

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Revised: November 2001

A. General Land Use

1. Revise the Town's zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, and design standards in accordance with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan. Address needed changes in procedures as well as standards.

Action:	A.1. (Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards)
Time Frame:	Short-term (1-2 years)
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, with Planning Board assistance
Estimated Cost:	\$18-22,000
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town budget. • Private grant funding

2. Review the zoning regulations on a regular basis (at least annually) to ensure that regulations are consistent with current needs.

Action:	A.2. (Review zoning regulations regularly)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals
Estimated Cost:	None
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

3. Hold joint meetings annually with the Town Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Board to identify needed changes to the zoning regulations.

Action:	A.3. (Joint meetings of Town Board, Planning Board and ZBA)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals
Estimated Cost:	None
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

Watershed Protection and Environmental Quality (Continued)

- Review the roles and responsibilities of the Town Code Enforcement Officer. If warranted, consider expanding the position to full-time.

Action:	A.4. (Expand code enforcement)
Time Frame:	Immediate (<1 year)
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, with Planning Board assistance
Estimated Cost:	None for review. Potential increase in salary and office costs.
Potential Funding Sources:	Town budget.

- Continue to promote high quality development and conservation of natural resources through the application of subdivision regulations and design standards.

Action:	A.5. (Apply subdivision regulations and design standards)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Planning Board; Town Board, Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District
Estimated Cost:	Potential cost for technical reviews and inspections
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town budget • Fees to developers

B. Watershed Protection and Environmental Quality

- Enact “Conservation Overlay” zoning regulations to protect stream corridors, significant woodlots, and areas of steep slopes. *(See A.1. - Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)*
- Continue to require strict erosion and sedimentation control measures as a condition of subdivision and site plan approval, particularly in areas with steep slopes. Ensure that such measures are constructed as planned.

Action:	B.2. (Erosion and sedimentation control)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board; assisted by Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District
Estimated Cost:	TBD based on scope
Potential Funding Sources:	TBD

Watershed Protection and Environmental Quality (Continued)

3. Revise design and construction standards to clarify requirements and procedures for approving plans and inspecting projects.

Action:	B.3. (Revise design and construction standards)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board; assisted by Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District
Estimated Cost:	
Potential Funding Sources:	Town Budget

4. Make educational materials available to residents to help protect water quality from household, lawn and garden chemicals. Encourage lakeshore property owners to maintain vegetative cover or other measures to prevent erosion along the lakeshore.

Action:	B.4. (Public information on water quality protection)
Time Frame:	Immediate (within one year) and On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, assisted by Owasco Lake Watershed Association
Estimated Cost:	Minimal (copying)
Potential Funding Sources:	Town budget

5. Work with the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District and other organizations to assist in the restoration of stream corridors and the design and implementation of erosion and sedimentation control measures.

Action:	B.5. (Stream corridor restoration)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District
Estimated Cost:	None
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

Watershed Protection and Environmental Quality (Continued)

- 6. Work with the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District and other organizations to reduce runoff from agricultural land.

Action:	B.6. (Reduce agricultural runoff)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, Planning Board, Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District
Estimated Cost:	None
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

C. Housing Development and Residential Neighborhoods

- 1. Continue to maintain infrastructure and Town services in existing residential neighborhoods.

Action:	C.1. (Maintain infrastructure and services)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, Town Highway Department
Estimated Cost:	TBD
Potential Funding Sources:	Town budget

- 2. Re-establish the pedestrian/bicycle path along Owasco Road between the “Avenues” and Emerson Park. **(See E.1. Re-establish path along Owasco Road)**
- 3. Construct a pedestrian/ bicycle trail to link the Oakridge Heights subdivisions to the Owasco Elementary School. **(See E.3. Construct Path to Owasco Elementary School)**
- 4. Establish zoning regulations and procedures for redevelopment to protect lakeshore views. Require site plan review for all new construction and additions in the Lakeshore zoning district. **(See A.1. - Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)**
- 5. Continue to ensure that the provisions of the Town’s Subdivision Design Standards are adhered to during plan review and construction. **(See A.5. Apply subdivision regulations and design standards)**
- 6. Revise zoning regulations to require “density averaging” in the rural areas and ecologically sensitive areas of the Town, and in other areas where lot sizes are large enough to incorporate significant open space. **(See A.1. - Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)**

Housing Development and Residential Neighborhoods (Continued)

7. Continue to maintain low residential densities in the rural areas of the Town. **(See A.1. - Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)**
8. Use zoning and subdivision regulations and/or design guidelines to encourage new residential development in and around the Hamlet of Owasco to be consistent with that of a traditional Hamlet. **(See A.1. - Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)**
9. Revise zoning regulations to establish a minimum of five (5) acres for the keeping of large animals such as horses. Continue to require a special permit for the keeping of livestock in residential zoning districts. **(See A.1. - Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)**

D. Agriculture and Farmland

1. Provide information to farmland owners about private land protection techniques. Work with land trusts and other organizations to promote the protection of high quality agricultural land.

Action:	D.1. (Information on land protection techniques)
Time Frame:	Immediate (within one year) and On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, assisted by Western NY Land Conservancy
Estimated Cost:	Minimal (copying)
Potential Funding Sources:	Town budget

2. Continue to maintain zoning requirements for low density residential development in agricultural areas. **(See A.1. - Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)**
3. Whenever new residential development is proposed in proximity to farmland, utilize subdivision regulations to ensure that buffers are incorporated into the layout of the development to limit potential conflict. **(See A.5. Apply subdivision regulations and design standards)**
4. Encourage “density averaging” in subdivision designs to minimize the impacts of new residential development on farmland. **(See A.5. Apply subdivision regulations and design standards)**

Agriculture and Farmland (Continued)

5. Work with the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District to encourage use of Agricultural Environmental Management practices. Publicize the use of such practices to other Town residents. Encourage continued financing from State and Federal sources to assist landowners in implementing these practices.

Action:	D.5. (Publicize Agricultural Environmental Management practices)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board; Soil and Water Conservation District
Estimated Cost:	None
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

6. Encourage and work with Cayuga County to establish a Purchase of Development Rights program for high quality farmland.

Action:	D.6. (Encourage PDR)
Time Frame:	Short-term (1-2 years) and On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board; Western New York Land Conservancy; individual landowners
Estimated Cost:	None
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

E. Transportation and Infrastructure

1. Re-establish the pedestrian/bicycle path along Owasco Road between the Auburn City limit and Emerson Park.

Action:	E.1. (Re-establish path along Owasco Road)
Time Frame:	Long-term
Responsible Agency:	Town Board or NYS Department of Transportation
Estimated Cost:	TBD. No cost to Town if work is done by NYSDOH.
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEA-21 Transportation Grant Program • Town Budget

Transportation and Infrastructure (Continued)

- 2. Request New York State to construct a pedestrian walkway across the Owasco Lake outlet for use by Owasco High School Students who walk to school. The walkway could be incorporated into and made part of the Owasco Lake dam project.

Action:	E.2. (Construct path to Auburn High School)
Time Frame:	Medium-term (3-5 years)
Responsible Agency:	New York State (Agency TBD)
Estimated Cost:	N/A
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

- 3. Construct a pedestrian/bicycle path to link the Oakridge Heights subdivision to the Owasco Elementary School.

Action:	E.3. (Construct path to Owasco Elementary School)
Time Frame:	Short-term (1-2 years)
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, Town Highway Department
Estimated Cost:	Nominal
Potential Funding Sources:	Town Budget

- 4. Ensure, through subdivision and site plan review, that the streets for proposed new residential developments interconnect or provide for the future opportunity to interconnect with each other and with existing Town streets to prevent the creation of excessive or inappropriate dead-end streets/culs-de-sac. **(See A.5, Apply subdivision regulations and design standards)**

- 5. Conduct a traffic study of Owasco Road in conjunction with the NYS Department of Transportation. Based on the results of the study, work with NYS Department of Transportation to ensure that measures are taken to mitigate identified problems.

Action:	E.5. (Owasco Road traffic study)
Time Frame:	Short-term (1-2 years)
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, NYS Department of Transportation, Town Consultant
Estimated Cost:	TBD base on scope of study.
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Budget • NYS Department of Transportation

Transportation and Infrastructure (Continued)

6. Incorporate traffic calming features on long residential streets such as: speed humps, boulevards, rumble strips, roundabouts and landscaping.

Action:	E.6. (Traffic calming measures)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board; assisted by Town Planning Board and Town Highway Department
Estimated Cost:	TBD based on scope.
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developers for subdivision streets constructed in the future. • Town Capital Improvement Budget for existing Town streets.

7. Appeal to the Cayuga County Sheriff and New York State Police to intensify speed enforcement on Owasco and Oakridge Roads.

Action:	E.7. (Intensify speed enforcement on Owasco and Oakridge Roads)
Time Frame:	Short-term (1-2 years) and On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, with assistance from Sheriff's Department, NY State Police
Estimated Cost:	N/A
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

8. Continue to provide high quality drinking water within the Town Water District. Continue to maintain the Town water filtration plant in good repair and upgrade the plant, as necessary, to ensure that the filtration plant is capable of meeting more stringent drinking water quality standards as they are enacted.

Action:	E.8. (Continue to provide water service)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board
Estimated Cost:	TBD
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Water Fund Budget • NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Drinking Water State Revolving Fund low interest loans. • USDA Rural Development low interest loans.

Transportation and Infrastructure (Continued)

9. Extend water service in areas of the Town when sufficient density has been reached to make the installation cost effective.

Action:	E.9. (Extend water service if and when feasible)
Time Frame:	Long-term (5-10 years)
Responsible Agency:	Town Board
Estimated Cost:	TBD
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Water Fund Budget • NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Drinking Water State Revolving Fund low interest loans. • USDA Rural Development low interest loans.

10. Ensure that newly constructed watermains are interconnected or looped with each other and existing watermains to the extent feasible.

Action:	E.10. (Interconnect and loop watermains)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board
Estimated Cost:	TBD
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Water Fund Budget • NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Drinking Water State Revolving Fund low interest loans. • USDA Rural Development low interest loans

11. Continue to maintain, repair and replace, when necessary, the existing sanitary sewer system in order to protect ground and surface water sources.

Action:	E.11. (Maintain sanitary sewer system)
Time Frame:	Ongoing
Responsible Agency:	Town Highway Department
Estimated Cost:	TBD
Potential Funding Sources:	Town Sanitary Sewer Fund Budget

Transportation and Infrastructure (Continued)

- 12. Extend sanitary sewers in areas of the Town that will carry sufficient density to make the installations cost effective, and to areas that will promote the protection of surface and groundwater resources.

Action:	E.12. (Extend sanitary sewers if and when feasible)
Time Frame:	Long-term (5-10 years)
Responsible Agency:	Town Board
Estimated Cost:	TBD
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Sanitary Sewer Fund Budget • NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Clean Water State Revolving Fund low interest loans. • USDA Rural Development low interest loans

- 13. Incorporate stormwater quality management measures in facility designs with consideration for retention, extended detention and/or constructed wetlands. **(See A.1, Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards)**

- 14. Consider utilizing regional stormwater management measures when possible.

Action:	E.14. (Utilize regional stormwater management measures)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board; with assistance of Town Planning Board
Estimated Cost:	TBD based on scope of the measure
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private developers • Town Capital Budget

F. Parks and Recreation

- 1. Continue to maintain the Town’s two playgrounds in good condition.

Action:	F.1. (Maintain Town playgrounds)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Highway Department, with assistance of Town Board
Estimated Cost:	N/A
Potential Funding Sources:	Town Budget

Parks and Recreation (Continued)

2. Continue to provide the summer playground recreational program, including the swimming, library and arts and crafts components of the program.

Action:	F.2. (Continue summer playground program)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board
Estimated Cost:	Amount currently budgeted
Potential Funding Sources:	Town Budget

3. Continue efforts to purchase land in the Hamlet of Owasco for relocating the playground.

Action:	F.3. (Acquire property for Hamlet playground)
Time Frame:	(On-going)
Responsible Agency:	Town Board
Estimated Cost:	TBD based on market value of property.
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Budget • NYS Environmental Protection Fund and/or Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act Fund Grant • Subdivision recreational fees

4. Continue to provide Town input into the Emerson Park Master Plan planning process.

Action:	F.4. (Provide input for Emerson Park Master Plan)
Time Frame:	(On-going)
Responsible Agency:	Owasco representatives on Emerson Park Master Plan Committee
Estimated Cost:	None
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

Parks and Recreation(Continued)

5. Obtain the “right-of-first-refusal” for the purchase of Camp Columbus.

Action:	F.5. (Obtain right-of-first refusal for Camp Columbus)
Time Frame:	Short-term (1-2 years)
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, assisted by Town Attorney
Estimated Cost:	Nominal (attorney’s fees)
Potential Funding Sources:	Town Budget

6. Purchase the Camp Columbus property in the event that the property is placed up for sale; maintain the property as open space for public use or develop as a public park.

Action:	F.6. (Purchase Camp Columbus)
Time Frame:	Long-term (5-10 years or longer)
Responsible Agency:	Town Board
Estimated Cost:	TBD
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Budget • NYS Environmental Protection Fund and/or Clean Water/ Clean Air Bond Act Fund Grant • Subdivision recreational fees

7. Require subdividers to pay recreational fees and/or to set aside land for future playground and park development appropriate for the needs of the Town.

Action:	F.7. (Subdivision Recreational fees/land set aside)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Planning Board
Estimated Cost:	None
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

G. Government Services and Community Facilities

1. Continue to encourage Town residents to volunteer their services to the Owasco Volunteer Fire Department.

Action:	G.1. (Encourage residents to volunteer services to Fire Department)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board
Estimated Cost:	None
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

2. Continue to encourage lakefront property owners to improve and/or maintain their private roadways to enable emergency vehicles to access their properties.

Action:	G.2. (Improve private access roadways along Owasco Lake)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Town Board, Owasco Volunteer Fire Department, Owasco Fire District Board
Estimated Cost:	None
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

3. Incorporate provisions in the Town Code to require property owners to maintain their private roadways in a condition suitable for emergency vehicle use.

Action:	G.3. (Revise Town Code to require upgrade of private access roadways.)
Time Frame:	Long-term (5-10 years)
Responsible Agency:	Town Board
Estimated Cost:	Nominal (legal fees to draft legislation)
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A

Government Services and Community Facilities (Continued)

- 4. Encourage the Owasco Fire District Board of Commissioners to periodically evaluate the suitability of existing fire apparatus and equipment as new development occurs in Owasco.

Action:	G.4. (Evaluate suitability of fire apparatus)
Time Frame:	On-going
Responsible Agency:	Owasco Fire District Board of Commissioners with encouragement from Owasco Volunteer Fire Department and Town Board
Estimated Cost:	No cost to evaluate apparatus. Cost to replace apparatus TBD based on type of apparatus to be purchased.
Potential Funding Sources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owasco Fire District Budget • NYS Emergency Services Revolving Loan Program • NYS Rural Community Fire Protection Grant Program • FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

- 5. Appeal to the Cayuga County Sheriff and New York State Police to intensify speed enforcement on Owasco and Oakridge Roads and Route 38A. **(See E.7., Intensify speed enforcement on Owasco and Oakridge Roads)**
- 6. Appeal to the NYS Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on Owasco Road between Oakridge Road and the City of Auburn to 30 miles per hour.

Action:	G.6. (Reduce Owasco Road speed limit)
Time Frame:	Short-term (1-3 Years)
Responsible Agency:	NYS Department of Transportation with encouragement from Town Board
Estimated Cost:	No cost to appeal to NYS Dept. of Transportation
Potential Funding Sources:	N/A