Town of Plattekill Comprehensive Plan Update Phase 2

Committee Meeting #2

May 22, 2024

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Introduction - Project Team



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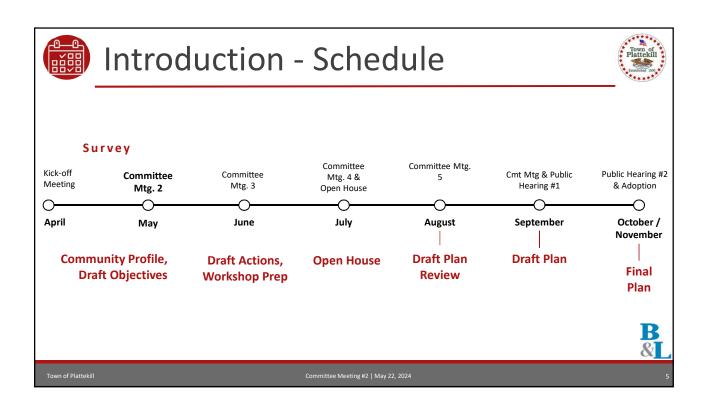
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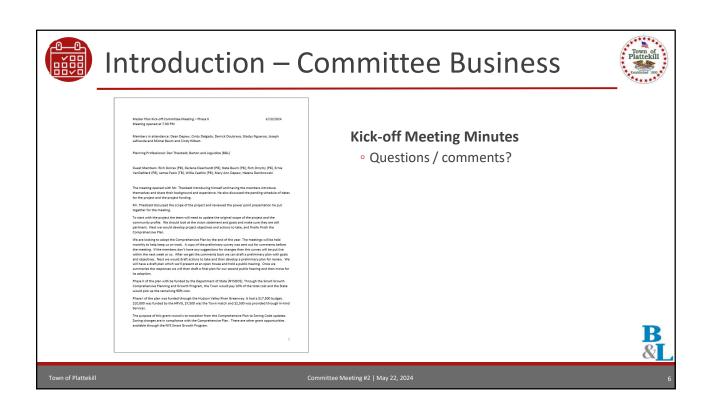
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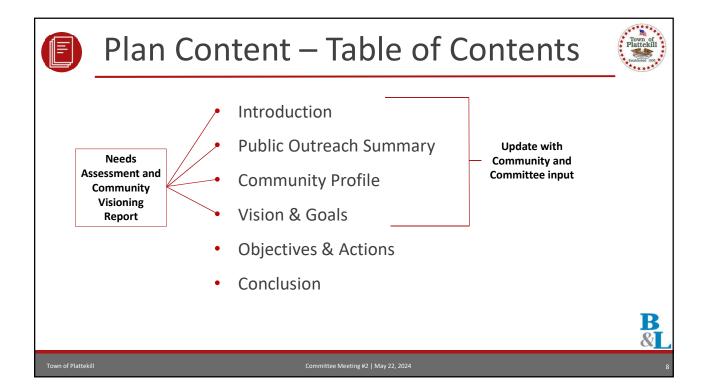


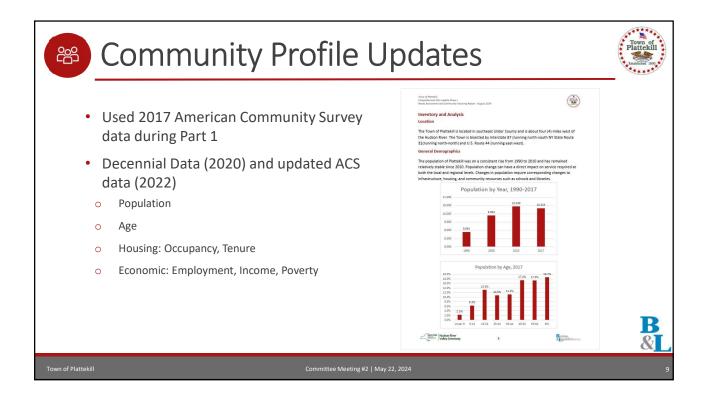
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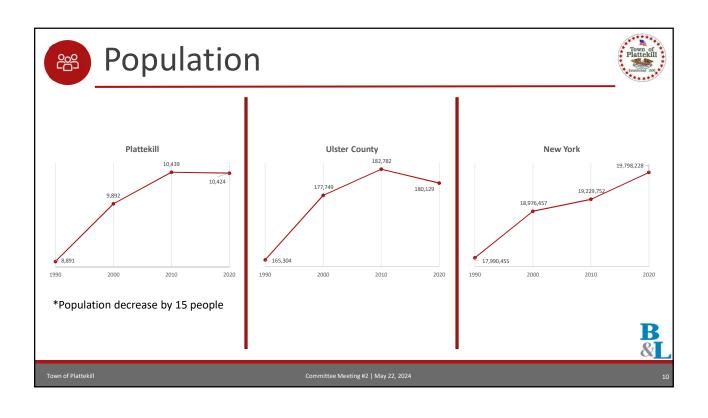


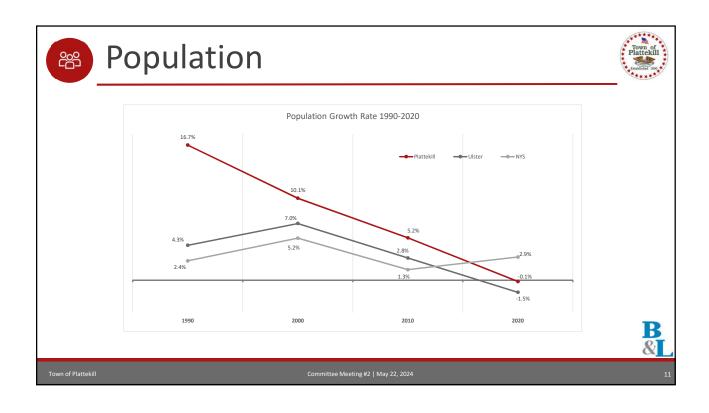
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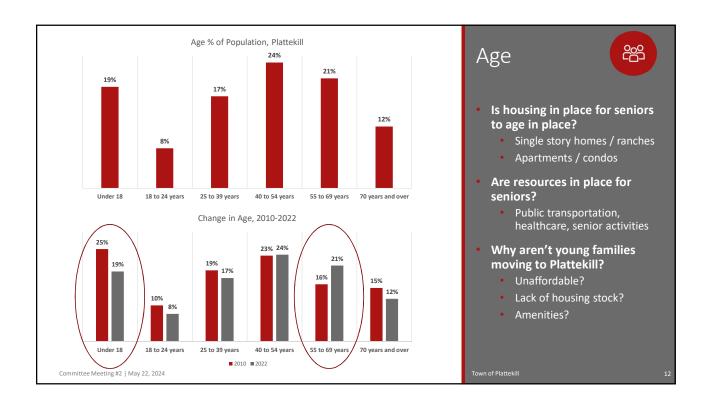
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HOUSING OCCUPANCY 2010 2020 Change in +170 **Total Housing Units** 4,412 3.9% 4,242 Occupied housing units 3,861 4,032 4.2% Vacant Housing Units 381 (8.9%) 380 (8.6%) -0.3%

*2.6% increase Ulster County

HOUSING TENURE	2010	2022
Occupied housing units	3,720	4,121
Owner-occupied	2,526 (68%)	2,869 (70%)
Renter-occupied	1,194 (32%)	1,252 (30%)

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Housing



- New housing is being built
- Existing housing is being converted to multi-family
- Accessory dwelling units
- Owner and Renter occupancy is increasing in sync

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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

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	2010	2022	
Plattekill	\$54,529	\$89,969	+39.4%
Ulster County	\$57,584	\$77,197	+25.4%

POVERTY

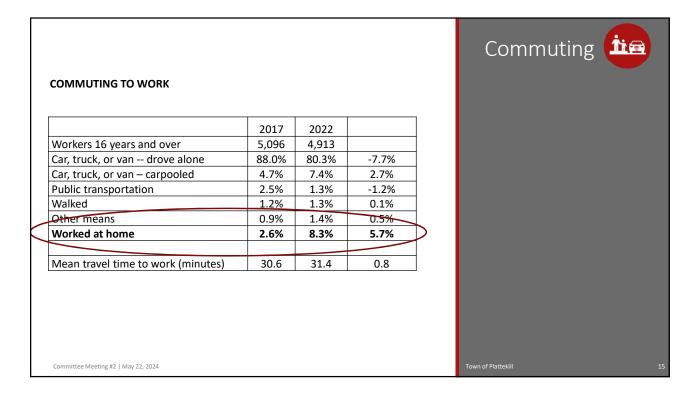
	2012	2022	% Change	<u>Ulster</u>
All people	12.1%	5.9%	-6.2%	+ 4.3%
All families	10.3%	3.2%	-7.1%	+ 1.3%
Under 18	16.3%	6.3%	-10.0%	+ 7.4% /

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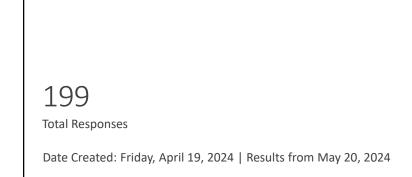


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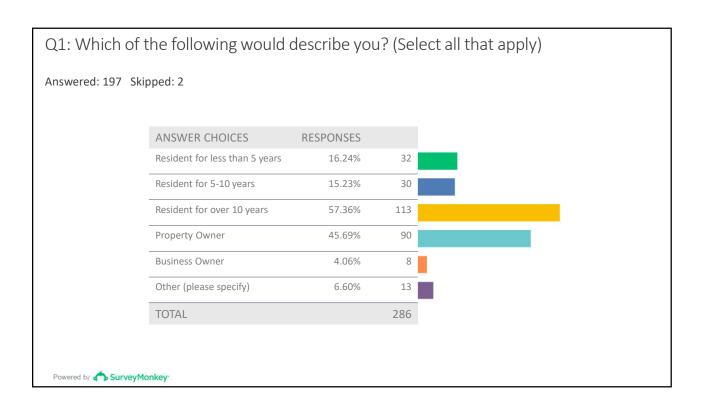


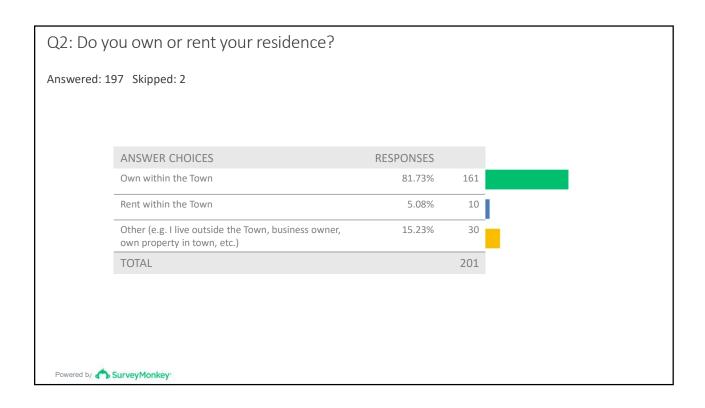
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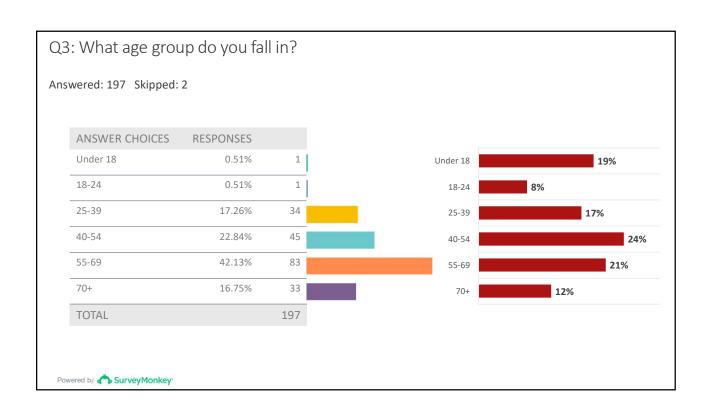
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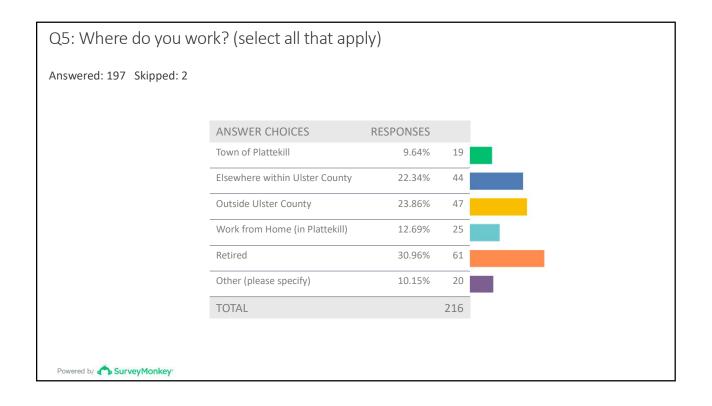
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Q4: W	hat is you	r zip co	de?	
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	Zip	Sur	vey	Town
	12561	57	29%	3%
	12589	47	24%	41%
	12548	32	17%	12%
	12515	21	11%	10%
	12528	17	9%	29%
	12525	10	6%	5%
	12568	6	3%	
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Q6: Of the following, what are the most important characteristics found in the Town? (select all that apply) Answered: 194 Skipped: 5

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Safety / low crime	68.56%	133
Diversity of landscapes: rural, businesses, homes, parks/preserves	56.19%	109
Sense of community	50.0%	97
Recreational opportunities	45.36%	88
Family	44.85%	87
Housing affordability	37.11%	72
Schools	34.54%	67
Housing quality	28.87%	56
Reputation of area	26.29%	51
Agri-tourism	16.49%	32
Hamlets	15.46%	30
Employment opportunities	13.40%	26
Other (please specify)	9.79%	19
TOTAL		867

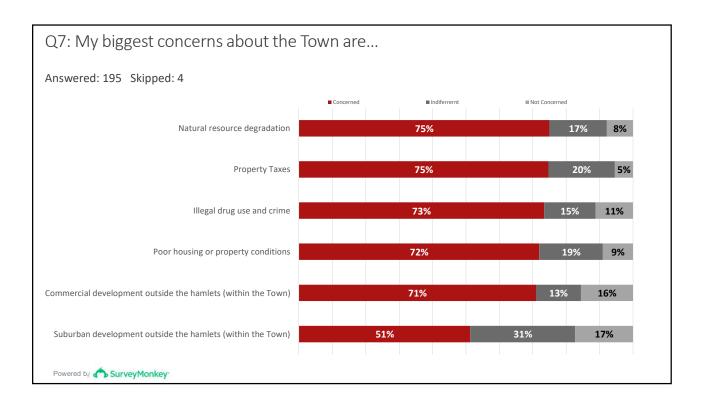
Q6: Of the following, what are the most important characteristics found in the Town? (other)

Answered: 20

- Church
- Quiet. Not resembling Orange or Dutchess Need more commerce brought to Plattekill County
- Low density and no heavy traffic
- Rural beauty!!!
- Every other option is in dire need of improvement
- Agriculture (not tourism)
- More businesses
- Library
- Pathways to walk I. E. Sidewalks
- none of the above
- I don't want the mega warehouse on 44/55

- Unreasonable sprawl and businesses
- It's quiet and very rural
- Free moving traffic
- · Youth center, addiction counseling and awareness
- · Diversity of small, family owned bushinesses
- Rural atmosphere
- Nothing

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Q7: My biggest concerns about the Town are...

Answered: 22

- don't know enough to comment
- Would like more development in town so we have a town center.
 Near Hannifords/Stewarts /DnD
- This town is a damn junkyard. My biggest concern is that the people running Plattekill seem allergic to modernity and progress. And the
 policies here seem primarily determined by who pulled who's hair
 in 3rd grade.
- · Overuse of water and land
- the big wearhouse and traffic and pollution frm it!!!
- Potential landfill and drag racing.
- Noise pollution all over this town. Loud cars and police ignore it.
 Not enough police in the town near USPS near Domenicos.
- Taxes are ridiculous for the lack of services. Example: 30+years living in a town with no full time police force!
- Noisy cars & trucks
- Drag Strip Nonsense!
- Very worried about the big mega Warehouse and was very worried about the drag strip coming in
- lost sense of community
- · Property that continues to become junk yards.
- Racing Big Concern
- Senior Services and healthcare/medical availability,

- The mega warehouse will destroy the roads, create untenable traffic, block roads that can't handle such long trucks, cause EMS and fire to be delayed and result in injuries death and property damage.
- I want no change in zoning on 44/55.
- I am opposed to the truck warehouse that is proposed for a site on route 44/55. It would negatively affect the quality of life in Plattekill & the surrounding towns. So many large trucks are inappropriate for the narrow one lane roads and would be a safety problem. The large size of the proposed warehouse would be bad for the local environment. There should be no changes to the zoning nor should there be any variances granted that would allow such a warehouse.
- Limiting the use of land for building
- My concern with commercial development is that the projects fit the needs/character of the town and that they do not cause undo harm and pollution. Our resources are already limited, their projects need to accommodate for that and need to reduce their carbon footprint.
- Property taxes reasonable. School taxes getting very high.
- Turning our major roads into a strip mall/drag strip and loosing the farms and woods to solar and development

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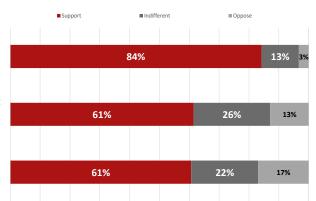
Q8: Economic Development Objectives:

Answered: 184 Skipped: 15

Revitalize Plattekill's hamlets through targeted investments that improve the appearance, accessibility, and infrastructure in Modena, Plattekill, Ardonia, or Clintondale.

Expand housing options to accommodate a growing workforce that attracts a diverse population (professionals, first time homebuyers, seniors, and families).

Increase employment opportunities across diverse industry sectors such as manufacturing, technology, healthcare, professional services, and tourism.



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Q8: Economic Development Objectives. 'Other ideas', actions, or comments.

Answered: 20

- affordable housing for minimum wage workers
- Emphasis should be placed on infra-structure development to support the above
- Invest but don't change character of the Hamlet do not overbuild and do not destroy the rural nature of the community
- We need sidewalks from Plattekill to Modena
- The town has outgrown its infrastructure. Speed limit too high in front of Plattekill school. Intersection by the post office is deadly and a liability at this point and we get no response. It's a hazard. The road in front of post office that goes to route 32 should be closed off and the traffic diverted out of that deadly intersection.
- $\bullet\ \ \,$ So long as they allow the town to continue to be of suburban nature
- No racing. Better library. A few nice restaurants. No warehouse.
- We don't need to separate our hamlets. We need to better our town as a whole.
- Water, sewer, sidewalks and trash pickup.
- · Revitalize the hamlet of Plattekill.
- Sidewalk on Plattekill Ardonia road from post office for 1/4 mile where people commonly not walk
- · No Haisidic housing. New Dollar General has a nice appearance.
- We need a new Town Hall building and have for a long time. I also think it needs community space, a senior center with programming similar to what the hamlet of Wallkill has.
- Comment on question on increased employment any industry section must ahere to the characteristics of the homes and farmland in the area as they are the heart of this area. This Mega Warehouse is much more suited to

areas like in the Town of Newburgh - no homes; high commercial area already exists. This warehouse does not belong on 44/55 near homes and does not have the ability to handle these large trucks as witnessed by several accidents on 44/55-rt. 32.

- Bring in small businesses restaurants, car wash, no truck warehouse
- I am opposed to the truck warehouse that is proposed for a site on route
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 proposed warehouse would be bad for the local environment. There should
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 would allow such a warehouse.
- No mega warehouse please
- Traffic conditions
- I support but highly recommend not turning our roads into rt 9. If you build, sidewalks, preservation of buildings with character and history. Give small businesses a chance to use abandoned buildings for other purposes(code issues? Rent?)
- I support growth in all these areas i.e., service based businesses that serve the community NOT outside corporations that do not provide direct service to the residents. Housing should be available and afordable but not packed in tenements that tax existing infrastructure or schools

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Economic Development

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Economic Development

Move to Hamlets

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Pulled from Hamlet's objective

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Economic Development Preliminary Actions

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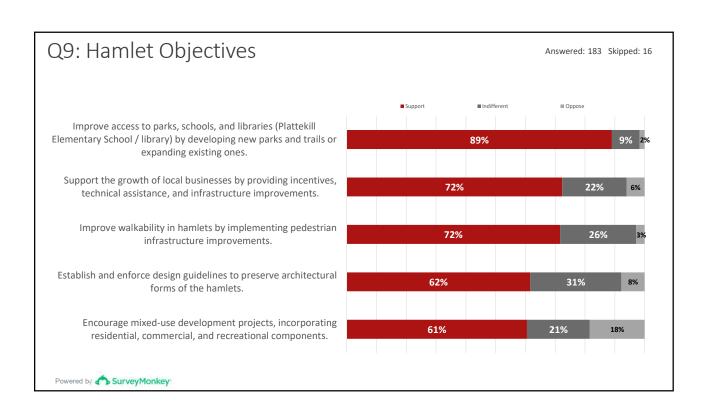
Update the zoning code to focus multi-family housing toward the hamlets and single / two family homes toward the low density zoning districts Increase code enforcement efforts for residential properties to reduce derelict properties. (Provide incentives for property owners to invest in their homes)

Update the zoning code language to specify the types and locations of business allowed in Town

Support small businesses (especially in the hamlets) by providing incentives, technical assistance, and infrastructure improvements (façade improvements)

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Q9: Hamlet Objectives. 'Other ideas', actions, or comments.

Answered: 15

- Improvments that detrementally effect forests, wetlands and air quality are NOT worth doing.
- Yes I own a local buisness and do not get support
- We need to nurture a more peaceful environment for all of our tax paying residents. These excessively loud, modified vehicles that drive around without consequence all over this town take away the peace and serenity that we all deserve.
- · Get rid of the outdated verbiage in the town codes
- · Support the design guidelines
- · encourage the sense of community with local events
- · Encourage our current focus of agri-tourism and discourage industrial growth such as large warehouses
- No incentives!
- No H
- Years ago, the town had a strategic plan. And that strategic plan it shows to make the area of development for the town of Plattekill within the
 hamlet of Modena near where The town hall is now and also where Hannaford is. I think it would be more efficient to decide on an area of
 development for the entire town rather than the individual hamlets. Sidewalks should be part of the development as Well, as small, but pretty
 areas could be
- Again I support growth of businesses but these businesses such as the Warehouse must be placed in area without neighboring homes bc of traffic, safety, light pollution.
- No large commercial projects that will increase traffic on our roads. Nice small town shops, restaurants. Keep it rural.
- I am opposed to the truck warehouse that is proposed for a site on route 44/55. It would negatively affect the quality of life in Plattekill & the surrounding towns. So many large trucks are inappropriate for the narrow one lane roads and would be a safety problem. The large size of the proposed warehouse would be bad for the local environment. There should be no changes to the zoning nor should there be any variances granted that would allow such a warehouse.
- · All businesses except megawarehouse
- Again, support for business incentives does not mean a giant warehouse that taxes roads, increases congestion, and does not directly benefit
 residents and community. The warehouse is not a good idea. Supporting development of business does not mean support of that warehouse

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Hamlet Objective Revisions

- 1. Improve access to parks, schools, and libraries (Plattekill Elementary School / library) by developing new parks and trails or expanding existing ones.
- Support the growth of local businesses by providing incentives, technical assistance, and infrastructure improvements.
- Improve walkability in hamlets by implementing pedestrian infrastructure improvements.
- Establish and enforce design guidelines to preserve architectural forms of the hamlets.
- Encourage mixed-use development projects, incorporating residential, commercial, and recreational components.

Moved to Economic Development, split to Objective & Action

Change to Hamlet Action

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Hamlets Objectives & Actions

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- 2. Improve access to parks, schools, and libraries (Plattekill Elementary School / library) with new parks and trails or by expanding existing ones.
- Encourage mixed-use development projects, incorporating residential, commercial, and recreational components.

Improve walkability in the hamlets through the installation of sidewalks, specifically in Plattekill and Modena

Develop a parks and trails plan that locates areas for new parks, expansion of existing parks, and development of new trails

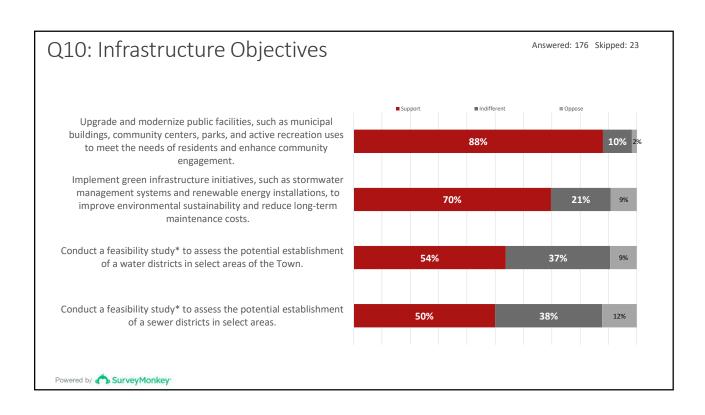
Update the zoning code to focus mixed use development and multi-family housing toward the hamlets and away from low density areas

Establish and enforce design guidelines to preserve architectural forms of the hamlets

Focus new development near the public transportation stops (Modena @ Rt 32 & HW 44/55; Plattekill Post Office NY Rt 32 and CR 13)

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Q10: Infrastructure Objectives. 'Other ideas', actions, or comments.

Answered: 9

- "Green" improvements would require more imaginative capital financing that raising property taxes -hopefully that could be done.
- · I support a feasability study aimed at revising and updating the Master plan for Plattekill
- No water or sewer taxation districts! water wells and septic tanks works fine.
- support creativity & arts initiatives
- YES YES YES
- A new town hall.
- Yes. Save the wetlands by banning mega warehouse. We do not want increased traffic and tractor trailers causing accidents.
- Sidewalks wherever practical
- Make sure it isn't a waste of money. Green can be just as wasteful if not carefully researched and planned.

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Infrastructure

- 1. Upgrade and modernize public facilities, such as municipal buildings, community centers, parks, and active recreation uses to meet the needs of residents and enhance community engagement.
- Implement green infrastructure initiatives to improve environmental sustainability and reduce long-term maintenance costs.

reduce long-term maintenance costs.

3. Conduct a feasibility study* to assess the potential establishment of a water districts in select areas of the Town.

4. Conduct a feasibility study* to assess the potential establishment of a sewer districts in select areas.

Develop a municipal center which includes the construction of a new Town Hall

Update and expand the Library.

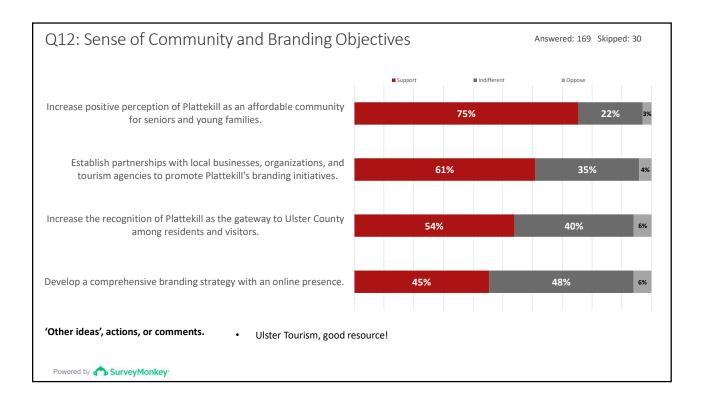
Invest in a community / recreation center that can serve multiple public uses: community space, senior center, youth center.

A welcome center?

Update and install stormwater systems and renewable energy installations "A compost station for residents to reduce landfill use and provide clean compost for green gardening. "?

Move to hamlet infrastructure objective?

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Sense of Community and Branding

- 1. Increase the recognition of Plattekill as the gateway to Ulster County among residents and visitors.
- 2. Increase positive perception of Plattekill as an affordable community for seniors and young families.
- 3. Develop a comprehensive branding strategy with an online presence.
- **4.** Establish partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and tourism agencies to promote Plattekill's branding initiatives.

Turn into 1 objective and multiple actions under the Community Character Goal

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Add to Community Character Objectives

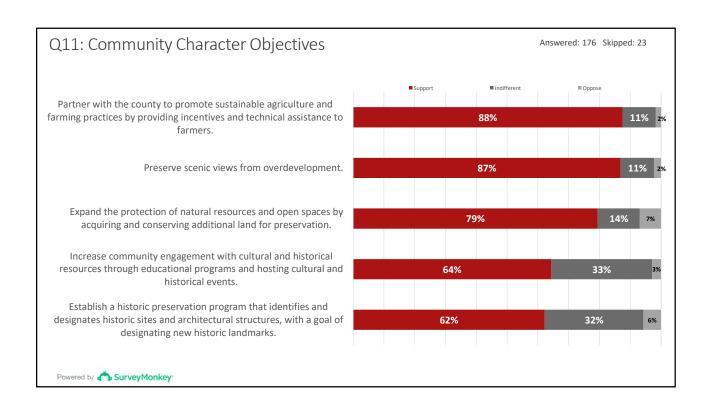
 Increase positive perception of Plattekill as an affordable community to live for everyone including seniors and young families; an area that is business friendly; and a place that welcomes tourism. Establish partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and tourism agencies to promote Plattekill's branding initiatives.

Increase the recognition of Plattekill as the gateway to Ulster County among residents and visitors.

More community events: food truck nights, car / motorcycle shows, local craft vendor shows, summer concert series

Develop a comprehensive branding strategy with an online presence?

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'Other ideas', actions, or comments.

- Support expansion of the Plattekill Library as much as possible.
- YES YES YES
- No mega warehouse
- Do not destroy this beautiful place with a hellscapr mega warehouse.
- No Mega Warehouse on 44/55
- Build sidewalks to connect schools parks businesses. Clean up the unused, undeveloped lots with empty buildings. SIDEWALKS.

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Community Character

- 1. Establish a historic preservation program that identifies and designates historic sites and architectural structures, with a goal of designating new historic landmarks.
- Increase community engagement with cultural and historical resources through educational programs and hosting cultural and historical events.
- 3. Expand the protection of natural resources and open spaces by acquiring and conserving additional land for preservation.
- Partner with the county to promote sustainable agriculture and farming practices by providing incentives and technical assistance to farmers.
- 5. Preserve scenic views from overdevelopment.

Revise into 1 objective and break out actions

This is an action that can go under objective 5

Revise and break into actions

Community Character Revised Objectives & Actions

 Increase the Town's commitment to local historical resources and engage the community with cultural and historical resources Prepare educational programs and host cultural and historical events.

Establish a historic preservation program that identifies and designates historic sites and architectural structures.

2. Support local farms and farming operations

Provide incentives and technical assistance to local farms to promote sustainable agriculture and farming practices.

Is there a farmer's market?
Agri-tourism action?

3. Preserve scenic views from overdevelopment.

Create a scenic overlay district which adds additional regulations over the underlying zoning requirements. This includes restrictions on building heights, styles, signage, and lighting.

Expand the protection of natural resources and open spaces by acquiring and conserving additional land for preservation.

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New Community Character Objective

4. Increase positive perception of Plattekill as an affordable community to live for everyone including seniors and young families; an area that is business friendly; and a place that welcomes tourism. Develop a comprehensive branding strategy with an online presence.

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Remaining Topics

- Code Enfoncement Actions:
 - Junk yards
 - Noise ordinance
- Drug rehabilitation / prevention action / objective?
- Trash pickup?

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- Close Community Survey
- Review Preliminary Action Worksheet and provide comments
- Review Zoning Map and Allowed Uses
- Email any questions
- Next Committee Meeting: End of June / Early July



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Introduction - Schedule Survey Kick-off Committee Committee Public Committee Open House & Public Hearing #2 Meeting Workshop Mtg. 4 Public Hearing #1 & Adoption Mtg. 3 Mtg. 2 0 April June September October / July August May November **Community Profile, Draft Plan Draft Plan Draft Actions, Public** Final **Draft Objectives Review Workshop Prep** Workshop Plan

Next Steps



Thank You!

Questions?

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