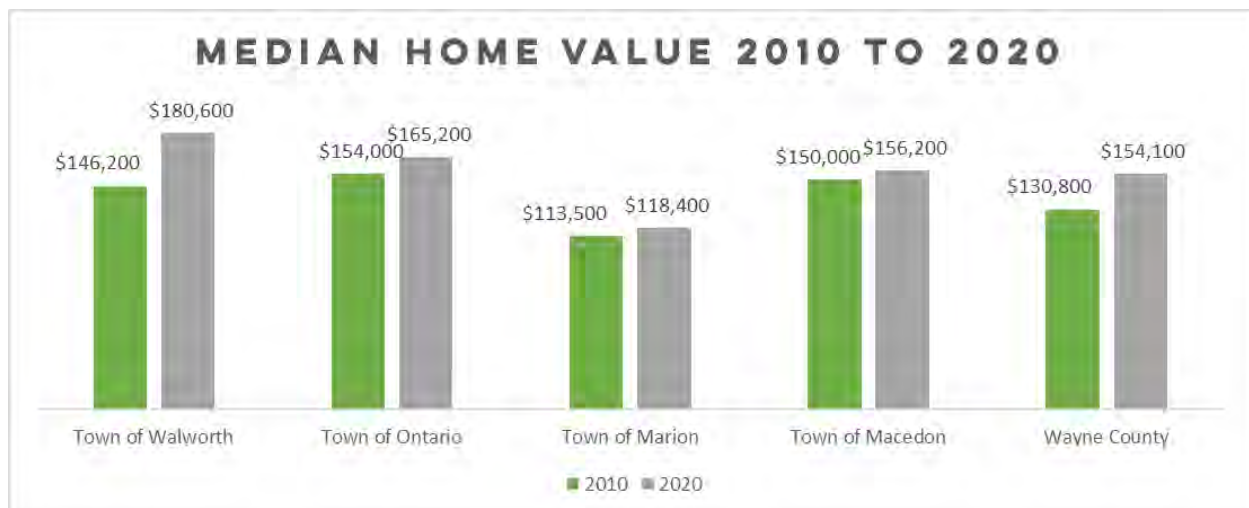
TOTAL HOUSING UNITS PERCENT CHANGE 2010 TO 2020



Vacancy statistics indicate, however, that continued demand exists for housing options in Walworth, with vacancy declining slightly between 2010 and 2020. This trend runs counter to that of adjacent townships, all of which other than Macedon demonstrated a modest increase in vacancy rates. An increase in vacant units was more appreciable in Wayne County, where vacancy increased by 6%. Walworth's downward trajectory in vacancy, albeit modest, likely speaks to modestly intensifying housing pressures in Walworth, possibly as a result of its slower rate of housing production. Among its 72 vacant units in 2020, 45 were classified as sold but unoccupied while 25 fell under the umbrella of "other vacant."



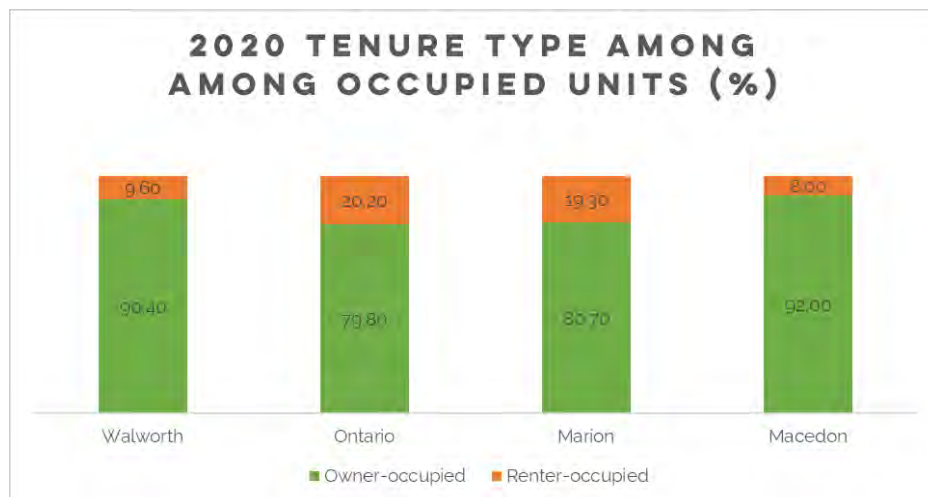
Another indication that the housing market in Walworth is tightening can be witnessed through the appreciation of home values (among housing units with a mortgage) in Town between 2010 and 2020. The rise in home values in Walworth – which grew 17% over the course of the decade – outpaced adjacent townships, including Marion and Macedon (both 4%) and Ontario (7%). Appreciation of home values in Walworth was also slightly greater than Wayne County, where values rose 15%. While it is difficult to say with certainty which factors were most decisive in this trend, apart from Walworth's desirability as a place to live and the strength of its school districts, it is likely a correlation exists between home value appreciation and reduced inventory/housing production.



Changes in median gross rents exhibited slightly less variability than home value. In the Town of Marion, for instance, gross rent declined by 6% over the decade. In Ontario, rents grew apace with home values (6%). In Walworth where mean gross rents increased by 11% between 2010 and 2020, a more modest rate of change than seen in neighboring Macedon (22%) and Wayne County (18%).



In Walworth, rental inventory was from the first more limited relative to adjacent townships, comprising only a smaller share of overall housing than in Macedon.



House production is determined by a variety of complex factors, chief among which are the provision of public infrastructure (i.e., water and sewer) and land use controls which dictate where additional housing units can be produced. For instance, much of Walworth's northern landmass is zoned Rural Residential which requires that homes be built on lot sizes no smaller than one acre. Denser zoning districts predominated in Walworth's southern half where Hamlet, Residential (R), and Planned Development (PD) zoning designations permit residential development on smaller lot sizes. Where public sewer districts overlap with these zoning designations are the areas where new residential development will likely focus. Development potential is constrained elsewhere by the lack of public sewer infrastructure and lot size requirements.

GOALS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Goal: Preserve existing rural character, especially outside sewer areas and the hamlets

Goal: Accommodate continued residential subdivision and development in sewer areas

As part of the public input survey, when respondents were asked what they liked most about the Town of Walworth, the following words were frequently used: “rural” (18 occurrences), “quiet” (13), “small town” (12), and “open spaces” (8). The Town of Walworth has a rich rural character that is appreciated by its residents. Residents indicated they would like this rural character to remain, as opposed to becoming more suburbanized with nearly 53% of respondents indicating they do not want to see additional residential development.

The Town can help maintain the rural character of the area by maintaining rural residential zoning outside of the Hamlet District and sewer areas. Additionally, discouraging sewer infrastructure in agriculture-heavy areas can help preserve the Town’s current rural characteristics.

Infrastructure often sets the stage for development. While several residents indicated that they do not want to see additional residential development, geographic realities and current market conditions indicate that residential development in the Town will continue. By encouraging new residential development in sewer areas, the Town can help keep the rural areas rural while accommodating residential growth in a more concentrated area.

Recommendations

1. Maintain zoning that guides more intensive residential development to areas with sewer infrastructure and retains the character of the town’s rural areas.

Goal: Allow for a mix of housing types in the hamlets

Hamlets tend to be characterized by a mix of housing types, consistent with historical development patterns. Allowing for a mix of housing types along with commercial establishments within a connected area can set the stage for an active, walkable hub in Town. A mix of housing types can attract a wide range of residents while maintaining the distinctive hamlet neighborhood quality.

Recommendations

2. Revise zoning to accommodate diversity of housing types as well as business development.

Goal: Improve quality of existing housing

Several homes in Town likely need upgrades with 18% of Walworth’s total housing stock built prior to 1960. Various programs exist on the state level that assist homeowners with home repairs and energy-efficiency upgrades. Having the Town promote these programs can help raise their awareness to local residents and help leverage state funds to improve housing conditions in Walworth.

Sources of funding and technical assistance include: Pathstone, USDA Rural Development, and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

Recommendation

3. Connect homeowners with sources of funding and resources for home repairs and energy-efficiency upgrades.

Goal: Promote a diversity of housing types, including those that are affordable for the average Walworth resident and aging population

With an aging population, many individuals will be looking to downsize. A common issue is individuals desire to age in their community, but affordable options tend to be limited. Allowing residents to easily build an accessory dwelling unit can allow older residents to downsize, rent their primary residents to supplement a fixed income, and remain a part of the community.

Recommendations

4. Revise zoning to accommodate Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) both attached to and separate from the primary residential structure.

ECONOMIC VITALITY

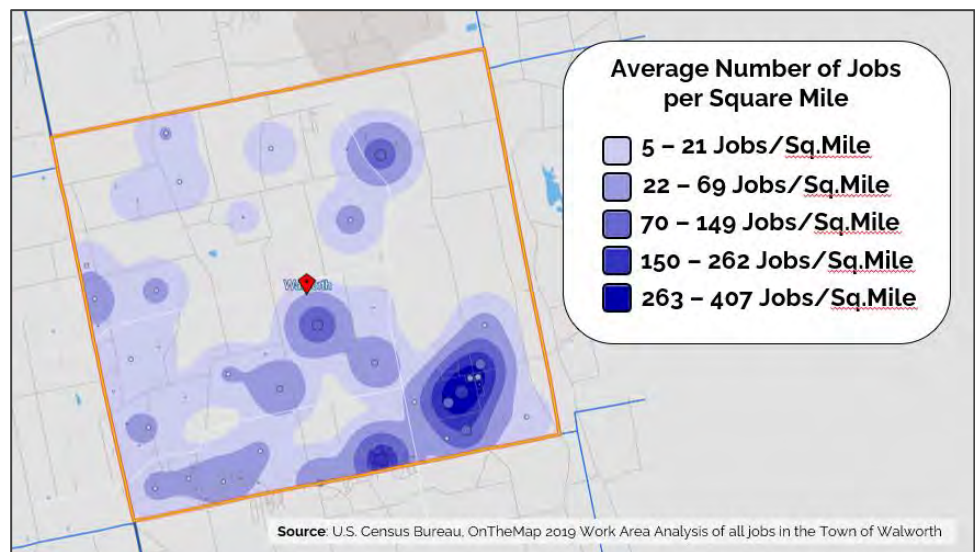
VISION

Route 441 Corridor with sewer expansion – shovel-ready sites. a focus on local business and retention of local economic activity. Desire to support local businesses through the permitting process, site requirements, external resources, and overall business-friendly environment.

CURRENT CONDITIONS

Existing Businesses

The image to the right from the U.S. Census Bureau OnTheMap Analysis highlights the location of job creators and the concentration of jobs in the town. The most concentrated area of jobs in town is located in the southeast corner around the Hamlet of Walworth. There are various retail sales and service establishments located here as well as Town Hall and the Postal Service.



Businesses and places of employment in the southwest area of town include, but are not limited to:

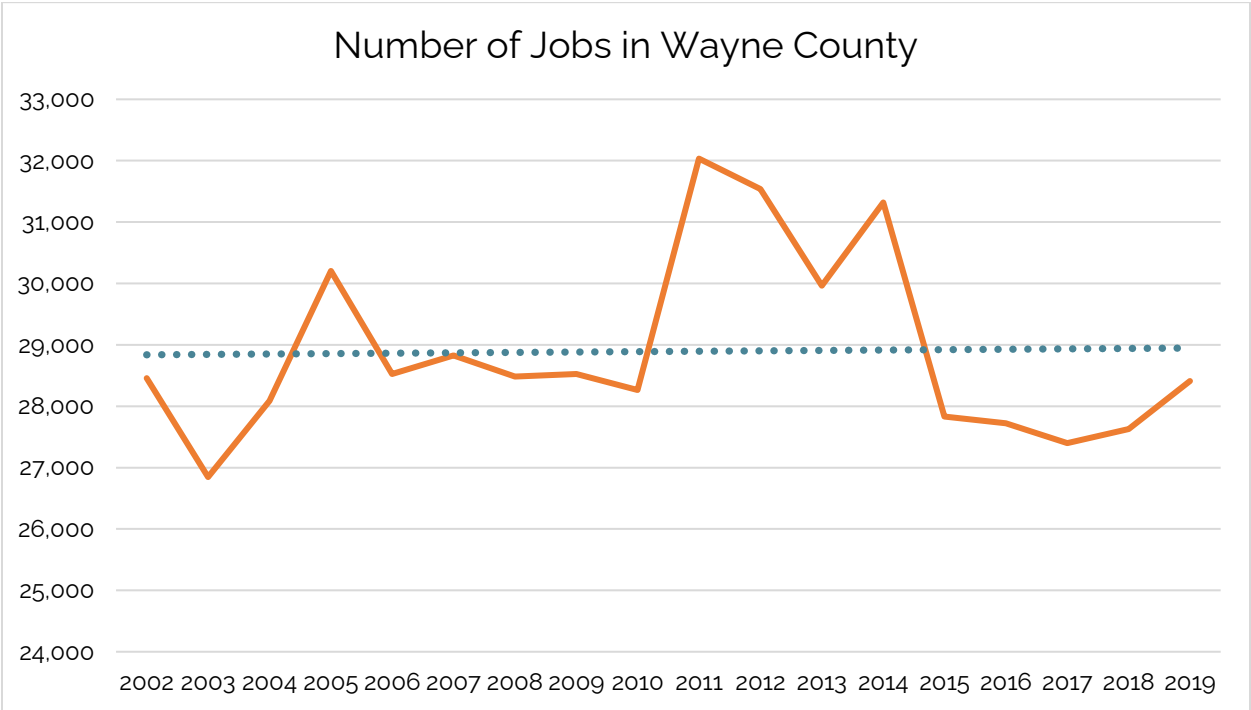
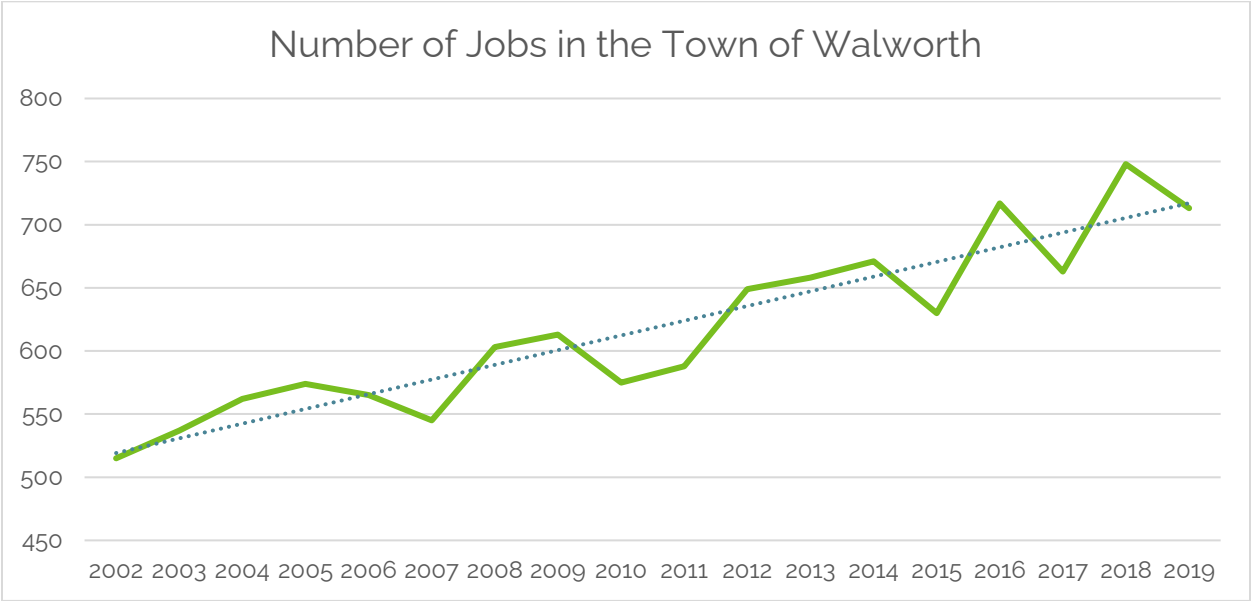
- Mark's Pizzeria
- Crossroads Automotive
- Roxy's Salon & Spa
- Eastern Shore
- The Custom Gun Shop
- NYS Sitepower (power systems sales and installation)
- Salvatore's Old Fashion Pizzeria
- Tops Market
- Dollar General
- FedEx
- Absolute Performance of NY (auto repair)
- Creekside Resort Kennel
- Kopykast Xerox repair
- Fine Line Property Maintenance and Landscaping
- Moltuc Dog Training
- Positive K-9 Dog Training
- Goat Crazy Roofing

Public places of employment in this area include Walworth Town Hall and the United States Postal Service.

Job creators southwest of the hamlet includes Gananda Middle School and the Walworth Water Treatment Plant. Job creators slightly west are Carey Lake, the Tri-County Sports Complex, and McAlpin Industries amongst other establishments. Additionally, near the center of town, the Links at Greystone golf course and the Highway Department employ individuals in Walworth.

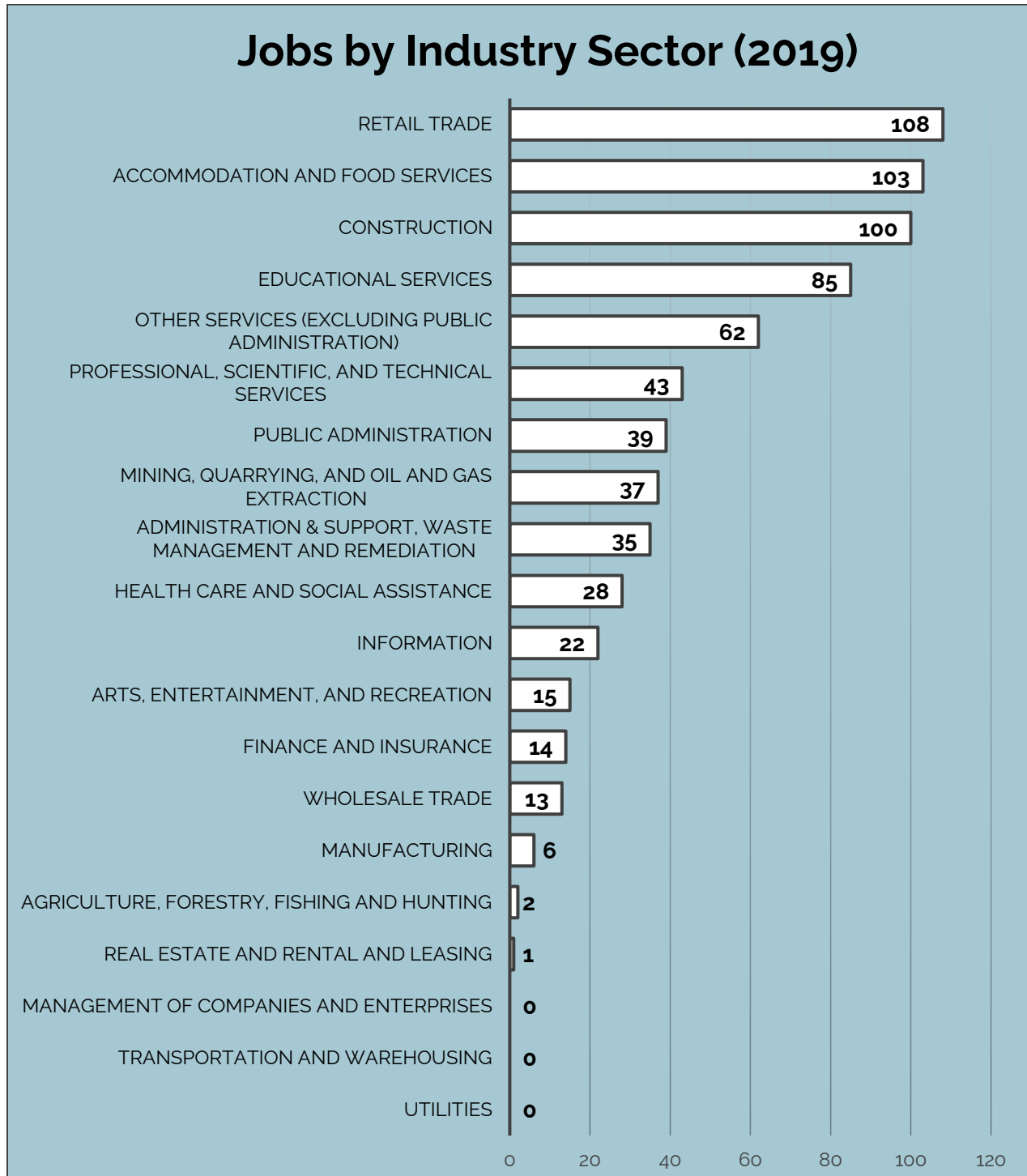
Employment

There are approximately 713 jobs located within the Town of Walworth out of a total of more than 19,589 in Wayne County. Therefore, approximately 3.6 percent of the jobs in Wayne County are located within the Town of Walworth.



The largest job sectors in the Town of Walworth include:

- Retail (108 jobs, 15.14% of total)
- Accommodation & Food Services (103 jobs, 14.44% of total)
- Construction (100 jobs; 14% of total)
- Education (85 jobs, 11.92% of total)



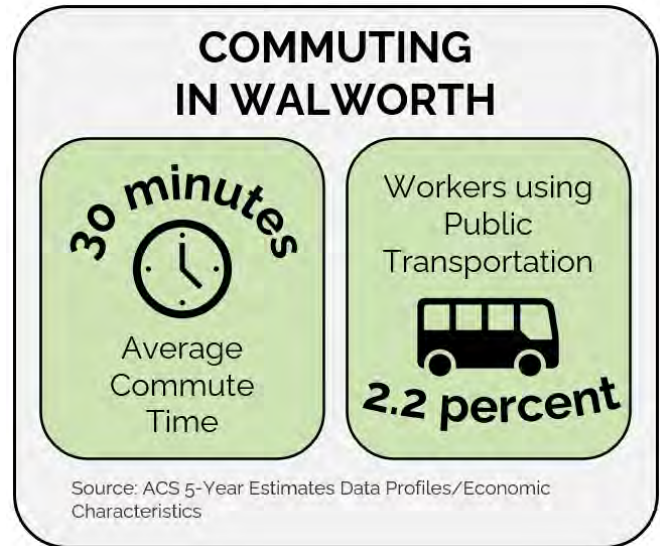
The largest change in jobs from 2004 to 2019 were in the following sectors:

- Finance & Insurance (600% increase from 2 to 14 jobs)
- Accommodation and Food Services (212% increase from 33 to 103 jobs)
- Manufacturing (200% increase from 2 to 6 jobs)
- Retail (177% increase from 39 to 108 jobs)

Place of Work

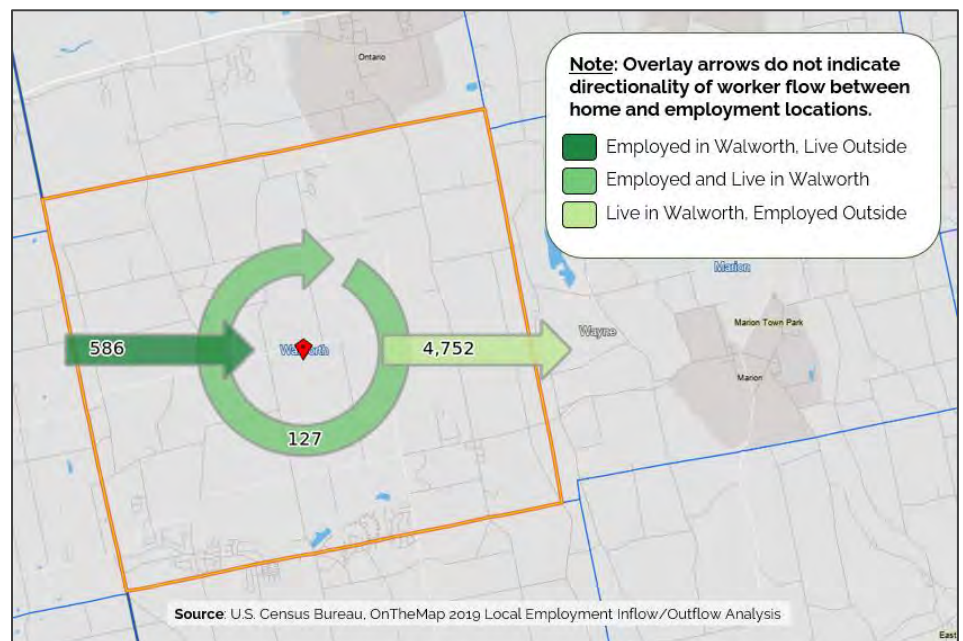
Based on the Census Bureau's 2019 Inflow/Outflow Analysis of Primary Jobs in the Town of Walworth, of the 4,879 employed Town residents, only 127 people work in the Town while the remaining 4,752 work outside of the Town. However, the analysis also revealed that 586 people living outside of the Town of Walworth commute to Walworth for work.

Per the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, the average commute time for Walworth residents is 30 minutes, slightly less than the state average of 33.3 minutes and slightly more than the national average of 26.8 minutes. Only 2.2% of Walworth residents utilize public transport to travel to work which is slightly less than the national average of 4.2% and significantly less than the state average of 24.7%.



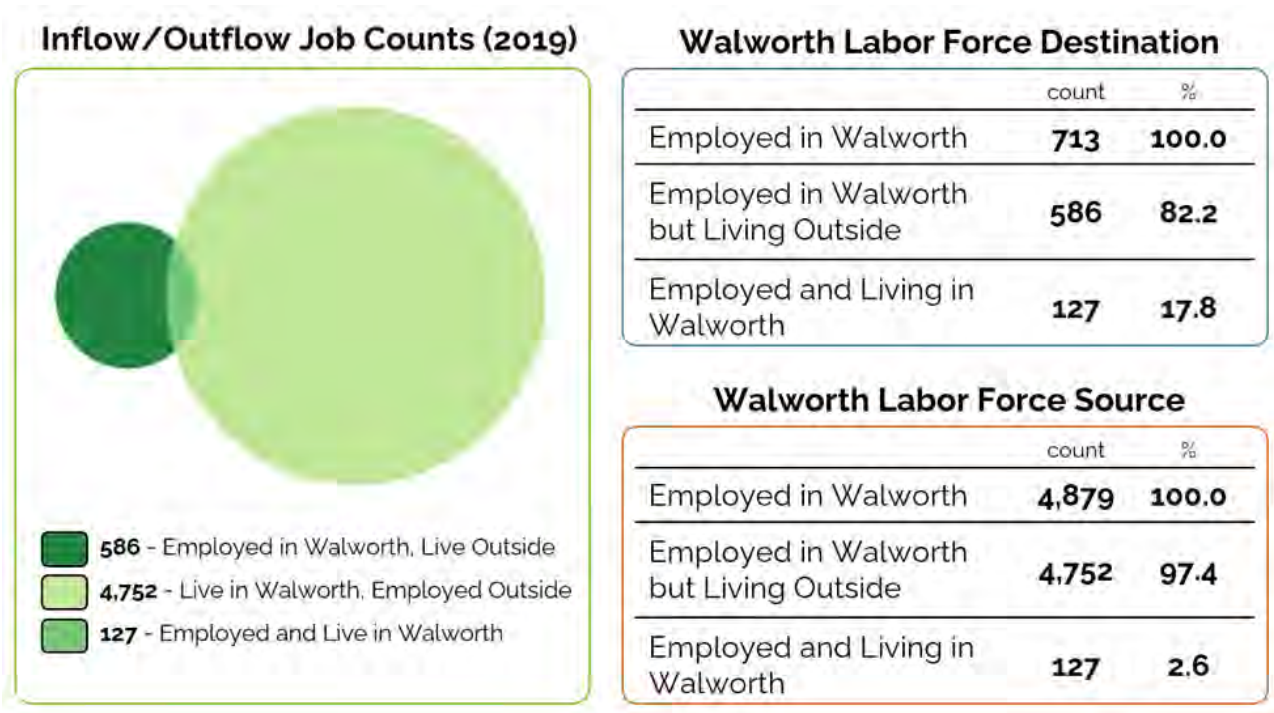
An inflow/outflow diagram related to workforce location can be found to the right.

Worker flow dynamics are symbolized by the green arrows. Workers employed in Walworth but living outside the city are represented by the arrow entering the town. Workers employed outside the town but living in Walworth are represented by the arrow leaving the town. Workers that live and work in Walworth are represented by the circular arrow. The flow arrows do not indicate directionality of worker flows.



You can see 586 workers employed by the Town of Walworth live outside the Town. 4,752 workers live in the Town of Walworth but work outside the municipal boundary. 127 workers both live and work in Walworth.

The Venn Diagram below highlights the number of workers living in Walworth (the light green circle) and number of workers employed in Walworth (the dark green circle). The intersection of the two circles represents the number of workers living and working in Walworth.



This analysis highlights the movement of workers commuting in and out of the Town of Walworth. The Town is analyzed as both a labor force source and destination. 82.2% of people working in the Town of Walworth do not live here, and 97.4% of Walworth residents work outside of the Town, with only 2.6% of residents both living and working in Town.

RELEVANT PLANS, PROGRAMS, & REGULATIONS

Wayne County Business Park Feasibility Study

Current study that will analyze existing business parks and areas with informal business clusters within the County. The study will identify infrastructure prerequisites, planning obstacles, development incentives and financial resources to boost investment in these areas and will be a catalyst for attracting companies to locate or expand their business in the County, with the ultimate goal of boosting the job prospects for local residents. The study has an anticipated completion of December 2024.

Wayne County Microburst Grant Program

It was created to provide a grant for local small business startup projects. It is an opportunity to give your new business a financial boost. Every application will be reviewed for completeness and sustainability by staff and a review committee. The reimbursable grant funding can range from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Wayne County Micro-Enterprise Revolving Loan Program

Makes loans up to \$150,000 for the purchase of fixed assets or working capital. Provides both technical and financial assistance to the startup or expanding small business creating or retaining low to moderate-income jobs. The interest rate, based on prime, will be fixed at the time of closing with a repayment term of up to eight years, depending on the use of proceeds. This is available for businesses with five or fewer employees within Wayne County.

Finger Lakes Works On-the-Job Training Reimbursement Program

Finger Lakes Works administers funds to help eligible employers train new employees. Additionally, they provide other support and training services for businesses.

FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program

Under New York's FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program, Empire State Development will provide up to \$200 million in grants to prepare and develop sites statewide to jumpstart New York's shovel-readiness and increase its attractiveness to large employers, including high-tech manufacturing, particularly semiconductor manufacturing, interstate distribution and logistics businesses. The program will help diversify New York State's economy while propelling new investments for businesses, communities, and job creation.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Program

The Office of Community Renewal recognizes that New York's smaller communities must have an economy that encourages business development and promotes jobs for low- and moderate-income persons. Through the Office of Community Renewal's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development program, the Office of Community Renewal provides grants to communities that wish to sponsor economic development activities that create or retain jobs for low- and moderate-income persons. The goal of the program is to fund projects that result in high quality, full-time jobs that are well paying and provide benefits and training to low- and moderate-income persons.

The NYS CDBG Economic Development program consists of three funding activities: Economic Development, Small Business Assistance, and Microenterprise.

GOALS, STRATEGIES, & RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**Goal: Expand business development along Route 441**

Infrastructure acts as a primer for development. Concentrating commercial development along Route 441 is practicable as there is existing sewer and water infrastructure, and it is a major thoroughfare. Concentrating development along a corridor also allows the remaining surrounding land to retain its rural characteristics.

There is general support for continued commercial development along Route 441, as over 56% of public survey respondents indicated that they would like to see additional business development along Route 441.

Recommendations

1. Obtain funding and expand sewer service along Route 441
2. Maintain zoning for businesses along Route 441
3. Maintain communication and assist property owners interested in developing land along Route 441

Goal: Foster a business-friendly environment

Timing, predictability, and clarity of regulations and processes are of high importance to businesses and developers. Communicating the required processes and available resources clearly can be of great help to those trying to establish a business.

Recommendations

4. Revise zoning to simplify list of permitted and specially permitted uses.
5. Maintain a clear and transparent permitting process.
6. Connect businesses to sources of funding for expansion.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Public Facilities



Town Parks

The Town of Walworth Recreation Department provides a multitude of service and programs for the residents of Walworth and surrounding communities. The Town has three parks – Ginegaw Park, Sherburne Park, and Dolomite Park – which include various fields and courts for soccer, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, lacrosse, and football. These parks contain lodges, pavilions, hiking trails, outdoor grills, playgrounds, and endless open space.



The Dog Park at Sherburne Road Park. Photo Source: Walworth Recreation Department

The pavilion at Sherburne Park. Photo Source: Walworth Recreation Department



Recent improvements include, but are not exclusive to, the following:

- Gaga Pit
- Merry-Go-Round
- Open air pavilion
- Dog parks at Sherburne Park

PARKS, RECREATION, AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Town of Walworth Recreation Department

The Town's Recreation Department organizes and hosts various activities including family activities, adult activities, fitness classes, pre-school activities, recess programs, senior activities, summer day camp, youth activities, and youth sports including baseball, basketball, soccer, softball. Walworth Recreation hosts a seasonal Farmers' Market in Ginegaw Park where vendors can sell produce, dairy products, baked goods, crafts, among other things.



Quarterly, the department publishes an edition of the "Town Topics" magazine providing information about upcoming recreation opportunities as well as general town information.



Town Topics Magazine, select covers. Photo Source: Walworth Recreation Department.

Town Hall

3600 Lorraine Drive, Walworth NY

The Walworth Town Hall, located in Walworth, NY, provides municipal services for residents of Walworth. The building houses government offices, including the Walworth legislative body, and provides public records, government services, and information about Walworth services.

Town Hall Staff field questions related to Walworth public records, voter poll locations and election procedures, Town Council, amongst other subject matter.

Walworth Seely Public Library

3600 Lorraine Drive, Walworth NY

The Walworth Reading Center was co-sponsored by the Wayne County Library Board and the Walworth Chamber of Commerce and first opened in January 1960. In October 1961, an appeal was made to the Town Board to establish a Walworth Public Library. The Town Board unanimously voted to establish the Walworth-Seely Public Library, a township library and appointed the first Board of Trustees.

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The Walworth Seely Library has a variety of programs and services. It provides several types of materials for loan including books, music, movies, experience kits, story time bags, games, magazines, and internet hot spots. Programs organized and hosted by the public library includes story times, crafts, book clubs, and genealogy workshops.

Town Highway Department

4384 Canandaigua Road, Walworth, NY

The Walworth Highway Department provides road maintenance, snow removal, roadside drainage, and other services to the roads under the jurisdiction of the Town. The Department's goal is to quickly respond to complaints and to rectify them within their ability and resources. They directly service the needs of Walworth residents and provide safe roads through their services.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Current Facility: 3451 Ontario Center Road, Walworth, NY

New Regional Facility: 613 E Main Street, Palmyra, NY

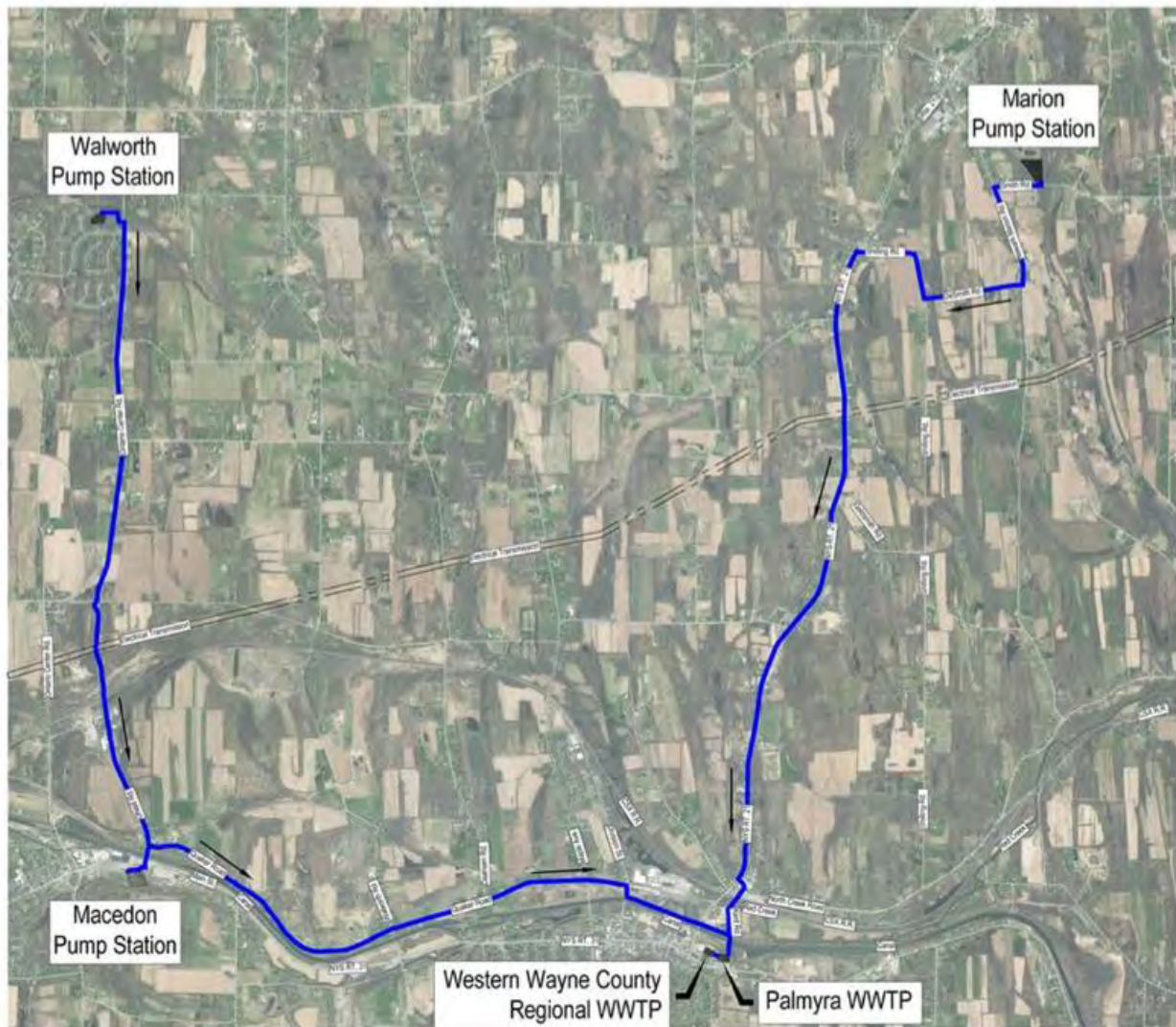
The Town of Walworth Wastewater Treatment Facility ensures residents' wastewater is effectively treated, protecting local water quality and safeguarding public health.

Currently, the Towns of Macedon, Marion, Palmyra, and Walworth own and operate their own wastewater treatment facilities. These Towns, with the Village of Palmyra and the Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority (WCWSA), have planned for and are building a new regional wastewater treatment facility known as the Western Wayne County Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. A regional approach will eliminate the need for each community to undertake the substantial cost implications of independent upgrades, increasing efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

The new regional wastewater treatment facility is being built adjacent to the Village of Palmyra's current wastewater facility on Route 31 in the Village of Palmyra. New pumping stations, screening facilities, and transmission systems will convey each community's wastewater to the new regional facility, thereby consolidating operations into one modern and more efficient facility. Once the new plant is up and running, the outdated facilities will be decommissioned and taken out of service. At that time, the current Walworth facility will serve as a pump station for the regional facility. The Town will continue to maintain lines and pump stations. New residential development will require upgrades to pump stations.

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The new pumping stations will bring wastewater from Walworth south along Ontario Center Road, to O'Neil Road to the Macedon Pump Station. The Macedon pump station will pump all Macedon and Walworth flows easterly through the Macedon forcemain along Quaker Road north of the canal. Wastewater coming from Marion will be conveyed south through a forcemain under Route 21. Both forcemains will discharge at the new wastewater treatment plant site. Map to the right illustrates this pathway.



Emergency Services

Walworth Fire Department

2178 Church Street, Walworth, NY

The Walworth Fire Department has been staffed entirely by volunteers since 1929 and is run by the Walworth Fire District, which owns and maintains the fire house, apparatus, and equipment. The Department and District work to provide fire and rescue protection for the residents of Walworth protecting approximately 12 square miles within the Fire District and assisting neighboring communities when needed.

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Western Wayne Ambulance

2178 Church Street, Walworth, NY

Originally part of the Walworth Fire Department, Western Wayne Ambulance became its own entity in (date). Housing two ambulances within the Walworth Fire Department, this organization provides emergency medical transport services to the local area.

West Walworth Fire Volunteer Fire Department

3870 West Walworth Road, Walworth, NY

The West Walworth Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1947 to provide fire protection to the hamlet of West Walworth and the surrounding area. Located on West Walworth Road, the West Walworth Volunteer Fire Department responds to approximately 100 fire calls per year and hold approximately 40 drills and practices per year.

The West Walworth Fire District generally includes the southwestern portion of the Town of Walworth, extending from the Macedon town line, north to Atlantic Ave, and from the Monroe County line, east to Route 350. The eastern side then runs diagonally south across the town, to include Gananda Middle School, Hidden Pond Lane, Foxglove and Goldenrod Courts, and Aster Terrace until it intersects the Macedon town line.

Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department

719 Plank Road, Walworth, NY

Formed the same year as the West Walworth Fire Department, the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department formed in 1947 and serves the northwest portion of the Town of Walworth. In an average year, the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department responds to approximately 160 calls which have steadily increase over the past 20 years. They provide fire protection, rescue services, Haz Mat first response, and EMS first response assisting the Walworth Ambulance.

Gananda Middle School

1500 Dayspring Ridge, Walworth, NY

Gananda Middle School serves 210 students from 6th through 8th grade and is part of the Gananada Central School District. This is the only public school located within the borders of the Town. The Town of Walworth is within the boundaries of several school districts including the Wayne Central School District, the Penfield Central School District, the Gananda Central School District, the Marion Central School District, and the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District.

United States Post Office

2263 Walworth-Marion Road, Walworth, NY

The Town of Walworth contains a U.S. Post Office in the Hamlet of Walworth which provides postal service to the area.

Town Budget

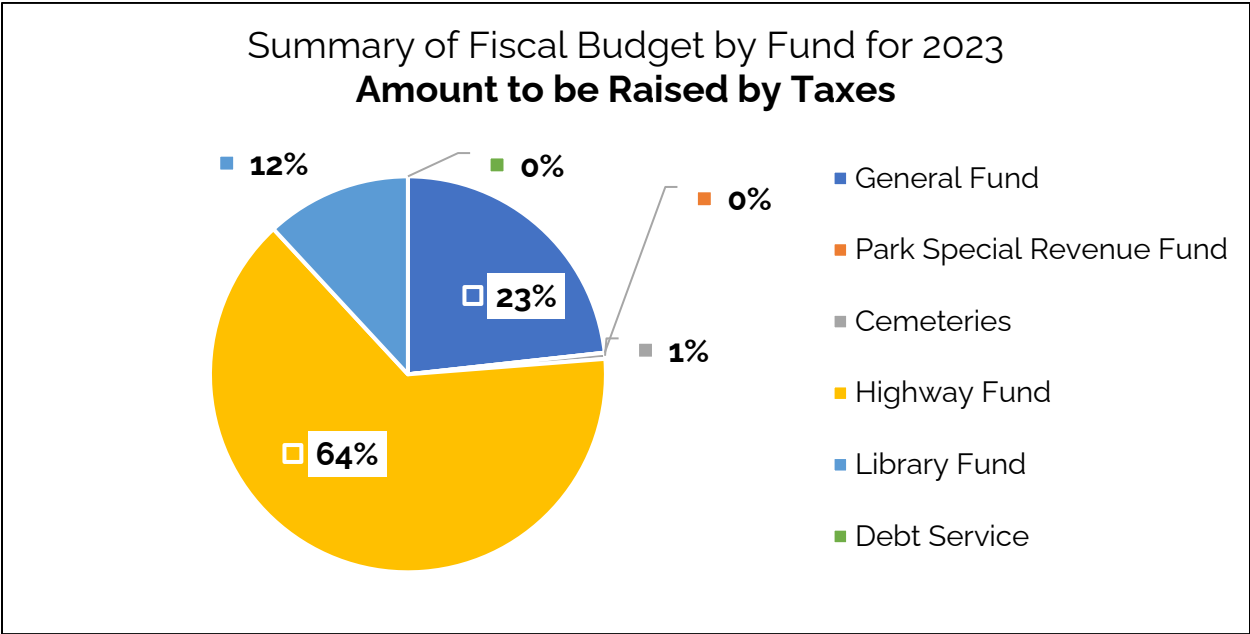
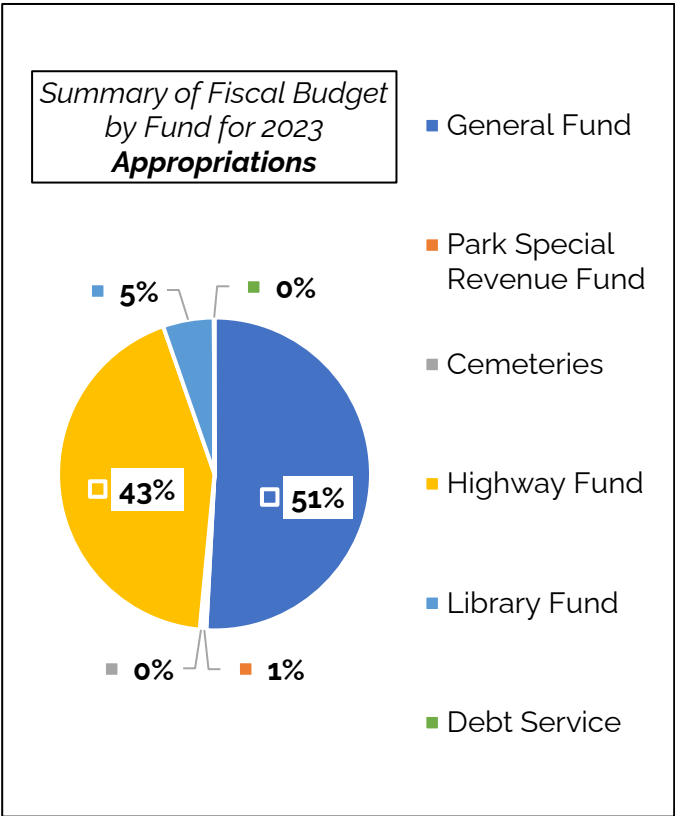
The Town’s budget appropriations, where the town’s funds are devoted, is broken down into the following categories: general fund, park special revenue fund, cemeteries, highway fund, library fund, and debt services. The analysis below does not include the Town’s special districts including the fire districts, lighting districts, drainage districts, and sidewalk districts which focus on public services within a specific boundary.

The largest portion of taxes are dedicated to the Highway Fund – three times what is raised for the General Fund.

Total revenues associated with the general fund is roughly \$2.7 million with about 20% coming from property taxes and roughly 35% coming from county sales tax. Wayne County’s tax rate is 8%.

Not every county shares their sales tax revenues with its municipalities. However, Wayne County does, in addition to providing a share to its school district. In 2020, towns and villages shared in \$8.1 million in sales tax revenue. In the 2023 budget, the Town anticipated receiving \$950,000 in county sales tax.

Departmental income makes up about 13% of revenues. This includes town clerk fees, dog pick up fees, developer fees and development review fees, recreation fees, park revenues, etc.



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Cable tv franchise fee makes up about 4%; state aid about 10% which includes general purpose state aid and mortgage tax; reserves and fund balance account for 13.67%; and lastly, miscellaneous accounts for roughly 3% of revenue which includes fines, licenses, permits, etc.

In terms of appropriations, where money will be dedicated, almost 44% is dedicated to general government support – salaries, training, related fees, security, mileage, dues, software, administrative support, equipment, office expenses, and record management. An additional 15% is allocated towards employee benefits.

The next largest amount (almost 17%) is allocated towards Culture and Recreation which includes parks, youth recreation, adult recreation, and the Town Historian.

The remaining allocations are broken down as follows:

- Transportation, 7.26%
- Public Safety, 6.45%
- Debt Service (Interfund Transfers), 3.71%
- Transfer to Reserves, 3.08%
- Home & Community Services, 2.37%
- Health, 1.28%

Summary of Fiscal Budget by Fund for 2023 **Appropriations**

General Fund	\$ 2,694,520.00	51%
Park Special Revenue Fund	\$ 21,519.00	1%
Cemeteries	\$ 14,670.00	<1%
Highway Fund	\$ 2,286,987.00	43%
Library Fund	\$ 278,632.00	5%
Debt Service	\$ 3,876.00	<1%
Town Total	\$ 5,300,204.00	100%

GOALS & RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Goal: Maintain and enhance parks and recreation programming

In the community public input survey, respondents shared overwhelming support of the Town's parks and recreation offerings. Nearly 78% of respondents indicated that they utilize Ginegaw Park and over 36% indicated they utilize Sherburne Park. The use of trails, pavilions, and lodges, as well as playgrounds were popular amongst respondents. Additionally, when asked what they most liked about the Town of Walworth, several respondents indicated that the Town's parks and green spaces were among their favorite amenities.

With such a strong parks and recreation program, utilized by both Walworth residents and those outside the town, the Town should continue to prioritize its recreational efforts as these offerings are of great public value. In order to maintain current resources and programming, adequate budget funding is required. The Town has continually supported its parks programs via allocated funds.

Recommendation

1. Continue allocating funding within the Town's budget for recreation initiatives and development.
2. Obtain grant funding for park improvements.
3. Continue to partner with schools and other community organizations to share facilities and enhance programming.

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Goal: Maintain fire and public safety services

The Town of Walworth has the advantage of robust fire and public safety services. Its continued support is essential to the health and well-being of residents and visitors.

Recommendations

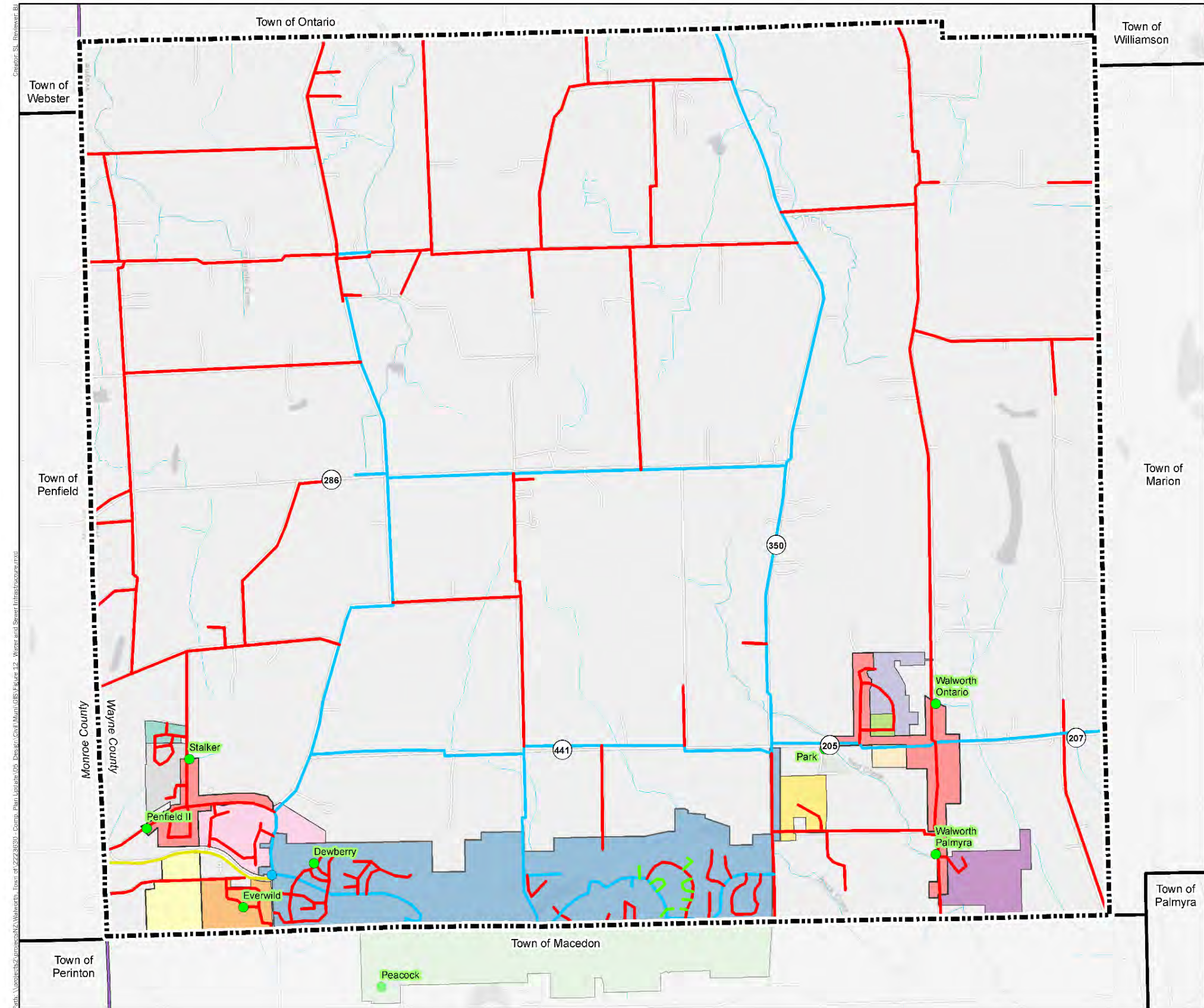
4. Continue to support the town's fire districts and companies.

Goal: Maintain town services and facilities at a level needed to meet the needs of the community

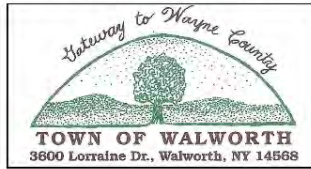
Similarly, town services and facilities are essential to the community and maintaining a high quality of life for residents.

Recommendations

5. Continue to budget sufficient funds to maintain town hall and other facilities.



**TOWN OF WALWORTH
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**



**WATER & SEWER
INFRASTRUCTURE**

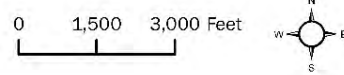
- WATER PUMP STATION
- SEWER PUMP STATION
- 6" WATERLINE
- 8" WATERLINE
- 12" WATERLINE
- 16" WATERLINE
- MACEDON GANANDA SEWER DISTRICT 1
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- SEWER DISTRICT EXTENSION NO. 9

- ⬜ Town Boundary
- ⬜ Other Municipal Boundaries
- ⬜ County Boundary
- Roads
- Railroad
- Streams



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- Sources:
1. Municipality Boundaries and Roads: NYS GIS Program Office
 2. Parcels (2021): Regrid
 3. Streams: U.S. Geological Survey, National Geospatial Program
 4. Railroad: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
 5. Basemap: ESRI
 6. Water and Sewer Data: Provided by Town of Walworth; digitized by LaBella



HISTORY & HISTORIC RESOURCES

Town of Walworth History

Established in 1829, the Town of Walworth is comprised of 20,425 acres bordered by the towns of Ontario to the north, Marion to the east, Macedon to the south, and Penfield (Monroe County) to the west. Its upland areas have some of the highest elevations in Wayne County and its fertile soil is comprised to rich sandy loam. elevated rolling upland.

Deep valleys and lofty hills, composed of rich sandy loam, very fertile and easily cultivated, several rivulets on the north and tributaries of Red Creek on the south.

Intersected by New York State Route 350 and New York State Route 441, the town contains three hamlets – Walworth, West Walworth, and Lincoln. An additional community, Gananda, is located partially in the Town of Walworth and partially in the Town of Macedon. Gananda was established in 1971 as a planned development district.

Originally the Village of Birch Bridge, the Town was renamed to Walworth in honor of General Chancellor Walworth.

Once comprised of dense growth of beech, maple, hemlock, ash, and brasswood trees, the Town was replaced with farms and residences.

Settlement started in the southeast part of town in what is now known as the Walworth Hamlet by the Millelt brothers and their families in 1799.

The hamlet of Walworth was originally known as Douglass Corners from 1801 to 1825. Settlers Stephen and Daniel Douglass erected the first frame building there in 1805.



Walworth Academy, the first academy in Walworth, was incorporated in 1842. Sourced from the Walworth Historical Society.



Portrait of General Chancellor Walworth sourced from the Walworth Historical Society

West Walworth was first settled in 1805 (established by Joseph Howe, Ira Howard, and Nathaniel Holmes) with its first store opened in 1835.

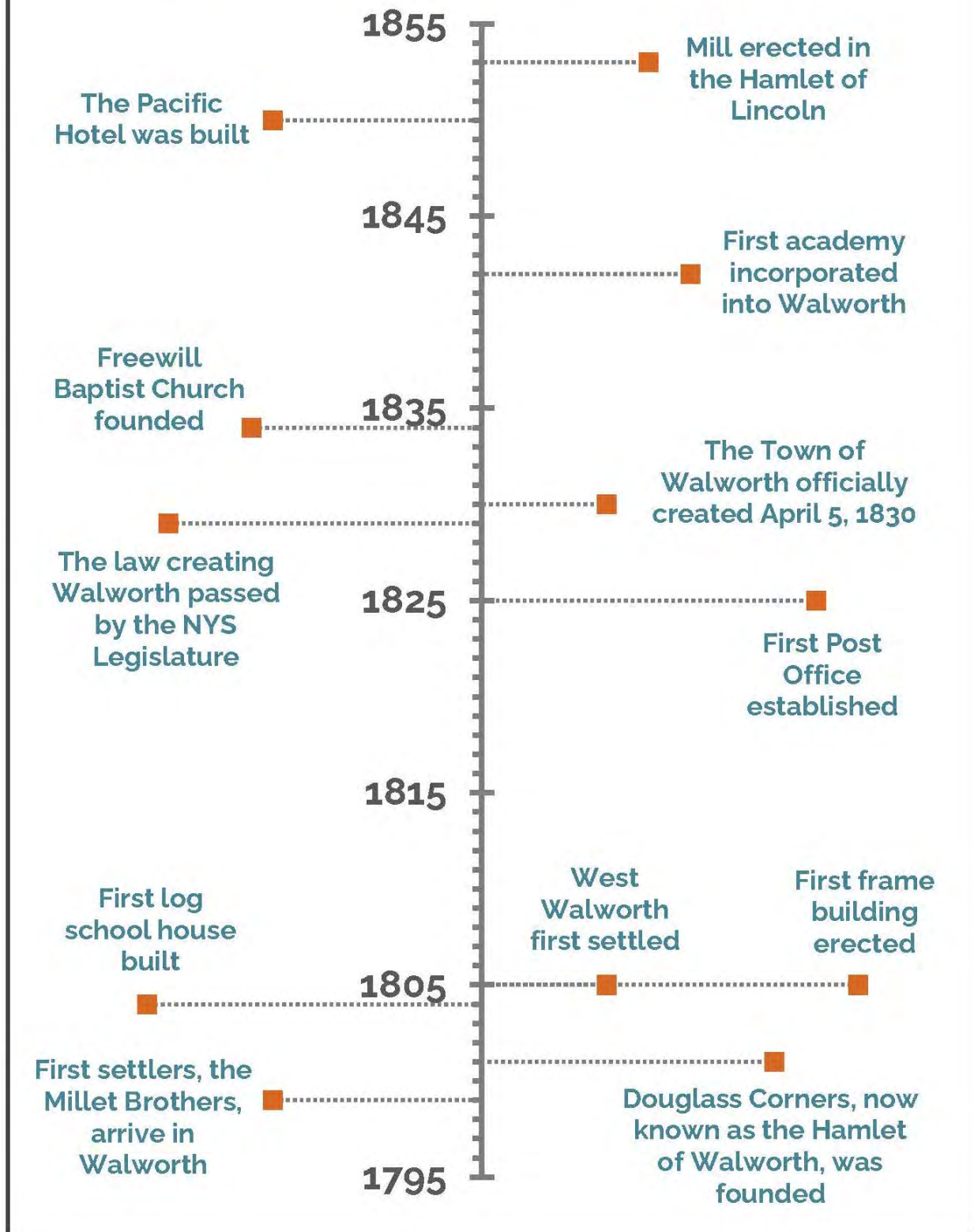
In 1853, a mill was erected in the Hamlet of Lincoln

The town of Walworth was created 5 April 1830 from the town of Ontario. The law creating Walworth was passed by the NYS Legislature on April 20, 1829, and signed by Governor Enos T. Throop.

Sisters Ellen & Anna shared their wedding date here June 10, 1891. Guests included their uncle former president Grover Cleveland. Near the intersection of High Street and Center Street.

President Cleveland's visit to Walworth on June 10, 1891, to attend the double wedding of his nieces, Nellie and Anna Yeomans.

Town of Walworth Early Timeline



Historic Preservation

Organizations

Walworth Historical Society and Museum

Established in 1975, the Walworth Historical Society (WHS) collects, preserves, and displays items and artifacts that are of historical importance to the people of the Town of Walworth.

Some of the people instrumental in organizing the Walworth Historical Society were Ethel Henning, Dorothy Petty, Chuck Bills, Hazel Bassage, Howard and Pearl Billings, Cliff and Bernice Nortier, Cliff and Emily Huntley, Gene Bavis, Joe Finley, and John Traas.

The museum has collections of books by Walworth authors, sets of old china, dishes, and local advertising memorabilia, and scrapbooks containing hundreds of newspaper articles concerning local, national, and international people and events.

Further information on the Walworth Historical Society, the Town's history, and related resources can be found at walworthhistoricalsociety.org.



The Pacific Hotel was built in 1850. Photo sourced from the Walworth Historical Society.

Landmark Society of Western New York

Founded in 1937, the Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc., is one of the nation's oldest and most active historic preservation organizations. It is a not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to assisting regional communities preserve and capitalize on their rich architectural, historical, and cultural heritage. The organization provides resources, services, and information regarding the unique historic heritage of the region.



Map of the Landmark Society's service area. Sourced from the Landmark Society's website.

Resources

Specialized Building Repairs

The Landmark Society connects skilled contractors and craftspeople who have experience working with owners of older properties. These contractors specialize in historic masonry, stained and leaded glass, architectural salvage, and reproduction, amongst other areas.

The Landmark Society of Western New York houses a contractor request form to put individuals in contact with specialized professionals. The request form, and additional information, can be found at landmarksociety.org/contractors/.

Funding Opportunities

New York State Programs: Organizations

Preservation League of New York State – Preserve New York Program

Launched in 1993, Preserve New York makes grants for historic structure reports, building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys. Applicants must be a unit of local government or a nonprofit group with tax-exempt status. State agencies and religious institutions are not eligible to apply. The program provides support up to 80% of the project cost. Find more information at preservenys.org/preserve-new-york.

Preservation League of New York State – Technical Assistance Grants

Technical Assistance Grants are available to eligible NYS nonprofits and municipalities. This program provides support for consulting projects that preserve New York State's cultural and historic resources. For more information, visit preservenys.org/technical-assistance-grants.

New York State Programs: Homeowners

New York State Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program for Income Producing Properties

Owners of income producing properties that have been approved to receive the 20% federal rehabilitation tax credit can additionally claim a state tax credit if the property is located in a qualifying census tract. Owners can receive an additional state credit of 20% or 30% of the qualified rehabilitation expenditure up to \$5,000,000.

New York State Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Credit

Rehabilitation of historic residential buildings may qualify for a New York State tax incentive. The Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Credit program offers a state income tax credit equal to 20% of qualified rehabilitation expenses associated with repair, maintenance, and upgrades to historic homes up to a credit value of \$50,000 per year.

New York State Historic Barn Rehabilitation Tax Credit

The Historic Barn Rehabilitation Tax Credit program offers a state income tax credit equal to 25% of the expenditures incurred to rehabilitate a historic barn. The barn must have been built prior to 1946 (National Register listing is not a requirement) and the work must be approved by the Division for Historic Preservation.

Find more information on these programs at parks.ny.gov/shpo/tax-credit-programs/.

Federal Programs: Homeowners

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 203(k) Program

Section 203(k) insurance enables homebuyers and homeowners to finance both the purchase (or refinancing) of a house and the cost of its rehabilitation through a single mortgage or to finance the rehabilitation of their existing home. Find more information at

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/203k/.

GOALS & RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Goal: Promote Walworth's local history and preserve historic resources

Preservation is essential to maintaining the character, history, and aesthetic of the Town. Safeguarding the existence and appearance of historic features of the Town can help provide a sense of place, continuity, and uniqueness. The following actions can assist the Town in preserving its rich history.

For the last 75 years, the Landmark Society of Western New York has been a resource for preservation information, education, and advocacy. They advocate for threatened historic buildings, advise municipal officials, and educational tours and events. The Landmark Society can be a beneficial resource to the Town of Walworth as their expertise can be utilized by the Town in any potential preservation initiatives or developments. Their resources can be shared with property owners and developers alike further promoting the Town's goal of historic preservation. Leveraging the Landmark Society can assist the Town in taking full advantage of funding and educational opportunities.

Recommendations

1. Identify historically significant buildings.
2. Consider developing local design standards and regulations related to historic preservation.
3. Refer development projects that may impact historic resources to the Walworth Historical Society and Landmark Society of Western New York for review and comment.
4. Connect property owners and developers to information about funding sources and tax credits related to historic preservation.

TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

CURRENT CONDITIONS

The following analysis and maps describe available transportation infrastructure within the Town of Walworth including roadways, trails, rail, and public transportation. The purpose of this analysis is to offer a better understanding of the existing conditions to guide recommendations for improvements that are consistent with the Town's needs.

Road Jurisdiction

Road and bridge construction and maintenance is divided between several agencies and municipal levels in New York State depending on the road or bridge's jurisdiction as well as any agreements in place between the jurisdiction with authority of the road and a partner – typically the local municipality. Understanding the jurisdictional authority for each road is necessary for maintenance requests and partnerships for road construction projects.

As the major routes through the Town of Walworth are not owned by the Town, the Town will need to collaborate and partner with the State and County to implement improvements on these roadways.

New York State

New York State maintains jurisdictional authority over two major thoroughfares and freight connections through the Town. NYS Route 350 runs north-south through the center of the Town. NYS Route 441 connects Walworth hamlet to population centers and facilities in Monroe County to the west.

Wayne County

Wayne County maintains jurisdictional authority over several roads in the Town of Walworth including Plank Road, Atlantic Avenue (CR 286), North and South Lincoln Roads, West Walworth Road, Walworth Penfield Road and Walworth Marion Road, and Walworth Road, and Gananda Parkway.

Town of Walworth

All other public roads in the Town of Walworth that are not under the jurisdiction of New York State or Wayne County fall under the jurisdiction of the Town.

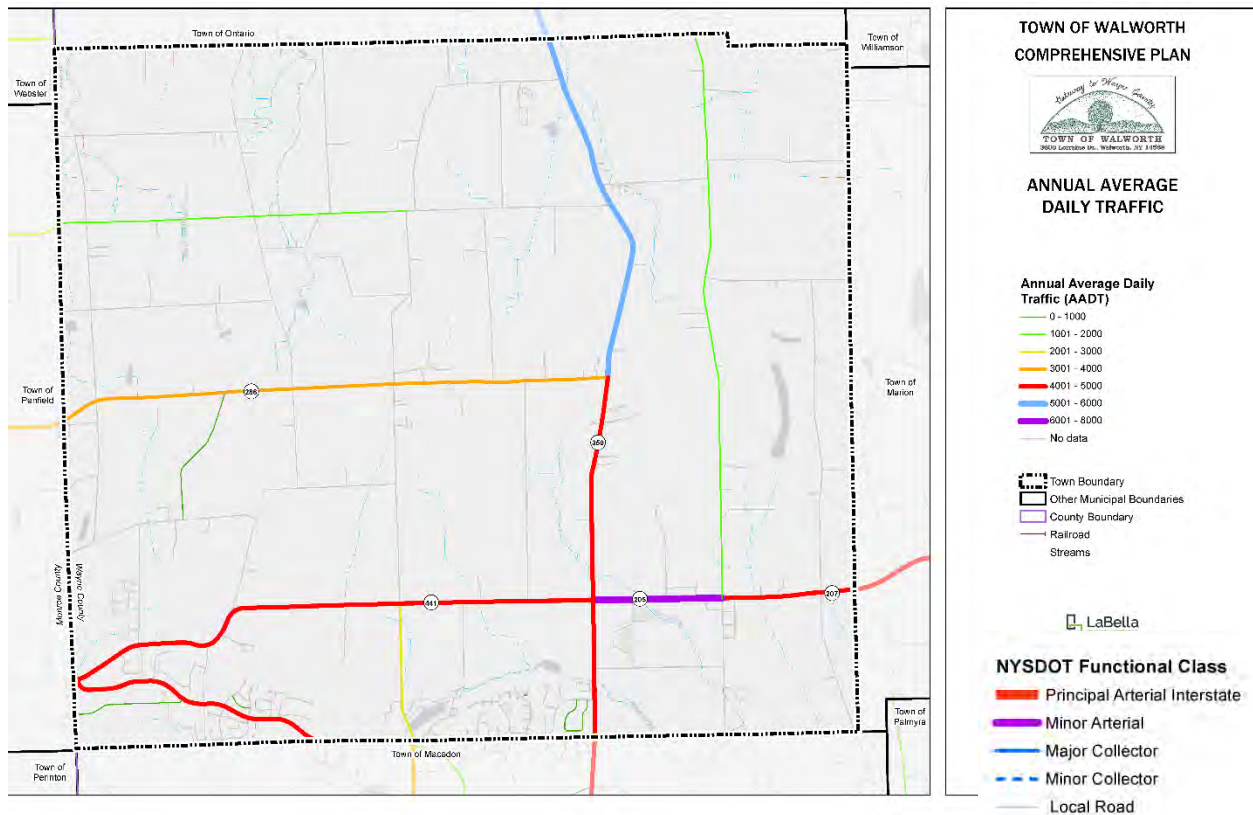
Traffic Volumes

The map below depicts the road network in the Town of Walworth according to each road's annual average daily traffic counts¹. The busiest roadway in terms of traffic volume is the segment of Walworth-Penfield Road between the hamlet of Walworth and NYS Route 350. This segment sees an average of 7,641 vehicles daily, 4% of which is truck traffic. Route 350 north of Atlantic Avenue sees an average of 5,141 vehicles per day. The next busiest road segments in the Town in Walworth are NYS Route 350, Walworth-Marion Road, Route 441 and Gananda Parkway. Each of these see between 4900 and 5000

¹ Annual Average Daily traffic is the average of total yearly traffic divided by the number of days in a year

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vehicles per day on average. Canandaigua Road averages 2,327 vehicles per day. Plank Road and Walworth Ontario Road see 1,437 and 1,972 vehicles per day on average. No other road segments in the Town handles more than 1,000 vehicles per day on average.



Town of Walworth Annual Average Daily Traffic Counts

Safety

Understanding road safety and the causes of crashes that occur within the Town of Walworth help to identify recommendations that will improve the safety of road users in the Town while also alleviating the demand these crashes place on the Town's emergency services. All data in this section is sourced from the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research's (ITSMR) Traffic Safety Statistical Repository (TSSR). The TSSR data is sourced from police crash and ticketing reports which does not provide specific locations of crashes and tickets issued but does provide a broad overview of trends by municipality.

Crash Data

Overall, crashes resulting in injury or death have declined slightly since 2018 with the lowest crash rates occurring in 2020. A slight rise in crashes in 2021 is consistent with national trends as traffic volumes increased following the COVID-19 pandemic. Between 2018 and 2022 three fatal crashes occurred within the Town of Walworth, while 109 crashes resulting in personal injury occurred over the same time frame. According to TSSR data, a significant share of all crashes involved young drivers (16-20 years) and older drivers (65+ years).

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Table 1 Town of Walworth Crash Data – Fatalities, Injuries, and Property Damage

2018-2022 Town of Walworth Vehicle Crash Summary					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fatality	2	0	0	1	0
Personal Injury	23	24	23	18	21
Property Damage	89	125	93	103	117
Total	114	149	116	122	138
Source: Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research – Traffic Safety Statistical Repository					

Table 2 Town of Walworth Crash Data - Contributing Factors

Town of Walworth 2018-2022 Vehicle Crash Contributing Factors	
Factor	Total Crashes 2018-2022
Animal's Action	264
Unsafe Speed	95
Failure to Yield Right-of-Way	67
Pavement Slippery	51
Driver Inattention/Distracted	46
Passing/Lane Changing/Improper Use	45
Following Too Closely	36
Traffic Control Device Disregarded	27
Backing Unsafely	25
Alcohol Involvement	24
Other	72
Source: Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research – Traffic Safety Statistical Repository	

Crashes involving wildlife are the most common type of crash in the Town of Walworth with animal actions being a contributing factor in more than twice as many crashes as the next most common contributing factor. This fact combined with an increase in crashes in the Fall, particularly in November, would suggest that deer populations may be a significant source of road safety issues in the Town. Slippery pavement is another common contributing traffic, related to the Town's winter snowfalls.

Public Transportation

Public transportation in Wayne County is provided by RTS Wayne. However, no fixed route service operates within the Town of Walworth.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Formal pedestrian facilities in the Town of Walworth are limited to the sidewalk network in and around the hamlet of Walworth. Sidewalks extend along Route 441 west of the hamlet to the Tops supermarket and the Town Park.

The Town of Walworth does not have formally delineated bicycle lanes. In some areas, wide shoulders provide space for bicyclists. The Town's rural roads have low traffic volumes and often have wide shoulders that are attractive places to ride for confident and experienced bicyclists. While these road conditions are appropriate for confident and experienced bicyclists, research indicates that approximately half of the U.S. population is interested in bicycling for transportation but requires dedicated infrastructure to feel comfortable doing so².

Relevant Plans and Studies

Genesee Transportation Council Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP 2045)

The Genesee Transportation Council LRTP 2045 was adopted in June 2021 and outlines a long-term vision for transportation in the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region. The plan identifies the region's future needs and identifies strategies to meet those needs. Major goals of the plan include:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Facilitate partnerships in planning, financing, and the execution of transportation initiatives.
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and freight.
5. Promote efficient system management and operations.
6. Protect and enhance the natural environment, cultural heritage and community appearance, and promote energy conservation.

The plan outlines several broad recommendations to achieve these goals, funding sources for project implementation, and metrics used to evaluate project proposals and progress in the region. No specific recommendations are made for the Town of Walworth but the goals, recommendations, funding sources, and project metrics are all applicable to the Town and may be used to help the Town develop, fund, and implement plans.

Genesee Transportation Council Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2023-2027

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to prepare a multi-year program of projects. The Genesee Transportation Council (GTC) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for transportation policy, planning, and investment decision making for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the multi-year program for all highway, bridge, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian transportation projects scheduled between 2023-2027 which will utilize federal transportation funds. Project outlined in the TIP must be consistent with the broad goals and recommendations made in the LRTP 2045. There are no proposed projects in the 2023-2027 TIP in the Town of Walworth.

² https://web.pdx.edu/~jdill/Types_of_Cyclists_PSUWorkingPaper.pdf

Partners and Relevant Organizations

Because a significant number of roads in the Town of Walworth are under the jurisdiction of other entities, the Town will be reliant on partnerships and good relationships with the following organizations to implement changes to its transportation network. These organizations not only have jurisdiction over many of the roads in the Town, but they also provide significant technical support, resources, and transportation funding in the region.

New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)

NYSDOT has jurisdiction over many of the major roads in the Town of Walworth. NYSDOT manages several resources to assist local municipalities with transportation projects, all of which are compiled in the NYSDOT Local Projects Manual (LPM). The manual includes guidance on project development, highway design, environmental considerations, bridges, and more. Additionally, NYSDOT oversees several funding programs including:

- **Transportation Alternatives Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (TAP-CMAQ)** – funds for projects that promote environmentally friendly modes of travel and safety improvements for walking and biking.
- **Multi-Modal Program** – funds for rail, ports, ferry facilities, airports, and state and local highway and bridge projects.
- **Rail and Port Capital Improvement Program** – funds for freight or passenger rail

Genesee Transportation Council (GTC)

The Genesee Transportation Council is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region. MPOs oversee transportation policy and federal funding for urbanized areas with a population over 50,000 as designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation. GTC sets long term transportation goals and policies through Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP), identifies upcoming projects through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and distributes funds through the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) on an annual or bi-annual basis.

Wayne County

Wayne County has jurisdiction over several roads in the Town of Walworth. The Wayne County Highway Department is responsible for the operation and maintenance of county-owned highways, bridges, culverts, and traffic signals. Transportation projects and curb cuts along county-owned rights-of-way must be approved by Wayne County Highway Department.

Complete Streets

The New York State Complete Streets Act, signed into law in 2011, requires state, county, and local agencies to consider the convenience and mobility of all users when developing transportation projects that receive state and/or federal funding. More broadly, complete streets policies are a tool that combine planning and engineering to design a transportation system that considers the needs and safety of all road users of all ages and abilities.

Complete streets policies are flexible and should be customized to meet the unique needs of road users in a community. A complete streets policy in an urban environment should be different from a complete

streets policy in a rural environment given the differences in road users, transportation modes available, street geometries, and distances between destinations. Each environment presents unique challenges within the transportation system that can be addressed through a complete streets policy.

GOALS, POLICIES, & RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Goals: Improve mobility

Recommendations

1. Develop a Complete Streets policy.

Goal: Expand connectivity

Recommendations

2. Sidewalks on the northside of Sherburne Road creating a walkable loop.
3. On-going sidewalk and roadway maintenance.

Goal: Increase safety

Recommendations

4. Integrate access management principles into laws, zoning, and project review.
5. Expand street lighting to include more pedestrian-scaled fixtures, installation of LEDs, and streetscape lighting on both side of the street.
6. Plant additional Street trees to beautify the streetscape and provide shade for pedestrians.



Photo Source: Walworth Historical Society

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

LAND USE	
<i>Goal</i>	<i>Strategies</i>
LU-1. Preserve existing rural character, especially outside sewered areas and hamlets	LU-1a. Maintain zoning for rural areas.
LU-2. Revitalize the Hamlet District to allow for a mix of uses, encourage local business development, and to create a greater sense of community	LU-2a. Revise zoning in the hamlets to accommodate a mix of residential and business uses.
LU-3. Encourage business development along the Route 441 corridor	LU-3a. Maintain business zoning along the Route 441 corridor.
	LU-3b. Revise zoning - clear, streamlined, customize list for each district.
	LU-3c. Extend sewer to additional locations along Route 441.

HAMLET REVITALIZATION	
<i>Goal</i>	<i>Strategies</i>
HR-1. Allow for a mix of uses in the hamlet areas	HR-1a. Revise zoning regulations to accommodate a mix of uses and the traditional character of the hamlets.
	HR-1b. Promote adaptive reuse of existing structures within the hamlet.
HR-2. Foster a business-friendly environment	HR-2a. Eliminate parking minimums in the Hamlet District allowing for more efficient land use, further walkability, and the removal of a substantial barrier to the establishment of new businesses.
	HR-2b. Create a shop local campaign with a local business passport available at town hall for both residents and visitors.

HAMLET REVITALIZATION	
Goal	Strategies
HR-2. Foster a business-friendly environment	HR-2c. Host workshops or open office hours at town hall which provide information regarding approvals required to run a business in town.
	HR-2d. Reach out to local businesses to be a part of existing Town events including the Farmers Market and annual festivals.
HR-3. Improve mobility, connectivity, and safety in the Hamlet	HR-3a. Installation of clear signage, maps, and wayfinding markers to guide pedestrians and visitors to key destinations. Features should be consistent and visually appealing.
	HR-3b. Installation of pedestrian-scaled lights which may include adding lamps low on existing poles to eliminate the sidewalk.
	HR-3c. As needed, replace public lighting to LEDs.
	HR-3d. Installation of bike racks and repair stations to promote alternative forms of transit within the hamlet.
	HR-3e. Delineate parking lot access points and reduce curb cut widths to discourage frontage pavement.
	HR-3f. Enhance sidewalks, crosswalks, and street lighting where possible to make the town more pedestrian-friendly and safe.
	HR-3g. Evaluate current sidewalk conditions and incorporate expected costs into capital improvement program.
	HR-3h. Expand sidewalk network along Sherburne Road.
HR-4. Enhance the sense of community in the Hamlet	HR-3i. Advocate for pedestrian-activated signals or countdown timers at crosswalks, and for additional mid-block crossings, to improve safety for pedestrians along state roadways.
	HR-4a. Encourage local businesses and organizations to create public art installations which can include large-scale murals, sculptures, and painted intersections.
	HR-4b. Install outdoor seating areas like benches, picnic tables, or seating areas in public spaces encourage relaxation and socializing.
	HR-4c. Maintain existing green spaces and incorporate trees, shrubs, and plantings to create a visually appealing environment and provide shade.

AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND	
Goal	Strategies
AF-1. Retain high quality farmland for agricultural production	AF-1a. Encourage farmers to partner with land trust organizations to place permanent easements on their land.
	AF-1b. Maintain local laws to limit the development of large-scale solar facilities on high quality farmland.
AF-2. Maintain the economic viability of farms	AF-2a. Revise zoning as needed to accommodate value-added production and agri-tourism activities on farms.

NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	
Goal	Strategies
NR-1. Protect water quality	NR-1a. Revise zoning to incorporate minimum buffers around streams.
	NR-1b. Continue active participation in the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program which prioritizes stormwater management.
NR-2. Maintain natural features and environmental resources	NR-2a. Continue comprehensive SEQRA reviews as part of the development review process.
	NR-2b. Review Town's zoning code to incorporate additional protections of environmental resources.
	NR-2c. Revise zoning code to ensure open space retained via cluster development is meaningful and has ecological and/or recreational benefits.
NR-3. Prioritize stewardship of Town parks and their natural features	NR-3a. Carry out tree planting and maintain vegetation within stream buffers at Town parks and other Town-owned land.

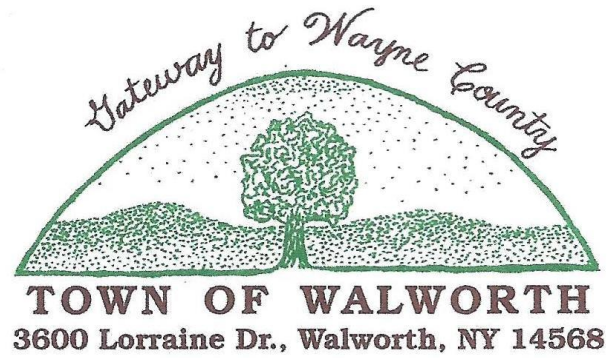
POPULATION & HOUSING	
Goal	Strategies
PH-1. Preserve existing rural character, especially outside sewerred areas and the hamlets	PH-1a. Maintain zoning that guides more intensive residential development to areas with sewer infrastructure and retains the character of the town's rural areas.
PH-2. Accommodate continued residential subdivision and development in sewerred areas	
PH-3. Allow for a mix of housing types in the hamlets	PH-3a. Revise zoning to accommodate diversity of housing types as well as business development.
PH-4. Improve quality of existing housing.	PH-4a. Connect homeowners with sources of funding and resources for home repairs and energy-efficiency upgrades.
PH-5. Promote a diversity of housing types, including those that are affordable for the average Walworth resident and aging population	PH-5a. Revise zoning to accommodate Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) both attached to and separate from the primary residential structure.

ECONOMIC VITALITY	
Goal	Strategies
EV-1. Expand business development along Route 441	EV-1a. Obtain funding and expand sewer service along Route 441.
	EV-1b. Maintain zoning for businesses along Route 441.
	EV-1c. Maintain communication and assist property owners interested in developing land along Route 441.
EV-2. Foster a business-friendly environment	EV-2a. Revise zoning to simplify list of permitted and specially permitted uses.
	EV-2b. Maintain a clear and transparent permitting process.
	EV-2c. Connect businesses to sources of funding for expansion.

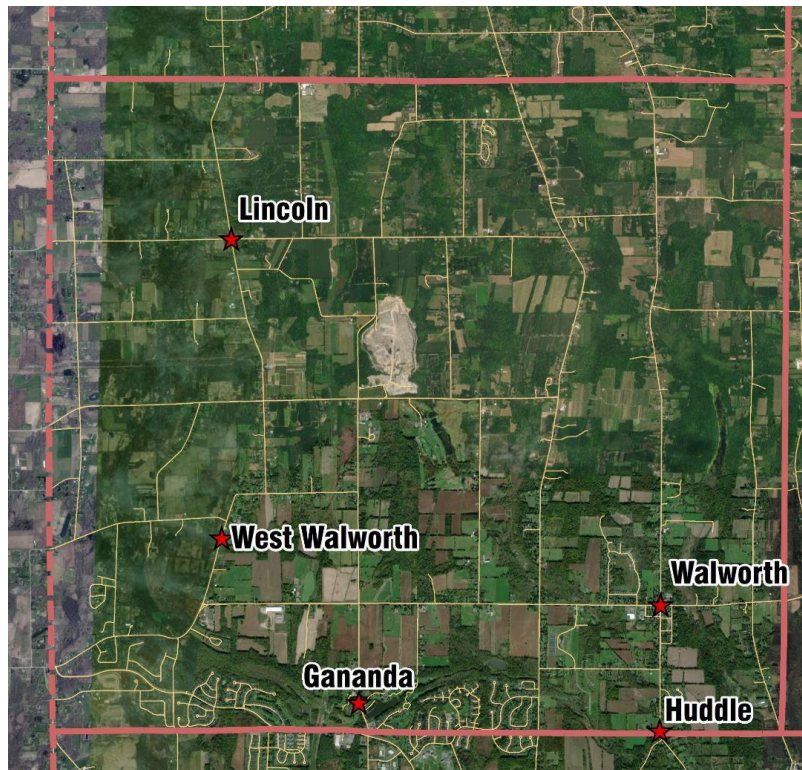
PARKS, RECREATION, & COMMUNITY SERVICES	
<i>Goal</i>	<i>Strategies</i>
PR-1. Maintain & enhance parks & recreation programming	PR-1a. Continue allocating funding within the Town's budget for recreation initiatives and development.
	PR-1b. Obtain grant funding for park improvements.
	PR-1c. Continue to partner with schools and other community organizations to share facilities and enhance programming.
PR-2. Continue to support the town's fire district and companies	PR-2a. Continue to support the town's fire districts and companies.
PR-3. Maintain town services and facilities at a level needed to meet the needs of the community	PR-3a. Continue to budget sufficient funds to maintain town hall and other facilities.

HISTORY & HISTORIC RESOURCES	
<i>Goal</i>	<i>Strategies</i>
HH-1. Promote Walworth's local history and preserve historic resources	HH-1a. Identify historically significant buildings.
	HH-1b. Consider developing local design standards and regulations related to historic preservation.
	HH-1c. Refer development projects that may impact historic resources to the Walworth Historical Society and Landmark Society of Western New York for review and comment.
	HH-1d. Connect property owners and developers to information about funding sources and tax credits related to historic preservation.

TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY	
<i>Goal</i>	<i>Strategies</i>
TM-1. Improve mobility	TM-1a. Development a Complete Streets policy
TM-2. Expand connectivity	TM-2a. Sidewalks on the northside of Sherburne Road creating a walkable loop.
	TM-2b. On-going sidewalks and roadway maintenance.
TM-3. Increase safety	TM-3a. Integrate access management principles into laws, zoning, and project reviews.
	TM-3b. Expand street lighting to include more pedestrian-scaled features, installation of LEDS, and streetscape lighting on both sides of the street.
	TM-3c. Plant additional street trees to beautify the streetscape and provide shade for pedestrians.



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Q2. What would you like to change about the Town of Walworth?



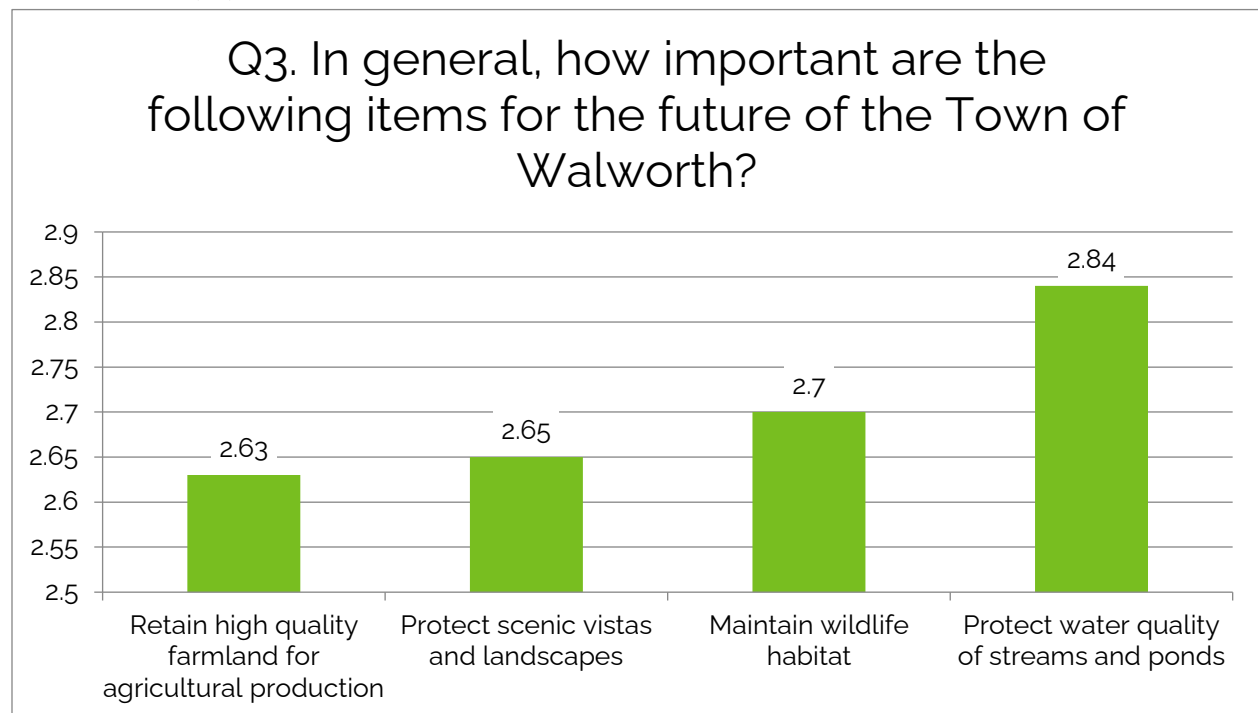
Word	Occurrence
Nothing	9
Taxes	9
Restaurant	5
Chickens	3
Community center	3
Lower taxes	3

The word cloud above highlights the words which most occurred in the received responses. Many responses highlighted the desire for lower taxes and additional business development, specifically the establishment of restaurants within the Town's borders.



NATURAL RESOURCES: QUESTIONS 3 & 4

Question 3 asked respondents to rate the importance of specific natural resources and environmental assets within the Town.



The bar chart above demonstrates respondents' environmental priorities based on a weighted average of the received responses. Respondents ranked "Protection of water quality of streams and ponds" as the most important environmental asset for the future of the Town of Walworth.


The table below provides a summary of this data. The weighted average is calculated by allocating a higher value (3) to "very important" selection and a lower value (1) to "not at all important" selection. The higher the weighted average, the more important the issue is. As seen below, nearly 86% of respondents rated "Protection of water quality of streams and ponds" as very important, and correspondingly, this item has the highest weighted average.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not At All Important	No Opinion	Total	Weighted Average
Retain high quality farmland for agricultural production	66.67% 94	27.66% 39	4.26% 2	1.42% 2	141	2.63
Protect scenic vistas & landscapes	66.20% 94	30.28% 43	2.11% 3	1.41% 2	142	2.65
Maintain wildlife habitat	71.13% 101	25.35% 36	2.11% 3	1.41% 2	142	2.7
Protect water quality of streams and ponds	85.92% 122	11.97% 17	2.11% 3	0.00% 0	142	2.84



Question 4 was open-ended allowing respondents to provide any additional comments regarding natural resources and related topic areas. Selected responses are included in the table below.

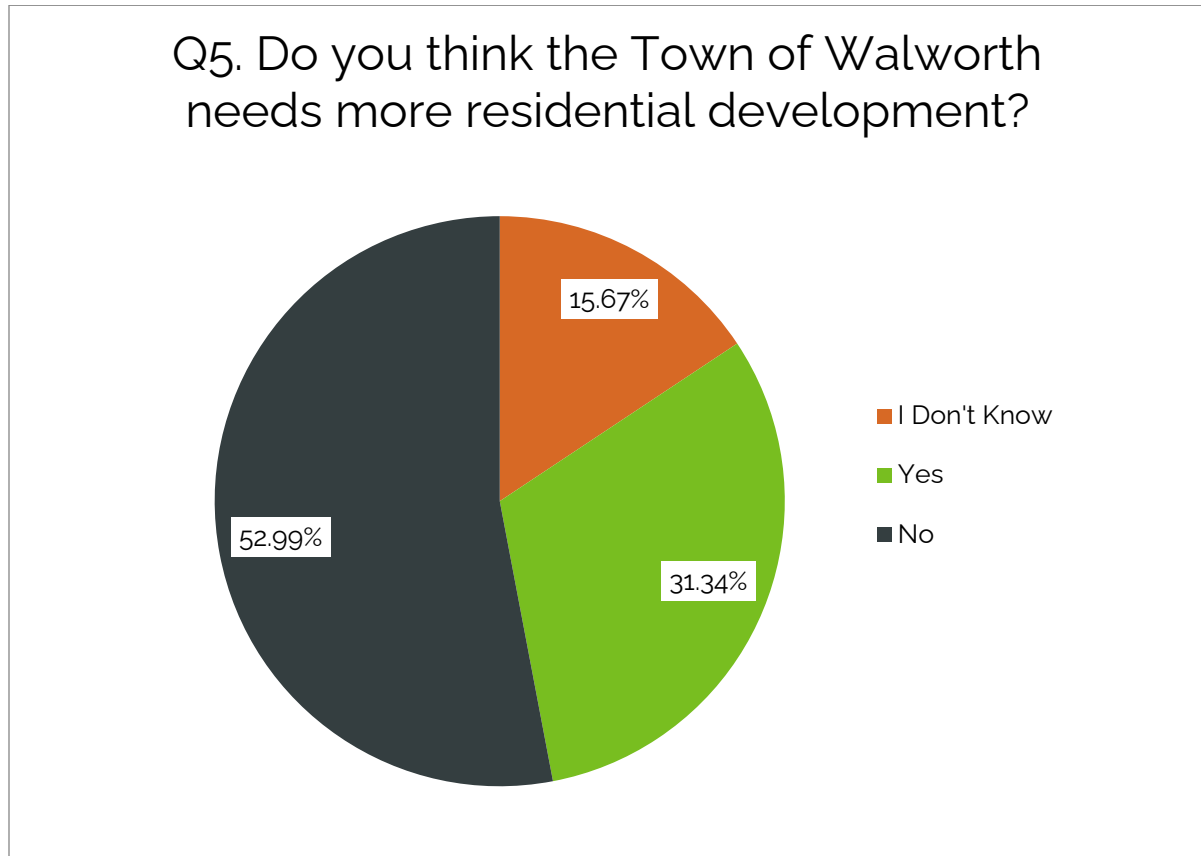
Q4. Do you have any additional comments regarding natural resources?

	
<i>We are lucky to live in this part of the world with really no natural disasters and many natural water sources</i>	<i>Worst fear is penfield moving this way</i>
<i>Keep what we have been enjoying, protect them - don't give them away!</i>	<i>Keep all solar farms and wind farms OUT of Walworth ,the green deal is a scam,it would ruin our nice town and New York State.</i>
<i>Every morning when I drive down 350 I am met by the beautiful view of farmland and wooded areas. I get to see many types of birds, woodland creatures and so many stars at night. I absolutely love this area, it is a true hidden gem.</i>	<i>Please do NOT encourage sub-divisions everywhere like Ontario and Webster have done!!</i>
<i>One of the draws for my husband and I to move to Walworth was it's country feel and natural space left untouched</i>	<i>Please continue to prevent large scale developments that would negatively impact water runoff without proper management</i>



HOUSING: QUESTIONS 5 - 8

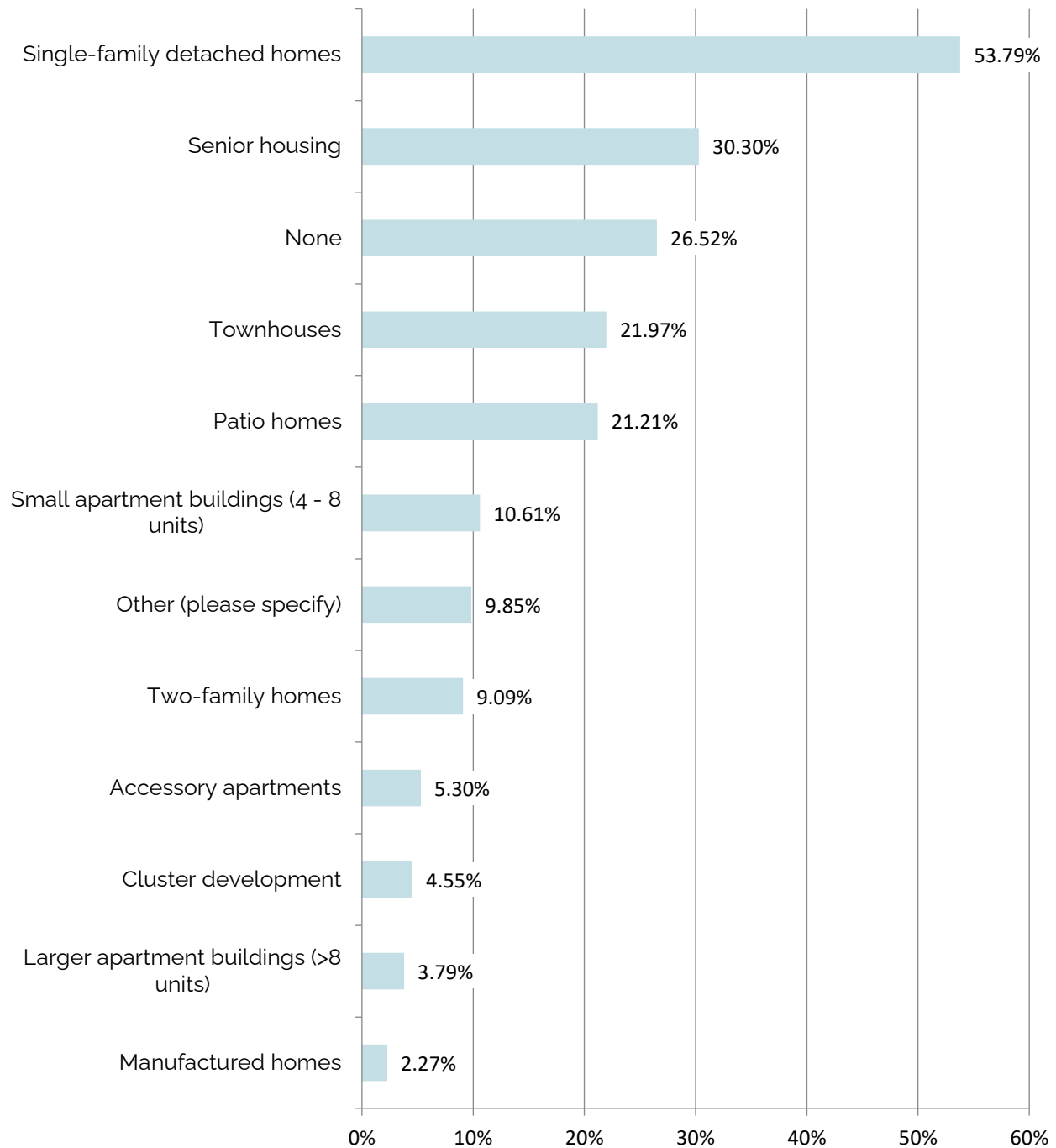
Question 5 was developed to better understand resident's thoughts regarding the increase in residential development in Walworth and surrounding areas. As seen in the pie chart below, the majority (52.99%) of respondents indicated that they believe the Town of Walworth does not need more residential development.



The survey further breaks down residential development into type of housing. Question 6 (as summarized in the bar chart on the following page) revealed that though a significant portion of the community does not want additional residential development, if housing were to be developed, there is a preference for the development of single-family detached homes and senior housing. Townhouses and patio homes are also somewhat desirable, with between 21 and 22% of respondents wanting to see more of these types of homes.

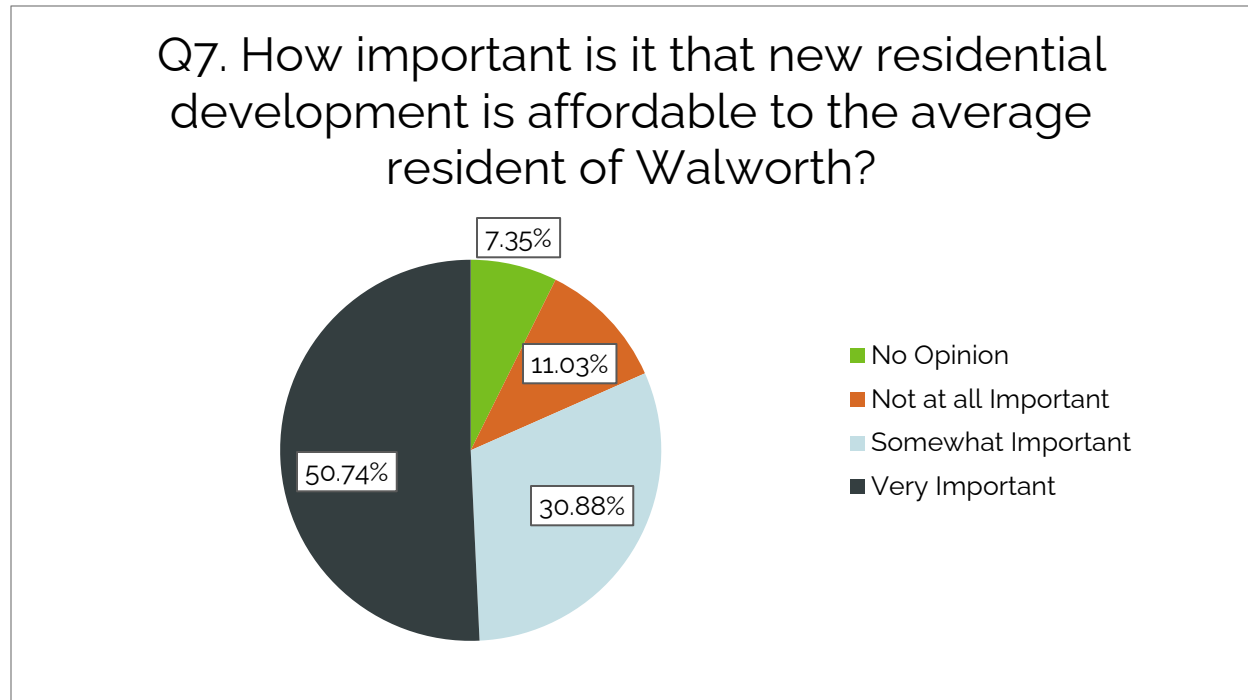


Q6. What kinds of housing would you like to see more of in the Town of Walworth?







Question 7 broaches the importance of affordability when it comes to residential development. Over 81% of respondents believe it is either very important or somewhat important that new residential development is affordable to the average resident of Walworth. See bar chart below.



Question 8 was open-ended allowing respondents to provide any additional comments regarding housing and related topic areas. Select responses are included in the table below.

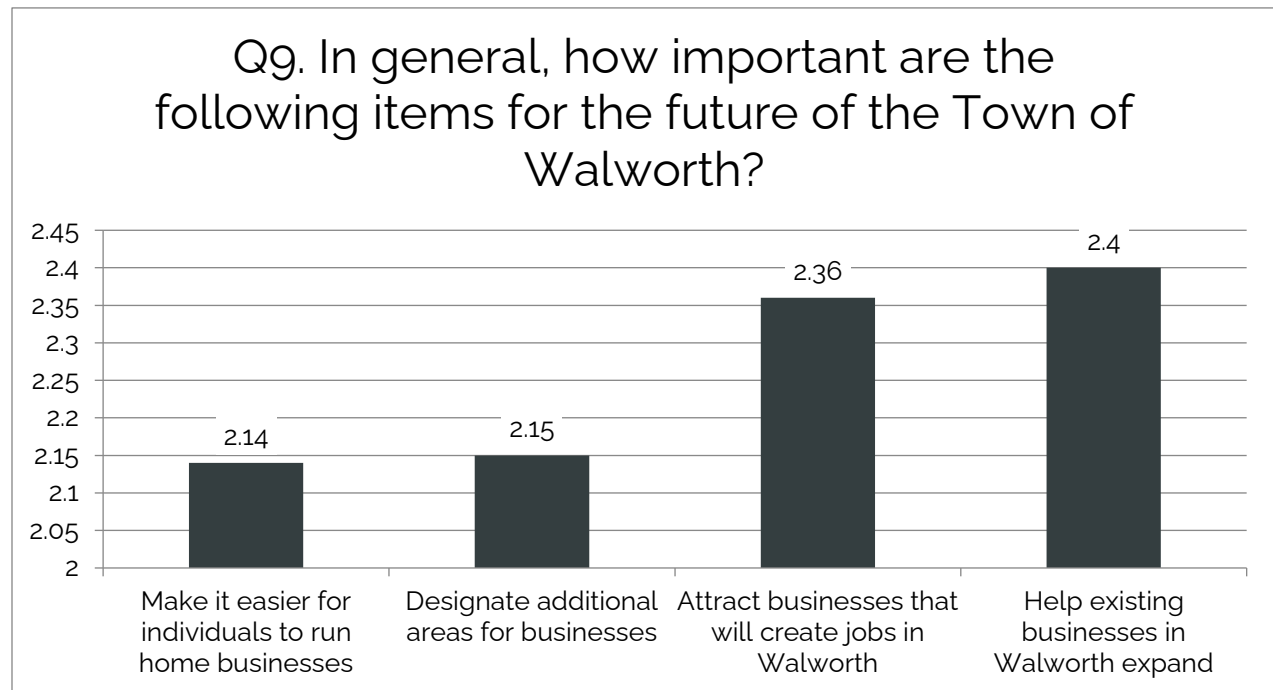
Q8. Do you have any additional comments regarding residential neighborhoods and housing?

	
<i>Cluster development in the planned development zones areas and Hamlets would be ideal</i>	<i>When I moved to walworth there was a lot of affordable houses available. The property values in the area are starting to drive out middle class families</i>
<i>I like that the community is rural and not a suburb.</i>	<i>I am concerned that farmland will be sold and turned into subdivisions.</i>
<i>Bringing in more people and housing is a nice idea to grow the town, but again.... quality services need to be provided.</i>	<i>I think it is critical that housing for aging in place, at least within the community, is developed and affordable</i>
<i>I think we need more residential neighborhoods to support our tax base, however I would want to keep the country feel of our area.</i>	<i>Beware of sprawl. Once development occurs, keep a plan and vision of drawing the line; taking a pause to reevaluate; keeping in mind how gifted we are here with beautiful resources.</i>



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: QUESTIONS 9 - 12

Question 9 asked respondents to rate the importance of specific business development issues within the Town.



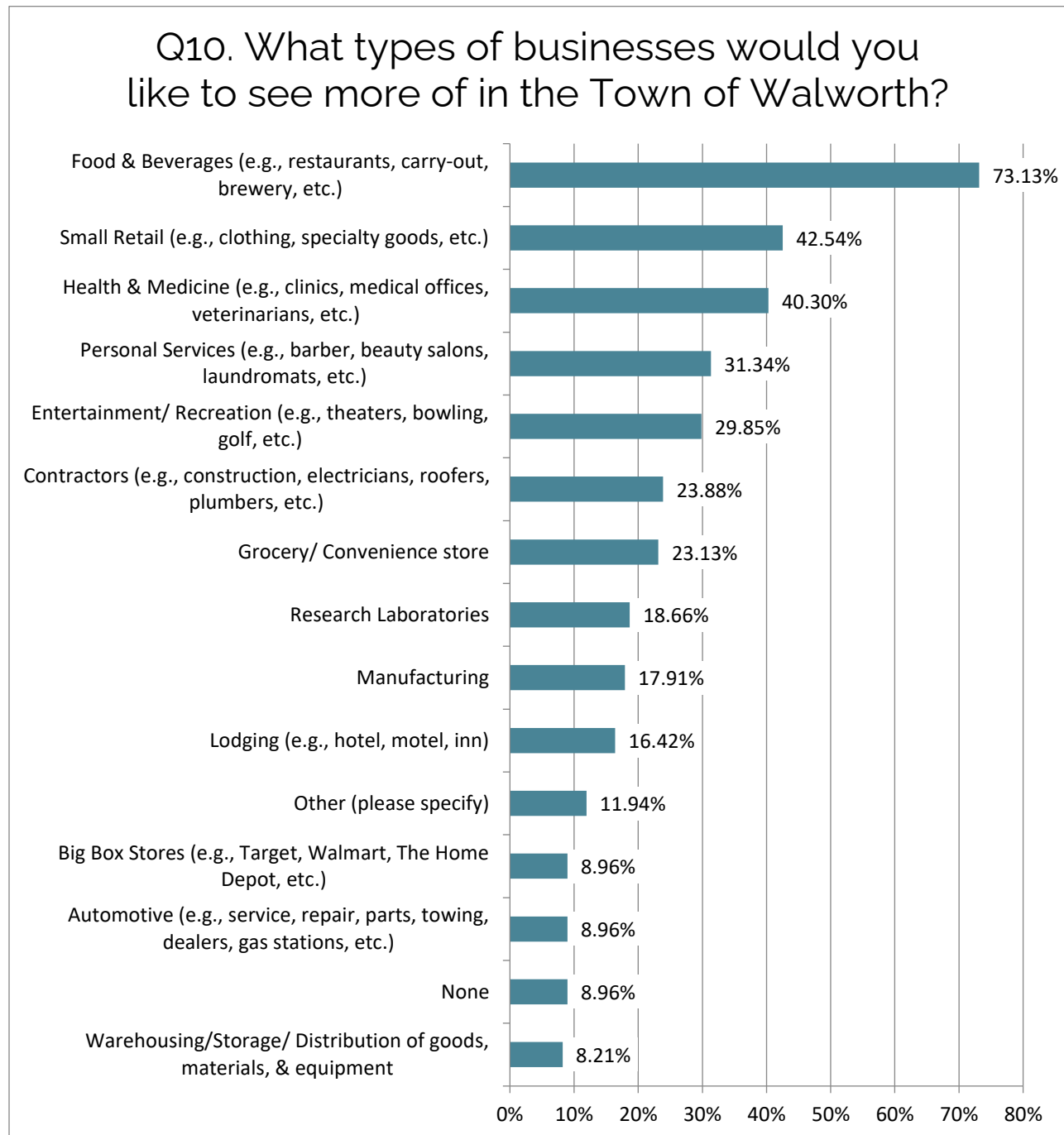
The bar chart above demonstrates respondents' business development priorities based on a weighted average of the received responses. "Help existing business in Walworth expand" ranked as the most important business development priority for the future of the Town of Walworth with "Attract businesses that will create jobs in Walworth" in a close second.

The table below provides a summary of this data. The weighted average is calculated by allocating a higher value (3) to "very important" selection and a lower value (1) to "not at all important" selection. Essentially, the higher the weighted average, the more important the issue is. As seen below, over 48% of respondents rated "Help existing business in Walworth expand" and "Attract businesses that will create jobs in Walworth" as very important.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not At All Important	No Opinion	Total	Weighted Average
Make it easier for individuals to run home businesses	29.63% 40	44.44% 60	17.04% 23	8.89% 12	135	2.14
Designate additional areas for businesses	36.03% 49	31.62% 43	22.79% 31	9.56% 13	136	2.15
Attract businesses that will create jobs in Walworth	48.53% 66	36.76% 50	13.24% 18	1.47% 2	136	2.36
Help existing businesses in Walworth expand	48.89% 66	38.52% 52	9.63% 13	2.96% 4	135	2.4

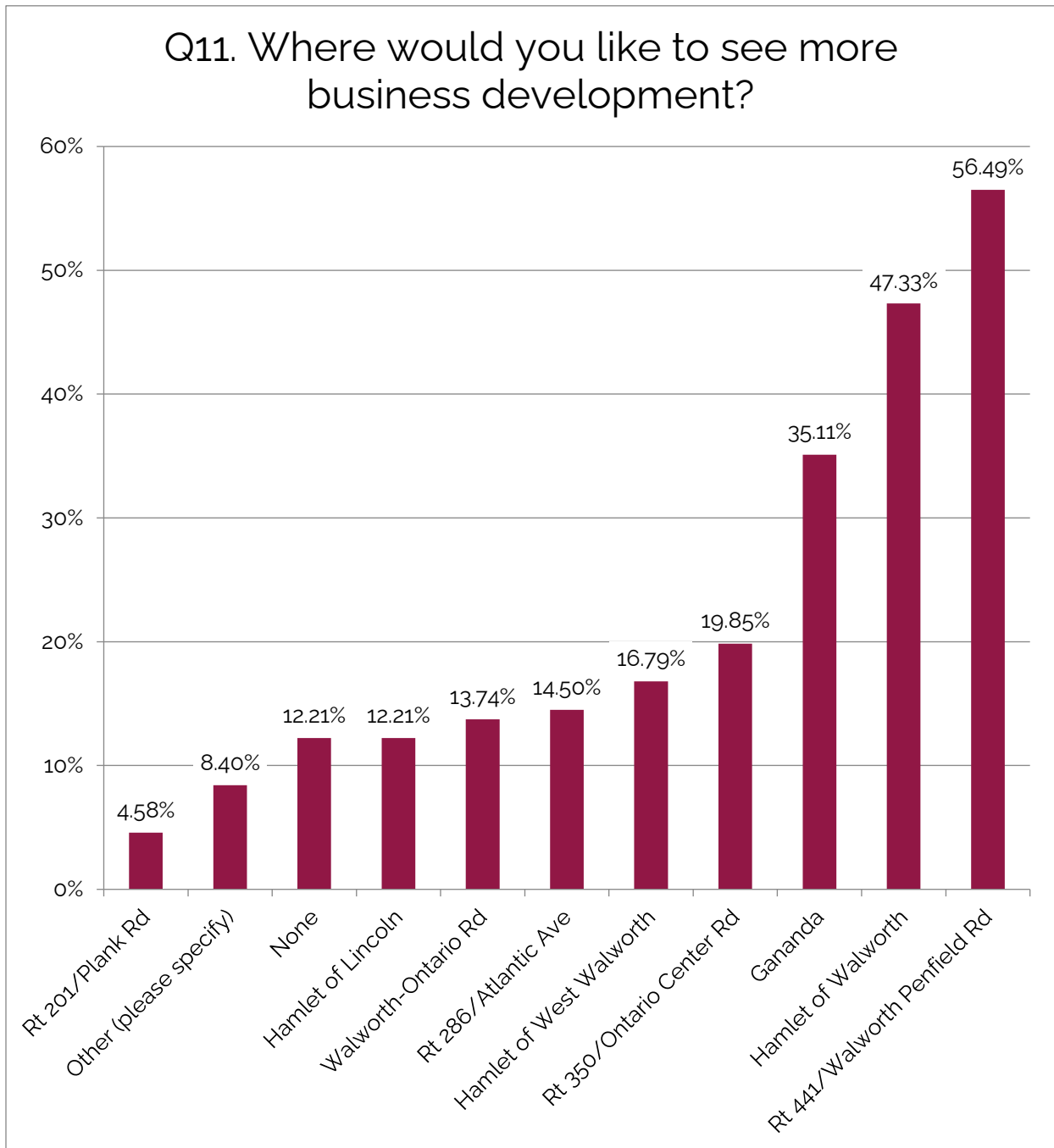


Question 10 asks respondents to indicate which types of businesses they would like to see in the Town of Walworth. The vast majority of respondents would like to see more food & beverage establishments, like restaurants and breweries, in the Town of Walworth. This was followed by small retail businesses and health and medical businesses, both with over 40% of the respondents indicating such. There appears to be less of a desire for additional warehousing, automotive businesses, and big box stores, all with less than 10% of respondents indicating they would like to see more of these types of businesses in Town. A bar chart summarizing the data for this question can be seen below.





Beyond the types of businesses, the survey also asked individuals to indicate where they would like additional business development. A summary of this data, collected in Question 11, can be seen in the bar chart below.



Over 56% of respondents indicated that they would like to see additional business development along Route 441, a major east-west thoroughfare on the southern side of the Town. 47.33% of respondents and 35.11% of respondents indicated they would like to see additional business development in the Hamlet of Walworth and Gananda respectively.



Question 12 was open-ended allowing respondents to provide any additional comments regarding commercial development and related topic areas. Selected responses are listed in the bulleted list below.

Q12. Do you have any additional comments regarding business development?

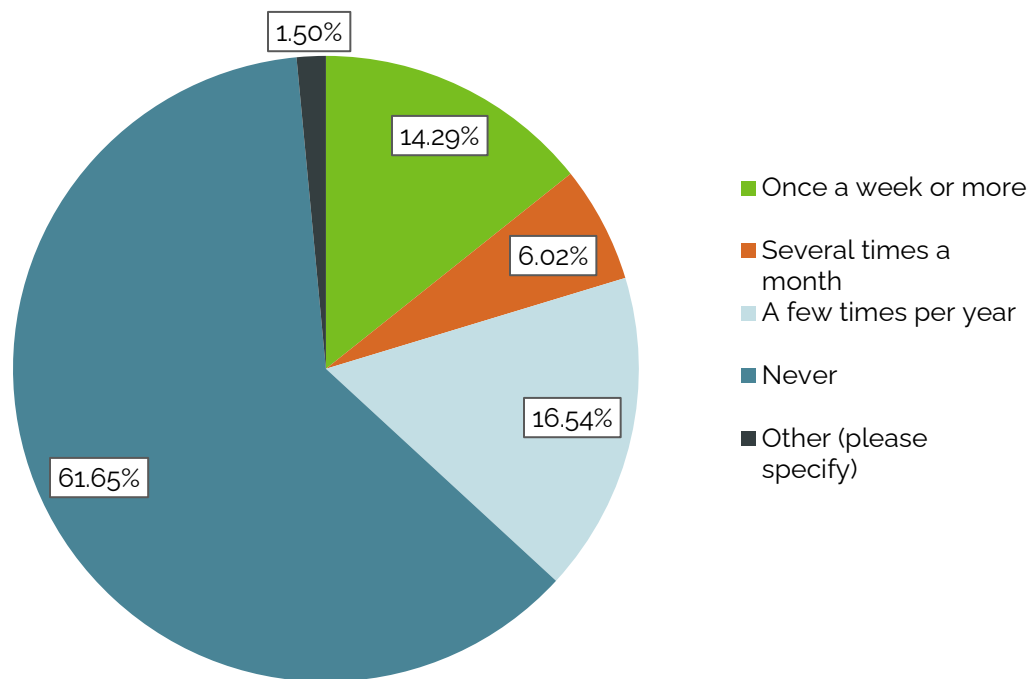
- I'm hesitant to advise too much retail etc as I'm afraid it would ruin what we love about Walworth.
- Open storefronts need to be filled before granting building permits to developers.
- Not in favor of building along major roads and streets. Need limited access to those. Build interior roads. "Business Parks"
- Let's avoid serving big business interests at the expense of our citizens' quality of life.
- We live "in the country" with the expectation that travel would be required for goods and services. The country should remain the country.
- I think it's important to draw new businesses in to not only benefit us as consumers, but to provide living wages for our community members who work there to thrive, not merely survive.
- I prefer to see little to no new businesses in the future
- Business that are small and service oriented are preferred.
- Crest businesses that will contribute to lowering school taxes.
- not next to residents property
- Keep things within the current feel of the town but not so restricted as to discourage growth, ie. Develop current structure into small business/office or smaller well planned developments not giant parking lots
- If Gananda doesn't get something to offset our Gananda School taxes here in Walworth, I know a lot of us plan to leave ASAP
- Attractive w/architectural interest, enough of the depressing Dollar General look inside & out



TRANSPORTATION: QUESTIONS 13 - 20

In order to gauge residents use of alternative forms of transportation, we asked individuals how frequently they use different forms of transportation.

Q13. In the past year, how often did you walk, bike, take public transportation, or use an alternative form of transportation (skating, scootering, etc.) to get to a destination in the Town of Walworth?

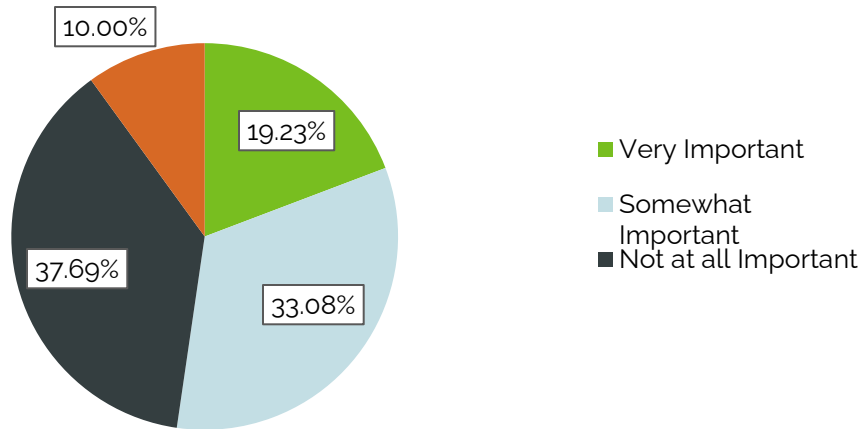


Via Question 13, we learned that the majority of people (over 60%) have not utilized an alternative mode of transportation in the last 12 months with an additional 16.54% having only utilized an alternative mode of transportation a few times in the last year.

The next several questions focus on behaviors and improvements associated with alternative modes of transportation. Question 14, summarized in the pie chart on the following page, asked respondents to rate the importance of improvements associated with bicycle safety.



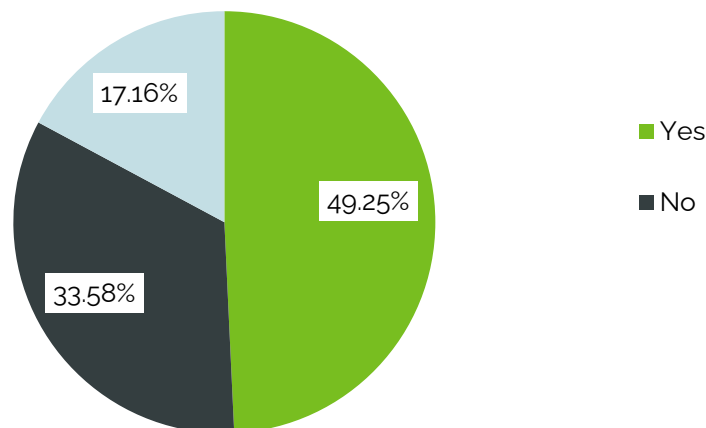
Q14. In general, how important is it that the Town install bike lanes or other improvements to make bicycling safer?



Responses were generally split, with the greatest number of respondents (37.69%) indicating that the Town installing bike lanes or other improvements to make bicycling safer was not at all important. 33.08% and 19.23% of respondents indicated that installing bike lanes to improve bicycling safer is somewhat important and very important respectively.

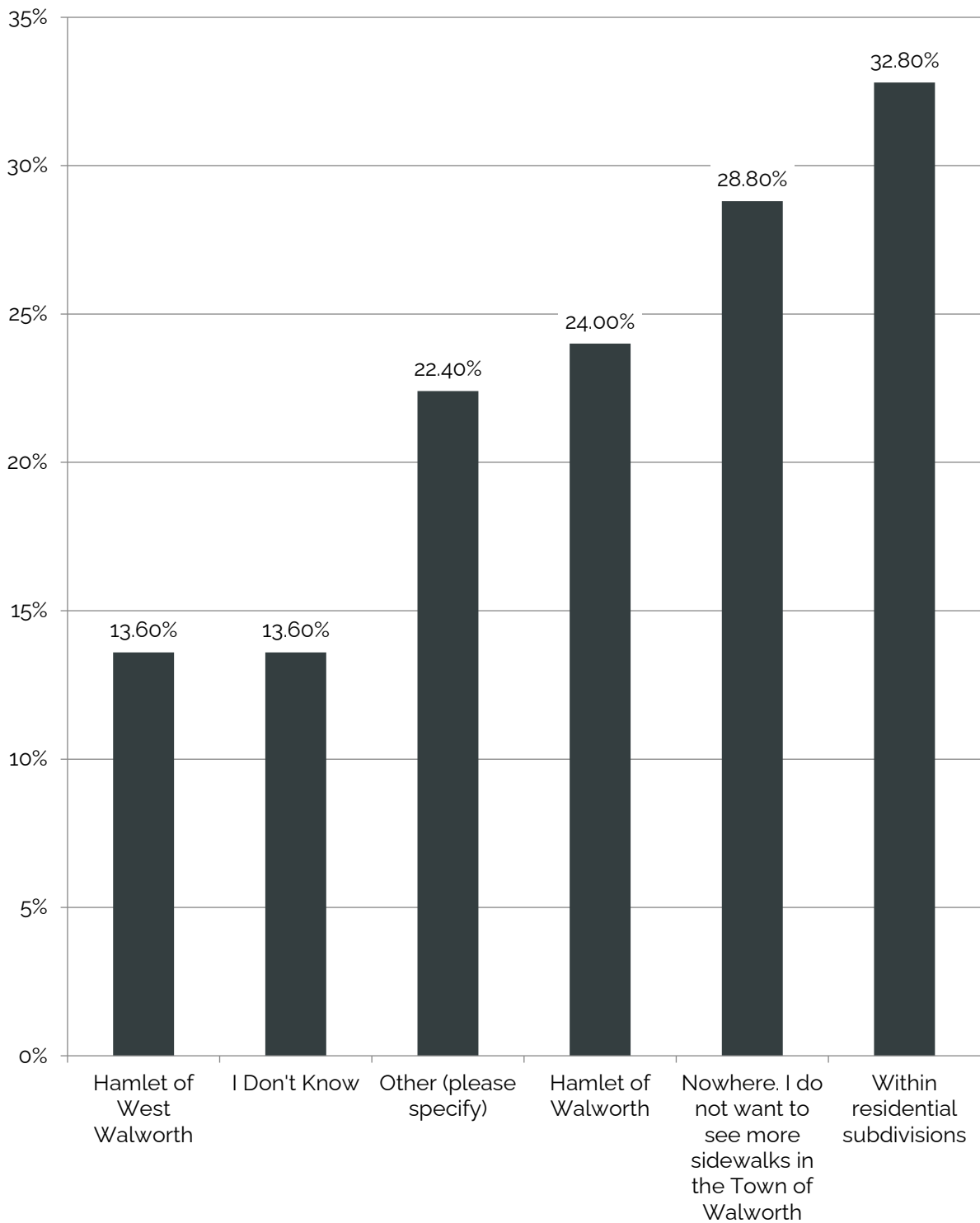
Questions 15 and 16 are focused on additional sidewalk infrastructure with almost 50% of respondents stating they would like to see more sidewalks with over 30% of respondents wanting to see more sidewalks within residential developments.

Q15. Would you like to see more sidewalks in the Town of Walworth?





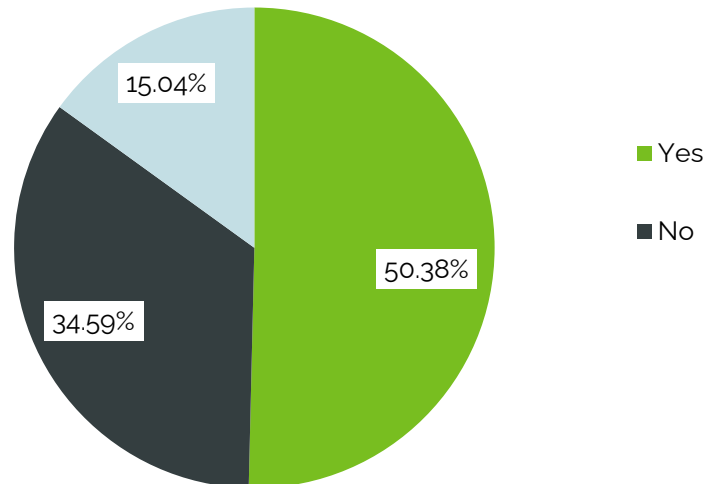
Q16. Where would you like to see more sidewalks?



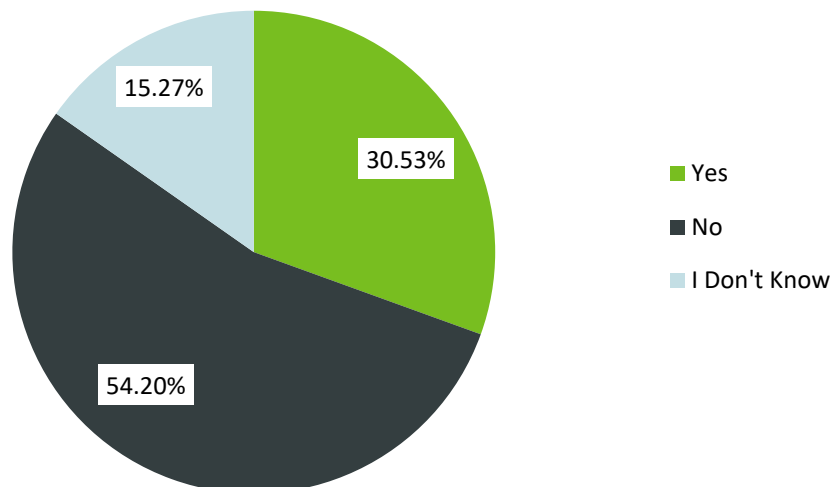


Questions 17 and 18 focus on streetscape safety and how it relates to frequency of use. While over 50% of respondents indicated that they would walk more if sidewalks and roads were safer, only about 30% of respondents indicated they would bike more if streetscape conditions were safer.

Q17. If sidewalks and roads were safer in the Town, would you walk more?



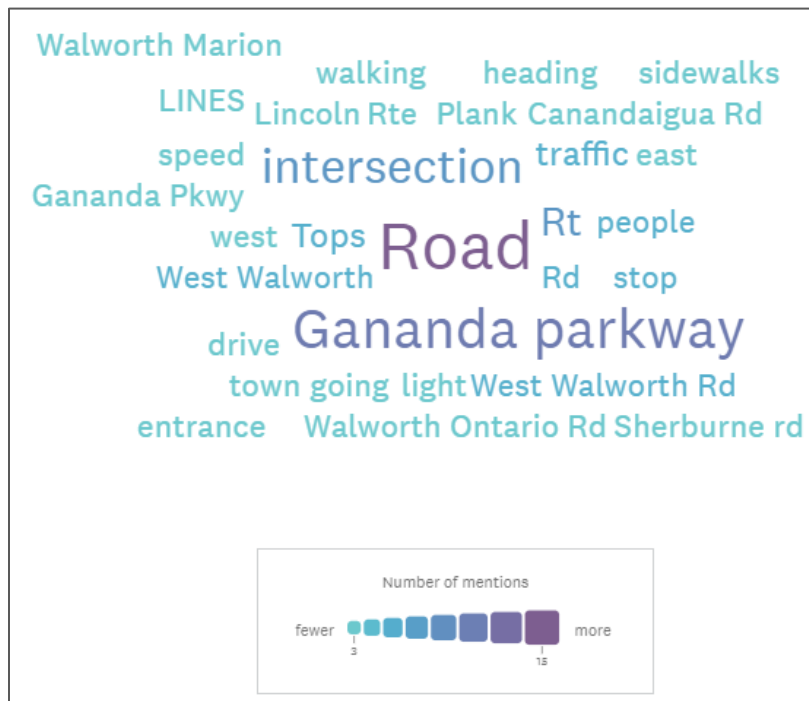
Q18. If sidewalks and roads were safer in the Town, would you bike more?





Question 19 continues to ask about roadway safety, asking respondents to identify specific intersections or locations where safety concerns exist.

Q19. Identify any intersections or locations in Town where you feel there are safety concerns.



Word	Occurrence
Gananda Parkway	13
Tops	8
West Walworth	6
West Walworth Rd	6
Plank	4
Canandaigua Rd	4
Sherburne Rd	4
Walworth Ontario Rd	4
Walworth Marion	3
Gananda Pkwy	3

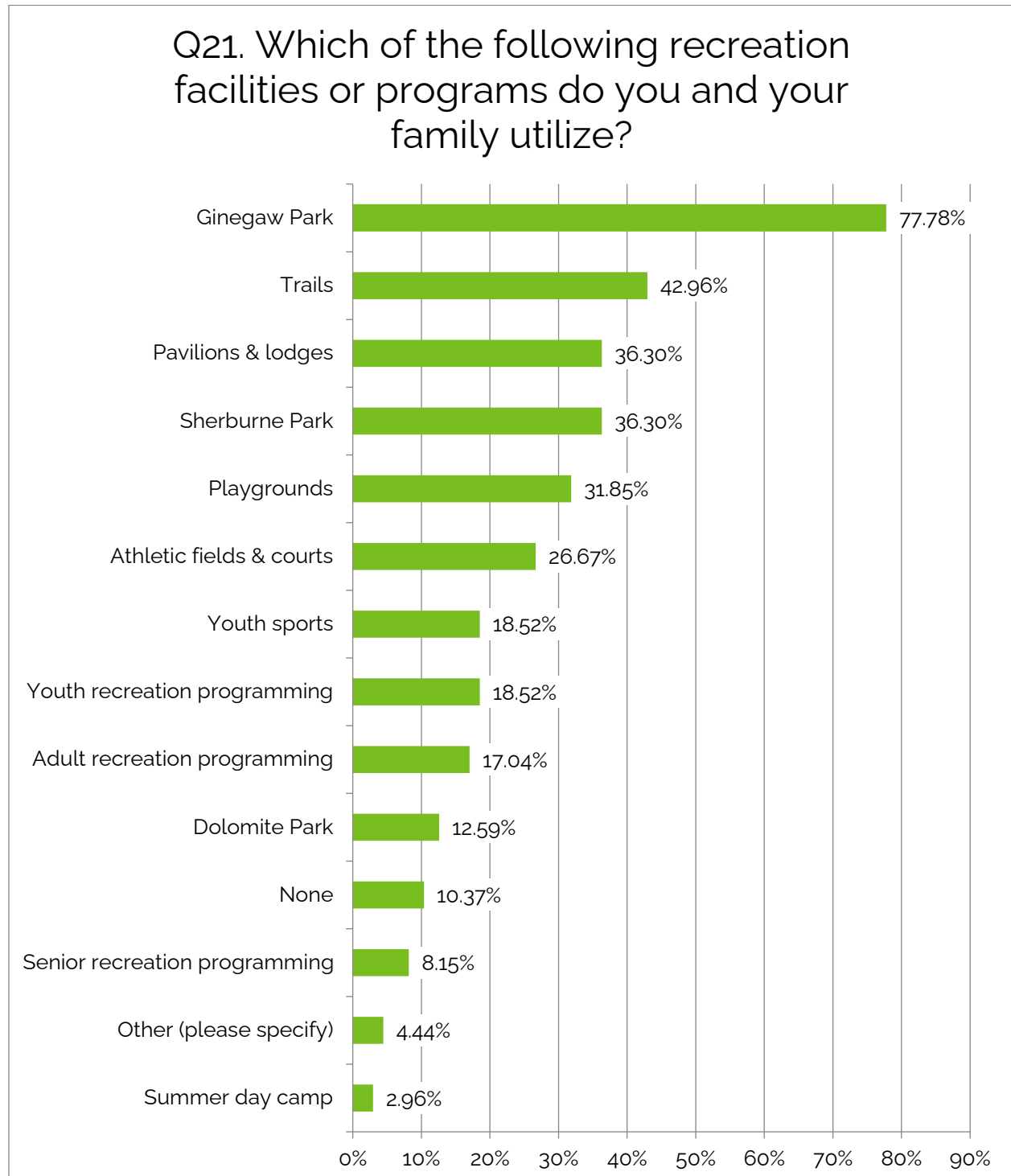
Q20. Do you have any additional comments regarding transportation and/or safety? Select responses below.

- Roundabout added at Canandaigua Rd. & Gananda Parkway
- I'd love to see a roundabout put in on the Y at 441/West Walworth Rd
- Please do not create unnecessary roundabouts, such as those in Ontario County.
- More police presence in the town would help deter people speeding through town
- A nice walking track on the lower level of Ginegaw Park would be nice.
- More traffic controls such as 4-way stops are needed to slow traffic on major roads
- 4 way stops in the area - it creates more problems than it solves
- We also could use street lights in the developments
- Sidewalk to Tops from the town and to finish up the randomly ending sidewalks in town near the apartments - high street, and center street could use them. Sidewalk on Sherburne as well.
- Install speed bumps on Waterford in Gananda
- There should be a bus that goes to Penfield, Macedon & Walmart
- Wider shoulders would make biking safer on 55mph roads
- Both parks are great but the ability to safely walk to either is non-existent.



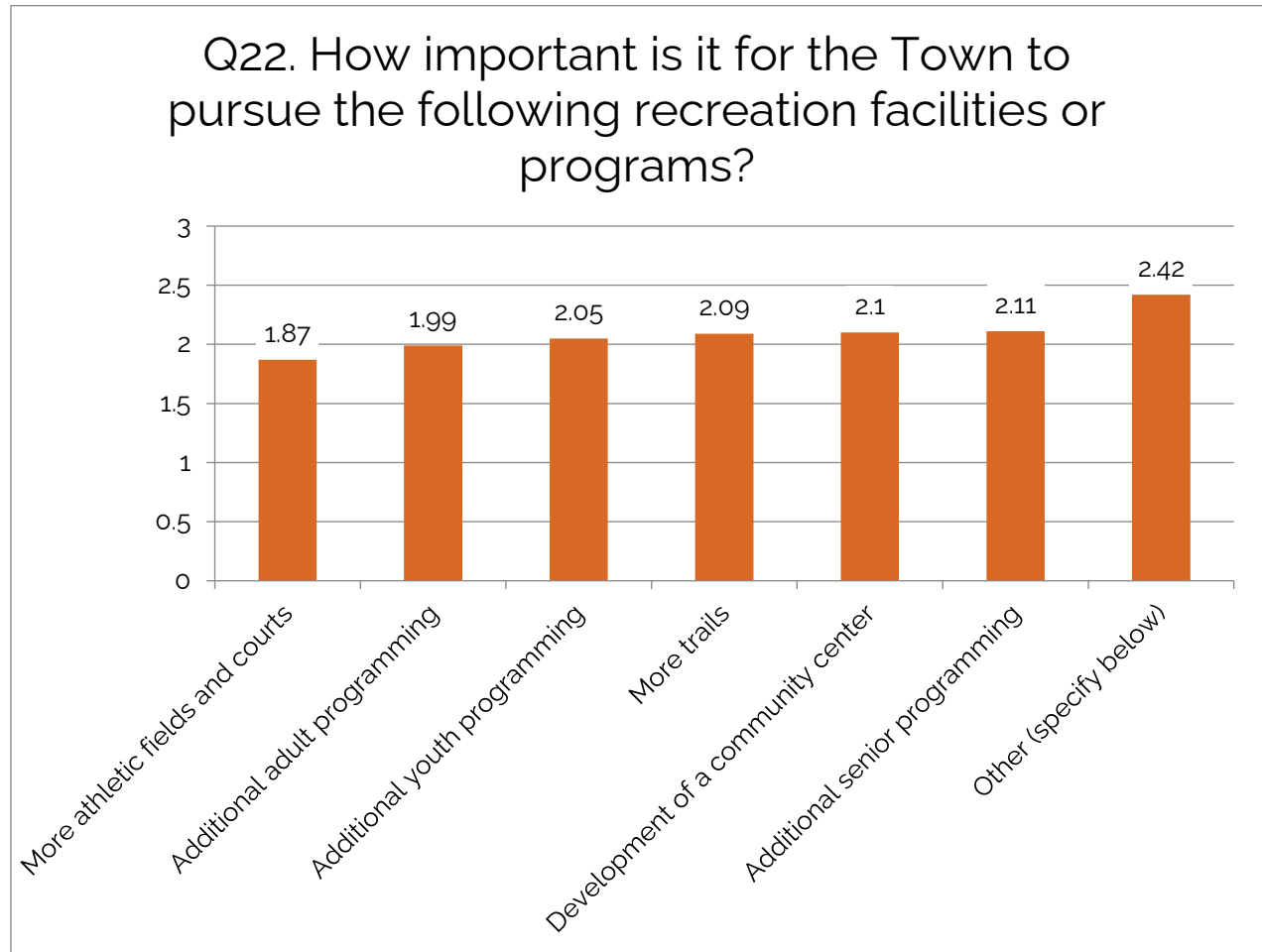
RECREATION: QUESTIONS 21 - 23

Question 21 asks respondents which recreational offerings they most utilize. Nearly 78% of respondents indicated that they utilize Ginegaw Park and over 36% indicated they utilize Sherburne Park. The use of trails, pavilions, and lodges, as well as playgrounds are popular amongst respondents. The least popular recreation offerings for respondents were summer day camp, senior recreation planning, and Dolomite Park.





Question 22 gauges resident interested in additional recreational offerings. On average, all listed recreational offerings were considered "Somewhat important."



	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not At All Important	No Opinion	Total	Weighted Average
More athletic fields and courts	17.32% 22	40.16% 51	28.35% 36	14.17% 18	127	1.87
Additional adult programming	16.28% 21	51.16% 66	17.05% 22	15.50% 20	129	1.99
Additional youth programming	23.20% 29	43.20% 54	19.20% 24	14.40% 18	125	2.05
More trails	29.60% 37	44.00% 55	20.80% 26	5.60% 7	125	2.09
Development of a community center	30.08% 40	40.60% 54	21.05% 28	8.27% 11	133	2.1
Additional senior programming	22.56% 30	45.86% 61	13.53% 18	18.05% 24	133	2.11
Other (specify below)	31.58% 12	7.89% 3	10.53% 4	50.00% 19	38	2.42



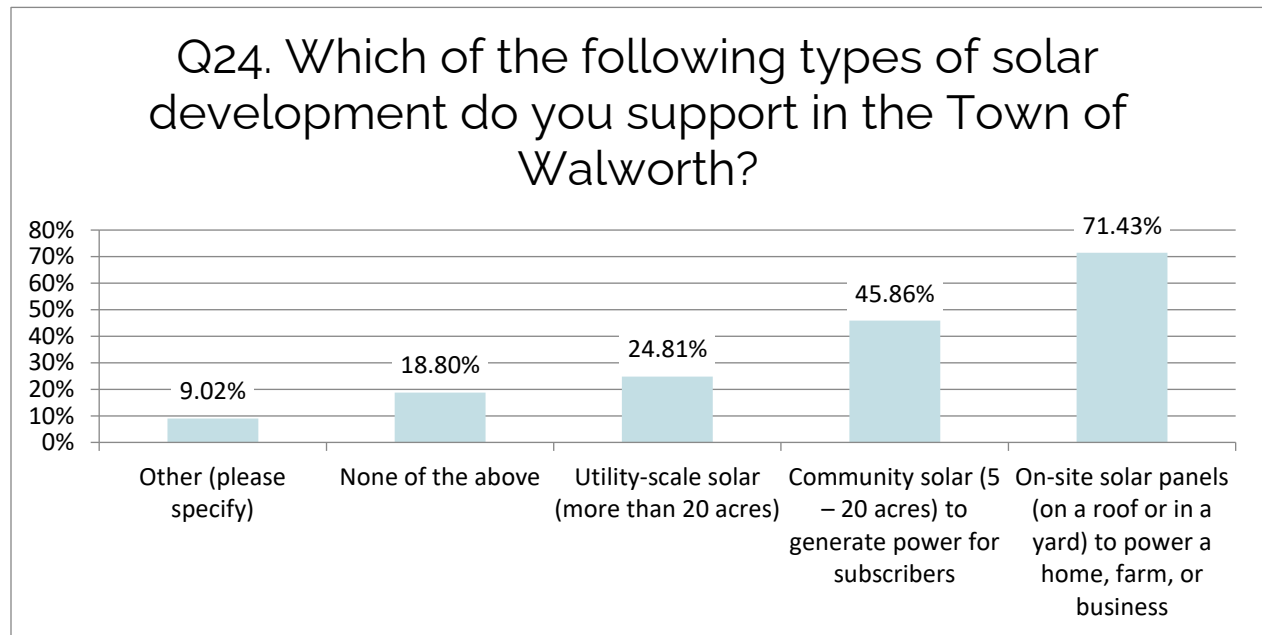
Q23. Do you have any additional comments regarding parks and recreation? Select responses below.

- There should be more concerts in the evenings during the summer than the 2-4 that are usually there. Also throw in some bingo nights
- No dog park.
- I am concerned about the amount of lighting at any new recreation fields.
- It would be nice to see more playgrounds in the town
- There could be another trail on the north west part of sherburn road park .A north west loop,it would utilize more of the property.
- More picnic shelters with grills etc.
- I feel there is no need to develop more athletic fields unless all current facilities are being utilized. I have not seen the wayne brown baseball field on 441 used in the last 5 yrs as example.
- The parks are very well kept. I appreciate the dog stations at both parks and the availability of bags at those stations
- Splash pad
- Spread them throughout the town like Perinton, one central park is inconvenient
- For those of us that live on Gananda Parkway, it would be nice if a community center or park were closer to our end of town
- We love Ginegaw and Sherbern parks. Any additional youth programming is nice, ideally with evening or weekend offerings for those of us who work/have littles in school/daycare
- Generally town has/is doing very well in this regard
- The parks are beautiful here, I consider it quite an asset to the town of Walworth.
- Very good programs by reading the town topics. Helpful staff.
- So many great upgrades have been made and are still being made to the parks and sports fields. Very pleased with the direction of the parks and recreation depts
- Excellent programs! Parks and Rec are covered very well!
- Our parks are beautiful and well-maintained. We use them all the time and are grateful for them.





ENERGY: QUESTIONS 24 - 25

Questions 24 and 25 asked respondents about their thoughts on solar development. As outlined below, over 71% of respondents indicated that they were supportive of small scale on-site solar panels powering a home, farm, or business. Nearly 46% indicated support for community solar occupying between 5 to 20 acres. Almost 25% support utility-scale solar occupying more than 20 acres while roughly 19% of respondents to not support any form of solar development in the Town of Walworth.



Q25. Do you have any additional comments regarding solar energy development? Select responses below.

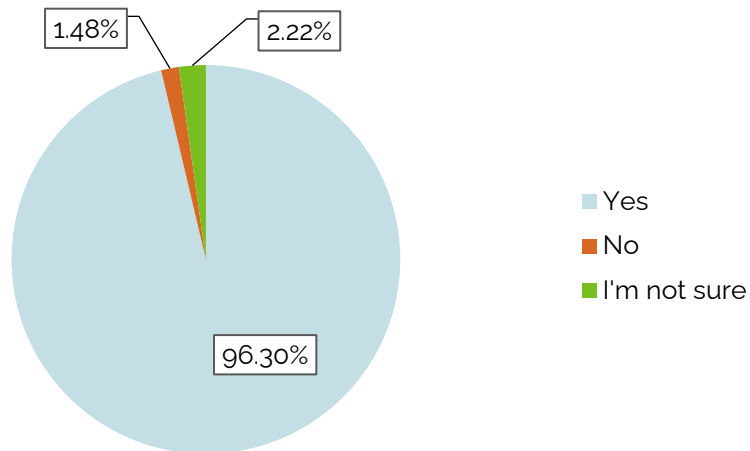
	
<i>The more, the better</i>	<i>They are a blight on rural NY</i>
<i>I love seeing the solar that is already installed around Walworth! Let's be a mostly solar powered community!</i>	<i>What is long term effect? How are decommissioned panels recycled? Going all electric is short sighted. Old saying, don't put all your eggs in one basket!</i>
<i>Incentive programs for residents to be more energy efficient.</i>	<i>Do not use farmland for large solar arrays.</i>
<i>All existing town facilities should have roof tops converted to solar panels.</i>	<i>Not a fan - terrible eyesore for the limited energy they produce. Private property solar is fine.</i>
<i>Support for Walworth residence to invest in residential solar panel installation- potential community sharing of the solar resources collected?</i>	<i>Would hate to lose the rural charm of our area by having large expanses of solar fields scattered all over. Don't know if i believe the positive value of these over the environmental impact they present. more honest research needs to be presented .</i>



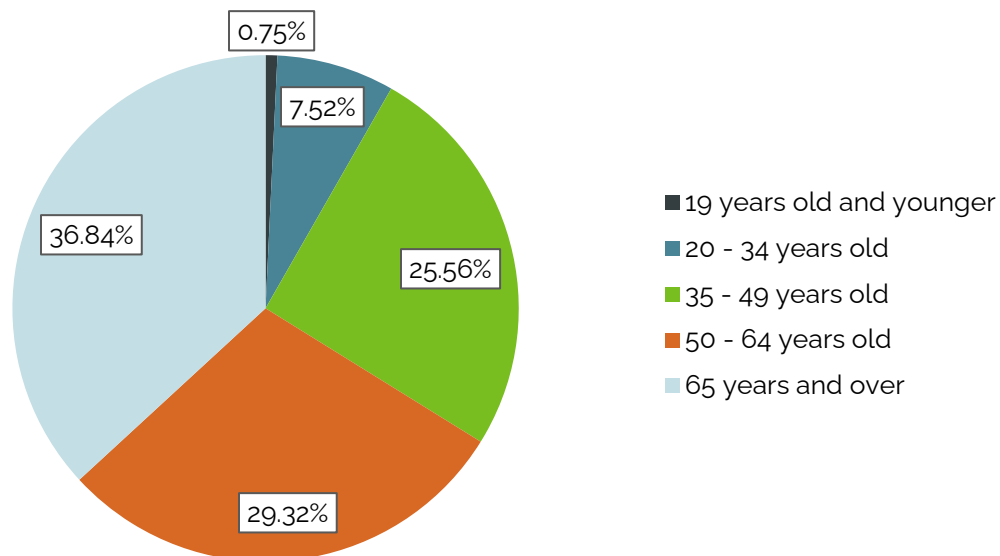
DEMOGRAPHICS: QUESTIONS 26 – 28

The last major section of the community input survey includes demographic questions to help the Committee understand who responded (and who did not respond) to the survey. The vast majority (96.30%) of respondents were residents of the Town of Walworth.

Q26. Are you a resident of the Town of Walworth?



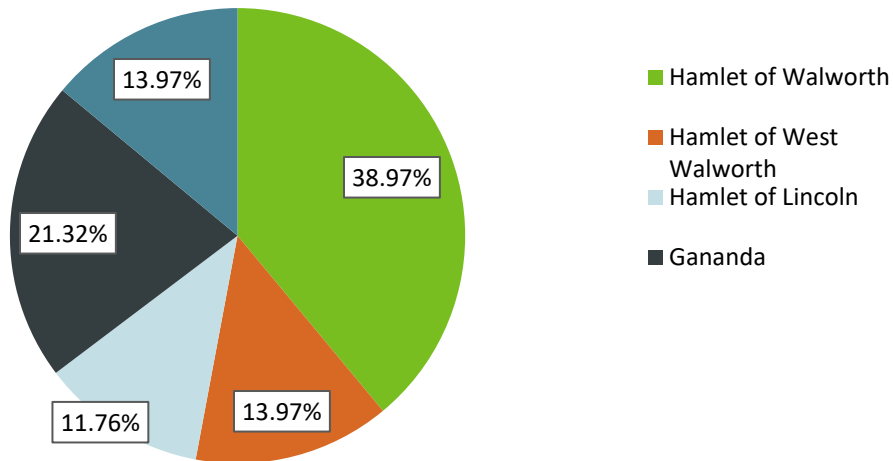
Q27. What is your age group?



Respondents skewed older, which is typical of many community input surveys, with almost 37% of respondents within the 65 years and over age category. Less than 9% of respondents were 34 years old or younger.



Q28. Which hamlet or area best describes how you are connected to the Town of Walworth?

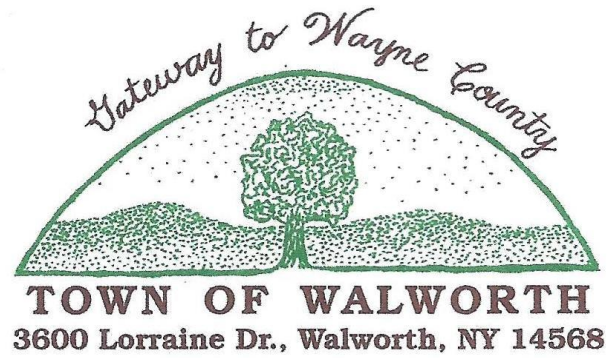


The greatest number of respondents (38.97%) state the Hamlet of Walworth is their geographic point of connect with the Town. This was followed by Gananda (21.32%), Hamlet of West Walworth (13.97%), and Hamlet of Lincoln (11.76%).

GENERAL COMMENTS: QUESTIONS 29 & 30

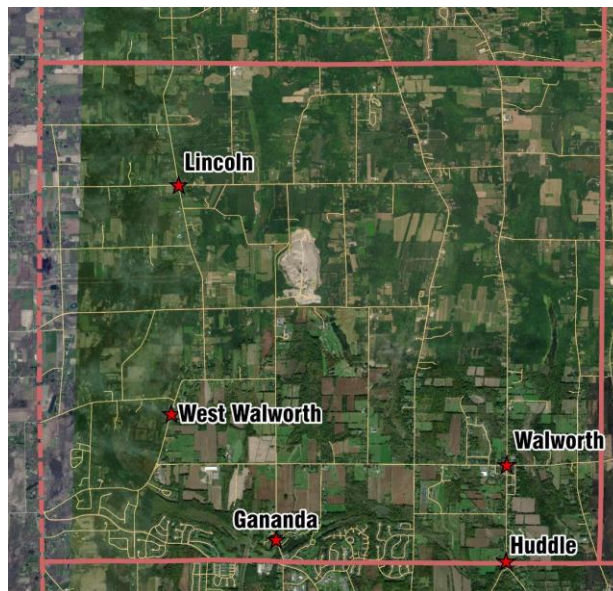
The last substantial question (Question 29) was very broad asking respondents if they had any other project ideas or concerns that should be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. Having his open-ended question at the end of the survey gave respondents the opportunity to provide any additional feedback they either forget to include earlier in the survey or did not fit into any of the previously provided categories. The responses were wide-reaching and are included as an attachment to this document.

The final question (Question 30) asked respondents to include their contact information if they would like to receive updates in the Town's comprehensive plan process. This was an optional question which received 59 responses.



TOWN OF WALWORTH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY REPORT

Appendix A. Open-Ended Survey Responses



September 25, 2023

Question 1. What do you like most about the Town of Walworth?

Answered 132

Skipped 13

Response Date	Responses
Jun 06 2023 12:15 PM	Walworth is a small town community. Being a small town has its advantages. There are traffic problems wherever one lives. We do not desire to be another Victor. Nor do we wish for problems like those in Webster with Old Ridge Road. Webster Road is a giant
May 25 2023 08:26 PM	I don't really have a strong opinion on what I like most. I pay Webster School taxes, have a Webster mailing address so I consider Webster to be the town I like most. The only thing I do is pay Walworth
May 24 2023 03:51 PM	what attracts me the most is that it is still rural with a variety of small agriculture businesses. Low density population for the most part.
May 18 2023 09:25 PM	It's still a small town with new construction at a minimum. Other than
May 10 2023 10:24 PM	It is small and family friendly with plenty of undeveloped space but close enough to shopping areas that it is still convenient
Apr 30 2023 05:21 PM	I came out here 45 years ago because of Gananda and a hopeful at that time neighborhood setting that I grew up in. Gananda grew and my family grew also...good school, close neighbors was perfect but conveniences were lacking....FINALLY- LOVE THAT TOPS JOINED OUR COMMUNITY! Not sure if Mac's Pizza is in the town of Walworth or Macedon tax base...but LOVE having great pizza close by! We need
Apr 30 2023 04:28 PM	It still holds it's charm as a rural community. It has not become commercialized like the towns that border Monroe county have become. There are benefits to that, but there is also negative consequences, such as crime associated with Walmart in Macedon as
Apr 15 2023 08:36 AM	The small town feeling where there is little or no traffic congestion. No high rises or large apartments complexes. Housing developments
Apr 14 2023 04:50 PM	Low crime
Sep 07 2023 07:23 PM	People and farms and no solar panels
Sep 02 2023 09:53 AM	The quiet, rural nature of the town.
Aug 30 2023 11:01 PM	Small village feel
Aug 09 2023 05:39 PM	Rural community with small hamlets
Aug 02 2023 01:59 PM	Small , Friendly, low crime
Jul 31 2023 09:53 AM	Originally the quietness and beauty of my neighborhood

Jul 26 2023 03:48 PM	The residents of Walworth Rural atmosphere
Jul 24 2023 07:40 PM	Simple, friendly, community
Jul 11 2023 12:24 PM	It's not overly developed.
Jun 20 2023 06:57 PM	Location
Jun 20 2023 06:19 PM	Sense of community
Jun 20 2023 12:29 PM	low crime, small town feel.
Jun 06 2023 11:51 AM	We take some of one another
Jun 06 2023 11:44 AM	Tops, Dollar General
Jun 06 2023 11:35 AM	Activities, art class at the Gardens Farmers Market Food trucks and Gingaw Concerts in the park Library
Jun 06 2023 11:27 AM	The cleanest of the area
Jun 06 2023 10:28 AM	I have never been at Walworth. Will visit soon.
Jun 05 2023 11:29 AM	Quite new here. Just getting to know Walworth
Jun 02 2023 03:23 PM	The beauty f all the land around and the area when we live at the
Jun 02 2023 03:01 PM	Small town feel and closeness of community
Jun 02 2023 01:23 PM	Small town, but close enough to attend theatres, shopping
Jun 02 2023 01:07 PM	People are friendly!
Jun 01 2023 10:54 AM	I like the rural aspect and it's close proximity to Rochester suburbs.
Jun 01 2023 09:27 AM	town is growing at the right speed
Jun 01 2023 08:58 AM	Peace and Quiet
May 31 2023 04:02 PM	The peace and quiet. Open spaces and trees.
May 30 2023 04:06 PM	Semi-rural setting within 30 minutes of downtown Rochester
May 30 2023 02:02 PM	Small town/country feel but close to other larger places.
May 27 2023 07:50 PM	Friendly people
May 27 2023 08:39 AM	Open spaces
May 26 2023 04:35 PM	Small town, bedroom community, good neighbors.
May 26 2023 10:27 AM	Rural spaciousness
May 25 2023 06:30 PM	The lack of larger businesses
May 25 2023 05:48 PM	Small and relatively community minded. Excellent parks/recreation department. Wonderful library. The volunteer fire departments. Efficient highway department. Friendly town clerk office staff.
May 25 2023 10:28 AM	I enjoy country living. Walworth offers the peace and quiet I crave.

May 24 2023 05:53 PM	For a small town it offers a large variety of activities and functions for
May 24 2023 11:58 AM	Country setting, small town, beautiful parks,
May 24 2023 10:41 AM	It offers many things to residents.
May 24 2023 06:05 AM	The quiet, safe, rural setting.
May 23 2023 10:20 PM	Small town feel, tons of offerings from the rec department, many park options, farmers market at ginegaw.
May 23 2023 08:43 PM	Peace and quiet but close to everything
May 23 2023 05:42 PM	The sense of community
May 23 2023 03:01 PM	Its friendly people who love it as well- a nice small, caring community
May 23 2023 09:46 AM	small community
May 23 2023 07:39 AM	It's quiet
May 22 2023 10:52 PM	Open spaces, beautiful agricultural land.
May 22 2023 09:28 PM	Open space
May 22 2023 04:23 PM	Small town feel but reasonably close to everything
May 22 2023 01:53 PM	It has a "small community" feel, yet has amenities like shopping, gas stations, golf clubs with restaurants, health & exercise facility, parks and many opportunities for engagement.
May 20 2023 02:17 PM	Perfect balance of community, business and conveniences.
May 19 2023 08:48 PM	Safety
May 19 2023 06:29 PM	When my children were younger we loved the library and rec programs. We still enjoy the parks and festivals. I appreciate the rural part of Walworth but would like to see the village built up a bit more.
May 19 2023 04:28 PM	Small town feel.
May 18 2023 04:07 PM	Close enough to everything but far enough away to enjoy the rural sense of Walworth.
May 18 2023 08:11 AM	Small town atmosphere with farm land
May 18 2023 12:57 AM	Close enough to amenities yet, still in the country.
May 17 2023 07:49 PM	It's general rural characteristics with the combination of a planned community and older, small subdivisions.
May 17 2023 06:51 PM	Small town feeling
May 17 2023 06:07 PM	Accessibility
May 17 2023 04:09 PM	Friendly, many exercise recreational opportunities
May 17 2023 04:05 PM	Just far enough from amenities but in the country.
May 16 2023 03:21 PM	Country Lay-out; house not all crowded together.
May 13 2023 05:25 PM	Rural atmosphere
May 12 2023 04:28 PM	The peaceful neighborhoods are wonderful. It is nice to have a helpful library.

May 10 2023 10:10 PM	It is quiet
May 10 2023 06:48 PM	That it's rural!
May 10 2023 02:56 PM	I love how quiet it is and its potential to be a destination for families seeking great schools and quiet living without overindustrialization
May 10 2023 01:06 PM	The small town community feel
May 10 2023 12:34 PM	Its quiet, and it has a nice grocery store. Its safe and pretty well
May 09 2023 04:09 PM	The friendliness of the residents. How nice the streets look, and are
May 09 2023 02:51 PM	The rural beauty
May 08 2023 06:21 PM	Charm, historic value, hometown feel, close neighborly thoughtful consideration, removed from influence of nearby city and suburbs,
May 08 2023 02:50 PM	The rural nature of the town
May 08 2023 12:33 PM	It's Quite.
May 02 2023 04:51 PM	the feeling of being in the country while still having good civic services and close to larger shopping areas
May 01 2023 04:04 PM	The people are warm and friendly
May 01 2023 01:49 PM	Quiet, but close enough to things of need.
Apr 30 2023 10:43 AM	Gananda's housing values, more house for the money as compared to Monroe county's East side.
Apr 29 2023 07:59 PM	The hometown feel. Ginegaw Park, Sherburne Park, farmers market, festival in the park and other activities.
Apr 29 2023 05:00 PM	Away from the city and suburbs
Apr 28 2023 09:51 AM	The rural nature of the community
Apr 28 2023 08:02 AM	Small town feel, open space, farmer's market.
Apr 27 2023 10:07 PM	Potential for growth
Apr 27 2023 07:20 PM	Great community with many activities
Apr 27 2023 02:29 PM	It's safe and has low crime.
Apr 25 2023 11:32 AM	<p>I will preface this survey with: We moved here in December 2019 and we (my husband and I) are both under the age of 30.</p> <p>I like the people, generally. We were warmly welcomed by our neighbors and have continued to connected to people around us. I really like the quarterly (?) town/rec book that is sent out with the upcoming classes and activities. I appreciate it even more when I see it posted online. I think that generally, things seem to be well maintained in terms of roads, sidewalks, parks. I enjoy spending time</p>
Apr 24 2023 02:14 PM	I love the parks and Rec department. They do an amazing job of bringing programs and sports to the community

Apr 23 2023 04:16 PM	It's a quiet community
Apr 20 2023 06:53 PM	The quiet small-town atmosphere
Apr 20 2023 06:15 PM	Love the country, small town feel, yet being close to the city.
Apr 18 2023 03:59 PM	That it is small and rural yet close to the amenities of a large city
Apr 18 2023 12:10 PM	Country feeling
Apr 18 2023 11:30 AM	Nothing
Apr 17 2023 09:17 PM	Farms and open spaces close to Rochester
Apr 17 2023 08:08 PM	Small town feel
Apr 17 2023 03:40 PM	The "small-town" feeling and the friendly people.
Apr 17 2023 10:12 AM	I love the small town feel.
Apr 17 2023 06:53 AM	What I like most about the town of Walworth is that it is well known for its goose watching opportunities!
Apr 16 2023 07:37 PM	Rural friendly place to raise kids
Apr 16 2023 01:38 PM	It's small, quaint, friendly and safe to raise a family.
Apr 16 2023 12:09 PM	Quiet, non-commercial community
Apr 16 2023 09:07 AM	Small community
Apr 16 2023 08:17 AM	Open spaces, the recreation department
Apr 16 2023 07:37 AM	Rural community feel
Apr 15 2023 09:41 PM	Community
Apr 15 2023 10:28 AM	The school district and Walworth recreation department offerings.
Apr 15 2023 06:42 AM	It's quiet, spacious, and agriculture-based.
Apr 14 2023 10:31 PM	Everyone is friendly, the scenery is beautiful and it is close to lots of
Apr 14 2023 09:06 PM	Quite friendly environment and open spaces not crowds of people and massive housing developments covering every inch
Apr 14 2023 07:53 PM	The rural atmosphere, and yet close to Rochester
Apr 14 2023 07:51 PM	I like that it's close to everything but has done a good job keeping it's
Apr 14 2023 06:39 PM	Small town, open land.
Apr 14 2023 06:17 PM	Quiet
Apr 14 2023 05:16 PM	Close to Monroe county but rural enough for me. I love my
Apr 14 2023 04:53 PM	Rural setting.
Apr 14 2023 04:33 PM	Ginegaw park and the activities hosted there. Sherburn Park and trails.
Apr 14 2023 04:24 PM	The highway dept does a great job of road maintenance
Apr 14 2023 04:21 PM	The stores make shopping for necessities very convenient, from Crossroads Automotive to Tops and the Post Office.
Apr 14 2023 03:53 PM	It's a small town with lots of green space.
Apr 14 2023 02:16 PM	The country roadsides and landscape
May 25 2023 08:16 PM	Mac's Pizza Shack

May 17 2023 10:20 PM	Ginegaw Park
Apr 30 2023 12:14 PM	It's rural feel.

Question 2. What would you like to change about the Town of Walworth?

Answered 126

Skipped 19

Response Date	Responses
May 25 2023 10:28 AM	Not much. It's very disheartening to see the continued overdevelopment of neighboring communities. The destruction of the remaining natural habitats of Webster and Penfield is heart breaking.
May 24 2023 10:41 AM	There is a definite lack of interest in the appearance of the town! The town needs tougher zoning rules in terms of upkeep of properties. The appearance of sites across from Tops need action as it mars the appearance of the town and needs action to enforce a cleanup!!
May 23 2023 03:01 PM	It needs to be cleaned up!!!! There are residences that are left vacant that become eye-sores. Those SOMEHOW need to be cleaned up, dealt with according to town laws/guidelines. We need care like at Ginegaw Park ELSEWHERE as well-all around town! We could use welcoming signs as you enter the local village. Seasonal flags should be on main streets -not just at G. park; they are so nice!! PLEASE - let's show that we CARE! Mow along 441 more than just at Festival time! PLEASE -let's show we care and welcome others to our sweet little village.
May 19 2023 04:28 PM	Lack of sidewalks.
May 10 2023 12:34 PM	The farmers market is greatly lacking "farmers". There seems to be alot of other items for sale besides fresh fruits and vegetables. Last year at strawberry, blueberry, corn, apple, pear seasons.....none of those items were to be found. Not even any pumpkins in the fall. I find myself heading to other town's markets instead. Also, would be good if it was open till about 6:30. Many of us who get out of work at 5 barely have time to go to it, and the vendors that are there are packing up by 5:30.
Apr 14 2023 06:17 PM	Stop using oil/stone, stop raising resident taxes, assess business/limit credit/waivers

Aug 30 2023 11:01 PM	Nothing
Jul 31 2023 09:53 AM	Better pro-active code enforcement related to illegal businesses in residential zones. It is much more noisy and ugly over the years and getting worse due to illegal business activities. Residents shouldn't have to complain about this type of issue.
Jul 26 2023 03:48 PM	We could use an athletic/community center similar to Casey Park Ontario. We have too many dead ash trees and no plan to replace the hardwoods.
Jul 11 2023 12:24 PM	My taxes lower. Town should shrink (not grow)
Jun 06 2023 12:15 PM	Walworth needs stronger/more strict policies regarding the care of property. Walworth hamlet was once beautiful. Look at just the four corners. People need to show more pride in how their property is maintained. And the Town needs to help with leaf pickup. Provide a place where leaves and grass clippings can be taken, if that is the best solution. In the Fall of the year a large container was placed at the park. Leaves could be taken there, but no brush. Plastic bags had to be taken home. All went well!!!
Jun 06 2023 11:35 AM	Nothing
May 26 2023 04:35 PM	Remove Planned Development and Cluster Housing from future plans. Historically these small lots have created many problems for the residents and town. Minimum lot size should be 1/4 acre with standard 15 foot side set backs for lots not in the Hamlet District.
May 26 2023 10:27 AM	No chicken laws for most of us who have plenty of room for enclosed husbandry
May 25 2023 05:48 PM	Continue to expand and add new events. Farm market, Light the night, Music in the park, Halloween event, Festival in the park, Chili cook off are family/community events that are either free or relatively inexpensive to attend. Abandoned and unkept properties need to be addressed. Code enforcement needs to be equitable, efficient with follow up!
May 24 2023 11:58 AM	Nothing at this time

May 24 2023 06:05 AM	I would like the town to consider being more liberal as far as lifestyle practices. Example: homesteading. People need the right to be more independent and grow their own food. You should be able to farm and raise livestock and grow vegetables whether you have 1 acre or 5 acres.
May 22 2023 10:52 PM	Need for more Senior housing.
May 17 2023 07:49 PM	The lack of open spaces available to the residents. Also, we could use some indoor recreational facilities that don't depend upon the schools. It would be nice to have these spaces available during the day, especially for retired and senior citizens.
May 10 2023 10:24 PM	Nothing
May 10 2023 02:56 PM	The Hamlet is in dire need of revitalization that would attract small business owners looking for a storefront. I've always felt this could be possible in a way that honors our heritage without being tacky about it.
May 09 2023 02:51 PM	The Welcome to Walworth Zoning Enforced signs-they are not attractive and the message is not very welcoming!
May 08 2023 02:50 PM	Nothing
May 08 2023 12:33 PM	Nothing
Apr 29 2023 09:40 AM	Availability of Fall Leaf pick service, even if it was a shared expense amongst those of us who participate. Perhaps the town could provide info as to local opportunities to dispose our leaves. On Orchard St, especially those of us close to 441 all the leaves flow down the culvert accumulating and compromising/the ability of the water to flow thru and in turn flooding front yards. It is backbreaking work to clean out the soaked leaves that flow down. Unfortunately there are a some residents who don't even bother to rake as they have no where to put them. There must be other neighborhoods with similar issues.

Apr 25 2023 11:32 AM	<p>I will preface this survey with: We moved here in December 2019 and we (my husband and I) are both under the age of 30.</p> <p>There are multiple communities within Walworth - honestly this isn't something anyone can change, the town is just physically bigger than we realized! I knew Gananda was there but didn't realize the influence it has on the town. And I didn't know about West Walworth or Lincoln, and I'm probably missing some - I am on Main St. With that said, I think the two things I struggle with are social media presence and knowing town events that are happening.</p> <p>I don't know if there is much you can do about the social media group that the town has - there are a few but I am speaking of the larger one. To clarify, the Town of Walworth page is great and I really love the branding/website/graphics, it all ties in and flows nicely. The Facebook group is twofold - it has the potential to share nice, pertinent information about the town but unfortunately I saw too many complaints and rudeness and not enough community. I'm not sure if it's possible for the town itself to have a representative admin/moderating a group (without it being political as I know when the town gets involved, that is people's fear). I am a part of other town groups that do a really good job of creating that "Lean on me" vibe.</p>
Apr 20 2023 06:15 PM	Zoning laws in town. The farm near the churches, has brought more rats to town. My neighbors, in town, have had 2 , old pick up trucks in their front yard for 2 years.
Apr 17 2023 06:53 AM	I don't know
Apr 16 2023 12:09 PM	Politicians with integrity. I believe we are beginning to round the corner but those that are in office need to commit to staying past one term.
Apr 16 2023 07:37 AM	In addition to the loss of Freewill school, we have a lack of self.
Apr 14 2023 09:06 PM	Increase commercial/retail in already developed but underutilized areas so provide more to variety to residents, especially restaurants/brewery and such

Apr 14 2023 07:53 PM	I would like to see more businesses in the town. A hardware store especially. A more community oriented town, with services offered to residents. Perhaps a better community center(or one at all) with a track and exercise equipment..similar to Ontario, which is a gem
Apr 14 2023 06:39 PM	Still feel as though the town is open about things until they expect push back and then the sneak things through without input from the community.
Apr 14 2023 04:33 PM	Would be nice to have a few more small businesses/shopping options/places to eat. However I wouldn't want that to disrupt the quiet atmosphere too much.
Sep 07 2023 07:23 PM	Zoning that forbids solar farms and sewers on creamridge rd 😊
Sep 02 2023 09:53 AM	More restaurant options.
Aug 09 2023 05:39 PM	More convenience businesses
Aug 02 2023 01:59 PM	See some more small business in the Town would be nice to have a small café or a Dunkin Businesses that will attract more population to want to shop/visit locally
Jul 24 2023 07:40 PM	Some more businesses
Jun 20 2023 06:57 PM	More offerings for adults in the recreation programming
Jun 20 2023 06:19 PM	Less farmland and more development
Jun 20 2023 12:29 PM	More communication from town leaders. lower taxes for seniors, town and especially school taxes.
Jun 06 2023 11:51 AM	More support for local business
Jun 06 2023 11:44 AM	More restaurant choices
Jun 06 2023 11:27 AM	1-Make people clean up their yards! 2-Fix up dilapidated houses across from Tops
Jun 02 2023 03:23 PM	Keep it all the same as it is because the area where we live the Gardens. It is located next to things to shop.
Jun 02 2023 03:01 PM	More senior friendly amenities. (I enjoy our parks, but need easy access to toilets)
Jun 02 2023 01:23 PM	More development with village i.e. breakfast lunch restaurant or coffee cafe...
Jun 02 2023 01:07 PM	The speeding in Town, especially during night. 3 or 4 groups speed through going fast enough to vibrate at our house. If 30 is not being respected, we should change the signs.

Jun 01 2023 10:54 AM	Lower taxes. More family restaurants. Lower speed limit on Rt-350.
Jun 01 2023 09:27 AM	would like to see more support for existing business
Jun 01 2023 08:58 AM	A little more industry/shopping/residence to help with the tax base
May 31 2023 04:02 PM	So far I'm happy with living here
May 30 2023 04:06 PM	Competent individuals holding town jobs. Enforce zoning laws
May 30 2023 02:02 PM	Very limited commercial options. A bit more retail choice would not be the worst thing and could be managed to maintain the feel of the town.
May 27 2023 07:50 PM	More residents should be involved in our local government
May 27 2023 08:39 AM	A few more stores
May 25 2023 08:26 PM	Lower property taxes.
May 25 2023 06:30 PM	Nothing
May 24 2023 05:53 PM	Nothing
May 24 2023 03:51 PM	shorter winters and longer summers.
May 23 2023 10:20 PM	If I could I would bring back Freewill :)
May 23 2023 08:43 PM	Taxes
May 23 2023 05:42 PM	Lower taxes
May 23 2023 09:46 AM	If we are going towards the all electric push, please push back and ask for funds and grants for the infrastructure.
May 22 2023 09:28 PM	Lower taxes,
May 22 2023 04:23 PM	My taxes
May 22 2023 01:53 PM	A stricter enforcement of code violations
May 20 2023 02:17 PM	Make it easier to open and operate a business.
May 19 2023 08:48 PM	More new homes within the Gananda school district
May 19 2023 06:29 PM	I would like to see a slight increase in locally owned business and entertainment such as restaurants, breweries.
May 18 2023 09:25 PM	Nothing big but would like to see the gate open at Sherburne park all year.
May 18 2023 04:07 PM	I would like more businesses to come to Walworth to help with the tax base and employ more of its residents to work in the town they reside in.
May 18 2023 12:57 AM	The exorbitant taxes.
May 17 2023 10:20 PM	Hope we get more business to open in our town
May 17 2023 06:51 PM	Update the way the Town looks and conducts business

May 17 2023 06:07 PM	More adult recreation programs (young adult)
May 17 2023 04:09 PM	Taxes
May 17 2023 04:05 PM	Maybe a few more places to help with taxes. Dunkin' Donuts, a family restaurant etc..
May 16 2023 03:21 PM	Clean up some of the houses that are in disrepair and/or have junk around them.
May 13 2023 05:25 PM	A community center would be nice
May 12 2023 04:28 PM	A reasonable budget for the library so new materials could be purchased each month.
May 10 2023 10:10 PM	Allow residents to own chickens in less than 5 acres
May 10 2023 06:48 PM	More trails s as d community activities. If we wanted to live "in town" we'd have chosen a different community.
May 10 2023 01:06 PM	Add a fast food place that isn't pizza
May 09 2023 04:09 PM	I would like to see more openness in the town government. I would like minutes published. Oh, and of course taxes.
May 08 2023 06:21 PM	Needs a little polishing up, new coat of paint so to speak
May 02 2023 04:51 PM	more communication in the newspapers-- more write-ups about what we are doing in our community, using the Times and maybe the D&C. I would like to know more, and for people to know more about our town, the good things that happen here.
May 01 2023 04:04 PM	Bicycle lanes on main roads
May 01 2023 01:49 PM	A little more development. Housing for Gananda Schools, businesses.
Apr 30 2023 05:21 PM	more business revenue to help with taxes!!!!

Apr 30 2023 04:28 PM	<p>In years past the community used to have small diners in the area. It would be nice to promote a food establishment that was not pizza. Where a sitdown breakfast /lunch/dinner could be had.</p> <p>Establish a spring cleanup - via the highway dept - hopefully this would help people to clean up around their homes and make the town look better because of it.</p> <p>Add a curbside fall leaf cleanup - would be helpful to the elderly and could possibly be used as a composting initiative for later use by townspeople. Similar to webster compost program.</p> <p>Enforce a town ordinance pertaining to derelict motor vehicles at properties. This could also include farm equipment. There could be an incentive for these cleanups, not to mention the scrap value. Try to encourage residents to take some pride in their homes and their appearance.</p>
Apr 30 2023 12:14 PM	Less building.
Apr 30 2023 10:43 AM	Wider, less dangerous NY Route 441, especially blind spots over hill crests.
Apr 29 2023 07:59 PM	Would like to see a small restaurant or coffee shop that offers baked goods and soup/sandwiches similar to grind on coffee in Newark
Apr 29 2023 05:00 PM	More restaurants
Apr 29 2023 01:04 PM	Public power and Public fiber
Apr 28 2023 09:51 AM	<p>I would love to see the zoning board "stop" issuing variances to every person, builder etc that applies.</p> <p>What good is a master plan if everyone that asks gets an exemption</p>
Apr 28 2023 08:02 AM	To increase awareness about health and well-being.
Apr 27 2023 10:07 PM	Its politics
Apr 27 2023 07:20 PM	More services at town hall
Apr 27 2023 02:29 PM	Adding adult sports league options, extending farmer market hours to maybe 4-7 (so those that work 9-5 can attend) and make festival in the park bigger.
Apr 24 2023 02:14 PM	I would like to see more variety in businesses.

Apr 20 2023 06:53 PM	I would like to find ways to make it more appealing to young families that will help it grow and then provide more opportunities to the wider community.
Apr 18 2023 12:10 PM	Need more stores and restaurants
Apr 18 2023 11:30 AM	Getting town brush pickup
Apr 17 2023 09:17 PM	Need more stores
Apr 17 2023 08:08 PM	More organization with the kids sporting programs
Apr 17 2023 03:40 PM	More public events for the community.
Apr 17 2023 10:12 AM	I would like to see more housing options. Also would like to see more businesses brought into town
Apr 16 2023 07:37 PM	More enforcement of codes such as barking dogs and junk in yards.
Apr 16 2023 01:38 PM	Add a home style, family dining restaurant beyond our two pizza places and a hardware store in town. Note and/or fine eyesores in town - notably American Pool - it's the first business you see coming from the west.
Apr 16 2023 09:07 AM	More through with money and choices
Apr 15 2023 09:41 PM	More cops to catch the speeders through town and chickens can be allowed on any size yard
Apr 15 2023 10:28 AM	Would love to see a daycare in Walworth that could be used for wrap around care and more options to eat in Walworth would be great.
Apr 15 2023 08:36 AM	Add additional electrical capacity to the Ginewaw Park. Encourage small shop owners to open stores such as cafe and hardware store.
Apr 15 2023 06:42 AM	Some additional conveniences would be great...a bank ATM, a diner or coffee shop, something other than pizza for takeout!
Apr 14 2023 10:31 PM	More lighting on the routes such as 441, 350, 31 & the connecting streets. Driving at night would be easier with more lighting. I would also like a larger variety of choice in places to eat within the town limits.
Apr 14 2023 07:51 PM	More retail in town, Tops and the Dollar store don't cut it
Apr 14 2023 04:53 PM	Keep the rural feeling. Stop building on farm land.
Apr 14 2023 04:50 PM	There are a lot of events for young children, but not for older kids. Maybe a street dance, or a movie in the park that isn't a Disney cartoon for example.
Apr 14 2023 04:24 PM	Any plans to build in Ever wild space. Please keep it ever wild

Apr 14 2023 04:21 PM	Lower water and sewer bills for Seniors who don't use as much water as a family does.
Apr 14 2023 03:53 PM	More community events for all ages... Better library and rec center
Apr 14 2023 02:16 PM	Create more opportunities for teen aged youth to engage and want to keep roots in Walworth as they become adults. Create affordable housing for single and family dwellers. Create a more vibrant walking friendly town square for locally owned businesses within, at minimum, Walworth Hamlet and West Walworth Hamlet (possibly allowing mixed use conversion where needed).
Jun 06 2023 10:28 AM	N/A

Question 4. Do you have any additional comments regarding natural resources?

Answered 64
Skipped 81

Response Date	Responses
Jun 06 2023 10:29 AM	Housing, manufacturing and supplies - very high code
May 26 2023 10:28 AM	Worst fear is penfield moving this way
May 23 2023 09:43 AM	Keep all solar farms and wind farms OUT of Walworth ,the green deal is a scam,it would ruin our nice town and New York State.
May 18 2023 01:00 AM	Would like to not have to validate this issue going forward with the requests of, new track housing project approvals.
May 10 2023 10:25 PM	One of the draws for my husband and I to move to Walworth was it's country feel and natural space left untouched
May 10 2023 06:49 PM	Please do NOT encourage sub-divisions everywhere like Ontario and Webster have done!!
Apr 14 2023 09:07 PM	Please continue to prevent large scale developments that would negatively impact water runoff without proper management
Sep 07 2023 07:24 PM	I strongly hope our town gov keeps solar farms out.i know the town of Macedon passed zoning that keeps solar farms 1000 ft away from roads and buildings ,they have not had any action on solar farms since. Mike McEwen
Sep 02 2023 09:54 AM	We must protect the town from overdevelopment from Monroe County's growing population.
Aug 30 2023 11:01 PM	No
Aug 02 2023 02:03 PM	The charm of a small tow is the farmland, wildlife, etc. Would hate to see more developments take way from that.
Jul 26 2023 03:49 PM	We should have a plan to replace the hardwoods and increase forested areas. The residents could use help removing dead ash trees and providing a source for saplings.
Jul 11 2023 12:25 PM	More green space
Jun 20 2023 12:32 PM	Help residents to combat invasive species. Use combined town buying power to negotiate town wide contracts with expert pest control companies.
Jun 06 2023 11:36 AM	No

Jun 06 2023 11:28 AM	Make landlords to do upkeep and repairs to their property.
Jun 02 2023 03:24 PM	Not at this time. Thank you
Jun 02 2023 03:02 PM	I am proud of our rural heritage.
Jun 01 2023 09:28 AM	No more solar farms
May 31 2023 04:03 PM	Please be very careful selecting building permits. Nature is vital so growth needs to keep that in mind.
May 30 2023 04:11 PM	Designation of forever wild/agricultural lands should be explored.
May 26 2023 04:45 PM	When residential developments back up to a road/highway require specific buffering with stagger plantings of conifers that when mature and filled in they actually buffer. Also make it part of the requirement of the developer to care for the trees and replace any that die within the first five years after final C of O has been issued and provide a letter of credit to assure the obligation is met.
May 25 2023 08:28 PM	No.
May 25 2023 06:32 PM	Limit future housing developments and large businesses
May 25 2023 05:48 PM	Wise use and care of natural resources.
May 24 2023 05:54 PM	no
May 24 2023 03:59 PM	I understand the need for increasing Town Revenue is strong but the exceptionally good farm land in Walworth should not be compromised for commercial development
May 24 2023 10:43 AM	No
May 23 2023 05:43 PM	It would be nice to see everyone in the town have access to natural gas
May 23 2023 03:01 PM	No
May 23 2023 09:47 AM	Please encourage reuse of already built buildings. It is important that we keep our trees and do we really need another parking lot?
May 22 2023 04:24 PM	No
May 19 2023 06:40 PM	I think we can be creative in our use of federal and state funding/grants to protect our natural resources while also providing quality recreation and development
May 19 2023 04:29 PM	Add wind turbines.
May 17 2023 07:50 PM	Need more trails that access natural flora and fauna habitats.
May 17 2023 06:52 PM	No
May 17 2023 06:08 PM	Love renewable resources

May 13 2023 05:25 PM	No
May 12 2023 04:28 PM	no
May 10 2023 10:11 PM	Maintain and add to walworth green space
May 09 2023 04:10 PM	I would like to increase the tax base, and to do it we must be open for development, especially to businesses.
May 01 2023 04:05 PM	Ability to access lake Ontario. Currently the only two places I am aware of is b. Foreman Park and bear creek. It would be nice to have another access for scenic activities
Apr 30 2023 05:28 PM	Protect and provide clean water. I believe in green energy so I don't oppose windmills or solar panels if done in an area that is not infringing on homes.
Apr 30 2023 04:35 PM	To help keep the rural charm of the town, all these natural resources should be conserved and protected. Maybe the town could help to promote some of the various conservation easements, etc that are available to help local farmers and landowners so their lands can be protected from future development.
Apr 29 2023 06:01 PM	Mo
Apr 28 2023 09:53 AM	Hope we can maintain the rural character of the town
Apr 28 2023 08:07 AM	Farming practices are immensely important. It is critical to replace harmful monoculture and chemical practices with organic and regenerative processes.
Apr 27 2023 02:29 PM	No
Apr 20 2023 06:55 PM	Our natural resources is one of, if not the most important attributes. They need to be protected and advertised.
Apr 20 2023 06:15 PM	No
Apr 17 2023 08:09 PM	No
Apr 16 2023 07:37 PM	No
Apr 16 2023 01:41 PM	Maintain as is without any further regulations. If privately owned property is sold, so be it.
Apr 16 2023 09:08 AM	We need to keep the natural aspects of walworth and not turn it into buildings and houses
Apr 15 2023 08:37 AM	No
Apr 14 2023 10:32 PM	None

Apr 14 2023 07:55 PM	Ginegaw and Sherbourne parks are wonderful, but need to expand services. A dog park in Sherbourne is a good start. More trails, walker friendly trails and parks. The quality of life needs to improve in this town
Apr 14 2023 04:54 PM	Keep the farm land. Stop building homes/ housing tracts. No more low income apartments.
Apr 14 2023 04:25 PM	Hopeful that any dedicated ever wild space will remain that way
Apr 14 2023 03:54 PM	Please help with the mosquito population in the area
Apr 14 2023 02:18 PM	I do not believe our natural resources, such as farmland, should be monopolized for solar field projects and commercialized development.
May 25 2023 10:30 AM	We are lucky to live in this part of the world with really no natural disasters and many natural water sources
May 08 2023 06:22 PM	Keep what we have been enjoying, protect them - don't give them away!
Apr 14 2023 04:34 PM	Every morning when I drive down 350 I am met by the beautiful view of farmland and wooded areas. I get to see many types of birds, woodland creatures and so many stars at night. I absolutely love this area, it is a true hidden gem.

Question 8. Do you have any additional comments regarding residential neighborhoods and housing?

Answered 74
Skipped 71

Response Date	Responses
Sep 02 2023 09:55 AM	I am concerned that farmland will be sold and turned into subdivisions.
Jun 06 2023 10:31 AM	Housing and manufacturing and supplies -very high code
May 24 2023 06:09 AM	The more housing especially complexes, cause issues and changes the setting from rural/suburban to urban and the wealthy will leave.
May 23 2023 05:44 PM	When I moved to walworth there was a lot of affordable houses available. The property values in the area are starting to drive out middle class families
May 19 2023 08:52 PM	There has been minimal new builds within the Gananda district. Enrollment will decline over time if more homes are not made available. Many residents settle for staying in their smaller homes because there isn't enough inventory available on the market and not much land available for a new build or they move out of district.
May 19 2023 04:30 PM	No more development. It's going to get crowded.
May 18 2023 04:10 PM	Unfortunately the price of housing has skyrocketed in recent years - whether you build new or buy existing. I would like to see the town enforce the building codes to keep the existing homes looking nice. Falling down barns, multiple old cars, old tractor trailers, etc.. sitting for years is an eyesore.
May 17 2023 07:52 PM	Mixed housing development needs to be kept around the Hamlets and be walkable for services.
May 10 2023 06:50 PM	Do NOT build dozens of sub-divisions. Keep the rural- farming nature of the area
May 08 2023 06:25 PM	Beware of sprawl. Once development occurs, keep a plan and vision of drawing the line; taking a pause to reevaluate; keeping in mind how gifted we are here with beautiful resources.

Apr 16 2023 12:14 PM	The Town needs to ensure we focus on quality housing and not be swayed in allowing multiple family housing structures that ruin established neighborhoods by increasing crime.
Apr 14 2023 10:33 PM	The rent is so high!
Apr 14 2023 09:09 PM	No mega development where every house is the same and all green space is cleared to just be grass and white vinyl fences.
Apr 14 2023 06:42 PM	Anything beyond residential homes diminishes the area. Transient people because of multi unit means no community connection and an overall diminishing of the community.
Apr 14 2023 06:19 PM	Have house at Rookery and woodland clean up their lot and finish construction, it is not welcoming
Apr 14 2023 03:55 PM	How the new neighborhoods are causing issues with watershed
Sep 07 2023 07:26 PM	No
Aug 30 2023 11:02 PM	No
Aug 02 2023 02:03 PM	The charm of a small tow is the farmland, wildlife, etc. Would hate to see more developments take way from that.
Jul 31 2023 09:54 AM	Not at this time
Jul 11 2023 12:28 PM	Focus on making our home improvements like WATER LINE on our road! (Boynton Rd)
Jun 20 2023 12:40 PM	There is enough housing currently with Gananda. Perhaps "some" senior houses/patio homes. Not low income apartments that tend to attract the wrong element.
Jun 06 2023 11:54 AM	. keep/expand green space . wish we had a swimming hole . community garden
Jun 06 2023 11:37 AM	No
Jun 06 2023 11:29 AM	Make landlords to do upkeep and repairs to their property!
May 31 2023 04:21 PM	Keep the rural atmosphere we enjoy now.
May 30 2023 04:15 PM	No
May 26 2023 04:49 PM	Senior housing will provide school taxes to the district it is located in but will not add school age children. Supports educational services but does not increase the need for staff, equipment, buildings etc.
May 26 2023 10:28 AM	Property tax is off the charts

May 25 2023 08:30 PM	Even with affordable housing taxes continue to skyrocket once built and even when no changes to a home have been made. So how is that affordable?
May 25 2023 06:34 PM	I would like to see no more housing developments.
May 25 2023 05:48 PM	No
May 25 2023 10:33 AM	My above answers were predicated on my belief that there is not a lot of available land available for development. While I believe there is not enough housing available for seniors I have no idea where you'd put it.
May 24 2023 05:55 PM	no
May 24 2023 04:12 PM	There is a lot of land suitable for well designed housing that is unsuitable for ag use. In fact some of the least suitable farm land makes the most suitable and interesting housing sites. Small apartment complexes with community gardens attached would be very popular and afford great quality of life for families in Walworth.
May 24 2023 10:49 AM	I would like to see space between the homes and not "city housing.
May 23 2023 03:07 PM	No
May 23 2023 09:48 AM	No more low income housing. I remember what happened to the original elementary school too well when it went to elderly and then oh wait section 8....not good for the town at all.
May 23 2023 07:44 AM	Don't go overboard with it.
May 22 2023 04:25 PM	No large apartments in residential neighborhoods
May 18 2023 09:31 PM	We have retained a small town which people have come this way for. If you start adding housing tracks and apartments all over, it will definitely detract from the village life.This is one of the few places that has not had much crime and it need to be kept that way.
May 18 2023 08:15 AM	If development does occur, I'd prefer to see cluster development and higher value residential
May 18 2023 01:02 AM	Is this survey, paving the way for new housing developments?
May 17 2023 07:14 PM	No
May 17 2023 06:12 PM	Affordable 4 bedroom options
May 12 2023 04:32 PM	no

May 10 2023 10:27 PM	I would hate to see Walworth become like Webster where there used to be green space and now they have developed every available parcel of land
May 10 2023 10:12 PM	Do not need more development
May 10 2023 02:57 PM	we're all set on housing. seriously.
May 09 2023 04:12 PM	We are who we are. I don't have a need to change our town. I would like to GROW our town.
May 08 2023 12:34 PM	No more
May 02 2023 04:53 PM	I think we need more residential neighborhoods to support our tax base, however I would want to keep the country feel of our area.
Apr 30 2023 04:41 PM	It is a hard balance between the natural resource protection and the addition of housing. Maybe zoning should help to restrict housing development of large sites to specific areas such as clustered around the existing Gananda footprint or 441 corridor for ease of access.
Apr 29 2023 01:07 PM	Neighborhoods need to be more walkable, instead of being one or two roads attached to a busy road.
Apr 29 2023 10:14 AM	Before any more development is considered, the state would have to have in place the construction of additional traffic lanes on Rt 441 especially West bound. Only after that is in place and other infrastructure expansion planned & financing in place can you think about additional development. Most families and no children households are turned off by the Ryan type of developments. as those can be had in any area. They are looking for unique developments. I am always being asked by friends & acquaintances , including those who are realtors if there are 2, 5 & 10 acre parcels specifically available in the Walworth area, which there are not. Also consider additional developments in areas that are within transportation area to private & parochial schools. This is a question I am also asked.
Apr 28 2023 08:09 AM	Sidewalks and bicycle safety should be encouraged on busier road around residential areas.
Apr 27 2023 02:30 PM	No
Apr 20 2023 06:58 PM	We will reap what we sow. Build affordable family homes to provide a foundation to grow Walworth's tax base.

Apr 20 2023 06:17 PM	No
Apr 17 2023 08:09 PM	No
Apr 17 2023 10:14 AM	I believe the town need at least some more apartments for families. There are 2 senior living facilities but Walworth itself needs more affordable apartments/townhomes for families who are not able to purchase a home in the community
Apr 17 2023 06:56 AM	This is a comment, because it told me to add one.
Apr 16 2023 07:41 PM	I want it to be affordable but well made with the surrounding area considered carefully. Keeping in mind the quality of living here stays safe for all.
Apr 16 2023 09:09 AM	No
Apr 15 2023 08:41 AM	No large housing (10 or more houses in an area) or apartment developments!
Apr 15 2023 06:43 AM	I don't think we need more, but if we develop, it needs to make sense and align with our current residents.
Apr 14 2023 07:59 PM	Bringing in more people and housing is a nice idea to grow the town, but again....quality services need to be provided. As a 35 year resident, I continue to do most of my shopping in Rochester, Webster and Ontario. Joined the Ontario Rec center. Our rec department is great and does a good job, but with better facilities, I bet we would shine!
Apr 14 2023 07:53 PM	Cluster development in the planned development zones areas and Hamlets would be ideal
Apr 14 2023 04:55 PM	We do not want any housing developments.
Apr 14 2023 04:36 PM	I live in the Gananda neighborhood and would not want to see more development of houses there. I would also be opposed to low income housing, big apartment complexes or mobile home parks.
Apr 14 2023 04:26 PM	Please no
Apr 14 2023 04:25 PM	Good quality homes built by reputable builders to sustain the longevity of the houses is very important.

Apr 14 2023 02:23 PM	I think it is critical that housing for aging in place, at least within the community, is developed and affordable--even possible consideration of "Granny Pod" communities wherein there are shared green spaces. Additionally, I think there needs to be some transitional housing for our older youth as they seek independence yet still wish to be part of the community (townhomes, multifamilies, patio homes), and then affordable new builds targeted at young and new families, relocation families, and single buyers.
Apr 30 2023 12:17 PM	I like that the community is rural and not a suburb.

Question 12. Do you have any additional comments regarding business development?

Answered 56

Skipped 89

Response Date	Responses
May 31 2023 04:26 PM	I'm hesitant to advise too much retail etc as I'm afraid it would ruin what we love about Walworth.
May 26 2023 05:22 PM	<p>Major businesses in Walworth must depend on commercial trucking or their own fleet. Walworth is not serviced by a major roadway (eg. Route 31) The major roadway to and from Walworth is Route 441 requiring connector roads from the major Routes of 31 & 104 to get to delivery drop off and back to a major route to continue on to the other destinations needing pick up and/or delivery.</p> <p>Route 441's primary use is for residents of Walworth and towns directly east for getting to or from home to work.</p> <p>Walworth does not have any form of public transportation that will take persons using these services to the few places currently in Walworth for retail shopping and/or major malls for shopping, theater, dining etc. This is also very important to seniors who do not have private transportation and a negative to attracting more senior housing.</p> <p>Considering the cost of educating a child Walworth does not need more single family homes with school age children. The current school tax burden in the Gananda School District is a deterrent to anyone considering purchasing a home in that district.</p>
May 25 2023 10:37 AM	Open storefronts need to be filled before granting building permits to developers. You only have to look to Ontario and the mess they've created there with commercial development that remains underutilized.
May 18 2023 08:19 AM	Not in favor of building along major roads and streets. Need limited access to those. Build interior roads. "Business Parks"

May 08 2023 06:29 PM	It's ugly, it's sterile, the locations selected never seem to fit with our community in mind, our environment and how our wildlife is impacted.
Apr 28 2023 08:19 AM	Let's avoid serving big business interests at the expense of our citizens' quality of life.
Apr 14 2023 07:56 PM	The attempts to attract businesses to the hamlet of Walworth have all failed, the population is focused west so any commercial development needs to reflect this. People won't turn the opposite way out of the driveway the development needs to take this into account
Sep 07 2023 07:31 PM	No
Sep 02 2023 09:59 AM	We live "in the country" with the expectation that travel would be required for goods and services. The country should remain the country.
Aug 30 2023 11:03 PM	No
Aug 02 2023 02:05 PM	Food options other than Pizza shops. Maybe a Dunkin store.
Jul 31 2023 09:59 AM	Not at this time
Jun 20 2023 07:02 PM	I think it's important to draw new businesses in to not only benefit us as consumers, but to provide living wages for our community members who work there to thrive, not merely survive. There are only so many pizza shops and dollar stores we need.
Jun 20 2023 12:46 PM	Already addressed above.
Jun 06 2023 12:25 PM	the Town needs to be concerned about introducing a business that already exists. Son there would be two businesses closing their doors. We only need one grocery store. Do we need another pizza shop? and two gas stations are enough. Le us work to improve and support what we already have and support new businesses.
Jun 06 2023 11:38 AM	No
Jun 06 2023 10:33 AM	Park development
Jun 05 2023 11:33 AM	Not really aware of all that you have now.
Jun 02 2023 03:26 PM	Not at this time.
May 30 2023 04:17 PM	No
May 26 2023 10:30 AM	Don't want to live in penfield like dnvironment
May 25 2023 08:32 PM	Don't develop any businesses.
May 25 2023 06:35 PM	I prefer to see little to no new businesses in the future

May 25 2023 05:48 PM	Logical business development is the Rt.441/Wal-Pen Rd. corridor.
May 24 2023 05:57 PM	no
May 24 2023 05:11 PM	A commercial tech development site like Dean Rd might be good for Walworth, tucked into a woods or the side of a hill. Bring in some good money and build interesting housing near- by. It's all in the design of things. We should always look rural but high end business can thrive in our county and our town.
May 24 2023 10:56 AM	No
May 23 2023 05:46 PM	No
May 23 2023 03:08 PM	No
May 23 2023 09:51 AM	No
May 22 2023 04:26 PM	No
May 19 2023 08:55 PM	Kids need more to do in this town, also. Restaurants other than pizza shops such as a coffee shop, bakery or Chinese restaurant would be great options.
May 18 2023 07:18 PM	Not at this time.
May 18 2023 01:07 AM	This isn't a general survey. It is niche to attempt to open up available ground to corporate adaptation.
May 17 2023 07:55 PM	Business that are small and service oriented are preferred.
May 17 2023 07:16 PM	No
May 12 2023 04:32 PM	no
May 10 2023 06:51 PM	No additional areas designated as business districts
May 10 2023 03:00 PM	Katonah is my example because it is exclusively locally owned business and restaurants that add to the charm and character of the community. I also choose Katonah because like Walworth, it's a "horse town" with contemporary country flair. PLEASE look into Katonah and see how we could replicate this in Walworth. I've wanted to see this happen for years.
May 09 2023 04:15 PM	Please add some businesses to the Gananda school district, or merge Gananda with Wayne or Penfield. There is no need for Gananda to be a stand alone district with extraordinary taxes when we have two excellent, well run districts adjoining.
Apr 27 2023 02:32 PM	Crest businesses that will contribute to lowering school taxes.
Apr 25 2023 11:34 AM	We need more than two pizza places as an option to eat in Walworth.

Apr 20 2023 07:02 PM	Please try to promote local businesses to money in our communities. I'd gladly pay more residential taxes for a few years to provide incentives for the growth and support of small local business over big box stores.
Apr 20 2023 06:19 PM	No
Apr 18 2023 11:34 AM	not next to residents property
Apr 17 2023 08:11 PM	No
Apr 17 2023 06:58 AM	This is a comment because it yelled at me until I put one.
Apr 16 2023 09:15 AM	Let's make sure we try to keep restaurants in the area
Apr 14 2023 10:35 PM	None
Apr 14 2023 09:12 PM	Keep things within the current feel of the town but not so restricted as to discourage growth, ie. Develop current structure into small business/office or smaller well planed developments not giant parking lots
Apr 14 2023 05:05 PM	If Gananda doesn't get something to offset our Gananda School taxes here in Walworth, I know a lot of us plan to leave ASAP
Apr 14 2023 04:56 PM	No additional business development needed.
Apr 14 2023 04:43 PM	I would prefer Gananda area remain mostly residential but would not be opposed to some nice restaurants or entertainment places.
Apr 29 2023 10:17 AM	Attractive w/architectural interest, enough of the depressing Dollar General look inside & out
May 19 2023 04:32 PM	N/A
May 09 2023 02:55 PM	N/a

Question 19. Identify any intersections or locations in Town where you feel there are safety concerns.

Answered 85
Skipped 60

Response Date	Responses
Sep 02 2023 10:02 AM	None
Aug 09 2023 05:43 PM	441 and 350, atlantic and 350, canadagua and 441
Aug 02 2023 02:08 PM	Rte 350 & Rte 441 for walkers and bikers
Jul 31 2023 10:06 AM	Subdivision speed limits are too high. 30 mph for example with children playing often in the streets is dangerous since most residents exceed the limit by 10 mph. Used to be 20 mph in most places and people went 30 mph
Jul 11 2023 12:36 PM	Tops in/out -east bound traffic on 441 tends to drive into oncoming turn lane into Tops
Jun 20 2023 07:05 PM	The Y at 441/west Walworth rd
Jun 20 2023 06:25 PM	West Walworth Rd and 441, Canandaigua Rd and 441
Jun 06 2023 12:29 PM	Walworth-Ontario Road - to much speeding 350 intersection with Penfield Road. People run the light Rolling stops at most stop signs. People love to speed.
Jun 06 2023 11:48 AM	West Walworth Rd and Ganada Parkway
Jun 06 2023 11:31 AM	Tops and Dollar General
Jun 06 2023 10:36 AM	Unknown
Jun 02 2023 03:34 PM	Don't know them.
Jun 02 2023 03:05 PM	I think its crazy that we're getting more and more 4 way stops in the area - it creates more problems than it solves
Jun 02 2023 01:33 PM	441 (Wal/Pen Rd) & 350 BAD INTERSECTION VERY POOR LIGHTING ALL ROADS NEED CENTER LINES/REFLECTORS AND SIDES OF ROAD LINES
Jun 02 2023 01:12 PM	Theresa Dr and entrance to Tops
May 31 2023 04:30 PM	The only intersection I'm nervous of is Lincoln and Plank. I'm never sure people will stop on red flashing side. Either wise I feel perfectly safe everywhere else
May 30 2023 04:19 PM	There are not adequate bike lanes anywhere.

May 27 2023 07:56 PM	Little school on 441 by the post office. School needs more parking. Or at least traffic control when children are drop off and pick up
May 27 2023 08:48 AM	441 and furnace. Many cars run the light east to west. Cars drive much faster then speed limit thru intersection
May 26 2023 05:30 PM	Driving safety. Canandaigua Rd. / Gananda Parkway, Gananda Parkway & West Walworth Rd.
May 26 2023 10:31 AM	350 and 441
May 25 2023 08:33 PM	None
May 25 2023 06:38 PM	Rt 350/Walworth Marion rd
May 25 2023 05:56 PM	No
May 25 2023 10:42 AM	Finley and Walworth Ontario Rd. Twice I've encountered people turning northbound off Finley without stopping to check for traffic. Not sure what anyone can do, but thought I'd note it here.
May 24 2023 12:06 PM	Walworth-Penfield Rd near Tops, Teresa Drive and Kwik Fill where people assume you are turning into Tops and pull out in front of you, when you are actually going into Kwik Fill
May 24 2023 11:02 AM	Intersection of 350 and 441-needs street light !
May 23 2023 10:24 PM	350 and Walworth Ontario Rd are dangerous for walking
May 23 2023 08:49 PM	RT 350 & 441 intersection
May 23 2023 05:48 PM	Plank and Whitney rd are treated like race tracks
May 23 2023 03:10 PM	I have no concerns
May 23 2023 09:56 AM	I have addressed some concerns to the town board and they were corrected
May 22 2023 11:10 PM	Boynton and Daansen at the Intersection of Walworth Marion Road Lincoln aand Atlantic-poor sight distance to West due to a row of pine trees
May 22 2023 04:27 PM	350/441 Plank/350
May 22 2023 02:00 PM	The 4 corners in Lincoln
May 22 2023 12:59 PM	Gananda Pkwy
May 20 2023 02:25 PM	Rt 441 & 350, Main St & Walworth Ontario RD,
May 19 2023 06:56 PM	The sight lines at Lincoln and Plank when heading south on Lincoln and looking east on Plank

May 19 2023 04:35 PM	N/A
May 18 2023 09:37 PM	Sherburne Rd. Hard to see walkers sometimes and they usually have pets walking also
May 18 2023 04:17 PM	441 and West Walworth (not the Gananda part of West Walworth) the hamlet of West Walworth and 441. The entrance to 441 from the hamlet has a huge difference between the two roads. I have asked for additional pavement to be installed to level it out and no one has ever responded.
May 18 2023 08:23 AM	441/350
May 18 2023 01:14 AM	Only in the areas of new recent development, Tops, Dollar General... etc.
May 17 2023 10:24 PM	Route 350
May 17 2023 08:00 PM	Any intersections with side roads along NY 350 & 441, Atlantic Avenue, Walworth Marion Road, Walworth Ontario Road,
May 17 2023 07:19 PM	350&441
May 17 2023 06:16 PM	Gananda parkway
May 17 2023 04:11 PM	Gananda parkway and Dewberry. We have a hard time getting out of Dewberry traffic is so heavy.
May 16 2023 03:25 PM	Lorraine Drive and Penfield Road
May 13 2023 05:31 PM	Canandaigua Road and 31f
May 12 2023 04:34 PM	The major state roads in the town. Years ago I stopped biking for the fast traffic on roads like 441.
May 10 2023 01:09 PM	441 and 350
May 10 2023 12:50 PM	West Walworth and Kutruff roads. The stop sign doesn't make sense. It comes to a T and the traffic moving South and East dont stop. So, if you are going South on WW road, and want to turn left at the same time someone is coming from the West going East on WW road to go straight....you both dont have to stop. Very scary and most everyone seems to have to stop there to look.
May 09 2023 04:16 PM	.
May 09 2023 02:56 PM	Gananda Parkway
May 08 2023 06:32 PM	Tops Plaza traffic creates a safety hazard
May 08 2023 12:39 PM	None I can thin off
May 02 2023 04:58 PM	where Lorraine Drive meets Rt 441
May 01 2023 04:11 PM	Lincoln road

Apr 29 2023 01:11 PM	West Walworth Road and Gananda parkway. Speed limit on Gananda parkway should be reduced to 45mph for noise reduction and safer for walkers.
Apr 29 2023 10:22 AM	Rt 441, Rt 350, Canandaigua Rd. Walworth Rd
Apr 27 2023 07:24 PM	More sidewalks. Cross walk with light at park entrance
Apr 27 2023 02:33 PM	West Walworth and Gananda parkway
Apr 25 2023 11:46 AM	I don't feel there are any.
Apr 20 2023 06:23 PM	Sherburne rd, from the Lorraine Dr. To Walworth Palmyra Rd
Apr 18 2023 04:09 PM	Rt. 350 / 441 intersection
Apr 18 2023 12:12 PM	Don't know
Apr 17 2023 09:20 PM	Gananda parkway
Apr 17 2023 03:44 PM	441/Canandaigua 441/350
Apr 17 2023 10:17 AM	I don't think we necessarily think we need more sidewalks in the town unless residents are willing to pay more in taxes.
Apr 17 2023 07:00 AM	Gananda parkway.
Apr 16 2023 12:18 PM	Gananda Pkwy. @ West Walworth Rd., Canandaigua Rd. @ 441, Rt. 350 @ 441, Gananda Pkwy. @ 441
Apr 16 2023 09:17 AM	Speed on 350 and walworth ontario rd
Apr 15 2023 09:49 PM	I feel Walworth has great sidewalks. My family enjoys evening walks in the summer around town
Apr 15 2023 08:45 AM	Walworth Ontario Road from stop light to at least a mile north.
Apr 15 2023 06:45 AM	350 and 441. mainly.
Apr 14 2023 10:39 PM	441, 350
Apr 14 2023 09:14 PM	Atlantic/County Line and County Line/Plank, Gananda Parkway crossings
Apr 14 2023 07:59 PM	Canadagua rd and Rt 441
Apr 14 2023 06:48 PM	Gananda to Sherburne rd. And Sherburne to the village and Parks. Sherburne rd is dangerous to walk without sidewalks.
Apr 14 2023 05:25 PM	350/441.
Apr 14 2023 04:45 PM	350 can get pretty dicey and I've seen people fly down Waterford Rd
Apr 14 2023 04:30 PM	Route 441
Apr 14 2023 03:59 PM	West Walworth Rd and Gananda Parkway - great spot to add a light. Too many accidents lately and log cabin Wed night traffic is dangerous

Apr 14 2023 02:46 PM	Gananda Parkway, Rte 350 intersection (heading north, south, east & west away from the intersection), Walworth-Ontario Road, and Walworth-Marion Road heading east out of town.
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Question 20. Do you have any additional comments regarding transportation and/or safety?

Answered 56

Skipped 89

Response Date	Responses
Jul 31 2023 10:06 AM	441 and Atlantic avenue is too dangerous for walking/biking and perhaps should be discouraged or wider margins and reduced speeds
Jun 06 2023 12:29 PM	Most roadways in Walworth have become speedways. People know that the police are seldom seen on the main highways and never on the back roads. We are so fortunate to have the State Police
May 27 2023 07:56 PM	Get drivers to slow down going through town
May 25 2023 10:42 AM	Using Ontario again the new sidewalks to nowhere is a disgrace. Laughable. I lived 30+ years in the city and 20+ In Wayne county. If I want to walk or bike I drive to places that already have the infrastructure in place. Tax payers are not a bottomless source of money.
May 18 2023 07:25 PM	I need to travel to town, I feel the roads and intersection are all safely marked, however many people don't pay attention and speed. This is our biggest problem on our roads.
May 18 2023 01:14 AM	Don't appreciate the attempted manipulation of, this seemingly innocuous survey, to further a clearly deeper seeded motive.
Apr 20 2023 07:05 PM	Please, please, please install speed bumps on Waterford in Gananda. With all the schools, homes, kids, and pets, a flashing sign is not enough. People drive so fast. It is so unsafe. PLEASE consider providing something to deter speeding.
Apr 14 2023 07:59 PM	The roundabout on Gananda parkway won't solve the issues, the road wasn't designed for the way it's being used and should be redesigned to reduce speeds
Sep 07 2023 07:33 PM	No
Sep 02 2023 10:02 AM	Please do not create unnecessary roundabouts, such as those in Ontario County.
Aug 30 2023 11:04 PM	No

Jul 11 2023 12:36 PM	No
Jun 06 2023 11:39 AM	No
Jun 06 2023 10:36 AM	give la enforcement high priority -police sheriffs
Jun 02 2023 03:34 PM	As needed
Jun 02 2023 01:12 PM	Possibly lower the small area from bottom of Main St (RT 207) going west after @ 30mph sign to light at 350 to 45.
May 31 2023 04:30 PM	No
May 30 2023 04:19 PM	No
May 26 2023 05:30 PM	Addition of roundabout at West Walworth/Gananda Parkway intersection is great and one should be added at Canandaigua Rd. & Gananda Parkway. Both of these intersections have been the scenes of many accidents since we moved here in 1979.
May 26 2023 10:31 AM	Pedestrians need to use good judgement when walking on public roads
May 25 2023 08:33 PM	No
May 25 2023 05:56 PM	No
May 24 2023 05:59 PM	no
May 24 2023 11:02 AM	No
May 23 2023 05:48 PM	More police presence in the town would help deter people speeding though town
May 23 2023 03:10 PM	No
May 22 2023 04:27 PM	No
May 19 2023 06:56 PM	No
May 18 2023 04:17 PM	A nice walking track on the lower level of Ginegaw Park would be nice.
May 17 2023 08:00 PM	More traffic controls such as 4-way stops are needed to slow traffic on major thoroughfares
May 17 2023 07:19 PM	No
May 17 2023 04:11 PM	We also could use street lights in the developments
May 13 2023 05:31 PM	No
May 12 2023 04:34 PM	no
May 08 2023 06:32 PM	Would be interested to know whether future plans for improvement are included in our plan. Thank you.
May 01 2023 04:11 PM	Speeding on Lincoln road
Apr 27 2023 07:24 PM	More sidewalks
Apr 27 2023 02:33 PM	No

Apr 25 2023 11:46 AM	My sidewalk requests are one going all the way down to Tops from the town and to finish up the randomly ending sidewalks in town near the apartments - high street, and center street could use them. I wouldn't mind one on Sherburne as well. Actually, I can't go back to the previous question but Sherburne road I feel isn't as safe. I see people running or walking on it and cars go fast on that road.
Apr 20 2023 06:23 PM	No
Apr 17 2023 07:00 AM	This is a comment because it told me to put one.
Apr 16 2023 09:17 AM	No
Apr 15 2023 08:45 AM	No
Apr 14 2023 10:39 PM	There should be a bus that goes to Penfield, Macedon & Walmart
Apr 14 2023 09:14 PM	Wider shoulders would make biking safer on 55mph roads
Apr 14 2023 06:48 PM	Both parks are great but the ability to safely walk to either is non-existent.
Apr 14 2023 06:23 PM	Please attract businesses first then build access as part of that
Apr 14 2023 04:45 PM	I don't have a bike so that is the only reason I wouldn't bike more.
Apr 14 2023 04:30 PM	Mailboxes installed on both sides of Route 441 would make it safer for senior citizens and everyone.
Apr 14 2023 03:59 PM	Traffic circles on Gananda Parkway like on Canandaigua Rd would be great
Aug 02 2023 02:08 PM	I think the Hamlet of Walworth has very nice, well kept sidewalks compared to other towns that I walk in. Ex Ontario
Jul 26 2023 03:52 PM	Maintain good roads and shoulders!
Jun 20 2023 07:05 PM	I'd love to see a roundabout put in on the Y at 441/West Walworth Rd
May 17 2023 06:16 PM	Okay with round abouts
May 19 2023 04:35 PM	N/A
May 09 2023 04:16 PM	.

Question 23. Do you have any additional comments regarding parks and recreation?

Answered 50

Skipped 95

Response Date	Responses
Jul 11 2023 12:40 PM	Keep small, why do we need to pay for an Assistant Dir of Rec? This a small town, stop creating positions!
May 27 2023 08:53 AM	I realize that while many improvements have been made to the playground at the park, including the incoming new Gaga ball pit and the new spin go round it is still quite inferior to other towns. Also, there should be more concerts in the evenings during the summer than the 2-4 that are usually there. Also throw in some bingo nights
May 09 2023 04:19 PM	have the money" is just sooo insensitive. Sounds like a "pet project" of one or two people. Worst idea I have heard of.
Sep 02 2023 10:05 AM	I am concerned about the amount of lighting at any new recreation fields.
Aug 30 2023 11:05 PM	No
Aug 02 2023 02:20 PM	Would be open to options that are efficient, cost effective
Jun 20 2023 12:50 PM	People need to clean up after their pets!
May 30 2023 04:20 PM	No
May 25 2023 08:34 PM	No
May 25 2023 10:44 AM	Can't we use the current town buildings/lodge etc for adult, senior and youth activities?
May 23 2023 05:49 PM	It would be nice to see more playgrounds in the town
May 23 2023 10:02 AM	There could be another trail on the north west part of sherburn road park .A north west loop,it would utilize more of the property.
May 22 2023 11:16 PM	Existing trails in town not being maintained though not sure who is responsible
May 22 2023 04:29 PM	No
May 18 2023 01:17 AM	None
May 17 2023 08:03 PM	Community center needs to have indoor pool, basketball court(s). weight/exercise room, sauna, hot tub/spas, steam room, indoor walking track
May 17 2023 07:20 PM	No

May 12 2023 04:35 PM	no
May 10 2023 12:51 PM	More picnic shelters with grills etc.
May 08 2023 06:35 PM	Improvements send a signal to our community that we are being supported as residents. Thank you.
Apr 30 2023 04:58 PM	I feel there is no need to develop more athletic fields unless all current facilities are being utilized. I have not seen the wayne brown baseball field on 441 used in the last 5 yrs as example.
Apr 29 2023 08:05 PM	The parks are very well kept. I appreciate the dog stations at both parks and the availability of bags at those stations
Apr 29 2023 10:26 AM	Need additional enclosed lodges, as in Ginegaw Park.
Apr 27 2023 07:25 PM	Splash pad
Apr 27 2023 02:34 PM	No
Apr 20 2023 06:25 PM	No
Apr 17 2023 07:02 AM	This is a comment because it told me to put one
Apr 16 2023 09:18 AM	Not at this time
Apr 15 2023 08:47 AM	No
Apr 14 2023 08:04 PM	A community center would be fantastic
Apr 14 2023 08:00 PM	Spread them throughout the town like Perinton, one central park is inconvenient
Apr 14 2023 05:14 PM	For those of us that live on Gananda Parkway, it would be nice if a community center or park were closer to our end of town
Apr 14 2023 04:47 PM	We love Ginegaw and Sherbern parks. Any additional youth programming is nice, ideally with evening or weekend offerings for those of us who work/have littles in school/daycare
Apr 14 2023 04:29 PM	Please no path connecting lerwood and johns park
Sep 07 2023 07:38 PM	Doing a very good job there
Jul 31 2023 10:08 AM	Generally town has/is doing very well in this regard
Jun 20 2023 07:08 PM	The parks are beautiful here, I consider it quite an asset to the town of Walworth.
May 26 2023 10:33 AM	All good
May 25 2023 06:01 PM	Very good programs by reading the town topics. Helpful staff.
May 24 2023 06:01 PM	doing a good job
May 24 2023 12:08 PM	I love the parks in Walworth, well maintained and great for the community.
May 24 2023 11:04 AM	The parks are well maintained!

May 23 2023 03:12 PM	No- you do a marvelous job
May 19 2023 06:58 PM	Would love to see pickleball courts!
Apr 28 2023 09:59 AM	So many great upgrades have been made and are still being made to the parks and sports fields. Very pleased with the direction of the parks and recreation depts
Apr 20 2023 07:06 PM	Love them!
Apr 16 2023 02:05 PM	Excellent programs! Parks and Rec are covered very well!
Apr 15 2023 09:51 PM	Walworth does a great job in the parks and rec department
Apr 15 2023 06:46 AM	Our parks are beautiful and well-maintained. We use them all the time and are grateful for them.
May 19 2023 04:39 PM	N/A

Question 25. Do you have any additional comments regarding solar energy development?

Answered 49

Skipped 96

Response Date	Responses
Sep 07 2023 07:40 PM	They are a blight on rural ny
May 25 2023 08:36 PM	Solar energy is not a good option for Walworth in the long term.
May 25 2023 10:48 AM	Look to the power (or lack thereof) generated by Fairport and Penfield solar farms. We don't live in a climate that supports solar energy development. It's a waste of tax payer money. Grants from the federal government are still taxpayer monies. Plus these solar farms are eyesores. I don't believe the ROI justifies the expense to purchase, maintain and eventually recycle after their lifespan is up.
May 23 2023 10:05 AM	Solar energy would make our nice farm land UGLY!!!
Apr 30 2023 05:04 PM	Would hate to lose the rural charm of our area by having large expanses of solar fields scattered all over. Don't know if i believe the positive value of these over the environmental impact they present.. more honest research needs to be presented .
Apr 16 2023 12:22 PM	It is a waste of money and resources. Solar energy destroys Mother Earth with the extrication of materials and eventual waste disposal.
Apr 15 2023 08:50 AM	Solar power is a poor way to generate power in this area. Continuous power product is low per panel per day and they take up too much land in order to generate sufficient power. Plus the cost to maintain is too large.
Sep 02 2023 10:08 AM	Any large-scale solar farm should be camouflaged behind natural greenery from the roads.
Aug 30 2023 11:06 PM	No
Jul 31 2023 10:14 AM	NYS has above average solar incentives so it just makes sense
Jun 20 2023 12:52 PM	What is happening with the energy produced by the solar farm on Sherburn road?

Jun 06 2023 12:31 PM	Walworth is fortunate to have a very good recreation program. And the fields used by our youth are well maintained. It is our senior population that needs more attention and they do not need more taxes/
Jun 06 2023 11:42 AM	No
Jun 05 2023 03:46 PM	Which one do you like?
May 30 2023 04:21 PM	Get with the future 🇺🇸
May 26 2023 10:34 AM	Solar is not reliable
May 25 2023 06:04 PM	Can the electric grid handle increasing demand???
May 24 2023 05:23 PM	What's to loose? Just not on otherwise prime farm land.
May 24 2023 12:08 PM	I do not want solar farms in Walworth
May 24 2023 11:06 AM	Roofs Ok but not backyards, farm fields.
May 23 2023 05:55 PM	No
May 23 2023 03:12 PM	No
May 22 2023 11:18 PM	What is long term effect? How is decommissioned panels recycled? Going all electric is short sighted. Old saying, don't put all your eggs in one basket!
May 22 2023 04:29 PM	No
May 18 2023 04:22 PM	The benefit must outweigh the cost - not just to satisfy the "climate" issues.
May 18 2023 08:29 AM	Solar development should be screened as much as feasible (berms, trees, etc) and it should not be installed on prime farm land. Flat rooftops (like Tops) and parking lots would be great locations for solar. We also need electric car charging stations as we transition to electric vehicles
May 18 2023 01:17 AM	None
May 17 2023 08:08 PM	All existing town facilities should have roof tops converted to solar panels.
May 17 2023 07:21 PM	No
May 17 2023 06:19 PM	Support for Walworth residence to invest in residential solar panel installation- potential community sharing of the solar resources collected?
May 12 2023 04:35 PM	no
May 10 2023 06:56 PM	No fields full of ugly solar panels!

May 08 2023 06:39 PM	Perhaps not now since the impacts need considerable researching on preservation of our wildlife and environment. They really have an undesirable presence. Determine if they would benefit a wide population or just a few.
Apr 29 2023 01:12 PM	Solar energy farms should go towards public power needs.
Apr 29 2023 10:31 AM	Insure any solar power developments including compatibility & the integrity of every & any component does produce any toxic runoff issues. We all want to save our planet but not by comprising human or animal life.
Apr 28 2023 08:25 AM	Would like to understand the positive and negative impacts
Apr 27 2023 02:34 PM	Incentive programs for residents to be more energy efficient.
Apr 25 2023 11:49 AM	I don't know enough about the solar plants that are going up everywhere. I would be interested in knowing the pros/cons
Apr 20 2023 06:25 PM	No
Apr 18 2023 11:38 AM	The solar panels on Watson Hulbert Rd and at the town office, who are they really helping?
Apr 17 2023 07:02 AM	No I do not.
Apr 16 2023 02:07 PM	Not a fan - terrible eyesore for the limited energy they produce. Private property solar is fine.
Apr 16 2023 09:18 AM	No
Apr 14 2023 04:58 PM	Do not use farmland for large solar arrays.
Apr 14 2023 04:00 PM	The more the better
Jun 06 2023 11:58 AM	We got the best Park & Rec Department in the county - I coached for 15 years
Apr 14 2023 04:49 PM	I love seeing the solar that is already installed around Walworth! Lets be a mostly solar powered community!
May 19 2023 04:41 PM	N/A
May 09 2023 04:20 PM	.

Question 29. Do you have any other project ideas or concerns that should be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan?

Answered 60

Skipped 85

Response Date	Responses
Sep 07 2023 07:41 PM	No
Sep 02 2023 10:10 AM	Please concentrate on solar rather than wind and no fracking.
Aug 30 2023 11:06 PM	No
Jul 31 2023 10:19 AM	Please eliminate illegal businesses in residential areas as they are proliferating quickly with no pro-active code enforcement. Negatively impacting enjoyment of property and general feeling of value of being in Walworth
Jul 26 2023 03:54 PM	I support a Greening of Walworth progress to assist in ash tree removal and environmental plan to plant a diverse replacement trees
Jul 11 2023 12:42 PM	We need WATER on our road! We have lived here for 20+ yrs, and still no water line on Boynton Rd!
Jun 20 2023 07:10 PM	Tennis courts would be a wonderful addition to the parks and more parks to enjoy.
Jun 20 2023 06:28 PM	More open space / non programmed areas
Jun 06 2023 12:35 PM	How people care for their property is one of this writer's concerns. In the Walworth of hamlet there are buildings no longer used,. They still need to be maintained. There might be penalties when property including sidewalks are not cared for property.. How difficult is it to sweep one's sidewalks. And leaves should not just sit hoping that the will will solve their problems. My taxes keep rising, yet who will purchase when neighbors are so careless. Walworth was once a farming community. We must not ignore its history. /thus as much farmland as possible needs to be preserved and protected.
Jun 06 2023 12:01 PM	Support local small business Establish a community event or for young adults.
Jun 06 2023 11:42 AM	No
Jun 05 2023 11:37 AM	No
Jun 02 2023 03:36 PM	None at this time

Jun 02 2023 01:37 PM	Summertime carnival, Harvest festival Sr. Informational Recreation Events that involves food should start at 5/5:30 pm. Tuesday nights veterans gathering was GREAT but 6:30/7 pm is way too late to eat
May 31 2023 04:33 PM	No
May 27 2023 08:54 AM	No but I am very proud of the town I live in
May 26 2023 10:34 AM	Maintain rural atmosphere at all costs
May 25 2023 06:07 PM	Ignore state mandates.
May 25 2023 10:51 AM	I hope the Town keeps the rural character that drew us here. If we wanted congestion and convenience we would live in Monroe County. Thank you for asking for input.
May 24 2023 11:10 AM	The town needs to have GOOD LOOKING " WELCOME TO WALWORTH" signage NOT like the existing "highway dept. types"!. They should be placed on main entrance roads.
May 23 2023 08:53 PM	Merge town services and schools with others in the area to lower the costs past on to local taxpayers
May 23 2023 05:56 PM	No
May 23 2023 03:16 PM	No- my main concern is how we look to others- so cleaning up, showing a welcome, not just in Ginegaw Park would be so appreciated! For example, the house on the SE corner of 441 and 350 is vacant- recently- all of lot plus decrepit house is unmowed and disgusting looking as one enters our hamlet. PLEASE address this to make our town clean, welcoming and show we CARE!!
May 23 2023 10:08 AM	Keep solar farms and wind farms OUT of Walworth !!!
May 22 2023 04:29 PM	No
May 19 2023 08:59 PM	More new single family homes in the gananda district!
May 19 2023 04:42 PM	N/A
May 18 2023 09:47 PM	I see an off leash dog area is being installed at Sherburne Park. It is much too small for anything but small dogs.The weeded area right nearby could have been increased to make this bigger.
May 18 2023 01:20 AM	Taxes are too high as it is. Maintain the country atmosphere. Further "development" is only ruining what is already here.

May 17 2023 08:13 PM	All new commercial construction should be responsible to pay incremental cost impact on sewer, water and fire/emergency services to minimize the impact on existing residents.
May 17 2023 07:21 PM	No
May 17 2023 06:20 PM	Community planning/development teams
May 13 2023 05:47 PM	No more big stores!
May 12 2023 04:36 PM	no
May 10 2023 06:57 PM	Forever wild areas needed
	<p>I reiterate, and understand i don't know all the "municipal jargon," but please consider my final thoughts:</p> <p>Consider a Hamlet of Walworth Revitalization Project to attract businesses that respects our heritage while meeting the contemporary needs of today's residents. Think Stars Hollow from Gilmore Girls. My real life example is Katonah, NY. But it's really upsetting to me that it feels like every other town in Wayne County still has something like this and while we're arguably the classiest town in Wayne County, this of all areas is where we are failing.</p> <p>We need a solid Hamlet Business District to remain competitive and attractive to families looking for a high quality of life while maintaining value. Our main street is an embarrassment and has slowly deteriorated since I was a kid. Those buildings need our love and while I hate to see them torn down like the Walworth Academy was (still one of the most shameful things I've ever seen, this could have been avoided if the town stepped in to preserve it properly), consider all options and put a plan in place to ensure future generations don't have to make these difficult choices again.</p>
May 10 2023 03:27 PM	The people I spend a lot of time with in my personal and professional
May 10 2023 01:11 PM	Sewers on all of Whitney rd
May 09 2023 04:21 PM	Add business. Give our kids and young families a place to work so they stay. Combine Gananda with another district to lower taxes.

May 08 2023 06:41 PM	Although I'm not unhappy with how our taxes are benefiting residents, however, I am concerned there used to be a lot more of them. They have been disappearing without a word.
May 08 2023 12:42 PM	The surrounding areas have enough , I like Walworth for nature. Please keep it that way.
May 01 2023 04:13 PM	Walking along lake Ontario
Apr 29 2023 10:43 AM	Don't repeat mistakes of other communities, what is beneficial & not. Include law enforcement representatives for their input, especially since Wayne County is already understaffed, we don't want to create a further burden on resources. Does Wayne County Government have the bandwidth to handle more residents. Right now you can't even get a Will probated in less than 1 to 2 years
Apr 28 2023 10:08 AM	I think we need to continue to address drainage issues and retain the rural nature of the community. Also zoning issues need to be addressed. Allowing junk to pile up, unregistered vehicles, dilapidated property and unsafe properties is not acceptable yet those properties never change for the better and deficiencies are never corrected. To many "friends of the commission " exemptions
Apr 27 2023 02:35 PM	No
Apr 20 2023 06:25 PM	No
Apr 18 2023 11:40 AM	Speed limit on 441 needs to be reduced from 55 to 45mph
Apr 17 2023 07:03 AM	Nope. Just PLEASE bike lanes and trails and environmental conservation are most import to me.
Apr 16 2023 02:09 PM	Increased/greater Cell Tower coverage in the Walworth Hamlet and outlying area
Apr 16 2023 09:19 AM	No
Apr 15 2023 08:50 AM	Additional power source for the Ginegaw Park
Apr 14 2023 09:16 PM	Would love to see any green energy solutions not just solar. Also increase access to municipal water across town to help combat increasingly polluted ground water

Apr 14 2023 08:08 PM	Yes...again additional services to residents. The Spring/Fall clean up offered in the past was fantastic...bring it back. There should be a balance between maintaining the rural aspect of the town and area and improving the quality of life for residents here (so we do not have to travel to Rochester or Webster for food and entertainment)
Apr 14 2023 08:02 PM	Focus where the population is and where they drive by, don't try to draw them to a different area, it doesn't work
Apr 14 2023 06:51 PM	I also think a sidewalk from Gananda to the parkway and Canandaigua road. As well as a way for pedestrians to cross the roundabout there.
Apr 14 2023 06:25 PM	Tie tax paying development to leisure development to balance spend
Apr 14 2023 05:20 PM	I think requiring 5 acres to have a couple laying hens (not roosters) is ridiculous. I had a few chickens before I moved to Walworth and my neighbors and I all enjoyed fresh eggs! Maybe 4 chickens per acre?
Apr 14 2023 04:58 PM	We will leave if you destroy the rural setting and feel. Housing developments and destruction of farmland will ruin this beautiful town.
Apr 14 2023 04:51 PM	I would love to see Gananda grow into a destination town. We love living here but there are few options for adult evenings out. We often find ourselves traveling to Fairport for their eclectic options. Would love to see that type of revenue coming into Walworth with nice restaurants, breweries, ice cream ect.
Apr 14 2023 04:34 PM	Lower speed limit on Route 441 in residential areas for safety.
Apr 14 2023 04:30 PM	Please no walkway connect Lerwood to Johns Park