

Town of Sennett, Community Visioning for the Comprehensive Plan
Public Visioning Meeting Number 1, May 8, 2007

POSITIVE ATTRIBUTES

** The numbers beside each attribute or characteristic indicate the number of votes each characteristic received. Therefore, the characteristic with the most votes was found to be the most important.

1. Preservation of agricultural land (31)
2. Balanced mix of agriculture and more developed areas (26)
3. Quiet, peaceful (19)
4. Lots of open space (18)
5. Great fire department (17)
6. Single-family homes in country atmosphere (15)
7. Wildlife (9)
8. Lack of strict zoning (8)
9. Safe (7)
10. Town officials are approachable (6)
11. Good highway department (6)
12. Great schools (4)
13. Ample land within town for parks/recreational areas (4)
14. Closeness to shopping (3)
15. Cost of living (3)
16. Water and sewer (3)
17. Historic barns, churches, county home (2)
18. Accessible to larger cities: Syracuse, and Auburn (0)
19. Access to healthcare (0)
20. Railroad (0)
21. Diversity of populations and thoughts (0)

NEGATIVE CHARACTERISTICS

1. Agricultural land being consumed for development (38)
2. Development negatively impacting wildlife habitat (22)
3. Not enough high speed internet (14)
4. Road network sometimes lacks shoulders (12)
5. Lack of zoning and code enforcement (10)
6. Speeding traffic (8)
7. Lack of police coverage (6)
8. Cost of infrastructure expansion on community character (5)
9. Businesses that generate truck traffic (5)
10. Open drainage ditches and water (5)
11. Poor road conditions (4)
12. Minimum lot size concern (2)

13. Town communication (2)
14. Lack of housing choice (2)
15. Lack of municipal park space / proposed location of park (0)
16. Gas Infrastructure (0)
17. Welch Allyn is getting larger resulting in increased traffic (0)

DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS

1. Continue single-family housing
2. Stronger community identity
3. Create more senior housing
4. More walkable / bicycle friendly community
5. Less government interference with private property rights
6. Maintain quiet, pristine environment
7. Maintain wildlife habitats and nature
8. Limit mining operations and mining impacts on community
9. Well-planned commercial development, with adequate traffic control
10. Promoting agri-business: local farms and produce
11. Green-energy buildings
12. Community functions to bring people together

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT COMPONENTS

- The Town and its residents are supportive of agriculture and nature.
- The Town values and is a proponent for controlled and planned growth.
- Vibrant businesses co-exist with a rural and residential lifestyle.
- The Town's diverse character embodies a people-friendly community in an environment that is aesthetically pleasing.
- The Town values its scenic beauty.