

General comments				
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Rail Trail Task Force	Many maps throughout have inaccurate and inconsistent details, and have confusing colors and keys. All maps should state source and date (Are the County 2020 GIS maps this bad?). All should at least indicate the location of former railroad lines, not just some segments.	Map 3 - Information came directly from Tompkins County GIS files, will need to update trail classifications per discuss with the Committee (also is identical to map 7 - which should be removed). Map 8 - update bus route colors so that they are easier to distinguish. Map 9 - update to show final trail system based on discussion with the committee. Map 11 - Add George Junior District.	EDR reviewed all maps/Add reference to map resources and that they "are for planning purposes only"	EDR confirmed map sources are indicated with dates
Recreation and Youth Commission	Recreation is largely missing from the Comprehensive draft. The general feeling of the Recreation and Youth Commission is that the explanation that recreation is addressed in the now ten-year-old Recreation Master Plan is a poor excuse. The actual term used was "cop out." A recreation master plan would go into greater detail about the need and how to address it, but recreation issues require more attention than the short shrift they are given in the Comprehensive Plan draft.	The plan does cover passive recreation. We have identified with the committee that the goal would be to update the recreation master plan to cover active recreation resources. Detailed needs assessments are outside of the scope of this comprehensive plan update.	Discuss w/Planning Committee	Recommendation that the Recreation Master Plan be updated as an amendment to the comprehensive plan. Include language from the Recreation Plan in the recreation section.
Recreation and Youth Commission	The largest missing piece for recreation in Dryden is facilities and outdoor space for active reaction. This is both a quality of life and land use issue. On page 60, it is noted that "there are few active recreation facilities for the town's residents." If "(r)ecreation is an essential community component that contributes to the health, welfare, and quality of life for town residents," then the Comprehensive Plan must actively address the current lack of recreation facilities in the town. It is as much a land use issue as any other included in the draft report.	The plan does cover passive recreation. We have identified with the committee that the goal would be to update the recreation master plan to cover active recreation resources. Detailed needs assessments are outside of the scope of this comprehensive plan update.	Discuss w/Planning Committee	Recommendation that the Recreation Master Plan be updated as an amendment to the comprehensive plan. Include language from the Recreation Plan in the recreation section.
Recreation and Youth Commission	The draft makes ad nauseum mention of nodal development with no mention of recreation in relationship to it. You cannot properly address nodal development without addressing access to active recreation space for those nodal communities.	See actions 1.3.1 and 1.3.2	Discuss w/Planning Committee	Review language in the nodal section - ensure that there is a mention of a tie between nodal development and active recreation facilities (may also be repeated in recreation section).
Recreation and Youth Commission	There is a concern that the report is written at too high a reading level for broad comprehension. If several in a group of highly educated commission members expressed difficulties following the report, we can expect the same and greater difficulty among the broader community of residents. The document needs to be accessible to the average reader.		Discuss w/Planning Committee	no action
Recreation and Youth Commission	A concern was expressed that the plan does not reflect Tompkins County's initiative to create age-friendly communities.		Discuss w/Planning Committee	no action
Agricultural Committee	I was impressed with the opening part of this report. The first thing is to preserve the rural small town character and quality of life. The second is to promote the long term economic liability of the agricultural community. That is more important as a goal than to worry about the percentages and numbers.			no action
Agricultural Committee	There's nothing in the plan about Dryden's right to farm law or ag and markets law. Those should be in there.	We will add description of these two laws in the agriculture section.	Discuss w/Planning Committee	EDR to add
Agricultural Committee	Nearly 1 quarter of total agriculture sales in Tompkins County are generated in the Town of Dryden. That may have come from the Ag plan.	this is from the ag plan.		no action
Agricultural Committee	There needs to be an ag district map that's more accurate in the plan.	We can add an agricultural district map to the document by replacing the map on page 59.	Discuss w/Planning Committee	remove county layer - replace with simple ag district map
Agricultural Committee	The town says they want to protect farmers, but they're trying to put a trail through ag land...	Need to resolve the treatment of the "trail system" and make it consistent throughout.	Discuss w/Planning Committee	update of trail map
Agricultural Committee	There needs to be a map of active farmland.	This isn't easy to do - there are some resources that can help to identify "cultivated land" but they will not identify pasture or grassland areas.	Discuss w/Planning Committee	update legend for map 6
Agricultural Committee	They don't mention the economic stresses on farmers. They could at least stop putting stresses on farmers. Help the farmers protect their land.		Discuss w/Planning Committee	farms have consolidated context (reference ag plan).
Conservation Board	It was my understanding when this process began it was going to be an update of the 2005 plan, not a complete rewrite. Not sure when that changed but when I reviewed the 2005 plan I found it to be much better in many ways and could have been tweaked and added to where necessary. There are what I would say many problems with the new plan that need to be corrected before it is finalized.	It is an update and the narrative in the plan explains this.	Discuss w/Planning Committee	add 2005 matrix to appendix (reference in introduction). Committee to identify any conflicts between 2005 Plan and the Update.
Conservation Board	Farmland Protection and Agriculture: So much is lacking in this section; I found no mention of the town's Right to Farm Law. No discussion of NYS Ag and Markets Law 25AA which protects farms from nuisance lawsuits as well as when local laws are in conflict with it Ag and Markets law Ag and Markets law supersedes local laws. I believe there should be acknowledgments of these laws.	We will add description of these two laws in the agriculture section.	Discuss w/Planning Committee	add reference to both laws into agriculture section
Conservation Board	There should be an Ag District map that is exclusively ag district. The map (pg.59) with the ARFA superimposed on it is confusing.	We can add an agricultural district map to the document.	Discuss w/Planning Committee	see above.
Conservation Board	In conclusion: I think most of the maps need to be reviewed for accuracy and content. I would like to see a watershed map and an ag districts map added. The watershed map would be useful to show the public what watershed they live in and show where their water drains.		Discuss w/Planning Committee	No action.
ZBA	Overall, the ZBA was disappointed with the low level of citizen participation in the development of this Comp Plan. The Plan seems generic - a boilerplate blueprint - instead of a rich and original document reflecting the varied and unique character of the Town of Dryden.	See Appendix B.	Discuss w/Planning Committee	No action.
ZBA	Background: In the vast majority of cases that come before us, residents are requesting area variances to permit construction that is similar in size and placement to that of their neighbors. Which is to say in keeping with the character of their immediate neighborhood. They require a variance because, somewhere along the line, zoning laws were adopted which did not reflect the actual conditions on the ground in those neighborhoods. We always grant these variances because in balancing benefit to the community with burden on the applicant no one has been able to articulate any benefit to the community for these zoning regulations.	This will need to be addressed through a zoning update.	Discuss w/Planning Committee	no action

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ZBA	<p>Suggested addition to the Comp Plan: Include the following language in several places, such as at the bottom of Section 1, Drivers for Planning (pg 43); at the bottom of Section 4, Guiding Principle (pg 72); and/or wherever might be appropriate.</p> <p>"To preserve the character of neighborhoods and communities, current existing conditions should guide zoning regulations for area requirements, governing such things as size, density, accessory structures and placement of buildings on parcels. Ideally, new zoning laws will render few if any existing buildings nonconforming and existing zoning laws should be reviewed using this criteria."</p> <p>Benefit: We believe that, over time, this guiding principle will reduce wasted time, money and effort and render the Zoning Law more convenient and user friendly. The regulations will be accomplishing the legitimate public benefit of "preserving the character of neighborhoods and the community". This will, in turn, provide a sound basis for the benefit/burden balancing analysis that the ZBA is required to perform before granting or denying a variance.</p>		Discuss w/Planning Committee	no action

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30	Agricultural Committee	Ag land represents 22.5% of the land area in Dryden. Where did they get that number? That may have come from the Ag Plan. The source is the county GIS data base.	This data is from the county parcel file and is based on land-use code	reviewed	no change
31	Agricultural Committee	They have ag land listed as vacant all over the place. If they knew that to get the percentage then their numbers are way off. The owner might not be claiming ag exemption for their land. In that case, it's considered vacant land even if it's been worked for 50 years. Some farmers don't want Ag exemptions.	This data is based on the county parcel file land-use code designations	reviewed	no change
31	Rail Trail Task Force	Map 2: Existing Land Use - Much confusion and inaccuracies between commercial, agricultural, residential, vacant, recreational and parkland. The O.D. von Engeln Preserve is incomplete (see Map 3, page 53 for correct depiction near the upper right).	these designations are based on the land use code in the parcel file, and may not correspond with what people perceive them to be. Land use description of real property.	reviewed	no change
35	Rail Trail Task Force	The Vision: Incorrect chapter number; should be 04.		reviewed	corrected
37	Rail Trail Task Force	Being resilient to climate change is a guiding principle, but there are almost no goals or actions items specifically suggested in the plan, particularly for hazard mitigation or adaptation strategies.	We can modify Goal ES 2 and actions to include a focus on Adaptation and Hazard mitigation	Discuss/planning Committee	
39	Rail Trail Task Force	The Plan: Incorrect chapter number; should be 05.		reviewed	corrected
50	Rail Trail Task Force	Section 2, last line: List outdoor recreation first whenever tourism and recreation are paired: "Encourage outdoor recreation and tourism"		reviewed	edit made
51	Rail Trail Task Force	Drivers for Planning. Should reference Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (i.e. higher rainfall events). First paragraph, last sentence typo: Strategies are imperative	add narrative to this section?	Discuss w/planning committee	fixed typo
53	Conservation Board	Map 3: Open Space Resources; Proposed trails from Freeville to McLean and another north from Freeville to Groton are on the map. These proposed trails run through prime farm lands and wetlands. The rail bed no longer exists through much of the farmland and hasn't for many years. This is contrary to the town's commitment to protect prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, and wetlands. A few years ago a petition was signed by a majority of landowners along the old railroad bed from Freeville to Cortland County saying they wanted nothing to do with this proposed trail and asked it be taken off any future maps so I ask why is it still here? Proposed trails also run through Cornell Research farm. If it is on these maps will it open it up for eminent domain some time in the future. It is my understanding the PB (steering committee for this project) voted to have these two proposed trails be removed from the maps, yet they are still here.	Finalize approach to the representation of trails	make changes to trails representation per discussion on 1/12	Incorporate map edits.
53	Agricultural Committee	Ag is not included in this-how they define open space is not consistent in every map. wouldn't ag be considered in open space? It's not included in the map. It's inconsistent how they define open space. Since this document is meant as a vision moving forward that those percentages and numbers aren't quite as important as were making them out to be.	We can include working lands in open space definition.	Ad working lands in open space definition	Ad working lands in open space definition
53	Rail Trail Task Force	Open Space Resources: Suggest multiple fixes to rail trail in the map and key: Show abandoned railroad segments north and northeast of Freeville as "Historic Railroad Corridors", not as Multi Use - Proposed. Correct all currently open Dryden Rail Trail segments to solid line "Multi Use - Existing" (all from Dryden Village to Freeville; and all Route 13 to Game Farm Road). Edit Route 13 to Freeville segment as "Multi Use - In-Progress".	Finalize approach to the representation of trails	make changes to trails representation per discussion on 1/12	Incorporate map edits.
55	Rail Trail Task Force	Map 5 Wetlands and Floodplains: NWI maps are highly inaccurate. Recommend either replace the map with updated Tompkins County wetland map or show both. Spell out NWI and NYSDEC acronyms. Ought to show full Dryden Rail Trail, not just Jim Schug Section (and Historic Railroad Corridors north of Freeville).	Finalize approach to the representation of trails	Have added an explanation of the distinction between NYS DEC and NWI. This map does not show rail trail.	Edit made.
56	Rail Trail Task Force	Why are working forests not included in this section, and with any strategies for long-term protection/management? If they don't belong here, where are they? This is a major land use in the town.	We can include working lands in open space definition.	Ad working lands in open space definition	Incorporate edit.
57	Rail Trail Task Force	Map 6 Prime Farmland: Why would the plan include prime farmland if drained for areas that are in a 100-acre floodplain? This suggests the Town wants to encourage expansion of draining wetlands for agricultural land expansion. Could this map be combined with the one showing wetlands to remove these sections from 'Prime farmland if drained'. Or at least a comment expressing the conflicting imperatives. Ought to show full Dryden Rail Trail, not just Jim Schug Section (and Historic Railroad Corridors north of Freeville).	This map does not include the dryden rail trail (do we want to add to all of the maps?). We have Added description of NRCS Farmland Soils characterizations that explain to the reader what is meant by the maps.	Update the name of Map 6 to "Agricultural Soil Types."	Incorporate edit.
57	Agricultural Committee	Where do they get this data from?	Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey	No action	-

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57	Agricultural Committee	Ag land usage is very incorrect. What about land being leased to farmers?	This is not a map related to land usage, but rather to soil characteristics	No action	-
57	Agricultural Committee	They did a decent job in explaining they want to protect farmland although it is very vaguely worded.		No action	-
57	Agricultural Committee	In the ag section, they only included cattle. What about sheep?	Sheep do not make up a statistically significant portion of the agricultural land use within the town	No action	-
58	Agricultural Committee	They were valuing land by the parcel. That doesn't seem to give a reasonable value. Do they have residential maps that are being leased by farmers? They did a decent job stating in the plan that they want to protect prime farmland. The wording just throws it off a little. Why does it say dairy farms have a higher assessed taxable value? Dairy land and field crops should be among the same value. It's possible that since they are using parcels instead of acres that a dairy farm parcel would be a much larger piece than a field crop parcel.	The data analysis is based on assessed value of the land - this is from the perspective of the town which operates on taxable value.	No action	-
58	Rail Trail Task Force	last sentence: - "Additional outreach and collaboration..." is too vague.		Add additional narrative at the end of this section to support the goals and outcomes in the plan.	Incorporate edit.
59	Rail Trail Task Force	second paragraph: - large scale solar threatens farms... We disagree, as it can be compatible with agricultural grazing systems and also replace intensive agricultural use of marginal lands, helping local owners diversify their operations and income streams. Recommend it be rewritten to show when/ how it can be compatible, and suggest it is only incompatible on prime farmland (e.g. conversion). A good example of a method to 'support agriculture in Dryden' (page 58, last sentence) would be to require Solar Farms to partner with farmers to use the land under and around the solar panels for livestock grazing. The livestock reduce mowing costs while providing a natural fertilizer for the soils.	This "spotlight" highlights issues that were raised specifically in the Town of Dryden Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan	Edit narrative to better qualify that this language is derived from the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan. Add narrative to the body of this section identifying recent successes with integrating grazing into solar farms.	Incorporate edit.
60	Rail Trail Task Force	Rec. and Rural Character. Not sure why rural character is coupled with recreation. Rural character seems to span across multiple sections.	This heading could be modified to "Recreation Resources"	Edit heading	Incorporate edit.
61	Conservation Board	Proposed trails north of Freeville should be removed for the same reasons already mentioned.	Need to resolve the treatment of the "trail system" and make it consistent throughout.	make changes to trails representation per discussion on 1/12	Incorporate map edits.
61	Rail Trail Task Force	Map 7 Protected Open Space: As in Map 3, page 53, we suggest multiple fixes to the rail trail in the map and key: Show abandoned railroad segments north and northeast of Freeville as "Historic Railroad Corridors", not as Multi Use - Proposed. Correct all currently open Dryden Rail Trail segments to solid line "Multi Use - Existing" (all from Dryden Village to Freeville; and all Route 13 to Game Farm Road). Edit Route 13 to Freeville segment as "Multi Use - In-Progress".	Need to resolve the treatment of the "trail system" and make it consistent throughout.	make changes to trails representation per discussion on 1/12	Incorporate map edits.
61	Rail Trail Task Force	Not all Cornell Lands are "protected" and not all conserved lands are "nature preserves." If all of these properties are included in the calculation of natural and open space systems from page 52 (11,050 acres or 17.8% of the Town), it is inaccurate. It would be appropriate to include Cornell Botanic Gardens Natural Areas in the map of "protected open space," but many of the Cornell Lands shown are not, and have no formal protection at any level (owner, Town, County, etc.). This includes areas on both sides of Mt. Pleasant Road, Stevenson Road, Hanshaw Road, northeast of the airport and around Harford. Other preserves, such as Durland and the Gardens' Ellis Hollow Wetlands Natural Area are missing.	This map was provided by Tompkins County. Are there updates that need to be made?	Make sure there is an explanation of where the data comes from and what the categories mean. Institutional Land (these areas could change hands)	Incorporate edit.
62	Rail Trail Task Force	Goal OS 1 includes "Develop a High-Quality Trail Network" and lists related outcomes and action steps, but the goals and actions are very vague and include no metrics. It does not even include a goal to complete the Dryden Rail Trail, let alone expand it. Improve trail access (1.1.1) suggests parking and trail-heads, not increase the trail system.	1.1.1 - can update this to say, "...community organizations to continue to develop, maintain, and access to existing trail systems such as the Dryden Rail Trail."	Incorporate edit.	completed
62	Rail Trail Task Force	Goal OS 1 2nd sentence: Again reverse the order to put most important to most residents first. Rewrite as "High quality trail networks are a driver of recreational tourism. Trails improve the quality of life for town residents, while leveraging Dryden's natural assets to benefit the local economy."	reviewed	edit made.	completed
62	Rail Trail Task Force	Insert "Complete construction of the Dryden Rail Trail", perhaps as a new Action OS 1.1.1, and add to OS 1.1.5.		Incorporate edit.	Incorporate edit.

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62	Rail Trail Task Force	Action OS 1.1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 New amenities. Having a few Clyvus Multrum toilets like those installed in the new NYS interstate restrooms would be a desirable amenity for trail users and for business owners could provide relief from requests for use of bathrooms.	This is very specific - we could add this as an example (e.g.,)	No action	No action
62	Rail Trail Task Force	Action OS 1.1.5 Why limit this to just pedestrian trails? If it is connecting to other systems, should some be multimodal? Why would there not be an interconnection here to multimodal transportation as part of sustainability/ climate mitigation and adaptation strategies?	deleted "pedestrian" so it reads: "Continue to identify opportunities for new pedestrian trails that connect to local and regional networks and destinations."	edit made.	completed
63	Conservation Board	A lot is said about protecting Open Space Resources but again no discussion of how the Town's Right to Farm Law or how Ag and Markets Law protects that open space. Without ag-land protection much of that open space is in danger of being lost.	We will add description of these two laws in the agriculture section.	Incorporate edit.	Incorporate edit.
63	Rail Trail Task Force	Goal OS2 Protect the Town's Open Space Resources: - again, not all Cornell owned land is protected. If the Town wants to see that land protected formally, it should identify it as a goal and associated action items		No action	No action
63	Rail Trail Task Force	Action OS 2.1.1: These programs are there, they don't need to be developed. It is mostly a funding issue that inhibits this strategic goal, so suggest the action item be redirected to seeking/obtaining funding. And there is no measurable outcome - how much? By when?	This can be modified to read: Collaborate with the Finger Lakes Land Trust and other organizations to create support long-term flexible conservation programs.	Incorporate edit.	Incorporate edit.
63	Rail Trail Task Force	Action OS 2.1.2: Species don't get fragmented. Habitat gets fragmented that can be detrimental to some species. Again, very vague.	This can be modified to read: Identify and protect wildlife corridors to prevent species habitat fragmentation.	Incorporate edit.	Incorporate edit.
63	Rail Trail Task Force	Overall this is the least detailed section in the entire plan, despite open space protection being so highly valued and included as a guiding principle. No mention of the need to manage these areas - protecting them is only the first step in seeing them conserved. Ongoing stewardship is needed and should be recognized that is critical. Similarly, there is no mention in here that these systems are being threatened by invasive species and climate change, and those impacts can will create larger planning related issues, such as stormwater management from increasing extreme precipitation events. Resiliency is stated earlier in the plan as a principle, but these systems will not remain fully resilient in a changing climate without broader planning and action. We think a broader climate action plan that spans across the natural and built environment would be very helpful here as an action step. And if the conservation of natural and open space is so important to Town residents, is there a larger role for the Town than simply to 'collaborate' (2.1.1) with other entities to make that happen. What about broadening the Town's park district to include protecting natural spaces or actively work to facilitate conservation and access?	Add Outcome 2.2: Strengthened resiliency of open space systems to withstand the impacts from a changing climate. Add Action: 2.2.1: Develop a town-wide resiliency plan 2.2.2: Implement resiliency policies and projects that support the health of open space systems.	Discuss w/planning committee	Incorporate jak comment
63	Rail Trail Task Force	Goal OS 3: Preserve, Promote and Support Agriculture Development pressures have led to a decline in farming, but so have other factors, so a bit misleading. Working forests are completely left out of the definition of agriculture, so are not adequately represented in the goals and action items.	Add working lands definition.	Incorporate edit.	Incorporate edit.
63	Rail Trail Task Force	Action3.1.3: Review the Town's solar law to ensure that high quality farmland is protected. Explore ways to partner farming activity with solar farms.	Action3.1.3: Review the Town's solar law to ensure that high quality farmland soils is are protected and to encourage compatible farming activity with solar developments. Explore ways to partner farming activity with solar farms.	Review edit w/committee	
68	Rail Trail Task Force	Section 3 Transportation: Second sentence: Add e-bike - "...and could allow for robust bicycle and e bike commuting..." Third sentence: This paragraph transitions to sidewalks without mention of pedestrians implying bikes on sidewalks. Rewrite: "While there are sidewalks in the villages of Dryden and Freeville for pedestrian mobility ,..."	reviewed	edit made.	completed.
69	Conservation Board	Map 9: Trail Systems; Page 69, & Map 14 Page 111 Again proposed trails north of Freeville should be removed for reasons previously discussed.	Need to resolve the treatment of the "trail system" and make it consistent throughout.	make changes to trails representation per discussion on 1/12	Incorporate map edits.
69	Rail Trail Task Force	Map 9 Trail Systems: Map here is very poor quality. We can't differentiate between the colors on the map. As in Map 3, page 53, we suggest multiple fixes to the rail trail in the map and key: Show abandoned railroad segments north and northeast of Freeville as "Historic Railroad Corridors", not as Multi Use - Proposed. Correct all currently open Dryden Rail Trail segments to solid line "Multi Use - Existing" (all from Dryden Village to Freeville; and all Route 13 to Game Farm Road). Edit Route 13 to Freeville segment as "Multi Use - In-Progress".	Need to resolve the treatment of the "trail system" and make it consistent throughout.	make changes to trails representation per discussion on 1/12	Incorporate map edits.

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69	Rail Trail Task Force	We suggest adding e-bike where multi-use trails are discussed, hoping that this will get more attention from people who don't see themselves as bicyclists but would consider the advantages of an e-bike for transportation:	see line 40	edit made.	completed.
70	Rail Trail Task Force	Action TM 2.1.1: "Develop a bicycle, e-bike, and pedestrian master plan."	Develop a bicycle (including e-bikes) and pedestrian master plan.	edit made.	completed.
71	Rail Trail Task Force	Action TM 2.1.5: "Establish a Bicycle, e-bike, and Pedestrian Advisory Committee..."	reviewed.	edit made.	completed.
71	Rail Trail Task Force	typo, Action TM 2.1.3 is listed twice: Delete 2.1.4.	reviewed.	edit made.	completed.
71	Rail Trail Task Force	Actions TM 3.1.3 and 3.1.4: Connectivity of trail and transit routes Identifying bus routes and timetables with trail access points could encourage use of public transportation for accessing the trail. The new on-demand TCAT bus service and the new TCAT-to-Trails service could allow hikers to plan a hike from bus stop to bus stop, eliminating need for auto parking at trail entrances.	This is addressed in Action 2.1.3: Increase access points and connectivity of existing trails and transit routes.	no action.	no action.
79	Rail Trail Task Force/Recreation and Youth Commission	The 2nd paragraph is incomplete. The text just ends in the middle of a sentence.	This sentence should read: These efforts could also be eligible for federal, state, county, or philanthropic grant funding with support from the municipality, which would reduce the expenses that would normally be covered by local taxes.	edit made.	completed.
79	Recreation and Youth Commission	There is mention of "a significant number of community centers, public safety organizations, and volunteer groups" but several of these groups are struggling to exist. At least one long running service group has disbanded within the last few years due to declining involvement. The community centers are hampered by volunteer issues and effectively not in operation. The wording of this section is misleading and presents a false image of reality.	We could add additional context in this section if it is warranted. We do stress that these organizations can and should be supported by the Town as they are an important asset.	Discuss w/planning committee	
80	Recreation and Youth Commission	It is noted that there are "six public schools districts within the Town of Dryden" which is followed by the statement that "schools provide community resources like recreational facilities, meeting places, and community spaces." The incorrect admission that outside of Dryden Central School, "(n)o other school district in the Town of Dryden has an academic facility within the town." Is buried at the end of the paragraph. While Dryden Central School's facilities are located within the town and can be used for community activities, there are significant hurdles to this use. The school district has its own issues scheduling time and space for their school activities which, as they should, take precedent over outside community use. It should be noted that the George Junior Republic Union Free School District's facilities are also located in the town. The paragraph's introductory sentences are crafted to present the false and misleading image that the Dryden community and Recreation Department have access to the facilities of multiple school districts when in fact, we have limited, problematic access to one.	We have rearranged this section as follows: There are six public school districts within the Town of Dryden as well as facilities for private schools and two higher education organizations. The Dryden Central School District is the primary school district within the town and is home to the Cassavant, Dryden, and Freeville elementary schools and the Dryden Middle School/High School. The district has a population of approximately 1,400 students (Dryden Central School District). The Dryden Central Schools and George Junior district are the only districts that have facilities located within the town. The Dryden Central School facilities provide some community resources like recreational facilities, meeting places, and community spaces. In addition to the Dryden Central School District and George Junior Republic, the Town also contains portions of the Ithaca City School District, Lansing Central School District, Groton Central School District, and Cortland City School District.	Edit made.	completed.
80	Rail Trail Task Force	In the last sentence of 1st Paragraph, add "public academic facility within the town."	reviewed	edit made.	completed.
81	Rail Trail Task Force	Map 11 School Districts: The George Junior School District is not shown.	will add George Junior District to map 11.	Incorporate edit.	Incorporate edit.
82	Rail Trail Task Force	Outcome FC 1.1: '... including bicycle and e-bike use, and public transit.'	Outcome FC 1.1: Design elements that support pedestrians and encourage multi-modal transportation, including bicycling (inclusive of e-bikes) and public transit.	edit made.	completed.
82	Rail Trail Task Force	Action FC 1.1.6: '... to encourage pedestrian, bicycle, e-bike, and transit facilities.'	reviewed	edit made.	completed.
82	Rail Trail Task Force	Also on Page 82: Define 'chicanes' or include a picture?	add to glossary	Incorporate edit.	Incorporate edit.
83	Recreation and Youth Commission	Change Action FC 1.3.2 to read "Establish standards for the development of parks and recreation facilities available for community enjoyment." "Consider" is a weak, passive verb and has no place in an action item.	Reviewed	Incorporate edit.	Incorporate edit.
83	Rail Trail Task Force	Action FC1.3.2: '... for the development of parks, trails, and recreation facilities....'	Reviewed	edit made.	completed.
84	Rail Trail Task Force	Section 5: Edit last sentence to: 'In addition, the availability of broadband service is a critical component for improving the competitiveness and livability of the town as a skilled mobile workforce needs broadband to work from home and students at every level increasingly need broadband to participate fully in academic pursuits.'	Reviewed	edit made.	completed.
94	Rail Trail Task Force	Section 6: Energy and Sustainability: The Energy and sustainability section should have a major goal of climate adaptation. The Town's systems are/will be highly disrupted by climate change, yet there is no goal for adaptation or mitigation strategies. Goals and actions needs to be identified and included.	Add Goal ES 2: Strengthen the resiliency of town's natural systems, infrastructure, and communities. (We will need to add Outcomes and Actions)	Discuss w/planning committee	See Section 2: Open Space
103	Recreation and Youth Commission	Actions ES 1.3.4 "Conversion" is a noun and should not be used to begin an action item. Change the text to "Convert street lighting within the town to LED.**"	reviewed	edit made.	completed.

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108	Rail Trail Task Force/Recreation and Youth Commission	1st line: Delete "L". Typo in heading. Remove "L" from "Lexisting"	reviewed	edit made.	completed.
109	Rail Trail Task Force	2nd Paragraph, 1st sentence: Capitalize Varna.	reviewed	edit made.	completed.
110	Agricultural Committee	Future land use is totally different from zoning.	correct.	no action.	-
111	Conservation Board	Map 9: Trail Systems; Page 69, & Map 14 Page 111 Again proposed trails north of Freeville should be removed for reasons previously discussed.	Need to resolve the treatment of the "trail system" and make it consistent throughout.	make changes to trails representation per discussion on 1/12	Incorporate map edits.
111	Agricultural Committee	the future land use, they want to make some of the best farmland to rural residential.	See updated Future Land Use Map.	Discuss w/planning committee	
116	Rail Trail Task Force	Nodal Corridor: The Rail Trail is mentioned in several sections including 3.1.3 on page 71 for incentivizing business development around trails. We did not see the other side of that coin, where we also try to balance the protection of some of these adjoining areas from being developed. We think 3.1.3 should be rewritten to focus on that development primarily occurring in the nodes. For example, the nodal corridor as defined on page 116 does not even include the protection of open space or conservation land, a primary draw for visitors and locals to use the trail in the first place.	The Rail Trail passes through multiple "Nodal Corridor" areas, there are areas where commercial development would make sense. We can add some language on "open space protection" around the Rail Trail areas within nodal corridors - at the same time the Rail Trail could be an important way of connecting tourism and daytime recreation with existing and new businesses that cater to bicycle tourism (and recreation).	Discuss w/planning committee	
123	Agricultural Committee	Why is 3 acres the minimum residential lot size? I thought we were trying to get away from that. That gobbles up large pieces of farmland quickly.	The primary purpose is to protect working agricultural lands where there is active farming. We are suggesting a minimum lot size as a way to preserve large tracts of land that can be used for farming.	no action.	Town continue to seek to reduce the proliferation of rural residences along rural roads. Review 2005 plan language for the agricultural character area reconcile with this description.
132	Rail Trail Task Force	Implementation Plan, Goals and Strategies: The Dryden Rail Trail Task Force is listed on the Goals and Strategies pages for many more actions than is in our current mandate.	We can temper the language for "lead organization" to indicate that they are the entity most likely to be responsible, and actual roles may need to be further defined through the implementation process.	Incorporate edit.	Alice Green to review DRT lead org suggestions, review with Sam G and reconcile. Also incorporate suggested edit.
134-135	Conservation Board	Protect the Town's Open Spaces Resources Seems like this is lacking in many ways. There should be more than three action items that can be taken out of the Natural Resources Plan. This would be a good place to discuss streambank protection efforts, riparian buffers (creating a buffer ordinance?) road ditching, stormwater ordinance, etc.	We could add some of these items as additional actions - are there specific actions that are underway or that are in the planning stages?	Discuss w/planning committee	include examples of potential actions.
136-137	Conservation Board	Preserve, Promote, and Support the Town's Agricultural Lands		no action	-
136-137	Conservation Board	Action OS 3.1.1 Not sure this is pertinent as the amount being paid is very small because the price of ag land and development has shrunk to where it isn't profitable for farmers to enter into the program. Not sure it should even be here.	If there are challenges with this program, we should mention them in the agriculture section.	Discuss w/planning committee	
136-137	Conservation Board	Action OS 3.1.3 Review the town's solar law to ensure that high quality farmland is protected. I agree with this action item, but there is no mention of the NYS Ag and Markets recommendations for ensuring this and with that the County SWCD should be listed as one of the main entities to carry this out as it is spelled out in the document by Ag and Markets.	we can add a reference to NYS Ag and Markets recommendations. Added County SWCD as an external partner.	Incorporate edit.	Incorporate edit.
136-137	Conservation Board	Action OS 3.1.4: Outreach to producers to identify and address specific concerns related and farming in Dryden. County SWCD should be listed as a major partner along with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) and the USDA Farm Services Agency (FSA). No mention of the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program. A farm must be involved with this state program to be eligible for most funding available to farms. SWCD manages and implements the program and works in cooperation with Ag and Markets, NRCS and FSA for funding sources. AEM is used to identify needs of the farm and is used to bring funding for the implementation of Best Management Practices to address those identified needs.	We can add these as external partners.	Incorporate edit.	Incorporate edit.

Page Specific Comments

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136-137	Conservation Board	Action OS 3.1.7; Identify resources and funding to support farmers in using sustainable farming practices. Again TCSWCD, NRCS FSA, and Ag and Markets should all be major partners and potential funding sources. AEM is the major driver for these programs. USDARD should be taken off. I don't know what RD contributes here.	We can add these as external partners.	Incorporate edit.	Incorporate edit.
163	Rail Trail Task Force	References: Add the Town of Dryden's Natural Resources Conservation Plan (2017).		reviewed	added