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# VISION STATEMENT

*The City of Cortland is a center of commerce, culture, and government in Cortland County. With its beautiful natural environment and central location, it is a desirable, safe and affordable community in which to live, work, and visit. Its friendly, small-town atmosphere, infused with vitality from SUNY Cortland, combines responsive City services, quality local health care, good schools, well-maintained infrastructure, a daily newspaper, and easy access to Syracuse, Binghamton, Ithaca and the Finger Lakes region. People choose to live in Cortland because of its quality of life, which is tied to the following five fundamental attributes:*

- Healthy Neighborhoods*
- A Strong Economy*
- Natural Resources*
- Historic Preservation*
- Community Pride*

*Our neighborhoods are vital, safe and attractive, with a range of affordable and well-maintained housing available to all socioeconomic groups. Our surrounding natural beauty is enhanced by a well-maintained network of parks, walking trails, bike paths, and numerous and varied recreational activities including sports, recreational, and family programs and events.*

*Businesses, educational institutions, government, and residents work together to balance Cortland's economic growth and development while respecting Cortland's unique character. Our historic downtown is a microcosm of the City at large, reflecting the importance we place on preserving and promoting history, arts, and culture while developing a sustainable economy.*

*Maintaining our environment, particularly a healthy water supply, is a priority. We encourage compatible land uses and development that is in harmony with our natural and neighborhood surroundings. We strive to use technology in an effort to preserve resources and promote energy efficiency.*