

Who?

- Village and Town Boards - This should be done separately by each municipality

When?

- Short-Term
- 1-3 Years
- CIPs should be updated regularly

Resources?

- Village Budget
- Town Budget
- Village Staff
- Town Staff
- NYS OSC
- NYS DOB

Cost?

- Cost will largely include Village and Town Staff hours to research and better understand multi-year financial planning at the municipal level

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- Village and Town Boards - This project should be done jointly by the Village and Town
 - Village and Town Planning Boards
 - SUNY Fredonia Engagement

- Medium-Term
- 3-5 Years

- Village and Town Staff
- SUNY Fredonia Engagement

- Cost will largely include Village and Town Staff hours as well as coordination with representatives from SUNY Fredonia staff, students and faculty

IMPROVE COORDINATION, COOPERATION & COLLABORATION

Action Item

19 Coordinate with Fredonia Central School District to Develop Village Programming that Engages Young Families

Community members for both the Village and Town expressed a need to develop programming that is focused on appealing to younger families and kids. This is something that is currently lacking in the community. In addition to some existing seasonal and holiday events and festivals, the Village and Town should collaborate to identify new future events that will appeal to younger families in the community.

20 Develop All-Season Activities in the Town and Village

A big challenge to any New York municipality is how to provide community members with activities and events during non-summer months. Pomfret and Fredonia should work together to better promote existing non-summer activities and events. Additionally, the Town and Village should collaborate to develop and expand fall, winter and spring activities and recreation including: ice skating, snowmobile trails, fall foliage events, fishing in Canadaway Creek, etc.

Who?

- Village and Town Boards - This action item should be done jointly by the Village and Town
- Fredonia Central School District

When?

- Medium-Term
- 3-5 Years

Resources?

- Village and Town Staff
- NYS CCF

Cost?

- Cost will largely include Village and Town Staff hours to research and better understand the needs of younger families

- Village and Town Boards - This action item should be done jointly by the Village and Town
- Village and Town Planning Boards

- Long-Term
- 5-10 Years

- Village and Town Staff
- NYS DEC
- HuntFishNY
- NYS Snowmobile Trail System
- NYS Birding

- Cost will largely include Village and Town Staff hours to research and better understand desirable winter and year-round activities that could take place in either or both the town and Village

STRENGTHEN HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS

Why is this a Priority Area?

Improving housing within the community was determined to be a priority for both Fredonia and Pomfret. The lack of housing variety and housing options was an important focus during discussions with the project steering committee, stakeholders and both Village and Town community members. Below, please find several important actions Fredonia and Pomfret want to take to improve housing and neighborhoods in both communities.

Action Item

21 Establish a Zoning District and Regulations for Cluster Development

Cluster residential development can be a useful tool for Towns with a large supply of rural and agricultural land, such as Pomfret. In strategic areas in the Town, a cluster development district should be applied to conserve existing open space and farmland while still providing a high quantity of housing. Cluster development encourages residential development on smaller lots that are closer together. The graphic on page 9 earlier in the comprehensive plan gives an example of how cluster development preserves existing open space and agricultural land.

22 Establish a Zoning District and Regulations for Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND)

TNDs differ slightly from cluster development in that they require connecting streets in a grid-like pattern and emphasize pedestrian connections and facilities to a larger degree than does cluster development. Further landscaping and design details should be considered within a TND district to better knit together streets and neighborhoods. The Village should consider developing TND guidelines or standards for future TND-oriented districts outlined in the Future Land Use Map.

23 Expand Housing Options in the Village and Town Zoning Codes

Both of the zoning codes for the Town and Village should be updated after the completion of the comprehensive plan to best address the plan's priorities and implement its actions. To provide better housing, both communities should consider permitting a wider array of housing types in their residential districts. This could include - but is not limited to - 2-unit housing, 3-unit housing, 4-unit housing, apartments, condominiums, townhomes, and accessory dwelling units (ADUs) among others.

Who?

- Town Board - This action item is specific to the Town
- Town Planning Board
- Town Code Enforcement

When?

- Short-Term
- 1-3 Years
- This should accompany larger updates to Town and Village Zoning Codes

Resources?

- Town Budget
- Town Staff
- CFA - Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant

Cost?

- \$30,000-\$40,000
- Town Zoning Code Update

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- Village Planning Board
- Village Code Enforcement

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- 1-3 Years
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- Village Budget
- Village Staff
- CFA - Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant

- \$50,000-\$60,000
- Village Zoning Code Update

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PROTECT RURAL CHARACTER, OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

Why is this a Priority Area?

Rural character is an important component to life in Chautauqua County and both Pomfret and Fredonia have rural land that is active farmland, particularly for the growth and production of grapes. The scenic rural and agricultural corridors are part of what defines Pomfret and Fredonia. Additionally, existing open space and recreational land - including Canadaway Creek - are plentiful in Pomfret and Fredonia. Both the Town and Village recognize the need to protect and enhance open space and recreational land, including existing parks and trails.

Action Item

24 Coordinate with a Variety of Partners to Promote and Enhance Natural Resources

The natural resources in Pomfret and Fredonia should provide better passive and active recreation options that residents, students and visitors can all appreciate. Canadaway Creek is an important natural resource that would benefit from additional trails, nearby seating areas and public access points. The Village and Town should coordinate with a variety of local stakeholders including but not limited to SUNY Fredonia, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Chautauqua County Planning.

25 Develop Corridor Design Guidelines to Ensure Protection of Important Viewsheds and Rural Character

Rural character and viewsheds are an important component to Pomfret's identity. In addition to various views of Canadaway Creek, the Town also has many active agricultural properties that provide scenic views of growing grapes and cropfields. Corridor design guidelines should be adopted to ensure that future development does not hinder existing rural character and viewsheds. Moreover, these design guidelines should be developed to complement existing scenic views and promote design that enhances these views for passersby.

26 Continue to Invest in Protecting Farmland in the Town

The Town of Pomfret's previous comprehensive plan also functions as an agricultural protection plan. The Town should continue to prioritize its existing active farmland. This includes ensuring that active and fertile farmland permits and encourages all agricultural land uses with an eye toward future agricultural uses. The Town's Future Land Use map indicates agricultural land that should be designated as such in the Town's zoning. A future zoning update should carefully consider and amend - where necessary - existing agricultural regulations.

Who?

- Village and Town Boards - This action item should be done jointly by the Village and Town
- Village and Town Planning Boards

When?

- Medium-Term
- 3-5 Years

Resources?

- Village and Town Staff and Planning Boards
- NYS DEC
- Lake Erie Management Cooperation

Cost?

- Cost will largely include Village and Town Staff hours to coordinate with a variety of stakeholders and identify needed actions

- Town Board - This action item is specific to the Town
- Town Planning Board
- Town Code Enforcement

- Short-Term
- 1-3 Years
- This should accompany larger updates to Town Zoning Code

- Town Budget
- Town Staff
- CFA - Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant

- \$30,000-\$40,000
- Town Zoning Code Update

- Town Board - This action item is specific to the Town
- Chautauqua County Planning

- Long-Term
- 5-10 Years

- Town Budget
- Chautauqua County Agricultural Development Strategy
- Town Future Land Use and Zoning

- Cost will largely include Town Staff hours and coordination with Chautauqua County and other important stakeholders

PROTECT RURAL CHARACTER, OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

Action Item

27 Promote Efforts to Bring Together Agricultural Interests and Pursue Modern and Emergent Agricultural Uses and Practices

Active farmland has decreased in many rural Towns and communities across New York State. Active farmland and fertile soil are still plentiful in the Pomfret, but the Town should seek to establish a group or committee to consider programs and initiatives that will improve and expand agricultural practices on its active farmland.

This could include existing New York State programs and initiatives such as Nourish New York, Farm-to-School and Taste New York. These programs help to expand the knowledge of existing agricultural practices and also connect farmers to markets and communities across the State. Additional resources include Cornell's Cooperative Extension - which includes many Chautauqua County programs - and Chautauqua County. Pomfret should work with Chautauqua County Planning to align with and promote the County's Agricultural Development and Enhancement Strategy.

Any established group or committee should also prioritize emergent agricultural growth markets including cannabis. Pomfret and Fredonia should both consider cannabis-production sites. Other emergent agricultural crops and practices to consider include hops, grains and certain fruiting trees and plants.

28 Develop New and Existing Trails in the Village and Town

Trails can be an effective way for communities to increase active recreation options. Trails should be prioritized around existing natural resources including connections to Canadaway Creek and possible connections to Lake Erie in Pomfret. There are existing trails and opportunities for more trails and/or hiking areas around Canadaway Creek. Areas such as this are important ones to consider for future trail projects.

Who?

- Town and Village Boards - The Town of Pomfret should lead this action item
- Town and Village Planning Boards
- Chautauqua County Planning

When?

- Short-Term
- 1-3 Years
- This should be an ongoing effort that should start in the short-term

Resources?

- Town and Village Budgets
- Town and Village Staff
- Chautauqua County Agricultural Development Strategy
- Nourish New York
- Farm-to-School
- Taste New York
- Cornell Cooperative Extension

Cost?

- Cost will largely include Town and Village staff hours to coordinate with a variety of stakeholders and identify needed actions, and pursue State funding for appropriate and desired projects

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- Town and Village Boards - The Town of Pomfret should lead this action item

- Long-Term
- 5-10 Years

- Town Budget
- NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
- TAP CMAQ

- Cost will depend on desired new trails or existing trail improvements

PROTECT RURAL CHARACTER, OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

Action Item

29 Continue to Preserve and Protect Open Space in the Town and Village

In addition to pursuing and improving trails and recreation options, the Town should also take measures to protect existing open space that would be detrimental or difficult to develop and is not suitable for future agricultural use. This land includes woodlots and forested areas, similar to the one pictured to the left. Much of this land also includes existing and important ecologies and wetlands and thus is important to protect for environmental reasons.

30 Develop a Multi-Use Trail Connecting Nearby Neighborhoods to Russell Joy Park

Community members have indicated a need and desire for better connectivity to existing parks and parkland. Russell Joy Park is a neighborhood park located south of the Village downtown. The park has vehicular access from both Seymour Street and Howard Street. The Village should consider a multi-use trail that better connects existing residential neighborhoods near the park. This trail should be wide enough to comfortably allow both pedestrian and bicycle travel.

Abbreviations

- ARPA - American Rescue Plan Act
- CDBG - Community Development Block Grant
- CFA - Consolidated Funding Application
- CHIPS - Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program
- CMAQ - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
- DPW - Department of Public Works
- HUD - United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
- IMG - Intermunicipal Grant
- NTIA - National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- NYS CCF - New York State Council on Children and Families
- NYS DOB - New York State Division of the Budget
- NYS HCR - New York State Homes and Community Renewal
- NYS OSC - New York State Office of the State Comptroller
- NYSERDA - New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
- TAP - Transportation Alternatives Program
- WIIG - Water Infrastructure Improvement Act

Who?

When?

Resources?

Cost?

- Village and Town Boards - This action item could be done jointly by the Village and Town

- Long-Term
- 5-10 Years

- Town Staff
- NYS DEC
- NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

- \$50,000-\$60,000
- Village Zoning Code Update
- \$30,000-\$40,000
- Town Zoning Code Update

- Village Board - This action item is specific to the Village

- Village Planning Board

- Long-Term
- 5-10 Years

- Village and Town Budgets
- Village and Town Staff
- CFA - Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant

- \$500,000-\$750,000
- Cost of this action item depends on factors like length of trail, grading and environmental concerns

