

Summary of Recommended Actions Grouped by Time Frame

ON-GOING

General Land Use

- A.2. Review the zoning regulations on a regular basis (at least annually) to ensure that regulations are consistent with current needs.
- 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.
- A.5. Continue to promote high quality development and conservation of natural resources through the application of subdivision regulations and design standards.

Watershed Protection and Environmental Quality

- B.2. 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.
- B.3. Revise design and construction standards to clarify requirements and procedures for approving plans and inspecting projects.
- B.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.
- B.6. Work with the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District and other organizations to reduce runoff from agricultural land.

Housing Development and Residential Neighborhoods

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

ON-GOING *(continued)*

Housing Development and Residential Neighborhoods *(continued)*

- C.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. under on-going; Apply subdivision regulations and design standards)***

Agriculture and Farmland

- D.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. under on-going; Apply subdivision regulations and design standards)***
- D.4. Encourage "density averaging" in subdivision designs to minimize the impacts of new residential development on farmland. ***(See A.5. under on-going; Apply subdivision regulations and design standards)***

Agriculture and Farmland (continued)

- D.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.

Transportation and Infrastructure

- E.4. Ensure, through subdivision and site plan review, that the streets for proposed new residential developments interconnect or provide for 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. under on-going; Apply subdivision regulations and design standards)***
- E.6. Incorporate traffic calming features on long residential streets such as: speed humps, boulevards, rumble strips, roundabouts and landscaping.
- E.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.

ON-GOING *(continued)*

Transportation and Infrastructure *(continued)*

- E.10. Ensure that newly constructed watermains are interconnected or looped with each other and existing watermains to the extent feasible.
- E.11. Continue to maintain, repair and replace, when necessary, the existing sanitary sewer system in order to protect ground and surface water sources.
- E.14. Consider utilizing regional stormwater management measures when possible.

Parks and Recreation

- F.1. Continue to maintain the Town's two playgrounds in good condition
- F.2. Continue to provide the summer playground recreational program, including the swimming, library and arts and crafts components of the program.
- F.3. Continue efforts to purchase land in the Hamlet of Owasco for relocating the playground.
- F.4. Continue to provide Town input into the Emerson Park Master Plan planning process.
- F.7. Require subdividers to pay recreational fees and/or to set aside land for future playground and park development as appropriate for the needs of the Town.

Governmental Services and Community Facilities

- G.1. Continue to encourage Town residents to volunteer their services to the Owasco Volunteer Fire Department.
- G.2. Continue to encourage lakefront property owners to improve and/or maintain their private roadways to enable emergency vehicles to access their properties.
- G.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.

IMMEDIATE (LESS THAN 1 YEAR)

General Land Use

- A.4. Review the roles and responsibilities of the Town Code Enforcement Officer. If warranted, consider expanding the position to full-time.

Watershed Protection and Environmental Quality

- B.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. *(Also On-going)*

Agriculture and Farmland

- D.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.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 YEARS)

General Land Use

- A.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.

Watershed Protection and Environmental Quality

- B.1. Enact "Conservation Overlay" zoning regulations that limit the removal of existing natural vegetation within 50 feet of streambanks, or to a sufficient distance to protect the integrity of the stream banks. The regulations should apply to Dutch Hollow Creek, Sucker Brook and their tributaries. *(See A.1. under short-term; Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)*

Housing Development and Residential Neighborhoods

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

SHORT-TERM (1-2 YEARS) *(continued)*

Housing Development and Residential Neighborhoods *(continued)*

- C.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 under short-term, Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)***
- C.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. under short-term; Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)***
- C.7. Continue to maintain low residential densities in the rural areas of the Town. ***(See A.1. under short-term; Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)***
- C.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. under short-term; Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)***
- C.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. under short-term; Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)***

Agriculture and Farmland

- D.2. Continue to maintain zoning requirements for low density residential development in agricultural areas. ***(See A.1. under short-term; Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards.)***
- D.6. Encourage and work with Cayuga County to establish a Purchase of Development Rights program for high quality farmland.

Transportation and Infrastructure

- E.3. Construct a pedestrian/bicycle path to link the Oakridge Heights subdivision with the Owasco Elementary School. ***(See C.3. under short-term; Construct path to Owasco Elementary School)***

SHORT-TERM (1-2 YEARS) *(continued)*

Transportation and Infrastructure *(continued)*

- E.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.
- E.7. Appeal to the Cayuga County Sheriff and New York State Police to intensify speed enforcement on Owasco and Oakridge Roads.
- E.13. Incorporate stormwater quality management measures in facility designs with consideration for retention, extended detention and/or constructed wetlands. ***(See A.1. under short-term; Revise zoning and subdivision regulations and design standards)***

Parks and Recreation

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

Governmental Services and Community Facilities

- G.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. under short-term; Intensify speed enforcement on Owasco and Oakridge Roads)***
- G.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.

MEDIUM-TERM (3-5 YEARS)

Transportation and Infrastructure

- E.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.

LONG-TERM (5-10 YEARS)

Housing Development and Residential Neighborhoods

- C.2. Re-establish the pedestrian/bicycle path along Owasco Road between the “Avenues” and Emerson Park.

Transportation and Infrastructure

- E.1. Re-establish the pedestrian/bicycle path along Owasco Road between the “Avenues” and Emerson Park. *(See C.2. under long-term; Re-establish path along Owasco Road)*
- E.9. Extend water service in areas of the Town when sufficient density has been reached to make the installation cost effective.
- E.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.

Parks and Recreation

- F.6. Acquire 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 it as a public park.

Governmental Services and Community Facilities

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