

APPENDIX

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Comprehensive Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting Summaries

Ballston Spa's Comprehensive Master Plan Steering Committee has discussed major topics the village will face over the next 10 to 15 years. Below are summaries of each area which has been explored.

GOVERNMENTAL BUILT INFRASTRUCTURE

December 2021

The village must first inventory its properties and determine priorities of what is needed. There should be a strategic plan carried out over a 5, 10, to 15-year period. It is imperative to move to proactive planning for maintenance, which requires a major shift in the culture of the village. Departments have been operating as they are for a long time. It will require a sustained effort, not unlike turning a ship. To ask for money from grants and taxpayers, the village must define what needs to be done. To be proactive there must be resources. A capital fund should be created in budgets to be carried over from year to year.

UNCONTROLLED FORCES OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE:

January 2022

As various climate change impacts (to the village) manifest themselves, village leaders should devise a process identifying actions to prevent or minimize adverse effects and exploit the positives. The village must develop a holistic IT Plan that centers around a position responsible for operating, updating, and securing all the uses of IT by the village and for on-going training of village employees. The Plan needs to be updated periodically, as technology changes. (A secondary issue was discussed concerning the need for greater intergenerational connections. While a non-governmental issue, village organizations will have to segue from assumptions born in an analog/paper world to an electronic reality.)

BUILT ENVIRONMENT OF THE VILLAGE

February 2022

The variety of architectural styles in the village create the image of the community and attracts people to visit, live in, and invest in the village. The village's significant green canopy should be protected. There needs to be an effort to inform property owners of valuable aspects of their properties and to present guidelines for them to follow. Esthetics are very important, and the village's historic appearance should be protected and, especially, through enforcement of existing codes. While there is a need for restrictive laws to protect properties and investments downtown and in the historic district, regulations should not be so restrictive as to discourage people wanting to move to or invest in the village to enhance its image.

The current village code seems not to conform with the realities of a village that has grown over generations. The code should be broad and general and not too restrictive and designed to keep character and charm of properties.

HOUSING

March 2022

Serious enforcement of realistic codes is necessary to preserve the character of this village, which contains people of a wide socio-economic range, and to improve residents' quality of life. The expansion of uses in residential areas by allowing, in appropriate neighborhoods, home businesses,

work from home opportunities, accessory residential structures, accessory apartments, Airbnb rentals, etc. will make housing more affordable for homeowners, provide lower income housing for young people, seniors, and those of modest means.

To prevent this flexibility from being exploited by residents, absentee landlords, and large corporate entities, state and (to be devised) local property maintenance codes must be proactively enforced. To be successful in a village, enforcement should begin with incentives and rapid response to small infractions like trash-strewn lawns, un-shoveled sidewalks and excessive noise, involving the homeowner, landlord, and/or tenant.

UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

April 2022

Village information technology needs to be more sophisticated to facilitate accessible, easy-to-find information, and trusted communication between residents and government (in both directions), and delivery of services. It should be used as a tool to keep track of infrastructure, how it is utilized, and can be improved. Rapid technological change requires the village to have an operating IT plan that is updated periodically. Residents need high-speed access to the internet.

The overall management of infrastructure of the village, not just water and sewer, will benefit by expanding and formalizing the ad hoc DPW capital plan, and updating it and resetting priorities periodically. Design requirements for buildings should prepare property owners for the shift in state and federal government energy policies, by encouraging green practices and promote mindfulness of restrictions in village infrastructure to minimize future tax burdens. Until those latter requirements are in place, potential weaknesses should be addressed on an interim basis.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

May 2022

After addressing immediate concerns of sanitary crossovers and failing catch basins, a full-system audit of the storm sewer system is to be done, followed by a capital plan to support the measures identified in the audit. As time, money, and talent permit, modern evaporation, storage, and absorption techniques can be constructed, given limitations of soil types in the village.

ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

June 2022

A village position can be created to focus on public affairs and communicate with residents as well as businesses. The ideal would be an apolitical person who understands the ins and outs of the village and is not only able to help people navigate policies but advocate for changes when needed.

Ballston Spa is centrally located within the region's economic activity. Saratoga County is prosperous and growing. Ballston Spa distinguishes itself as a residential oasis in which people can still afford to buy a home and residents value the village, the school, and the community. The region's population has moved up the Northway from Albany to the point where Exit 12 is an acceptable drive to and from the Albany area. These factors support our downtown and determine demand for housing. The continued economic health of the village requires we build on these strengths.

SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

July 2022

Collaboration, not just between government and organizations but among organizations, is important to foster communication among residents and supporters of the village and improve village amenities and delivery of services. Whether accomplished through a paid liaison or otherwise, a robust, inter-related network of non-profits is essential to bring up-coming generations into leadership positions in the government and community. As the volunteer base increases, so will the known talent pool for governmental positions, allowing them to turn over regularly.

LAND USE

September 2022

Another topic that came up in the visioning session was how the parks, streams and green spaces give the village its uniqueness. Does it make sense to have industrial zones along the Kayaderosseras? Perhaps a linear park can be established along the creek connecting the business area at the Blue Mill Bridge to the north end of the village. Opportunities along the creeks have yet to be studied. A conservation overlay area encompassing flood plain along the creeks could be placed in the zoning law. There seems to be a demand to allow home businesses, accessory units, and Airbnbs in residential zones.

A common theme seems to be to promote responsibility for property and its use which is tied into promoting home ownership over absentee ownership. A partial solution might be to require the occupant of the primary residential unit (if there is one) to be responsible for complying with the zoning, conduct, and maintenance codes.

LAND USE #2

October 2022

It was noted when talking of community character that most residents want to keep things the way they are, and guidelines in the code will help. There seems to be a consensus in neighborhoods that Ballston Spa should not try to be like another communities. There is a wide variety among village neighborhoods, some may be amenable to have businesses operating from homes, others not. It will be imperative to obtain the views of residents when considering land use changes.

PRIORITY ISSUES

October 2022

The committee was led through 30 various statements incorporating most all the issues discussed during past meetings. The committee discarded concepts deemed not viable and rated others based on their immediacy. The discussion resulted in the creation of 11 short term, 4 medium term, 3 long term and 12 ongoing goals.

Links to Steering Committee Meetings

Steering Committee meeting minutes and videos can be found on the village website here:

<https://www.villageofballstonspa.org/node/2601/minutes/2022>

Public Visioning Workshop Notes

August 30, 2022, 7:00pm, Saratoga County Building, Ballston Spa, NY

Group 1

The group expressed that the village's walkable downtown with its independently-owned shops are among its best attributes and focused on the small-scale and hometown feel of the village. They point out the village's many amenities, such as the public pool and nearby parks, make for an enjoyable community experience for residents. Some areas that could use attention in terms of enhancement include aging infrastructure, overgrown areas of sidewalks, and the need to "clean-up and beautify" shared spaces like Wiswall Park. The group also pointed out that improvements could be made in communicating what activities are happening in the village to residents and visitors to the village alike in order to add to the vibrancy of life in the village.

Group 2

The group discussed the importance of preserving the village's many historic aspects, with an emphasis on important buildings and architecture throughout Ballston Spa. Other valuable resources the group identified within the village are places that both pedestrians and cyclists can enjoy, including Kelly Park, Wiswall Park, and the nearby Zim Smith Trail. For enhancements, this group focused on the need for more affordable housing so that young families and new residents will be drawn to the village. There is a consensus that maintaining the village's charm and character is very important in addition to encouraging "controlled prosperity" and compatible growth for local businesses.

Group 3

Ballston Spa's nearby location to Saratoga Springs and I-87 is advantageous. Specifically, the group asks: "What does Saratoga's proximity bring to us?" Additionally, the safety of pedestrians and cyclist could be improved, especially in the busier downtown area. The group said that adding a music venue could encourage more social engagement/events. They would like to see the museums advertised further and find ways to support local small businesses. The creation of a business improvement district (BID) may help in overseeing and funding the maintenance and promotion of the downtown area, which other nearby cities have successfully implemented.

Group 4

Attributes given by this group include the ease with which people can shop and dine out in the village. Life in the village is also more affordable compared to larger nearby cities. Homes in Ballston Spa are older but have historic charm and character that many residents recognize and wish to preserve. Upgrades to things like village technology would be beneficial. Finding better ways to communicate with residents about local community events would be helpful. The need for more signage as well as general improvements to sidewalks, roads, infrastructure would all help to advance the village.

Group 5

This group echoed many of the same sentiments as the other groups, remarking that Ballston Spa's recreational facilities, local shops, and walkable business district are great attributes; residents are friendly and neighborly. Additionally, the community transitions nicely into natural areas that surround it. The Kaydeross Creek should be cleaned up and utilized for outdoor events. Expansion of Front

Street's central business district could be expanded. The village has many shops but could benefit from a local bakery and the re-opening of the old movie theater above the pharmacy. It was also suggested that shutting down traffic on Front Street for pedestrian-only events may help get people out for events/shopping.

Group 6

The group highlighted the "coziness and historic charm" of the village. Some participants were residents raising young children that want to see the village improved and preserved for future generations. Also participating were local business owners that hope to attract new visitors to the village making it more of a destination. One participant spoke about how the village could improve its infrastructure and transportation to be more accommodating to those with disabilities. A teacher working at the local high school shared the survey with her students and helped to expand the survey's reach to Ballston Spa's younger demographic.

Bulleted summary of all notes for each question on the worksheet:

1. What attributes do you think make the village an attractive place to visit, live, invest money or start a new business?
 - Mixed business district made up of many small businesses
 - Central business district/downtown area
 - Library and Post Office centrally located
 - Recreational facilities
 - Size (smaller than Saratoga)
 - Affordability
 - School district
 - Location near I-87, Adirondacks, Saratoga, and larger cities
 - Bike trail
 - Friendly neighbors, mixed demographics
 - Charm – houses, buildings, lifestyle, aesthetic
 - Accessibility
 - Sense of community

2. How would we like to enhance each of those attributes?
 - Walkability
 - Pedestrian safety at street crossings
 - Infrastructure
 - Sidewalk improvements
 - Add parking downtown
 - Stormwater management
 - More signage
 - Tech upgrades
 - General upkeep of village, better code enforcement
 - Community Engagement
 - More continuous use of public spaces; additional informal events/opportunities
 - More advertisement of our museums

- More events in public park
 - Increase communication between the village and residents
 - Events for young families, teens, children
 - Community clean-up day
 - Business District
 - Public restrooms
 - Music venue
 - Encouraging further small business
 - Village-wide events
 - More bakeries
 - Built Environment
 - Connect Zim-Smith trail to downtown
 - Connect north side to central business district
 - Enhance corridors into village
 - Architectural guidelines
 - Public art, fountains, other engagement opportunities, etc.
 - Beautify/maintain parks (Wiswall and Kelly)
 - Reduce vacant areas
3. What 3 words might you use to describe your ideal future “vision” for Ballston Spa?
- Contemporary
 - Quaint
 - Historic
 - Diverse
 - Hometown-feel and character
 - Progressive
 - Quality over quantity
 - People-centric
 - Balance preservation with responsible growth
 - Compatible growth with existing neighborhood character
 - Green
 - Enhancement of the arts

Links to Recently Completed Village Reports

Ballston Spa DPW Capital Project Plan, November 2021:

https://www.villageofballstonspa.org/sites/g/files/vyhliif6186/f/uploads/village_of_ballston_spa_dpw_capital_projects_and_funding_sources_11-17-21.pdf

Village of Ballston Spa Comprehensive Plan Update Existing Conditions Report, June 2021:

https://www.villageofballstonspa.org/sites/g/files/vyhliif6186/f/news/ballston_spa_final_existing_conditions_report_1.pdf

Village of Ballston Spa Economic Development Plan, 2020:

https://www.villageofballstonspa.org/sites/g/files/vyhliif6186/f/uploads/ballston-spa-economic_development_plan-final_2020.pdf

Village of Ballston Spa Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, January 2022:

https://www.villageofballstonspa.org/sites/g/files/vyhliif6186/f/news/20552_final_pbmp_report_jan_2022_0.pdf

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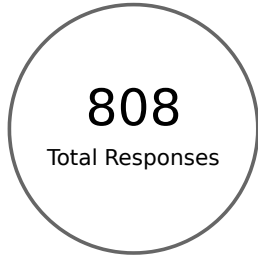
Village of Ballston Spa Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, January 2022.

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Comprehensive Plan Survey Results



Village of Ballston Spa Comprehensive Plan



808 Completed Responses

0 Partial Responses



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Community Survey

Dear Village of Ballston Spa Resident / Property Owner / Visitor,

The village is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan. As part of this effort, we hope you will fill out this community survey in order to identify priority considerations for the next decade.

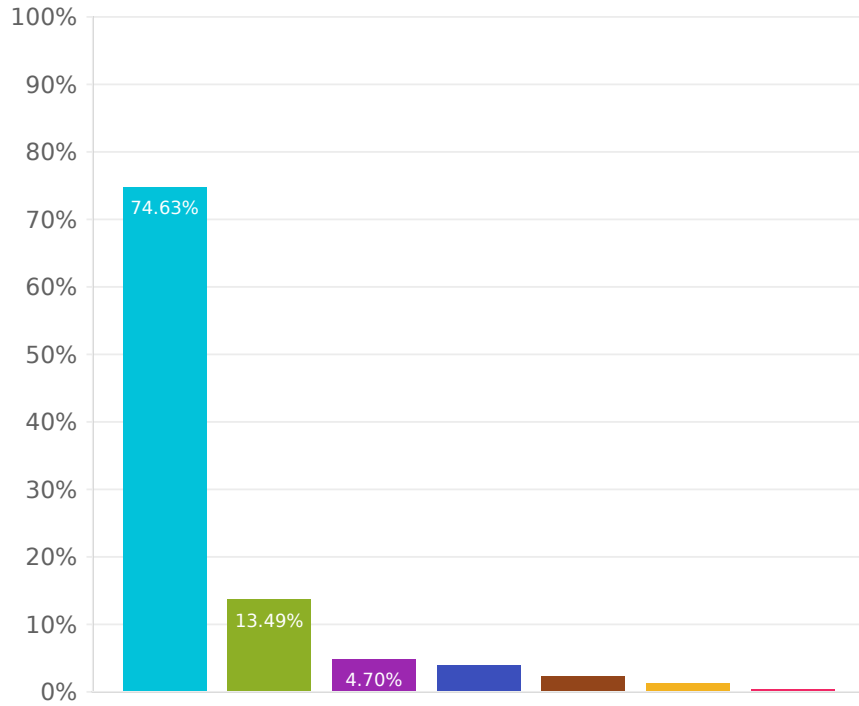
No Responses

Q1

Demographic Questions

How much time do you spend in the Village of Ballston Spa?

Answered: 808 Skipped: 0



- Year-round Resident
- Reside nearby
- Visit often
- Work in or near the village
- Other (Please specify)
- Visit occasionally
- Seasonal Resident

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Year-round Resident	74.63%	603
Reside nearby	13.49%	109
Visit often	4.70%	38
Work in or near the village	3.71%	30
Other (Please specify)	2.10%	17
Visit occasionally	1.11%	9
Seasonal Resident	0.25%	2

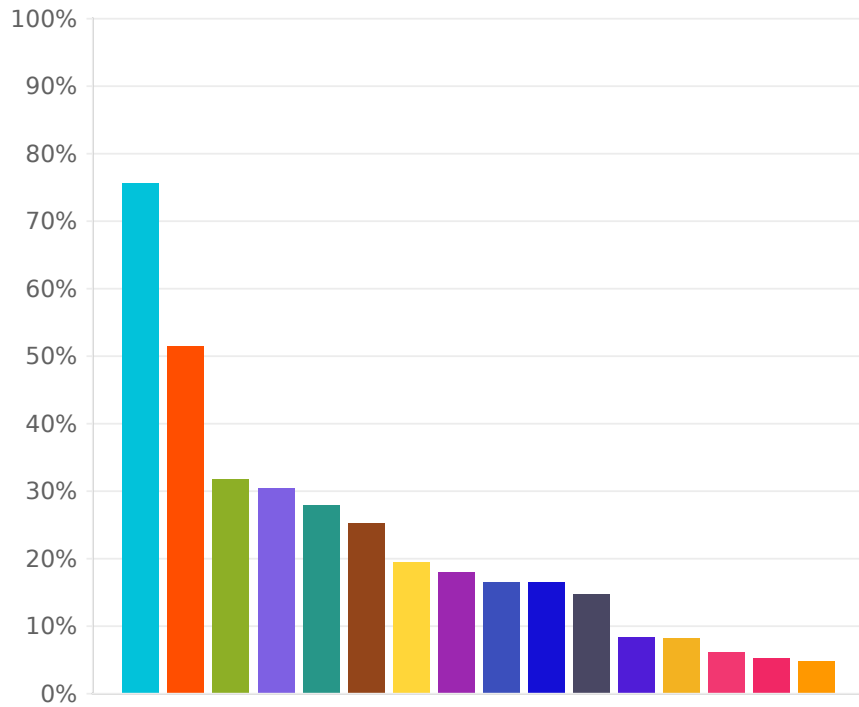
Other (Please specify)

1. Business Owner
 2. I live year round a block outside the village limits.
 3. Lived there for 15 years before recently relocating.
 4. Rental property owner
 5. Business owner
 6. Work in village and live in Milton
 7. My house (that I own) in Ballston Spa is not my primary residence. Depending on my work, sometimes I'm here nearly full time. But, there have periods where I have been away far a month or two.
 8. Landlord
 9. Landlord and visit frequently to support local businesses and family in the village
 10. own property
 11. Town of Ballston
 12. Live 1mile from village, work in bspa, kids go to bscsd
 13. 0 times
 14. only to get to school
 15. Specifically for school only
 16. Property owner
 17. Business - 7 days week
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Q2

Why do you come to the Village of Ballston Spa? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 808 Skipped: 0



- It's where I live
- Restaurants/businesses
- Walkable central business district
- Schools
- Sense of community
- Charm of older buildings
- Natural surroundings
- Family
- It's where I work
- Outdoor activities
- Cultural events
- Religious/spiritual institutions
- The arts
- Other (Please specify)
- I have a business in the Village
- Employment

Choices	Response percent	Response count
It's where I live	75.50%	610
Restaurants/businesses	51.36%	415
Walkable central business district	31.68%	256
Schools	30.32%	245
Sense of community	27.72%	224
Charm of older buildings	25.12%	203
Natural surroundings	19.31%	156
Family	17.82%	144
It's where I work	16.34%	132
Outdoor activities	16.34%	132
Cultural events	14.60%	118
Religious/spiritual institutions	8.29%	67
The arts	8.04%	65
Other (Please specify)	6.06%	49
I have a business in the Village	5.07%	41
Employment	4.70%	38

Other (Please specify)

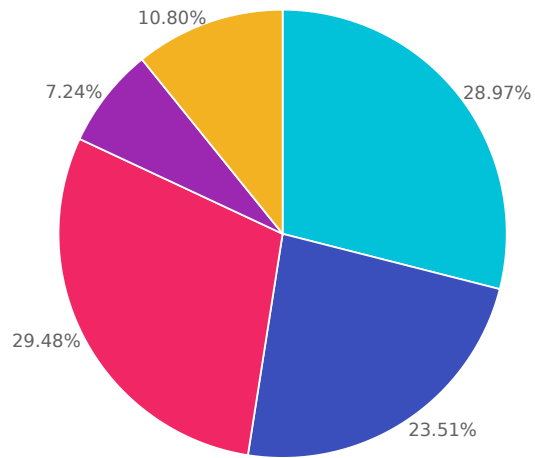
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| 1. It's where I was born | 7. Farmers Market | 18. PO Box to check |
| 2. Scouting | 8. Library | 19. grocery shopping/gas |
| 3. Board meeting with community orgs | 9. Business friendly government | 20. wonderful place to live |
| 4. Community events | 10. farmers market | 21. shopping and services |
| 5. Firefighter | 11. Own rental property as well | 22. I live just outside the village |
| 6. To check on rental property | 12. Library | 23. volunteer |
| | 13. I live in Town of Milton just out of the village | 24. farmer's market, friends |
| | 14. Village Pool/Ice Skating | 25. |
| | 15. Fire Department | |
| | 16. Library, pharmacy | |
| | 17. | |

26. location and small town environment
 27. small, safe quiet residential areas near other cities
 28. rural community feel, safe, quiet
 29. Concerts
 30. Old school neighborhood where kids play in the streets!
 31. Pass through to get to work/ other places
 32. to take walks
 33. skating
 34. i also live very close to the village, i also buy gas there
 35. I practice driving here
 36. Not often enough for an occasion, really
 37. go to the gym
 38. Near to where both my husband and I work and significantly cheaper homes than Saratoga
 39. walk/bike to events, stores, bike/walking trails
 40. walkable residential neighborhood
 41. laundry, ocean state, thrift stores, antiques/junk
 42. pharmacy
 43. Maintain property- houses construction + 4 fam residential
 44. The people
 45. BARC fields
 46. love old style neighborhoods - larger lots but community.
 47. moved up here and stayed
 48. It's a quaint, smaller community + not as costly as Saratoga (yet)
 49. Volunteer Firefighter
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Q3

When you visit the Village of Ballston Spa, how much money do you spend on your visit?

Answered: 787 Skipped: 21



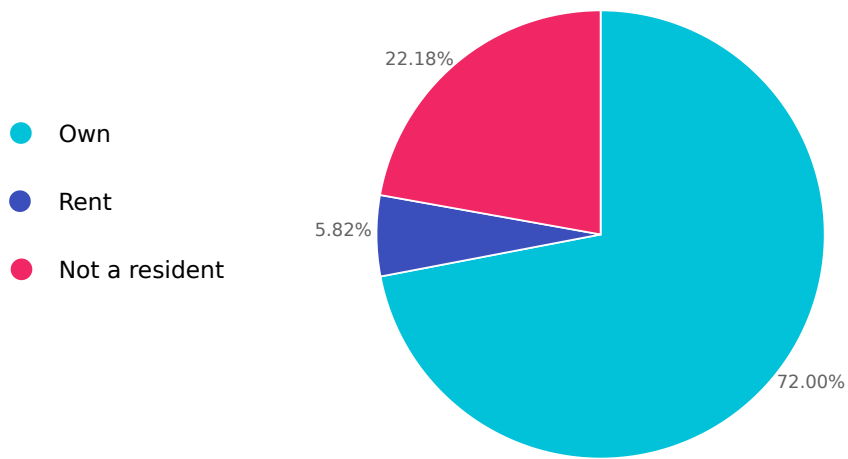
- 0 - \$25
- \$26 - \$50
- \$51 - \$100
- \$101 - \$200
- over \$200

Choices	Response percent	Response count
0 - \$25	28.97%	228
\$26 - \$50	23.51%	185
\$51 - \$100	29.48%	232
\$101 - \$200	7.24%	57
over \$200	10.80%	85

Q4

Do you own or rent a place of residence in the Village of Ballston Spa?

Answered: 807 Skipped: 1

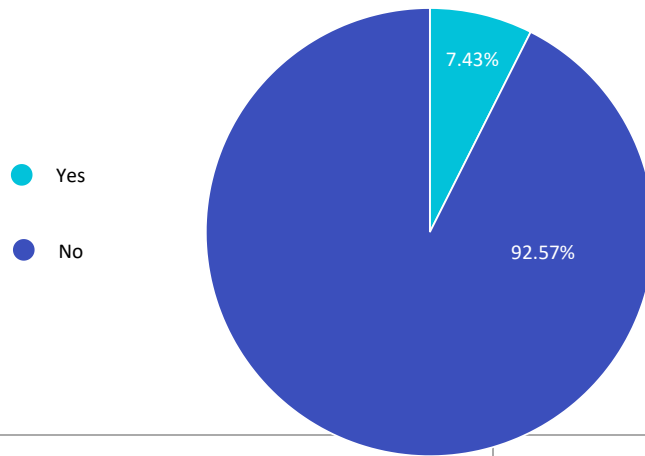


Choices	Response percent	Response count
Own	72.00%	581
Rent	5.82%	47
Not a resident	22.18%	179

Q5

Do you own a business in the Village of Ballston Spa?

Answered: 808 Skipped: 0

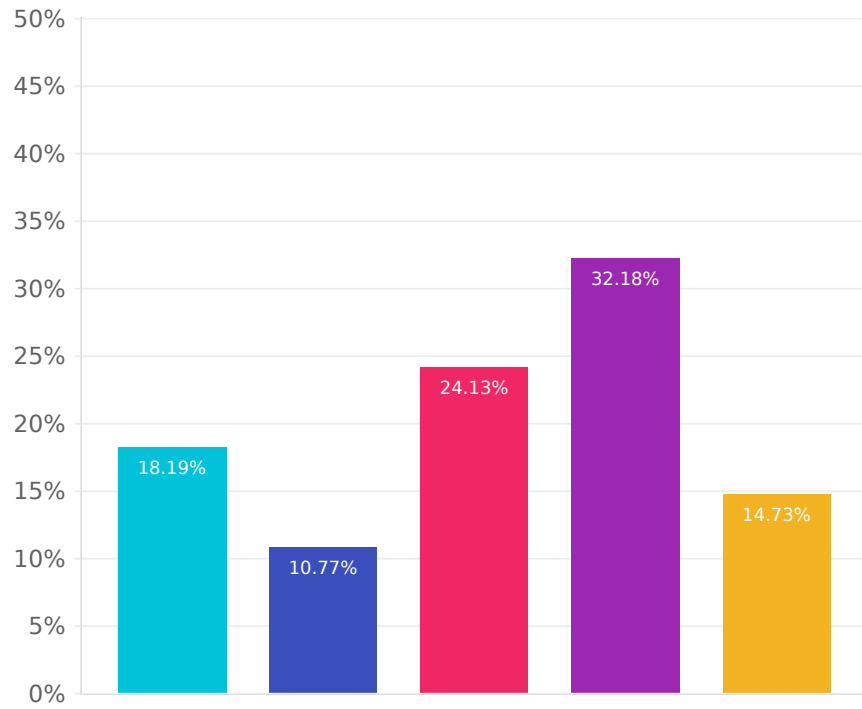


Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	7.43%	60
No	92.57%	748

Q6

What is your age?

Answered: 808 Skipped: 0



Under 18

18 - 34

35 - 50

51 - 70

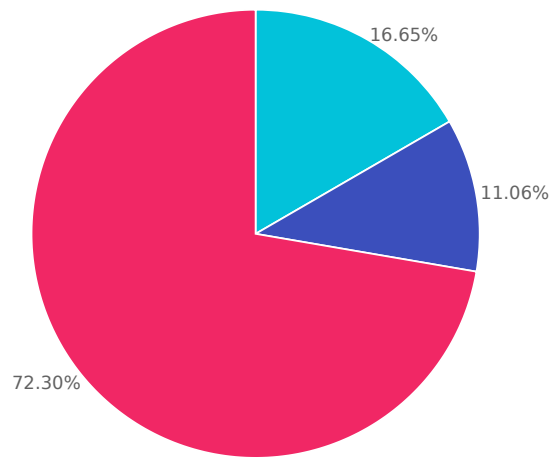
70 +

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Under 18	18.19%	147
18 - 34	10.77%	87
35 - 50	24.13%	195
51 - 70	32.18%	260
70 +	14.73%	119

Q7

Do you work in the Village of Ballston Spa?

Answered: 805 Skipped: 3



● Yes

● Yes, from home

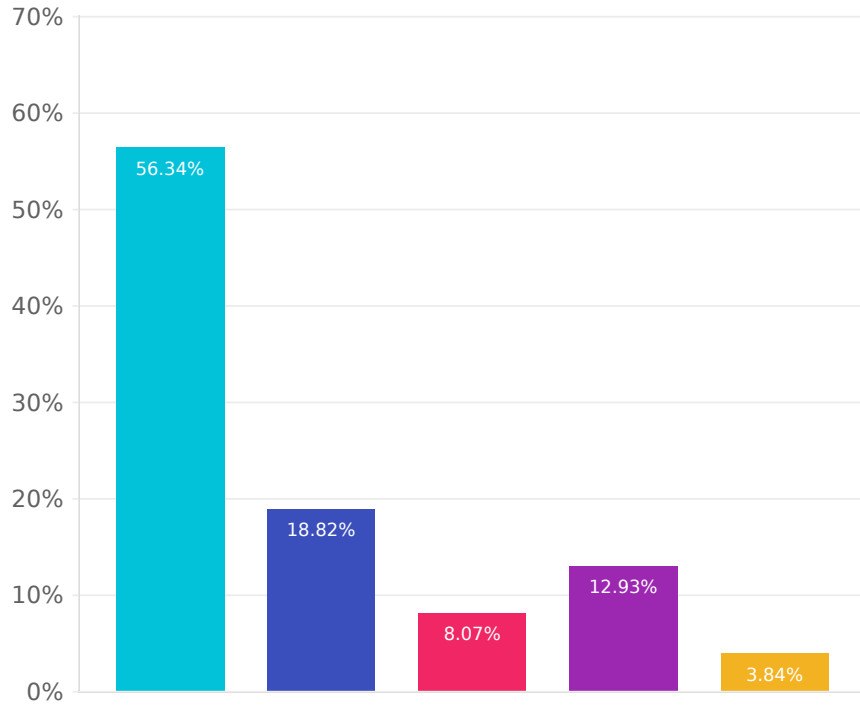
● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	16.65%	134
Yes, from home	11.06%	89
No	72.30%	582

Q8

How long is your commute to work?

Answered: 781 Skipped: 27

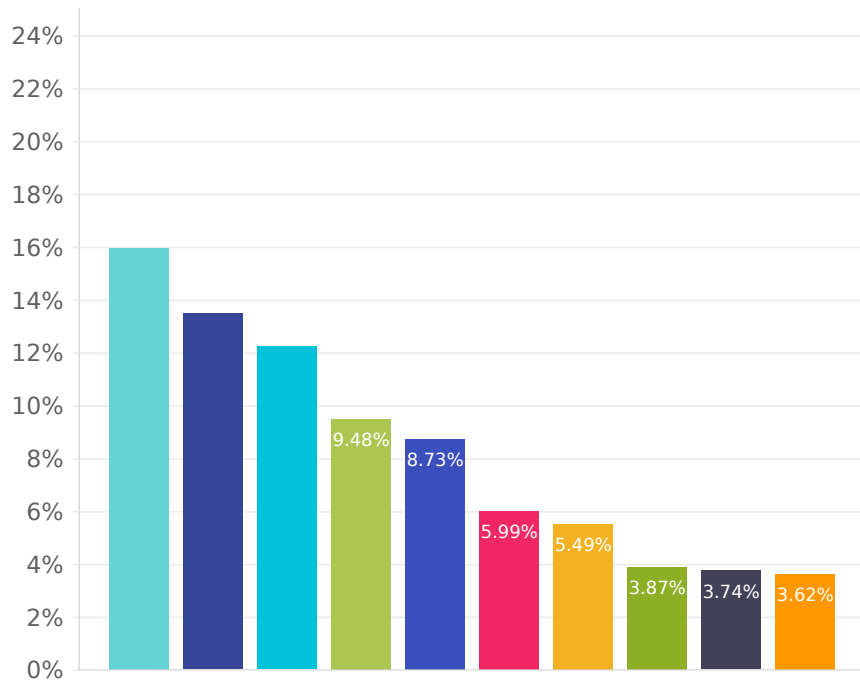


- Less than 10 minutes
- 11 - 20 minutes
- 21 - 30 minutes
- 31 - 45 minutes
- Over 45 minutes

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Less than 10 minutes	56.34%	440
11 - 20 minutes	18.82%	147
21 - 30 minutes	8.07%	63
31 - 45 minutes	12.93%	101
Over 45 minutes	3.84%	30

What job sector are you currently employed in?

Answered: 802 Skipped: 6



- Retired
- Other (Please specify)
- Education
- Student
- Government
- Healthcare
- Small Business Owner
- Technology
- Currently not employed
- Engineering
- Retail
- Non-profit
- Construction
- Finance
- Manufacturing
- Real Estate
- Law
- Hospitality
- Insurance
- Stay-at-home Parent
- Agriculture

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Retired	15.96%	128
Other (Please specify)	13.47%	108
Education	12.22%	98
Student	9.48%	76
Government	8.73%	70
Healthcare	5.99%	48
Small Business Owner	5.49%	44
Technology	3.87%	31
Currently not employed	3.74%	30
Engineering	3.62%	29
Retail	2.99%	24
Non-profit	2.37%	19
Construction	2.37%	19
Finance	2.12%	17
Manufacturing	1.50%	12
Real Estate	1.50%	12
Law	1.25%	10
Hospitality	1.25%	10
Insurance	0.87%	7
Stay-at-home Parent	0.75%	6
Agriculture	0.50%	4

Other (Please specify)

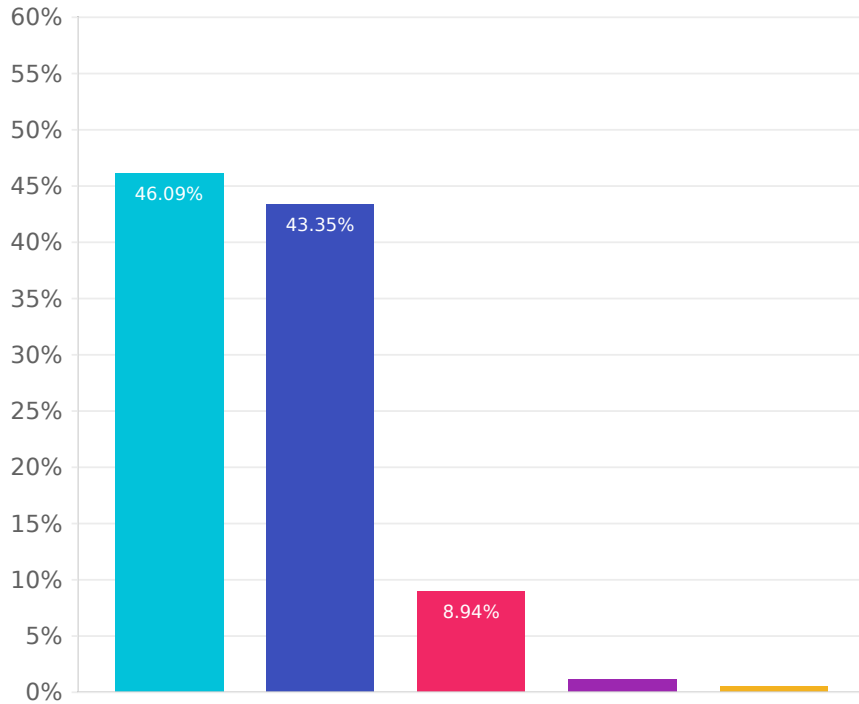
1. BSBPA
 2. Marketing
 3. Not employed in BS
 4. Retired
 5. Renewable Energy
 6. Data Analyst
 7. Small Biz Owner, Salesman work from home
 8. Realty photography
 9. Journalism
 10. Media
 11. Mangino Buick Gmc
 12. retired
 13. Stay at home mom
 14. Truck Driver
 15. Work from home
 16. Meteorology
 17. Childcare
 18. Marketing and Communications
 19. Child Care
 20. Online Marketing
 21. Clergy
 22. Advertising
 23. Communications Lineman
 24. Retired health care...nurse
 25. Entertainment
 26. Transportation
 27. None
 28. School bus driver
 29. Performing Arts
 30. volunteer work
 31. home improvement
 32. Marketing
 33. Automotive
 34. Marketing
 35. Transportation
 36. School bus driver
 37. Military
 38. Restaurant and landlord
 39. eCommerce
 40. Marketing
 41. Science
 42. Union
 43. Lumber yard
 44. Retired
 45. Marketing
 46. part-time - retired
 47. Truck Driver
 - 48.
 - 49.
 - 50.
 - 51.
 52. home health care
 53. Volunteer
 54. real estate title research
 55. Sales rep - beauty industry
 - 56.
 57. Attorney
 58. Media
 59. Insurance
 60. Law practice
 - 61.
 62. Marketing
 63. landlord
 64. security
 65. railroad
 - 66.
 67. Health/fitness
 68. garden center manager
 - 69.
 70. Marketing
 71. Advertising
 72. HVAC distribution
 73. racetrack
 74. oil and gas
 75. Transportation
 76. golf course
 77. trucking
 78. sales
 79. construction supply
 80. Retail/construction
 81. Environmental consulting (semi-retired)
 82. Dishwasher
 83. student and part time in healthcare
 84. Student and I work at a restaurant
 85. Student
 86. none
 87. Dishwasher
 88. grocery store
 89. pizza place
 90. restaurant
 91. restaurant
 92. Lifeguarding
 93. restaurant
 94. Daycare
 95. grocery store cashier
 96. none
 97. Seasonal Camp Counselor in Saratoga
 98. Maintenance/ Fieldwork
 99. resturant
 100. none yet
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Q10

Governmental Built Infrastructure

Do you agree that it is important for the village to create an annual budget set aside to address deferred maintenance on public buildings (like the Village Hall, DPW, Police/Court buildings, Swimming Pool)?

Answered: 805 Skipped: 3



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

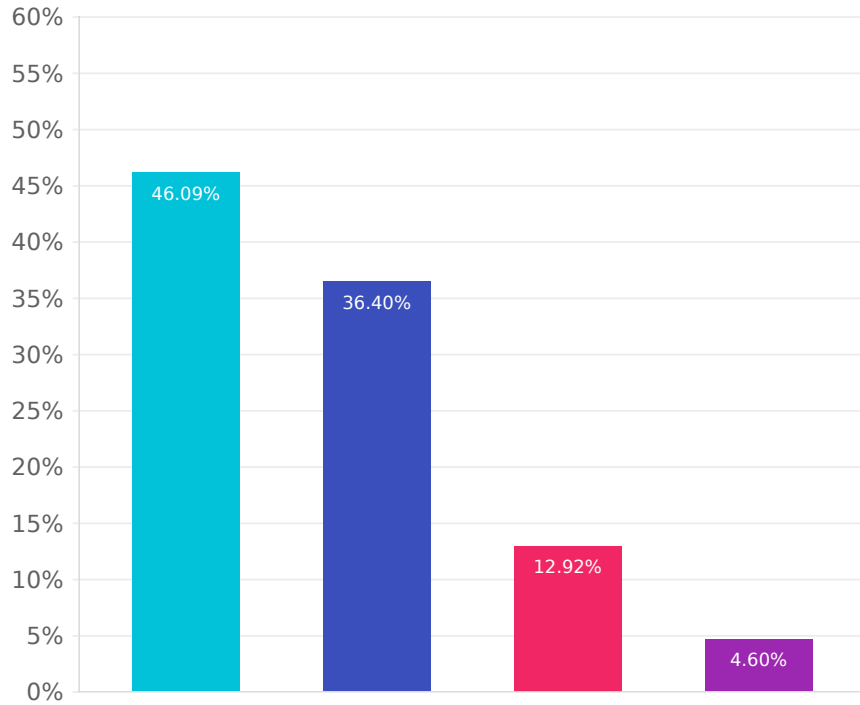
Choices	Response percent	Response count
Strongly Agree	46.09%	371
Agree	43.35%	349
Neutral	8.94%	72
Disagree	1.12%	9
Strongly Disagree	0.50%	4

Q11

Uncontrolled Forces

How important is it for the village to take steps to address issues of climate change and protect itself from severe weather damage or dangers (flooding during intense storms, etc.)?

Answered: 805 Skipped: 3



- Very important
- Moderately important
- Of low importance
- Not important at all

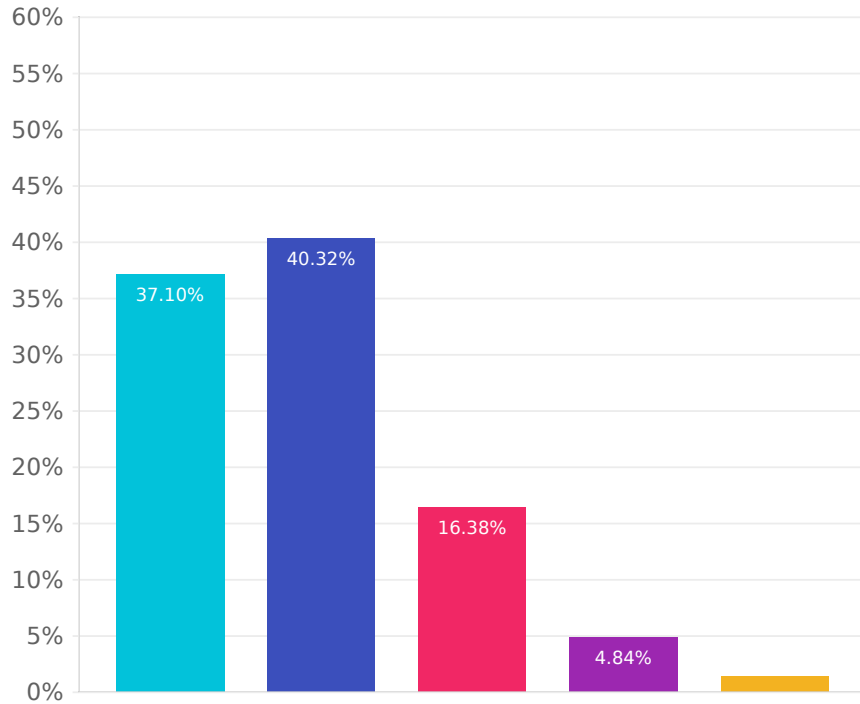
Choices	Response percent	Response count
Very important	46.09%	371
Moderately important	36.40%	293
Of low importance	12.92%	104
Not important at all	4.60%	37

Q12

Built Environment of Village

Do you agree that our community’s buildings are such an important part of Ballston Spa’s image that design standards are needed for new development in order to maximize compatibility with existing structures?

Answered: 806 Skipped: 2



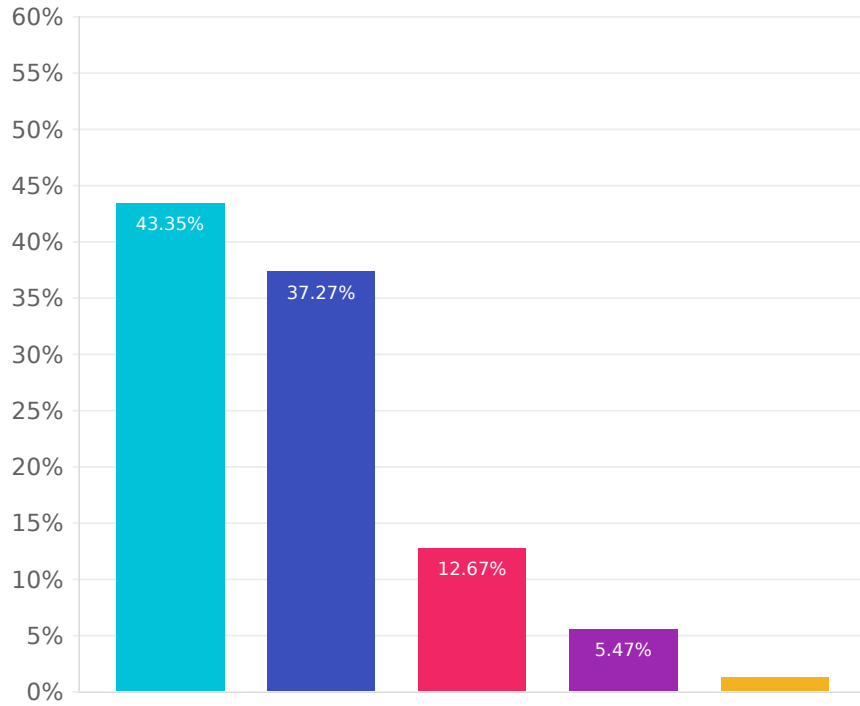
- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Strongly Agree	37.10%	299
Agree	40.32%	325
Neutral	16.38%	132
Disagree	4.84%	39
Strongly Disagree	1.36%	11

Q13

Do you agree there is need for improvement in the walkability (repair/add sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, etc.) of the entire village?

Answered: 805 Skipped: 3



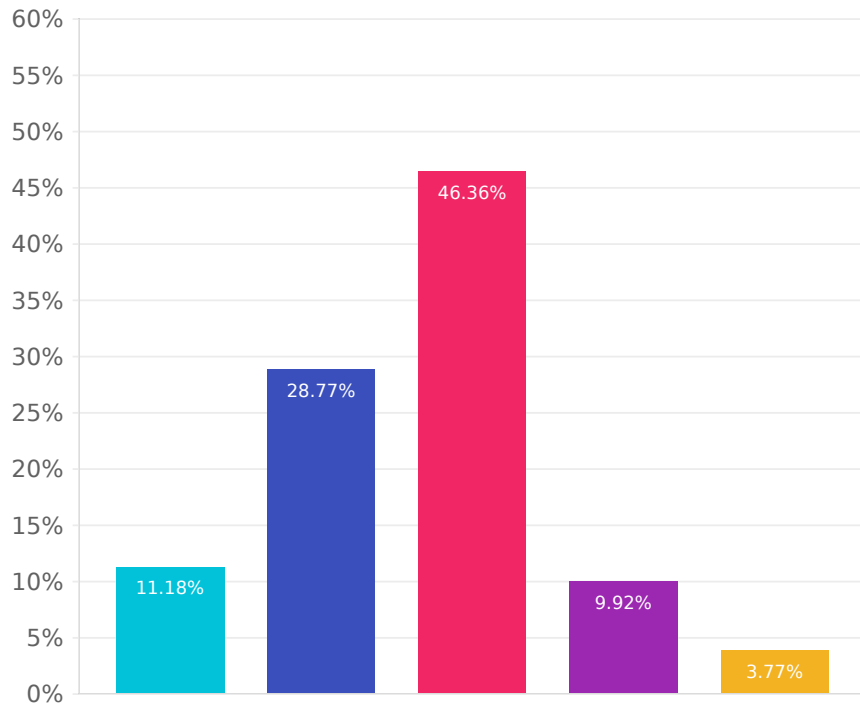
- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Strongly Agree	43.35%	349
Agree	37.27%	300
Neutral	12.67%	102
Disagree	5.47%	44
Strongly Disagree	1.24%	10

Q14

Do you agree that the zoning code should break down the village into more districts and allow a greater range of uses with protections for neighbors?

Answered: 796 Skipped: 12



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

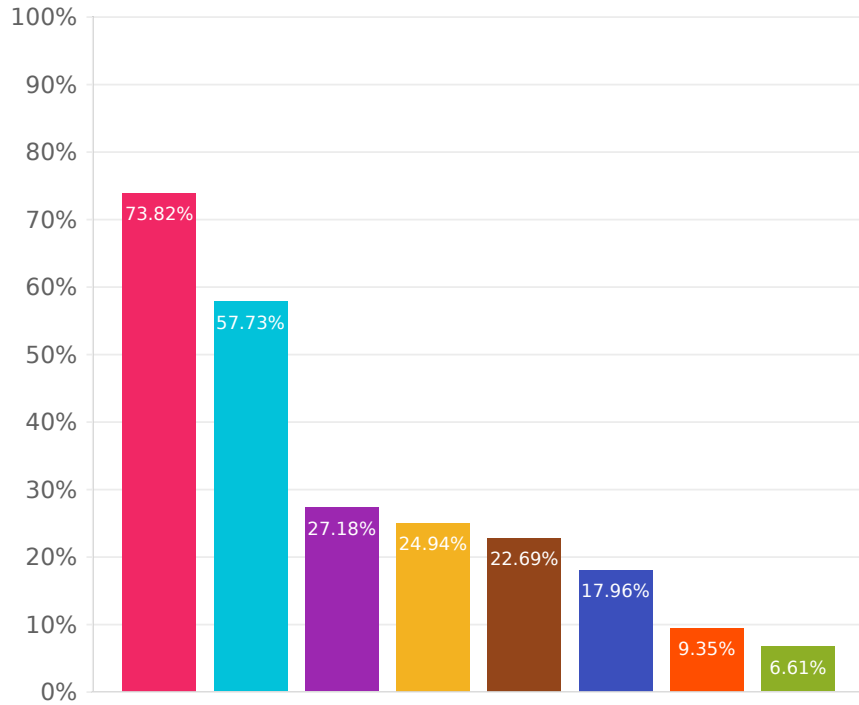
Choices	Response percent	Response count
Strongly Agree	11.18%	89
Agree	28.77%	229
Neutral	46.36%	369
Disagree	9.92%	79
Strongly Disagree	3.77%	30

Q15

Housing

Which of the following housing types, should the village work to encourage? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 802 Skipped: 6



- Single family houses
- Small, affordable starter homes
- Two-family houses
- Townhouses/Condominiums
- Assisted living/Nursing homes
- Accessory dwelling unit (ADU or granny flat)
- Other (Please specify)
- Mobile Homes/Manufactured Homes

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Single family houses	73.82%	592
Small, affordable starter homes	57.73%	463
Two-family houses	27.18%	218
Townhouses/Condominiums	24.94%	200
Assisted living/Nursing homes	22.69%	182
Accessory dwelling unit (ADU or granny flat)	17.96%	144
Other (Please specify)	9.35%	75
Mobile Homes/Manufactured Homes	6.61%	53

Other (Please specify)

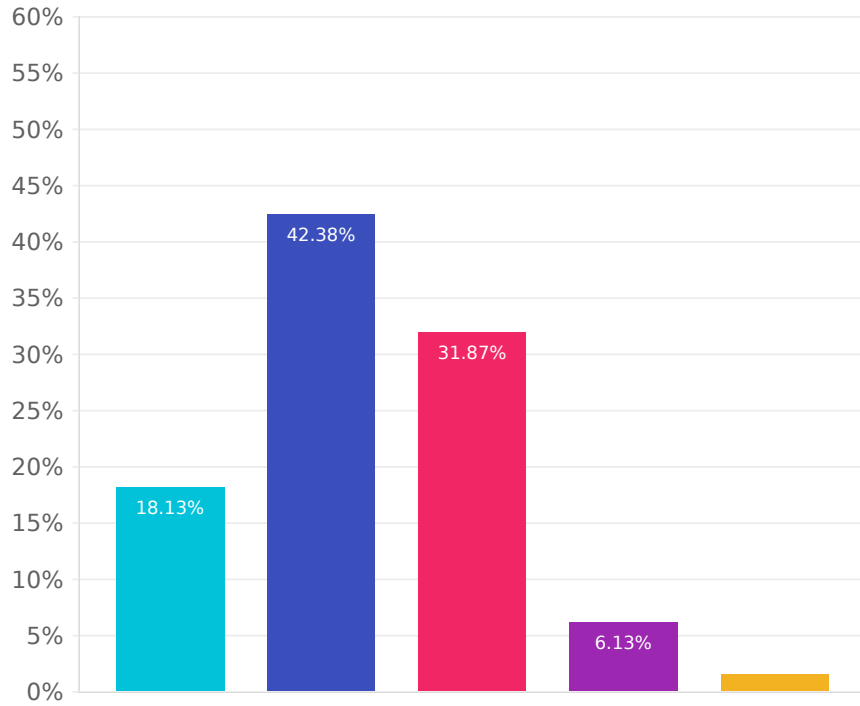
1. Affordable apartments
- 2.
3. All but Mobile Homes with zoning standards
4. Whatever fits the immediate need - projecting Ronda out may be a hindrance - what was needed prior to covid isn't needed now - that's what we can take from that - it changed the landscape of how we live - it could happen again.
5. Fix up the current properties in the village instead of building more
6. Senior housing for those lower incomes
7. Restoration of vacant homes/buildings into housing
8. Multifamily apartments
9. Please no more senior housing
10. mixed use
11. attractive, affordable rental units
12. Improving the appearance of abandoned properties and existing apartment buildings
13. Affordable apartment for working middle class people. Most apartment in and around the area are overly priced for the average person.
14. I am not sure that there is much land available on which to build new housing. I would like to see accessible and affordable housing in the village.
15. repair/update the homes already built
16. Multi family dwellings, senior housing
17. Workforce housing
18. Restrict the sale of home to landlords so that a single family can afford a home. All of the houses in my neighborhood have 2 or 3 apartments per home and none of us can buy a home because of people buying up homes to rent them out.

19. Section 8 housing
20. Affordable housing for low income residents
21. Multiple family apartments
22. Affordable housing is incredibly sparse in Ballston spa
23. No more senior living or subsidized housing (HUD, etc)
24. Senior housing/apartments
25. Triplex and Quadplex
26. Is there space in the village for new housing? Focus should be spent on updating existing buildings to make sure they are safe for their current residents.
27. Why are we looking to grow ?
28. Senior housing
29. technologically advanced self sufficient off grid homes
30. Apartments and work force housing
31. Work force housing
32. Senior housing
33. Affordable smaller apartment buildings
34. Workforce housing
- 35.
36. Affordable rental properties
37. Apartments
38. Retail on bottom apartments on top 5 story
- 39.
- 40.
41. apartment buildings
42. 55 and older
43. Affordable rentals
44. Limit Air B and B's perhaps to a minimum stay of a week or 2.
45. careful growth, maintain green spaces
- 46.
47. Senior housing
- 48.
49. Apartments
50. affordable housing
51. affordable apartments
52. a balance?
53. Less apartments and less section 8
- 54.
55. high end
56. eco-friendly housing
57. all affordable housing
- 58.
- 59.
60. i like using older buildings as apposed to building new housing.
- 61.
- 62.
63. all kinds of housing , does not matter
64. I don't know.
65. Make landlords responsible for the upkeep of their houses
66. Affordable/safe
67. apartments, low and middle income
68. mixed use
69. mixed use
70. No more building
71. luxury/seasonal
72. we need housing that is affordable to retired lower-mid middle class that are nice + not tiny spaces. Have some amenities like the townhomes + houses that are constantly being built.
73. None. Stop building houses. More green spaces!
74. Mixed use retail 1st floor/ Residential 2-3
75. Diversity is the key! Why limit ourselves?

Q16

Do you agree that allowing home-based businesses would be good for the village's economic development?

Answered: 800 Skipped: 8



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

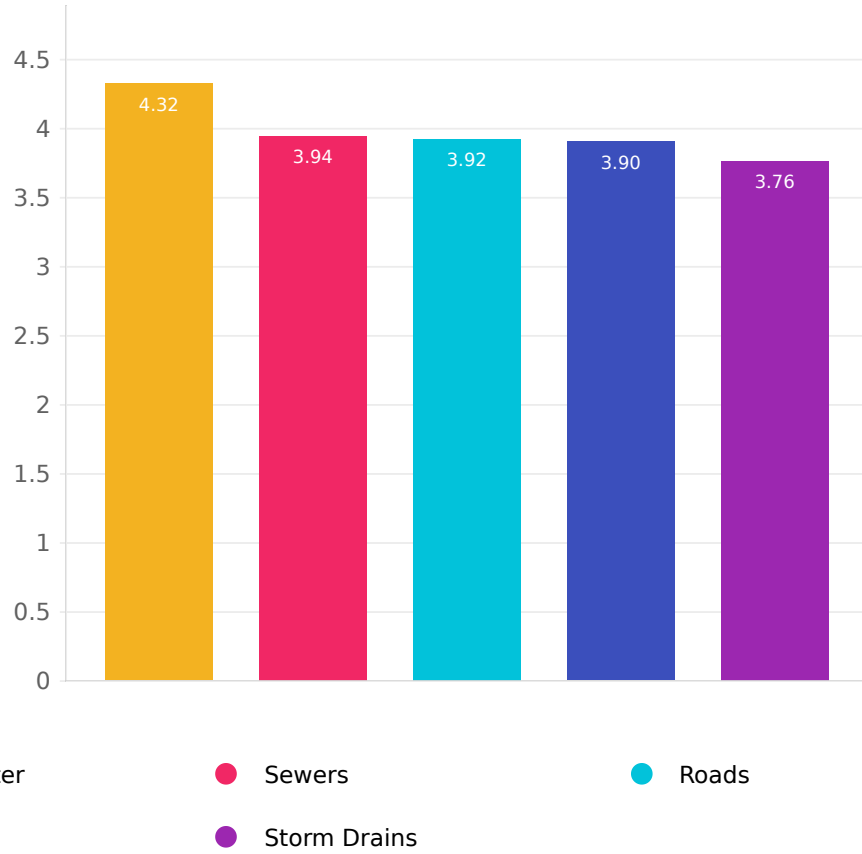
Choices	Response percent	Response count
Strongly Agree	18.13%	145
Agree	42.38%	339
Neutral	31.87%	255
Disagree	6.13%	49
Strongly Disagree	1.50%	12

Q17

Utility Infrastructure

On a scale of 1-5, how important is it for the Village of Ballston Spa to update to the following public infrastructure:

Answered: 805 Skipped: 3



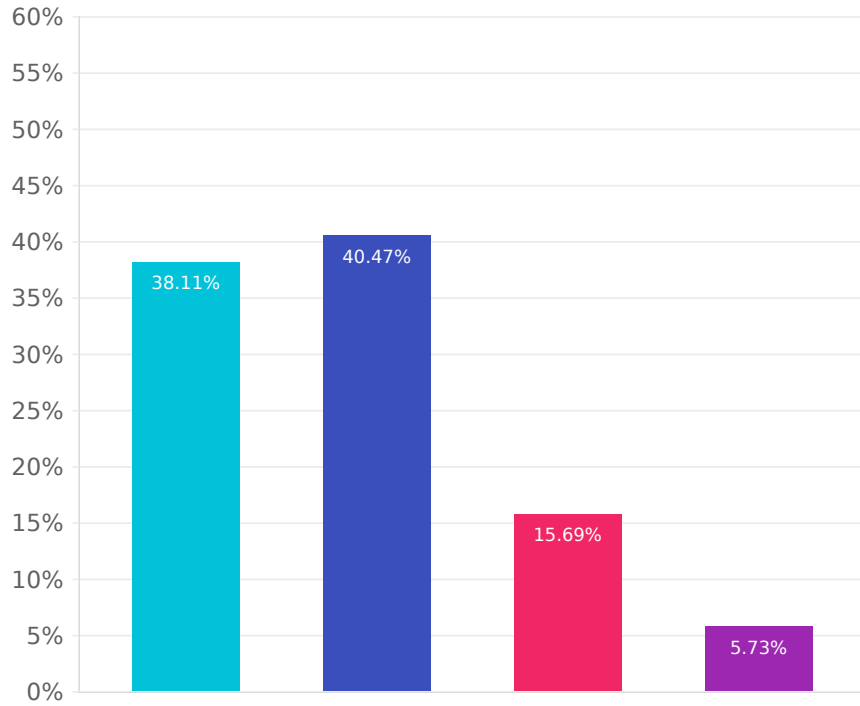
Row	1 (Least important)	2	3	4	5 (Most important)	Average rating	Response count
Drinking Water	3.11% (25)	2.86% (23)	13.42% (108)	19.88% (160)	60.75% (489)	4.32	805
Sewers	2.49% (20)	5.85% (47)	22.76% (183)	33.33% (268)	35.57% (286)	3.94	804
Roads	1.87% (15)	6.61% (53)	21.57% (173)	37.28% (299)	32.67% (262)	3.92	802
Sidewalks	4.49% (36)	6.49% (52)	21.10% (169)	30.34% (243)	37.58% (301)	3.90	801
Storm Drains	4.36% (35)	7.11% (57)	26.18% (210)	32.54% (261)	29.80% (239)	3.76	802

Average rating: 3.97

Q18

How important is it for the Village of Ballston Spa to take steps to actively promote or encourage the use of alternative energy sources for its municipal and community use?

Answered: 803 Skipped: 5



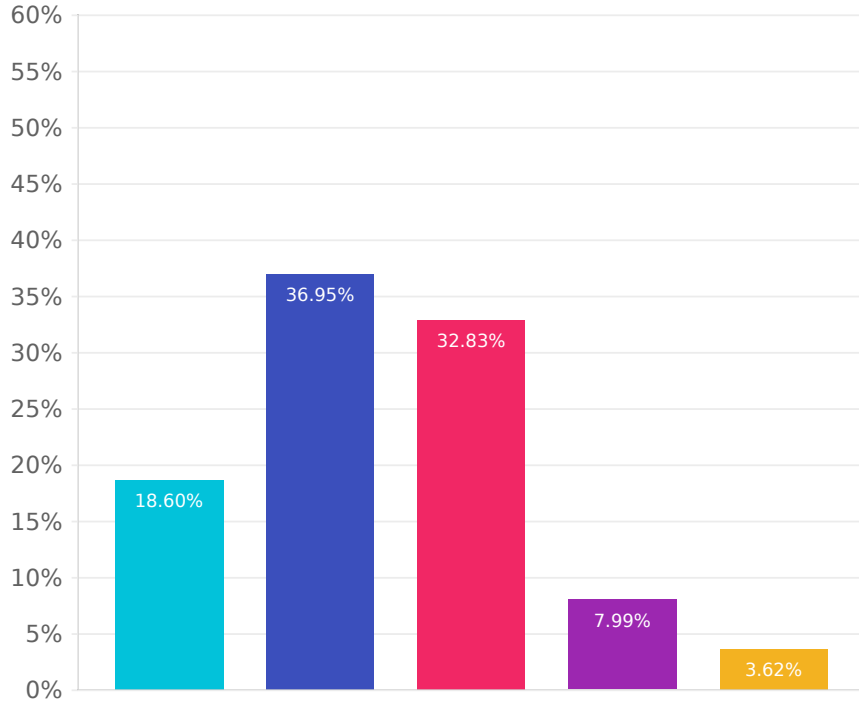
- Very important
- Moderately important
- Of low importance
- Not important at all

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Very important	38.11%	306
Moderately important	40.47%	325
Of low importance	15.69%	126
Not important at all	5.73%	46

Economic Considerations

Do you agree that having a dedicated village resource/position to assist with communication between businesses, residents, and the village administration would foster growth in the Central Business District and further improve overall communication with residents?

Answered: 801 Skipped: 7



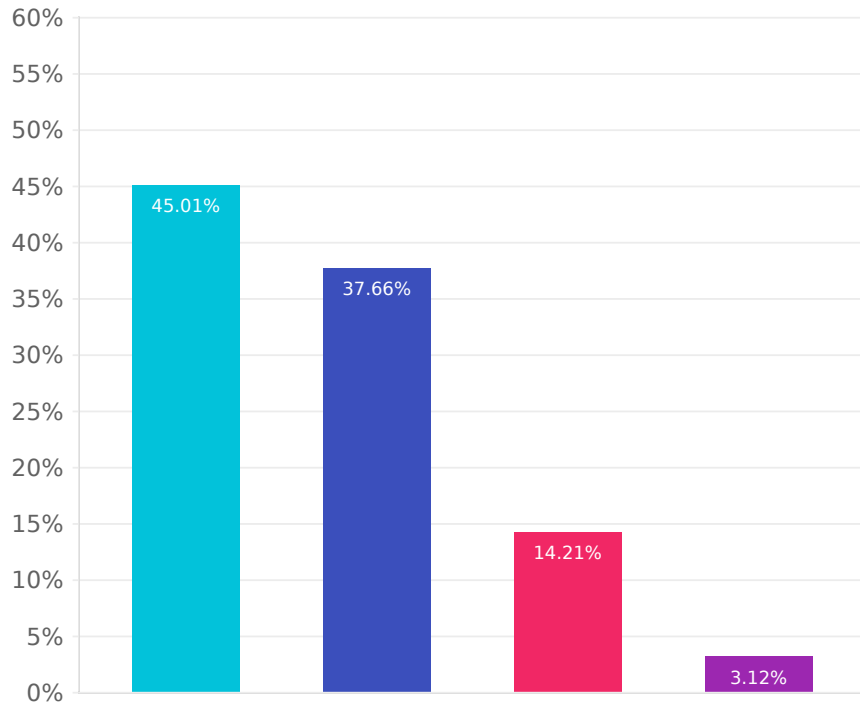
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Strongly agree	18.60%	149
Agree	36.95%	296
Neutral	32.83%	263
Disagree	7.99%	64
Strongly disagree	3.62%	29

Q20

How important is it to enhance broadband internet access/options in the village?

Answered: 802 Skipped: 6



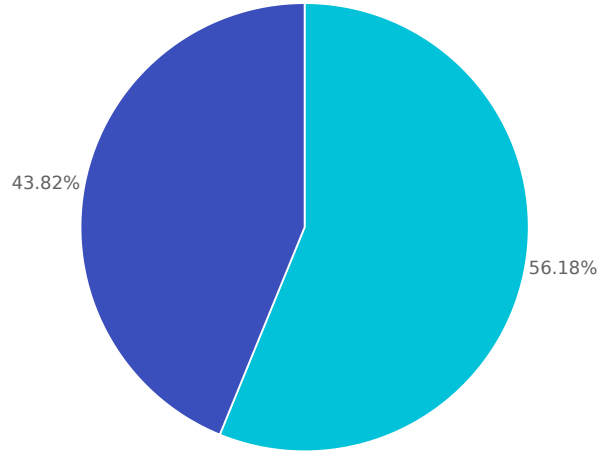
- Very important
- Moderately important
- Of low importance
- Not important at all

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Very important	45.01%	361
Moderately important	37.66%	302
Of low importance	14.21%	114
Not important at all	3.12%	25

Q21

Should efforts by the village government be made to encourage rapid redevelopment of vacant or underutilized sites, or should the government wait until entrepreneurs come by with ideas compatible with the village master plan?

Answered: 785 Skipped: 23



● The village should encourage rapid redevelopment

● The village should wait for proposals are put forth by private entrepreneurs

Choices	Response percent	Response count
The village should encourage rapid redevelopment	56.18%	441
The village should wait for proposals are put forth by private entrepreneurs	43.82%	344

Any Others?

Please tell us if there are any topics not covered by this survey which you think are important for community discussion.

Answered: 282 Skipped: 526

1. The added cost to taxpayers for adding positions to village government Land use planning
2. Communication is KEY!!! There needs to be consistent messaging from the Village of Ballston Spa to its community and residents. I believe there should be a non-partisan spokesperson for the village who can work as a liaison between the Mayor and Trustees to communicate with the community.
3. Water lines in the village need massive repair NOW. Walk down Van Buren and you can see every house has dug up their line because it froze in the middle of the road. This should not be the homeowners responsibility that the village lines are so low they're above the frost line. Unbelievable this hasn't been addressed. Cost me \$15K last year!!!!!!!
4. It is important to keep Ballston Spa accessible to young families. Affordable housing, walkability, and access to public transportation are important. As people get priced out of Saratoga and Clifton Park, B Spa could be the perfect place for families to settle to experience a wonderful community, great schools, and a beautiful setting. Don't rush the economic development.
5. the village should do a better job with snow/ice removal on sidewalks along the Milton ave. portion of the business district for the accessibility and safety of patrons and residents.
6. I would like to understand the need for a village police dept. I don't see a cost benefit.
7. Diverse businesses would be nice vs what is there. Encouraging different businesses. Encouraging upkeep of homes and businesses in the village. Better parking vs on street which fills.
8. This survey is incredibly poorly devised. There is clearly an agenda, as almost every question is leading. If you are going to create this kind of (very important) survey, you should have a professional at least consult on it. This one would not pass muster in a basic research class, and any study that used such a poorly worded questionnaire would never be considered as having merit. Please retool it!
9. I think updates to Kelly park would be greatly appreciated by the residents. Basketball court, roller hockey rink, tennis court. Maybe utilize that empty fenced in area of the park between the pavilion and playground.
10. The survey skirted around a building moratorium. Strong retail attracts strong retail. Good residential planning will attract all of the residential type owners you mentioned and when done correctly will benefit all. It really is simple, we need people in the Village Government (Trustee's) to really understand what is needed to successfully move this Village forward. We have so many wasted parcels that could be devolved. Work with the retailers, investors and property owners not against them. If our trustees put forth the same effort to work together as they do fighting each other and blocking ideas that our best for our community because someone else suggested it we would have a very healthy, vibrant Village with a successful downtown that attracts residents.
11. The issue of speeding on many of Ballston Spa's streets needs to be addressed in a comprehensive manner.
12. In response to question 21 - I don't agree with either answer. Anything done rapidly just to get something in is a recipe for disaster. On the other hand - put your hand on your ass and wait doesn't solve problems either. Recognizing what is needed and wanted and making that known will encourage the right fit to come. It's a balance - this isn't a race - to just get something - it's a plan to get the right thing that will last.
13. Fix the traffic light at East High Street and Church Avenue. Even staggering the light to allow people to turn onto Church from High Street. The backup, especially in busy times of the day, is outrageous.
14. Better upkeep and plowing of village roadway's in the winter
15. Encourage more mainstream business development in downtown corridor and discourage the multitude of junk dealers that blanket the available spaces.
16. Proper crosswalks/sidewalks for kids walking/biking to school.

17. Care needs to be taken for the connection to the bike path on Oak St. lots of talk around how that will be done but zero communication has happened with those of us who reside there. The bike path has brought crime, excessive traffic, damage to our properties and caused us to lose enjoyment of living on a once quiet dead end street. Please remember us!
18. Change the zoning to allow for common sense development. The zoning in the village does not make any sense and is outdated. The sooner the zoning changes the faster new/improved development will occur.
19. All in all, the village is partially developed but also very visibly run down (a lot of Malta Ave has dilapidated buildings and undesirable infrastructure (a lot of antique places, a few tattoo shops). I think the village needs to focus more on updating infrastructure and bringing in places (restaurants, breweries, etc) that foster community get-togethers. I think a lot of us go to Saratoga to find a good place to spend time and it's a shame that Saratoga gets that revenue when Ballston Spa could have more options and look less run down (the half of Malta Ave from Aldi's to the Cumberland Farms gas station is very sad looking and doesn't make me want to buy food or other items from stores there). It's a shame that places like the big property on Bath Street are just run down since everyone is too busy arguing over what to do with it instead of actually doing anything with the space. That could drive a lot of great business and traffic to the area. Lastly, I think renewable energy should be on the forefront of Ballston Spa's agenda for long term sustainability. We have plenty of farmland, etc to add solar (our location probably isn't suitable for wind).
20. Question 21 only gave extremes for options for responses. Maybe there is a middle ground where the Village can utilize feedback from the community on what type of development would be most beneficial and conduct outreach to developers who can make that type of development happen. Does not need to be rapid, needs to be the right projects, but maybe the Village can still facilitate, we don't need to just wait passively.
21. Ballston Spa needs to be careful NOT to become a crotchedy old town that is afraid of young people and change.
22. I think the intersection at church ave and east high is terrible. Cars ALWAYS go around those waiting to turn onto 50 and i almost get in an accident 50% of the time that i try to turn left onto church ave to go to hannafor. If you made the left lane turn only and the right lane turn right as well as straight it would avoid this.
23. Quit wasting money on the bike path nonsense, get the DPW some new equipment and a new Building Government officials need to stop bickering and do what's best for the Village
24. The village should work on accessibility and ease of getting around town by bicycle and foot. As well as focus on outdoor recreational opportunities for the villagers and visitors.
25. Love waiting for non-chain businesses that will help to make BSpa more attractive to local tourists IE restaurants and shops - Sidewalks very important, some residential neighborhoods they are in total disarray and it limits Real Estate values and growth in general - great questions above thank you
26. Teaching 3 of the board members how to respect the public and the Mayor when they are talking to them. As well as start looking to help solve problems instead of creating them. I know not a topic but how they act is just as important as the topics above.
27. Replace the village DPW building that's been outgrown and has been falling apart. Get the mold and asbestos out of the village office.
28. Intersection of 50/67 by the laundromat is dangerous. My child gets on the bus in front of the daycare at that corner, and cars/trucks speed past the stopped school buses daily. Somebody is going to get injured or killed.
29. The Village should focus on building up it's Fund Balance while paying for the things that are needed not necessarily wanted. Wants are for when we are fiscally sound, not when we are still recovering from past fiscal mismanagement.
30. Question 21 was skewed. Rapid development is not needed but much more progress and openness than what our current trustees are doing. The village has 'waited' too long to take initiative. As is evident by this survey. Haven't we already gathered this info once a couple years ago and it was never acted on.
31. PARKING PARKING PARKING!!!!!! Our village could be so much more with better parking. And since the parking so so bad. It's terrible that you brought back the beat cop to give out parking tickets!!
32. although the historic homes are wonderful adding 2 family with village look remaining the same. village needs to balance the future generations and the past - younger people are living "smaller" and are looking to decrease "foot print" walking , biking, shopping, eating very close to home

33. The return of civility and respect at village board meetings for all---the public, elected/appointed officials and employees.
34. - Would love to see more updates done to Kelley Park, rip down the chain link fence and put in a basketball court for kids to actually use that space. -Would love to see the old warehouse on Bath street turn into mixed use with some type of open air market. -Ensure infrastructure is being updated to avoid major outages to the village residents. - Review and update village code to ensure residents are keeping their property tidy and not an eyesore. Too many properties with junk in them!! - Look to host more events/festivals in the village to draw more people into the village.
35. Parking, maintenance of parks,
36. Cleaning up the lot on Milton Ave across from the Whitehouse Restaurant. Provide more public parking. The meter man should be including Washington Street as the business district .
37. 1. Large trucks regularly driving on Hyde Blvd. and Columbia Ave. 2. Lots of cars and trucks speeding on Hyde Blvd. and surrounding residential streets. 3. An increase over the past 2 years of people not picking up after their dogs during walks. I'm sick and tired of doing it for them; sometimes up to 10 times in one day. 4. Lots of coyote sightings during the day over the past month near Columbia Ave. Ext., Columbia Ave., Hyde Blvd., and Heritage. Residents should be informed in order to keep their pets and small children safe. This is also another reason why people should pick up after their dogs or be fined. Coyotes eat dog poop that's left behind and will not move on if they have food sources. 5. Lack of maintenance of trees near sidewalks despite numerous calls to please do so over the past 6 years. Unacceptable.
38. The Village is not taking advantage of all of the economic opportunities that exist being so close to Saratoga. The Village has not been maintained, buildings are in disrepair, sidewalks are dangerous. The Village should be walkable and welcoming to further economic development.
39. We need recognition of our Historic District in the Village through better signage, development of guidelines for historic buildings and education of elected officials and local residents about the historic district. We also need to ensure that our Comprehensive Plan addresses LED signage which is a blight in the Village.
40. Ballston Spa should support trap, neuter, release of any feral cats or dogs in the area if there are people or organizations that will conduct the TNR. Feral cats keep rodents at bay. If they are neutered their numbers will be kept to a minimum.
41. We moved back to the area from Cleveland, Ohio. We lived in a small town called Chagrin Falls. My wife and I really loved the walk ability of that town and access to amenities. During the 7-year period that we were gone, we saw a lot of great features added in Ballston Spa. Keep up the great work. I do feel like you should have much more enforcement on architectural standards, smart zoning, and to help find/fund ways for properties to be maintained and improved. Especially right downtown.
42. Saratoga Ave is the most dangerous street in the village and you people are worried about Malta and Hyde .. Hyde is one of the widest streets in the entire village with sidewalks almost the entire length of the street. It's a safe street. Saratoga ave has seen a person KILLED and recently a car flipped over in an accident. Because of speeding and the narrow street. Help Saratoga Ave please!!!!!!!
43. law enforcement is needed for traffic laws not just on hyde blvd. we need to enforce the laws we have before we make new ones
44. I would like to know why there isn't financial assistance available to defray the cost of water pipe replacements from the road to my home/property.
45. Central business and northern village areas seem to be overlooked vs. areas to the east of Milton Ave. (Hyde Blvd, Columbia area) Working with Town of Milton Rt. Z50 plan would make sense
46. Camera surveillance around the village to hopefully prevent vandalism around personal and business properties. Old buildings not being used can be revitalized so new businesses can make use of it. Better compensation for people working in the BSBpa who efforts themselves to make this village beautiful and a place that the community can enjoy and live a peaceful/happy life! Remove fees for food trucks or vendors but allow permits to do business in the area like farmers market or special events like first Fridays and so on...
47. The failure of the Village Board in accomplishing anything other than talk, hire consultants, and refuse to compromise. Partisan politics hinders growth, development, and threatens our small town long term survival.

48. I feel parking is an issue within the business district, it is often hard to find a place to park on the weekends. I also feel that within the business district upgrades are needed to lighting and signage standards to make our shop/restaurant areas more enticing to explore...and more current while maintaining character. I often ask friends and relatives who visit when driving through ballston spa - could you imagine yourself stopping to eat or shop here if you were on your way through? Their answer is always a resounding "shop and eat where??" what businesses do we have on rte 50 where you can see people through the windows inside enjoying themselves? Barely a peak into coffee planet? There are so many businesses in prime locations in the business district that do not necessarily entice people to stop... real estate agencies, insurance... etc. Is there anything that could be done to help bring in more food businesses or help current food businesses gain more exposure? What if there was aide to improve signage/storefronts to certain business types every few years on rotation? I also feel we do not capitalize on the fact that we have one of the highest concentrations of antique stores around. Ballston Spa used to have Trolley's, could we experiment with bringing one back? Maybe a Trolley trail from near stone soup antiques on the weekends that could take shoppers to each location so they dont have to re park their car 8 times, and continue trolley for restaurant hoping at night? People might pay for that, just brainstorming! I live Ballston Spa and feel it has so much potential, I much prefer it to Saratoga - I just wish we could find ways to bring people in and modernize. Thank you for your hard work!
49. Village Speed Limit / Truck Travel on Side Streets
50. I would love to see something happen with the brick factory that's sitting vacant. I think apartments there could really boost the towns economy, it's a fantastic location and walkable to all of Ballston Spas businesses
51. Smart growth is not a bad idea. But you really need to consider how it all impacts traffic and the village now. Traffic is already crazy in the Village, from Prospect all the way down Milton to the Northway.
52. The village is failing it's low income residents. There should be more emphasis and care put around food pantries and other resources for the members of the community who need them the most (many of whom were born here).
53. More affordable housing for young families!
54. Connecting to the Zim Smith bike path safely is very important to me.
55. Need to encourage redevelopment of existing non-utilized spaces like Angelica, Maplewood, etc.
56. These surveys should be easy to find and well advertised to get a true sampling from the residents.. For example, an email blast to village residents; as a banner across the top of the village website; social media, etc.
57. Pressure landlords to maintain and/or improve the appearance of their property. Find ways to reduce the cost of operating the village.
58. Appreciate you taking the time to get input from residents! Thank you!
59. Don't waste our money on BS like "global warming" (aka climate change) or "alternative energy". Keep that crap downstate.
60. Question 21 is lacking. I don't think that a third option is in place. I think the village can take an active role but I think that we should be actively and judiciously steering towards redevelopment with the master plan in mind. I also don't think a just wait for someone to have a good idea approach is great because it positions the village as a passive roadblock.
61. High rise and multi story buildings should not be allowed if rezoning is done in the village.
62. Please fix the sidewalks- it has been studied for over 2 years at this point. It's time for action.
63. This survey is misleading in its questioning. I also think if you want well-informed responses, you should have provided examples and additional information in your questions. Also, question #3 makes no sense at all. If you are a frequent visitor of village businesses (of which I am), my spending varies greatly and to assign one value is completely invalid.
64. Environmental conservation is very important. Native plants that support pollinators and wildlife should be used over non-natives.
65. The end of the Front St business district between the old Monaco's and the Old Iron Spring should be a focus for sidewalks, walkability and redevelopment to encourage businesses.
66. Having more open space (parks) could be beneficial along with advertising it more. I also think there should be a better link between the Zim Smith trail and the Saratoga State Park.

67. I think leaves should be put into bags and left on the street side. Right now leaves are being left out the wind blows them all over the place and then the snow comes and they're still on the ground. No reason this should not be a law for everybody. Also as far as snow shoveling goes especially on public sidewalks, The homeowner should be responsible and if they don't do it, then the village should charge the homeowner to do it. It's unsafe a hazard. Also all these thrift shops that put items out on the sidewalk and all over the place, it makes our Village look like a dump. Sidewalks are for walking, not putting items out to sell. On another note, when I first moved here in 2002 the Christmas lights were all strung across the street and look very nice. They stop doing that a few years later. You should really bring them back and make our town look very festive for the holiday season. That will attract others to come here and visit and shop
68. Some of the questions could be better answered if there was a comment area to clarify the answer. With respect to the housing question (15) condominiums or apartments over commercial, similar to small European cities would be worth looking at.
69. A sidewalk on the south side of prospect street from the factory to the fairgrounds with adequate lighting and trash receptacles is needed to provide a safe walking path to events at the fairgrounds. It is a major safety issue and an accident waiting to happen!
70. I live in Colonial Hills and I think with the amount that we pay for taxes it is ridiculous that the village doesn't take better care of the neighborhood. We have never been treated like we are "apart of the village". There has never been a safe way to walk into the village. Maple Ave, Greenfield Ave and Northline Road are all major roads with no sidewalks. Our options are to drive into the village or walk and risk getting hit by a car. DPW never cleans our roads in a timely manner when it snows. Last year there were multiple occasions the neighborhood was not cleared until after work hours while the roads in the rest of the village had been cleared and salted for hours. In general the neighborhood isn't taken care of. Most of the roads in the neighborhood need to be repaved instead of constantly re-patched for a cheap quick fix. We have had no sign in the Maple Ave entrance for a few years and need an updated sign that isn't falling apart on Greenfield Ave. It also wouldn't hurt to have the Greenfield Ave entrance taken care of. It would be a great service project for any National Honor Society student to keep the area weeded and maintained...meaning no cost at all to the village.
71. Need street signs
72. Be careful about "rapid development"! If encouraging it means looking for small shop owners and entrepreneurs, that would be great! Please be careful not to encourage corporate fast-food joints or large corporate development.
73. There is a need to develop the sidewalk system and crosswalks so that people trying to get into the village do not have to take their life in their hands every time they cross the street. The crosswalks also need to be repainted soon
74. Fix existing sidewalks (Do not add more). It is obvious the residents will not do it. Put the village in a good financial position to address infrastructure failures when they arise. Add a street lamp or two at the intersection area of Hyde Blvd. and East High St. This area is dangerous for pedestrians at low light. Add seats back to swings at BARC, or remove them entirely to make room for more sports to be played. Not very pleasing to see an abandoned looking playground when entering the the village. Lastly, a reminder the charm that attracts people to the village is us, the inhabitants ... the community. For this, I feel any village wide rapid redevelopment should be a ballot proposal, not an anonymous survey. Residents should decide which path, if any, we choose. An online survey or hand raising at board meetings might give an idea of willingness, it does not show consensus. - Thank you for listening



75. Many of the questions put forth here seem essentially leading and several of them lump together unrelated issues or poorly describe the issue in question. Question 21 has a glaring grammatical error in option 2. As far as "walkability", the village is mostly good, especially the business portion; there are only a few sidewalk slabs upheaved due to tree roots, this could easily be remedied by jacking up the slabs, cutting and removing the offending tree roots and leveling the slabs, I'm surprised this hasn't been done; I've seen several of these trip hazards remain for three decades, instead of "upgrading" the overall "walkability", the village might start by addressing the most glaring of problems with the sidewalks on main streets. I suspect even the horrible condition of the south side of mcmaster could be largely remedied in a similar manner (jacking the slate, cutting and removing the tree roots then leveling the slate on packed crushed stone) thus preserving much of the historical slate, and obviating the need for complete replacement. It would be nice to see some dark sky compliant walkway lighting installed and street lights in the village removed entirely, if I'm not mistaken, automobiles of all types are equipped with their own lighting are they not, so what is the point exactly of the street lights that shine in my window all night and that are probably bright enough to grow a garden? Speaking of pointless, there is a street sweeper that operates in the early morning on Route 50 in the village that stirs up a cloud of debris noxious enough to cause anyone that happens to be along Rt. 50 at that time (say waiting for the NX bus...) to cough, and which coats the houses with a thick black oily dust of questionable composition that will not wash or scrub off with soap or by pressure washing? Stirring massive quantities of automotive debris up into the village air should not be considered a viable option for "cleaning" the highway; it is a health hazard and a property damage issue. The street sweeper should be required to employ a dust management system of some type. Please confer with the highway authority about this issue. Additionally, the village water is unacceptable, I have at times tested my water with pool test strips when the chlorine read higher than the allowable level in a swimming pool(no exaggeration)! I must regularly replace a sediment filter as it becomes clogged with rust at least every time a nearby hydrant is flushed. I have given up drinking the village water as myself and my family members complain of intestinal and other inflammatory symptoms upon drinking it. Thank you for your time :)
76. I'd like to see an effort made to increase safety for on foot and bicycle pedestrians throughout the village.
77. Re-stress the importance of allowing internet such as FIOS to come into the area. Work from home and with each house in the area slowly becoming 'Smart' homes, the access to even faster internet speeds, and another option, would be greatly beneficial.
78. Question 21 should include an additional answer option. Neither response allows for many considerations. Overall, the village would greatly benefit from our leaders working together towards common goals in a respectful, inclusive manner rather than in the divisive and disrespectful way it appears to be working now. It's sad to see a place with such potential be stymied by personal agenda and ego.
79. Increase of safety for a crosswalk between county buildings on West High St. it's a high traffic area that county workers and elementary school "walkers" use. Cars rarely stop for pedestrians there and our kids would appreciate a little more safety.
80. Making the village more accessible via sidewalk and encouraging more work force housing or starter houses may encourage young people priced out of the saratoga area who are currently settling for more rural affordable properties. While the roads, sewers, and storm are vital infrastructure the sidewalks and drinking water need far more improvement. In particular accessible sidewalks in business district and in school areas considered to be walkers (not bused). Waiting around for the perfect solution to vacant properties leads to situations like monument square in Troy.
81. I am in support of updating village zoning to current standards. It is my feeling as someone who professionally deals with planning boards that developers will take advantage of every weak rule in your zoning code to get more out of the parcel they're developing. Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Anna Stanko made a comment in the TU that doing this makes it seem like there is no trust in the village boards. It means the opposite. Village boards will have more solid legal ground to deny developers the ability to take advantage of us. If a planning or zoning board acts without any legal back up, guess what happens? The village gets sued by the developer. The mayor ought to know this .. maybe he does and that's why he is opposed to updating the zoning code so that someone like himself can run rampant and turn the village into one big strip mall? Too many zones will potentially lead to residential areas abutting non Residential areas more frequently. If the zones are thoughtfully considered to avoid too many zones then additional zones could be ok. If a child lives in the designated walking zone of school a SAFE route should be available. This includes crosswalks and sidewalks. The section of Malta Avenue between 194 and 200 is unsafe for children. Every summer the BARC walks to the pool daily as cars speed by. Young teenagers have to judge crossing the street with packs of small kids in the day program.

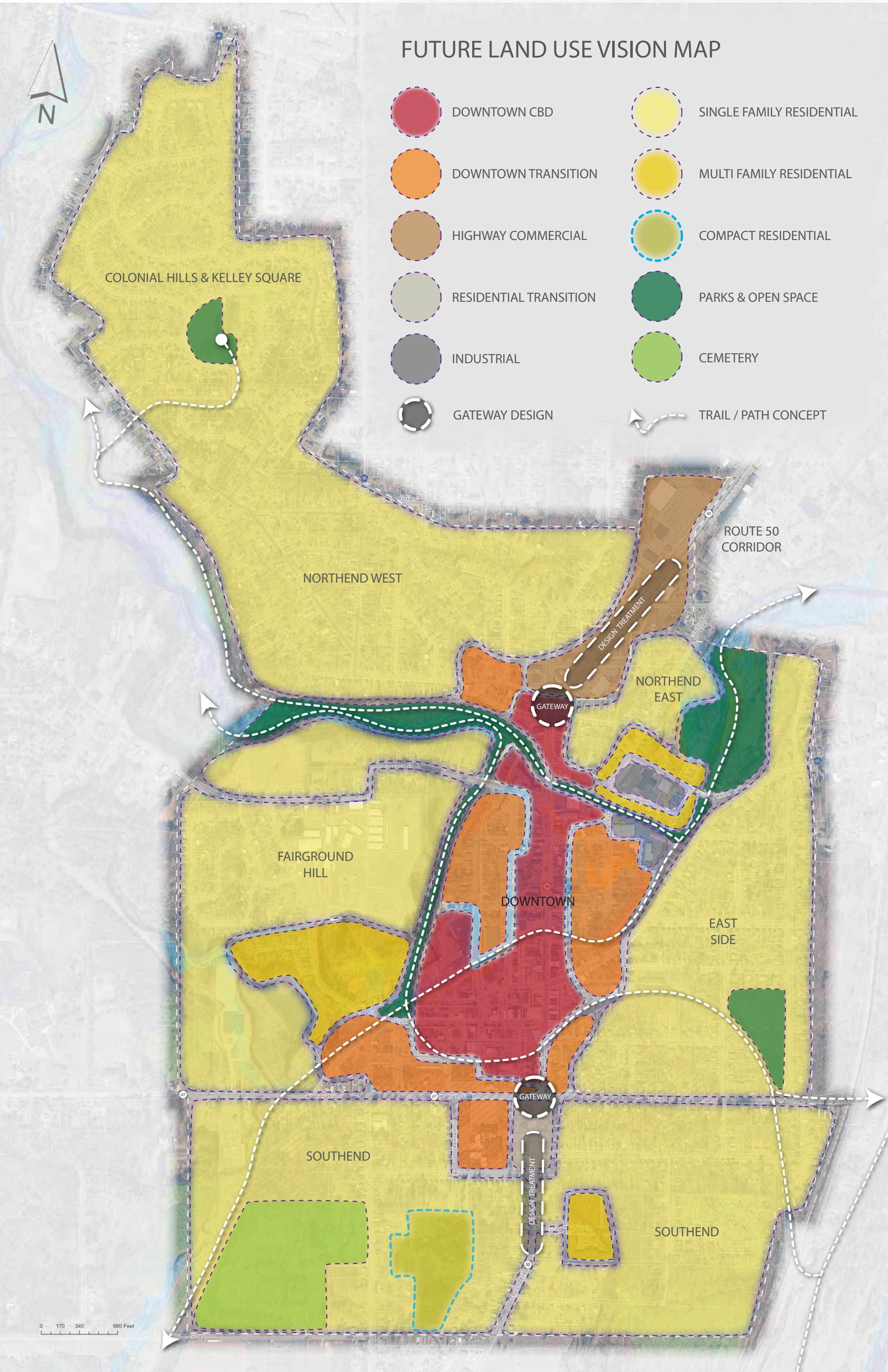
82. I'm new to the village but moved from another local village in Albany County. I'm a little disappointed about what this village offers for our tax dollars. My last residence has garbage pickup, waste removal, etc that was paid for from our village taxes. It's not readily apparent what the extra \$2,000 I pay in taxes gets me here. I hope that changes soon.
83. We resurface the roads and they only last 3-4 years, can we use better quality materials like on the state roads and then less time on repaving?
84. I believe the history of Ballston Spa should be brought back to life. The village movie theater should be reopened, the springs should be re- tapped, there's so much more life in it, that used to attract people from all over the world - to Ballston Spa. It has so much more potential!!!
85. The intersection at Route 50 & Northline (where the new Stewart's is) is incredibly dangerous when trying to turn left onto 50 (towards Saratoga) from Northline. You can't see cars coming up the hill from under the train passage. This intersection needs to be addressed with either a left turn arrow or by converting it to a circle.
86. Consider not requiring clippings and yard waste to be bagged during the spring/summer. It's a waste of a paper bag and time. Find ways to promote more outdoor events that attract young adults and people looking to have a beverage and eat outdoors.
87. I think there's a lot of potential in Ballston Spa to be more of a destination village. Some areas need some refurbishment so maybe incentives for homeowners and businesses to fix up their buildings, especially on the main strip would do wonders. I think seeking out a mix of businesses would make the village more vibrant. There are plenty of restaurants and antique shops. But more variety in other sectors could see more growth. Also, the history of Ballston Spa and its historic buildings and features should be front and center. Saratoga Springs did the same thing and now it's booming. Perhaps BSpa needs a Historic Preservation Foundation if there isn't one. And if there is, they need more money for marketing.
88. Although we would like to see developments in the village, facelifts to existing structures encouraged and supported. We do not want to see the charm of the village lost in a series of strip malls, Walmarts or multiplex housing developments. Plenty of opportunities for those in the perimeters of the village.
89. Unfortunately, this survey is poorly constructed and may not yield accurate results. I hope it does and wish the Village good luck in moving forward.
90. Allowing access to alternative modes of transportation in and around the village. Bike lanes, walking paths, etc.
91. my computer does not read QR codes. Maybe next time add the website info to go to,
92. Given the benefits of technology, should the village incorporate into the Town of Milton for financial advantages and reduce duplication of services. More efforts to promote local history
93. I would love to see more of an effort to maintain the aesthetics/beauty of downtown. For example, perhaps thru a partnership with Noah's attic. The garbage cans and tent could be moved to a more discreet location. I love all the volunteer work that is being done in Wiswall Park. Not a fan of the library's electronic sign.
94. The sidewalks on the north side of town (south street) are in severe disrepair and the storm drain system is causing damage to the already damaged pulpmill street. The village needs to improve its streets, storm drains and sidewalks.
95. Always think ahead to 20+ years down the road - and support mixed economic levels / diversity of people. Mix housing and retail. Don't become Saratoga. Make things easy to walk or bike to.
96. Already touched on briefly but all roads that "walkers" walk to school on should have sidewalks and all major walking routes to schools should have crosswalks. Additionally, there should be access to the village police department beyond a land line phone at the office and a non emergency number leading to voicemail that doesn't even garner a return phone call.
97. Police communication/ presence with community when dealing with non-emergency issues within the village.
98. please move develop and implement a feasible plan to address the water issues with the Rowland street well and water tower to ensure safe and potable water for all village residents.
99. Clean up the weeds that cover all the sidewalks.. it looks disgusting on front street
100. Consider letting community members invest alongside wealthy real estate developers in redevelopment projects by having them partner with an organization like smallchange.co where small investors can invest as little as \$500 in development projects. Also, turn the old movie theater into a community space.

High Resolution Land Use Vision Map

FUTURE LAND USE VISION MAP



-  DOWNTOWN CBD
-  SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
-  DOWNTOWN TRANSITION
-  MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
-  HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL
-  COMPACT RESIDENTIAL
-  RESIDENTIAL TRANSITION
-  PARKS & OPEN SPACE
-  INDUSTRIAL
-  CEMETERY
-  GATEWAY DESIGN
-  TRAIL / PATH CONCEPT

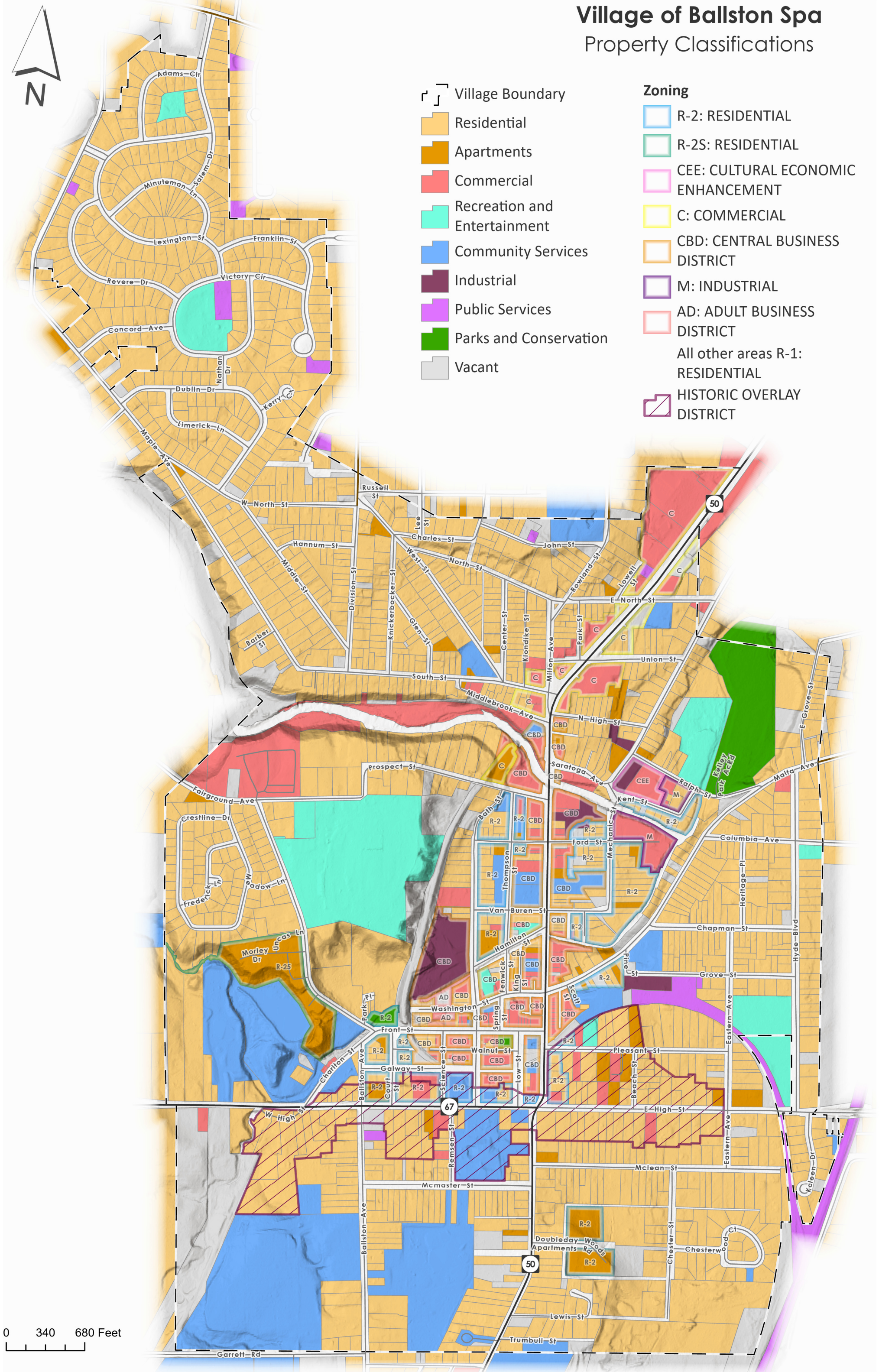


Village of Ballston Spa Land Use Map

Village of Ballston Spa Property Classifications



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| Village Boundary | Zoning |
| Residential | R-2: RESIDENTIAL |
| Apartments | R-2S: RESIDENTIAL |
| Commercial | CEE: CULTURAL ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT |
| Recreation and Entertainment | C: COMMERCIAL |
| Community Services | CBD: CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT |
| Industrial | M: INDUSTRIAL |
| Public Services | AD: ADULT BUSINESS DISTRICT |
| Parks and Conservation | All other areas R-1: RESIDENTIAL |
| Vacant | HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT |

















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Village of Ballston Spa Existing Conditions Map

Village of Ballston Spa

Existing Conditions



-  Village Boundary
-  Tax Parcels
-  Wetlands
-  Floodway
-  100-year floodzone
-  500-year floodzone
- Zoning**
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