

A photograph of a forest with tall, thin trees. A bright sunburst is visible on the right side, casting a warm glow through the branches.

FORESTPORT FORWARD



TOWN OF FORESTPORT **DRAFT** **COMPREHENSIVE** **PLAN**

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FREQUENTLY USED ACRONYMS

For clarity and ease of reference, this section provides an alphabetical list of all acronyms used in this Comprehensive Plan along with their corresponding definitions.

Acronym	Definition
ACS	American Community Survey
ACSD	Adirondack Central School District
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADK	Adirondack
ADU	Accessory or Additional Dwelling Unit
AICP	American Institute of Certified Planners
APA	Adirondack Park Agency
APLUDP	Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan
ATV	All-terrain vehicle
CHIPS	Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program
CIP	Capital Improvement Plan
CPC	Comprehensive Plan Committee
CSC	Climate Smart Community
DEC	Department of Environmental Conservation
DOS	Department of State
ESD	Empire State Development
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FF	Forestport Forward
FLUP	Future Land-Use Plan
IDA	Industrial Development Agency
MAP	Mapping, Assessment and Planning

Acronym	Definition
MVEDGE	Mohawk Valley Economic Development Growth Enterprises Corporation
NEVI	National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
NY BRICKS	Building Recreational Infrastructure for Communities, Kids and Seniors
NYS	New York State
NYS HCR	New York State Homes and Community Renewal
NYSDOS	New York State Department of State
NYSDOT	New York State Department of Transportation
NYSEFC	New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation
NYSERDA	New York State Energy Research & Development Authority
NYSFOLA	New York State Federation of Lake Associations
OPRHP	Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
RCSD	Remsen Central School District
REDC	Regional Economic Development Council
Restore NY CDBG	Restore New York Community Development Block Grant
SS4A	Safe Streets and Roads for All
STaR	Steuben, Trenton and Remsen
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
STR	Short-term Rental
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program
TWUFSD	Town of Webb Union Free School District

IMAGE PLACEHOLDER

WHAT IS FORESTPORT FORWARD?

Forestport Forward (FF) is a Town-wide planning document that outlines the community's vision for the future. It begins with the community's history and existing conditions, then describes the future of the community and the steps to get there. FF provides thoughtful direction for Town leaders on land use, transportation, emergency services, housing, parks and recreation, and natural resources—all of which are underpinned by a set of community-based planning principles rooted in Smart Growth.

Forestport Forward is the Town's new Comprehensive Plan.

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A Comprehensive Plan is a planning document that sets out the vision, goals, and objectives for a community, as well as a set of recommendations and action steps to support achieving its

future aspirations. As the name implies, Comprehensive Plans are holistic as they contemplate broad subjects and interconnected themes including: land use, parks and recreation, natural resources, housing, economic development, agriculture and municipal services.

A Comprehensive Plan should articulate the community's vision, set goals that align with that vision, and outline specific actions or recommendations to pursue over a ten-year period. To stay responsive to the community's changing needs and priorities, these plans must remain active and relevant—not simply stored and forgotten. Regular updates, typically every decade, are essential to ensure the plan continues to guide interim decisions and implementation efforts effectively.

Communities are enabled by New York State through Section 272-a of NYS Town Law to, "undertake town comprehensive planning and to regulate land use for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and general welfare of its citizens." Comprehensive planning can take many different shapes

and forms and communities have flexibility in how they produce their plans. To be considered a Comprehensive Plan, however, there are requirements.

Defined by Section 272-a of NYS Town Law defines a Town Comprehensive Plan as, "the materials, written and/or graphic, including but not limited to maps, charts, studies, resolutions, reports and other descriptive material that identify the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, devices and instruments for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the town located outside the limits of any incorporated village or city." ForestportForward is the Town of Forestport's realization of a Comprehensive Plan. FF includes detailed maps, policies, recommendations, tools that prepare the community for its future as a revitalized small-town with thriving local businesses, expansive outdoor recreation opportunities, and housing options suitable for all lifestyles and stages.

HOW WAS THE PLAN MADE?

A successful Comprehensive Plan is built from input from the community that it serves. This section describes the Comprehensive Planning Process.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

At the Plan's inception, a Comprehensive Plan Committee was appointed by the Town to guide the development of the plan. It provides oversight throughout the planning process, ensures diverse community interests are represented, and fosters transparency and public engagement. A central function of the committee is consensus building—bringing together stakeholders with varying perspectives to collaboratively shape goals, policies, and priorities. By reviewing plan drafts, offering feedback, and facilitating dialogue, the committee helps ensure the final plan reflects a shared vision that is both inclusive and actionable. Committee members are residents, stakeholders, and appointed Town officials. Throughout the plan's development, ten Committee meetings were held

FOCUS GROUPS

As part of the Plan's community engagement, three focus group meetings were held in November 2024. Over the course of one day, targeted discussions were had with volunteer firefighters and young Forestport residents. The purpose of these meetings was to drill down into specific issues identified by stakeholder groups and engage with demographics that were missing from the Community Survey. The third focus group was open to the general public. Takeaways from these meetings included:

- The volunteer base for fire fighters and first responders is shrinking. Current volunteers are aging and uptake for new volunteers is low.
- Hamlet populations are aging,

and younger people are not participating in events or volunteering.

- Short-term rentals are increasing in popularity and a some form of regulation is required to address life-safety concerns.
- There are no health care providers in the Town and residents must travel for services.
- Forestport has a strong community spirit and offers plenty of opportunities for outdoor recreation.
- There is a need for affordable senior housing.
- Lack of high-speed internet limits remote job opportunities and cell phone connectivity.
- The community relies heavily on Facebook for communication.
- The Town needs to attract more families and young children to the area.
- Forestport does not want to be Old Forge.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

To support in understanding the existing conditions of the community, and to begin to identify opportunities, challenges, and community character, a survey was prepared with help from the CPC. The survey was open from March 2024 to January 2025 and received 602 responses. Survey results are attached to the Plan as **Appendix B**. Highlights from the Survey included:

- Majority of respondents rated the quality of life as good (~62 percent). Only ~2 percent reported it as poor.
- Rural atmosphere, quality of life and family/friends are the top three reasons for living in the Town. Employment and schools tied for least popular reason.
- ~22 percent respondents identify as fulltime residents that have lived in the Town for 20+ years.
- Of those employed, approximately 32 percent live in Town but work elsewhere. Approximately 10 percent of respondents live and work in Town.
- ~64 percent respondents reported the traffic speed is acceptable. ~23 percent feel it is too fast, while ~12 percent are of no opinion. Less than one percent felt it was too slow.
- Consistent zoning, simplified building rules, and preserving community character through single-family lakefront development. Priorities include cleaning up vacant properties, redeveloping old buildings, and improving property maintenance. Economic growth is supported by funding for businesses, markets, and recreation. Infrastructure upgrades—like better internet and snow plowing—are essential, along with protecting natural resources and honoring local history.

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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

Two open houses were held in support of Forestport Forward:

1. The first open house was held in April 2024. Its purpose was to increase project awareness, share preliminary Community Survey results and collect feedback and comments from the public on work undertaken.
2. The second open house was held in May 2025. The draft vision, goals, and recommendations were presented to the community for comment and prioritization.

TOWN BOARD

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VISION

Forestport residents, year-round and seasonal, enjoy a high quality of life sustained by diverse local businesses, amenities and services that allow residents to spend more time in their community and less time commuting.

A range of housing is available that accommodates a diverse range of income levels and families. New developments are connected to hamlets and make efficient use of existing infrastructure while fostering walkability.

Forestport offers rich outdoor recreation opportunities by leveraging its expansive rivers, lakes, and forests with its proximity to the Adirondacks. Safe and well-maintained trails and multi-use pathways connect parks and amenities and support active transportation throughout the town. Both indoor and outdoor Town-owned recreational facilities are built for all ages and abilities.

The Town leverages the camaraderie of the north country and has built mutually beneficial relationships with neighboring municipalities to achieve the visions, goals, and objectives of all.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following Guiding Principles underpin the vision, goals, and recommendations of this Comprehensive Plan. They are rooted in Smart Growth and serve as the threads that tie the Plan together.

RESPONSIBILITY

As a long-term guide for the community, FF has a responsibility to residents to support decision-making in an efficient way that is fiscally and environmentally sustainable to the Town. For instance, prioritizing infill and new development where existing water and sewer already exists instead of extending infrastructure to meet new development.

A responsible Comprehensive Plan will also encourage, support, and enable meaningful ongoing community participation in planning processes and decision-making. FF is a product of community consensus driven by robust public engagement, and just because the plan is complete does not mean that the collaboration should end.

1. *Develop plans and land use regulations that maximize use of existing infrastructure while being compatible with the character of the existing community.*
2. *Prioritize infill and redevelopment of existing vacant or underutilized properties to revitalize hamlets.*

RESILIENCY

In Forestport, **resiliency** means more than climate adaptation and sustainability. It also describes the perseverance of the community. Following years of population decline, loss of services, and, most recently in 2024, significant snowfall that resulted in over a dozen building collapses, Forestport continues to secure funding for projects that will benefit its residents.

Through a climate adaptation and sustainability lens, the Town began its journey to become a NYS-certified Climate Smart Community (CSC). The CSC certification program offers local governments a comprehensive framework to support their climate initiatives and honors top-performing communities for their leadership in

climate action. The recommendations in this plan promote not only climate resiliency, but specifically call-out the ongoing participation in the CSC program as funding for projects is available.

At the intersection of **responsible** land use planning, growth management and the preservation of open space, agricultural resources and natural resources is FF's future land use plan. Through the Conserve and Sustain designations of FF's Future Land Use Plan, Forestport is encouraged to develop land use regulations that preserve natural resources and manage the effects of a changing climate.

3. *Preserve open space, agricultural resources, and natural resources.*
4. *Promote climate resiliency and adaptation.*

EQUITY & WELLNESS

Equity means ensuring that all community members, regardless of age, gender, disability, income, etc., have access to the resources and services that they require to live prosperously. The American Planning Association's Planning for Equity Policy Guide describes critical policies that support achieving an equitable community, including housing, climate change and resilience, and public spaces, that intersect many of this Plan's principles. Such policies include:

- Build trust through community outreach (**Community**)
- Partner with communities to exchange information about community risks (**Resiliency**)
- Promote diverse housing stock (**Responsibility**)
- Encourage creation of new public space (**Equity**)

The Global Wellness Institute defines **wellness** as, "the active pursuit of activities, choices, and lifestyles that lead to a state of holistic

health." Much like FF, wellness is the sum of its parts and requires a connected and integrated approach to be realized. Community wellness prioritizes access to opportunities for all residents that allow them to feel safe, empowered and healthy.

5. *Prioritize public health and access to emergency services in decision making for community development.*
6. *Provide authentic, equitable, and accessible public spaces.*
7. *Enable a diverse mix of housing types to provide opportunities for all to live in the Town regardless of age or socioeconomic status.*
8. *Increase opportunities for safe walking and cycling throughout the Town for both recreation and day-to-day trips.*
9. *Support local food production and agriculture, and increase options for access to fresh and local food.*

COMMUNITY

As a Guiding Principle, **community** reinforces the critical role that the Forestport community played in the development of this Plan and exemplifies how community input has guided, and will continue to guide, FF's vision, goals and recommendations. **Community** as a guiding principle also highlights FF as a responsible Plan as it supports the betterment of Forestport and all of its residents. The Community Survey showed strong interest in youth programs and community events. To build a connected community, FF's goals should prioritize these needs.

10. *Engage in an inclusive, collaborative public planning process that considers the needs and character of the community.*
11. *Emphasize and build on Forestport's historical, cultural and recreational assets to create an attractive and welcoming places with a strong sense of identity.*

FORESTPORT FORWARD GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1

Responsibility

2

Resiliency

3

Equity &
Wellness

4

Community

How to Use this Plan

This section provides a brief description of FF's components, how they were formed, and when and how to use them.

FORESTPAST & FORESTPRESENT

To plan for the future, we must look at the past and present. Forestpast and Forestpresent began as the Plan's Community Profile; a detailed analysis of the existing conditions of the municipality that includes historical, and current, data pertaining to demographics and population, labor and workforce, land uses, housing and income, municipal services, natural resources, and other community-defining characteristics. The Community Profile also includes maps detailing parks and trails, land uses, natural resources and traffic counts.

Forestpast and Forestpresent are comprised of key takeaways and trends discovered during the development of the Community Profile, which were reviewed extensively by the CPC. Consensus was reached that the conclusions made were reasonable and agreed upon. These findings, along with community feedback and CPC input, inform FF's directions.

FORESTPORT FORWARD

In response to the conclusions from Forestpast and Forestpresent, Forestport Forward puts forward a comprehensive set of proactive and community-driven recommendations that will guide decision-making, community development and land use planning in Forestport.

A key step in developing FF was adapting Smart Growth principles to fit the community. Forestport is not bursting at its seams with urban development, nor does it have a large population—two characteristics that can be associated with the Smart Growth planning framework. To apply Smart Growth, the CPC took stock of what the community has—expansive natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities, a largely older population, a dedicated and tight-knit community, and the common goal of seeing Forestport succeed—as well as what the community needs—affordable housing, increased emergency services, land use guidance, and housing options other than single-family dwellings.

Forestport Forward is comprised of four components:

1. Guiding Principles

- The Guiding Principles underpin the vision, goals, and recommendations of this Comprehensive Plan. They serve as the threads that tie the Plan together and are rooted in Smart Growth.

2. Recommendations

- These are community-driven actions that will support the Town in reaching its goals and objectives. Each recommendation is underpinned by a Guiding Principle and aligns with the Smart Growth framework.
- Recommendations are organized by topic.

3. Implementation Strategy

- This serves as the roadmap for implementing each recommendation. The Strategy identifies funding opportunities, potential partners and collaborations, and priority.

4. Future Land-Use Plan

- As an extension of the recommendations, this land use plan provides high-level guidance on how land uses should be planned throughout the Town.



**IMAGE
PLACEHOLDER**

FUTURE LAND-USE PLAN

LAND USE DESIGNATIONS

A key component of a Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan, a future land-use plan (FLUP) is a tool used to show how, and where, a community will grow into the future. It will often be accompanied by policies that explain the purpose, intent, and general application of a specific land use designation. As with the rest of a Comprehensive Plan, community consensus is sought to ensure that the direction of the FLUP aligns with the community's vision.

ForestportForward FLUP land use designations and their intents, general areas, and preferred uses are as follows.

Grow

The Grow designation represents areas of Forestport where new development should be directed—the hamlets. By permitting a mix of residential, commercial and employment uses where water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure already exists, efficient and sustainable development patterns are achieved.

Through enabling a mix of land uses, like residential, commercial and office, Grow supports new uses that foster a complete community as well as acknowledges existing uses which minimizes non-conformities. Uses may include Residential uses, commercial uses, light industrial, public uses, offices, mixed-uses.

Sustain

The Sustain designation will support the low-density residential and agricultural uses of the areas outside of the hamlets. Staying true to the predominantly residential character of the rural areas while also allowing some flexibility for alternative housing options, accessory dwelling unit provisions will be enabled. ADUs may be subject to APA review.

Underpinned by the Resiliency and Responsibility Guiding Principles, the Sustain designation will apply to lands with frontage on natural features like water courses and waterbodies. Should Forestport wish to implement specific regulations like on-site wastewater treatment system setbacks, or require technical submissions to support a development, like a stormwater assessment, the Sustain designation provides the framework to do so.

Conserve

Conserve prioritizes the protection and enhancement of the Town's highly regarded lakes, rivers, and forests. It implements a fundamental Smart Growth Objective—preserving natural open spaces for limited recreation and flood mitigation—in a very direct manner.

Uses supported in the Conserve designation may include existing uses, conservation uses, and outdoor industries.

Enjoy

The intent of Enjoy is to promote outdoor recreation, community development, and environmental stewardship through specially designated lands that will foster a strong sense of place, community gathering.

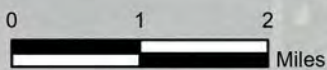
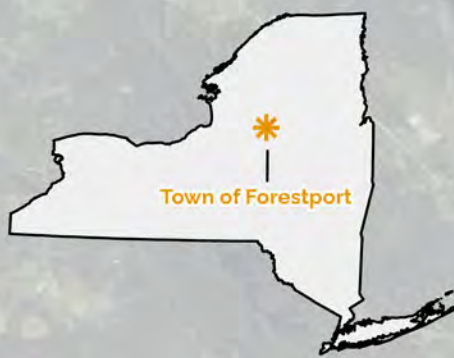
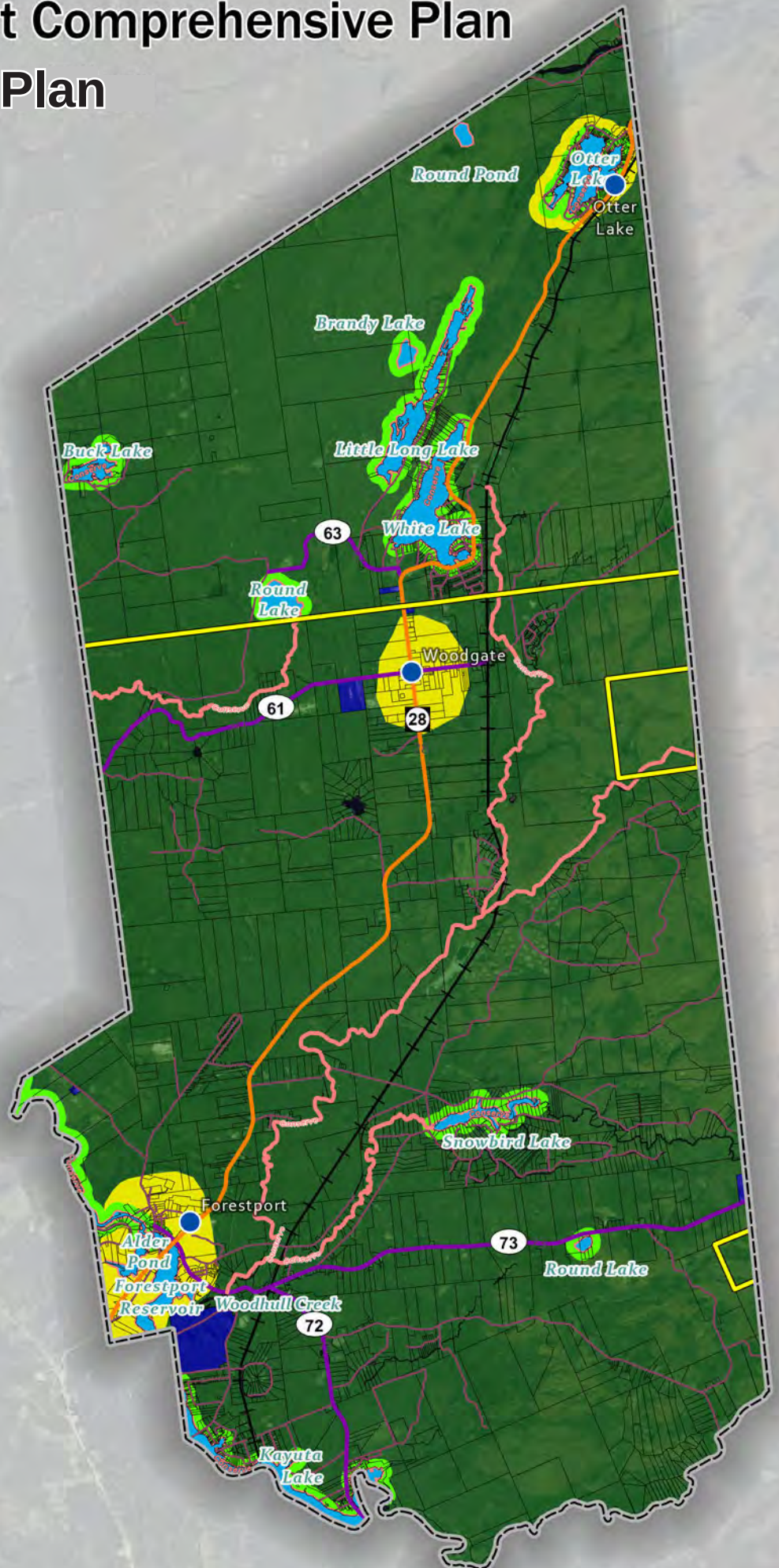
Supported uses include publicly owned parks and community facilities.

Town of Forestport Comprehensive Plan

Future Land-Use Plan

Map Key

-  Town of Forestport
-  Hamlets
-  State Route
-  County Road
-  Minor Road
-  Railroad
-  Tax Parcels
-  APA Border
-  Conserve
-  Sustain - Lakes
-  Grow
-  Sustain - Rural
-  Enjoy





FORESTPAST

FORESTPAST

Forestport's heritage is rooted in forestry, milling, and canal-based transportation. The construction of the Black River Canal and its feeder in 1848 spurred economic growth, enabling the movement of timber and goods while fostering the development of mills, schools, churches, and other institutions. A notable chapter in the town's history includes the "Forestport Breaks"—a series of deliberate breaches in the canal during the late 19th century, leading to a major investigation and trials.

Earlier, the region served as a strategic site during the French and Indian War, Revolutionary War, and War of 1812, delaying permanent settlement until the late 1700s. Pioneers cleared forests for agriculture, favoring livestock and cheese production due to the short growing season. The area's hemlock forests supported a tanning industry, while rivers powered mills.

Industrial growth peaked in the 19th century, but as logging declined, Forestport transitioned toward recreation and tourism. Notable historical sites include the Forestport Feeder Canal and Dam, and Camp S-122, a former Civilian Conservation Corps camp later used during WWII.

Founded in 1869, Forestport is the youngest town in Oneida County. Situated in the northeastern corner of the county, it encompasses the hamlets of Otter Lake and Woodgate and the central area of Forestport. The Black River and Kayuta Lake define the town's boundaries to the west, while Herkimer County is to the east, and Lewis County is to the north. The Town is approximately 78.9 square miles.



FORESTPRESENT

A key step in the Comprehensive Planning Process, the preparation of a Community Profile assists in identifying gaps between the existing conditions of the Town and the Guiding Principles of FF. To support decision-making, have meaningful public engagement, and develop a proactive planning framework for Forestport, data pertaining to various Town characteristics was compiled, including demographics, education, economic characteristics, housing, land use and zoning, infrastructure and community facilities, transportation, parks and recreation, cultural and historical assets, natural resources, and considerations related to climate change. All of this data was analyzed through a Smart Growth lens to determine how any one component (like land use or housing) of the Town can be supported to better align with the Smart Growth framework, with the goal being a set of actions that can aid Forestport in becoming a resilient, equitable, responsible, and community-centered Town.

The complete Community Profile is provided in **Appendix A**. Forestpresent offers a summary of the principal findings from the Community Profile.

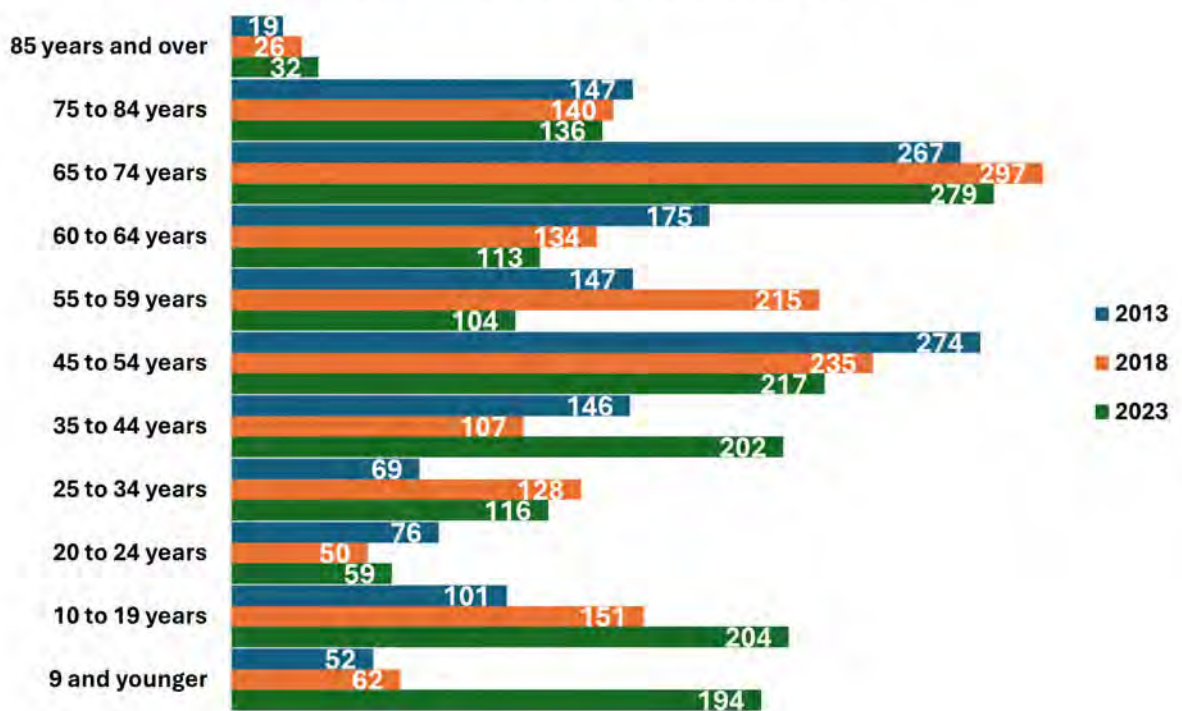
POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

IMAGE PLACEHOLDER

The 2023 American Community Survey (ACS) estimated a population of 1,656 in the Town of Forestport—an increase of approximately 179 from 2020. Historically, like many other Towns and Villages in Oneida County, Forestport's population peaked in 2000 after decades of gradual increases since 1970. Then, between 2000 and 2020, populations decreased. However, the ACS estimated an increase in 2023.

The median age of the Town has remained around 55 years since 2013. However, the ACS estimates that it lowered to 49 in 2023. The County's median age is historically more than 10 years younger than Forestport's and has remained stable since 2013.

Town of Forestport Population by Age



In 2023, the ACS estimated a growth in the household size of the Town and a decrease in the County. Family size has been dynamic in both the Town and County from 2013 to 2023 and appears to have been shifting in opposite directions. While Family size decreased between 2013 and 2018 in Forestport, it increased in the County. From 2018 to 2023, Family size increased in Forestport but decreased in the County.

In 2013, the racial and ethnic composition of Forestport was predominantly white with approximately 97 percent of the population estimated to be white with three percent of the population comprised of American Indians, Alaskan Natives and Asian residents. Further, 99.3 percent identified as a single race while less than one percent identifies as two or more races.

In 2023, with a population increase, the proportion of both white residents, and those identifying as one race, declined slightly while those identifying as two or more races, black, American Indian, and Asian, increased.

Forestport experienced an increase in population between 2020 and 2023, seeing an addition of 179 residents.

LAND USE

Land use data is important because it shows how land within a community is currently being used—such as for housing, businesses, agriculture, recreation, or conservation—and helps guide future development in a sustainable and efficient way. It informs zoning decisions, infrastructure planning, and environmental protection efforts, ensuring that growth aligns with community goals and available resources. By understanding land use patterns, planners can promote smart growth, reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and support balanced, livable communities.

LAND USE

Land uses, in this section, are determined using 2024 Tax Assessment data. The Town of Forestport contains the following land uses:

LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

Single-family residential uses in the Town. These are predominantly single-detached dwellings occupied year-round

MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

Includes two- and three-family residential uses and dwelling units that are self-contained and occupied by one household but in the form of a duplex or triplex.

PUBLIC SERVICES

These parcels contain public utilities or infrastructure that serve the community.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

These premises generally contain public or non-profit entities that provide support services to the community. Community services can be situated outdoor, like a cemetery, or indoor like a school.

INDUSTRIAL

Industrial premises have a processing, manufacturing or warehousing component as a primary use.
COMMERCIAL

Commercial lands are premises used for the sale of goods and services.

RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT

These are properties used by groups for recreational purposes and/or entertainment. Uses can be scheduled and active, like a baseball field or soccer pitch, or passive, like a public park.

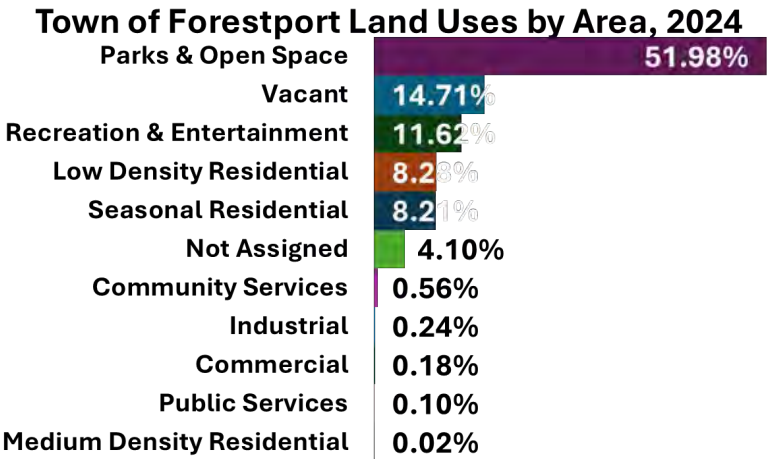
PARKS & OPEN SPACE

These are lands classified as parks and open spaces.
VACANT LAND

Vacant lands can be rural or have minor improvements but generally lack a primary use. This includes residential vacant land, land containing a garage but is otherwise vacant, and vacant land located in commercial areas.

SEASONAL RESIDENTIAL

According to NYS property tax classification code information, seasonal residential properties are housing units typically intended for

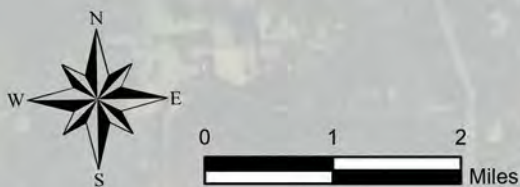
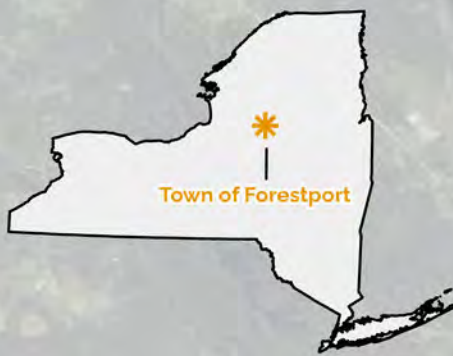
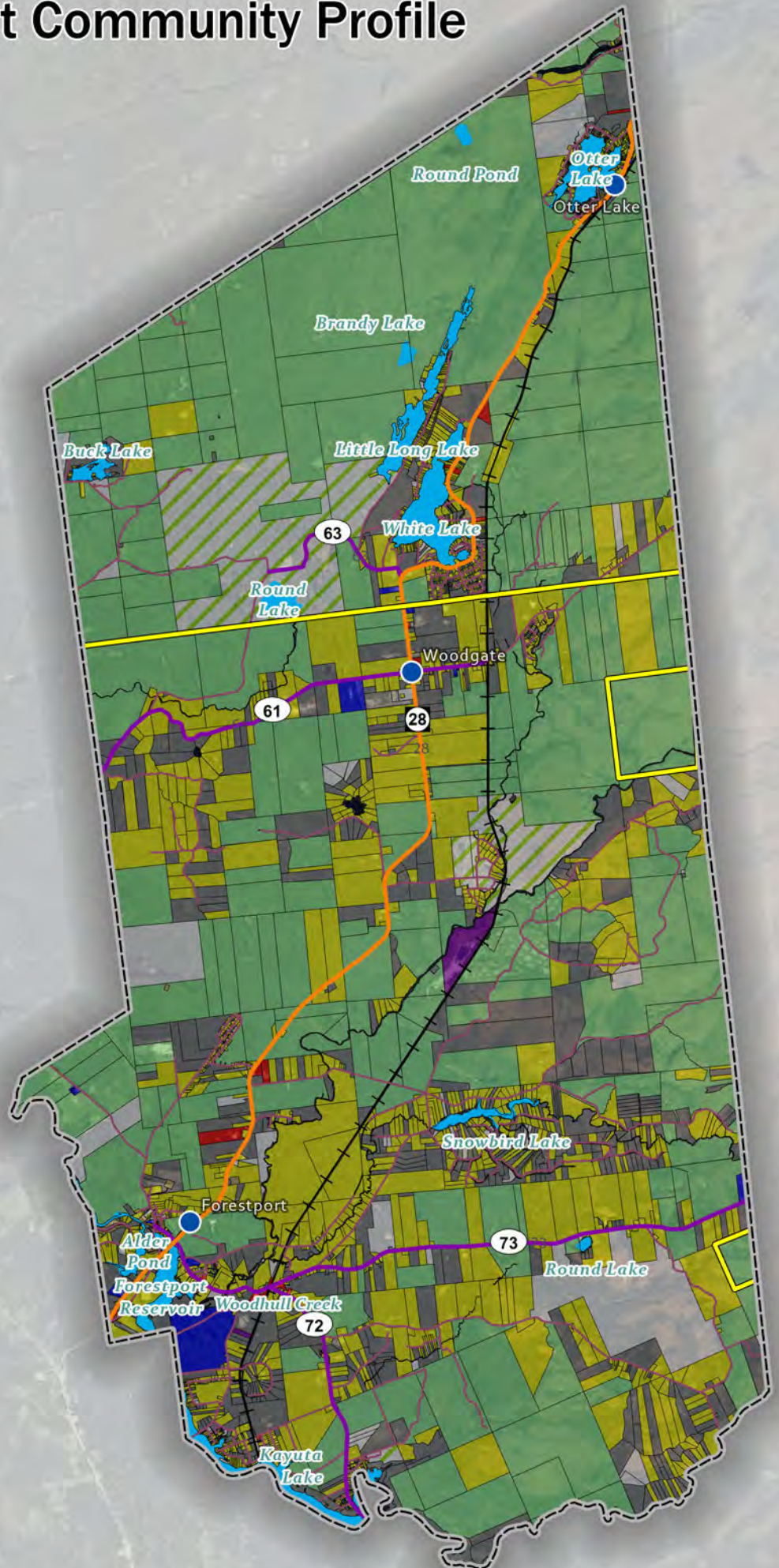


Town of Forestport Community Profile

Land Use

Map Key

- Town of Forestport
- Hamlets
- State Route
- County Road
- Minor Road
- + Railroad
- Tax Parcels
- APA Border
- Residential
- Vacant Land
- Commercial
- Recreation & entertainment
- Community services
- Industrial
- Public services
- Public Lands
- No Class Assigned



ADIRONDACK PARK LAND USE

There are approximately 16,318 acres in the northeastern corner of the Town that are within the Adirondack Park, which translates to approximately 32 percent all land in the Town. All development on these lands is subject to the requirements of the Adirondack Park Agency (APA).

The APA was created in 1971 by the New York State Legislature to develop future land use plans for public and private lands within the Park's boundary, aka, the "Blue Line." As stewards of Adirondack Park, a primary objective of the APA is to foster well-planned and thoughtful development that conserves natural resources through administration of State legislation including, the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the NYS Freshwater Wetlands Act, and the NYS Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System Act. The Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan (APLUDP) is the framework in which the APA makes land use planning decisions. It classifies all private lands within the Blue Line into six categories:

1. **Hamlet**
 - The Park's hamlets are designated growth and service centers where development is encouraged, with minimal permit requirements set by the Agency.
2. **Moderate Intensity Use**
 - Most uses need a permit; clustered residential development is preferred.
3. **Low Intensity Use**
 - Most uses need a permit; development is at a lower density than hamlet and moderate intensity.
4. **Rural Use**
 - Most uses need a permit; lowest density of development that preserves rural character.
5. **Resource Management**
 - Most uses need a permit; Acceptable uses include housing, farming, and forestry, with a strong emphasis on preserving the natural open space character of the area.
6. **Industrial Use**
 - Areas with existing or past industrial use, and potential for future industrial development; industrial and commercial uses are also permitted in other zones.

Through the permitting review process, the APA ensures that development aligns with the land use categories, environmental conservation efforts, and applicable legislation (e.g., the Freshwater Wetlands Act and the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System Act).

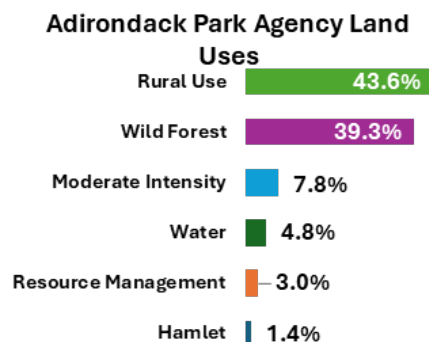
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

The APA and the APLUDP predates and operates separately from this Comprehensive Plan, however, conscious efforts were made to ensure Guiding Principles of FF—Resiliency and Responsibility complement APA policy directions, at a high level, prioritize the efficient and thoughtful use of infrastructure, directing new development to existing hamlet areas, and the conservation and enhancement of natural resources.

FF goals and recommendations, which are underpinned by the Guiding Principles, contain specific actions that mirror key APA permitting considerations. This includes a future land use map that designates hamlets as **Grow** and the centers for new growth and development, and a **Conserve** designation that protects natural areas and shorelines.

As aforementioned, all land use activities within the Adirondack Park are subject to review and regulation by the APA. This ensures that development aligns with environmental conservation goals and the APA's land use regulations. APA lands within Forestport fall within the following APA land use categories:

1. Rural Use - 7,121 acres
2. Resource Management - 492 acres
3. Moderate Intensity - 1275 acres
4. Hamlet - 234 acres
5. Wild Forest (State Land Map, 2018) - 6,419 acres
6. Water - 777 acres



Town of Forestport Community Profile

Adirondack Park Agency Land Uses

Map Key

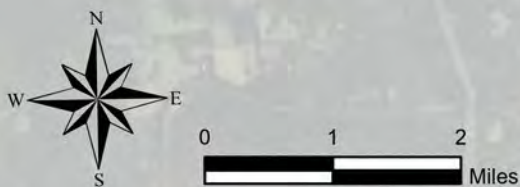
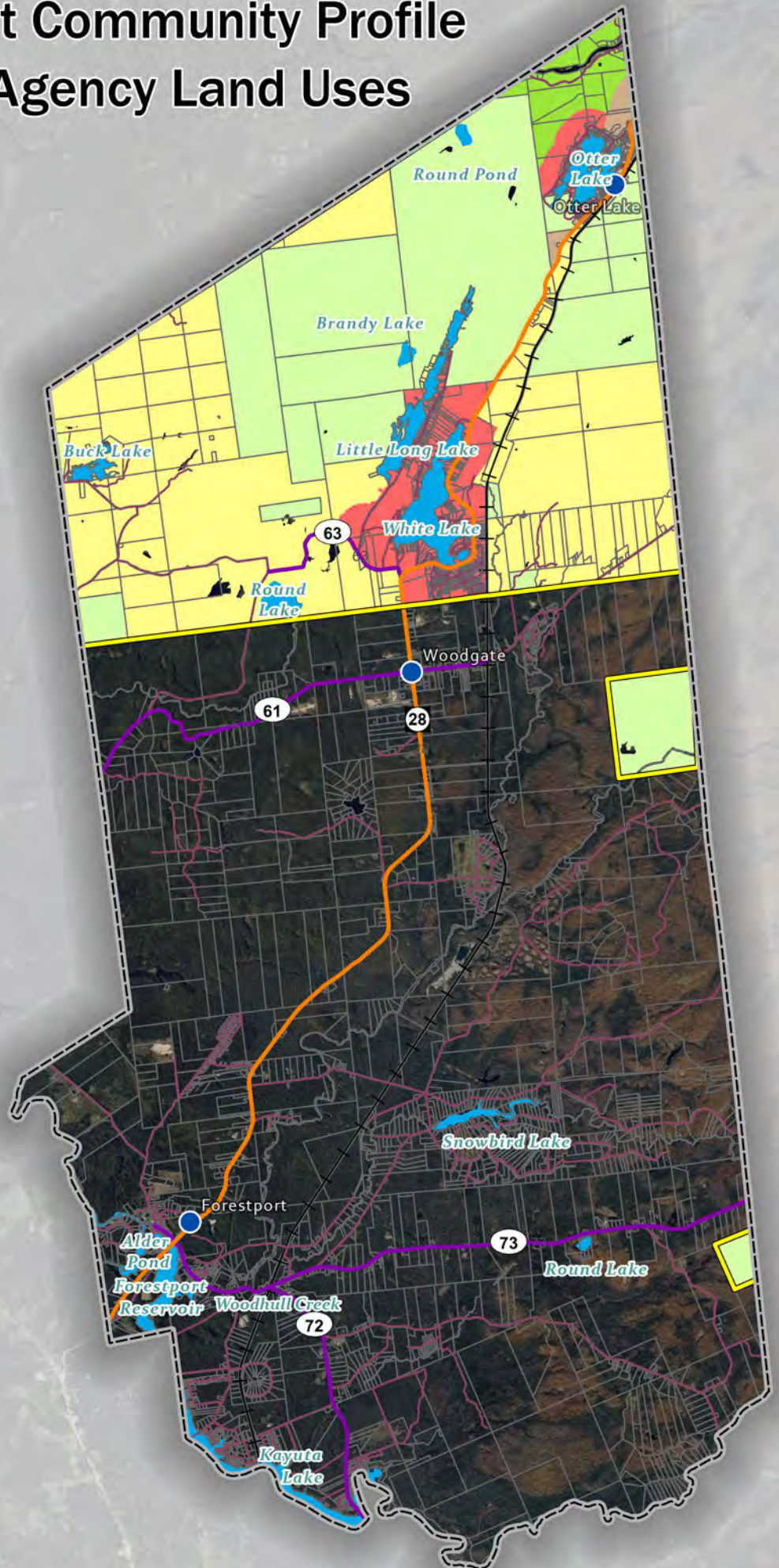
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Private Land Classification

- Hamlet
- Moderate Intensity
- Rural Use
- Resource Management

State Land Classification

- Wild Forest



EDUCATION

With the closure of the Forestport Elementary School in June 2019, there are no schools in the Town. Students are served by three neighboring school districts:

1. **Town of Webb Union Free School District (TWUFSD)**
 - Located in Old Forge, enrollment of the TWUFSD is currently approximately 242 students across kindergarten to grade 12.
 - The TWUFSD buses students from the intersection of Route 28 and Bear Creek Road.
2. **Remsen Central School District (RCSD)**
 - RCSD has an elementary school and shared junior-senior high school with approximately 385 students from kindergarten to grade 12. These schools are located on the same property in Remsen.
 - RCSD transports students from the southeastern part of the Town.
3. **Adirondack Central School District (ACSD)**
 - Two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school comprise the ACS. Except for one elementary school in West Leyden, all schools are located in Boonville. Enrollment is approximately 1,100 students.
 - The ACSD transports students from across Forestport.



SEASONAL VS. VACANT

Census data does not account for seasonal residences as an individual line item. For instance, dwellings that would typically be considered to be seasonal, as they are occupied occasionally by residents with another usual residence, are considered vacant in the Census.

At municipal level, tax assessment records can be used as an additional source of data for vacant and seasonal dwellings. New York State Tax Assessment Property Codes establish 17 categories of vacant lands that range from bare land to lands with a shell building—the 300 series. Seasonal residences—260—are described as, “Dwelling units generally used for seasonal occupancy; not constructed for year-round occupancy (inadequate insulation, heating, etc.).”

2024 tax assessment records yield the following:

1. 3,477 parcels total.
2. 764 seasonal residences
 - This includes 317 waterfront properties.
3. 1,190 vacant properties
 - This includes 196 waterfront properties.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS (STR)

Short-term rentals (STRs) have become a significant part of Forestport's housing landscape, reflecting broader trends across the Adirondack Park. Platforms like Airbnb and Adirondack By Owner have made it easier for visitors to find accommodations. However, this growth has also strained the housing market for full-time residents. With 62.6 percent of housing units vacant due to seasonal use, the expansion of STRs further limits year-round rental availability.

According to AirDNA, a vacation rental analytics platform, Forestport's STR market has grown by 22 percent over the past three years, reaching 112 active listings in 2024. Occupancy rates average 46 percent annually, peaking at 66 percent in July and dipping to 33 percent in April. The average stay is three days, with longer visits during summer months.

Three-bedroom homes dominate the market (30 percent), followed by two-bedroom (27 percent) and one-bedroom units (21 percent). Larger homes with four or more bedrooms make up 22 percent of listings. The average annual revenue per listing is \$42,400, with entire homes earning slightly more. Luxury rentals command high nightly rates (\$548.40), though professionally managed properties have seen a 14 percent rate decline due to rising competition. The average daily rate is \$312.90, while revenue per available room has slightly decreased to \$144.

WORKFORCE CHARACTERIZATION

According to 2023 estimates from the American Community Survey (ACS), the Town reported an exceptionally low unemployment rate of 0.4 percent, based on a labor force comprising approximately 698 individuals, or 53 percent of residents aged 16 and older. The majority of employed residents (84 percent) commuted to work by private vehicle, while 15 percent worked remotely, and fewer than one percent utilized alternative modes of transportation. The average commute duration for Forestport residents was 31.6 minutes, notably exceeding the Oneida County average of 20 minutes. Since 2013, the proportion of residents engaged in remote work has shown a consistent upward trend, reflecting broader national patterns influenced by technological advancements, evolving organizational structures, and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. These developments have increasingly enabled individuals to reside and work in more remote, non-urban communities, independent of their employers' physical locations.

The primary employment sectors for Forestport residents include **Education, Healthcare, and Social Assistance** (22.5 percent), which represents the largest share of the workforce due to the presence of schools, medical facilities, and social services. This is followed by **Manufacturing** (15.5 percent), likely composed of small-scale operations serving local or regional markets, and **Retail Trade** (13.5 percent), which supports both residents and visitors through various shops, restaurants, and service providers. The **Construction** sector (10.5 percent) also plays a significant role, supporting residential development, infrastructure, and seasonal home maintenance. As of 2023, the most common occupations among residents are in **Management, Business, Science, and the Arts** (39 percent), followed by **Sales and Office**

HOUSING

In 2023, the Town of Forestport had approximately 719 housing units (ACS, 2023) which is an increase from the 2013 report of 705 (ACS, 2013). While Forestport has fewer housing units than the neighboring municipalities of Russia and Boonville, it has experienced an increase whereas Russia and Remsen have both experienced decreases.

The 2023 ACS estimates that more than half (53.78 percent) of housing stock is single-family. Less than one percent of both two- and three-family dwellings make up Town's residential units.

According to the 2023 ACS, approximately 92.4 percent of dwellings are owner-occupied. This is up by approximately eight percent since 2013. Conversely, the number of renter-occupied units has decreased from 15.6 percent in 2013 to 7.60 percent in 2023. Russia has experienced the same trend between 2013 and 2023. Overall, in 2023, Forestport reported the highest percentage of owner-occupied dwellings and the lowest percentage of renter-occupied dwellings.

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PLACEHOLDER

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations within Forestport Forward have been developed using the Community Profile, input from Focus Groups, the Community Survey, Public Open Houses, and the Committee. Goals and recommendations are the roadmap for reaching the community's vision and have been categorized into the following:

- Land Use, Growth, and Development
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Community & Culture
- Public Services & Infrastructure
- Sustainability & Resilience

The goals and recommendations address issues that are important to the community and reflect the needs and views of residents and business owners.

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PLACEHOLDER**

LAND USE & GROWTH MANAGEMENT

At 76.98 square miles, Forestport is the largest town, by area, in Oneida County.

The Town does not currently have a land use plan or zoning ordinance. Many responses to the Community Survey expressed support for a framework that directs/guides land uses in a consistent, organized and enforceable manner. Organizing land uses and applying a forward-thinking planning framework would enable the Town to be proactive in its approach to growth management. While it is understood that Forestport's growth is not as high/substantial as that of neighboring municipalities, having a plan provides assurances and guardrails for current and future residents by confirming a future land use plan that was informed by community input and adopted by the Town Board.

At the same time, balancing protection of the Town's vast natural resources with enabling single-family residential development was also identified as a priority. As reported in the Community Survey, the forests and lakes (natural and open space) within the Town are of utmost importance to its community character. Achieving these goals while also encouraging infill development and reuse of underutilized or vacant properties aligns with the Guiding Principles of this Plan.

GOALS

1. Develop a land use plan that prioritizes growth in areas within existing hamlets and adequate infrastructure services.
2. Encourage infill development and reuse of underutilized or vacant properties.
3. Protect natural resources from intrusive development(s).
4. Emphasize the hamlets as centers for new development.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Update the Town's Site Review Law for consistency with the vision, goals, and recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan until a zoning code is developed.
2. Apply for grant opportunities to fund the development of a land use code that implements the land use directions of the Comprehensive Plan.
3. Identify Town-owned and privately-owned underutilized and vacant sites as candidates for future redevelopment. Data on these sites including, but not limited to, acreage, zoning, past and present land uses, should be recorded and made easily accessible for prospective buyers/developers.
4. Promote incentives to encourage private sector investment in, and development of, identified underutilized and vacant sites, such as, targeted housing programs, adaptive reuse initiatives, and tax incentives.
5. Develop flood prevention criteria to avoid or mitigate potential flood damage. This should be consistent with FEMA Guidelines and Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping Activities Under the Risk MAP Program. The criteria should be consistent with FEMA floodplain mapping in the Town and outline administrative procedures for reviewing projects and enforcing

HOUSING

As with many other communities across New York State, there is a need for additional housing in Forestport. Single family rural residential, senior living communities and affordable housing units have been identified by the community as the most needed. Guiding additional housing to existing hamlets is encouraged. Generally, hamlets will contain services and amenities often sought by residents. Certain types of housing, i.e., seniors housing, should be directed to Otter Lake, Woodgate, and Forestport where amenities are more easily accessible.

Providing a range of housing options allows all residents to remain in their community. Empty nesters seeking a smaller residence, young and growing families, and individuals should be able to reside in the community in a suitable housing form that is compatible with the desired character of the community.

Successful housing developments require adequate infrastructure and relationships. The Comprehensive Plan guides new housing developments to serviced areas and supports the Town as it seeks partnerships with local and regional agencies/housing providers to develop affordable housing in the community.

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PLACEHOLDER**

GOALS

1. Increase the supply and diversity of housing options for all households.
2. Encourage the upkeep and maintenance of existing residences.
3. Consider impacts of Short-Term Rentals in the Town.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Partner with local housing organizations to provide home repair, mobile home replacement, and rehabilitation programs to prevent homes from falling into major disrepair. Ensure that rental housing stock is well-maintained and in compliance with state building codes.
2. Evaluate the spectrum of options for regulating short-term rentals to determine the best model for the community.
3. Obtain Pro-Housing Community certification from NYS Homes and Community Renewal.
4. Through review of the Site Review Law, or new development ordinance, enable ADUs throughout the Town subject to adequate servicing and infrastructure.
5. Develop a strategy to assist seniors with maintaining safe households that support independent living.
6. Hire a consultant to conduct a short-term rental (STR) study for the Town of Forestport that is comprised of establishing a baseline of the number of STRs available for rent, number of units, location, and availability. The baseline should also include a scan of the STR regulations of similar municipalities (i.e., northern New York communities near/within the APA). The study should include an overview of Town and County laws/regulations that have implications for STRs and identify gaps between existing regulations and the goals and objectives of the Town with regards to STRs. The extent of what can lawfully be regulated by the Town should also be explained, as well as the pros and cons to implementing STR-related regulations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Forestport's proximity to the Adirondacks positions it well for economic development opportunities that can serve year-round residents as well as visitors and tourists. The first step in preparing the Town for success is preparing an economic development strategy that reinforces the community's desire to revitalize its hamlets and prioritize vacant and underutilized properties. The community is open to new businesses, concepts and uses that will support its visitors and residents.

A successful economic development strategy can be used to attract both businesses, institutions and residents. New businesses and institutions would introduce new uses to the community.

IMAGE PLACEHOLDER

GOALS

1. Develop an economic development strategy to meet local needs, capture travelers, maintain existing commerce and attract new business.
2. Promote Forestport as a visitor destination while balancing the needs of residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Establish a visual identity for the Town that represents its residents and communicates its history and vision for the future in an attractive and engaging manner.
2. Create a comprehensive trail map for the Town that delineates snowmobiling, hiking, navigable waterways, multi-use, and ATV trails.
3. Explore funding sources and staffing options to host signature all-season community events.
4. Explore funding options for local businesses to improve building facades.
5. Develop and implement a wayfinding strategy throughout the Town that provides direction to key destinations like hamlets, boat launch, parks, and trailheads.
6. Support the establishment of business networking and knowledge sharing opportunities for local entrepreneurs and prospective businesses interested in establishing in the Town.
7. Leverage relationships with local and regional organizations to promote and market the Town of Forestport as "open for business."

COMMUNITY & CULTURE

Quality of life for residents is of utmost importance to the Town. Contributing to this is parks, recreation, and community cohesion. Town residents and the Comprehensive Plan Committee have identified a series of recommendations that will strengthen the community and its quality of life. These recommendations support in achieving accessible park and recreational facilities as well as emphasizing the historical significance of the area. Additionally, at the intersection of economic development and community cohesion is the action of placemaking, where business owners and residents come together to enhance a public space and improve the quality of the subject area as well as the experiences of those that use the area.



GOALS

1. Improve the quality, accessibility, and availability of parks, trails, and recreational opportunities to enhance community well-being and maintain the Town of Forestport as a sought-after recreational destination.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Conduct a feasibility study for additional Town-owned parks and recreation facilities.
2. Evaluate existing Town-owned recreation facilities for ADA compliance and identify areas of improvement.
3. Explore placemaking opportunities with local businesses and property owners that highlight popular establishments in the hamlets and rural areas.
4. Partner with DEC to enhance the boat launch located at the Forestport Reservoir.
5. Create a collection of historic interpretation features, including signage, kiosks, walking tours, building markers, and murals, to showcase the community's rich history and culture.
6. No more than 10 years following its adoption by the Town Board, the success and progress of the goals and recommendations of Forestport Forward shall be evaluated. The review may be undertaken by indication of the status of each of the Plan's recommendations.
7. Conduct a feasibility assessment to evaluate the Town's Community Center and its capacity for retrofitting, new equipment, additional programming, and expansion.

PUBLIC SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE

One of the most important services of a Town are its public services and infrastructure. This includes, but is not limited to, water, sewer, stormwater, roadways and sidewalks. These are critical resources and needed by Forestport residents. The maintenance, monitoring, and repairing/replacing/installation (where necessary) of infrastructure is the Town's primary responsibility. As the project team heard in the Community Survey, the Town is generally doing a good job and plans to continue doing so.

In 2013, the Office of the NYS Comptroller completed a Financial Management Report for the Town. A key takeaway from this report was the need to prepare a Capital Improvement Plan to estimate the future costs of ongoing services and capital needs. To continue to provide sufficient levels of service, and plan for future needs and upgrades, thereby maintaining the quality of life for residents, it is critical that the Town complete a CIP.

The private automobile is the primary method of transportation in the Town. As such, road infrastructure should be monitored and maintained. To increase options for alternative methods of transportation, the Town shall also explore a complete streets policy that enables, where suitable, automobiles sharing the road with cyclists or pedestrians.

Emergency services in the Town are highly constrained, or, non-existent. This is a critical gap in the community that concerns public safety and the health and well-being of residents and visitors. Generally, the goal of an ambulance service is to transport patients to the nearest trauma center within 30 minutes. The expansive service area of STaR is resulting in consistent stress on the provider and patients are often being transported well beyond the 30-minute goal. The Comprehensive Plan Committee and residents have also indicated that Fire Department volunteers are becoming increasingly difficult to find due to an aging population and lack of volunteer capacity in the community.

The Town is faced with the challenge of being able to respond timely to emergency service calls with limited personnel and resources, across a large service area. Leveraging existing relationships with neighboring municipalities and sharing emergency service responders is reasonable in the short-term, but a longer-term strategy is necessary. It is important to note that other communities in this geography are also stretched thin to provide emergency services. In order to have sustainable, responsive and sufficient emergency services, a multi-jurisdictional approach should be undertaken.

GOALS

1. Continue promoting the Comprehensive Plan within the community and monitor its success.
2. Ensure that Town water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure can accommodate all new development.
3. Increase the volunteer base for emergency services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Develop a Capital Improvement Plan with funding strategies to ensure that infrastructure systems—such as roads, utilities, and public facilities—are effectively designed, well-maintained, and capable of meeting the community's needs. The Plan can be structured to incorporate all infrastructure-related recommendations.
2. Review procedures for enforcement of site review law, subdivision regulations, property maintenance and building codes to ensure clarity and ease of understanding.
3. Incorporate the Comprehensive Plan into annual budget discussions and meetings to inform fiscal planning for project implementation, routine updates to Comprehensive Plan, and asset management.
4. Work with local and regional partners to continue to expand and enhance access to high-speed broadband internet and cell service.
5. Conduct a sidewalk audit to evaluate sidewalk conditions, identify areas requiring repair or replacement, and establish a sidewalk inventory.
6. Actively seek funding to implement highway facility improvements.
7. Host an information session on the importance of emergency services in North Country communities to encourage volunteers.

SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE RESILIENCE

According to the 2022 Oneida County Hazard Mitigation Plan, Forestport, along with Boonville, experiences more extreme cold fronts than the rest of the County due to their northern geographies.

There are 19 dams in and around the Town with the potential to affect residents. Dams along the Black River, specifically, have been reported as concerns for residents. During the development of the HMP, residents indicated that **dam failure**, along with a **disease epidemic**, **flood**, **severe storm**, and a **severe winter storm**, would be of high impact to the community:

- **Dam failure** – A "dam" is an artificial barrier that can impound water, wastewater, or any liquid-borne material for the purpose of storage or control of water.
- **Disease epidemic** – An epidemic or pandemic is when disease spreads far beyond normal levels. Before COVID-19, New York State and Oneida County hadn't faced such a severe outbreak. While dense areas may see faster spread, outbreaks can happen anywhere. Federal and state authorities typically lead the response.
- **Flood** – Flooding is a natural, recurring event, but it poses a serious threat across all Oneida County municipalities. Its severity depends on storm intensity and flood type (e.g., 100-year floods). Increasing storm frequency and intensity have worsened impacts. Mitigation efforts aim to reduce repeated damage. FEMA defines floods as temporary inundations of normally dry land from overflow or rapid runoff.
- **Severe storm** – Severe storms in Oneida County include high winds, heavy snow, thunderstorms, and ice storms, often bringing hazards like tornadoes, hail, lightning, and flooding. These events can occur anywhere in the county with equal likelihood.
- **Severe winter storm** – Oneida County faces winter hazards like ice storms, snowstorms, and ice jams. Ice storms cause dangerous ice buildup, snowstorms bring heavy snow and cold, and ice jams block rivers, leading to localized flooding—especially near bridges and narrow waterways like Sauquoit Creek. These events mostly affect northern and southern valleys but can impact the whole region.

As expressed in the Community Survey, Town residents are concerned about the impacts of climate change on the community. While flooding and increased participation were highlighted in the survey, the 2024-2025 winter season brought unanticipated snowfalls resulting in over a dozen collapsed buildings in the Town. The recommendations in this plan are intended to prepare and enable funding opportunities that will result in a safer and more resilient community.

GOALS

1. Prevent development from harming the ecological functions of the Town's natural resources.
2. Be prepared for the increasing effects of a changing climate.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Enable community gardens through development regulations.
2. Review and update emergency response plans while developing a Town wide disaster response strategy for extreme weather and other emergencies.
3. Explore partnerships with County and State authorities to develop emergency response plans and strategies.
4. Identify locations for EV charging stations in the hamlets and apply for funding to support installation.
5. Assess the conditions and lifespans of dams along the Black River and complete maintenance and upgrades necessary to ensure safe operation.
6. Create an inventory of existing storm water infrastructure.
7. Obtain grant funding and work with regional partners to develop lake management plans for Kayuta Lake, Otter Lake and Little Long Lake.
8. Collaborate with neighboring Counties and Towns, Oneida County, regional planning authorities, the Adirondack Park Agency and the State to prepare a regional Climate Action Plan.
9. Continue to restrict development of single-family homes and critical facilities in the Special Hazard Flood Area.
10. Conduct a comprehensive inventory of the Town's roadways to identify areas with high landslide susceptibility. Prioritize these areas based on severity and develop engineered stabilization strategies accordingly.
11. Develop a tree-trimming program that will identify and remove/trim trees that may destroy or interrupt services or property during a snowfall or windstorm.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Implementation Strategy consists of two key components:

1. The community's dedication and commitment to drive the process forward. This is necessary to providing both the energy and resources needed to initiate, and follow through with, implementation.
2. Actively seeking grants and other funding sources to complement local investments.

A strategic funding approach should be deliberate and layered, prioritizing one or two achievable projects within the first few years. Successfully completing an initial project will help build momentum, fostering greater enthusiasm among residents and attracting support from potential partners.

For a successful implementation strategy, it is highly recommended that:

1. A Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee be established. Comprehensive Plan Committee members are encouraged to participate in the implementation as they offer valuable insight into the process and rationale for recommendation development.
2. Comprehensive Plan Implementation be a standing item on the Town Board Agenda. Regularly discussing implementation will maintain its significance and show the community that its efforts are important to the Town Board. Accountability and transparency is also demonstrated by doing so.
3. A budget line item be established and dedicated to Comprehensive Plan Implementation.

While every project outlined in this plan has been carefully considered, each will require additional planning to determine necessary steps, materials, and associated costs. Further evaluation will be required to refine project details and scopes to confirm feasibility and alignment with community goals.

If a grant application is part of the funding strategy, the project's scope may need to be reassessed to meet eligibility requirements and maximize potential funding. This reassessment could involve adjusting project timelines, modifying design elements, or incorporating additional components to align with grant stipulations.

Beyond direct construction costs, a comprehensive scope of services must be developed to account for essential **soft costs**. These often include expenses related to project design, architectural and engineering services, regulatory permitting fees, and specialized analyses such as archaeological or geotechnical studies. Additional requirements, such as updated surveys or construction administration and inspection, should also be factored in. Typically, **soft costs** constitute approximately 15–18 percent of total construction expenses. Properly accounting for these costs from the outset helps avoid budget shortfalls, ensures compliance with regulatory standards, and facilitates a smoother project execution process.

Securing funding for improvements will be a critical in implementing the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. Various federal, state, regional, and local funding sources are available annually to support these efforts. Many grant opportunities require a local match, which can be provided through direct funding or in-kind contributions, such as donated materials or volunteer time.

The following recommendations have been identified as top priority by the community. At the May 21, 2025, Open House held at Town Hall, attendees were asked to vote on the recommendations most important to them using sticky dots. The purpose of this exercise was to determine high-, medium, and low-priority recommendations that, based on priority, would have a one-to-five-year, five-to-10-year, or 10-to-15-year horizon. Results were tallied and, for ease of reference, priority recommendations have been inserted below along with the number of votes.

Legend

- High Priority - Within one to five years
- Medium Priority - Within five to ten years
- Low Priority - Within ten to fifteen years

Thematic Area	Count	Recommendation	Number
Housing	10	Partner with local housing organizations to provide home repair, mobile home replacement, and rehabilitation programs to prevent homes from falling into major disrepair. Ensure that rental housing stock is well-maintained and in compliance with state building codes.	Ho1
Housing	9	Evaluate the spectrum of options for regulating short-term rentals to determine the best model for the community.	Ho2
Public Services & Infrastructure	8	Develop a Capital Improvement Plan with funding strategies to ensure that infrastructure systems—such as roads, utilities, and public facilities—are effectively designed, well-maintained, and capable of meeting the community's needs. The Plan can be structured to incorporate all infrastructure-related recommendations.	PS01
Community & Culture	8	Partner with DEC to enhance the boat launch located at the Forestport Reservoir.	CC04
Public Services & Infrastructure	7	Work with local and regional partners to continue expanded and enhanced access to high-speed internet infrastructure.	PS04
Sustainability & Climate Resilience	7	Review and update emergency response plans while developing a Town wide disaster notification and response strategy for extreme weather and other emergencies	SR04
Sustainability & Climate Resilience	6	Promote farmers markets and community gardens town-wide that support the needs of all residents.	SR02
Community & Culture	5	Conduct a feasibility study for additional Town-owned parks and recreation facilities.	CC01
Economic Development	4	Create a comprehensive trail map for the Town that delineates snowmobiling, hiking, navigable waterways, multi-use, and ATV trails.	ED02
Economic Development	4	Establish a visual identity for the Town that represents its residents and communicates its history and vision for the future in an attractive and engaging manner.	ED01
Economic Development	4	Develop an economic development plan to meet local needs, capture travelers, maintain existing commerce and locate new business.	ED03
Economic Development	4	Explore funding options for local businesses to improve building facades.	ED05
Public Services & Infrastructure	4	Actively seek funding to implement highway facility improvements through DOT.	PS07
Public Services & Infrastructure	4	Review and update emergency response plans while developing a Town wide disaster notification and response strategy for extreme weather and other emergencies.	SR03
Land Use & Growth Management	3	Develop flood prevention criteria to avoid or mitigate potential food damage. This should be consistent with FEMA Guidelines and Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping Activities Under the Risk MAP Program. The criteria should be consistent with FEMA flood plain mapping in the Town and outline administrative procedures for reviewing projects and enforcing regulations.	LU05

Legend

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Housing	3	Through review of the Site Review Law, or new development ordinance, enable ADUs throughout the Town subject to adequate servicing and infrastructure.	H03
Sustainability & Climate Resilience	3	Obtain grant funding and work with regional partners to develop lake management plans for Kayuta Lake, Otter Lake, and Little Long Lake.	SR08
Sustainability & Climate Resilience	3	Enable community gardens through development regulations.	SR01
Community & Culture	3	Create a collection of historic interpretation features including signs, walking tours, building markers, and murals to showcase the community's rich history and culture.	CC05
Community & Culture	3	Evaluate existing Town-owned recreation facilities for ADA compliance and identify areas of improvement.	CC02
Community & Culture	3	Improve the quality, accessibility and availability of parks, trails and recreational opportunities to enhance community wellbeing and maintain the Town of Forestport as a sought-after recreational destination.	CC06
Public Services & Infrastructure	2	Conduct regular reviews of procedures for enforcement of site review law, subdivision regulations, property maintenance and building codes to ensure clarity and ease of understanding.	PS02
Public Services & Infrastructure	2	Conduct a sidewalk audit to evaluate sidewalk conditions, identify areas requiring repair or replacement, and establish a sidewalk inventory.	PS05
Economic Development	1	Develop and implement a wayfinding strategy throughout the town that provides direction to key destinations like hamlets, boat launches, and trailheads.	ED06
Economic Development	1	Leverage relationships with local and regional organizations to promote and market the Town of Forestport as "open for business".	ED07
Economic Development	1	Support the establishment of business networking and knowledge sharing opportunities for local entrepreneurs and prospective businesses interested in establishing in the Town.	ED08
Public Services & Infrastructure	1	Incorporate the Comprehensive Plan into annual budget discussions and meetings to inform fiscal planning for project implementation, routine updates to the Comprehensive Plan, and asset management.	PS03
Sustainability & Climate Resilience	1	Create an inventory of existing storm water infrastructure using GIS.	SR06

Number	Recommendation	Lead	Partners	Resources*
Land Use & Growth Management				
LU01	Update the Town's Site Review Law for consistency with the vision, goals, and recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan until a zoning code is developed.	Town	Planning Board	NYS DOS Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Grant, DEC Adirondack Smart Growth
LU02	Apply for grant opportunities to fund the development of a land use code that implements the land use directions of the Comprehensive Plan.	Town	Planning Board	NYS DOS Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Grant, DEC Adirondack Smart Growth
LU03	Identify Town-owned and privately-owned underutilized and vacant sites as candidates for future redevelopment. Data on these sites including, but not limited to, acreage, zoning, past and present land uses, should be recorded and made easily accessible for prospective buyers/developers.	Town	Oneida County IDA	Restore NY, ESD Strategic Planning and Feasibility
LU04	Promote incentives to encourage private sector investment in, and development of, identified underutilized and vacant sites, such as, targeted housing programs, adaptive reuse initiatives, and tax incentives.	Town	Oneida County IDA	Restore NY, ESD Strategic Planning and Feasibility
LU05	Develop flood prevention criteria to avoid or mitigate potential flood damage. This should be consistent with FEMA Guidelines and Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping Activities Under the Risk MAP Program. The criteria should be consistent with FEMA floodplain mapping in the Town and outline administrative procedures for reviewing projects and enforcing regulations.	Town	-	FEMA
Housing				
H01	Partner with local housing organizations to provide home repair, mobile home replacement, and rehabilitation programs to prevent homes from falling into major disrepair. Ensure that rental housing stock is well-maintained and in compliance with state building codes.	Town	Oneida Housing Authority, Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank, and LivingADK	NYS HCR Housing Programs (e.g., HOME), Restore NY CDBG Housing
H02	Evaluate the spectrum of options for regulating short-term rentals to determine the best model for the community.	Town	-	-
H03	Through review of the Site Review Law, or new development ordinance, enable ADUs throughout the Town subject to adequate servicing and infrastructure.	Town	-	-
H04	Obtain Pro-Housing Community certification from NYS Homes and Community Renewal.	Town	-	-
H05	Develop a strategy to assist seniors with maintaining safe households that support independent living.	Town	AARP	AARP

Ho6	Hire a consultant to conduct a short-term rental (STR) study for the Town of Forestport that is comprised of establishing a baseline of the number of STRs available for rent, number of units, location, and availability. The baseline should also include a scan of the STR regulations of similar municipalities (i.e., northern New York communities near/within the APA). The study should include an overview of Town and County laws/regulations that have implications for STRs and identify gaps between existing regulations and the goals and objectives of the Town with regards to STRs. The extent of what can lawfully be regulated by the Town should also be explained, as well as the pros and cons to implementing STR-related regulations.	Town	-	-
Economic Development				
EDo1	Establish a visual identity for the Town that represents its residents and communicates its history and vision for the future in an attractive and engaging manner.	Town	-	Market NY, DEC Adirondack Smart Growth
EDo2	Create a comprehensive trail map for the Town that delineates snowmobiling, navigable waterways, hiking, multi-use, and ATV trails.	Town	-	DEC
EDo3	Develop an economic development plan to meet local needs, capture travelers, maintain existing commerce and locate new business.	Town	-	DEC, REDC, Northern Border Regional Commission
EDo4	Explore funding sources and staffing options to host signature all-season community events.	Town	-	-
EDo5	Explore funding options for local businesses to improve building facades.	Town	-	NY Main Street through Homes and Community Renewal
EDo6	Develop and implement a wayfinding strategy throughout the Town that provides direction to key destinations like hamlets, boat launch, parks, and trailheads.	Town	-	Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)
EDo7	Leverage relationships with local and regional organizations to promote and market the Town of Forestport as "open for business".	Town	-	-
EDo8	Support the establishment of business networking and knowledge sharing opportunities for local entrepreneurs and prospective businesses interested in establishing in the Town.	Town	-	-
Community & Culture				
CCo1	Assess the feasibility for additional Town-owned parks and recreation facilities.	Town	NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, ESD Strategic Planning and Feasibility	NY BRICKS - Building Recreational Infrastructure for Communities, Kids and Seniors
CCo2	Evaluate existing Town-owned recreation facilities for ADA compliance and identify areas of improvement.	Town	-	-

CC03	Explore placemaking opportunities with local businesses and property owners that highlight popular establishments in the hamlets and rural areas.	Town	-	USDA Regional Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC)
CC04	Partner with DEC to enhance the boat launch located at the Forestport Reservoir.	Town	DEC	-
CC05	Create a collection of historic interpretation features, including signage, kiosks, walking tours, building markers, and murals, to showcase the community's rich history and culture.	Town	-	Historic Preservation Grants
CC06	No more than 10 years following its adoption by the Town Board, the success and progress of the goals and recommendations of Forestport Forward shall be evaluated. The review may be undertaken by the Town and/or a consultant. The evaluation shall yield a clear indication of the status of each of the Plan's recommendations.	CPIC	-	-
CC07	Conduct a feasibility assessment to evaluate the Town's Community Center and its capacity for retrofitting, new equipment, additional programming, and expansion	Town	-	-
Public Services & Infrastructure				
PS01	Develop a Capital Improvement Plan with funding strategies to ensure that infrastructure systems—such as roads, utilities, and public facilities—are effectively designed, well-maintained, and capable of meeting the community's needs. The Plan can be structured to incorporate all infrastructure-related recommendations.	Town	-	DEC Adirondack Smart Growth, CDBG Planning (for water), EPG (for sewer)
PS02	Review procedures for enforcement of site review law, subdivision regulations, property maintenance and building codes to ensure clarity and ease of understanding.	Town	-	-
PS03	Incorporate the Comprehensive Plan into annual budget discussions and meetings to inform fiscal planning for project implementation, routine updates to Comprehensive Plan, and asset management.	Town	-	-
PS04	Work with local and regional partners to continue to expand and enhance access to high-speed broadband internet and cell service.	Town	-	NYS ConnectALL Office
PS05	Conduct a sidewalk audit to evaluate sidewalk conditions, identify areas requiring repair or replacement, and establish a sidewalk inventory.	Town	-	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program
PS06	Enhance accessibility by installing accessible crosswalks and sidewalks throughout the hamlets.	Town	-	Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS)
PS07	Actively seek funding to implement highway facility improvements.	Town	-	NYSDOT TAP, STIP

PS08	Develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town that involves neighboring communities and local agencies and enables funding for emergency service providers	Town	-	
PS09	Host an information session on the importance of emergency services in North Country communities to encourage volunteers	Town	STaR, Fire fighters	
Sustainability & Resilience				
SR01	Enable community gardens through development regulations.	Town	-	DOS Smart Growth Community Planning
SR02	Promote Farmers Markets and community gardens Town-wide that support the local and regional economy.	Town	-	-
SR03	Review and update emergency response plans while developing a Town wide disaster notification and response strategy for extreme weather and other emergencies.	Town	-	FEMA
SR04	Explore partnerships with County and State authorities to develop emergency response plans and strategies.	Town	-	-
SR05	Identify locations for EV charging stations and apply for funding to support installation.	Town	-	NYSDOT NEVI, NYSEDA, Charge NY
SR06	Create an inventory of existing storm water infrastructure using GIS.	Town	-	PPG
SR07	Continue to restrict development of single-family homes and critical facilities in the Special Hazard Flood Area.	Town	-	-
SR08	Obtain grant funding and work with regional partners to develop lake management plans for Kayuta Lake, Otter Lake, and Little Long Lake.	Town, Lake Associations	APA, NYSFOLA	NYSDEC, NYSEFC
SR09	Assess the conditions and lifespans of dams along the Black River and complete maintenance and upgrades necessary to ensure safe operation.	Town	-	DEC CSC
SR10	Conduct a climate vulnerability assessment to identify the most critical climate-related threats and establish a strategic framework for implementing adaptation and mitigation initiatives, with an emphasis on stormwater management and green infrastructure solutions.	Town	-	DEC CSC
SR11	Collaborate with neighboring Counties and Towns, Oneida County, regional planning authorities, the Adirondack Park Agency and the State to prepare a regional Climate Action Plan.	Town	-	DEC CSC
SR12	Conduct a comprehensive inventory of the Town's roadways to identify areas with high landslide susceptibility. Prioritize these areas based on severity and develop engineered stabilization strategies accordingly.	Town	-	-
SR13	Develop a tree-trimming program that will identify and remove/trim trees that may destroy or interrupt services or property during a snowfall or windstorm	Town	-	DEC CSC

APPENDIX A

COMMUNITY PROFILE

INTRODUCTION

This Community Profile is intended to provide an overview of the Town's existing conditions and be used as a baseline for continued reference through the preparation and implementation of Forestport's new Comprehensive Plan. The Community Profile is comprised of the following sections:

Culture and History	An overview of the Town's history and settlement.
Demographics	Describes the population of Town residents.
Housing	Details median housing costs, vacancy rate, homeownership rates, and household data compared to the County and the State.
Local and Regional Economy	Describes the job market, major employers and employment/industrial sectors that serve/employ Town residents.
Land Use	Provides a summary of the land use regulations that apply to lands within the Town.
Transportation, Recreation & Infrastructure	This section details various public services including water, sewer, highways, roadways, and emergency facilities and outlines recreational amenities and parks in the Town.
Natural Resources & Climate Resiliency	This section describes the Town's natural resources and efforts being undertaken to conserve and maintain their integrity.
Town Operations	A summary of the Town's financial structure and administrative framework.

CULTURE & HISTORY

Forestport's heritage is rooted in forestry, milling, and canal-based transportation. The construction of the Black River Canal and its feeder in 1848 spurred economic growth, enabling the movement of timber and goods while fostering the development of mills, schools, churches, and other institutions. A notable chapter in the town's history includes the "Forestport Breaks"—a series of deliberate breaches in the canal during the late 19th century, leading to a major investigation and trials.

Earlier, the region served as a strategic site during the French and Indian War, Revolutionary War, and War of 1812, delaying permanent settlement until the late 1700s. Pioneers cleared forests for agriculture, favoring livestock and cheese production due to the short growing season. The area's hemlock forests supported a tanning industry, while rivers powered mills.

Industrial growth peaked in the 19th century, but as logging declined, Forestport transitioned toward recreation and tourism. Notable historical sites include the Forestport Feeder Canal and Dam, and Camp S-122, a former Civilian Conservation Corps camp later used during WWII.

Founded in 1869, Forestport is the youngest town in Oneida County. Situated in the northeastern corner of the county, it encompasses the hamlets of Otter Lake and Woodgate and the central area of Forestport. The Black River and Kayuta Lake define the town's boundaries to the west, while Herkimer County is to the east, and Lewis County is to the north. The Town is approximately 78.9 square miles.

DEMOGRAPHICS

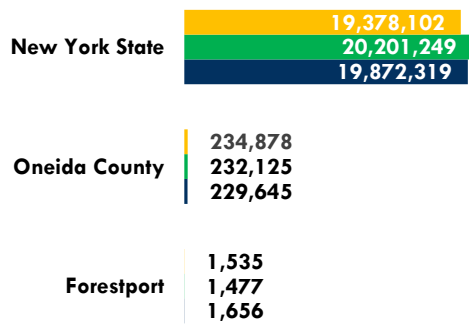
KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Forestport's population is estimated to have increased slightly in 2023 following years of decline. Based on reported data, an estimated increase in 2023 is unusual for communities in the area. It should be noted that ACS data is estimated and based on five-year time periods and offers a greater margin of error than the Decennial Census.
2. In 2023, the predominant age group in Forestport is estimated to be those 65 to 74 years. Since 2013, there has been a steady increase of youth ages 19 and under. Historically, the 20- to 24-year-old cohort has been small.
3. The Forestport Elementary school closed in 2013 which has resulted in students being bussed to neighboring Towns. The school has since been repurposed as the Town Hall. Existing recreation facilities, like outdoor play equipment and the indoor gymnasium, remain and programmed for community activities.

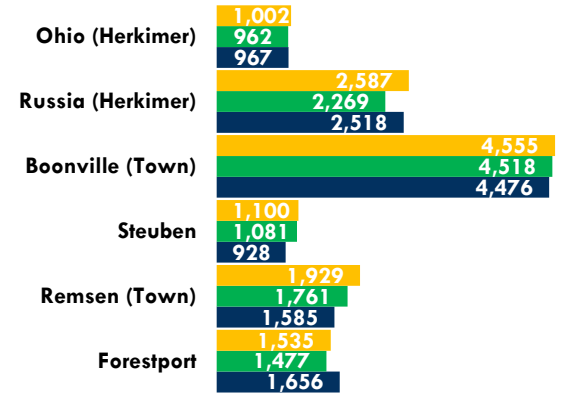
POPULATION

Forestport's population is approximately 1,656, according to the 2023 ACS, which marks an increase in population following years of decreases. Other nearby communities have also experienced population decreases between the 2010 and 2020 decennial censuses. However, Forestport is one of the only communities to see an estimated increase in the 2023 ACS.

Population Comparisons



Populations of Nearby Communities



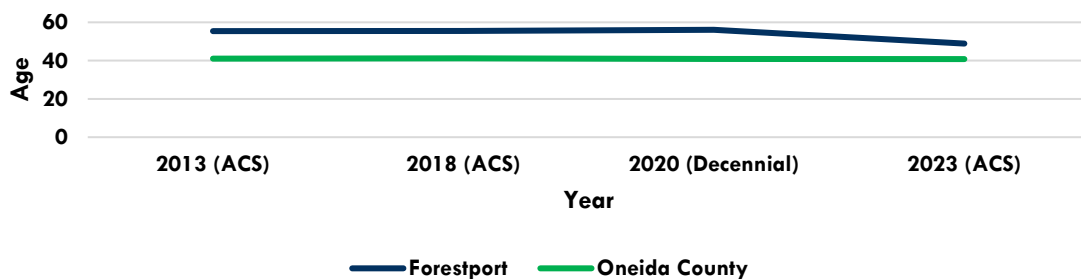
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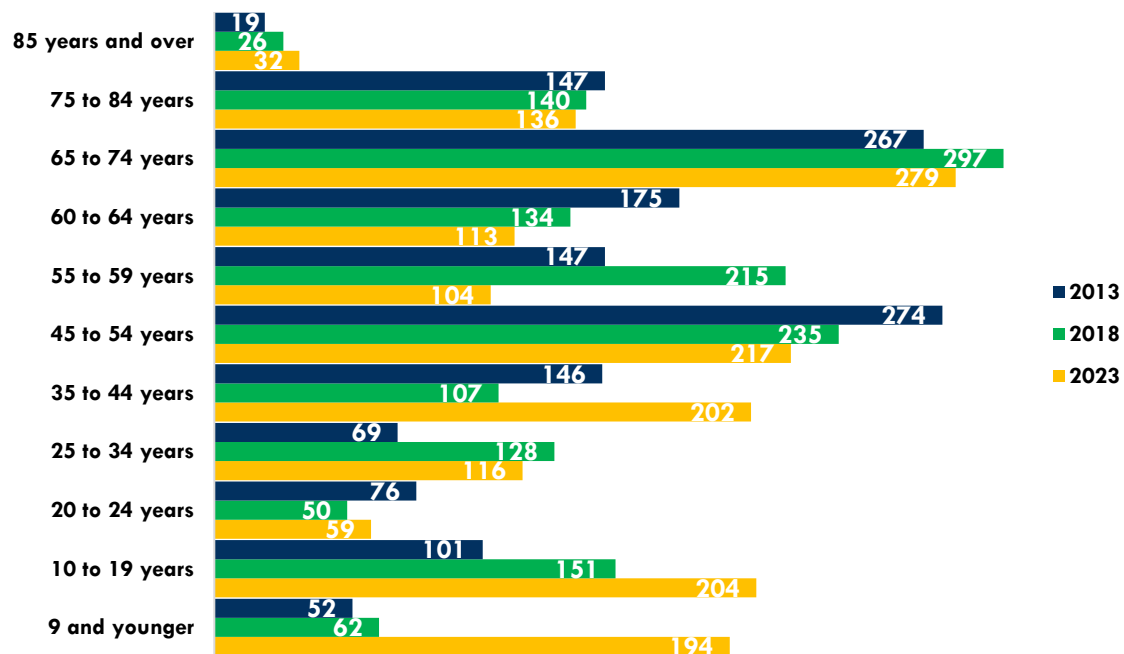
AGE

The median age of the Town has remained around 55 years since 2013. However, the ACS estimates that it lowered to 49 in 2023. The County's median age is historically more than 10 years younger than Forestport's and has remained stable since 2013.

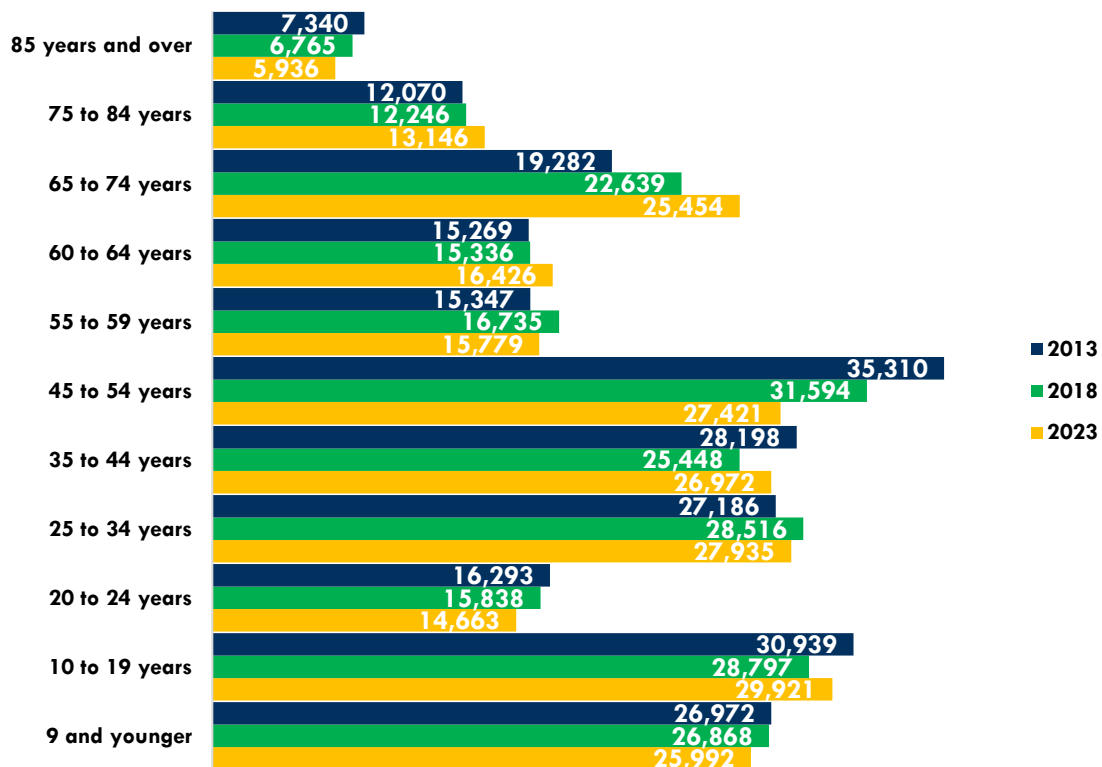
Median Age Comparison



Town of Forestport Population by Age



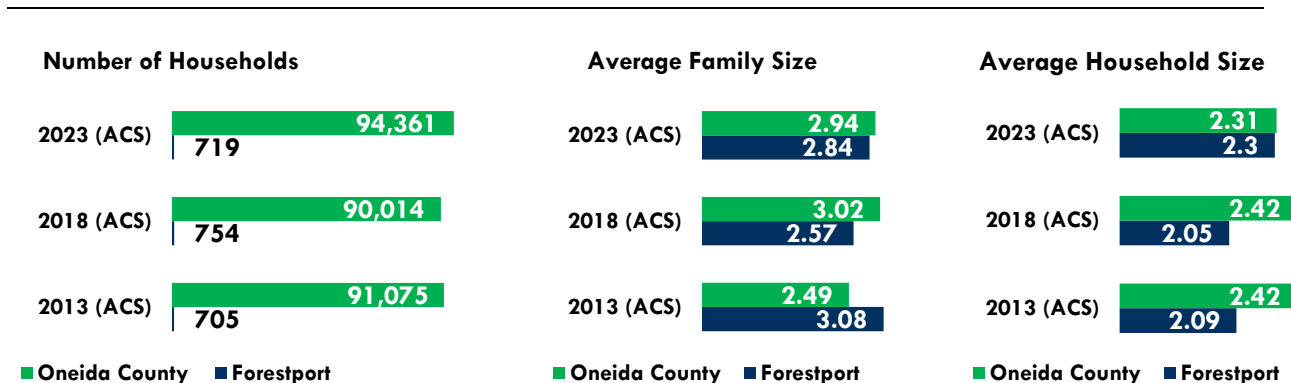
Oneida County Population by Age



According to the 2023 ACS, 27% of the Town's residents are 65 years old or over. In 2023, the 64 to 75 age

group represented the largest percentile (16.8%). Looking at the County as a whole, the median age is younger at 40.8. There is a thin margin between the largest percentile groups—25 to 34 (12.2 percent), 45 to 54 (11.9 percent), 35 to 44 (11.7 percent), and 65 to 74 (11.1 percent). 22.6 percent of the Town’s residents are 18 years old or younger. Approximately 14.7 percent of residents are between 15 to 34 years old.

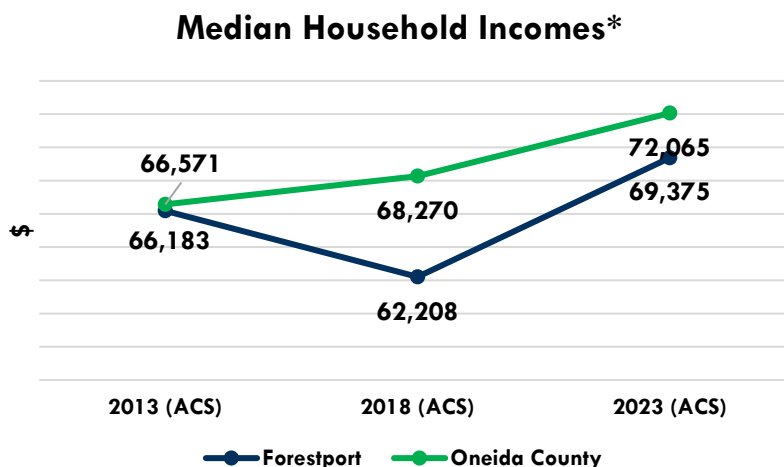
HOUSEHOLDS



Average household size in the County remained stable from 2013 to 2018 while it has decreased in the Town. In 2023, the ACS estimated a growth in the household size of the Town and a decrease in the County. Family size has been dynamic in both the Town and County from 2013 to 2023 and appears to have been shifting in opposite directions. While Family Size decreased between 2013 and 2018 in Forestport, it increased in the County. From 2018 to 2023, Family size increased in Forestport but decreased in the County.

In 2023, the median household income was estimated at \$69,375* in the Town, and \$72,065* in the County. Generally, the median household income of the County has outpaced that of the Town with percentage change increasing over time.

*Incomes have been adjusted for inflation to determine buying power as of January 2025.



CULTURAL MAKE-UP

In 2013, the racial and ethnic composition of Forestport was predominantly white with approximately 97 percent of the population estimated to be white with three percent of the population comprised of American Indians, Alaskan Natives and Asian residents. Further, 99.3 percent identified as a single race while less than one percent identifies as two or more races.

In 2023, with a population increase, the proportion of both white residents, and those identifying as one race, declined slightly while those identifying as two or more races, black, American Indian, and Asian, increased.

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment for Population 25 and Older			
Educational Level	Town of Forestport	Oneida County	New York State
Less than 9th grade	1.30%	4.70%	6.00%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4.80%	6.40%	6.20%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	26.10%	30.10%	24.60%
Some college, no degree	21.00%	18.50%	14.90%
Associate's degree	15.60%	12.60%	8.90%
Bachelor's degree	21.00%	15.90%	22.00%
Graduate or professional degree	10.30%	11.80%	17.50%
High school graduate or higher	94.00%	88.90%	87.90%
Bachelor's degree or higher	31.30%	27.80%	39.60%

According to the 2023 ACS, 94 percent of residents 25 years old and over are high school graduates or higher. This is higher than both the County and State averages. Percentages of those without a completed high school education, or less, are lower than the County and State averages. Considering these details, as well as strong percentages in both associate and bachelor's degree attainments, Forestport is home to many who have completed some form of formal education.

The 2023 ACS estimates that approximately 94 percent of residents 25 and older are high school graduates or higher. Approximately 31.3 percent of those 25 and older have obtained a bachelor's degree or greater. Throughout the entire County, approximately 86.6 percent of those 25 years and older are high school graduates or greater, and 22.4 percent possess a bachelor's degree or greater.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

With the closure of the Forestport Elementary School in June 2019, there are no schools in the Town. Students are served by three neighboring school districts:

- 1) Town of Webb Union Free School District (TWUFSD)
 - a. Located in Old Forge, enrollment of the TWUFSD is currently approximately 242 students across kindergarten to grade 12.
 - b. The TWUFSD buses students from the intersection of Route 28 and Bear Creek Road.
- 2) Remsen Central School District (RCSD)
 - a. RCSD has an elementary school and shared junior-senior high school with approximately 385 students from kindergarten to grade 12. These schools are located on the same property in Remsen.
 - b. RCSD transports students from the southeastern part of the Town.
- 3) Adirondak Central School District (ACSD)

- a. Two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school comprise the ACS. Except for one elementary school in West Leyden, all schools are located in Boonville. Enrollment is approximately 1,100 students.
- b. The ACSD transports students from all across Forestport.

HOUSING

KEY TAKEAWAYS

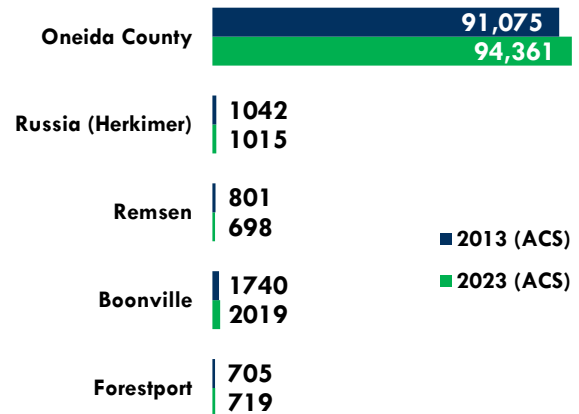
1. There is a difference between how the Census (decennial or ACS) and tax assessment records classify vacant properties.
2. The 2020 decennial census reported 1,182 vacant properties—some of these may not technically be vacant. The census does not have a separate count for seasonal properties.
3. In 2024, tax assessment records reported 1,190 (34.2 percent) vacant properties and 764 (22.0 percent) seasonal residences.
4. Of all housing units, two- and three-family units comprise less than one percent each.

HOUSING UNITS

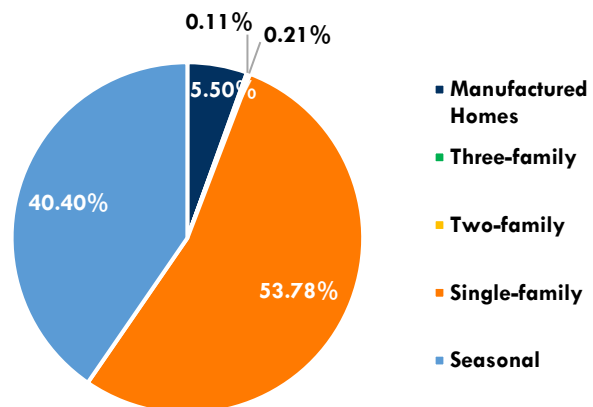
In 2023, the Town of Forestport had approximately 719 housing units (ACS, 2023) which is an increase from the 2013 report of 705 (ACS, 2013). While Forestport has fewer housing units than the neighboring municipalities of Russia and Boonville, it has experienced an increase whereas Russia and Remsen have both experienced decreases.

The 2023 ACS estimates that more than half (53.78 percent) of housing stock is single-family. Less than one percent of both two- and three-family dwellings make up Town's residential units.

Occupied Housing Units by Municipality



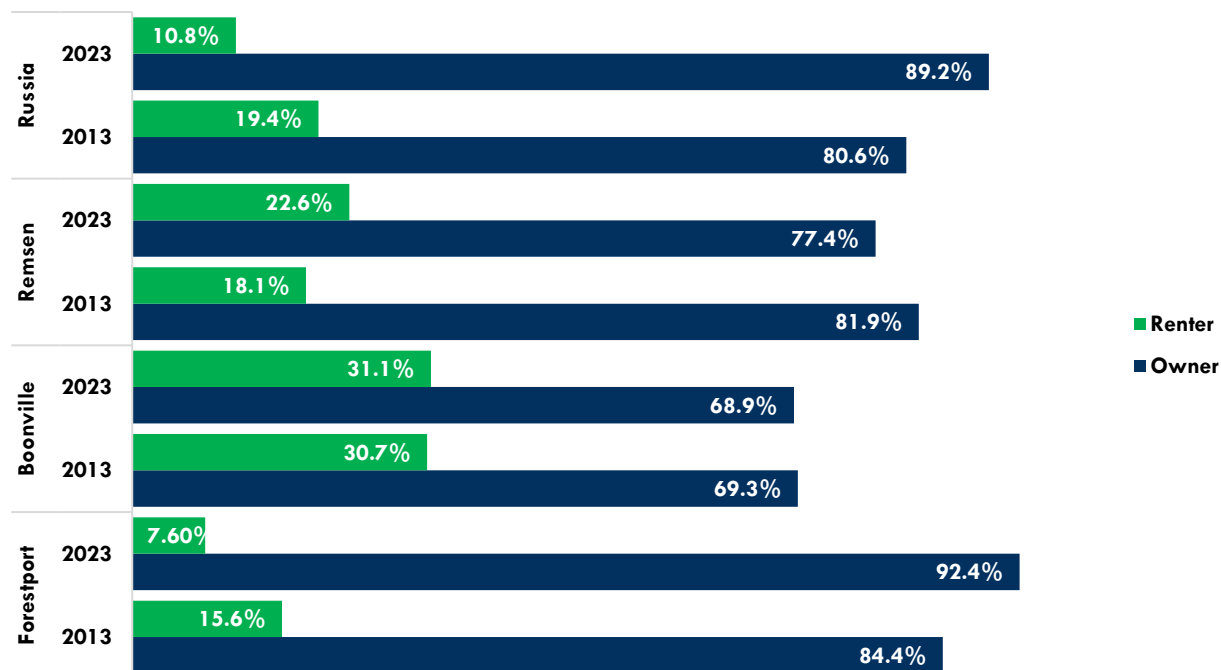
Residential Unit Types in Forestport, 2023



OCCUPANCY STATUS

According to the 2023 ACS, approximately 92.4 percent of dwellings are owner-occupied. This is up by approximately eight percent since 2013. Conversely, the number of renter-occupied units has decreased from 15.6 percent in 2013 to 7.60 percent in 2023. Russia has experienced the same trend between 2013 and 2023. Overall, in 2023, Forestport reported the highest percentage of owner-occupied dwellings and the lowest percentage of renter-occupied dwellings.

Occupancy Status by Municipality and Year



In 2023, approximately 93.4 percent of residents of owner-occupied dwelling units lived in their home for at least five years. In the same year, 72.7 percent of renters lived in their dwelling unit for at least five years. The largest five-year owner-occupied cohort is 2010 to 2017 with 28.8 percent of residents. The largest five-year renter-occupied cohorts are 1990 to 1999, and 2021 or later.

VACANCY

According to the 2020 Decennial census, Forestport exhibits a high vacancy rate of 62.6 percent, with 1,182 housing units classified as vacant. It should be noted that for the purposes of this census, 'vacant housing unit' does not mean abandoned or unoccupied and encompasses a broad group of dwellings with varying degrees of vacancy:

1. Dwellings that were unoccupied at the time of census count;
2. Dwellings that are occupied but by residents that have a usual residence elsewhere; and
3. Newly constructed units with exterior windows, doors and final floors.

SEASONAL VS. VACANT

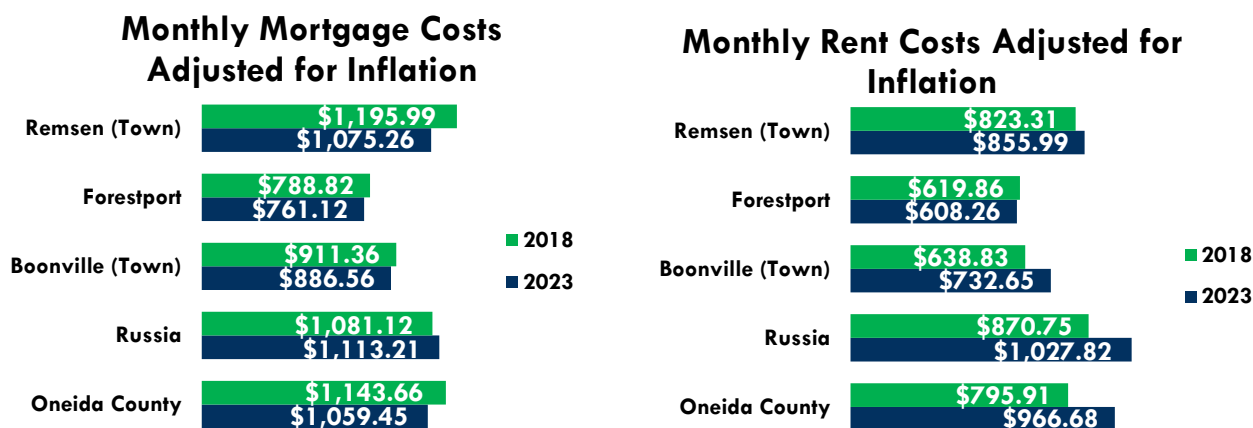
Census data does not account for seasonal residences as an individual line item. As described above, dwellings that would typically be considered to be seasonal, as they are occupied occasionally by residents with another usual residence, are considered vacant in the Census.

At municipal level, tax assessment records can be used as an additional source of data for vacant and seasonal dwellings. New York State Tax Assessment Property Codes establish 17 categories of vacant lands that range from bare land to lands with a shell building—the 300 series. Seasonal residences—260—are described as, “Dwelling units generally used for seasonal occupancy; not constructed for year-round occupancy (inadequate insulation, heating, etc.).”

2024 tax assessment records yield the following:

1. 3,477 parcels total.
2. 764 seasonal residences
 - o This includes 317 waterfront properties.
3. 1190 vacant properties
 - o This includes 196 waterfront properties.

HOUSING COSTS



When adjusting for inflation, the monthly median mortgage costs for Forestport decreased between 2018 and 2023, as well as for most of the other neighboring communities. For those renting, the monthly housing costs have also decreased in the Town. The same cannot be said for neighboring municipalities or the greater County, where rental cost increased by approximately \$170.00.

HOUSING BURDEN

The ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Project, created by the United Way, highlights the struggles faced by individuals and families who are employed but earn too little to cover essential living expenses. Using a consistent methodology and publicly available data—including census figures, employment statistics, wages, and cost of living—the project provides insight into the financial challenges of working households in Oneida County.

Households earning more than the federal poverty level but still unable to afford a basic survival budget are classified as ALICE. In 2021, 26,461 households in Oneida County—representing 28% of all households—fell into this category, an increase from 24,833 households (also 28%) in 2010.

In 2021, 46 percent of households in the Town of Forestport fell below ALICE. Town of Boonville and the Town of Remsen also fell below but with smaller percentages—41 percent and 35 percent, respectively.

SHORT TERM RENTALS (STRS)

Short-term rentals (STRs) have become an increasingly prominent aspect of Forestport's housing market, mirroring regional trends across the Adirondack Park. These rentals, often facilitated through platforms like Airbnb or Adirondack By Owner, provide an appealing option for visitors seeking a home-like atmosphere during their stays. While STRs contribute positively to the local economy by attracting tourists who support restaurants, shops, and recreational services, they also present challenges that affect housing availability and affordability for full-time residents. In Forestport, where 62.6 percent of housing units are vacant due to seasonal use, the rise in STRs exacerbates the lack of year-round rental options, limiting housing access for residents who contribute to the local workforce.

Using data sourced from **AirDNA**, a platform for short-term rental analytics. AirDNA compiles its data by analyzing booking activity from major vacation rental platforms like Airbnb and Vrbo. The platform aggregates and verifies publicly available information on property listings, rates, occupancy, and other metrics using proprietary algorithms. This enables AirDNA to provide comprehensive insights into market performance, trends, and forecasts for short-term rentals worldwide.

The short-term rental market in Forestport has grown significantly, with active listings increasing by 22 percent over the past three years, reaching a total of 112 active listings in 2024.

The occupancy rate stands at 46 percent, and Seasonal variation is pronounced. Summer tourism drives a peak of 66 percent in July, while the lowest occupancy is 33 percent in April. The average length of stay has decreased slightly to 3 days, with more extended stays during the peak summer season.

In terms of rental size, three-bedroom properties are the most common, comprising 30 percent of all listings, followed by two-bedroom units at 27 percent and one-bedroom units at 21 percent. Larger homes with four or more bedrooms account for 22 percent of the market.

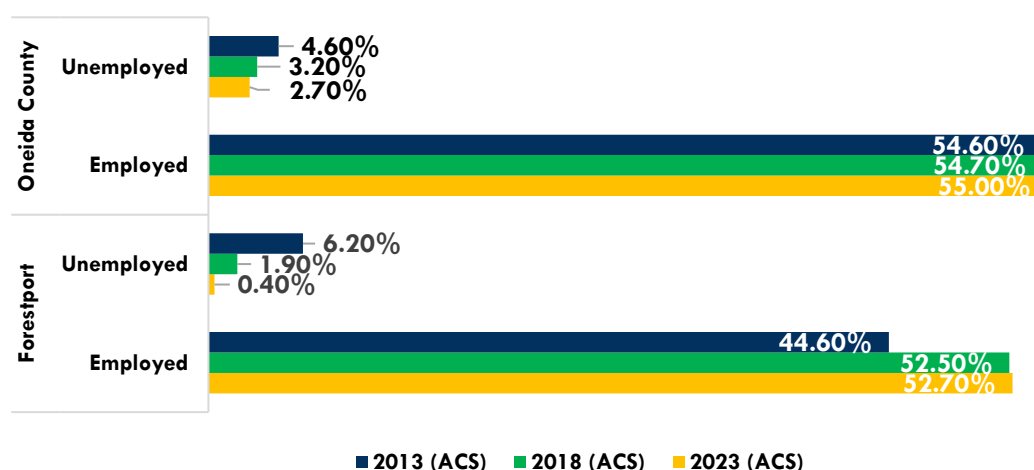
The average annual revenue per short-term rental (STR) listing is \$42,400, reflecting a modest 2 percent growth from the previous year. Entire homes tend to perform slightly better, averaging \$42,900 annually. While luxury properties represent a smaller portion of the market, they achieve high nightly rates, averaging \$548.40. However, professionally managed properties have seen a 14 percent drop in rates, likely due to increased competition driving prices down. The average daily rate (ADR) has risen to \$312.90, but revenue per available room (RevPAR), a key measure of profitability, has dipped slightly to \$144.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMY

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. On average, Forestport residents are commuting just over 30 minutes. This suggests that Rome, Utica, Old Forge and Herkimer are drawing employees. This also indicates that there are few employment opportunities within the Town itself.
2. Since 2013, the number of people working remotely has been increasing and has surged with the COVID19 pandemic.
3. Top employment industries include Education, Healthcare, and Social Assistance

Employment Rates as Percentages of the Workforce

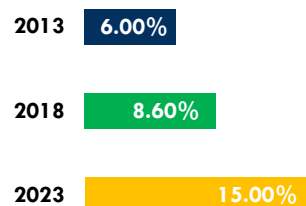


WORKFORCE CHARACTERIZATION

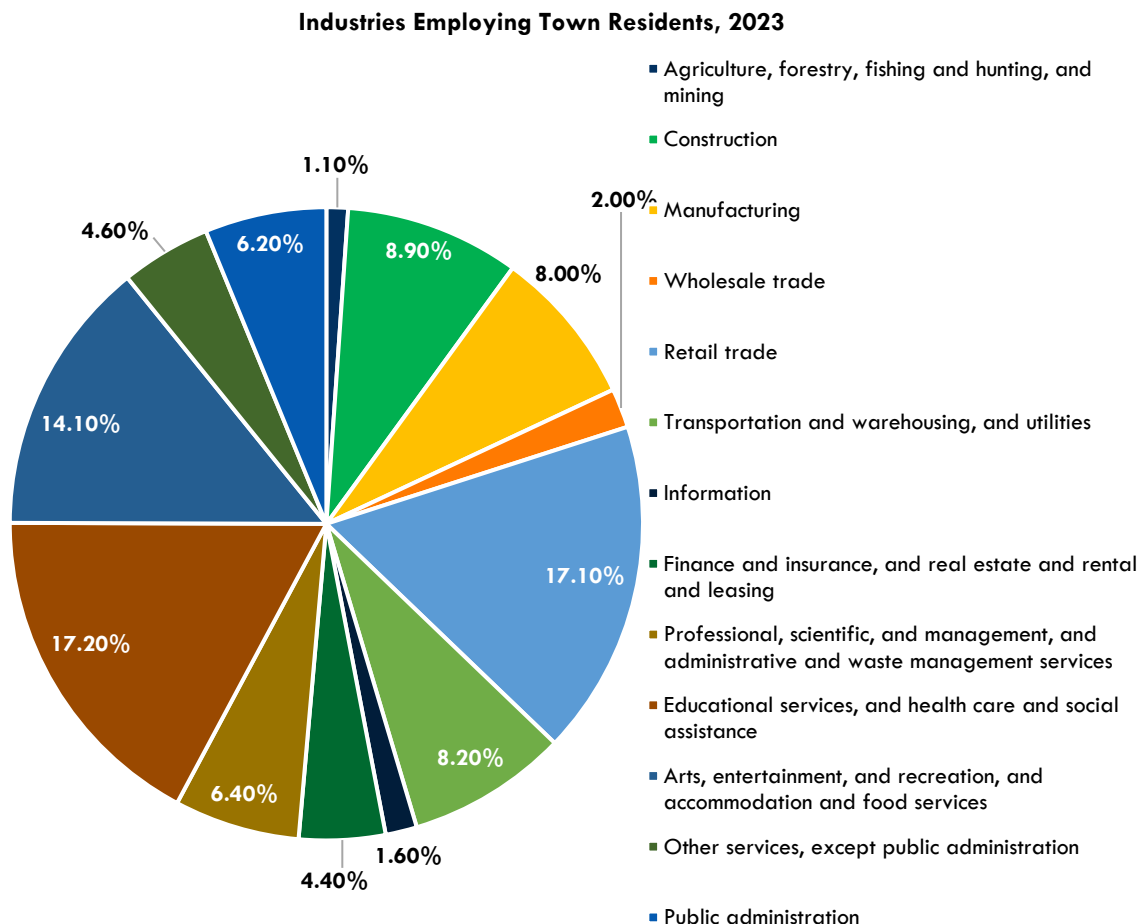
The ACS estimated a remarkably low percentage of unemployed residents in 2023 (0.40 percent). It should be noted that this is a percentage of the Town's workforce which is approximately 698 people (53 percent of people ages 16 and older in the workforce). Approximately 84 percent of workers drove to work while approximately 15 percent worked from home and less than one percent had other means of getting to work. Forestport residents have an average commute of 31.6 minutes, which is longer than Oneida County's average of 20 minutes.

Since 2013, the number of resident working from home (WFH) has steadily increased. This aligns with not only company and business models evolving as with the COVID19 pandemic, but also advances in technology and shifting employee roles and responsibilities. This nationwide trend is allowing employees to live and work in more remote communities away from urban centers where their employers are typically located.

Percentages of the Town Workforce Working from Home by Year



EMPLOYMENT SECTORS



The following industries are the highest employers of Forestport residents:

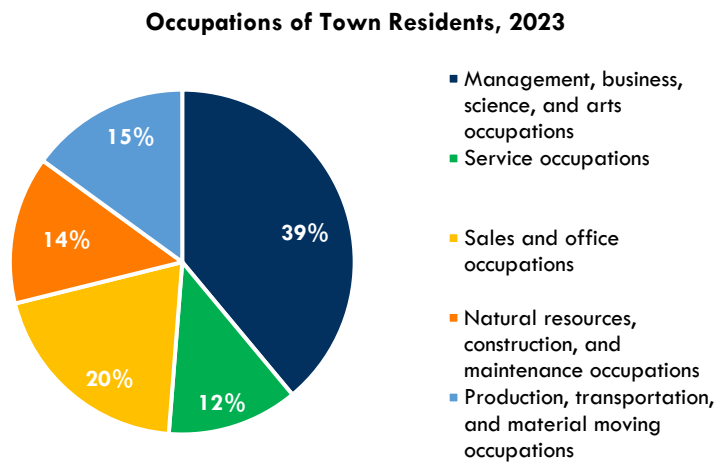
Education, Healthcare, and Social Assistance (22.5 percent): This sector employs the largest share of the workforce, reflecting the presence of schools, medical facilities, and social services that cater to both residents and neighboring communities.

Manufacturing (15.5 percent): Manufacturing remains a significant employer, likely consisting of small-scale manufacturing companies that serve local or regional markets.

Retail Trade (13.5 percent): Retail businesses support both residents and tourists, with shops, restaurants, and service providers contributing to local employment.

Construction (10.5 percent): The construction industry supports residential buildings, infrastructure projects, and the maintenance of seasonal homes.

In 2023, the most common occupations of residents are within management, business, science and arts (39 percent) followed by sales and office occupations (20 percent).



LAND USE AND ZONING

KEY TAKEAWAYS

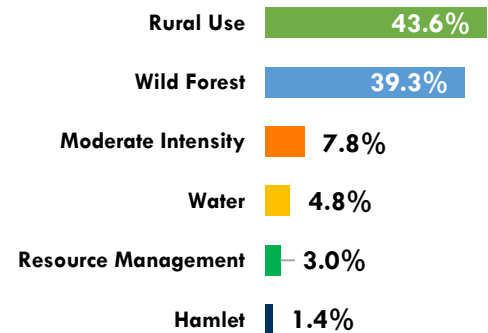
1. To manage land use and development in the municipality, the Town of Forestport utilizes its Site Review Law and does not have a zoning ordinance.
2. Approximately 32 percent of the Town is within the Adirondack Park. Development and land uses within these areas are subject to the requirements of the Adirondack Park Agency.
3. More than half of the Town is assessed as Parks & Open Space. This results in a small tax base.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

Approximately 32 percent, or 16,318 acres, of the Town is within the Adirondack Park and therefore subject to the land use regulations of the Adirondack Park Agency ("APA"). Of these acres, approximately 39.3 percent is State-owned. All land use activities within the Adirondack Park are subject to review and regulation by the APA. This ensures that development aligns with environmental conservation goals and the APA's land use regulations. APA lands within Forestport fall within the following APA land use categories:

- 1) Rural Use (Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan) – 7,121 acres
 - a. Emphasizes low density residential development while permitting most uses.
- 2) Resource Management (Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan) – 492 acres
 - a. Intended to conserve natural open spaces in these areas. Residential, agriculture and forestry uses are generally compatible. Most development will require a permit from the APA.
- 3) Moderate Intensity (Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan) – 1275 acres
 - a. Emphasizes relatively concentrated residential development while permitting most uses.
- 4) Hamlet (Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan) – 234 acres
 - a. The APA generally encourages that growth and development be directed to these areas. There are limited permit requirements.
- 5) Wild Forest (State Land Map 2018) – 6,419 acres
 - a. Wild Forest areas do not contain substantial vegetation or overgrowth and can accommodate more human use than wilderness areas. A wide variety of outdoor recreation uses are generally permitted.
- 6) Water – 777 acres
 - a. Water resources include lakes, rivers, and other bodies of water, vital for recreation, wildlife habitat, and water quality.

Adirondack Park Agency Land Uses



Town of Forestport Community Profile

Adirondack Park Agency Land Uses

Map Key

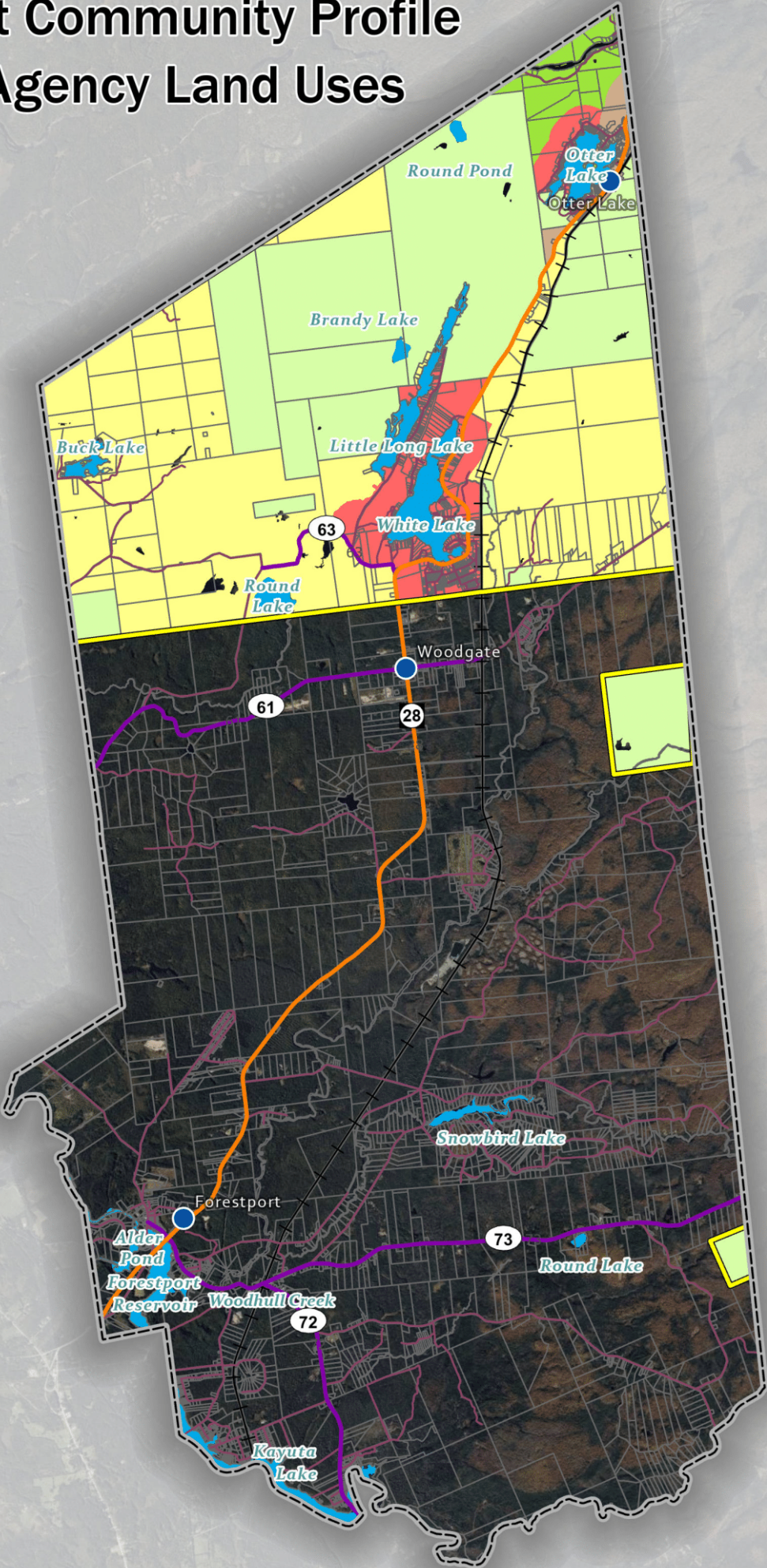
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- Hamlets
- State Route
- County Road
- Minor Road
- Railroad
- Tax Parcels
- APA Border

Private Land Classification

- Hamlet
- Moderate Intensity
- Rural Use
- Resource Management

State Land Classification

- Wild Forest



LAND USES

An assessment of the Town's land uses is key to understanding historical development patterns, current land uses and identifying potential development trends. It also helps determine potential land use issues and identify opportunities to better support planning for future growth and development within the community.

Land Uses, as described in this section, are current uses of properties as determined by 2024 Tax Assessment data. This evaluation can result in an update to the land use regulations of a municipality. The Town of Forestport contains the following land uses:

Low-Density Residential

Single-family residential uses in the Town. These are predominantly single-detached dwellings occupied year-round.

Medium-Density Residential

Includes two- and three-family residential uses and dwelling units that are self-contained and occupied by one household but in the form of a duplex or triplex.

Public Services

These parcels contain public utilities or infrastructure that serve the community.

Community Services

These premises generally contain public or non-profit entities that provide support services to the community. Community services can be situated outdoor, like a cemetery, or indoor like a school.

Industrial

Industrial premises have a processing, manufacturing or warehousing component as a primary use.

Commercial

Commercial lands are premises used for the sale of goods and services.

Recreation & Entertainment

These are properties used by groups for recreational purposes and/or entertainment. Uses can be scheduled and active, like a baseball field or soccer pitch, or passive, like a public park.

Parks & Open Space

These are lands classified as parks and open spaces.

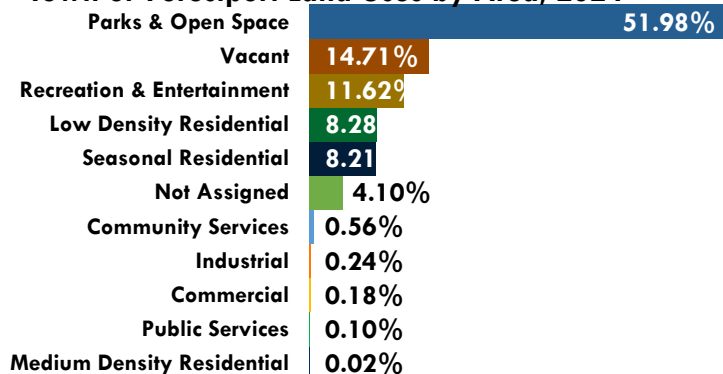
Vacant Land

Vacant lands can be rural or have minor improvements but generally lack a primary use. This includes residential vacant land, land containing a garage but is otherwise vacant, and vacant land located in commercial areas.

Seasonal Residential

According to NYS property tax classification code information, seasonal residential properties are housing units typically intended for seasonal use and not designed for year-round

Town of Forestport Land Uses by Area, 2024



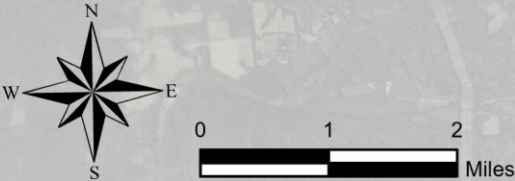
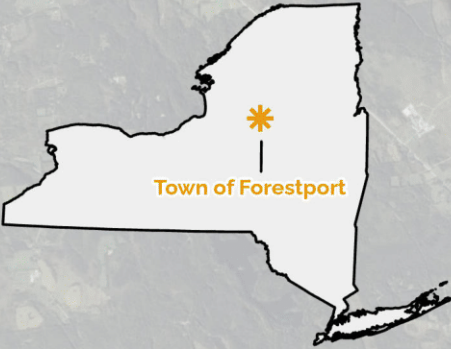
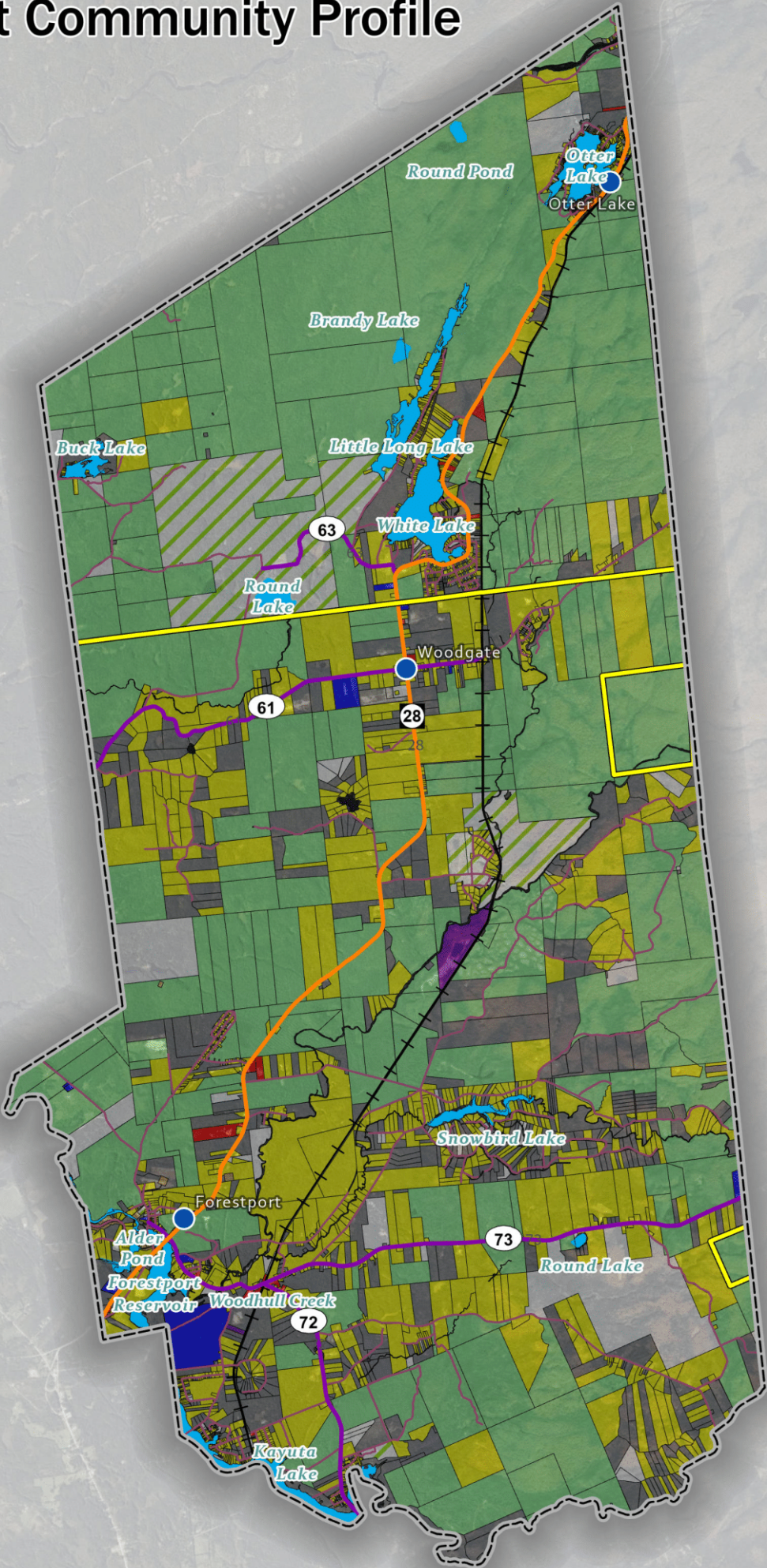
living due to insufficient insulation, heating, and other necessary feature

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Land Use

Map Key

- Town of Forestport
- Hamlets
- State Route
- County Road
- Minor Road
- Railroad
- Tax Parcels
- APA Border
- Residential
- Vacant Land
- Commercial
- Recreation & entertainment
- Community services
- Industrial
- Public services
- Public Lands
- No Class Assigned



ZONING

Although Forestport lacks formal zoning, it uses the Site Review Law to manage development and protect its environment and character. The law applies to major land alterations, subdivisions, and non-residential or environmentally sensitive projects. It sets standards for lot size, access, and parking, and requires site plan reviews for intensive uses like commercial developments and campgrounds. Public hearings and state permits ensure compliance with safety and environmental rules. The Planning Board oversees reviews, while the Town Board handles appeals. Special provisions support seasonal and tourism-related uses, balancing growth with environmental protection.

TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. Sidewalks are scarce throughout the Town. While the need for sidewalks throughout the entire Town are not warranted due to its primarily rural nature and automobile usage, existing sidewalks, like those in the hamlets, should be maintained and improved.
2. There are no designated bicycle lanes in the Town. Considering the recreational and natural background, and interests of the community, incorporating on-road and off-road bicycle infrastructure should be explored. On-road bicycle infrastructure could consist of designated and painted bicycle lanes, protected bicycle lanes, and road-sharing (i.e. 'sharrows'). Off-road infrastructure might comprise of multi-use pathways or trails. As an overall principle, on- and off-road infrastructure must be safe and connect to/be a part of a more fulsome trail system.
3. The Town prides itself on its forests and lakes. Passive and active outdoor recreational opportunities are plentiful.

WATER & SEWER

The town provides water and sewer services to its residents and businesses in the Forestport hamlet. The town operates two water districts and one sewer district, funded by user fees. Forestport's municipal water system heavily relies on groundwater, extracted primarily from three recovery wells tapping into the Boonville-Woodgate Kame Delta aquifer. These wells draw from overburden and bedrock aquifers, providing approximately 25,000 gallons per day to meet local demand.

The Forestport Reservoir determines water flow within the Black River watershed. The reservoir helps mitigate flooding risks during heavy rainfall or snowmelt periods by controlling the volume and timing of water discharge. Additionally, it provides a buffer against drought conditions by storing water that can be released during times of low natural flow.

PARKS & RECREATION

The northern section of Forestport is in Adirondack Park, the largest publicly protected area in the contiguous United States, covering over six million acres of land. The park offers a variety of outdoor activities, such as hiking, biking, paddling, climbing, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, camping, and wildlife viewing. The Town is part of the Adirondack Foothills Unit, a collection of state forests in the northeastern corner of Oneida County and central Herkimer County.

Forestport Pond is a man-made pond located on River Road near the Forestport Reserve. NYSDEC stocks the pond with fish and makes it open for fishing and boating. The pond has a boat launch and a parking area.

The Forestport Reservoir is located on the Black River, south of the town. The reservoir is open for fishing and boating.

Forestport also has a network of snowmobile trails that connect to the larger system of trails in the Adirondack Park and surrounding counties. The Trackside Blazers Club manages the snowmobile trails which offers a mix of terrain and trail types.

Punkyville State Forest is a 518-acre state forest in Forestport. The forest offers various recreational opportunities, such as hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, and trapping. It also provides timber production, watershed protection, and wildlife habitat.

Forestport has abundant wildlife and game species, such as deer, bear, turkey, grouse, rabbit, squirrel, beaver, muskrat, and coyote. Hunting and trapping are allowed in the town, with the appropriate licenses and permits from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The town also has designated hunting and trapping areas, such as the Forestport Wildlife Management Area and the Adirondack Forest Preserve.

The Town has three recreational facilities: two outdoor playgrounds at the Town Hall, and an indoor basketball court/gymnasium also in Town Hall. These facilities have not been evaluated for ADA compliance.

The waterfront areas—Otter Lake, Forestport Reservoir, and the Black River—are among the town's most valued recreational resources. These areas offer fishing, boating, and passive recreation opportunities.

MOVING AROUND FORESTPORT

In Forestport, vehicular travel is the predominant mode of transportation. Key arterial routes are NYS Route 28 and NYS Route 12. Route 28 extends northeast, while Route 12 heads northwest, facilitating regional connectivity. The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) reports an Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) count of less than 1,500 vehicles per day on local roads. However, NYS Routes 12 and 28 are exceptions, registering higher traffic volumes. Seasonal residents and tourists can influence these figures.

NYSDOT also provides an overview of traffic violations in the Town of Forestport for 2023. A total of 148 tickets were issued in 2023, with speeding violations accounting for 31.1 percent of all tickets.

The town also maintains several bridges that span the Black River and its tributaries. One of the most notable bridges is the Forestport Reservoir Bridge. State Route 28 recently underwent a \$2.2 million project that rehabilitated two critical bridges along the route, enhancing safety and easing travel.

Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in Forestport is limited. Sidewalks are only found in small sections of the hamlets, and many areas lack dedicated pedestrian pathways. There are no designated bike lanes within the town limits.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. In March 2020, the Town of Forestport passed a resolution to become a Registered Climate Smart Community. This marked the Town's first step in building a climate action program.
2. The 2022 update to the OCHMP contains three recommendations that should be incorporated into the new Comprehensive Plan as they relate to public health and safety, land use, and natural resources—principles of Smart Growth that are woven into the Comprehensive Plan.

ONEIDA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Oneida County Hazard Mitigation Plan (OCHMP), initially approved by FEMA in 2013, is a multi-jurisdictional plan aimed at identifying and addressing natural hazards across the county. As part of its 2022 update, the plan re-engaged local communities in reassessing hazards, evaluating risks, and prioritizing mitigation strategies tailored to their specific needs. The update also provides an opportunity to review progress made since 2013, despite challenges such as financial constraints, severe storms, and the COVID-19 pandemic. Prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the 2021 plan ensured the county remains eligible for pre-disaster mitigation grants, which are distinct from post-disaster relief funds. The plan aligns with federal requirements under 44 CFR Part 201.6, supporting eligibility for various FEMA programs and encouraging sustained actions that reduce long-term disaster risk, enhance community resilience, and promote coordinated mitigation efforts.

Since 2013, the region has experienced several severe weather events, including two major storms in July 2017 and a catastrophic flood on October 31, 2019, which caused extensive damage, particularly in the Village of Whitesboro. These events highlighted the county's vulnerability to repeated flooding, leading to significant recovery efforts and a USDA-NRCS grant to assist affected residents. As a result, the 2022 update focuses heavily on mitigating flood impacts through strategies such as addressing streambank erosion, improving stormwater systems, and upgrading undersized infrastructure. The plan also includes a diverse array of mitigation strategies, ranging from structural improvements to public education, natural resource protection, and enhanced emergency services, developed with input from a wide array of community stakeholders.

What does this mean for Forestport?

- The OCHMP states that, due to its northern geography, Forestport experiences more extreme cold fronts than the rest of Oneida County.
- There are geographic faults in the Town and, as such, there is a greater probability that Forestport would experience an earthquake when compared to municipalities that do not have fault lines within their boundaries.
- Addressing roadsides where landslide potential exists is identified in the OCHMP as a 'very high' priority project for the Town. The OCHMP notes that while the action is conceptual, it is easy to implement and widely accepted by the community.

The OCHMP has two actions that apply to the County as a whole:

- Install additional communications towers to augment the County's 911 system response; and
- Control sprawl to reduce housing and transportation costs.

While both of these are marked for “future” implementation, they can be supported by, and incorporated into, the Town’s new Comprehensive Plan.

WATERBODIES AND WETLANDS

Just over two percent of the Town’s total area consists of waterways. The Black River flows into the Foresport Reservoir, constrained by the Forestport.

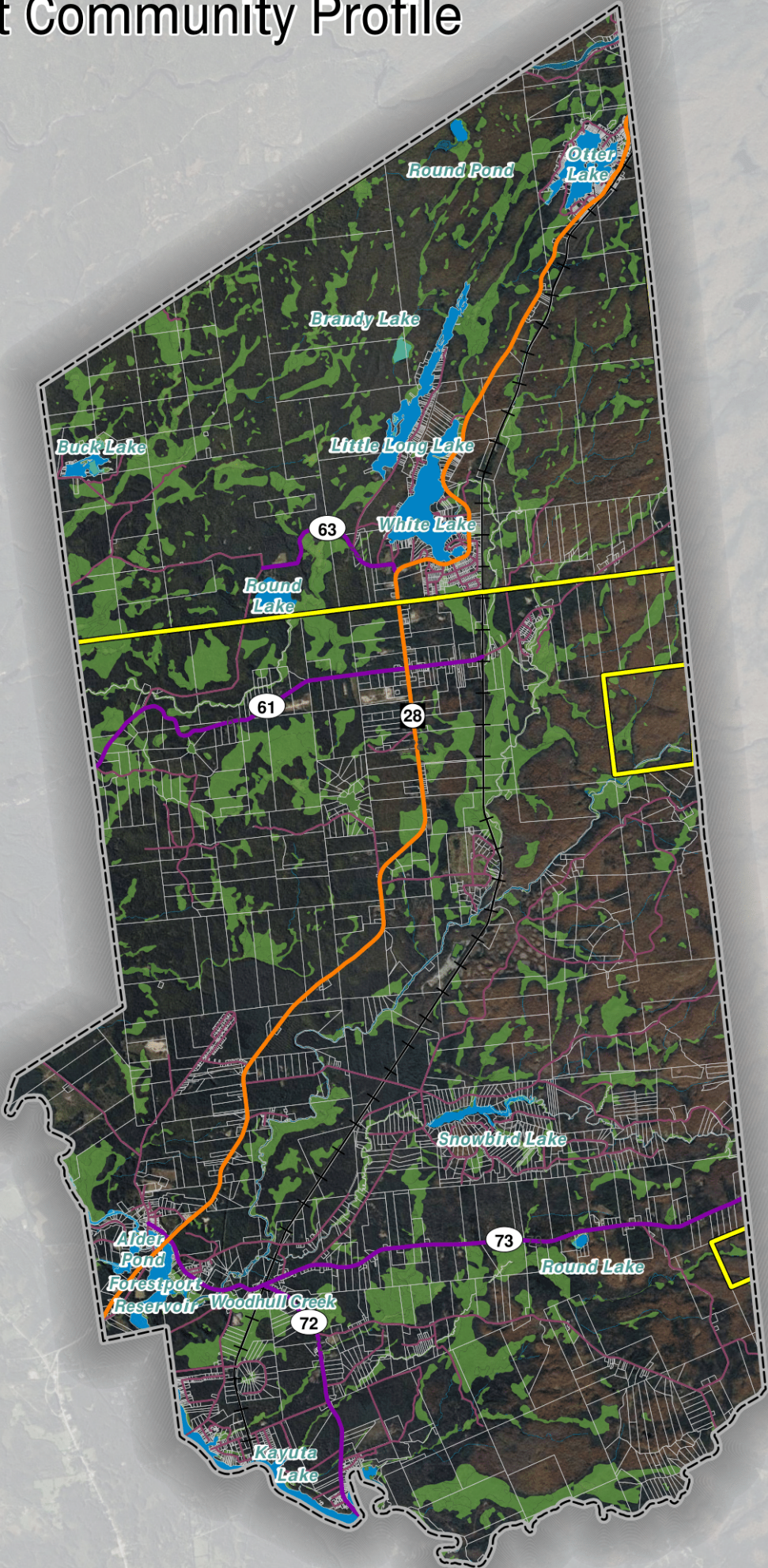
Wetlands throughout Forestport act as natural water filtration systems and carbon sinks, providing essential ecological functions such as water purification, flood control, and habitat for species like amphibians, waterfowl, and migratory birds.

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Waterbodies

Map Key

- Town of Forestport
- State Route
- County Road
- Minor Road
- Railroad
- Tax Parcels
- APA Border
- Marsh, Swamp, Bog, Prairie
- River
- Lake, Reservoir



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LOCAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Data on local greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions specific to Forestport is not readily available. Municipal GHG inventories, if conducted, would provide insights into emissions from transportation and other sectors. Statewide data and resources from agencies like the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) or the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) can offer broader context on emissions trends and reduction initiatives.

SOILS AND TOPOGRAPHY

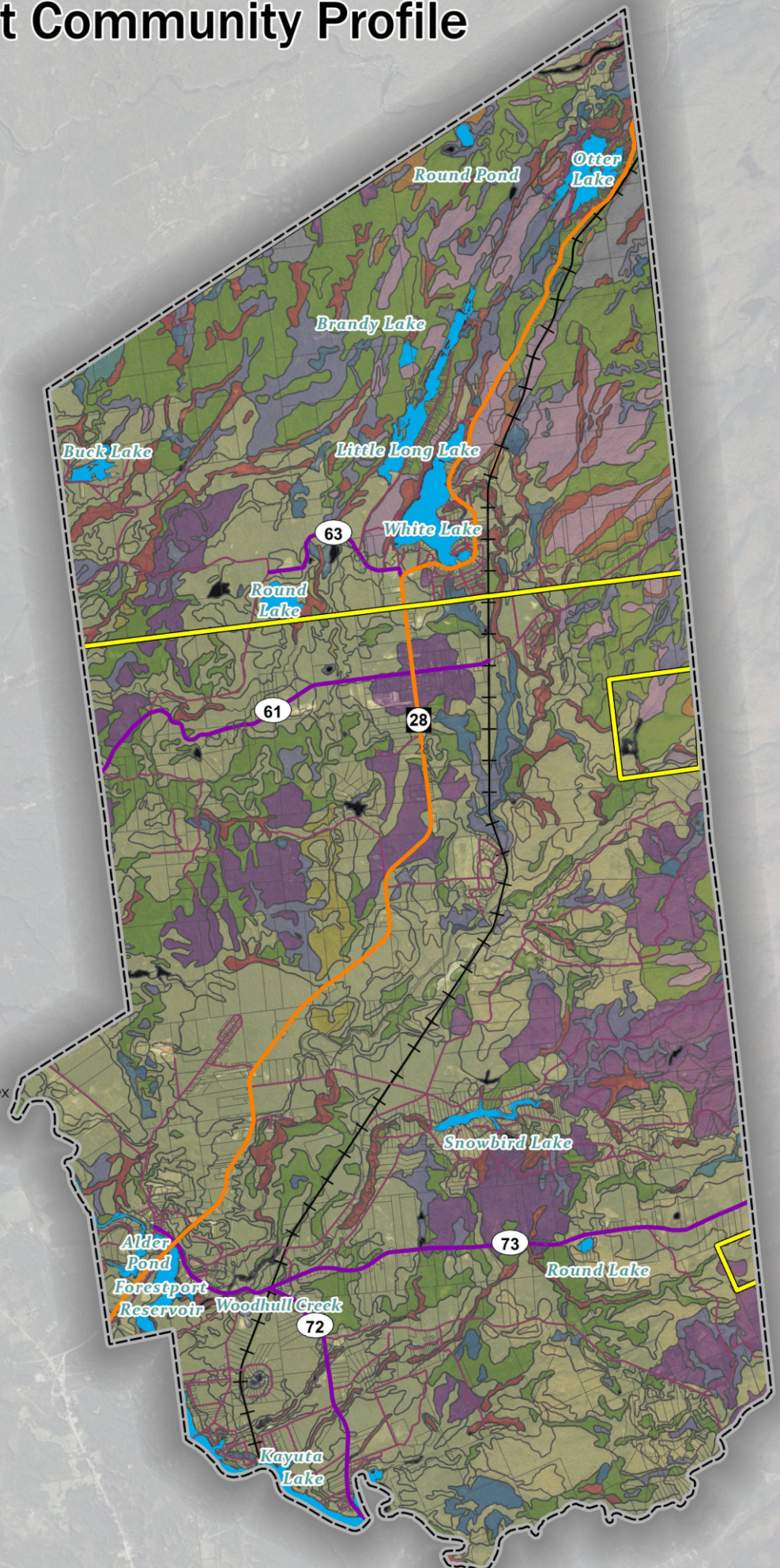
Forestport's topography varies from flat lowlands near waterbodies like the Black River and Forestport Reservoir to steeper slopes in forested uplands.

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Soils

Map Key

-  Town of Forestport
-  State Route
-  County Road
-  Minor Road
-  Railroad
-  Tax Parcels
-  APA Border
-  Adams loamy fine sand
-  Adams loamy sand
-  Adirondack fine sandy loam
-  Adirondack-Sabattis complex
-  Adirondack-Tahawus complex
-  Becket fine sandy loam
-  Becket-Skerry complex
-  Becket-Tunbridge complex
-  Becket-Tunbridge-Skerry complex
-  Berkshire fine sandy loam
-  Bice fine sandy loam
-  Colton gravelly sandy loam
-  Colton-Adams complex
-  Croghan loamy fine sand
-  Dawson peat
-  Fluvaquents-Borosapristis complex
-  Greenwood peat
-  Monadnock fine sandy loam
-  Naumburg loamy sand
-  Naumburg-Croghan complex
-  Pits, sand and gravel
-  Pleasant Lake-Burnt Vly complex
-  Roundabout silt loam
-  Salmon silt loam
-  Searsport-Haplosapristis-Naumburg complex
-  Skerry-Adirondack complex
-  Skerry-Becket complex
-  Tunbridge-Lyman complex
-  Udifluvents-Fluvaquents complex
-  Udorthents
-  Wenonah loam



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FLOODPLAINS AND AQUIFERS

Conservation in Forestport

A notable effort is the establishment of the Punkeyville State Forest, a 518-acre area acquired by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in 2012. This forest is managed for multiple purposes, including timber production, watershed protection, wildlife habitat conservation, and recreation. The DEC oversees these activities to ensure sustainable use and preservation of the forest's ecological integrity.

In addition to state-led initiatives, local residents have demonstrated a strong commitment to conservation. For instance, in 2021, the community actively opposed a proposed granite quarry near White Lake, expressing concerns about potential environmental impacts such as noise, traffic, and water quality degradation. The Adirondack White Lake Association, comprising property owners dedicated to protecting the lake's resources, hired an independent consultant to assess the proposal's potential effects. This collective action underscores the community's dedication to safeguarding their natural environment.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 100-year flood hazard areas occur along many rivers and streams within the Town. These floodplains, as mapped by the FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer, are areas naturally prone to seasonal flooding, acting as buffers during heavy precipitation events.

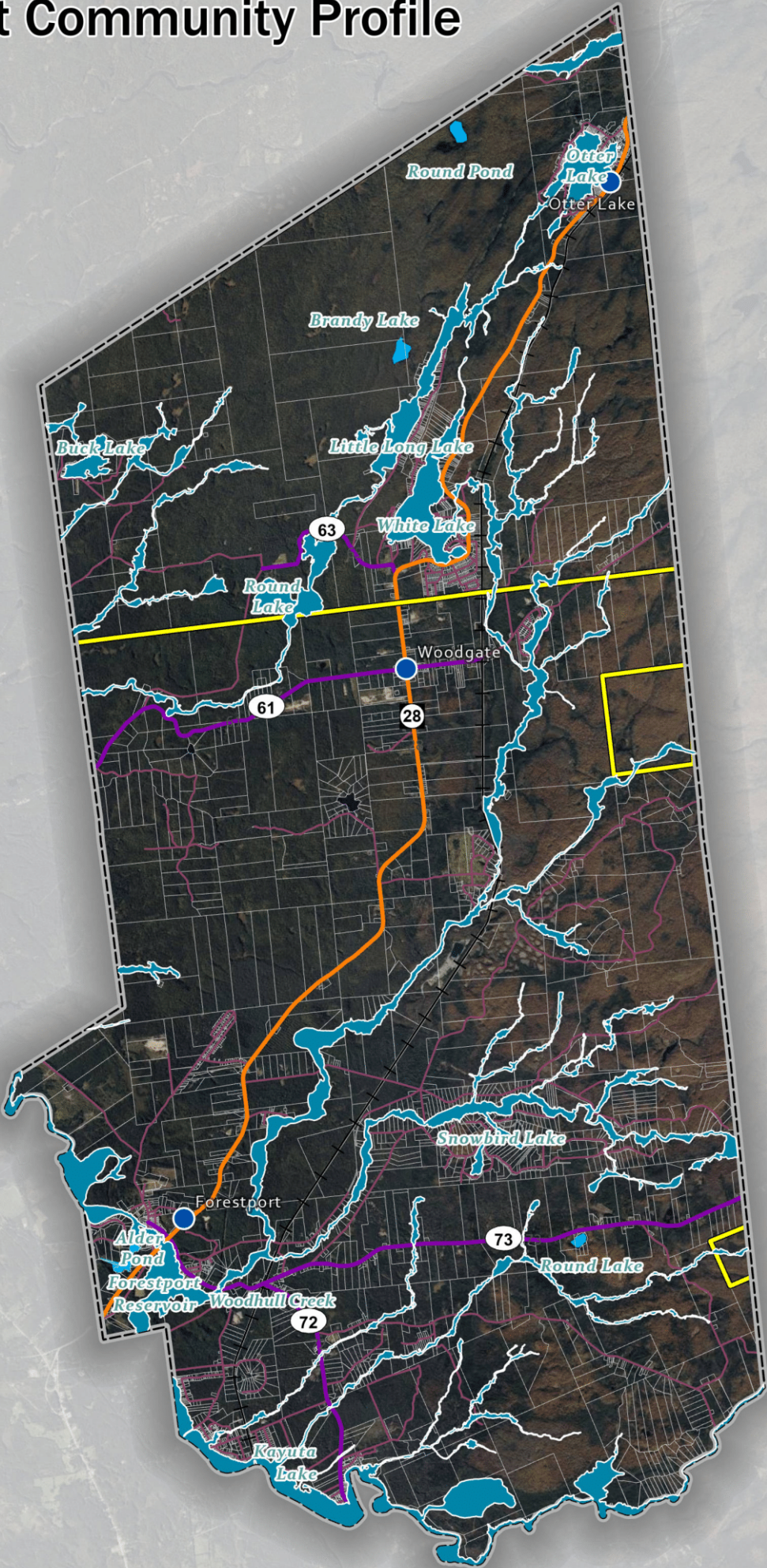
Forestport's aquifers, replenished by rain and surface water, are vulnerable to pollution from runoff, septic systems, and industrial waste. Protecting them is vital for water security and public health. Key strategies include restricting high-risk activities near recharge zones, promoting safe agricultural practices, monitoring water quality, and educating residents on groundwater conservation.

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Flood Zones

Map Key

- Town of Forestport
- Hamlets
- State Route
- County Road
- Minor Road
- Railroad
- Tax Parcels
- APA Border
- Flood Zone A



RARE PLANTS AND ANIMALS

The DEC environmental resource mapper indicates that an area spanning about two squares along Little Woodhull Creek has been designated a Common Loon habitat. New York State has designated the Common Loon a species of Special concern. The Long-Eared Bat and the Monarch Butterfly are additional endangered species with habitat within Forestport.

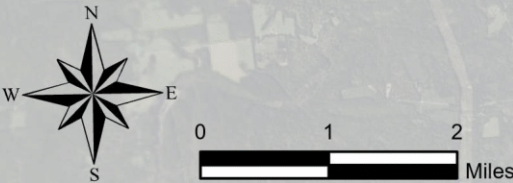
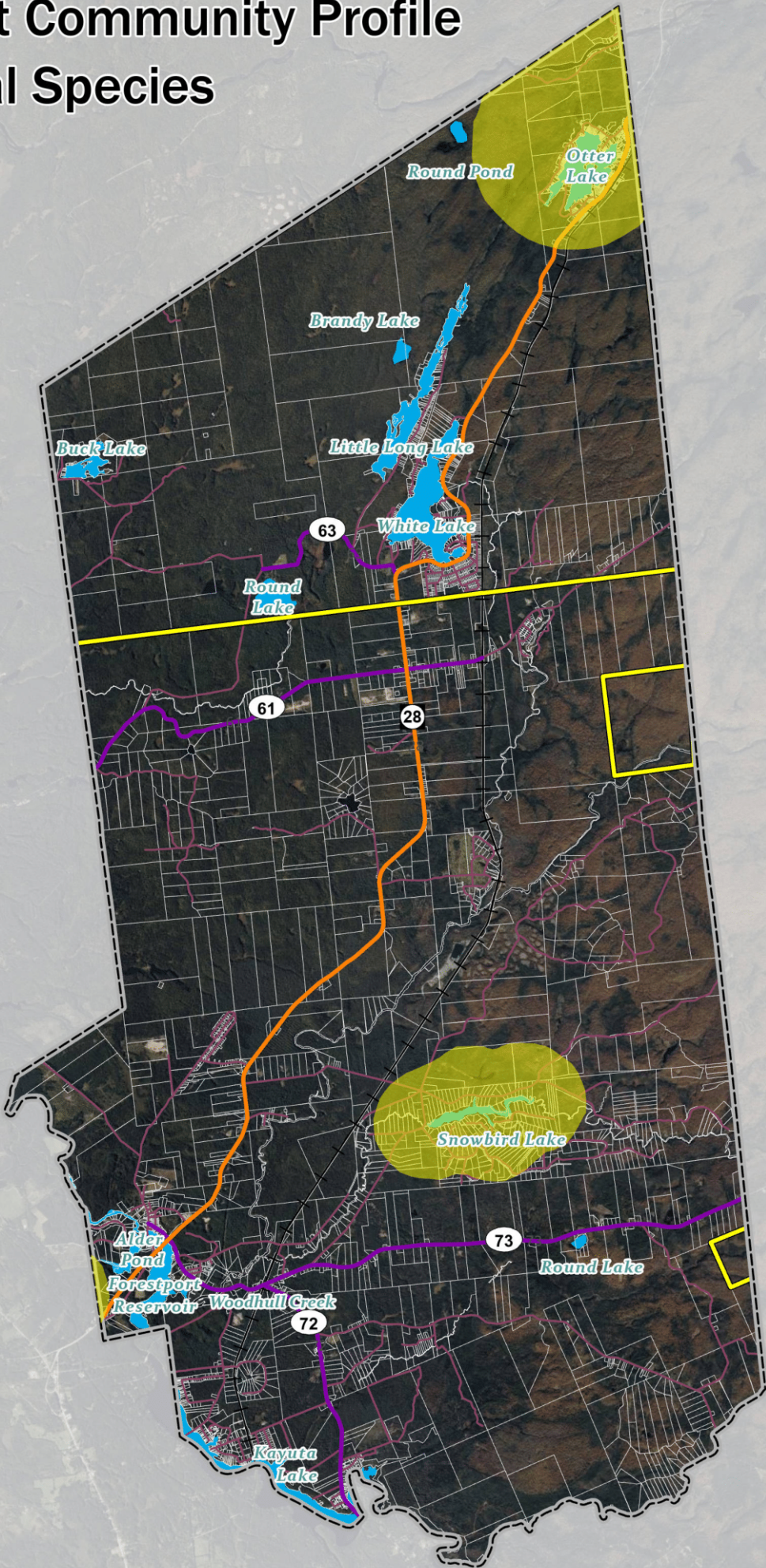
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife also identified habitats for Bald and Golden Eagles, along with 18 other migratory bird species, in Forestport. Bald and Golden Eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

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Rare Plant/Animal Species

Map Key

- Town of Forestport
- State Route
- County Road
- Minor Road
- Railroad
- Tax Parcels
- APA Border
- Rare Plant Animal Species



TOWN OPERATIONS

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Emergency services in the Town are constrained. Generally, the goal of an ambulance service is to transport patients to the nearest trauma center within 30 minutes. The expansive service area of STaR is resulting in consistent stress on the provider and patients are often being transported well beyond the 30-minute goal.
2. Comprehensive Plan Committee members have indicated that Fire Department volunteers are becoming increasingly difficult to find due to an aging population and lack of volunteer capacity in the population.
3. Forestport actively pursues external funding to supplement its budget, securing grants for environmental conservation and community development, such as the \$48,600 for invasive species prevention. This proactive approach enhances the town's ability to implement projects without overburdening local revenue sources.
4. The town demonstrates disciplined fiscal planning with clearly allocated budgets and an organized administrative framework, supported by municipal staff and volunteer boards. This structured approach allows Forestport to effectively address local priorities while maintaining financial stability, aligning well with other rural communities

TOWN BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Town of Forestport's budget outlines the financial framework for its operations and services. The 2024 budget includes allocations for personal services, equipment, and contractual expenses across various departments.

Properties in the Town are taxed at \$2.32 per \$1,000 of assessed value with amounts allocated as follows:

- Highway – 1.05/1000
- Ambulance Tax - .33/1000
- Fire Protection - .94/1000

GRANT HISTORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY

Forestport has actively pursued and secured grants to support community projects:

Invasive Species Prevention: In 2023, the town received \$48,600 from New York State for aquatic invasive species prevention, including watercraft spread prevention and boat decontamination programs.

Comprehensive Plan Update: The town initiated an update to its Comprehensive Plan through a partnership with the New York State Department of State's Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant Program.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE CAPACITY

Forestport's administrative structure comprises municipal staff, volunteer boards, and committees, all contributing to governance and community initiatives. The Town Board, consisting of elected officials serving staggered four-year terms, holds regular meetings to discuss and decide on town matters.

The town also collaborates with county agencies and regional organizations to enhance service delivery and resource management.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Public safety is supported by volunteer organizations. There are three Fire Departments each based in a hamlet—Forestport, Otter Lake and Woodgate, and one volunteer ambulance (STaR Ambulance). STaR's coverage area is expansive and includes the neighboring communities of Trenton, Remsen, Russia, Steuben, and Ohio.

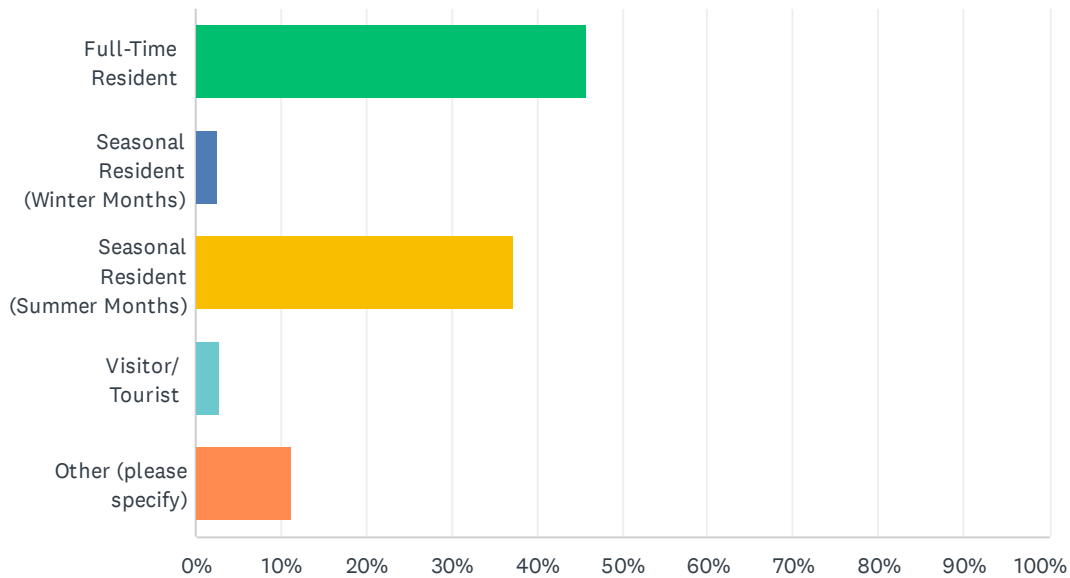
APPENDIX B

COMMUNITY

SURVEY RESULTS

Q1 What best describes you?

Answered: 431 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-Time Resident	45.94%	198
Seasonal Resident (Winter Months)	2.55%	11
Seasonal Resident (Summer Months)	37.35%	161
Visitor/ Tourist	2.78%	12
Other (please specify)	11.37%	49
TOTAL		431

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	family resides in woodgate	9/4/2024 2:11 PM
2	Seasonal resident (all months)	4/20/2024 9:26 AM
3	An every weekend seasonal resident	4/18/2024 4:43 PM
4	Year round camp owner	3/30/2024 7:46 PM
5	Visitor but with many family members in the Town, so am a regular/weekly visitor to the Town and the many opportunities available	3/29/2024 7:40 PM
6	almost Full time all season seasonal resident,	3/29/2024 8:44 AM
7	Part time planning on full time res	3/29/2024 8:24 AM
8	Part time resident, year round	3/27/2024 7:06 PM
9	BOTH winter and summer seasonal resident	3/27/2024 3:11 PM
10	Split our time year-round between Rome and Forestport	3/26/2024 7:45 AM

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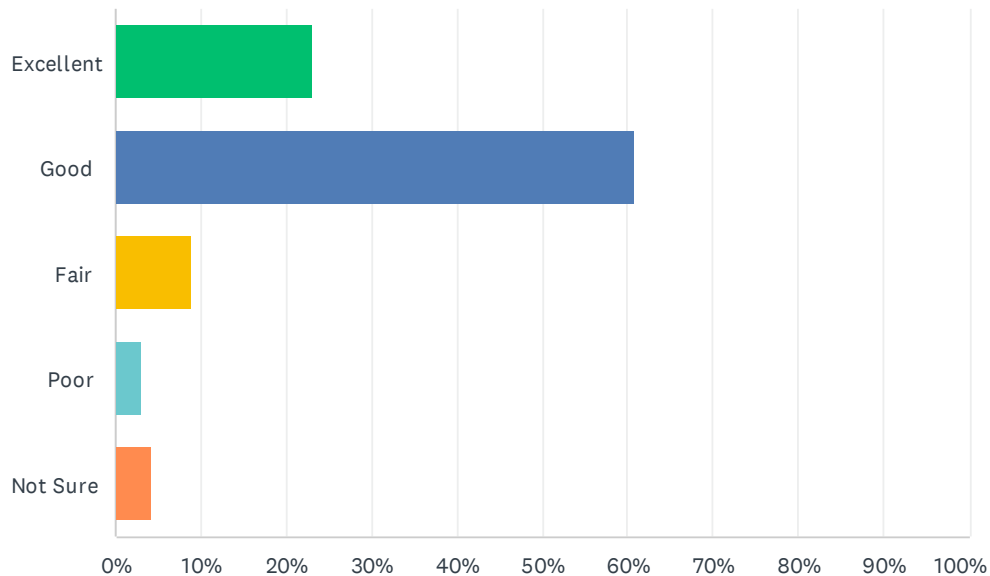
11	spend time at my camp all season long on Little Long Lake rd	3/24/2024 3:52 PM
12	Part time year round	3/24/2024 10:12 AM
13	Year round part time resident	3/23/2024 10:13 PM
14	Part time resident	3/23/2024 9:03 PM
15	Second home year round	3/23/2024 4:18 PM
16	Part time resident 4 seasons	3/23/2024 3:53 PM
17	Part time	3/23/2024 3:48 PM
18	Weekends	3/23/2024 11:58 AM
19	Seasonal but we visit year round	3/23/2024 9:08 AM
20	Seasonal (April through December)	3/23/2024 8:43 AM
21	Owner spend summer and winter	3/22/2024 2:37 PM
22	Soon to be full time.	3/22/2024 8:35 AM
23	Seasonal from May through October	3/22/2024 12:33 AM
24	Seasonal residents year round	3/21/2024 9:14 PM
25	Land owner that uses property primarily in summer months, but does not live on the land.	3/20/2024 9:42 PM
26	Have a camp there	3/20/2024 5:30 PM
27	Full time during the winter and part time during the summer	3/20/2024 5:03 PM
28	Almost full time but not yet our primary residence.	3/20/2024 3:12 PM
29	Second home year-round	3/20/2024 1:43 PM
30	own two properties	3/20/2024 1:28 PM
31	Home owner, but not full-time resident	3/20/2024 11:42 AM
32	Owner of house within village that we are in process of rehabilitating	3/20/2024 11:30 AM
33	I split my time between 2 homes throughout the year but will be full time in Forestport beginning in January 2025	3/20/2024 11:10 AM
34	Use the Town Hall for educational classes	3/20/2024 10:46 AM
35	live in neighboring town of Boonville	3/20/2024 10:42 AM
36	Community classes	3/20/2024 10:40 AM
37	Community Services	3/20/2024 10:39 AM
38	Investor	3/20/2024 10:01 AM
39	Landowner, own a camp and spend time up there throughout the year	3/19/2024 11:33 PM
40	Live in Ava full time, so am at camp 4 seasons. Also at genealogy class every Wednesday!	3/19/2024 7:44 PM
41	3/4 resident	3/19/2024 5:56 PM
42	We live at our white lake home every weekend	3/19/2024 3:37 PM
43	Partime yearly	3/19/2024 3:28 PM
44	Homeowner, visit throughout the year.	3/19/2024 3:25 PM
45	Landowner future resident	3/19/2024 3:04 PM
46	Own future retirement home in Forestport and visit monthly	3/19/2024 2:39 PM
47	We own land in Forestport and are building - Currently spend around 50% of our time there! Current residence is in Boonville, NY.	3/19/2024 2:00 PM

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48	4 seasons Second home	3/19/2024 1:46 PM
49	From May to October full time	3/19/2024 12:46 PM

Q2 How would you rate the quality of life in the Town?

Answered: 357 Skipped: 80



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	22.97%	82
Good	60.78%	217
Fair	8.96%	32
Poor	3.08%	11
Not Sure	4.20%	15
TOTAL		357

#	PLEASE SPECIFY WHY	DATE
1	low crime	8/20/2024 2:56 PM
2	good swimming/recreation program for kids	8/20/2024 2:49 PM
3	need more amenities in town. doctors' office or medical center would be helpful	8/20/2024 2:45 PM
4	good place for nature lovers	8/20/2024 2:24 PM
5	friendly people, want to be able to walk long distances without dealing with traffic	8/20/2024 1:34 PM
6	There are no illegal immigrants here and hopefully stays that way	6/9/2024 8:58 AM
7	Green, clean, good quality air and water. good neighbors, helpful people, good services, safe place to live. Peace and quiet.	5/3/2024 11:42 AM
8	Nature, lakes and forest	5/1/2024 2:19 PM
9	Friendly town people. Low crime and beautiful surroundings.	5/1/2024 1:34 PM
10	Quit safe community	4/19/2024 3:36 PM

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11	Keep it small	4/19/2024 9:02 AM
12	Being on a lake is great.	4/11/2024 2:35 PM
13	It would be better if our town supervisor would stop pushing cluster development. I love my privacy and there are already too many people here!!!!!!	4/6/2024 11:08 AM
14	Beautiful area, really nice people, easy access to a variety of offerings. Not excellent because of concerns with infrastructure and traffic control.	4/4/2024 5:59 PM
15	The good part is that it is fairly quiet, clean air and lots of natural landscapes. However, there isn't much to do if you are very young or old. Most shopping and arts entertainment are at least 30-40 minutes away. That's an issue in the wintertime.	4/4/2024 5:50 PM
16	Clean air and water and easy access to kayaking, hiking, biking, and x/c skiing! Affordable school and property taxes as well.	4/4/2024 11:36 AM
17	Concerns about the proposed quarry	4/4/2024 9:55 AM
18	We received no support from the town regarding our concerns about a quarry in my backyard.	3/30/2024 11:16 AM
19	Everything I need is no more than a short drive away. I like the town board effectiveness in most areas. I wish there was more access to more public lands.	3/29/2024 8:47 AM
20	Not much to do in winter	3/28/2024 9:54 AM
21	I don't go there much	3/27/2024 10:51 PM
22	Forestport has an abundance of nature, a small population, friendly people and a laid back feeling.	3/27/2024 7:08 PM
23	Quiet, Country setting	3/27/2024 7:11 AM
24	I own a summer cabin on White Lake. I do not have the opportunity to spend as much time there as I would like so I don't have the opportunity to participate in town activities often.	3/26/2024 3:58 PM
25	It is a beautiful place. I have been a seasona; resident and I will be retiring to become a full-time resident.	3/26/2024 6:18 AM
26	Lots of nature to enjoy in Forestport. Good people.	3/25/2024 5:08 PM
27	Low population, good access to stores/food. Outdoor activities.	3/25/2024 10:10 AM
28	Forestport needs more businesses and shops, restaurants etc.	3/25/2024 9:23 AM
29	Most resources available	3/25/2024 7:03 AM
30	Nature in my backyard and good roads, Wifi, electric, and water.	3/24/2024 6:25 PM
31	There are not many amenities. But, it is understood that that is one of the high charms of Forestport, which is a township we like a lot.	3/24/2024 4:07 PM
32	Life in the almost ADK. Lake centered. Outdoor recreation. Laid back living. Good people.	3/24/2024 1:01 PM
33	As a seasonal resident, Forestport has all the major amenities (convenience store, hardware store, gas station, restaurants), public safety services (police/fire), good cellular service, and stable utilities. Cost of living is reasonable, and good value on property.	3/24/2024 11:19 AM
34	not overcrowded	3/24/2024 10:57 AM
35	Peaceful small town	3/24/2024 10:13 AM
36	Nothing much to do	3/24/2024 9:05 AM
37	Beautiful area of the state, busy yet quiet	3/24/2024 8:55 AM
38	Internet access is a problem but the environment is beautiful;	3/24/2024 8:49 AM
39	Peaceful	3/23/2024 6:25 PM
40	pleasant residents, beautiful scenery, quiet but maybe a tiny bit too quiet	3/23/2024 3:50 PM
41	Taxes too high for services rendered (road plowing only)	3/23/2024 9:49 AM

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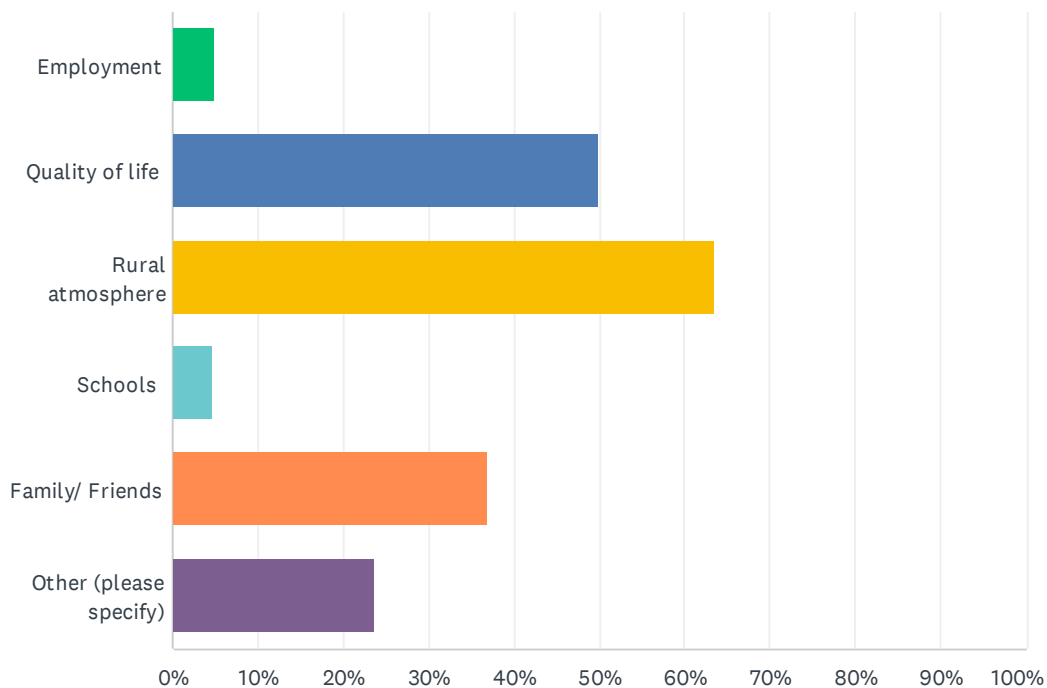
42	Quiet and have local amenities available	3/23/2024 8:56 AM
43	quiet and safe	3/23/2024 8:29 AM
44	Clean safe beautiful rural	3/23/2024 6:27 AM
45	Slower pace, fresher air, nicer people, water falls.	3/22/2024 8:43 AM
46	I feel their needs to be more control from our town officials regarding public and private property.	3/22/2024 8:04 AM
47	Clean, outdoor activities, no one bothering you, reasonable services.	3/22/2024 5:25 AM
48	It's peaceful, and it's friendly	3/21/2024 9:33 PM
49	would like ice cream shop and options for groceries	3/21/2024 9:24 PM
50	We personally have no experience with the quality of life in Forestport.	3/21/2024 7:22 PM
51	Lack of zoning requirements	3/21/2024 10:11 AM
52	Too many black flies. Lack of grocery store nearby and if there was one, prices would be outrageous. Do not like the town vs lake mentality and visa versa.	3/21/2024 9:06 AM
53	Distances to grocery stores, doctor offices , hospitals, high speed internet and public transportation are long and far away. Employment is seasonal with few full- time business.	3/20/2024 6:02 PM
54	Because I don't live there full time yet	3/20/2024 5:32 PM
55	rural, peaceful, adirondack park	3/20/2024 4:24 PM
56	People are not made to keep their properties free of garbage, debris, old vehicles. Its ugly	3/20/2024 4:13 PM
57	It would be excellent, except for the traffic on route 28 during the summer .	3/20/2024 3:19 PM
58	It's a beautiful area	3/20/2024 3:14 PM
59	No complaints	3/20/2024 3:14 PM
60	good food options for a very small town	3/20/2024 1:43 PM
61	recreation oppurtunities with weather and lakes	3/20/2024 1:27 PM
62	good neighbors. low crime. outdoor activities.	3/20/2024 12:19 PM
63	More services available would be nice	3/20/2024 11:47 AM
64	House still being built.	3/20/2024 11:44 AM
65	I believe Forestport is a fantastic place to live. That's why I moving there full time.	3/20/2024 11:14 AM
66	Nice place to visit	3/20/2024 10:47 AM
67	could probably use updates in different areas	3/20/2024 10:43 AM
68	Do not live here	3/20/2024 10:41 AM
69	Many community activities	3/20/2024 10:40 AM
70	Most things are excellent, but the quality of the phone/internet system (Frontier Communications) and the continuing issues related to overhead electric transmission wires compared to underground wires diminishes the stability needed to make these services excellent.	3/20/2024 10:27 AM
71	Access to services; lack of planning	3/20/2024 10:26 AM
72	not alot of development. peaceful. quiet	3/20/2024 10:25 AM
73	All the homes seem run down, there's very little attractions and little stores that can supply for locals and no school	3/20/2024 10:21 AM
74	Road conditions, summer and winter. Close to recreational activities. Friendly people.	3/20/2024 9:21 AM
75	Poorly maintained properties	3/20/2024 9:05 AM

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76	wonderful balance of community life and quiet, rural features	3/20/2024 8:00 AM
77	Shortage of housing and good paying jobs.	3/20/2024 12:43 AM
78	Limited access to things. Not many developed trails. Not much emphasis on recreation	3/19/2024 10:26 PM
79	Just enough of people and businesses	3/19/2024 10:17 PM
80	I've been a summer resident for over 65 years, and nothing seems to change in Forestport.	3/19/2024 9:16 PM
81	Beautiful area but very limited shopping for day to day needs	3/19/2024 9:00 PM
82	Nlce rural community.	3/19/2024 8:32 PM
83	Enjoy nature and peace and quiet. Also friendly people and most willing to lend a hand if needed.	3/19/2024 8:24 PM
84	We don't have the problems that cities have such as homicide and homelessness.	3/19/2024 7:53 PM
85	Low crime, overall safety is good. Highway department does a good job with snow removal. More and more community programs are developing.	3/19/2024 7:51 PM
86	Clean air and friendly people,	3/19/2024 7:45 PM
87	It's a beautiful and safe area but we need more for offered to young families and full time residents.	3/19/2024 7:30 PM
88	A wonderful place to live. For a small town there is a lot to do. The people help each other when the need arises	3/19/2024 6:13 PM
89	The town needs a codes officer that actually knows what they are doing not some yahoo that moved up here from some other area. Also the supervisor is a has been.	3/19/2024 4:47 PM
90	Low income area and lack of activities beyond the local bars.	3/19/2024 3:55 PM
91	Taxes are low, rural character, plenty of recreation opportunities	3/19/2024 3:31 PM
92	Comfortable and peaceful	3/19/2024 3:30 PM
93	Currently only here for weekends in the winter	3/19/2024 3:09 PM
94	We need more activities for Seniors and kids	3/19/2024 2:45 PM
95	Would be better but for litter problem, large noisy trucks on the road and unregistered vehicles.	3/19/2024 2:44 PM
96	People are friendly for the most part and we love the quiet. Praying the building doesn't get out of control	3/19/2024 2:40 PM
97	We have lots of activities by the town for kids. Excellent scenery hiking swimming fishing and boating all in the town. Also one of the greatest snowmobile clubs	3/19/2024 2:30 PM
98	Reasonable cost of living, low taxes, lakes, trails	3/19/2024 2:17 PM
99	My husband and I were looking for a more rural location then our current home where we could enjoy the outdoors as well as a quiet way of living - Forestport offered that to us!	3/19/2024 2:03 PM
100	Reasonably inexpensive, good outdoor activities,	3/19/2024 1:50 PM
101	we moved out of the city finally after 13 years. I grew up in boonville, so I'm familiar with the old Forestport. It's nice to see Bonnies open again. My concerns are for our Fire/Ems resources. They need quality people, and help with getting newer sound equipment.	3/19/2024 12:42 PM
102	Lack of recreational activities for children. Housing market makes it difficult for working families to find an affordable home here.	3/19/2024 12:40 PM

Q3 What are your reasons for choosing to live here? Select all that apply.

Answered: 348 Skipped: 89



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employment	4.89%	17
Quality of life	50.00%	174
Rural atmosphere	63.51%	221
Schools	4.60%	16
Family/ Friends	36.78%	128
Other (please specify)	23.56%	82
Total Respondents: 348		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	nature, peaceful	8/20/2024 2:56 PM
2	enjoy the peace and quiet nature of the community	8/20/2024 2:24 PM
3	was born here and lived here all my life	8/20/2024 1:20 PM
4	Always our dream to own something in the Adirondack park, and we use it as a weekend escape from every day life.	7/29/2024 2:44 PM
5	Same as #2	5/3/2024 11:42 AM
6	Home town	5/2/2024 4:11 PM
7	Employment in Utica	5/1/2024 2:19 PM

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8	Peace and quiet- Lake life	4/24/2024 9:39 AM
9	Natural environment	4/20/2024 9:29 AM
10	Lived here all my life	4/19/2024 3:36 PM
11	Summer Camp	4/18/2024 7:51 PM
12	Small town community	4/18/2024 6:46 PM
13	Lake	4/18/2024 3:17 PM
14	Camp	4/18/2024 2:51 PM
15	Easy commute to work in Utica	4/16/2024 5:41 PM
16	I settled here in 1987 because I could afford the house I purchased. I raised my family here and I belong to local volunteer groups. I choose to remain here because of the friends I have made. The rural atmosphere is also a plus.	4/15/2024 11:19 AM
17	How things plated out	4/14/2024 9:28 AM
18	House on the lake	4/12/2024 10:34 AM
19	Again, beautiful area, really nice people, easy access to a variety of offerings.	4/4/2024 5:59 PM
20	Inherited a parcel of land and built a home.	4/4/2024 11:36 AM
21	Enjoy the outdoors, lakes, hiking, etc.	4/4/2024 9:55 AM
22	Lakes	4/3/2024 11:04 AM
23	lakefront property.	3/30/2024 11:16 AM
24	Clean and crisp air, quiet place to relax and enjoy outdoor activities	3/27/2024 10:51 PM
25	It's been a seasonal home for 67 years. My love of nature began here.	3/27/2024 10:27 PM
26	My extended family, who is from Newport, NY and surrounding areas, have owned the house for decades and I recently acquired it.	3/26/2024 3:58 PM
27	2nd residence to enjoy Little Long Lake.	3/25/2024 5:08 PM
28	we like the woodsy area we are located in on Woods Lane. the proximity to the ADK park, Old Forge and general area.	3/24/2024 4:07 PM
29	Adirondack experiende	3/24/2024 3:53 PM
30	life in the North Country. Proximity to Old Forge and beyond. Winter activity. Summer activity on the lake. Boating, snowmobiling, cross country skiing. And proximity to Utica.	3/24/2024 1:01 PM
31	White Lake	3/24/2024 10:05 AM
32	Affordability after retirement	3/24/2024 9:58 AM
33	N/A	3/23/2024 5:23 PM
34	Seasonal Park Residence	3/23/2024 4:38 PM
35	Beauty of nature. Getaway to relax Snowmobile, hiking, boating	3/23/2024 4:20 PM
36	Recreation	3/23/2024 3:50 PM
37	Place to get away to	3/23/2024 9:49 AM
38	Love hiking and the outdoors the ADK has to offer	3/23/2024 8:45 AM
39	lakefront	3/23/2024 8:29 AM
40	Lake	3/22/2024 11:23 PM
41	My family lived in the village for more than 150 years and my siblings and I lived here as kids. We collectively own two houses and a camp in Forestport.	3/22/2024 7:20 PM
42	summer at White Lake	3/22/2024 11:35 AM

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43	Summer lake house in the Adk park.	3/22/2024 10:47 AM
44	Coming home to retire.	3/22/2024 8:43 AM
45	Combination of enjoyment of nature/recreation/relaxation/slower pace of life and family/friends gatherings in beautiful surroundings at a lake home we have owned for 72+ years. So nostalgia and great memories too!	3/22/2024 12:42 AM
46	we run our own business	3/21/2024 10:15 PM
47	I love being in the Adirondacks	3/21/2024 9:52 PM
48	Life time family camp	3/21/2024 9:51 PM
49	camp	3/21/2024 9:24 PM
50	Snowmobiling	3/21/2024 9:07 PM
51	Adirondacks	3/21/2024 9:04 PM
52	Lake environment and peaceful surroundings	3/21/2024 7:22 PM
53	Residence on a lake.	3/21/2024 11:32 AM
54	White Lake	3/21/2024 9:06 AM
55	Do not live here.	3/20/2024 9:42 PM
56	to enjoy clean peaceful living	3/20/2024 2:51 PM
57	Lake and close to Mountains	3/20/2024 1:08 PM
58	Desire to stay in the area and enjoy the woods and lakes	3/20/2024 1:08 PM
59	Camping & boating	3/20/2024 11:55 AM
60	White Lake	3/20/2024 11:50 AM
61	Next to waterfall	3/20/2024 11:47 AM
62	Classes	3/20/2024 10:47 AM
63	live in Boonville	3/20/2024 10:43 AM
64	Visit	3/20/2024 10:41 AM
65	Don't live here.	3/20/2024 10:40 AM
66	3rd generation family camp on LLL	3/20/2024 10:25 AM
67	absence of noise and bustle	3/20/2024 8:46 AM
68	easy access to Utica/Syracuse, local businesses (hardware, Bonnie's, etc)	3/20/2024 8:00 AM
69	I don't live in the town full-time. I own a camp that's used summers.	3/20/2024 12:43 AM
70	Recreation, we hunt, fish, snowmobile, etc.	3/19/2024 11:35 PM
71	Summer resident at Kayuta Lake	3/19/2024 9:16 PM
72	Fortunate to have access to small lake	3/19/2024 9:00 PM
73	Family inheritance	3/19/2024 8:45 PM
74	Friendly neighbors, access to lakes, rivers, snowmobiling, hunting, skiing.	3/19/2024 8:32 PM
75	Low taxes	3/19/2024 7:51 PM
76	Camp	3/19/2024 5:41 PM
77	To be left alone	3/19/2024 4:47 PM
78	Grew up in Forestport.	3/19/2024 3:35 PM
79	Used to be camp, decided to make it permanent residence	3/19/2024 3:15 PM

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80	Lakes wilderness snowmobiling	3/19/2024 2:30 PM
81	Lake, Snowmobiling	3/19/2024 2:25 PM
82	Snowmobiling, winter activities near by, White Lake	3/19/2024 1:50 PM

Q4 What is the best thing about living in Forestport?

Answered: 277 Skipped: 160

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	nature, peaceful, low crime	8/20/2024 2:56 PM
2	art club, snowmobiling, hiking. a roller rink and more trails are recommended	8/20/2024 2:49 PM
3	peace and quiet	8/20/2024 2:45 PM
4	quiet	8/20/2024 2:41 PM
5	folks here lend a helpful hand without question	8/20/2024 2:33 PM
6	clean air and water, the wildlife, recreation, the people	8/20/2024 2:28 PM
7	community and people, always kind and giving	8/20/2024 2:24 PM
8	small town community living	8/20/2024 1:54 PM
9	quality of life	8/20/2024 1:47 PM
10	pretty environment, quiet, people are generally nice	8/20/2024 1:40 PM
11	its not urban	8/20/2024 1:37 PM
12	the people	8/20/2024 1:34 PM
13	the people	8/20/2024 1:26 PM
14	people are friendly and help each other	8/20/2024 1:20 PM
15	the quiet and the view of the falls	8/20/2024 1:15 PM
16	adirondack climate yet within driving distance of utica	8/20/2024 11:49 AM
17	Mostly the people, the kinds ones, of course, who are always willing to help a neighbor and just have a good time spending time with lake friends.	7/29/2024 2:44 PM
18	The people	7/8/2024 7:19 AM
19	the lake	7/2/2024 10:43 AM
20	family town good people	6/20/2024 12:33 PM
21	peace, quiet, freedom, just need trail permits so atv's are aloud here not on snowmobile trails!	6/9/2024 8:58 AM
22	foothills of beautiful Adirondacks	5/14/2024 3:56 PM
23	Healthy, safe community with kind, helpful people.	5/3/2024 11:42 AM
24	Rural, Peace & Quiet	5/2/2024 4:33 PM
25	The people	5/2/2024 4:22 PM
26	small hometown living	5/1/2024 3:43 PM
27	Quiet, not many city idiots	5/1/2024 3:39 PM
28	Rural	5/1/2024 3:12 PM
29	It used to be the question	5/1/2024 2:19 PM
30	The people	5/1/2024 1:34 PM
31	see above	4/24/2024 9:39 AM
32	Small town/village feeling	4/20/2024 12:10 PM

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33	Rural environment with proximity to Utica	4/20/2024 9:29 AM
34	The great outdoors	4/20/2024 12:01 AM
35	The lakes	4/19/2024 8:46 PM
36	lakes	4/19/2024 7:25 PM
37	As stated above. Quiet, safe community	4/19/2024 3:36 PM
38	Scenery, peaceful, quiet	4/19/2024 2:13 PM
39	People minding their own business, fishing	4/19/2024 9:02 AM
40	The way our community steps up to help each other.	4/19/2024 6:01 AM
41	The natural surroundings.	4/18/2024 10:47 PM
42	Small town community feel	4/18/2024 8:05 PM
43	White Lake	4/18/2024 7:51 PM
44	Its home	4/18/2024 6:48 PM
45	My neighbors and the sense of pride in being part of the Forestport Community. I have also been able to head up some wonderful programs for our local youth thanks to the Forestport Town Board.	4/18/2024 6:46 PM
46	Quiet.	4/18/2024 3:32 PM
47	Use of the Lake	4/18/2024 3:17 PM
48	The natural beauty	4/18/2024 3:14 PM
49	Fresh air	4/18/2024 2:51 PM
50	Nature	4/17/2024 7:57 AM
51	Proximity to White Lake and Adirondacks.	4/16/2024 5:41 PM
52	The people. Its home.	4/15/2024 11:19 AM
53	It's not "down state."	4/14/2024 11:29 AM
54	Lack of crime. Not overpopulated	4/14/2024 9:28 AM
55	Waterfront living	4/11/2024 2:35 PM
56	The rural and privacy of where i live.	4/11/2024 9:39 AM
57	Quiet, the small-town country feel.	4/8/2024 5:42 AM
58	There were many things; however, due to overpopulation, the quality of life is dwindling.	4/6/2024 11:08 AM
59	Adirondack living but proximity to Utica.	4/4/2024 5:59 PM
60	It's not a city and there are fewer people.	4/4/2024 5:50 PM
61	Affordable living.	4/4/2024 11:36 AM
62	Feeder canal trail and access to BREIA trails	4/4/2024 10:05 AM
63	Friendly, accepting neighbors	4/4/2024 9:55 AM
64	Lakes and Rivers	4/3/2024 11:04 AM
65	Central hub for Natural activities	4/1/2024 4:23 PM
66	Otter Lake	3/30/2024 7:46 PM
67	Our property and the Woodgate Library	3/30/2024 11:16 AM
68	The best thing about living in Forestport is the sense of community, swimming holes, and snowmobile trails.	3/29/2024 2:46 PM
69	Rural atmosphere. I wish there was more access to more available public forest lands.	3/29/2024 8:47 AM

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70	Waterways and quiet	3/28/2024 3:31 PM
71	Services and people	3/28/2024 12:57 PM
72	Local Chickens. Machette man w headlamp	3/28/2024 12:08 PM
73	It's isolated from traffic and commercial ventures.	3/27/2024 10:51 PM
74	The accessibility to outdoor activities	3/27/2024 10:27 PM
75	The people	3/27/2024 7:08 PM
76	Nature and environment.	3/27/2024 11:31 AM
77	Far from the city	3/27/2024 7:11 AM
78	Being in the Adirondack Park.	3/26/2024 3:58 PM
79	Taxes are more affordable than other areas	3/26/2024 1:29 PM
80	Not as crowded and hectic as larger cities, but still has many amenities close-by	3/26/2024 7:46 AM
81	It is close enough to Utica, but my residence is inside the ADK park.	3/26/2024 6:18 AM
82	Nice people, privacy, slow pace of life, no traffic	3/25/2024 8:06 PM
83	Lots of nature to enjoy in Forestport during all seasons.	3/25/2024 5:08 PM
84	clean air	3/25/2024 4:44 PM
85	Access to nature and outdoor activities.	3/25/2024 1:08 PM
86	Small knit community	3/25/2024 10:45 AM
87	Woods, water and good food.	3/25/2024 10:10 AM
88	Kayuta Lake is beautiful and peaceful. This is our our in the summer, close to our primary home.	3/25/2024 9:23 AM
89	White Lake	3/25/2024 9:05 AM
90	Quiet and neighborly	3/25/2024 7:03 AM
91	Nature	3/24/2024 6:25 PM
92	The lake	3/24/2024 4:18 PM
93	Rural, woodsy, nature of the area, the hamlets of Forestport, Forestport Station, and Woodgate, where we are located, and we have fond memories of our few visits to the old Fairwood Evergreen Campground many years ago. Plus, I like the name. We have met and enjoy some of our neighbors on Woods Lane.	3/24/2024 4:07 PM
94	Freedom	3/24/2024 3:53 PM
95	Location	3/24/2024 1:01 PM
96	Quaint location, great recreational activities, good community support.	3/24/2024 11:19 AM
97	open space, relatively low pollution of environment, little welfare or gang violence	3/24/2024 10:57 AM
98	Like my hometown used to ve	3/24/2024 10:13 AM
99	Tranquil and quiet	3/24/2024 10:05 AM
100	Friendly community	3/24/2024 9:58 AM
101	Fairley friendly	3/24/2024 9:05 AM
102	The businesses, the people	3/24/2024 8:55 AM
103	The scenery	3/24/2024 8:49 AM
104	Kayuta Lake & serenity of surrounding woods.	3/24/2024 8:12 AM
105	Being near kayuta lake	3/24/2024 8:11 AM

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106	Quet	3/24/2024 7:42 AM
107	Clear lake water	3/23/2024 9:21 PM
108	Small community	3/23/2024 9:02 PM
109	White lake boating and fishing	3/23/2024 7:37 PM
110	White lake and surrounding outdoor activity opportunities	3/23/2024 6:25 PM
111	Family/Friends and environment	3/23/2024 5:23 PM
112	The lakes and surrounding environment	3/23/2024 4:58 PM
113	Friends and family	3/23/2024 4:55 PM
114	Great neighbors, both full-time and seasonal. Town services and support (quarry)	3/23/2024 4:38 PM
115	Low taxes	3/23/2024 4:37 PM
116	Safe and friendly	3/23/2024 4:31 PM
117	A nice place to relax	3/23/2024 4:20 PM
118	Friendliness	3/23/2024 4:07 PM
119	Location, close to home & not far from major summer & winter outdoor activities.	3/23/2024 3:53 PM
120	Summer lake access, snowmobile trail access	3/23/2024 3:50 PM
121	Outdoor activities	3/23/2024 3:42 PM
122	The People	3/23/2024 3:27 PM
123	Quietness	3/23/2024 11:59 AM
124	The beauty of the mountains lakes and woods.	3/23/2024 9:08 AM
125	Quiet and can enjoy nature	3/23/2024 8:56 AM
126	Rural, but easy access to a lot of activities	3/23/2024 8:55 AM
127	Access to ADK and the rural outside	3/23/2024 8:45 AM
128	safe & peaceful	3/23/2024 8:29 AM
129	Beauty,	3/23/2024 6:27 AM
130	Peace and quiet	3/22/2024 11:57 PM
131	Old Forge is a bustling town but far enough away to allow me peace and quiet	3/22/2024 8:57 PM
132	Clean air, clean water, and a chance to slow down. The river.	3/22/2024 7:20 PM
133	The lakes - outdoor sports	3/22/2024 2:39 PM
134	The quite Adirondack atmosphere of the woods and lakes.	3/22/2024 11:35 AM
135	The small town atmosphere and having the mountains close by. Also I love that there are few street lights and the area is far from the big city atmosphere.	3/22/2024 10:47 AM
136	I love the Otter Lake Community.	3/22/2024 8:43 AM
137	Neighbors	3/22/2024 8:24 AM
138	Living on Otter Lake	3/22/2024 8:04 AM
139	Nature	3/22/2024 5:25 AM
140	Quiet enjoyment of nature with all amenities nearby when needed.	3/22/2024 12:42 AM
141	Living on the lake	3/21/2024 11:17 PM
142	Supportive community	3/21/2024 10:39 PM

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143	not the weather	3/21/2024 10:15 PM
144	Everyone takes care of Each Other and the Community.	3/21/2024 10:13 PM
145	Outdoor recreation	3/21/2024 9:52 PM
146	The people! Small businesses	3/21/2024 9:51 PM
147	The trails, the lakes, and nature in general	3/21/2024 9:33 PM
148	Fresh air	3/21/2024 9:29 PM
149	beautiful lakes and country	3/21/2024 9:24 PM
150	Snowmobiling	3/21/2024 9:07 PM
151	Small community and close friends	3/21/2024 9:04 PM
152	The lake	3/21/2024 8:03 PM
153	It provides an environment that allows us and our guests to escape urban living.	3/21/2024 7:22 PM
154	White Lake	3/21/2024 5:30 PM
155	Peace and security	3/21/2024 2:58 PM
156	Family summer home for many years	3/21/2024 12:14 PM
157	White Lake	3/21/2024 11:32 AM
158	Provides an ADK experience yet is convenient to a major city, Utica.	3/21/2024 10:11 AM
159	White Lake	3/21/2024 10:06 AM
160	open access to environment and wildlife	3/21/2024 10:04 AM
161	Rural character, trees, nature, water.	3/21/2024 9:06 AM
162	Nature	3/21/2024 8:57 AM
163	bugs	3/21/2024 8:54 AM
164	Ability to be outside in nature.	3/21/2024 8:02 AM
165	I grew up here and started to raise my own family here so this is home. I love the community and the people. I love that it's a small town but close to neighboring towns. No high crime rates is a big plus	3/21/2024 7:36 AM
166	Fall	3/20/2024 11:22 PM
167	Quiet	3/20/2024 8:20 PM
168	I live on White Lake.	3/20/2024 7:22 PM
169	Lakes and wooded areas	3/20/2024 7:01 PM
170	THERE IS NO GOOD REASON NOW. THERE WAS AT ONE TIME.	3/20/2024 6:49 PM
171	Low taxes	3/20/2024 6:02 PM
172	Small government.	3/20/2024 6:02 PM
173	The people	3/20/2024 5:32 PM
174	The feeling of community	3/20/2024 5:03 PM
175	outdoor recreation	3/20/2024 4:24 PM
176	The hometown feel	3/20/2024 4:13 PM
177	The concern for environmental integrity is critical to the preservation of this pristine ADK area. I appreciate the efforts made by residents and community officials in maintaining the quality of our water and land resources.	3/20/2024 3:56 PM
178	White Lake and the people are terrific	3/20/2024 3:24 PM

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179	Peaceful country atmosphere	3/20/2024 3:19 PM
180	Peaceful	3/20/2024 3:14 PM
181	Being close to ADK and lakes and snowmobiling	3/20/2024 3:14 PM
182	woods and nature	3/20/2024 2:51 PM
183	Cindy Combs	3/20/2024 1:49 PM
184	nature	3/20/2024 1:43 PM
185	Weather and lakes	3/20/2024 1:27 PM
186	Living on the lake	3/20/2024 1:15 PM
187	Proximity to both Adirondacks and the convenience of city needs	3/20/2024 1:08 PM
188	No traffic. Nature. Quiet.	3/20/2024 1:05 PM
189	White lake living	3/20/2024 1:04 PM
190	The surrounding!	3/20/2024 12:25 PM
191	Clean air and friendly neighbors	3/20/2024 12:21 PM
192	Lake life	3/20/2024 12:20 PM
193	quiet. outdoor activity.	3/20/2024 12:19 PM
194	Adirondack's	3/20/2024 12:08 PM
195	White Lake!	3/20/2024 11:55 AM
196	White Lake	3/20/2024 11:50 AM
197	Peace and quiet, no industrial, noisy traffic menace.	3/20/2024 11:47 AM
198	Natural beauty	3/20/2024 11:47 AM
199	Family close by	3/20/2024 11:44 AM
200	I love the small town rustic feel. It's peaceful and very quiet	3/20/2024 11:14 AM
201	The tranquility	3/20/2024 11:10 AM
202	Nature	3/20/2024 10:57 AM
203	Visiting	3/20/2024 10:47 AM
204	doesn't apply	3/20/2024 10:43 AM
205	Classes	3/20/2024 10:41 AM
206	Family and friends.	3/20/2024 10:27 AM
207	The quiet, the nature, the clean environment, the small town neighborly feel	3/20/2024 10:26 AM
208	its a well-kept secret	3/20/2024 10:25 AM
209	unsure, seems like the whole area is just unofficially managed and controlled by popular names	3/20/2024 10:21 AM
210	Close to Adirondacks with fewer restrictions	3/20/2024 10:14 AM
211	Sense of Community	3/20/2024 10:13 AM
212	The rural area and small community atmosphere	3/20/2024 10:02 AM
213	low taxes and rural atmosphere	3/20/2024 9:48 AM
214	Rural, quiet, friendly neighbors	3/20/2024 9:43 AM
215	Open space	3/20/2024 9:28 AM
216	Living in nature.	3/20/2024 9:21 AM

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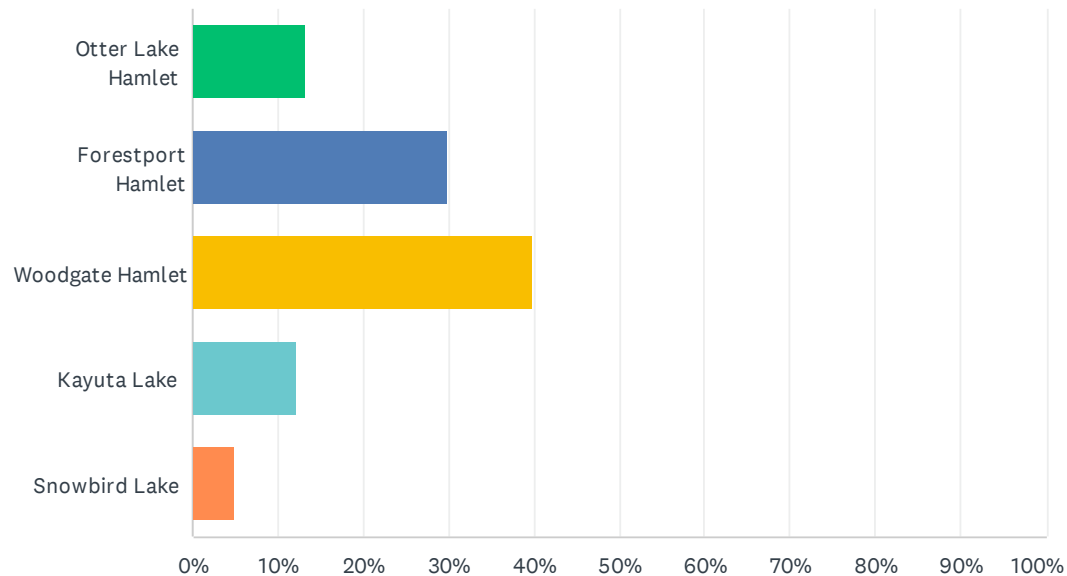
217	Peaceful	3/20/2024 9:05 AM
218	Fewer people	3/20/2024 8:54 AM
219	Love that it maintains its rural feel while being within easy distance of the conveniences of Utica and the ADK. We can easily rake visitors to the splendor of the Adirondacks without living in the midst of a tourist mecca.	3/20/2024 8:50 AM
220	good mix of people and lots of spirit!	3/20/2024 8:00 AM
221	Quiet	3/20/2024 1:24 AM
222	For me, I like the quiet in the woods but not the black flies!	3/20/2024 12:34 AM
223	The awesome scenery, the damn, the lake, the pine air., the stars....	3/19/2024 11:49 PM
224	Get to enjoy the ADK atmosphere without the rules and regs of actually being in the park	3/19/2024 11:35 PM
225	Quietness, close to nature	3/19/2024 10:26 PM
226	Slower pace. Less traffic. Wonderful woods and water.	3/19/2024 10:23 PM
227	The friendly town a lot of things to do outside	3/19/2024 10:17 PM
228	Dave's Diner	3/19/2024 9:16 PM
229	Peace	3/19/2024 9:06 PM
230	Rural, laid back atmosphere. Friends.	3/19/2024 9:00 PM
231	The Lakes	3/19/2024 8:58 PM
232	Small tight community	3/19/2024 8:51 PM
233	Outdoors	3/19/2024 8:45 PM
234	Quiet in the winter. Maybe too many part-time residents in the summers, but most of them are ok.	3/19/2024 8:32 PM
235	My mother and I moved here from Utica 29 years ago and have loved living here. Easy to get to work in Marcy and Whitesboro because the roads were always maintained winter and summer and when I got home it was so peaceful.	3/19/2024 8:24 PM
236	My camp	3/19/2024 8:02 PM
237	Nature	3/19/2024 7:53 PM
238	Low taxes	3/19/2024 7:51 PM
239	Rural and friendly	3/19/2024 7:45 PM
240	Nature	3/19/2024 7:30 PM
241	The camaraderie	3/19/2024 7:01 PM
242	Woods	3/19/2024 6:31 PM
243	A beautiful town. Very peaceful	3/19/2024 6:13 PM
244	Community support	3/19/2024 6:12 PM
245	Community	3/19/2024 5:56 PM
246	Great Outdoors	3/19/2024 5:41 PM
247	No one bothers you	3/19/2024 4:47 PM
248	The closeness of a tight knit community	3/19/2024 4:44 PM
249	I married a man who lives here.	3/19/2024 4:38 PM
250	I know most people	3/19/2024 4:07 PM
251	Proximity to the Adirondacks as well as the city	3/19/2024 3:55 PM

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252	Affordable taxes	3/19/2024 3:38 PM
253	Location	3/19/2024 3:35 PM
254	Small town vibe, close knit community	3/19/2024 3:31 PM
255	Peaceful and not too expensive	3/19/2024 3:30 PM
256	Small town feel	3/19/2024 3:25 PM
257	Small community, kind neighbors, rural location	3/19/2024 3:21 PM
258	Easy going	3/19/2024 3:18 PM
259	Friendly people, nature and water in our backyard, close proximity to Adirondacks and to cities with a social atmosphere	3/19/2024 3:15 PM
260	Small population. A lot of breathing room. My family goes back several generations. A quiet way of life for me	3/19/2024 3:13 PM
261	Beautiful area	3/19/2024 3:09 PM
262	Nature	3/19/2024 2:57 PM
263	Gateway to ADK's I kayak, ski and golf, hike. All I need is close by	3/19/2024 2:45 PM
264	Kayuta Lake and other lakes.	3/19/2024 2:44 PM
265	Peace and quiet	3/19/2024 2:40 PM
266	peaceful, close to water, feel safe	3/19/2024 2:39 PM
267	Nature, People	3/19/2024 2:35 PM
268	The community and its people	3/19/2024 2:30 PM
269	The Lake	3/19/2024 2:25 PM
270	Freedom of living in a rural area	3/19/2024 2:20 PM
271	MOST PEOPLE ARE GOOD.	3/19/2024 2:19 PM
272	Quality of life	3/19/2024 2:17 PM
273	There are so many options for outdoor activities that are not over populated!	3/19/2024 2:03 PM
274	Convenient location yet still secluded	3/19/2024 1:50 PM
275	Community caring	3/19/2024 1:33 PM
276	I can't stand the cities, we like rural life.	3/19/2024 12:42 PM
277	It's beauty	3/19/2024 12:40 PM

Q5 If you are a Forestport resident, where in Town do you live?

Answered: 281 Skipped: 156



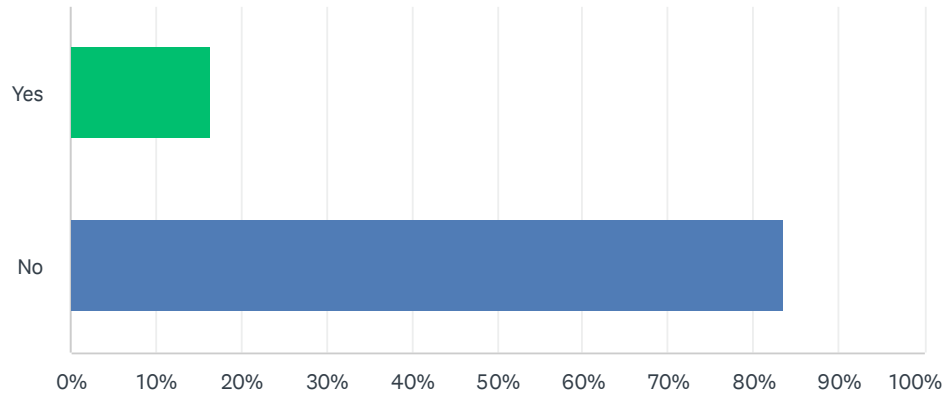
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Otter Lake Hamlet	13.17%	37
Forestport Hamlet	29.89%	84
Woodgate Hamlet	39.86%	112
Kayuta Lake	12.10%	34
Snowbird Lake	4.98%	14
TOTAL		281

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY THE GENERAL AREA OF TOWN YOU LIVE IN)	DATE
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Q6 If you are a seasonal resident, is Forestport your primary residence?

Answered: 196 Skipped: 241



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	16.33%	32
No	83.67%	164
TOTAL		196

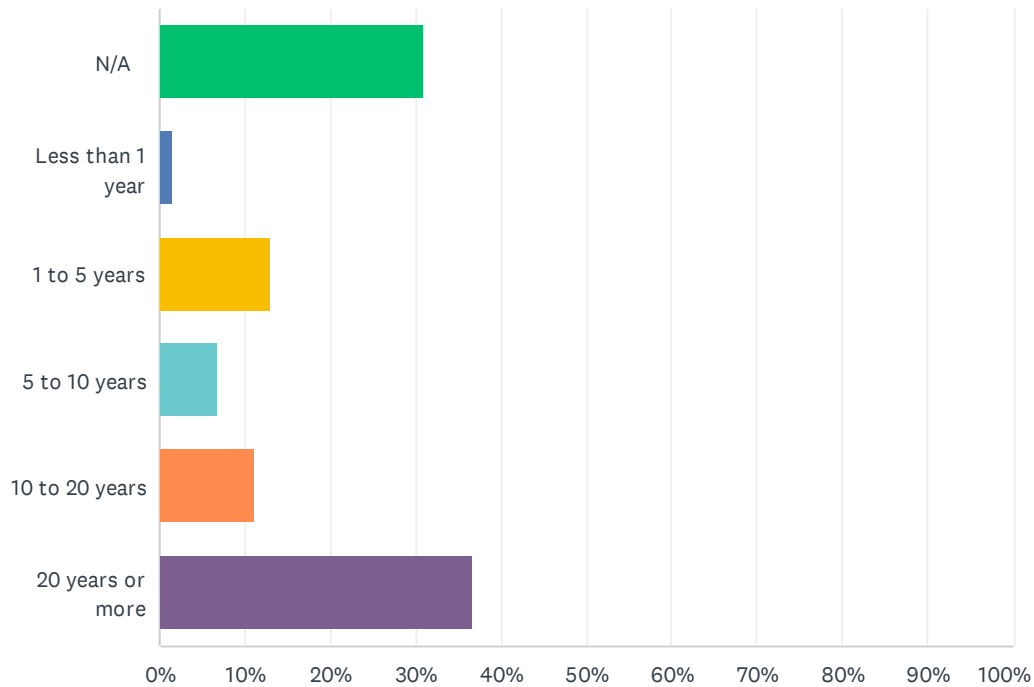
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Q7 If you are a full-time resident, how long have you lived in Forestport?

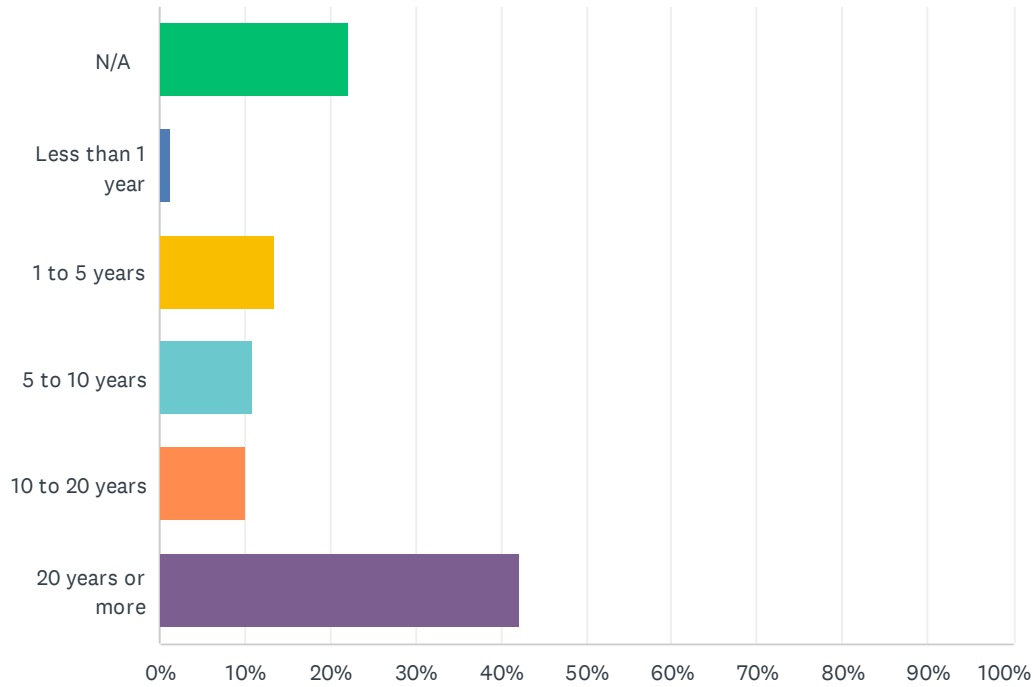
Answered: 253 Skipped: 184



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A	30.83%	78
Less than 1 year	1.58%	4
1 to 5 years	13.04%	33
5 to 10 years	6.72%	17
10 to 20 years	11.07%	28
20 years or more	36.76%	93
TOTAL		253

Q8 If you are a seasonal resident, how long have you owned property in Forestport?

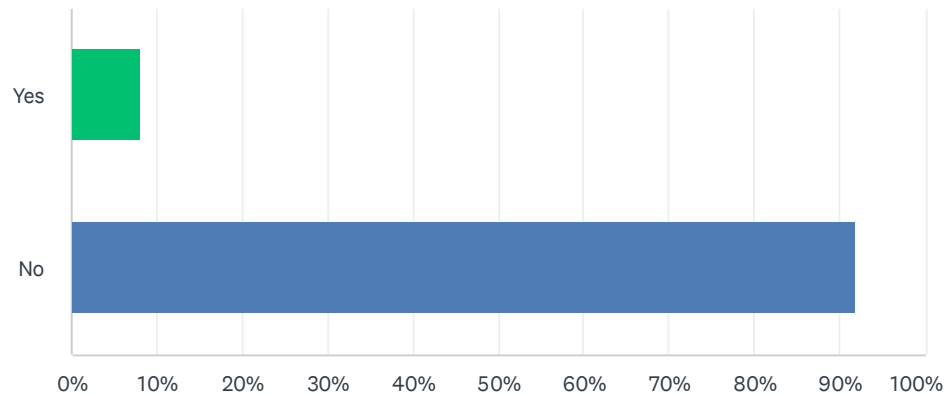
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A	22.17%	51
Less than 1 year	1.30%	3
1 to 5 years	13.48%	31
5 to 10 years	10.87%	25
10 to 20 years	10.00%	23
20 years or more	42.17%	97
TOTAL		230

Q9 Are you a business owner in the Town?

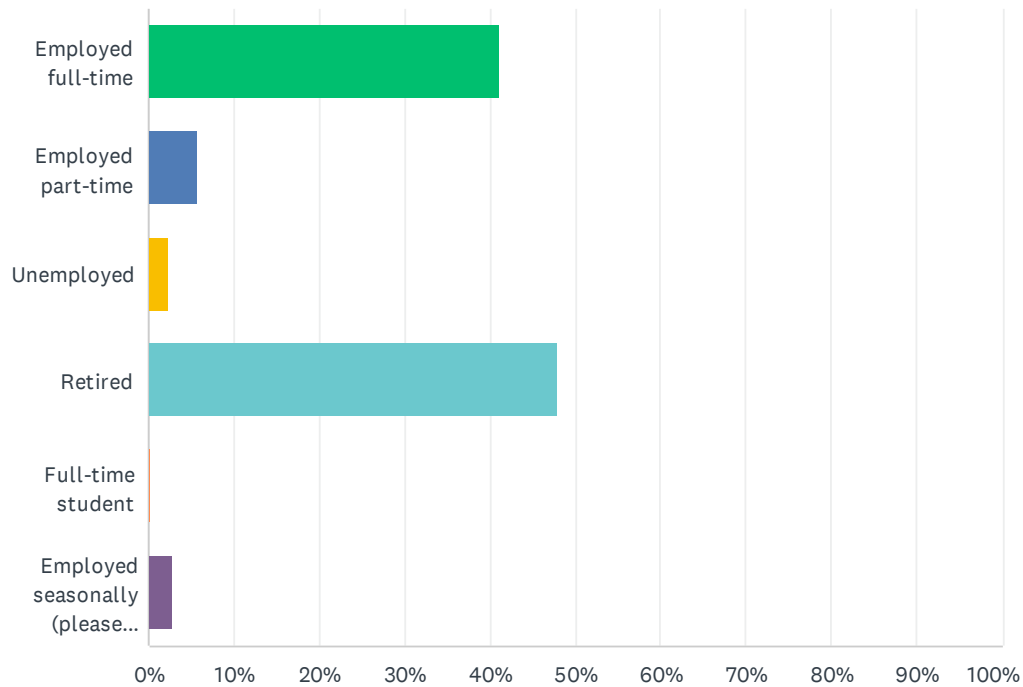
Answered: 343 Skipped: 94



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	8.16%	28
No	91.84%	315
TOTAL		343

Q10 What is your employment status?

Answered: 336 Skipped: 101



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employed full-time	41.07%	138
Employed part-time	5.65%	19
Unemployed	2.38%	8
Retired	47.92%	161
Full-time student	0.30%	1
Employed seasonally (please specify)	2.68%	9
TOTAL		336

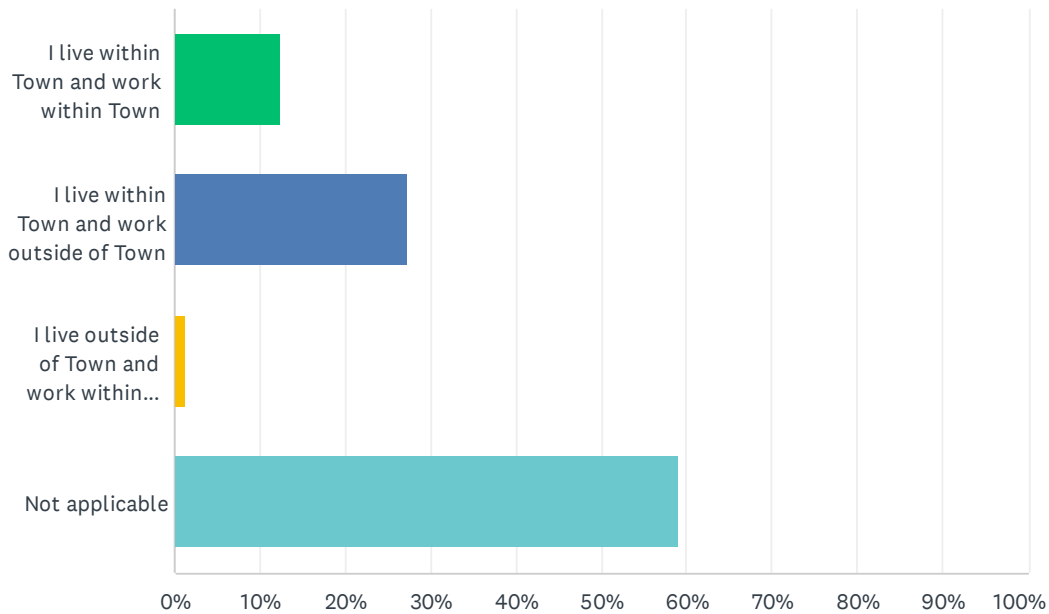
#	EMPLOYED SEASONALLY (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	employed full time and retired	5/1/2024 3:45 PM
2	Restaurant owner	4/14/2024 9:30 AM
3	Kayuta Drive In	3/29/2024 2:47 PM
4	self employed store owner	3/21/2024 10:17 PM
5	Off work from December 15 to April 1	3/20/2024 5:05 PM
6	Depending on tourism for business	3/20/2024 12:36 AM
7	Small business	3/19/2024 7:10 PM
8	HVAC repairs and installations	3/19/2024 3:40 PM

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9	Spouse retired	3/19/2024 3:16 PM
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Q11 If you are employed, which of the following best describes you?

Answered: 234 Skipped: 203



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live within Town and work within Town	12.39%	29
I live within Town and work outside of Town	27.35%	64
I live outside of Town and work within Town	1.28%	3
Not applicable	58.97%	138
TOTAL		234

#	IF YOU WORK OUTSIDE TOWN, PLEASE SPECIFY WHERE.	DATE
1	adirondack school	8/20/2024 2:42 PM
2	work remotely	8/20/2024 11:51 AM
3	Live outside/work outside	7/8/2024 7:21 AM
4	mason	6/9/2024 9:07 AM
5	Work at home	6/8/2024 10:36 AM
6	Utica	4/26/2024 9:19 AM
7	Tri-state area	4/20/2024 12:03 AM
8	CNY DDSO whitesboro	4/19/2024 2:14 PM
9	My full time job is located where my primary residence is located.	4/18/2024 10:48 PM
10	Old Forge	4/18/2024 8:58 PM
11	I also work on an Organic Eco Farm in Ava, NY as well as own my own business, Geodesic Love	4/18/2024 6:48 PM

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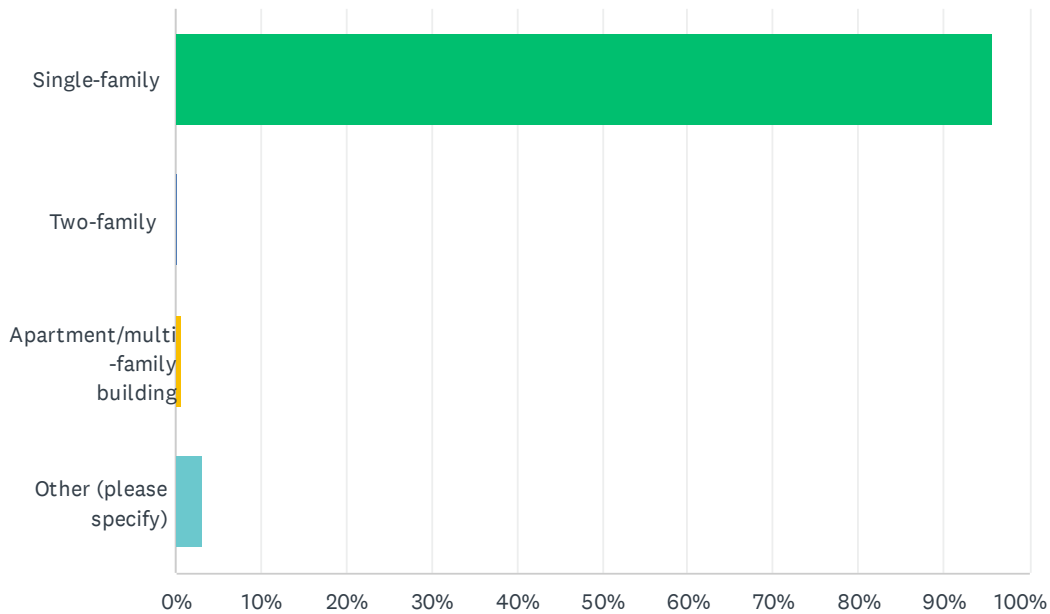
12	Boonville	4/4/2024 5:53 PM
13	Own Otter Lake Station. Primary residence in Schuyler Year round camp in Otter Lake	3/30/2024 8:16 PM
14	Utica NY	3/29/2024 7:41 PM
15	Old Forge	3/27/2024 11:34 AM
16	I work in Buffalo, NY	3/26/2024 3:59 PM
17	I am currently a teacher in East Syracuse-Minoa CSD.	3/26/2024 6:20 AM
18	I work from home.	3/25/2024 1:10 PM
19	Work for a large company and the northeast is my territory	3/25/2024 10:12 AM
20	Utica	3/25/2024 7:05 AM
21	Also work in surrounding Towns	3/24/2024 10:59 AM
22	Own a trucking company in ulster County	3/24/2024 10:14 AM
23	I come up on weekends	3/24/2024 10:07 AM
24	Work in Boonville	3/24/2024 8:14 AM
25	Syracuse	3/23/2024 11:37 PM
26	Remote with travel	3/23/2024 6:26 PM
27	I work all over N. Y. States, Verizon Wireless cell sites.	3/23/2024 3:58 PM
28	Beacon, NY	3/23/2024 3:51 PM
29	self employed store owner	3/21/2024 10:17 PM
30	Michigan	3/21/2024 9:53 PM
31	Marcy	3/21/2024 9:08 PM
32	Rochester, NY	3/21/2024 7:18 PM
33	Old Forge	3/21/2024 5:32 PM
34	Massachusetts	3/21/2024 10:07 AM
35	I commute to New York mills	3/20/2024 6:03 PM
36	Westchester County NY	3/20/2024 5:05 PM
37	Syracuse	3/20/2024 3:17 PM
38	Albany, NY. Self-employed.	3/20/2024 1:47 PM
39	Western New York	3/20/2024 12:00 PM
40	Live outside town, work outside town	3/20/2024 11:49 AM
41	I work remotely (need good internet)	3/20/2024 10:27 AM
42	Work in Syracuse. Work remotely during summer months	3/20/2024 10:26 AM
43	Utica	3/20/2024 10:23 AM
44	I am a remote worker and work from home for a North Carolina based company.	3/20/2024 10:04 AM
45	My primary residence is outside of the town and I work in New Hartford, NY.	3/20/2024 12:49 AM
46	I work remotely full time for a nonprofit in Syracuse.	3/19/2024 11:53 PM
47	Self employed in Edmeston NY	3/19/2024 11:37 PM
48	Holland Patent	3/19/2024 9:08 PM
49	Old Forge	3/19/2024 8:52 PM

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50	JFK intl airport	3/19/2024 8:46 PM
51	Utica Rome	3/19/2024 8:34 PM
52	Newport	3/19/2024 8:26 PM
53	I teach at Rome CSD.	3/19/2024 7:31 PM
54	Syracuse	3/19/2024 5:42 PM
55	Marcy NY	3/19/2024 3:45 PM
56	Old forge Booneville Tughill	3/19/2024 3:40 PM
57	Latham ny	3/19/2024 3:31 PM
58	On the road, selling to local restaurants	3/19/2024 3:23 PM
59	Utica	3/19/2024 3:16 PM
60	I am self employed doing property maintenance. Most of my work is in the Utica area	3/19/2024 2:33 PM
61	I work in Utica/ New Hartford, however, my position is considered "hybrid", and I work the majority of the time from home. Internet connectivity is VERY important.	3/19/2024 2:27 PM
62	Massachusetts	3/19/2024 2:21 PM
63	Old Forge	3/19/2024 2:18 PM
64	Lodging Kit Company Boonville, NY	3/19/2024 2:05 PM
65	Edwards Ambulance in chadwicks (FT), STaR ambulance in prospect (PT)	3/19/2024 12:44 PM

Q12 In what type of dwelling do you live?

Answered: 335 Skipped: 102

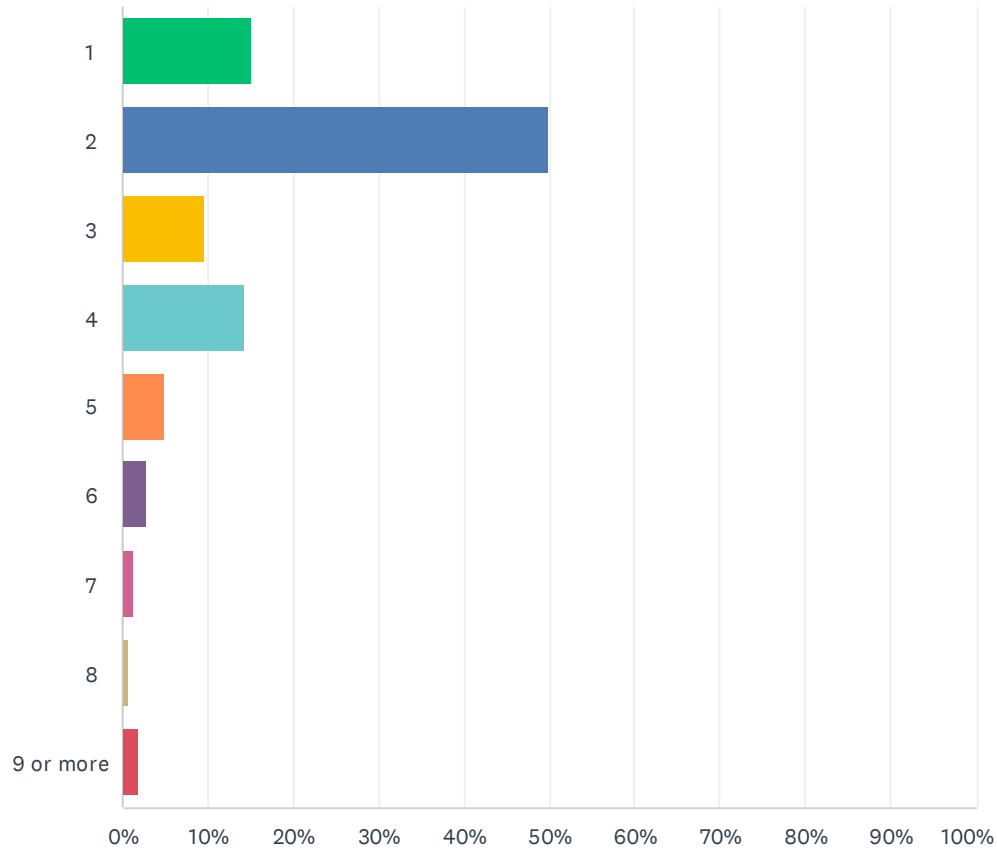


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single-family	95.82%	321
Two-family	0.30%	1
Apartment/multi-family building	0.60%	2
Other (please specify)	3.28%	11
TOTAL		335

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Travel trailer for now	4/8/2024 5:44 AM
2	Process of building	3/25/2024 9:07 AM
3	Camp	3/23/2024 3:59 PM
4	Camp	3/22/2024 5:28 PM
5	Lakeside Cabin	3/20/2024 12:09 PM
6	Single family home once built	3/20/2024 11:47 AM
7	NA	3/20/2024 10:44 AM
8	NA	3/20/2024 10:44 AM
9	Mobile Home	3/20/2024 10:16 AM
10	Barn	3/20/2024 9:06 AM
11	Camp built in 1934	3/19/2024 9:18 PM

Q13 How many people live in your household?

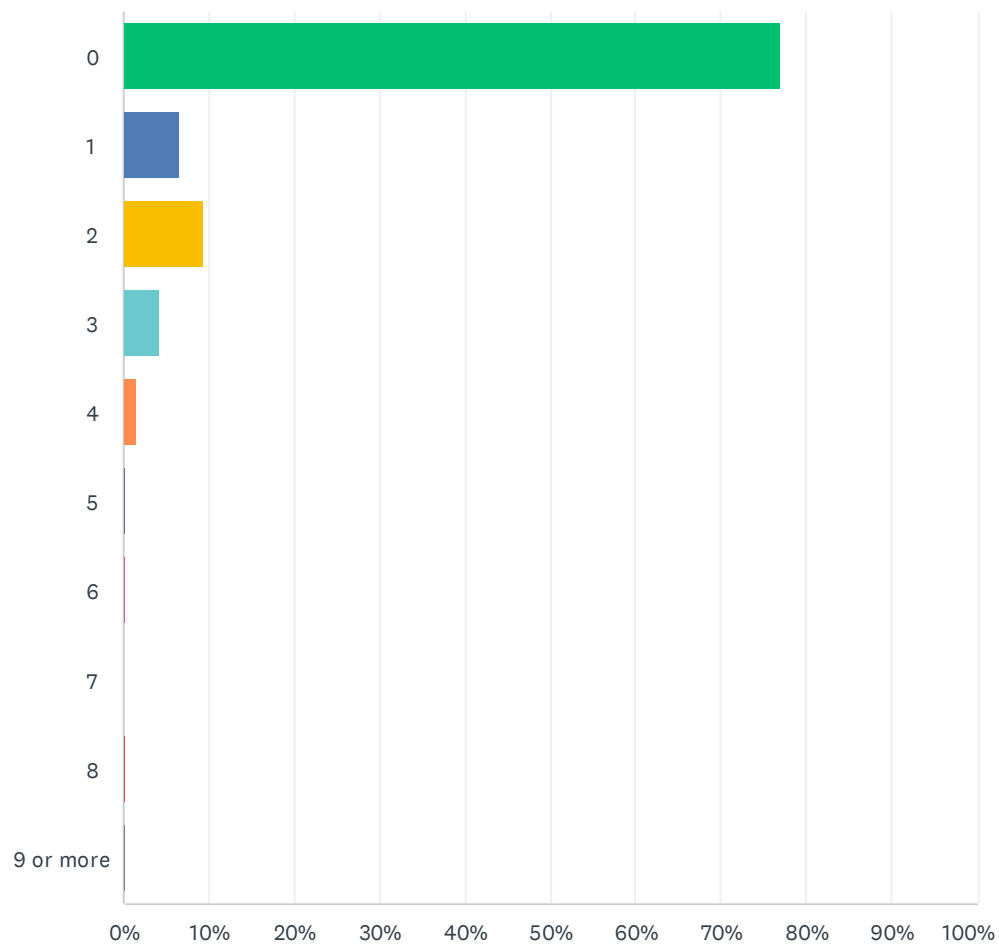
Answered: 331 Skipped: 106



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	15.11%	50
2	49.85%	165
3	9.67%	32
4	14.20%	47
5	4.83%	16
6	2.72%	9
7	1.21%	4
8	0.60%	2
9 or more	1.81%	6
TOTAL		331

Q14 How many people under the age of 18 reside in your household?

Answered: 330 Skipped: 107

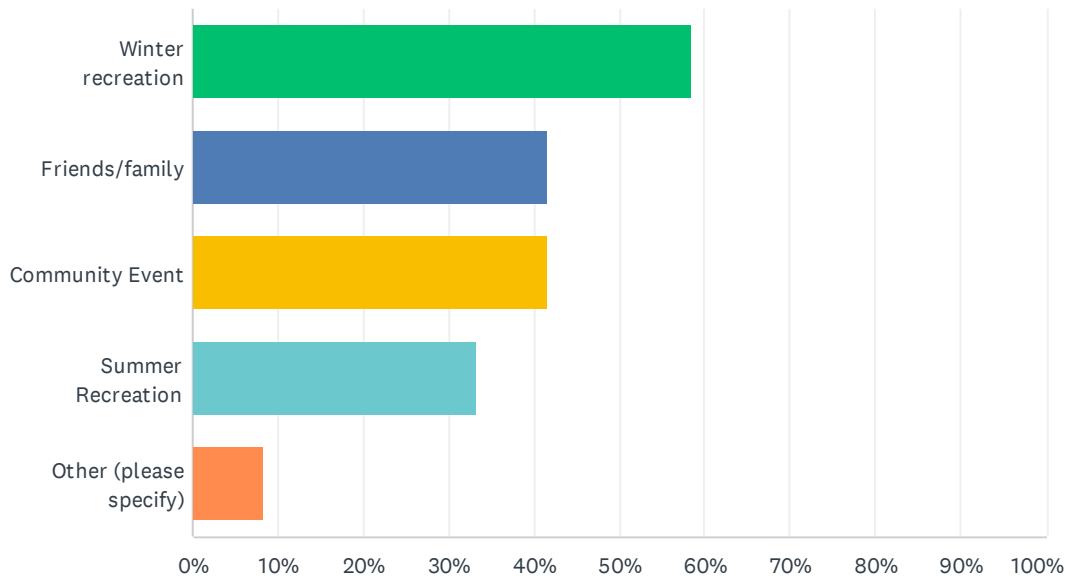


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	76.97%	254
1	6.67%	22
2	9.39%	31
3	4.24%	14
4	1.52%	5
5	0.30%	1
6	0.30%	1
7	0.00%	0
8	0.30%	1
9 or more	0.30%	1
TOTAL		330

Q15 What brings you to Forestport? Select all that apply.

Answered: 12 Skipped: 425

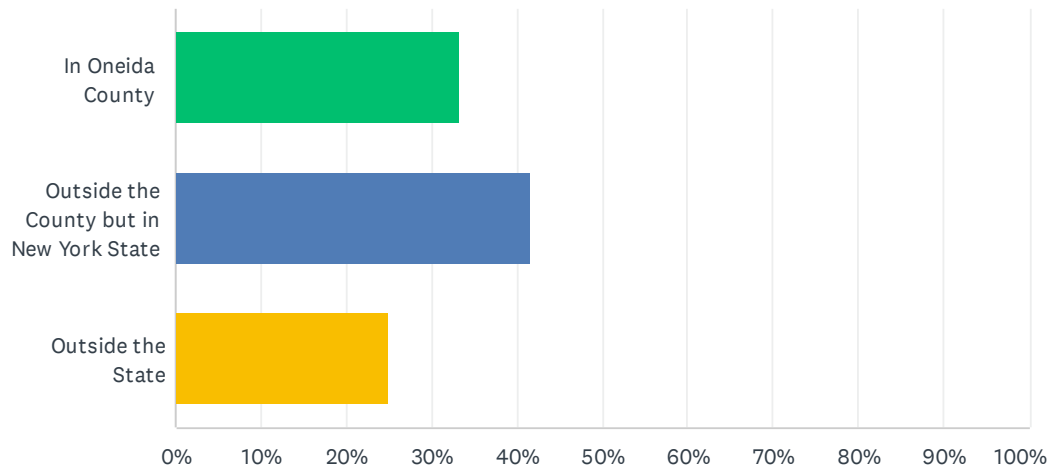


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Winter recreation		58.33%	7
Friends/family		41.67%	5
Community Event		41.67%	5
Summer Recreation		33.33%	4
Other (please specify)		8.33%	1
Total Respondents: 12			

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Exploring the Adirondack region	3/19/2024 6:58 PM

Q16 Where is your primary residence?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 425

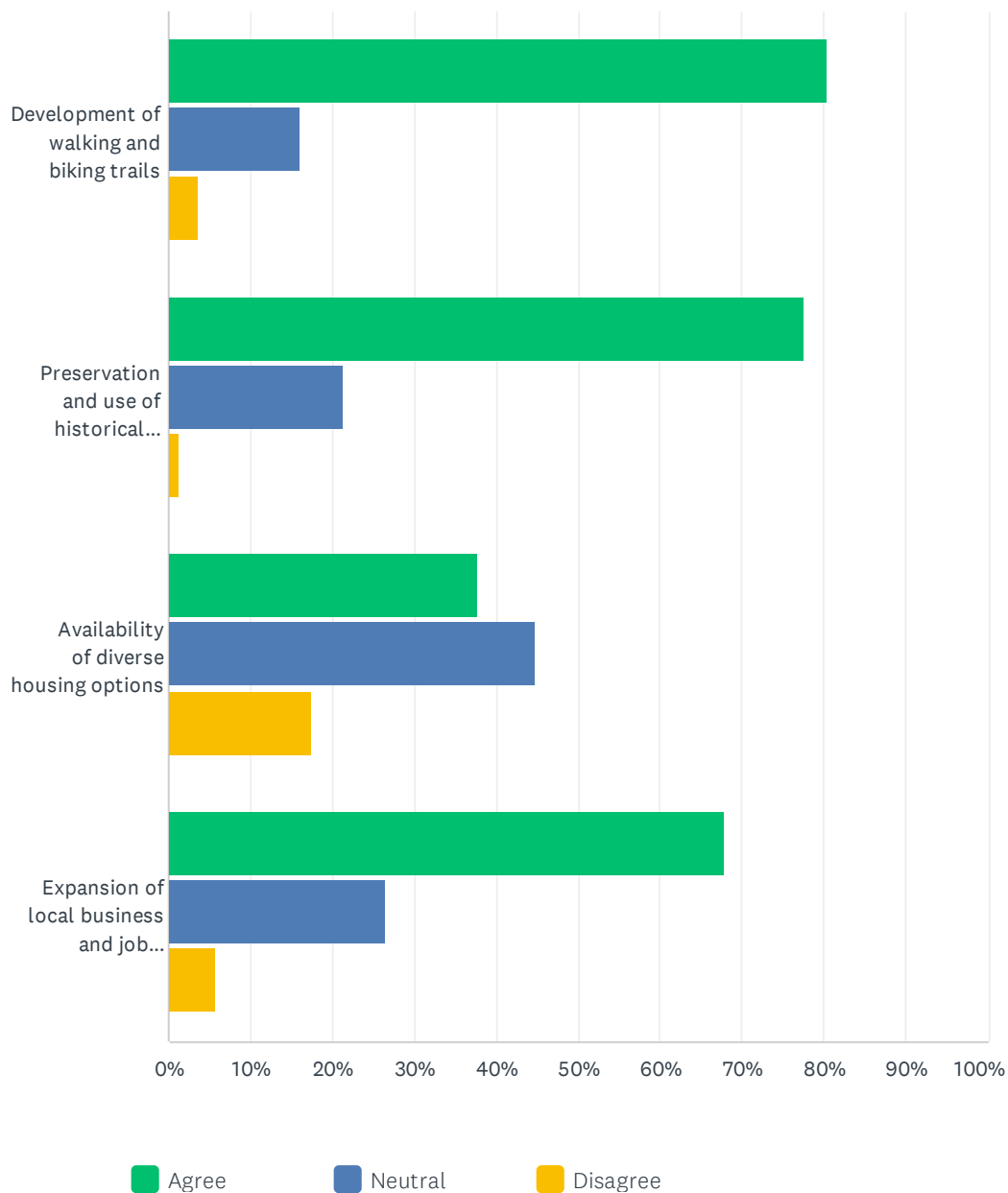


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In Oneida County	33.33%	4
Outside the County but in New York State	41.67%	5
Outside the State	25.00%	3
TOTAL		12

#	IF OUTSIDE THE STATE, PLEASE SPECIFY WHERE.	DATE
1	PA	3/21/2024 8:52 AM
2	PA	3/21/2024 8:34 AM
3	PA	3/21/2024 8:25 AM
4	Putnam County	3/19/2024 6:58 PM

Q17 Do you agree or disagree that these are valuable community assets?

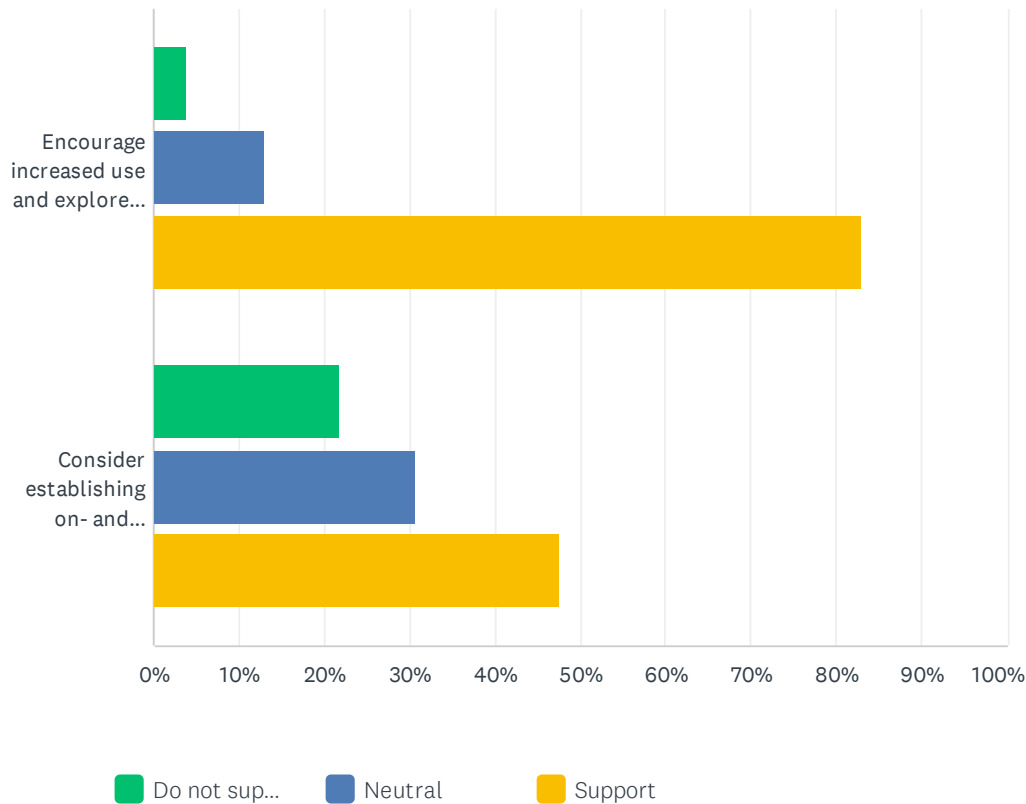
Answered: 330 Skipped: 107



	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Development of walking and biking trails	80.30% 265	16.06% 53	3.64% 12	330	1.23
Preservation and use of historical buildings	77.51% 255	21.28% 70	1.22% 4	329	1.24
Availability of diverse housing options	37.80% 124	44.82% 147	17.38% 57	328	1.80
Expansion of local business and job opportunities	67.79% 221	26.38% 86	5.83% 19	326	1.38

Q18 Rate the following recommendations:

Answered: 332 Skipped: 105



	DO NOT SUPPORT	NEUTRAL	SUPPORT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Encourage increased use and explore opportunities for farmers markets, festivals, and other outdoor park gatherings and activities.	3.94% 13	13.03% 43	83.03% 274	330	2.79
Consider establishing on- and off-road recreational trails and advocate for increased ATV and snowmobile access.	21.82% 72	30.61% 101	47.58% 157	330	2.26

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	need more art shows, community garden, more trees, community clean-up days	8/20/2024 2:52 PM
2	yes for snowmobiles, no to ATVs- they are illegal on main roads and ruin snowmobile trails	8/20/2024 2:24 PM
3	outdoor/indoor pickleball courts and pool, wifi availability(time warner, spectrum, charter communications)	8/20/2024 11:53 AM
4	alot of support for both here i take care of close by trails as is, its a shame to see no atv signs in such a woodland place	6/9/2024 9:25 AM
5	Support in activities and summer programs for kids and after school programs.	6/8/2024 10:39 AM
6	Especially not a fan of ATV trails. great job with Forestport days and Christmas light up.	5/3/2024 11:46 AM
7	Good for business but terrible for noise. EX: AATVs doing wheelies on Dustin Rd - even in the winter	5/1/2024 2:34 PM
8	I don't want to listen to engines roaring by my camp on a lovely quiet summer day! I go there	4/24/2024 9:50 AM

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to relax and regroup.

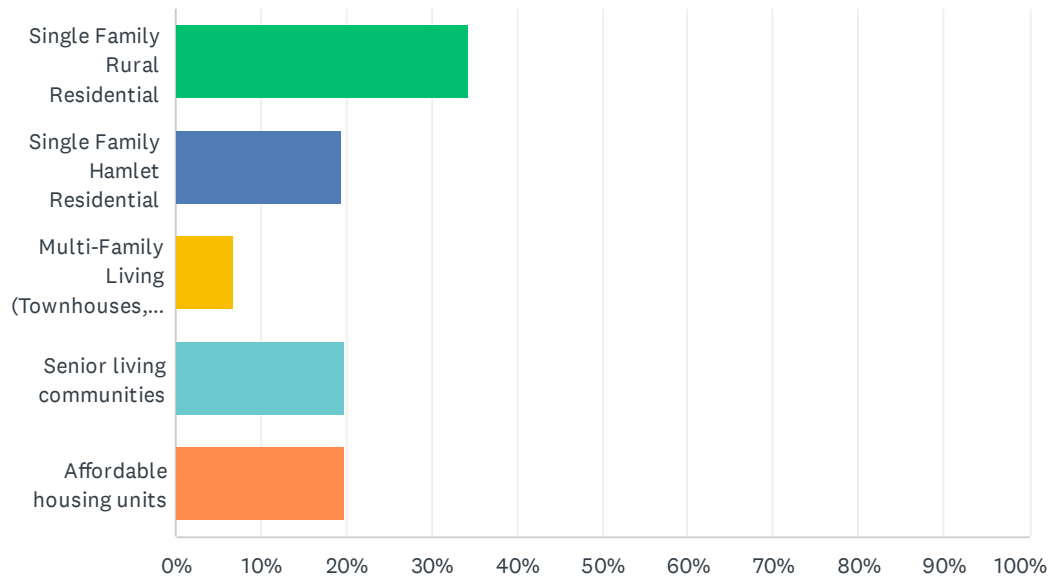
9	Not enough trails, and what there is will be destroyed	4/19/2024 9:06 AM
10	No ATV or dirt bikes, being annoyed by them now.	4/11/2024 9:45 AM
11	Question 15 is poorly written. I answered as if you are asking whether those are valuable assets for ANY community. If you are asking how well Forestport does in those areas, my answers would be quite different. Question 17 is also poorly written - I don't know what's available in each of the categories, so I don't know what's missing. Ditto on Question 18.	4/4/2024 6:04 PM
12	Many of the roads in town are narrow and curvy and I don't feel that sharing these roads with ATVs would be safe.	4/4/2024 6:03 PM
13	Prefer hiking and biking trails	4/4/2024 9:59 AM
14	There is plenty of motorized access opportunity in adjacent regions with their associated noise, pollution, degradation of wilderness, and bar to bar hopping for drinking. We do not need more in quiet Forestport.	3/29/2024 8:55 AM
15	There is decreasing respect towards owners of property which has allowed access in past	3/28/2024 3:37 PM
16	Snowmobiling is on the decline. I hope this survey will provide data to determine the level of interest in ATV and Snowmobiles trail enhancement, and a cost / benefit analysis.	3/27/2024 7:14 PM
17	Snowmobile	3/24/2024 8:26 PM
18	My sense is that the future of Forestport is linked to seasonal owners. There could be more attention given to this aspect. We would guess that the population of seasonal owners are as many and possibly more than full time residents, and that we may pay as much as, or more in property and school taxes, than full time residents do. Yet my sense is that we are not involved in, or included in any of the town business or other discussion. I think seasonal residents can/could become significant and positive contributors to the future of the township.	3/24/2024 4:30 PM
19	In support of community gatherings to support local businesses and entrepreneurs.	3/24/2024 11:25 AM
20	We need better internet!	3/24/2024 8:52 AM
21	I think what we have now is fine for trails	3/23/2024 4:25 PM
22	We don't snowmobile but I think it's good for local businesses which we use.	3/23/2024 9:11 AM
23	I'm more of a naturalist, loving exploring outdoor trails and lakes without using snowmobiles and ATVs. Love hiking and exploring our beautiful ADK. But I don't have anything against snowmobiles and ATVs as long as they are following the correct guidelines.	3/23/2024 8:54 AM
24	I think ATV trails in spring, summer, and fall would bring more outside people into the Forestport area and impact the economy in this area. Also, work toward removing the rails and converting to a rail trail.	3/21/2024 9:12 PM
25	Support snowmobiling but not ATV.	3/21/2024 9:11 AM
26	I support fully snowmobile access but ATV access could lead to many issues that Forestport is not prepared for.	3/20/2024 5:13 PM
27	No ATVs.	3/20/2024 12:28 PM
28	Would like more bicycle trails	3/20/2024 11:53 AM
29	Direct access to snowmobiling trails and trailerable access to ATV/SxS trails is the primary reason we bought a camp in the area.	3/20/2024 9:29 AM
30	Encourage business opportunities that are less impacted by seasonal issues. Today's dependence on sunny days in summer and snow in winter is a killer for many businesses.	3/19/2024 9:15 PM
31	I do not support ATVs-snowmobiles only.	3/19/2024 9:04 PM
32	ATV's cause lots of damage, deep ruts, they'll widen the trails to miss objects . Snowmobiles can do the same, but assuming the snow is deep enough, they don't damage the land to the same degree.	3/19/2024 8:44 PM
33	Preservation of forest areas and limited development	3/19/2024 7:00 PM

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34	We have enough snow /ATV trails	3/19/2024 2:49 PM
35	I would volunteer to help	3/19/2024 2:39 PM
36	Adopt a zoning ordinance. Growth is great, but you have to keep it in check.	3/19/2024 2:30 PM
37	I say neutral because unfortunately there is a increasing number of participants that are disrespectful to the land owners and the men and women that maintain the trails.	3/19/2024 1:00 PM
38	ATVs allowed on town roads but not allowed on snowmobile trails	3/19/2024 12:45 PM

Q19 What type of housing development do you believe is most needed in Forestport?

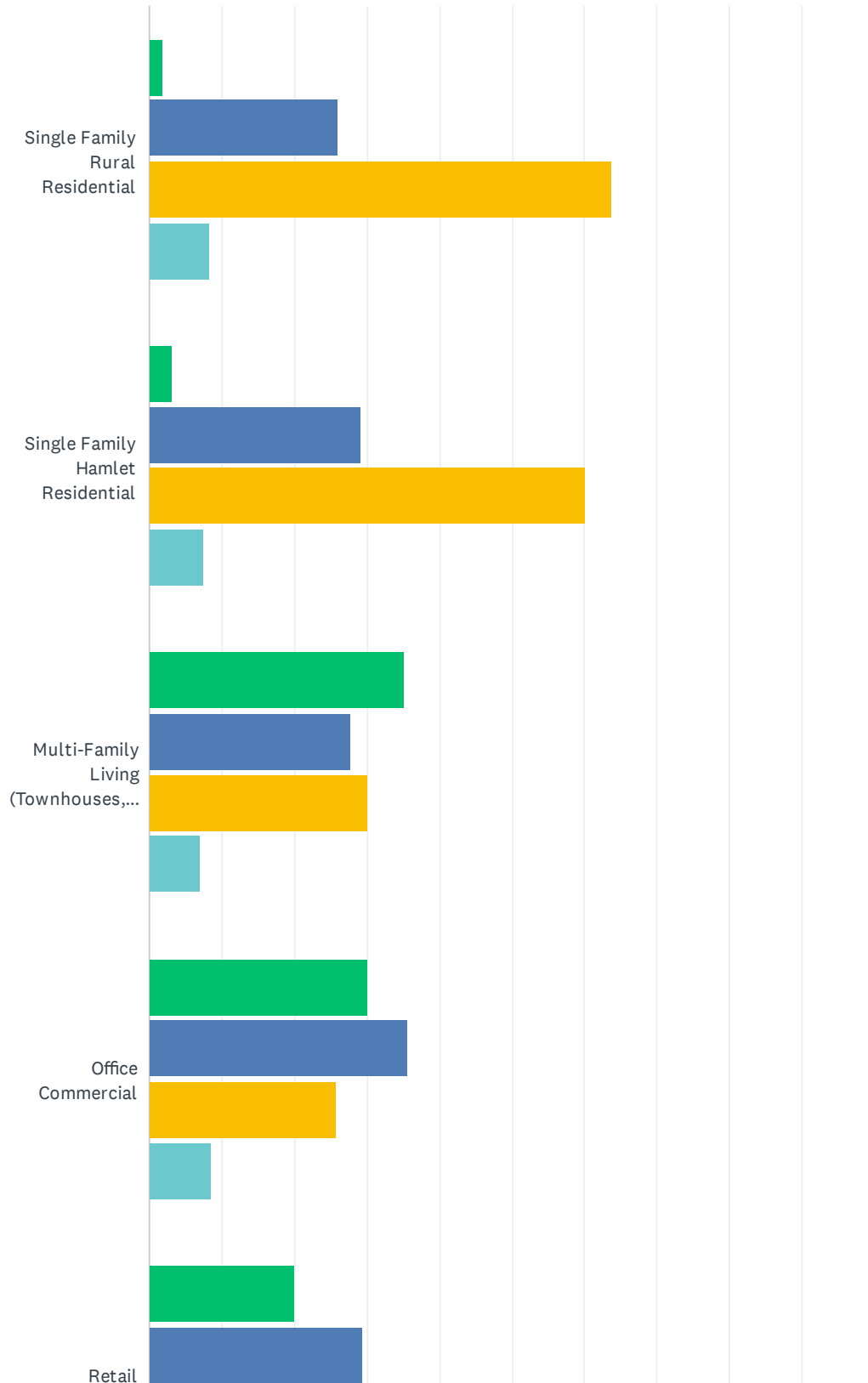
Answered: 294 Skipped: 143



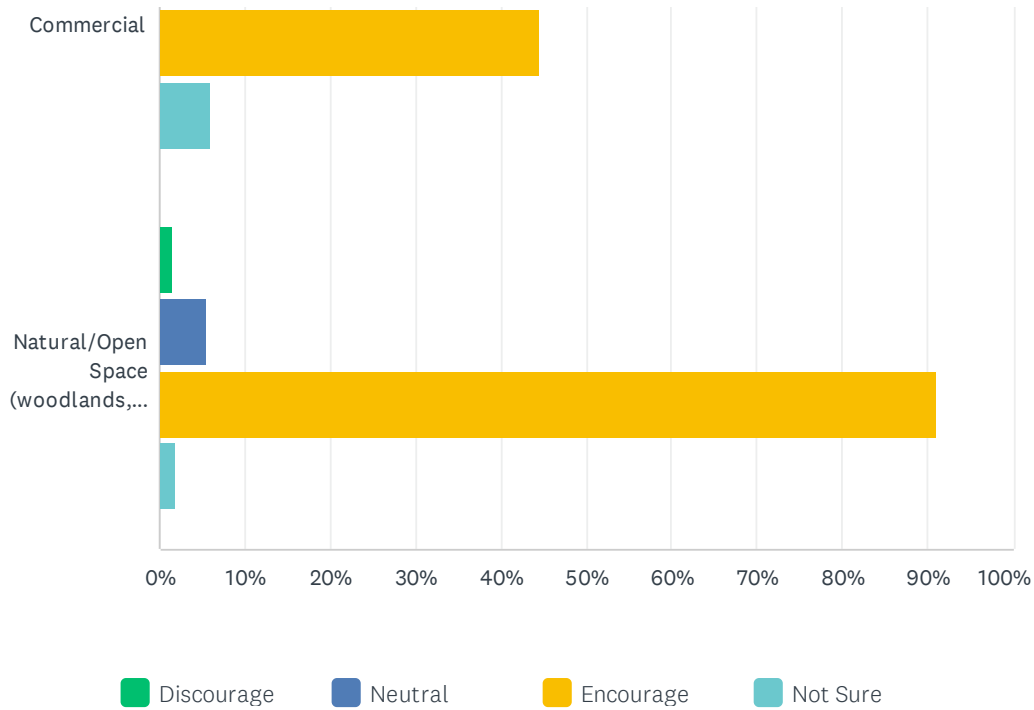
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single Family Rural Residential	34.35%	101
Single Family Hamlet Residential	19.39%	57
Multi-Family Living (Townhouses, triplex dwelling, quadruplex etc.)	6.80%	20
Senior living communities	19.73%	58
Affordable housing units	19.73%	58
TOTAL		294

Q20 Do you want to encourage or discourage the following within Forestport?

Answered: 329 Skipped: 108



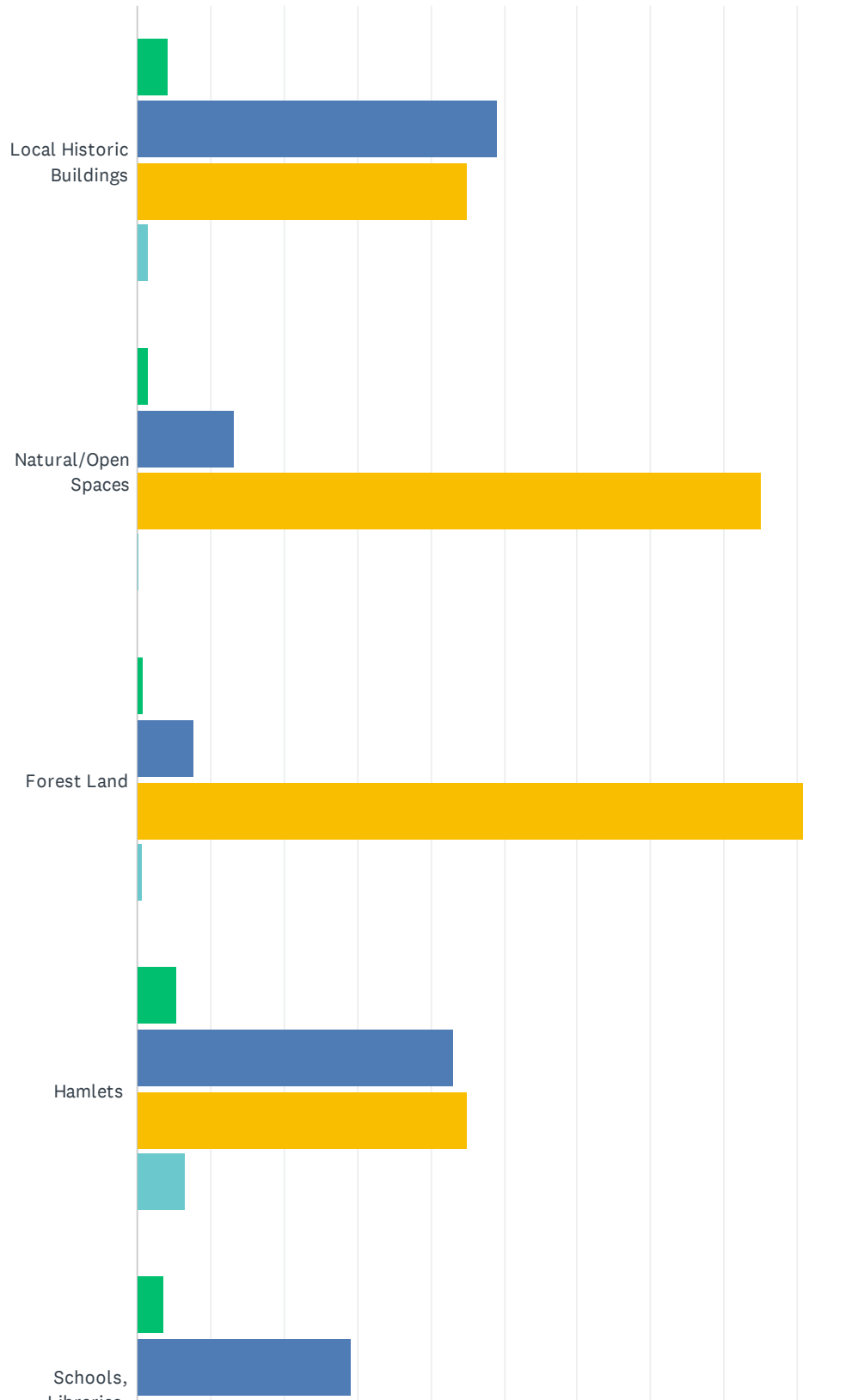
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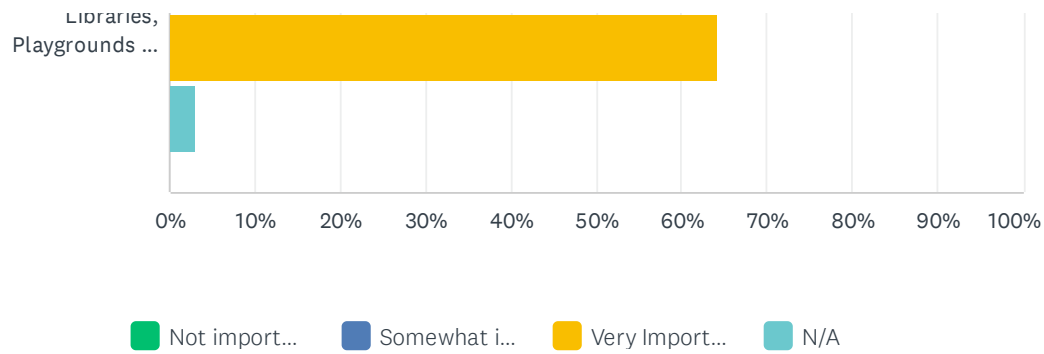
	DISCOURAGE	NEUTRAL	ENCOURAGE	NOT SURE	TOTAL
Single Family Rural Residential	1.84% 6	26.07% 85	63.80% 208	8.28% 27	326
Single Family Hamlet Residential	3.13% 10	29.15% 93	60.19% 192	7.52% 24	319
Multi-Family Living (Townhouses, Senior Living Centers)	35.09% 113	27.64% 89	30.12% 97	7.14% 23	322
Office Commercial	29.97% 95	35.65% 113	25.87% 82	8.52% 27	317
Retail Commercial	20.06% 64	29.47% 94	44.51% 142	5.96% 19	319
Natural/Open Space (woodlands, fields, and wildlife habitats)	1.53% 5	5.50% 18	91.13% 298	1.83% 6	327

Q21 How important are the following to the community character of Forestport

Answered: 330 Skipped: 107



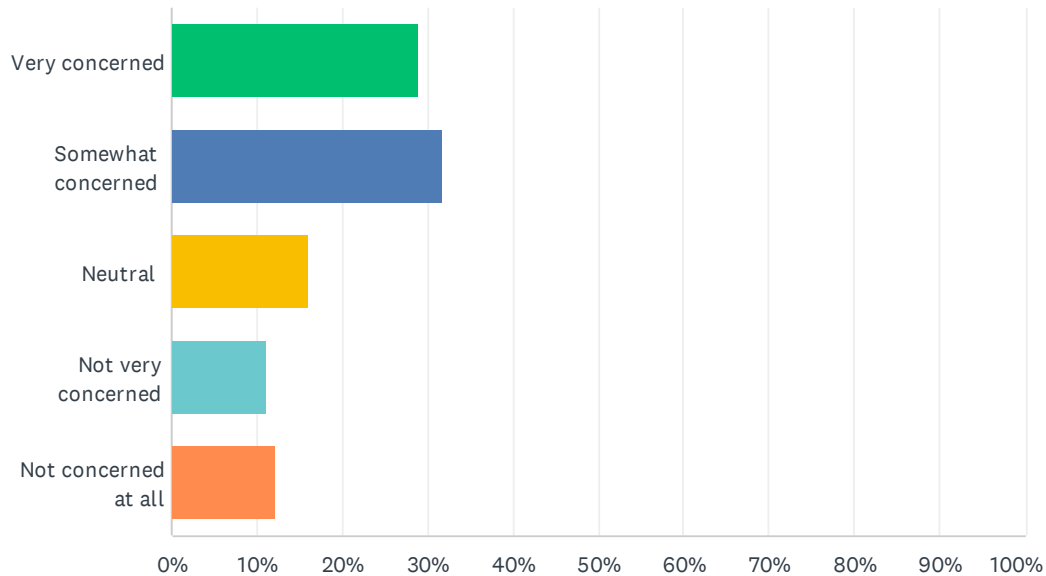
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	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Local Historic Buildings	4.29% 14	49.08% 160	45.09% 147	1.53% 5	326	2.41
Natural/Open Spaces	1.53% 5	13.15% 43	85.02% 278	0.31% 1	327	2.84
Forest Land	0.92% 3	7.67% 25	90.80% 296	0.61% 2	326	2.90
Hamlets	5.28% 17	43.17% 139	45.03% 145	6.52% 21	322	2.43
Schools, Libraries, Playgrounds and Parks, Community Center	3.65% 12	29.18% 96	64.13% 211	3.04% 10	329	2.62

Q22 How concerned are you about the impacts of climate change on the community of Forestport, particularly regarding increased precipitation and flooding?

Answered: 331 Skipped: 106



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very concerned	29.00%	96
Somewhat concerned	31.72%	105
Neutral	16.01%	53
Not very concerned	11.18%	37
Not concerned at all	12.08%	40
TOTAL		331

Q23 What is one thing that you would like to see changed in Forestport?

Answered: 215 Skipped: 222

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	property maintenance, tidy up around homes	8/20/2024 2:58 PM
2	less litter	8/20/2024 2:52 PM
3	more events	8/20/2024 2:47 PM
4	better internet service. ATV trails	8/20/2024 2:36 PM
5	more participation in town government by younger residents	8/20/2024 2:30 PM
6	updates to poor-condition housing stock, address building maintenance and dilapidated properties	8/20/2024 2:24 PM
7	economy	8/20/2024 1:48 PM
8	would like to see more eateries/restaurants, old buildings being reused, facade improvements, property maintenance	8/20/2024 1:43 PM
9	would like to small businesses and stores in the hamlets	8/20/2024 1:35 PM
10	i would like to see more family-oriented establishments	8/20/2024 1:28 PM
11	more population	8/20/2024 1:22 PM
12	houses and yards being maintained	8/20/2024 1:17 PM
13	increase sheriff patrol/public safety, regulations on abandoned buildings/poor property maintenance	8/20/2024 11:56 AM
14	In a perfect world - getting people to adhere to the speed limit through Otter Lake so we can feel more comfortable walking or biking the short distances on Route 28 to visit friends, or the local establishments.	7/29/2024 2:49 PM
15	Waste water treatment plants for lake areas	7/8/2024 7:24 AM
16	not sure	6/20/2024 12:49 PM
17	-Allow ATV's/UTV thru having trail permit -Keep illegal immigrants away	6/9/2024 9:54 AM
18	quality restaurants , few retail craft shops, f	5/14/2024 4:04 PM
19	More helpful volunteers.	5/3/2024 11:50 AM
20	Trying to attract residents, families, not tourists.	5/2/2024 4:36 PM
21	More retail stores.	5/2/2024 4:28 PM
22	Site review law More family oriented activities, senior oriented facility	5/1/2024 4:24 PM
23	???	5/1/2024 3:40 PM
24	ATV Trailers	5/1/2024 3:15 PM
25	Noise on Kayuita Lake. ATV's noise running -Boonville tow path	5/1/2024 2:37 PM
26	Community Events	5/1/2024 1:59 PM
27	Alternative education example Montessori	4/26/2024 9:26 AM
28	nothing	4/24/2024 9:53 AM
29	Stop using salt on the roads.	4/23/2024 5:24 PM
30	Encourage updated laws regarding growth	4/20/2024 12:17 PM

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31	The town to be more proactive with communications to residents	4/20/2024 9:41 AM
32	Better Observation of existing Water Skiing & Other Towed Activities rules. I see too many water ski boats w/ just a driver and skier, no spotter (a rear view mirror isn't enough, by law). They also frequently ski past sunset and come too close to other boats, docks & the shore. From parks.ny.gov : Water skiing, tubing and parasailing are quickly growing in popularity on New York's waterways. Classified in the Navigation Law as 'Towing of Persons', these sporting activities have a few simple rules that must be followed to remain legal, and more importantly, safe! Three people are required as a minimum for these activities: Operator - responsible for handling the vessel, avoiding other boats, and providing a smooth, steady ride for the skier or tuber. Observer - must be at least 10-years-old, and is responsible for watching the skier and relaying the status of the skier to the operator. The observer should know the hand signals a skier might use. Skier - responsible for his or her own well being, skiers should know the proper hand signals used to convey their status to the observer No towing activities are permitted between sunset and sunrise. All people being towed behind a vessel (excluding those being towed on another vessel) are required to wear a securely fastened USCG approved life jacket. Type III jackets are considered the best for these activities. To learn more, please see the section on Personal Flotation Devices. A boat engaged in towing receives no special consideration under the Rules of the Road. They must give way to other vessels, or stand on as the circumstances require. Check out the Rules of the Road to review these circumstances. Stay well clear of shore, docks, swimmers and other vessels. Intentionally engaging in dangerous maneuvers may be considered to be 'Careless/Reckless' and constitutes a misdemeanor. The skier is considered to be a passenger on the vessel, an important consideration when determining your carrying capacity. If you plan on towing a tube or skier with your personal watercraft, it must be rated for at least three persons; the operator, an observer, and the skier.	4/20/2024 12:27 AM
33	Code's enforcement	4/19/2024 8:53 PM
34	clean up of properties and yards	4/19/2024 7:36 PM
35	Lower property taxes for seniors	4/19/2024 3:50 PM
36	Nothing	4/19/2024 9:07 AM
37	I would love for there to be a community center that offers multiple activities for children, teens, adults and seniors	4/19/2024 6:09 AM
38	Law enforcement	4/18/2024 9:03 PM
39	Road repairs	4/18/2024 7:46 PM
40	More youth focused and better housing	4/18/2024 6:52 PM
41	Organize civic, church, lake Associations, Scouts, whomever, for trash on roadside cleanup.	4/18/2024 5:14 PM
42	Lower taxes	4/18/2024 3:17 PM
43	More resource funding for fire departments	4/16/2024 5:47 PM
44	stop permitting seasonal "Camps" being used as bed and breakfast's and not being taxed as such.	4/15/2024 11:30 AM
45	No quarry	4/12/2024 10:40 AM
46	Traffic control	4/11/2024 2:41 PM
47	No ATV's or dirt bikes, also no living in sheds.	4/11/2024 9:48 AM
48	HOA's	4/8/2024 5:50 AM
49	The supervisor - he supports cluster development.	4/6/2024 11:48 AM
50	More nice looking houses and fewer houses that are not kept up or have a yard full of garbage.	4/4/2024 6:28 PM
51	I'm sorry I have two: traffic control on Dustin Road (eventually someone is going to die) and finding ways to better communicate with residents. It's a challenge, I know.	4/4/2024 6:07 PM
52	The addition of a nice public recreational park	4/4/2024 11:53 AM
53	A community of haves and have nots. Affordable housing... possibly senior living apartments.	4/4/2024 10:14 AM

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54	Addition of different community events gatherings.	4/1/2024 4:32 PM
55	Community center	3/30/2024 8:18 PM
56	The lack of support for issues of lake seasonal residents.	3/30/2024 11:25 AM
57	More preservation and protection of wildlife and land and less litter	3/29/2024 2:59 PM
58	emphasis on natual trails, non-motorized use of lands	3/29/2024 9:00 AM
59	Limits on permitting requirements for small scale home improvements. Too much regulation is detrimental to progress.	3/28/2024 3:43 PM
60	Choices for internet providers.	3/28/2024 1:06 PM
61	Atv trails opened. More funding for fire department	3/28/2024 12:50 PM
62	More things to do. Make it so young people can actually afford to live here. Give grants to local businesses that struggle year after year to bring something to the community.	3/28/2024 10:03 AM
63	Zoning! It would be good to have a clear plan to protect the area from industrialization. The beauty of the area is the attraction.	3/27/2024 10:37 PM
64	Respect for all opinions	3/27/2024 9:53 PM
65	I'd like to see people fixing and repairing their properties. They need decent employment to afford to do so.	3/27/2024 7:21 PM
66	Better high speed internet competition and more reliable power distribution	3/26/2024 7:52 AM
67	I'm not sure, as I will be moving from seasonal to full-time resident.	3/26/2024 6:27 AM
68	High speed internet to all town roads, affordable	3/25/2024 10:22 AM
69	Road safety	3/24/2024 6:34 PM
70	Restaurants and dining in "Downtown Forestport," and/or Forestport Station. I would love to see the old station there preserved and converted to a B & B, Restaurant complex. In fact FP Station is a really neat little spot that ought to be highlighted - after "Downtown." The Town needs to intercept Rt. 28 traffic. This can be done by highlighting some or many of the attractions listed below along the highway.	3/24/2024 4:50 PM
71	Some zoning regulations	3/24/2024 4:32 PM
72	Noise regulation of motorcycles, jet skis, and snowmobiles	3/24/2024 4:25 PM
73	No opinion	3/24/2024 4:00 PM
74	improvements to public use areas and more outdoor pickleball courts strategically located.	3/24/2024 1:12 PM
75	Easier access to waste management facilities (beyond household garbage).	3/24/2024 11:37 AM
76	Encourage business growth in the village	3/24/2024 10:24 AM
77	No Quarries!	3/24/2024 10:18 AM
78	Building trade personnel willing to construct additions to existing home.	3/24/2024 10:09 AM
79	Some type of town center	3/24/2024 9:14 AM
80	Would love to See multi use trails established	3/24/2024 9:01 AM
81	We need better infrastructure and internet	3/24/2024 8:52 AM
82	Plowing more often Better communication about community activities other than facebook.	3/24/2024 8:20 AM
83	More activities	3/24/2024 7:46 AM
84	White lake inn closing our road for there party	3/23/2024 7:55 PM
85	Nothing leave as is and continue to discourage invasive development.	3/23/2024 6:29 PM
86	Intranet access for upper WhiteLake!	3/23/2024 5:30 PM

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87	The fact that there campers, not residential trailers but campers being allowed to be used as a residence.	3/23/2024 5:16 PM
88	Local business opportunities for small business owners. Mom and pop shops and restaurants. Emergency ambulance services and urgent care	3/23/2024 4:28 PM
89	N/a	3/23/2024 3:54 PM
90	Atv trails	3/23/2024 3:31 PM
91	Nothing at this time.	3/23/2024 12:07 PM
92	Lower taxes	3/23/2024 9:57 AM
93	More information about town offerings, for example the trash drop off that happens a couple of times of year is a great thing.	3/23/2024 9:12 AM
94	Unsure. We haven't lived here full time long enough to be able to answer that question.	3/23/2024 9:07 AM
95	More community events farmers markets, more outdoor friendly like bike trails, walking trails etc	3/23/2024 9:05 AM
96	perhaps another convenience store in Forestport?	3/23/2024 8:44 AM
97	A park with pickle ball courts , walking trails, gym	3/23/2024 6:40 AM
98	A recreation building open for kids and teens. And widening bellingtown road with painted lines	3/23/2024 12:06 AM
99	Lake stewards at all boat launches. There are enough careless people that the protection of the waterway is a priority	3/22/2024 9:10 PM
100	Prosperity. Some of the buildings in the village haven't been painted in the last 65 years that I can attest to.	3/22/2024 7:29 PM
101	Zoning needed and getting rid of dilapidated, junk filled properties!	3/22/2024 5:41 PM
102	Local farmers market - better trail systems	3/22/2024 2:47 PM
103	monthly pickup of green waste, such as limbs brush, etc.	3/22/2024 11:53 AM
104	Improvement to local roads.	3/22/2024 10:54 AM
105	stop the train, remove the tracks	3/22/2024 9:37 AM
106	I would like to see town support for respecting public and private land. Ie dock built on right of way is public property and should not exist (otter lake) also private land A frame house on Lakeview is a dump which should be sited and also owner put a sign up on right of way saying it's private property which it is not	3/22/2024 8:20 AM
107	Easier communication between residents and town, especially the dpw	3/22/2024 5:34 AM
108	Closer access to larger scale amenities like groceries, and fresh local produce.	3/22/2024 1:01 AM
109	Natural Gas lines	3/21/2024 9:58 PM
110	The community seems very closed minded to out of the box ideas.	3/21/2024 9:56 PM
111	Better cellular service	3/21/2024 9:39 PM
112	more nature trails	3/21/2024 9:31 PM
113	Work toward rail trail development	3/21/2024 9:20 PM
114	People taking more pride in their residence and clean up junk piles	3/21/2024 9:19 PM
115	Enhancement of the downtown area.	3/21/2024 7:32 PM
116	Transparency- Don't destroy the White Lake community with a Quarry! Appearance is that town leadership is behind the scenes supporting this project.	3/21/2024 7:29 PM
117	Update or demolish STUMBLE Inn	3/21/2024 5:45 PM
118	Better road maintenance	3/21/2024 3:08 PM

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119	No mine at White Lake	3/21/2024 11:40 AM
120	Zoning	3/21/2024 10:24 AM
121	Expansion and development of year round trails for snowmobiling and atv access while maintaining protection of wetlands and forests	3/21/2024 10:16 AM
122	Lack of zoning, protection of environment	3/21/2024 9:14 AM
123	Nothing	3/21/2024 9:11 AM
124	bugs	3/21/2024 8:58 AM
125	Maintenance, upkeep or removal of old run down buildings in disrepair	3/21/2024 7:46 AM
126	The road is eroding in front of our house and the river is washing away our driveway 9040 moose river rd	3/20/2024 11:28 PM
127	No quarry near WhitecLake	3/20/2024 7:27 PM
128	Traffic speeds on Rt 28	3/20/2024 7:05 PM
129	NEW TOWN SUPERVISOR	3/20/2024 7:04 PM
130	Better supervision and quality of Town employees.	3/20/2024 6:20 PM
131	The gate on the white lake boat launch	3/20/2024 6:07 PM
132	Some of the codes need to be changed	3/20/2024 5:39 PM
133	Less free for all with village property such as squatting and leave personal property behind	3/20/2024 5:17 PM
134	Stricter zoning/codes enforcement. The codes guy/girl gets paid for what? Our town could look so much better	3/20/2024 4:17 PM
135	Not sure but thanks for asking	3/20/2024 3:34 PM
136	Discontinue the use of salt on route 28 that is polluting the lakes	3/20/2024 3:26 PM
137	More job growth and activity for kids and seniors	3/20/2024 3:26 PM
138	A local coffee shop that includes a bakery and facilitates community gathering.	3/20/2024 3:23 PM
139	preserving nature and not having industry destroy the ADK park area and water ways	3/20/2024 2:58 PM
140	I would like to see a pool	3/20/2024 1:54 PM
141	Improved collaboration with seasonal residents. Though that would require more effort from the seasonal residents than it would from the community.	3/20/2024 1:52 PM
142	Appropriate assessment of new buildings and sales of existing homes.	3/20/2024 1:34 PM
143	More year round residents and less seasonal	3/20/2024 1:19 PM
144	Grocery store and delivery service	3/20/2024 1:19 PM
145	More strongly regulate short term rentals	3/20/2024 1:15 PM
146	nothing	3/20/2024 12:36 PM
147	More speed control	3/20/2024 12:31 PM
148	End the quarry in Woodgate.	3/20/2024 12:13 PM
149	Better representation on behalf of seasonal residents who pay a significant share of the towns taxes.	3/20/2024 12:06 PM
150	Hunt Road become a town road	3/20/2024 11:59 AM
151	Cleaner buildings	3/20/2024 11:56 AM
152	I don't have any complaints	3/20/2024 11:22 AM
153	better housing availability	3/20/2024 10:55 AM

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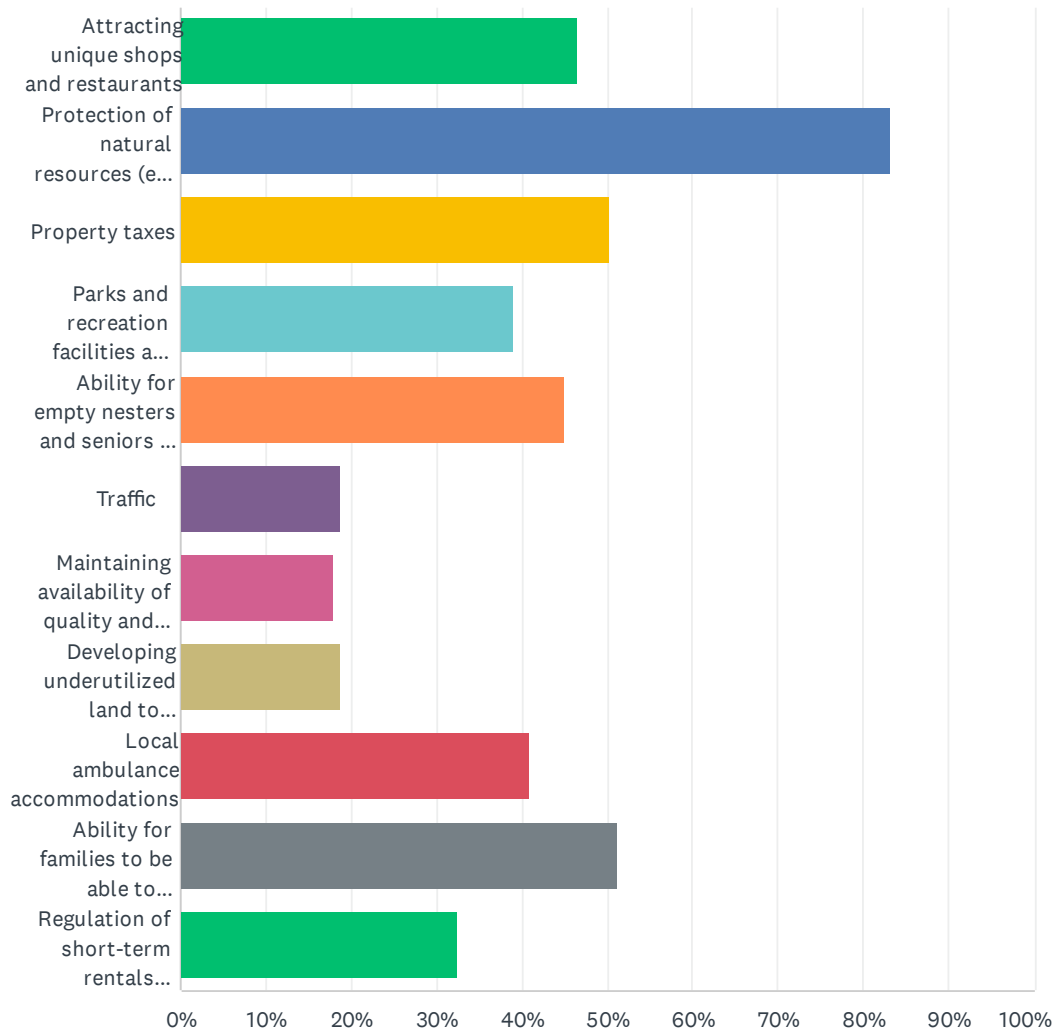
154	High speed internet offered outside town limits/route 28 and improved cellular coverage as it decreased in last year.	3/20/2024 10:55 AM
155	Upgrade communications and electric utilities so that they are buried - overhead transmission lines are susceptible to too many problems.	3/20/2024 10:37 AM
156	noise ordinance; rural zoning	3/20/2024 10:33 AM
157	More accessible grocery shopping, another gas station, dollar general, more/ new places to eat out	3/20/2024 10:31 AM
158	there needs to be more enforcement when people leave garbage/tools/cars/junk in their yards. its an eyesore!	3/20/2024 10:29 AM
159	Better response by ambulance	3/20/2024 9:57 AM
160	More community events and activities	3/20/2024 9:55 AM
161	Abandoned buildings and litter	3/20/2024 9:39 AM
162	Small business, food,beer/wine. Cafe for dining	3/20/2024 9:39 AM
163	Move completely away from using salt on the roads.	3/20/2024 9:30 AM
164	Grocery store	3/20/2024 9:29 AM
165	Historic buildings being sold to developers who then do NOT do anything with them.	3/20/2024 9:14 AM
166	More use of the Town Center for classes and recreation and use of the space on a regular basis in the warmer months for outdoor activities.bVe lived in a community where there was local musical talent performing outdoors with food vendors and an atmosphere that encourage families and children.	3/20/2024 9:02 AM
167	Get rid of the fire siren.	3/20/2024 8:54 AM
168	redevelopment of old school building into affordable apartments	3/20/2024 8:27 AM
169	Water access, swimming area,	3/20/2024 1:30 AM
170	Need more affordable housing for those who want to live in the town. Too many short-term rentals in the town, which has created a shortage of housing.	3/20/2024 1:13 AM
171	Add nature walking trails	3/20/2024 12:08 AM
172	Opportunities for small business	3/19/2024 11:43 PM
173	More casual restaurants. Perhaps a convenience store for limited groceries.	3/19/2024 10:32 PM
174	The amount of trash on the roadways	3/19/2024 10:31 PM
175	Upgrade the buildings on main street.	3/19/2024 9:25 PM
176	More sand on roads less chemicals when possible	3/19/2024 9:18 PM
177	Less dependence on seasonal focused business.	3/19/2024 9:17 PM
178	Biking, walking trails added, especially along Rt28 in Otter Lake, recycling center, tennis/pickle ball/basketball courts; outdoor concert series in the Summer; etc.	3/19/2024 9:10 PM
179	Revitalization of businesses- upkeep of building storefronts, events to pull people	3/19/2024 8:58 PM
180	Lower Taxes	3/19/2024 8:56 PM
181	Nothing	3/19/2024 8:07 PM
182	Nothing	3/19/2024 7:56 PM
183	We need more for young families here. We should have toddler/kid open play at the town hall gym on the weekends throughout the year. We should have affordable toddler/kids classes and events at the town hall like movie nights. We should improve the town with a beach area with sand and a pavilion for people in our boat launch which right now is only being used for a parking lot and launch area. Having sand there will bring in other people also. Workout classes for young adults like Pilates, kickboxing and yoga.	3/19/2024 7:44 PM

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184	Updated public facilities	3/19/2024 7:06 PM
185	Less use of road salt. Damages vehicles and hurts the water supply.	3/19/2024 7:03 PM
186	Cleanup of several properties that cause an eyesore for the town	3/19/2024 6:22 PM
187	Stricter codes enforcement	3/19/2024 6:01 PM
188	Hiking trails, seating in public spaces	3/19/2024 5:51 PM
189	More community events. Right now our biggest one is forestport days	3/19/2024 4:53 PM
190	less houses sitting and rotting, either rent them sell them or tear them down	3/19/2024 4:16 PM
191	It would be nice if the locals took some pride in their area and cleaned up their properties. Especially in visible locations along 28... otter lake looks like the ghetto before old forge	3/19/2024 4:04 PM
192	Politics	3/19/2024 3:51 PM
193	All elected officials should be more available to the public. There is a beautiful Town Hall where published office hours could be held. The tax collector and the Town Clerk don't appear to be there hours enough to justify their published salaries.	3/19/2024 3:47 PM
194	The speed of the traffic that goes through Rt 28 in White Lake	3/19/2024 3:45 PM
195	The canal cleaned up for kayaking.	3/19/2024 3:43 PM
196	Can't think of anything. Adding ATV trail system would be great	3/19/2024 3:43 PM
197	Code enforcer	3/19/2024 3:41 PM
198	I think neighborhood zoning would be beneficial	3/19/2024 3:36 PM
199	More affordable housing	3/19/2024 3:30 PM
200	I love our small, rural community. I don't see the need to change. Update what we have, but not necessarily add to or change.	3/19/2024 3:28 PM
201	Cleaning up of abandoned, run down houses... make Main Street look nice with flowers, landscaping, business/ art's etc	3/19/2024 3:20 PM
202	I would like an elementary school	3/19/2024 3:20 PM
203	I see initial steps to provide opportunities for children outside of the classroom. This needs to continue to grow.	3/19/2024 2:55 PM
204	I believe we could create a bike/runner loop around the village/lake.	3/19/2024 2:52 PM
205	Improvement of the main st in Forestport. Its quite unappealing	3/19/2024 2:47 PM
206	nothing came to mind	3/19/2024 2:47 PM
207	Moratorium on marijuana retail sales lifted.	3/19/2024 2:47 PM
208	The town needs a zoning ordinance.	3/19/2024 2:31 PM
209	I would like to see more done to the town office building to enhance more uses. I also think a there could be an ice skating rink could be formed in the winter.	3/19/2024 2:29 PM
210	Year round use of snowmobile trails	3/19/2024 2:29 PM
211	SCHOOL TAXES TO SENIORS	3/19/2024 2:29 PM
212	Garbage pickup	3/19/2024 2:23 PM
213	More town support of snowmobiling and ATVs	3/19/2024 2:01 PM
214	Something done to the many abandoned homes	3/19/2024 1:39 PM
215	Make a nice beach area on Forestport Pond where the current boat launch is.	3/19/2024 12:51 PM

Q24 What are the most important opportunities/issues you see for the Town during the next ten years? Please select your top five from the list below and feel free to identify others

Answered: 320 Skipped: 117



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Attracting unique shops and restaurants	46.56%	149
Protection of natural resources (e.g. woodlands, wetlands, other open spaces)	83.13%	266
Property taxes	50.31%	161
Parks and recreation facilities and programs	39.06%	125
Ability for empty nesters and seniors to remain in the town	45.00%	144
Traffic	18.75%	60
Maintaining availability of quality and affordable housing stock	17.81%	57
Developing underutilized land to increase tax base and hold taxes down	18.75%	60
Local ambulance accommodations	40.94%	131
Ability for families to be able to continue living in Forestport	51.25%	164
Regulation of short-term rentals (AirBnB, VRBO, etc.)	32.50%	104
Total Respondents: 320		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	support existing businesses, especially those that are empty or struggling	8/20/2024 2:24 PM
2	limit airbnb	8/20/2024 1:48 PM
3	do not like short term rentals, would like to see a balance with bringing new people in and the existing character of the town	8/20/2024 1:43 PM
4	road and bridge repair should be continued	8/20/2024 11:56 AM
5	Kid programs	6/8/2024 10:40 AM
6	start thinking about a commercial area that would attract retail business and restaurants. NOT just bars.	4/15/2024 11:30 AM
7	Public bus from Forestport to Boonville and possibly Utica/New Hartford area	4/14/2024 11:37 AM
8	OVERPOPULATION!!! No low income housing! Preserve what we have left and don't add to the problems!	4/6/2024 11:48 AM
9	Back off the money grab tactics as in attacks on occasional rental owners.	3/28/2024 3:43 PM
10	Dennis Martinez for mayor	3/28/2024 12:50 PM
11	Once again, we think the future of Forestport is linked to seasonal visitors and owners. As such, the economy ought to be structured around this aspect. We pay taxes, but draw little from the town resources as far as we know.	3/24/2024 4:50 PM
12	Provide Spectrum on Little Long Lake Rd	3/24/2024 4:00 PM
13	Addressing local issues without the interference or regulations of the "New York City" biases.	3/24/2024 10:09 AM
14	Get better internet	3/24/2024 8:52 AM
15	OFFER PROPERTY HOME OWNER VETERANS AND VOLUNTEER FIREMEN A PROPERTY TAX BREAK	3/23/2024 7:51 PM
16	Urgent care facility	3/23/2024 4:28 PM
17	maintain the quiet Adirondack, free of quarry and other heavy industrial noise and truck traffic.	3/22/2024 11:53 AM
18	All the above have value. Need to control bad behavior by people in short term rentals becoming an increasingly serious issue.	3/22/2024 1:01 AM

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19	Making sure the quarry does NOT get approved.	3/20/2024 9:47 PM
20	End the quarry	3/20/2024 12:13 PM
21	The old Town Hall needs to be protected and preserved.	3/20/2024 11:41 AM
22	All of these are important	3/20/2024 9:55 AM
23	It was hard to pick just five. I'd like to see the area develop, yet keep it small, clean it up, utilize vacant town buildings in order to attract outsiders and insiders as well with opportunities for fun and adventure for all.	3/20/2024 12:48 AM
24	Bring a grocery store., like ALDIs AND a good sports bar!!	3/20/2024 12:08 AM
25	Making Forestport an attractive stop for the many tourists heading north on 28. Get the tourist dollars into the local tax base. Stop and shop eat at a restaurant on their way north.	3/19/2024 8:56 PM
26	Regulation of areas of use by atvs and snowmobiles	3/19/2024 8:07 PM
27	Revitalizing the hamlet of Forestport, it looks very run down	3/19/2024 7:44 PM
28	Limit development to protect the natural environment.	3/19/2024 7:03 PM
29	Raising tax money by building has destroyed my current town.every old farm is now a senior living facility or town homes and our taxes are crazy and rising	3/19/2024 3:43 PM
30	fire department sustainability/funding	3/19/2024 1:06 PM

Q25 Please complete the following statement: "In 10 years, Forestport is..."

Answered: 204 Skipped: 233

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	thriving	8/20/2024 2:58 PM
2	a great place to live	8/20/2024 2:52 PM
3	a thriving metropolis	8/20/2024 2:36 PM
4	nice place to live and raise a family	8/20/2024 2:30 PM
5	not congested, full of character, and peaceful	8/20/2024 2:24 PM
6	still relevant	8/20/2024 1:48 PM
7	an awesome place to live	8/20/2024 1:43 PM
8	continuing to grow	8/20/2024 1:28 PM
9	becoming an older generation town	8/20/2024 1:22 PM
10	a beautiful, rural, remote, foothills of the adirondacks, adirondacks gateway community--- not an overdeveloped commercial area	8/20/2024 11:56 AM
11	not drastically changed and grows and develops while keeping in mind the small town feel that we know and love.	7/29/2024 2:49 PM
12	Hopefully not too far off from what it is now- a lovely place.	7/8/2024 7:24 AM
13	not sure	6/20/2024 12:49 PM
14	i believe the protection of natural resources is very important, no cutting forest down so more people can live here, the crowd and type of people we have here is what makes it home. growing is important but developing apartment complexes and hotels /air bnb are unnecessary. If living is to expensive here we wind up with people from NYC and Jersey buying everything like most of old forge probably is. everyone wants a piece of what we live here keep it within our small community. i wished since i was a kid this place would stay the same. family has a camp here since the 50s. you open the door for minorities to live here they will come and we will turn into the minorities. Keep forestport hidden the way it is please this is our home.	6/9/2024 9:54 AM
15	The best area to raise a family and be close to nature	6/8/2024 10:40 AM
16	small community with some unique shops and few restaurants	5/14/2024 4:04 PM
17	Still a safe, clean, affordable place for year round residents to live.	5/3/2024 11:50 AM
18	Hopefully still a good place to reside.	5/2/2024 4:36 PM
19	Affordable to live in and government makes use of all available resources for the town, taxes, schools, garbage, transportation, senior activities, etc.	5/1/2024 4:24 PM
20	Almost the same	5/1/2024 3:40 PM
21	quiet	5/1/2024 2:37 PM
22	a serene respectable beautiful community to live in.	4/24/2024 9:53 AM
23	A vibrant welcoming community with active tourism and mixture of part time and full time residents with modest growth	4/20/2024 12:17 PM
24	A destination for people wanting to enjoy the Adirondack area	4/20/2024 9:41 AM
25	Hopefully still a beautiful part of the Adirondacks that remains largely wild and its	4/20/2024 12:27 AM

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	residents/visitors, respectful of this lovely place.	
26	In 10 years, Forestport will probably have a decreased population and tax base.	4/19/2024 7:36 PM
27	to lose seniors & natives to out of staters	4/19/2024 3:50 PM
28	Hopefully not the next Old Forge.	4/19/2024 9:07 AM
29	A place for everyone to enjoy all that our town has to offer	4/19/2024 6:09 AM
30	a beautiful town that appreciates the natural beauty of the ADKs while supporting its residences.	4/18/2024 10:52 PM
31	Thriving for small business and families	4/18/2024 8:08 PM
32	Still going to be my home.	4/18/2024 6:52 PM
33	The proud gateway to the Adirondacks.	4/18/2024 5:14 PM
34	Still a rural setting that maintains reasonable taxes.	4/18/2024 3:23 PM
35	Likely to remain mostly unchanged. (A good thing!)	4/16/2024 5:47 PM
36	Forestport is going to double in size with full time residents.	4/15/2024 11:30 AM
37	going to remain rural and "country like."	4/14/2024 11:37 AM
38	Still a wonderful place to live or visit.	4/14/2024 9:39 AM
39	Reduction of reckless drivers	4/11/2024 2:41 PM
40	where we would like to spend half the year.	4/8/2024 5:50 AM
41	doomed if we keep letting people build here. Change is not always good!	4/6/2024 11:48 AM
42	Going to need fast, reliable internet service.	4/4/2024 6:28 PM
43	A beautiful place to live, populated by people who respect that beauty and supported by governmental and other structures that make it possible.	4/4/2024 6:07 PM
44	still a clean, affordable, green community to live in.	4/4/2024 11:53 AM
45	Becoming over developed. Forests are being depleted. Landowners cutting trees without replanting. Lower income residents forced out due to unaffordability.	4/4/2024 10:14 AM
46	Affordable with thriving local businesses and good schools.	4/4/2024 10:02 AM
47	Building	4/3/2024 11:08 AM
48	A place to call home	3/30/2024 8:18 PM
49	Going to see an increase in population, hopefully with full-time residents with awareness to the surroundings	3/29/2024 7:45 PM
50	In 10 years, Forestport is still full of community and encourages local businesses, and rural living.	3/29/2024 2:59 PM
51	to remain as it was, retaining its rural near wilderness and historical character without succumbing to over development in any way.	3/29/2024 9:00 AM
52	Potentially going to price employees out of ability to live near work.	3/28/2024 3:43 PM
53	still my home and strong community	3/28/2024 1:06 PM
54	In 10 years forestport will become a large abundance of past city folk	3/28/2024 12:50 PM
55	Is a quaint and restored village and hamlet.	3/27/2024 10:56 PM
56	still the gateway to the Adirondacks with a focus on conservation, hospitality businesses and community spirit.	3/27/2024 10:37 PM
57	A remote and woodsy community. Neighbors are willing to lend a helping hand.	3/27/2024 9:53 PM
58	A unique community that maintains and grows the things that make it special: the softball league, old Forestport days, the Light Up Forestport parade at Christmas, kayaking events,	3/27/2024 7:21 PM

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	Toys for Tots, and others.	
59	Gateway to the Adirondacks.	3/27/2024 11:43 AM
60	poised for growth if well-managed	3/26/2024 7:52 AM
61	In 10 years, I'd like to see the natural beauty and wildlife protected. This is why I was attracted to the area as a seasonal resident. Many places in Woodgate are handed down generationally and we're a close-knit hamlet.	3/26/2024 6:27 AM
62	still a friendly community, is a desirable place to live with enough good restaurants and stores for residents, and is a beautiful place to enjoy outdoor trails and lakes in all seasons for non-motorized activities (hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing).	3/25/2024 5:23 PM
63	home	3/25/2024 4:48 PM
64	encourages more retail participation, supports families to live in the area, has more daycare availability, and continues to promote nature and outdoor activities.	3/25/2024 1:13 PM
65	Hopefully just like it is today, with better internet availability and a revitalized/cleaned up downtown Forestport. The houses there are in pretty bad shape, but could be saved.	3/25/2024 10:22 AM
66	A natural gateway to the Adirondacks, unchanged, but modernized and safe for everyone, both animal and residents.	3/24/2024 6:34 PM
67	bleak, without attention to your seasonal owners and visitors. The little "Forestport Downtown" is really neat. I would love to it refreshed, dolled up and brought to the attention of the Route 28 traffic. It would be great if the old art gallery could be highlighted and spiffed up.	3/24/2024 4:50 PM
68	Going to be a wonderful destination for those seeking nature and peaceful surroundings	3/24/2024 4:25 PM
69	the gateway to the ADK	3/24/2024 1:12 PM
70	...a family-friendly place where there is something for everyone yet remains affordable."	3/24/2024 11:37 AM
71	A mildly updated version of its current self. Stay true to its roots, with some minor improvements	3/24/2024 10:24 AM
72	Preserved, but improved. Environmentally conscious with a vibrant local farmers market, with locally grown fresh vendors.	3/24/2024 10:18 AM
73	probley gone	3/24/2024 9:14 AM
74	Just as profitable and ran better then old forge	3/24/2024 9:01 AM
75	...NOT Old Forge, not Inlet, but still a cozy country town at the gateway to the ADK that I can afford to live in and enjoy my retirement years at my property in the woods off Kayuta Lake.	3/24/2024 8:30 AM
76	Going to keep its uniqueness but offer better quality of life.	3/24/2024 8:20 AM
77	Great but Forestport politics are not the best on solving problems for seasonal residents	3/23/2024 7:55 PM
78	The same	3/23/2024 6:29 PM
79	Same as it is now. Only better	3/23/2024 5:30 PM
80	Is nice place to live and work.	3/23/2024 5:16 PM
81	a great gateway to the Adirondacks with both job and entertainment oportunities.	3/23/2024 4:49 PM
82	Not to be changed	3/23/2024 4:36 PM
83	Going to be facing a influx of high income people looking to buy up property because Old Forge is over populated and forestport has plenty of vacant land to be developed.	3/23/2024 4:36 PM
84	Going to still be my second home	3/23/2024 4:28 PM
85	Hopefully going to stay the same	3/23/2024 3:54 PM
86	The same it's perfect the way it is	3/23/2024 3:31 PM
87	Best to remain mostly the same	3/23/2024 9:57 AM
88	Still a quaint quiet village people can come to, to enjoy the great outdoors and the laid back life	3/23/2024 9:07 AM

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	style.	
89	A destination area	3/23/2024 9:05 AM
90	a thriving natural community with just the right amount of development (unique restaurants & shops and single family homes)	3/23/2024 9:01 AM
91	still retains small town appeal but with a convenience store along route 28	3/23/2024 8:44 AM
92	Has grown by leaps and bounds in the building of seasonal camps. The new town hall , and it's location has given the art community a real boost by inviting the Foothill Artists group to use its facilities.	3/23/2024 6:40 AM
93	A important gateway to the adirondack park	3/22/2024 9:10 PM
94	The place I still want to come to with my extended family.	3/22/2024 7:29 PM
95	A serene place where people feel safe. Where Air B&B' s are limited and are taxed at higher rate than a regular resident. They are making an income on property while their renters don't pay attention to guidelines of lake!	3/22/2024 5:41 PM
96	Potentially my retirement location	3/22/2024 2:47 PM
97	A quiet & picturesque Adirondack community of well preserved woods and lakes .	3/22/2024 11:53 AM
98	Still going to be a great place to enjoy the best of what NY State has to offer.	3/22/2024 10:54 AM
99	Not sure	3/22/2024 8:30 AM
100	To remain the beautiful area in which I have grown up knowing for the last 68 years.	3/22/2024 8:20 AM
101	More of a community.	3/22/2024 5:34 AM
102	Going to continue to be a great place to live with more clusters of amenities/food/homes and natural beauty. Major concerning variable is climate change and it's effect on the weather.	3/22/2024 1:01 AM
103	A Thriving Eco Friendly Community, with Affordable Housing for Everyone.	3/21/2024 10:21 PM
104	A much better place without short term rentals	3/21/2024 9:58 PM
105	A community that thrives on hosting outdoor recreational opportunities.	3/21/2024 9:56 PM
106	Hopefully going to be still a quiet, friendly community with people helping one another	3/21/2024 9:39 PM
107	active thriving community	3/21/2024 9:31 PM
108	Going to fall apart and continue to lower in value if economic development is not a major part of this plan. By economic development, we need to have more businesses, more reason to be in Forestport, come to Forestport, stay in Forestport. This can be done with developing a rail trail, more hiking, biking trails, atv trails, parks, etc. Also, it is becoming more difficult to work locally and live in Forestport. Multi family housing could help this significantly. A lot of improvements could be advantageous along RT 28, people pass through, and miss the town of Forestport as the older camps, and vacant bars continue to detract from the beautiful area as you pass through. If more emphasis was put on the road frontage particularly, it could begin to draw in passerby's. Again with the intent to impact the economic growth with in Forestport.	3/21/2024 9:20 PM
109	Cleaner, more family friendly place to live at any age that won't break the bank	3/21/2024 9:19 PM
110	...a go-to recreational area for residents and tourists.	3/21/2024 7:32 PM
111	Gateway to the Adirondack Park!	3/21/2024 7:29 PM
112	Essentially tha same	3/21/2024 3:08 PM
113	a nice place to live.	3/21/2024 11:40 AM
114	A vibrant, attractive, and environmentally responsible entrance port to the ADK.	3/21/2024 10:24 AM
115	open to commercial and environmental un-friendly growth without adequate regulation	3/21/2024 10:16 AM
116	Ecology friendly	3/21/2024 9:14 AM
117	should stay the same as today.	3/21/2024 9:11 AM

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118	Been a great place to live	3/20/2024 11:28 PM
119	Still a wonderful peaceful place to live.	3/20/2024 7:05 PM
120	GONE DOWN HILL!	3/20/2024 7:04 PM
121	a bedroom community unless fulltime employment is found for the youth of the community.	3/20/2024 6:20 PM
122	The same	3/20/2024 6:07 PM
123	Where I plan to retire to	3/20/2024 5:39 PM
124	Home	3/20/2024 5:17 PM
125	a lively, healthy and prosperous community.	3/20/2024 3:34 PM
126	The same, and should not be developed commercially or industrial	3/20/2024 3:26 PM
127	Gateway to ADK	3/20/2024 3:26 PM
128	Multifaceted, welcoming and beautiful!	3/20/2024 3:23 PM
129	Slightly confused, hopfully the old people "move out" and the community is more open minded and supportive especially when it comes to mental health	3/20/2024 1:54 PM
130	still pretty much the same	3/20/2024 1:35 PM
131	Facing volunteer FD and ambulance issues. Utilizing competent town employees without having to have them undergo civil service tests.	3/20/2024 1:34 PM
132	A well governed and enjoyable place to live and visit with reasonable taxes with prudent growth.	3/20/2024 1:19 PM
133	A thriving community	3/20/2024 1:19 PM
134	In 10 years Forestport quiet, natural and unspoiled.	3/20/2024 1:15 PM
135	The quiet and quaint town that it is today. Change and growth brings chaos like Old Forge.	3/20/2024 12:36 PM
136	About the same	3/20/2024 12:26 PM
137	The same.	3/20/2024 12:13 PM
138	More responsive to the needs of seasonal property owners.	3/20/2024 12:06 PM
139	Still a great place to be!	3/20/2024 11:59 AM
140	still thriving	3/20/2024 11:59 AM
141	Hope that Forestport becomes more vibrant and alive and artsy like old forge. It is closer to the city than old forge and has natural beauty like old forge.	3/20/2024 11:56 AM
142	Is still "Forest"-port.	3/20/2024 11:54 AM
143	will be much like it is today. Peaceful small communities that thrive working together for the betterment to protect our resources. "Where the mountain's meet the water" provides a unique asset that should be protected.	3/20/2024 11:41 AM
144	Hopefully remains undeveloped	3/20/2024 11:22 AM
145	hopefully bigger and better with more housing availability more businesses and more events going on	3/20/2024 10:55 AM
146	a great place to live and visit.	3/20/2024 10:37 AM
147	A community that prioritizes the environment and its rural environs	3/20/2024 10:33 AM
148	A ghost town if nothing changes	3/20/2024 10:31 AM
149	Still a quiet and peaceful place with a great quality of life	3/20/2024 10:29 AM
150	hopefully a rural attraction to visit	3/20/2024 10:28 AM
151	Good place to live alternative to visit rather than Old Forge keep taxes low look at municipal utilities like Boonville	3/20/2024 10:26 AM

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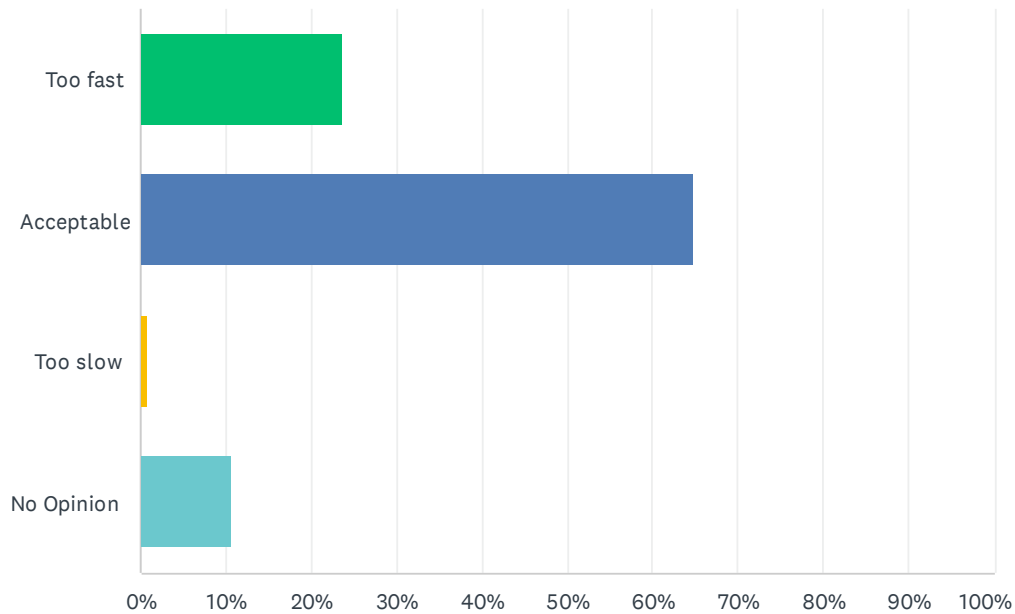
152	still rural	3/20/2024 9:57 AM
153	Going to continue to be the pleasant town it has been for the last 154 years	3/20/2024 9:55 AM
154	The place to live and visit	3/20/2024 9:39 AM
155	known for vacation	3/20/2024 9:29 AM
156	A community that has retained it's allure of yesteryear but continues to update amenities and the type housing to attract residents who want to live in that type of atmosphere. A paradise of sorts but not a commercial paradise.	3/20/2024 9:14 AM
157	Still going to be where I want to be. If the climate was a bit warmer (I'm too old to shovel snow)and my kids were closer, I would be a full time resident.	3/20/2024 9:02 AM
158	?	3/20/2024 8:54 AM
159	a strong diverse community based on a well defined land use/zoning plan that supports residential development to encourage families and seniors to settle here. Air BnB's are regulated and kept in check. Our community is welcoming and encourages year round recreation (thank you, BREIA!). A Forestport Forward Committee was formed and sponsors programs such as "Lend A Hand" which is a ride and errand service.	3/20/2024 8:27 AM
160	Still a great place to live	3/20/2024 8:01 AM
161	A a quaint small town	3/20/2024 1:30 AM
162	A safe, quaint and rural town with specialty shops & farm to table restaurants.	3/20/2024 12:08 AM
163	Still a peaceful, rural, friendly town.	3/19/2024 10:32 PM
164	Going to stay a small community that has a lot of forest land Cheaper taxes	3/19/2024 10:31 PM
165	The same.... what's wrong with that?	3/19/2024 9:18 PM
166	Still a collection of hamlets in a rustic environment dependent on tourism.	3/19/2024 9:17 PM
167	A beautiful and bountiful destination.	3/19/2024 9:10 PM
168	Not so run down looking and has jobs to attract a younger generation.	3/19/2024 8:58 PM
169	Still a rural area, but built up along the major roads with shops, restaurants/bars and outdoor/camping/recreation shops.	3/19/2024 8:56 PM
170	Hopefully keeps small town feel and also utilizes empty buildings for small businesses	3/19/2024 8:35 PM
171	A cute small town with some shopping and restaurants	3/19/2024 8:08 PM
172	In 10 years, Forestport is still an active, rural town full of friendly people because the comprehensive plan was carefully thought out and adhered to.	3/19/2024 8:07 PM
173	Becoming overdeveloped	3/19/2024 7:56 PM
174	Going to attract young families and full time residents with its recreation activities for all ages, including a beach at the boat launch.	3/19/2024 7:44 PM
175	Become a environmentally protected and historically preserved town.	3/19/2024 7:16 PM
176	I hope is still a functioning town. Every are needs growth to accommodate within.	3/19/2024 7:06 PM
177	a heavily wooded town friendly to motorized recreation.	3/19/2024 7:03 PM
178	A beautiful and safe place to live	3/19/2024 6:22 PM
179	Strategically positioned by location, to be the entry jewel of the Adirondacks	3/19/2024 5:51 PM
180	hopefully not Old Forge.	3/19/2024 5:40 PM
181	Growing and is great place to raise a family.	3/19/2024 4:53 PM
182	going to have a lower population with the prices of properties going up, and out of town people buying the properties	3/19/2024 4:16 PM

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183	Going to become increasingly regulated as the locals begin to fight progress/change and newcomers begin to purchase vacation homes for their affordability compared to Old Forge, thereby driving up housing costs for locals.	3/19/2024 4:04 PM
184	Going to continue to be an environment where we can continue to enjoy the fresh air and the great outdoors.	3/19/2024 3:47 PM
185	Going to be opening the snowmobile trails for four wheelers to attract more business	3/19/2024 3:45 PM
186	More vibrant.	3/19/2024 3:43 PM
187	Will be my home of 6 years by then	3/19/2024 3:43 PM
188	Hopefully close to the same	3/19/2024 3:41 PM
189	A thriving community with unique restaurants and retail but still with a strong rural and independent character	3/19/2024 3:36 PM
190	going to be the same. The same as it's been since established	3/19/2024 3:30 PM
191	A community that values the past and embraces it's unique ability to keep the rural feel going.	3/19/2024 3:28 PM
192	Growing, thriving and attracting young people to reside here	3/19/2024 3:20 PM
193	Going to be the same quaint village it has always been that attracts tourists during all 4 seasons	3/19/2024 3:20 PM
194	A destination away from urban life. To enjoy our awesome natural resources	3/19/2024 2:55 PM
195	Probably the same. But we should try to make it a attractive place for runners, bikers and unpowered boaters.	3/19/2024 2:52 PM
196	The perfect place to live the rest of our lives in peace and quiet without deforestation and excessive building.	3/19/2024 2:47 PM
197	A beautiful rural community with a low full time population and great seasonal destination	3/19/2024 2:47 PM
198	An improved version of itself	3/19/2024 2:31 PM
199	I wonderful place to raise and support a family	3/19/2024 2:29 PM
200	going to be our permanent home and I hope to maintain the Rural way of life.	3/19/2024 2:10 PM
201	Going to grow in population	3/19/2024 2:01 PM
202	Hopefully going to grow	3/19/2024 1:39 PM
203	going to need stronger support and funding for emergency services. seasonal residents and visitors don't have the personal investment in these areas, but heavily utilize them. they are struggling to maintain ready equipment, and acquire new equipment to adapt to changing demands. wildland fires, atv/snowmobile accidents etc create a special challenge for departments with heavily aged equipment, and under equipped departments. STaR does the best they can, but 1 ambulance has alot of ground to cover, they need help also.	3/19/2024 1:06 PM
204	Going to be nothing but vacation homes	3/19/2024 12:51 PM

Q26 What best describes your opinion of the speed of traffic within Town?

Answered: 322 Skipped: 115



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too fast	23.60%	76
Acceptable	64.91%	209
Too slow	0.93%	3
No Opinion	10.56%	34
TOTAL		322

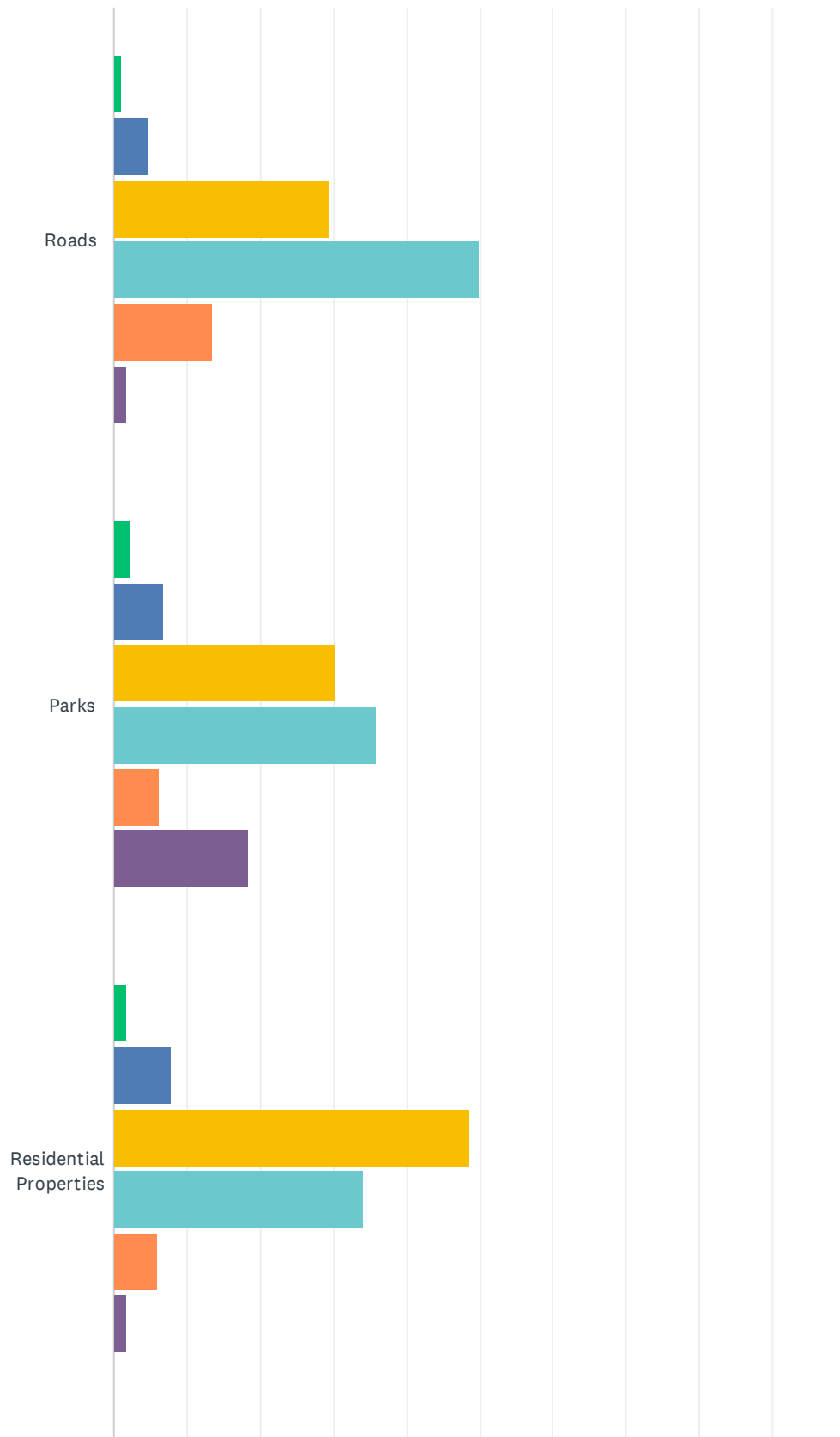
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	route 28 is always busy, there is some speeding on town roads	8/20/2024 2:24 PM
2	Occasional idiot.	5/3/2024 11:51 AM
3	Have law enforcement enforce speed limits.	5/2/2024 4:36 PM
4	Better control in certain areas to maintain safety.	5/1/2024 4:24 PM
5	on Dustin Rd-although that while car is no longer a menace.	5/1/2024 2:38 PM
6	Dustin Road is a problem.	4/4/2024 6:08 PM
7	Shoulders of roads like 28 need to be improved and wider.	3/28/2024 3:44 PM
8	Especially through the Hamlet of Woodgate	3/23/2024 5:17 PM
9	Too fast on non highway roads that are not enforced	3/22/2024 8:29 PM
10	Occasionally through traffic on Rte 28 gets impatient and some cars take risks passing traffic that is dangerous, along with tailgating.	3/22/2024 1:05 AM
11	Excess loud 4 wheelers on main roads and fast speeds	3/21/2024 8:17 PM

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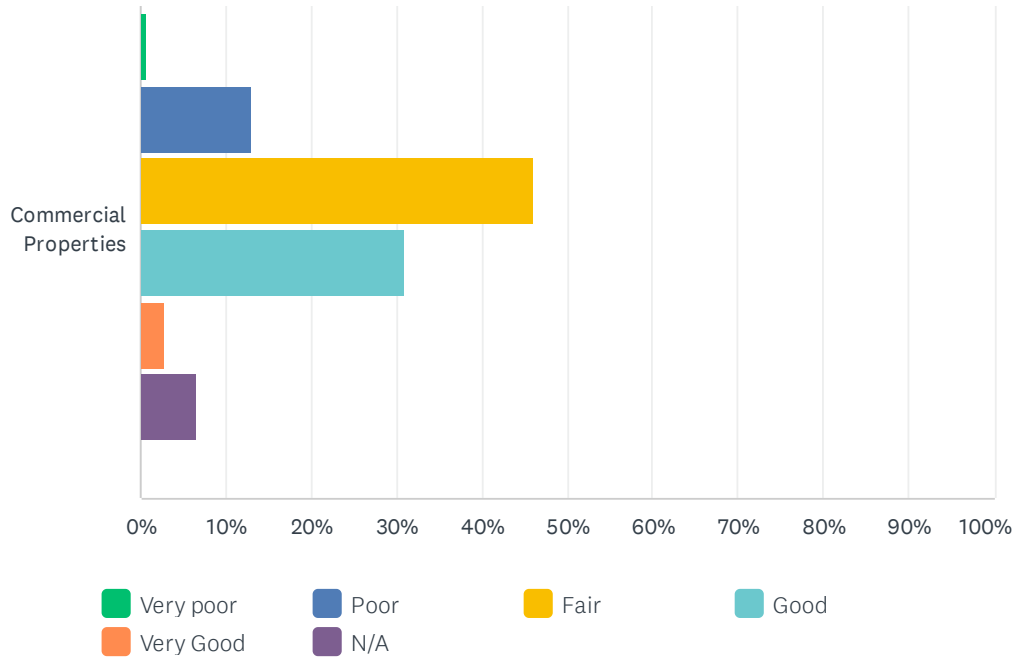
12	28	3/21/2024 7:29 PM
13	28 should not be 55mph where residential driveways are.	3/21/2024 9:11 AM
14	On Rte 28 is too fast	3/20/2024 3:34 PM
15	Summer weekend travel if you live on Route 28 is horrible. There should be an emergency light that would allow for traffic issues.	3/20/2024 11:44 AM
16	on roads like Dustin Road	3/20/2024 10:27 AM
17	Bearcreek road is a super highway way too fast traffic	3/20/2024 4:09 AM
18	The town needs to be monitored more frequently and speed zones heavily enforced.	3/20/2024 12:49 AM
19	In some places, people drive too fast. Mostly the more main roads (O'Brien for example).	3/19/2024 2:32 PM

Q27 Rate the current condition of the following within Forestport:

Answered: 304 Skipped: 133



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	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Roads	0.99% 3	4.62% 14	29.37% 89	49.83% 151	13.53% 41	1.65% 5	303	3.71
Parks	2.39% 7	6.83% 20	30.38% 89	35.84% 105	6.14% 18	18.43% 54	293	3.45
Residential Properties	1.66% 5	7.95% 24	48.68% 147	34.11% 103	5.96% 18	1.66% 5	302	3.35
Commercial Properties	0.67% 2	13.00% 39	46.00% 138	31.00% 93	2.67% 8	6.67% 20	300	3.24

#	PLEASE ELABORATE ON YOUR ANSWER.	DATE
1	remove sand from roadsides	8/20/2024 2:47 PM
2	properties should be better maintained- pursue beautification grants	8/20/2024 2:32 PM
3	encourage burrent businesses to expand as needed. all hamlets need housing assistance, are there grants to help with this? continued improvements to public parks and other properties. develop recreational opportunities near local businesses. protect natural resources and possibly create educational materials for visitors and residents about the resources in the area.	8/20/2024 2:24 PM
4	i want to see more development of commercial properties- there are great businesses in town already but would like to see more	8/20/2024 1:45 PM
5	road shoulder on Liddle's Hill needs to be expanded, there are safety concerns here during winter	8/20/2024 1:25 PM
6	acceptable in the shoptrt-term, maintenance will be required long-term. vacant properties need renovations and new tenants.	8/20/2024 12:00 PM
7	Everything seems fine to me.	7/8/2024 7:27 AM
8	mostly perfect the way it is	6/9/2024 10:03 AM
9	Appearances and quality of homes inside and out could be more attractive. Decrease amount of outside junk around homes.	5/14/2024 4:09 PM
10	Continue to upgrade all roads within the town yearly. Not a patch job. Residential Friendly.	5/1/2024 4:31 PM

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11	Just look. Should be self-explanatory.	5/1/2024 3:42 PM
12	Snot remove is good - very good Pot holes - fair Residential properties - very poor to very good.	5/1/2024 2:52 PM
13	I don't live in town.	4/24/2024 9:55 AM
14	Little Long Lake Road needs work, some of the housing in the village of Forestport need work.	4/19/2024 8:58 PM
15	Things are ok but could be better roads are awful plows ruined so many of them	4/18/2024 6:55 PM
16	Some look run down and appear to be struggling.	4/16/2024 5:57 PM
17	The town roads are fair, they are not falling apart. But, Could be upgraded. We do not have any parks per say. With swing sets, and picnic benches, bbq's. Some of the houses look run down and dilapidated. most of our commercial properties look good and are busy.	4/15/2024 11:35 AM
18	The first bridge on Bear Creek Road is in desperate need for replacement! I don't think it's any of my business what condition anyone's property is in. The fact that you think you do is a big problem!	4/6/2024 12:09 PM
19	Some properties look great and others should be torn down so fair is the average.	4/4/2024 6:50 PM
20	Kind of a broad question. Depends where in Forestport you're asking about.	4/4/2024 6:12 PM
21	There isn't much to the parks besides the very basics. Residential properties vary greatly in value and condition, as well as commercial properties.	4/4/2024 12:10 PM
22	Roads in general are usually in good shape. Not many parks exist or are promoted very well. I wish there was more accessible wilderness character available within the town. Many of the older existing residential properties are in poor shape and not well maintained. There are not many very near by commercial properties to comment on, but those we have are adequate for what they intend to offer.	3/29/2024 9:14 AM
23	Just enough variety but need Buffalo Head to get stable	3/28/2024 3:49 PM
24	Fire department is under funded and highway department needs more money for rd repair	3/28/2024 12:55 PM
25	There needs to be some upgrades and updates to the properties and building gs.	3/27/2024 11:00 PM
26	Restaurants are the exception - generally well maintained.	3/27/2024 7:24 PM
27	Many properties on Rt 28 could use a little spruce up. It will be tourism traffic and looking the part would be nice.	3/27/2024 11:51 AM
28	Limited grocery stores without going to Boonville or Old Forge.	3/25/2024 5:28 PM
29	We enjoy the mix of property types and would not want to see the older homes and businesses pushed out.	3/24/2024 6:39 PM
30	Re: roads. Our road, Woods Lane, is very poor. The town could help us to improve it. There might be ways or a way - with county and or state help - or through a ??special tax district approach.??	3/24/2024 5:00 PM
31	too many run down buildings and structures. Need more codes enforcement or legislation to keep appearances up to a standard.	3/24/2024 1:18 PM
32	I feel that traffic could be slowed down some in the speed zones other than that respectable. Homes and yards are generally well kept. Roads are nice	3/24/2024 10:28 AM
33	not there enough to have an opinion	3/24/2024 9:19 AM
34	State of NY maintains Rt 28, and town does an acceptable job on the secondary roads. Non lake / secondary home properties are maintained by residents with lower incomes.	3/23/2024 5:50 PM
35	There are quite a few run down residential buildings.	3/23/2024 5:24 PM
36	Need more accessibility to food , gas etc in many areas	3/23/2024 9:09 AM
37	there is a terrible mess at a property in Otter Lake on route 28 that is a major eyesore	3/23/2024 8:52 AM
38	My two houses are now on a paved street.	3/22/2024 7:33 PM

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39	Lakeside areas tend to be better cared for vs full time residents.	3/22/2024 10:58 AM
40	The town is over 150 years old and it shows its age.	3/22/2024 9:10 AM
41	Some residential and commercial properties are not well maintained and some are in disrepair/abandoned.	3/22/2024 1:11 AM
42	A lot of run down buildings. Commercial and residential.	3/21/2024 9:23 PM
43	Because there's no zoning code, some properties have fallen into disrepair.	3/21/2024 7:38 PM
44	Mattesons Market is nice	3/21/2024 5:52 PM
45	Not enough	3/21/2024 3:17 PM
46	I have not visited parks	3/21/2024 9:18 AM
47	Some buildings are left falling apart either vacant or poor upkeep.	3/21/2024 8:18 AM
48	Some abandon buildings, camps and other Structures should be taken down or rehabilitated.	3/20/2024 6:55 PM
49	Parks don't seem to be well promoted. Commercial properties are mostly bars and restaurants only.	3/20/2024 3:30 PM
50	The houses could be encouraged to get some work done on them and the cat probably in town "cat fights"	3/20/2024 1:58 PM
51	Forestport does not have Parks to evaluate. The Town is doing its best to maintain the quality of residential properties.some commercial properties could use some repair work.	3/20/2024 1:50 PM
52	Certain residential and commercial properties could use some upkeep and reinvestment.	3/20/2024 1:25 PM
53	People try to do their best with their properties given their means. Keep taxes low and try not to overregulate (except for short term rentals,)	3/20/2024 1:21 PM
54	Some need face lifts	3/20/2024 12:01 PM
55	The local eateries properties are not well maintained.	3/20/2024 12:00 PM
56	If the question pertains to how well the town maintains these, then I believe the answers are very good. For us, "Parks" means the Adirondack Park and we believe that's very good.	3/20/2024 11:41 AM
57	Town hall clean and well kept.	3/20/2024 11:04 AM
58	a lot of properties both residential and commercial are in poor condition!!!	3/20/2024 11:01 AM
59	Walking paths improvements dog parks established new eateries established touristy business established	3/20/2024 10:37 AM
60	need to clean up the town	3/20/2024 10:02 AM
61	Rural town's always have a few properties that are run down	3/20/2024 9:46 AM
62	wish we could provide incentives for existing property owners to maintain, improve. Concerned about empty houses in disrepair. Enough commercial services with nearby Boonville/Mapledale.	3/20/2024 8:37 AM
63	Need proper upkeep	3/20/2024 1:34 AM
64	Too many short-term rentals creating a shortage of housing for persons who want to live in the town full-time.	3/20/2024 1:33 AM
65	Mix of old and new, well kept and less kept. Diverse yet is what gives the character	3/19/2024 9:26 PM
66	Most residences are maintained well. Roads are well maintained well in the summer and winter. It's nice that there's a local fire department, but there should be more access spots for fire equipment to tap into local lakes and rivers while fighting fires.	3/19/2024 9:14 PM
67	Many places look run down	3/19/2024 9:01 PM
68	Some residential properties could use some maintenance, but overall it is a lot better than it was 20 years ago	3/19/2024 8:21 PM
69	The hamlet of Forestport is very run down, where I live. The park at the baseball field does not	3/19/2024 7:53 PM

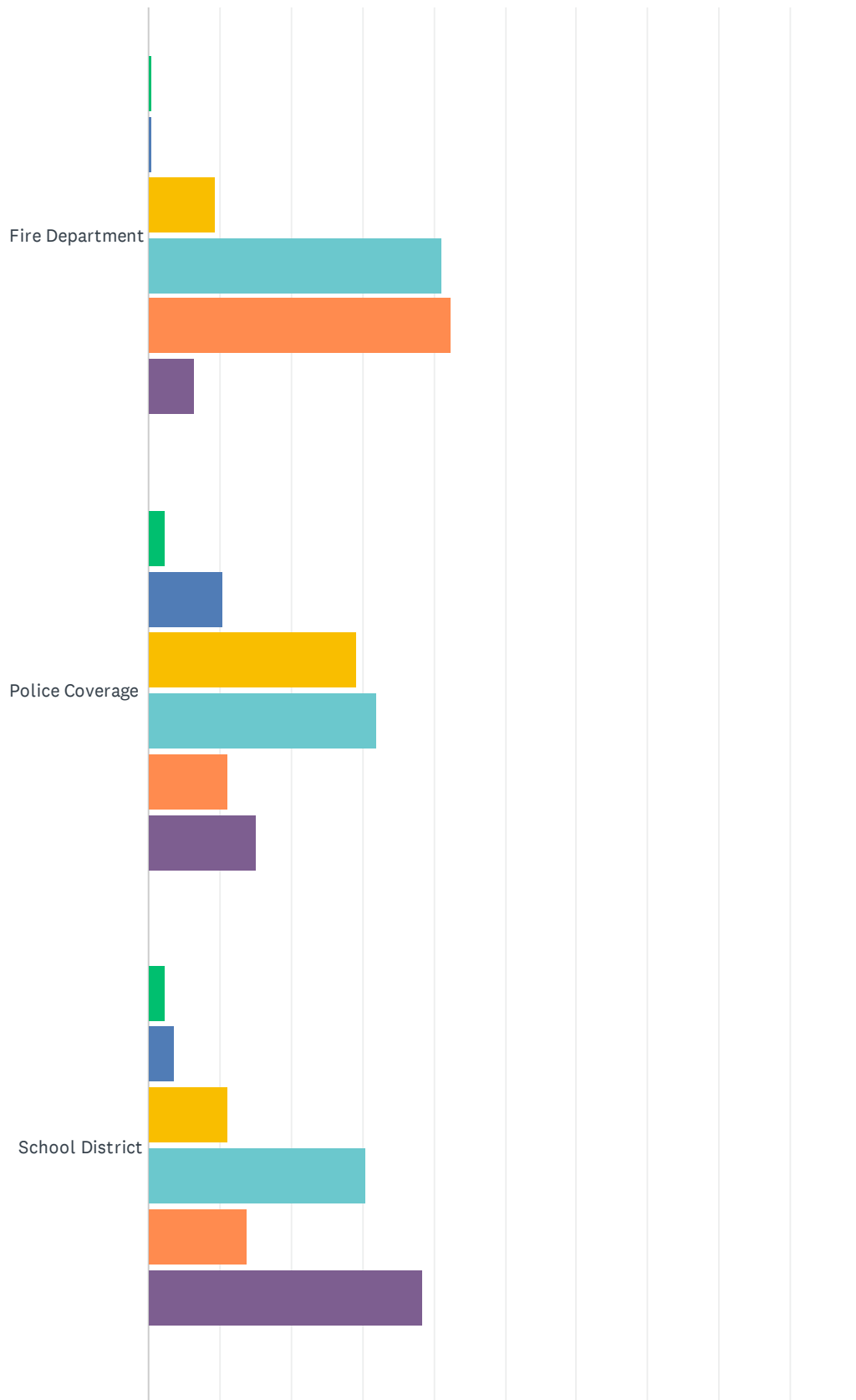
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accommodate young children. The houses in the hamlet are abandoned and not kept. The restaurants have not made any updates or improvements to their buildings or interiors since they opened them up. If we want to attract more people here then the hamlet of Forestport needs to be revitalized with a beach area/pavilion, and improved playground for all ages.

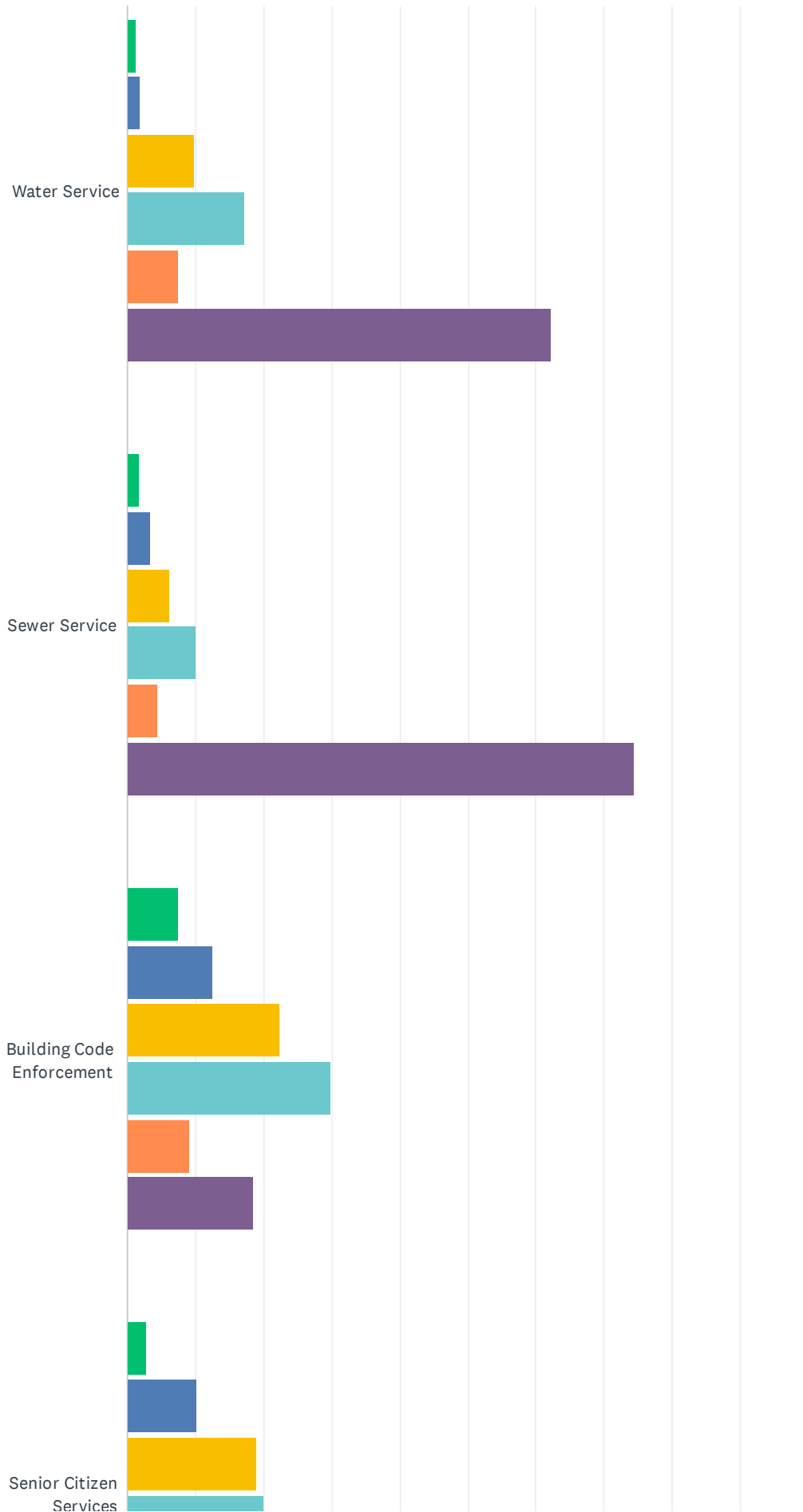
70	Possible grant funding to upgrade and historically preserve village structures?	3/19/2024 7:19 PM
71	Roads could use some maintenance. Ball fields are always a ball field. Small businesses needs to grow to better the commercial and residential look	3/19/2024 7:10 PM
72	The roads are well-maintained, while retaining much of their character	3/19/2024 7:07 PM
73	Several residential properties are an eyesore	3/19/2024 6:26 PM
74	It amazes me that so many people can afford to sit at the bar drinking til close on a regular basis but seemingly can't afford paint for their homes or to simply tidy up.	3/19/2024 4:10 PM
75	Many properties look very run down.	3/19/2024 3:46 PM
76	While we have limited parks they are maintained, the majority of residential properties are kept nice, and the local and state highway departments do a good job with plowing and paving	3/19/2024 3:40 PM
77	Lots of empty buildings in the "hamlet" Lots of opportunities	3/19/2024 3:00 PM
78	I feel all suit the needs and taxes reflect that	3/19/2024 2:54 PM
79	Very limited businesses in town	3/19/2024 2:51 PM
80	I think that road maintenance is sub standard. Also, many of the roads that are stoned and oiled are done poorly.	3/19/2024 2:36 PM
81	clean up the blight	3/19/2024 1:58 PM
82	the in town homes need some TLC, businesses like Buffalo head are a staple, and clearly struggle to survive. we don't have much for parks, and the roads are ok.	3/19/2024 1:18 PM
83	Residential properties are great for the upper middle class that are typically the seasonal residents here.	3/19/2024 1:04 PM

Q28 Rate the current condition of the following within Forestport:

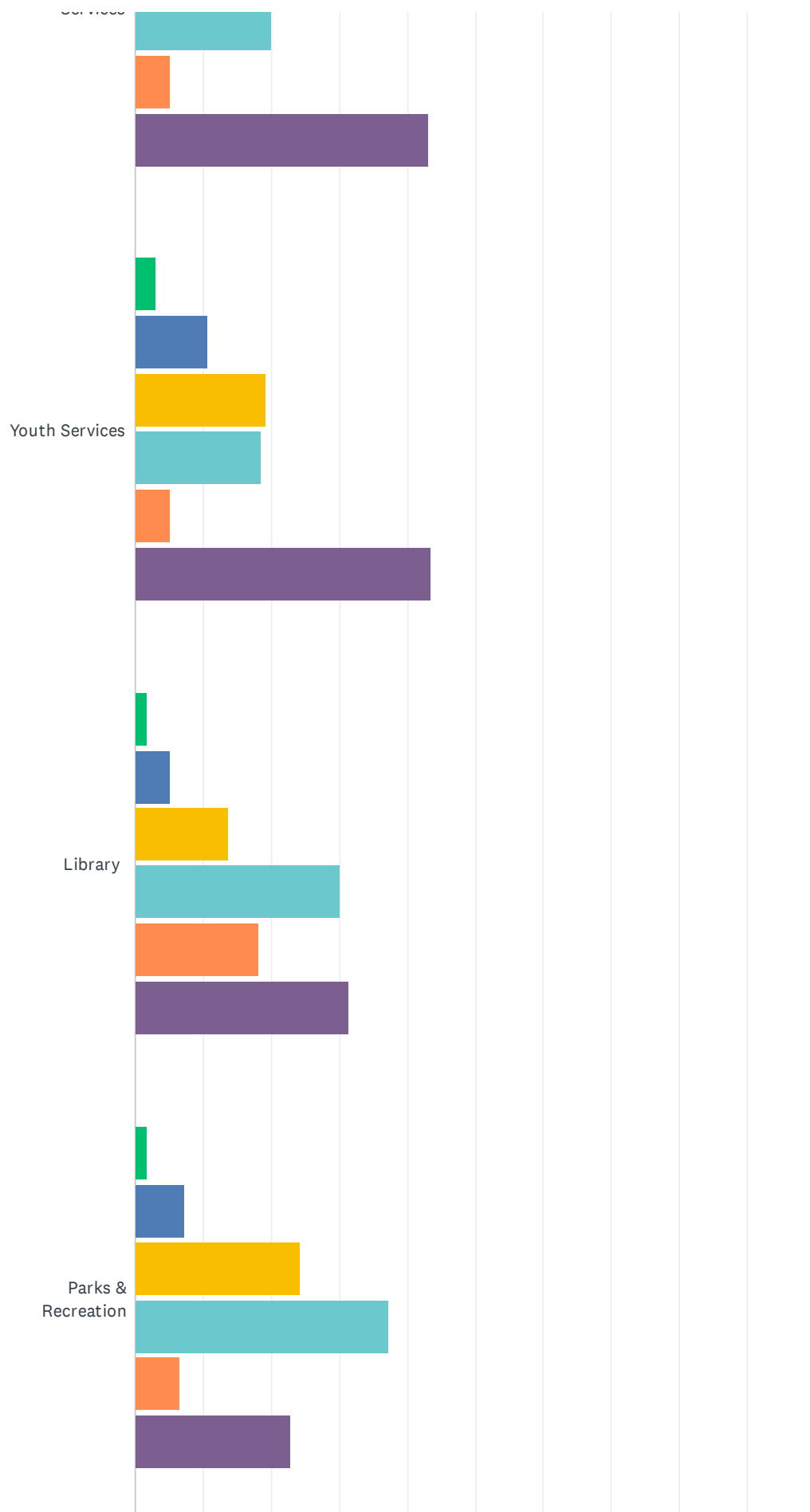
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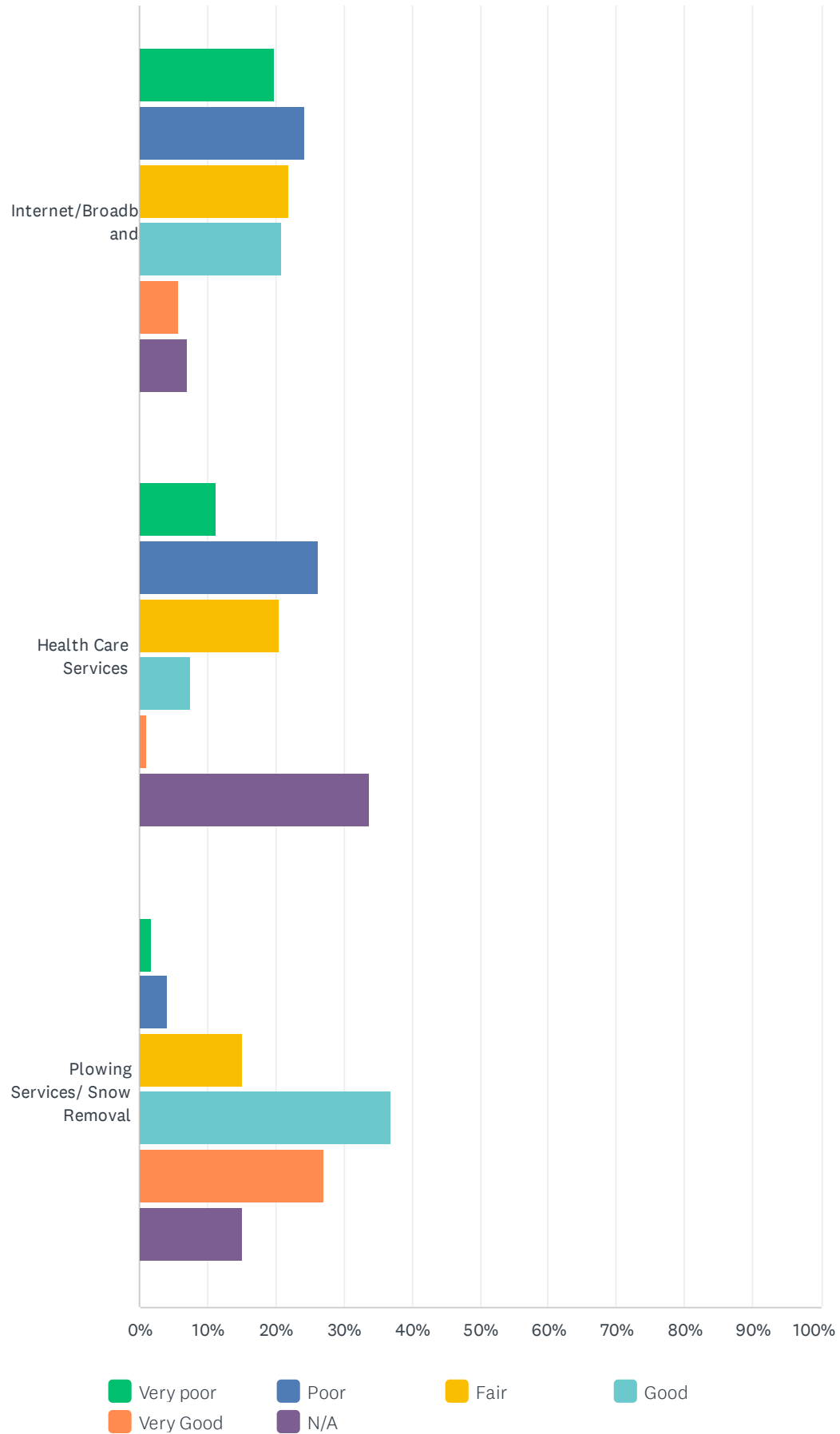
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	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Fire Department	0.33% 1	0.33% 1	9.30% 28	41.20% 124	42.52% 128	6.31% 19	301	4.34
Police Coverage	2.35% 7	10.40% 31	29.19% 87	31.88% 95	11.07% 33	15.10% 45	298	3.46
School District	2.37% 7	3.73% 11	11.19% 33	30.51% 90	13.90% 41	38.31% 113	295	3.81
Water Service	1.35% 4	2.02% 6	9.76% 29	17.17% 51	7.41% 22	62.29% 185	297	3.72
Sewer Service	1.71% 5	3.42% 10	6.16% 18	9.93% 29	4.45% 13	74.32% 217	292	3.47
Building Code Enforcement	7.46% 22	12.54% 37	22.37% 66	29.83% 88	9.15% 27	18.64% 55	295	3.25
Senior Citizen Services	2.71% 8	10.17% 30	18.98% 56	20.00% 59	5.08% 15	43.05% 127	295	3.26
Youth Services	3.08% 9	10.62% 31	19.18% 56	18.49% 54	5.14% 15	43.49% 127	292	3.21
Library	1.71% 5	5.12% 15	13.65% 40	30.03% 88	18.09% 53	31.40% 92	293	3.84
Parks & Recreation	1.73% 5	7.27% 21	24.22% 70	37.37% 108	6.57% 19	22.84% 66	289	3.52
Internet/Broadband	19.93% 59	24.32% 72	21.96% 65	20.95% 62	5.74% 17	7.09% 21	296	2.66
Health Care Services	11.22% 33	26.19% 77	20.41% 60	7.48% 22	1.02% 3	33.67% 99	294	2.41
Plowing Services/ Snow Removal	1.68% 5	4.03% 12	15.10% 45	36.91% 110	27.18% 81	15.10% 45	298	3.99

#	PLEASE ELABORATE ON YOUR ANSWER.	DATE
1	most kids are unaware of the library, need more summer recreation	8/20/2024 2:54 PM
2	fire departments need more resources and volunteers. pursue grants for maintaining this and other critical services	8/20/2024 2:32 PM
3	need infrastrucutre improvements. fire departments are under stress and need more support. increased sewer service is needed. pollution is a major issue, especially in the lakes. need more hiking and walking trails. improve vacant and underutilized properties. need to pursue housing grants. need more recreational opportunities in winter.	8/20/2024 2:24 PM
4	some properties are absolutely deplorable with in and around town with tarps and debris, broken windows, and worn paint	8/20/2024 2:00 PM
5	sewer district costs are too high	8/20/2024 1:36 PM
6	no school in forestport currently	8/20/2024 1:25 PM
7	balancing improvements and keeping affordable property taxes will be difficult. there are many fixed-income retirees in forestport	8/20/2024 12:00 PM
8	not sure of some of them	6/9/2024 10:03 AM
9	Youth services since forestport school has closed. Only option for internet is starlink.	6/8/2024 10:43 AM
10	Lower part of town concerns with water distributres and new resource for water supply, maintain better sewer *** dis	5/1/2024 4:31 PM

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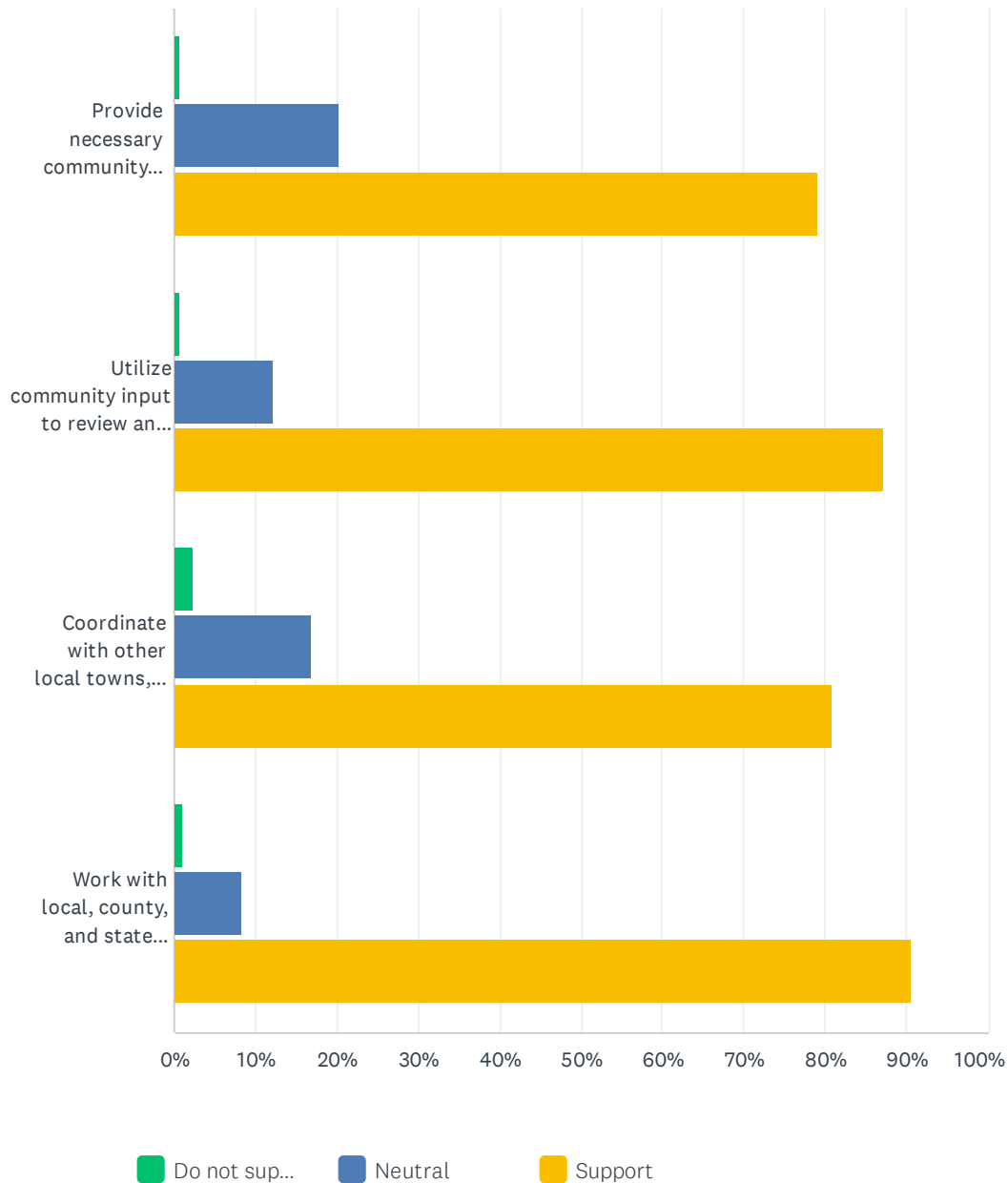
11	Don't have half this shit anyway-schools, parks, etc.	5/1/2024 3:42 PM
12	Main roads	4/18/2024 7:50 PM
13	The town does a hood job removing snow. My mailbox is still standing.	4/16/2024 5:57 PM
14	No sense calling law enforcement. By the time they get here, everything is done and over with. We protect our own!	4/6/2024 12:09 PM
15	Services of any kind are out of town. Internet choices are expensive satellite coverage or Frontier, which is terrible, for anyone who is not within the Spectrum area. And is there a park to picnic in?	4/4/2024 6:50 PM
16	In some cases, a N/A response means I Don't Know. We have no police coverage to my knowledge other than calling the State Police.	4/4/2024 6:12 PM
17	Roads not good in winter	4/4/2024 10:17 AM
18	Private pay only	3/28/2024 3:49 PM
19	Many of these I haven't had personal experience with - yet.	3/26/2024 6:32 AM
20	School taxes seem very high	3/25/2024 10:27 AM
21	No Spectrum availabe on little Long Rd Woodgate	3/24/2024 4:04 PM
22	Not sure if more is needed in the codes department to enforce property appearances or more ordinances	3/24/2024 1:18 PM
23	Seasonal resident	3/24/2024 11:44 AM
24	I'm not there in winter	3/24/2024 10:21 AM
25	No clue where library or parks are located. Lately snow plows have not even gone down side roads like Deer Run, Buck & Antler in the Buckhorn.	3/24/2024 8:39 AM
26	No idea what senior citizen or youth available. Where is the library? I leave at 6 to go to work and the roads aren't plowed.	3/24/2024 8:27 AM
27	Needs to remove access sand side of the house road during spring	3/23/2024 8:05 PM
28	N/A for seasonal resident	3/23/2024 5:50 PM
29	Service roads not plowed	3/23/2024 10:02 AM
30	don't stay here in winter	3/23/2024 8:52 AM
31	Summer residents	3/22/2024 5:48 PM
32	Should be more speed enforcement on route 28.	3/22/2024 12:11 PM
33	NYSDOT roads are well plowed.	3/22/2024 10:58 AM
34	I don't experience any of this 1st hand.	3/22/2024 9:10 AM
35	Acute/emergent health care remains an issue.	3/22/2024 1:11 AM
36	we pay privately but Woods rd is very well maintained	3/21/2024 9:36 PM
37	Need more police patrols	3/21/2024 8:21 PM
38	Do they actually remove snow ??	3/21/2024 3:17 PM
39	Use well water and live on private road	3/21/2024 12:27 PM
40	N/A responses reflect our lack of use, ie we do not expect sewer and water in a rural area or we are unaware of those servicesdo not see any availability	3/21/2024 10:23 AM
41	Not apple because I have little to no experience to judge	3/21/2024 9:18 AM
42	Some days roads are great and well plowed and someday it could.be better	3/21/2024 8:18 AM
43	I want to see More stuff for families	3/20/2024 1:58 PM
44	There is only State police and County Sheriff. I do not use water or sewer services. No health	3/20/2024 1:50 PM

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	care services.	
45	I'm seasonal so not sure of many conditions	3/20/2024 1:28 PM
46	Currently Frontier is barely adequate. I wish we would see more upgrades in their infrastructure	3/20/2024 1:25 PM
47	An urgent care nearby is sadly lacking. To serve Boonville/Old Forge	3/20/2024 1:21 PM
48	The internet providers should be required to upgrade their services - those are essential public utilities. And it would be good for National Grid to begin burying their lines to prevent the kinds of outages that regularly occur.	3/20/2024 11:41 AM
49	Town hall events excellent	3/20/2024 11:04 AM
50	very few law enforcement in area	3/20/2024 11:01 AM
51	we have to pay an exorbinant amount for quality wifi (Starlink). Also, it seems that building code enforcement is a "who you know" operation according to word of mouth.	3/20/2024 10:33 AM
52	I ranked many as N/A because I am seasonal and don't know enough about those services.	3/20/2024 8:37 AM
53	ADK school is to far for small kids to be on a bus for an hour each way	3/19/2024 10:39 PM
54	Internet access varies depending on where you live. Some excellent, some poor.	3/19/2024 9:14 PM
55	Outdated, not a lot of programs known in the community	3/19/2024 9:01 PM
56	Good for rural area. This is not a city. Learn to live with rural standards or go back to city!	3/19/2024 8:21 PM
57	Due to losing young families with children the elementary school closed and now those students have to go to Boonville. There are little to no youth activities or services here for toddlers. The playground is even too big for them to use at the ball park.	3/19/2024 7:53 PM
58	Again, too much road salt	3/19/2024 7:07 PM
59	Good coverage after storms	3/19/2024 4:01 PM
60	Times of plowing, plowing in of driveways	3/19/2024 3:36 PM
61	I'm concerned about the cost of sewer services in regards to the state mandates that are beyond our control	3/19/2024 3:00 PM
62	Sewer sometimes smells	3/19/2024 2:54 PM
63	I am on well/ septic. I think that internet availability (read: Frontier) is appalling. The roads are poorly plowed and maintained.	3/19/2024 2:36 PM
64	Building inspector is a bully.	3/19/2024 1:58 PM
65	Banks are often to high to see around	3/19/2024 1:43 PM
66	this year was better, but we didn't really get much for snow. last year there were days when there was a foot of snow on obrien rd until 10/11/12. if there was an emergency, nobody could respond. kayuta campground brags he has fiber optic internet from frontier, but they refuse to expand it. didn't they get a ton of money from the government to do just that. half the people using frontier can't even make a phone call half the time.	3/19/2024 1:18 PM
67	The Forestport fire department needs more funding. The sheriffs and State Police only really respond to calls rather than patrol Forestport. Internet is great if you have spectrum.	3/19/2024 1:04 PM

Q29 Score the following goals:

Answered: 301 Skipped: 136



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	DO NOT SUPPORT	NEUTRAL	SUPPORT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Provide necessary community services while maintaining and strengthening the Town's fiscal health.	0.67% 2	20.20% 60	79.12% 235	297	2.78
Utilize community input to review and improve services to taxpayers	0.68% 2	12.20% 36	87.12% 257	295	2.86
Coordinate with other local towns, Oneida County, and State offices to increase shared services between municipalities	2.35% 7	16.78% 50	80.87% 241	298	2.79
Work with local, county, and state representatives and organizations to maintain/increase volunteer base for fire and ambulance services.	1.01% 3	8.39% 25	90.60% 270	298	2.90

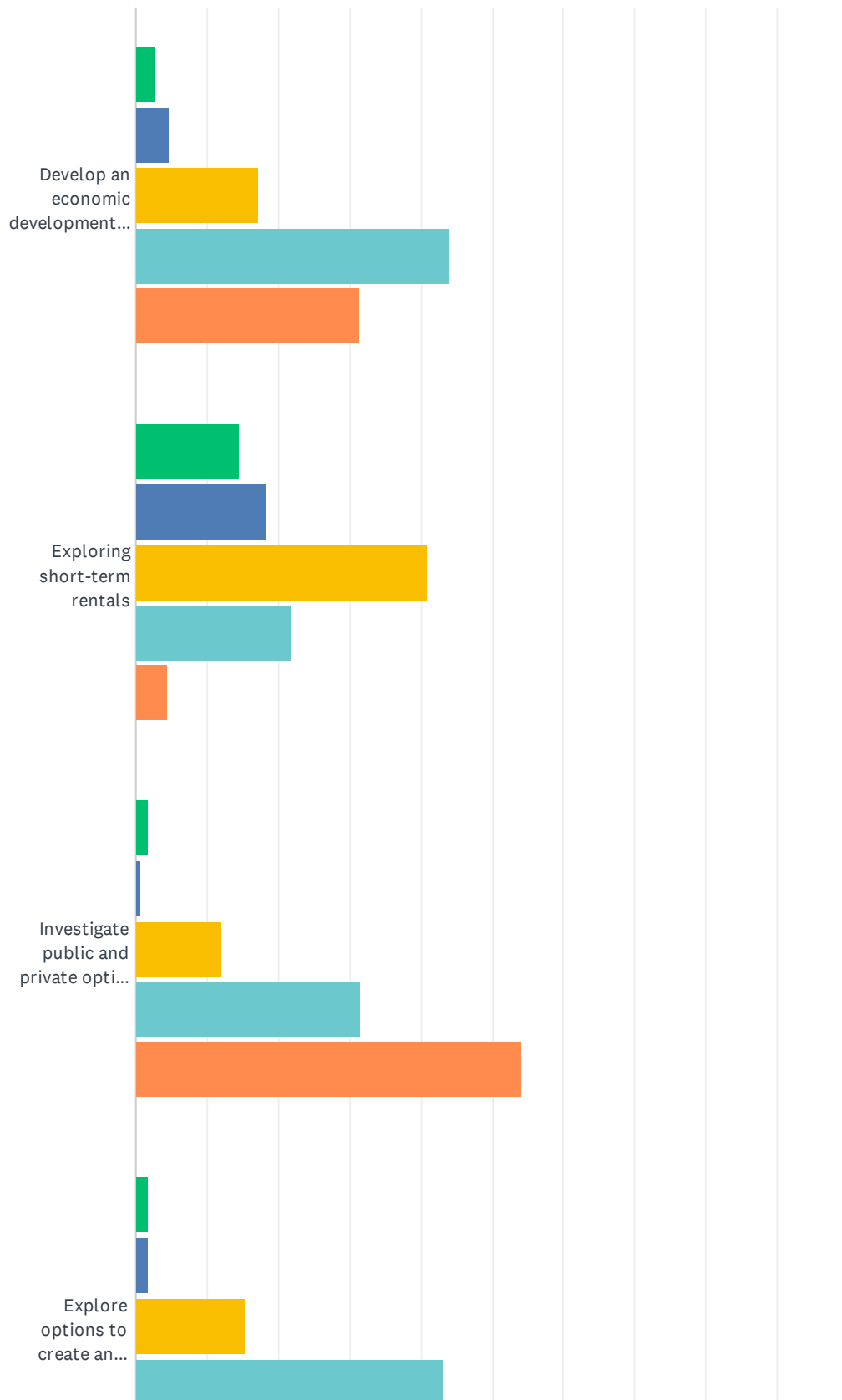
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1	include amenities for kids	8/20/2024 2:54 PM
2	pursue shared services/operation of sewer and water systems. pursue grant funding. partner with local organizations	8/20/2024 2:24 PM
3	need to incentivize young/middle aged volunteers	8/20/2024 12:00 PM
4	I believe there are issues with dealing with OSHA which could greatly impact the Fire department.	7/8/2024 7:27 AM
5	why not support	6/9/2024 10:03 AM
6	Maybe supportive of some but not all suggestions.	5/3/2024 11:57 AM
7	Need necessary services to maintain the fiscal welfare of the whole town fisical health and well being not just lower end of town. Equalization rate asertain many new structures, better control of building, work with school district for a better rate. Move sales tax revenue and rates for ****monies for projects.	5/1/2024 4:31 PM
8	self explanatory	5/1/2024 3:42 PM
9	Recruiting volunteers for fire departments is a problem everywhere. Locally we see some duplication of services.	4/16/2024 5:57 PM
10	We don't need any outsiders making decisions for us!	4/6/2024 12:09 PM
11	Just keep the shared costs and especially the taxes down when doing all of this external coordination.	3/29/2024 9:14 AM
12	Subsidize training for volunteers for fire and ems, including time stipends	3/28/2024 3:49 PM
13	Fire department currently does not receive enough financial help to maintain a fire service let alone to keep equipment updated to the necessary standards	3/28/2024 12:55 PM
14	The town has done an excellent job in securing the new Town offices, getting grants to offer more playground equipment and other services. The latest being the grant for the new Boat Decontamination Station which will help to prove Forestport is the GATE to the ADIRONDACK SW CORRIDOR. The Town is moving forward.	3/27/2024 10:50 PM
15	already commented	3/24/2024 5:00 PM
16	Consolidation or shared services whenever possible	3/24/2024 1:18 PM
17	Shared services are ideal as a cost-saving measure, but at what sacrifices. Privatization of services such as fire/ambulance may be the next step for many smaller municipalities (unfortunately).	3/24/2024 11:44 AM
18	No comment	3/24/2024 9:19 AM
19	We need better emergency response for medical emergencies. Response time could be deadly.	3/23/2024 4:34 PM
20	All good ideas.	3/22/2024 9:10 AM

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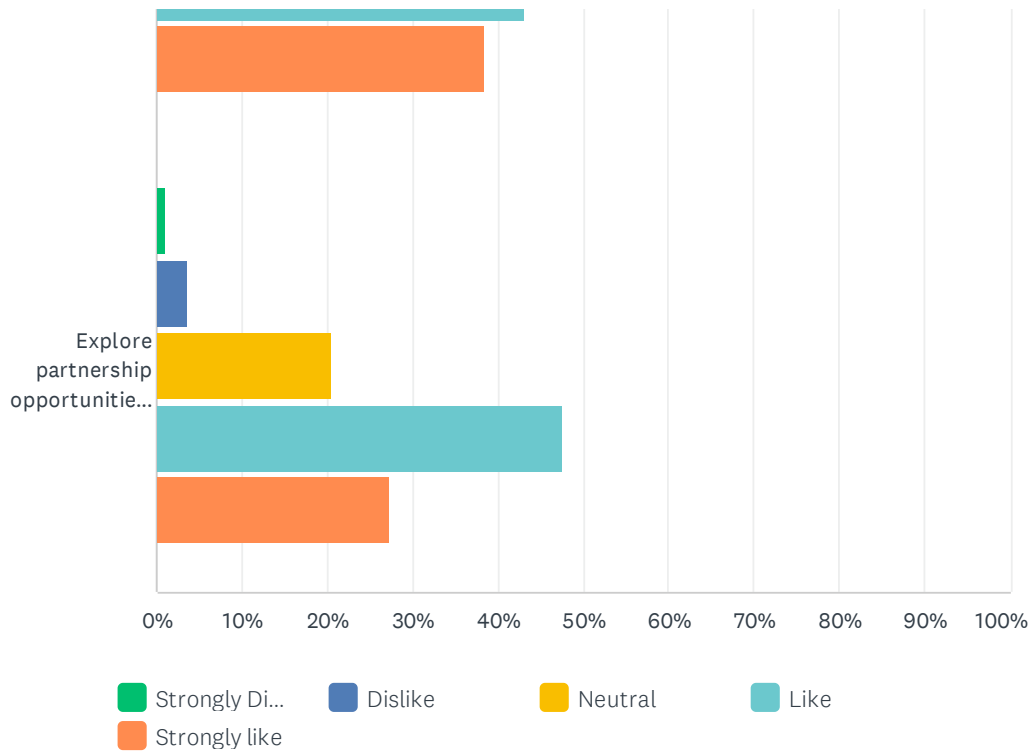
21	The fire departments need some extra support to be able to serve their community whether it be funds towards apparatus or equipment	3/21/2024 8:18 AM
22	A small and efficient Town Government would mean lower taxes.	3/20/2024 6:55 PM
23	Hosting the Expo was a wonderful community event.	3/20/2024 12:00 PM
24	These are all issues that we support. We appreciate the nature and efforts of the local volunteer services and support whatever would strengthen them.	3/20/2024 11:41 AM
25	Expo reached many services	3/20/2024 11:04 AM
26	keep the State out of Forestport business	3/20/2024 10:02 AM
27	It is important to include the community in the planning for the future as well as professional opinions	3/20/2024 9:46 AM
28	it will be very important to share and use the results of this survey. certainly discussions at town board level, but perhaps a board task force to sort, prioritize and oversee action steps.....	3/20/2024 8:37 AM
29	Although it's important to work with county, state and federal agencies, especially for grants and access to services too expensive to duplicate locally, it's important to be remember that many of their funding programs have unacceptable conditions for an independent local government.	3/19/2024 9:14 PM
30	Coordination and sharing with other small towns great! Expands opportunities and and monetary resources.	3/19/2024 8:21 PM
31	Many of these initiatives result in more bureaucracy and higher taxes	3/19/2024 7:07 PM
32	Obvious?	3/19/2024 4:01 PM
33	I have been volunteer firefighter in my current town since 1987. It is increasingly difficult to get and retain members.	3/19/2024 3:49 PM
34	We can always collaborate with other agencies to increase the quality and quantity of services provided to the public.	3/19/2024 3:40 PM
35	We can't do this without collaborations. Nit enough volunteers just to start	3/19/2024 3:00 PM
36	We have about 12 people that regularly show up for calls. we need serious help with equipment acquisition and consolidation to fit the needs of the town. An ambulance service, or affiliated partnership with a service to have a unit in town would be huge.	3/19/2024 1:18 PM
37	As you gain seasonal residents and the economy makes it difficult for families to live here, you lose your volunteer base. The fire department doesn't have the staffing or money to maintain their equipment.	3/19/2024 1:04 PM

Q30 Please rate the following recommendations.

Answered: 300 Skipped: 137



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	STRONGLY DISLIKE	DISLIKE	NEUTRAL	LIKE	STRONGLY LIKE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Develop an economic development plan to meet local needs, capture travelers, maintain existing commerce and locate new business.	2.67% 8	4.67% 14	17.33% 52	44.00% 132	31.33% 94	300	3.97
Exploring short-term rentals	14.58% 43	18.31% 54	41.02% 121	21.69% 64	4.41% 13	295	2.83
Investigate public and private options to expand internet service	1.70% 5	0.68% 2	11.90% 35	31.63% 93	54.08% 159	294	4.36
Explore options to create an emergency response center that provides access to basic needs during power outages and other emergency situations.	1.69% 5	1.69% 5	15.25% 45	43.05% 127	38.31% 113	295	4.15
Explore partnership opportunities with organizations to increase access to food resources	1.01% 3	3.70% 11	20.54% 61	47.47% 141	27.27% 81	297	3.96

#	PLEASE ELABORATE ON YOUR ANSWER.	DATE
1	our food pantry needs more resources, we are a food desert. fire departments need new/younger volunteers. internet services are very unreliable and should be improved to attract new residents.	8/20/2024 2:24 PM
2	we already have a food bank that serves several communities that needs more support	8/20/2024 1:25 PM
3	important things	6/9/2024 10:03 AM
4	Emergency responses provided. Food services provided. short term rentals make unsafe neighborhoods and unstable communities.	5/3/2024 11:57 AM
5	I feel short term rentals are eating at the fabric of close knit, family-based connection to the wellbeing of community.	5/2/2024 4:51 PM

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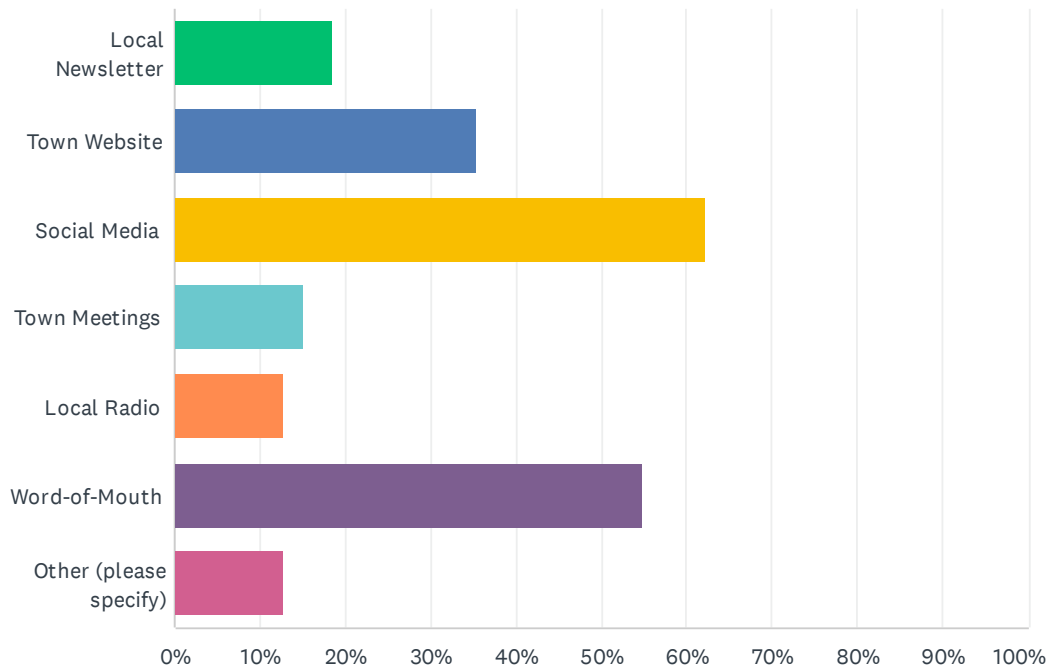
6	Tourist area road, to more business opportunities work with other areas and people within the town. Better internet services for all and better rates. Food resources are important, many low income residents have needs.	5/1/2024 4:31 PM
7	Internet is making kids & people stupid zombies.	5/1/2024 3:42 PM
8	Full time town residents MUST come first	4/19/2024 3:56 PM
9	Maybe explore the idea of having a food bank or food vouchers to supplement those getting county assistance. Maybe also pharmacy help vouchers for elderly in need	4/16/2024 5:57 PM
10	The fire houses are our emergency response center. We don't need to spend any more money exploring options for problems that don't exist.	4/6/2024 12:09 PM
11	Because Forestport is so large it may be appropriate to have more than one emergency response center. The current fire halls would be good places I would think.	4/4/2024 6:50 PM
12	Food resources? What are you talking about? I think most people are aware enough to prepare and handle power emergencies on their own. Internet services are poor, but there are ways around the problems. We don't need to pollute our rural character with low cost rentals and the character changes that come with such attractants.	3/29/2024 9:14 AM
13	LOCAL BUSINESSES! Do not outsource or bring in a place like dg to hurt local because it would ruin them	3/28/2024 10:08 AM
14	It hinges on the type of new businesses the town aims to attract. Given the abundance of lakes and rivers in the vicinity, coupled with some of the town's location within the Adirondack Park, I advocate for fostering business expansion that harmonizes with the natural surroundings rather than disrupting them.	3/27/2024 10:50 PM
15	I don't understand what this means "Explore partnership opportunities with organizations to increase access to food resources" does this mean more grocery stores? Or more farmers markets? Or more people on SNAP/food stamps?	3/25/2024 1:16 PM
16	I'm in favor of apple pie and motherhood also.	3/24/2024 5:00 PM
17	Efforts to create a sustainable and resilient economy, while providing options for low-income and senior residents are important to the success of Forestport.	3/24/2024 11:44 AM
18	internet service is very poor - we have no service available at our camp that actually works- your only option is costly satellite service	3/23/2024 8:52 AM
19	Explore sewer services in Otter Lake.	3/22/2024 5:37 AM
20	It is up to the individual to provide for his needs in emergency and power outages. There are already government assistance programs to feed people in need.	3/20/2024 6:55 PM
21	I'm one of the coordinators for the local food pantry and while we do partner with other communities we are very aware that all residents have to travel to obtain food at a fair price.	3/20/2024 3:30 PM
22	there are already much support to assist people who are not workingtooooo many people just don't want to work	3/20/2024 3:02 PM
23	Aldi's would be a wonderful	3/20/2024 12:00 PM
24	Excellent recommendations.	3/20/2024 11:41 AM
25	interesting that nutritional support makes this list. i assume that means there's a significant need and if that's the case, i sure do support this idea.	3/20/2024 8:37 AM
26	Solar farms are a blight on the community. It's not worth losing many acres of forest land to put up an eyesore, equally applicable to windmills	3/19/2024 9:14 PM
27	Leave business to cities	3/19/2024 8:21 PM
28	The people in Forestport are an independent group that are very self-sufficient, and needs very little in the way of public services	3/19/2024 7:07 PM
29	Nope	3/19/2024 4:01 PM
30	We need to expand our ability to provide EMS and Fire services to the public	3/19/2024 3:40 PM

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31	It would be great to have a Farmers Market Increased access to healthy foods	3/19/2024 3:00 PM
32	Explore more rental opportunities for locals instead of people vacationing.	3/19/2024 1:04 PM

Q31 How do you get news about the Town?

Answered: 296 Skipped: 141



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Local Newsletter	18.58%	55
Town Website	35.47%	105
Social Media	62.16%	184
Town Meetings	15.20%	45
Local Radio	12.84%	38
Word-of-Mouth	54.73%	162
Other (please specify)	12.84%	38
Total Respondents: 296		

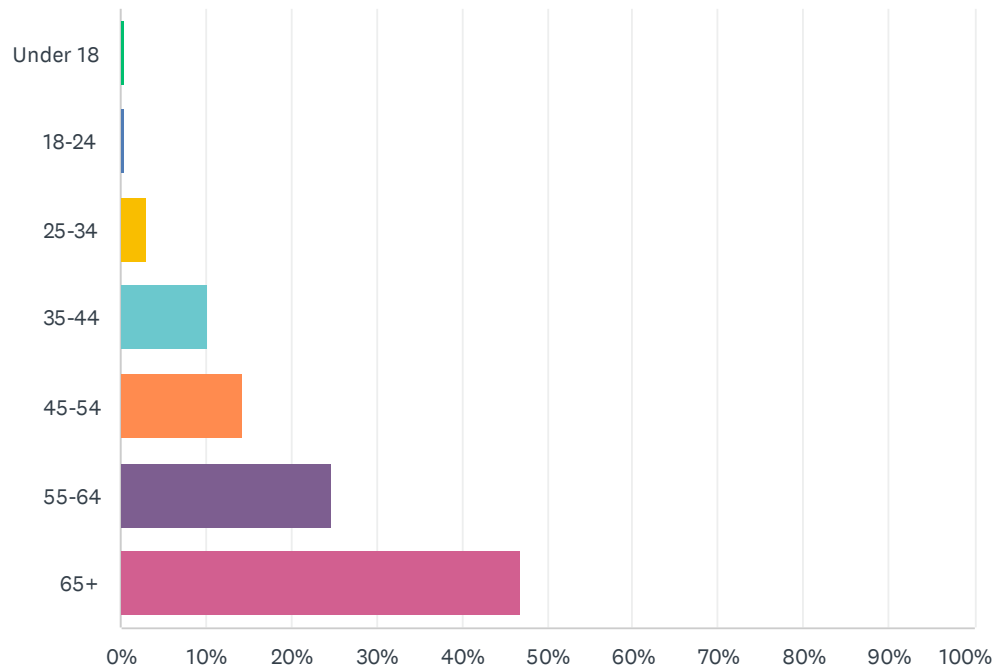
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	would like more news from the Town in local papers	8/20/2024 2:27 PM
2	snowbird newsletter, moose local radio	8/20/2024 12:01 PM
3	I search occasionally and we pick up the Adirondack Express most weekends we are at camp.	7/29/2024 3:08 PM
4	Boonville Herald	5/2/2024 4:52 PM
5	Officials not always receptive to complaints and not action. Look at options.	5/1/2024 4:32 PM
6	Memory, moved here about six months old.	5/1/2024 3:42 PM
7	local bar talk	4/15/2024 11:40 AM

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8	Boonville Herald	4/14/2024 11:42 AM
9	Very little information comes our way	4/11/2024 2:48 PM
10	And by "Social Media" I mean Jeannie's FB postings.	4/4/2024 6:13 PM
11	Boonville Herald	4/4/2024 12:14 PM
12	Boonville paper	4/4/2024 10:19 AM
13	newspapers	3/29/2024 9:18 AM
14	Dennis Martinez	3/28/2024 12:59 PM
15	Email	3/27/2024 12:05 PM
16	WKTV	3/24/2024 6:40 PM
17	White Lake Shores Association. If it wasn't for this group we would not have known about this survey. Please take this as a major disappointment.	3/24/2024 5:10 PM
18	Adirondack Express	3/24/2024 4:05 PM
19	As seasonal resident of a private association, information is shared via email by the committee.	3/24/2024 11:53 AM
20	I don't. There is no newsletter. We need better communication	3/24/2024 8:28 AM
21	News app	3/24/2024 7:50 AM
22	Adirondack Express	3/23/2024 5:51 PM
23	Email from local associations	3/23/2024 4:35 PM
24	membership in Adirondack White Lake Owners Association newsletters.	3/22/2024 12:14 PM
25	Neighbors and from store/shop owners/workers. Newspaper.	3/22/2024 1:17 AM
26	Boonville Herald	3/20/2024 1:27 PM
27	email	3/20/2024 1:14 PM
28	White Lake emails	3/20/2024 12:19 PM
29	Email from Forestport and Facebook Forestport group	3/20/2024 12:02 PM
30	The Expo and newspapers especially Boonville Herald and Beep's Forestport column	3/20/2024 11:07 AM
31	From class instructor	3/20/2024 11:06 AM
32	I don't	3/20/2024 9:13 AM
33	I rely heavily on the email Public Notices from our town offices (Tracy Terry). Thank you Tracy	3/20/2024 9:09 AM
34	what local newsletter?	3/20/2024 8:41 AM
35	Boonville Herald and Adirondack Express, also Radio	3/20/2024 12:59 AM
36	Television	3/19/2024 11:47 PM
37	Boonville Herald	3/19/2024 6:28 PM
38	Boonville Herald Forestport column	3/19/2024 3:03 PM

Q32 What is your age?

Answered: 292 Skipped: 145



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.34%	1
18-24	0.34%	1
25-34	3.08%	9
35-44	10.27%	30
45-54	14.38%	42
55-64	24.66%	72
65+	46.92%	137
TOTAL		292

Q33 Would you like updates about upcoming events and news regarding our Comprehensive Plan Update process? If yes, please provide your name and email address.

Answered: 134 Skipped: 303

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	134
Company	0.00%	0
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	99.25%	133
Phone Number	0.00%	0

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There are no responses.

Q34 Do you have any other comments that you feel the Town's Comprehensive Plan Committee should consider regarding future development or redevelopment in the area?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 347

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	expand low-cost recreational options and partner with state/county. expand tax-base. address vacant and deteriorating properties. we need clearer regulations for the site review law. subdivision law needs to be updated. improve public infrastructure. work with local businesses to encourage stability. work with local volunteer groups.	8/20/2024 2:27 PM
2	the aging population should be addressed, fewer families/young people move here, services for elderly folks that are living alone are needed	8/20/2024 1:26 PM
3	make sure to preserve small-town, quiet living	8/20/2024 1:19 PM
4	no	6/20/2024 12:59 PM
5	alot of people feel the way i do but im sure they dont take the time to do what im doing so multiply me by several hundred. i appreciate you guys giving us the option to speak out even if its on computer.	6/9/2024 10:10 AM
6	Open minded.	5/1/2024 4:32 PM
7	Happy Hour as law	5/1/2024 3:42 PM
8	Speed bumps on Dustin Rd, especially near Dustin Rd bridge.	5/1/2024 2:54 PM
9	Develop the area around the falls to increase tourism. Find a way to reduce tax.	5/1/2024 2:09 PM
10	Their is a disconnect with lake residents and town residents Most our seasonal with high taxes but feel rebuffed by town residents regarding spending money towards handling issues on lake	4/20/2024 12:26 PM
11	Having access to reliable Internet would be a major driver for the other goals of the town's plan	4/20/2024 10:00 AM
12	Housing options for seniors and families. Town park with nature trails and family activity options in a centralize area.	4/19/2024 4:01 PM
13	No	4/18/2024 8:10 PM
14	Forestports a great place to be but if there is funding for improvements we could certainly use youth focused ideas along with more living options there's no where to go if you want to be here and aren't already. Some how having more rental options would be amazing to have	4/18/2024 6:57 PM
15	I don't like the idea of building housing such as apartments, and townhomes. It takes away from the ambiance of the Adirondacks.	4/18/2024 3:28 PM
16	I appreciate the steps taken to keep White Lake free of pollution and contamination.	4/16/2024 6:00 PM
17	The Town should consider starting a sanitation / trash pick up. This would create jobs. (not just jobs for our buddies). take note of the current OSHA review that is being conducted and how it is going to affect employers and local Fire departments financially. Consider discussing with the fire chiefs new residential construction before permits are authorized.	4/15/2024 11:40 AM
18	No quarry	4/12/2024 10:43 AM
19	Not at this time.	4/8/2024 5:56 AM
20	I don't believe people should be able to participate in this survey unless they live here full time. What we want and what they want are two totally different things. Stop letting outsiders come to the area and change things for their convenience. Our supervisor is a sellout to the highest bidder. No cluster development!!!!	4/6/2024 12:14 PM

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21	I would like to know how the Planning Committee members were selected, how LaBella was selected, and whether this survey was pre-tested among potential respondents. It's poorly written.	4/4/2024 6:13 PM
22	I believe the town should look into green energy and clean sources of electricity.	4/4/2024 12:14 PM
23	Protect rural area and do not overdevelop.	4/4/2024 10:19 AM
24	keep our quiet wildrness gateway rural character intact.	3/29/2024 9:18 AM
25	Develop consistent signage unique for the town "branding" to guide tourists like QR signage mapping	3/28/2024 3:53 PM
26	Fire department needs better funding	3/28/2024 12:59 PM
27	Use businesses in the community regardless of what you do as far as construction etc. keep the money in the community! That is the whole point in building a community	3/28/2024 10:11 AM
28	Consider the towns beauty and surroundings and environment, and fit your redevelopment around these.	3/27/2024 11:02 PM
29	I think the town should focus on its "gateway to the Adirondacks" positioning. Businesses along route 28 could be developed such as restaurants and local retail. Especially south of White Lake. No Dollar General! Affordable housing is also important for the future. Working people, first responders, teachers need a place to live with families.	3/27/2024 12:05 PM
30	Opportunities to reduce property taxes for town residents is always appreciated. Thank you for requesting input from the town residents. Much appreciated!	3/25/2024 5:31 PM
31	Overall some of these questions needed more refinement. Either the question was unclear or needed more options in the answers. I am happy to be a reviewer of draft interview questions for future surveys. This is something I have done professionally, and can help get more accurate and clearer answers from the community.	3/25/2024 1:18 PM
32	More bike paths would be great	3/25/2024 10:28 AM
33	We really like Forestport. It has many charms and many interesting historical aspects. We enjoy walking the canal paths. The canal and the reservoir and waterfalls are a terrific asset that could be better exploited.	3/24/2024 5:10 PM
34	Future development should focus more on local/organic growth, less on commercial. With more people moving out of NYS, goals ought to focus on ways to retain current property owners, and within their families.	3/24/2024 11:53 AM
35	Would like a copy of the comprehensive plan emailed to me.	3/24/2024 8:28 AM
36	Listening to new ideas from seasonal and permanent people	3/23/2024 8:09 PM
37	My wife, I and our offspring have only owned our place for 2 years and slowly learning about various on goings. Many of our old friends have property in the Buckhorn Assoc. and it make our visits to our "Summer Home" so much more enjoyable. I'm sure over time, I'll hear pros and cons about the town, but as of now everything seems to be pretty much peachy keen.	3/23/2024 8:05 PM
38	TJ Entwistle is the man!	3/23/2024 5:34 PM
39	Use common sense as much as possible!	3/23/2024 9:07 AM
40	Keep it small town feel with a little more retail. And doing something about the weed control on our smaller bodies of water. We love the community and have for over 30 years. Thanks for all the hard work!	3/23/2024 6:49 AM
41	Please consider invasive aquatic species for our local lakes, rivers and streams.	3/22/2024 10:59 AM
42	A sewer system and treatment is a need for Otter Lake, too many people there for the size of the lake, causing pollution to the lake. It will only get worse as more places become year round.	3/22/2024 5:40 AM
43	Not specifically a town responsibility but better control/policing of motor craft activity on lakes/water is sorely needed.	3/22/2024 1:17 AM
44	Please eliminate short term rentals! It hurts our quality of life!	3/21/2024 10:03 PM

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45	I would love to see nothing more than Forestport thrive in the next 10years. I hope some real thought and energy is put into the ideas noted in this survey.	3/21/2024 9:25 PM
46	White Lake Quarry will destroy the White Lake community, therefore having a devastating effects to property owners both in White lake as well the rest of the township as this will devastating effects on the tax base.	3/21/2024 7:40 PM
47	Preserve our natural environment, the towns true value!	3/21/2024 10:35 AM
48	Keep it simple and rural. Don't create an "Old Forge south"	3/21/2024 10:25 AM
49	Please maintain the integrity and character of environment around lakes as that is the reason your seasonal residents live in the area.	3/21/2024 9:21 AM
50	Would like to see more people come to board meetings and become involved in what local government does in town.	3/21/2024 9:13 AM
51	Again, if the lawsuit against the APA fails, please do NOT approve the quarry.	3/20/2024 9:49 PM
52	No.	3/20/2024 7:31 PM
53	Not a lot of questions regarding snowmobiling and it's importance to the community. Only one question was asked and it was tied in with ATV's which does not give the chance for the separation between something that is currently allowed in the town of Forestport and something that is not.	3/20/2024 5:29 PM
54	Thank you very much!	3/20/2024 3:38 PM
55	This is a lovely area with generous and kind residents.	3/20/2024 3:31 PM
56	keep the area natural that's why people come here and live here BUSINESS THAT WILL distribute/ DESTROY forest and nature should not be allowed Protect the ADK park	3/20/2024 3:04 PM
57	Thanks for your effort!	3/20/2024 1:55 PM
58	No	3/20/2024 1:29 PM
59	Keep up the wonderful work.	3/20/2024 1:27 PM
60	Keep up asking the residents. This was a good survey.	3/20/2024 1:22 PM
61	fully utilize and improve the resources currently available to residents. Avoid becoming like Old Forge. Find an example of a town that currently exists as a model for our future development. That way people can see and understand the vision.	3/20/2024 12:52 PM
62	End the quarry	3/20/2024 12:19 PM
63	Don't approve the quarry development at the expense of the environment which is the towns greatest asset.	3/20/2024 12:13 PM
64	Community block grants could help with some of the concerns for ethics in the hamlets.	3/20/2024 12:00 PM
65	I appreciate your interest in making Forestport a great place to live and visit.	3/20/2024 11:42 AM
66	The Expo and county services and all the programs at the town offices are great and very informative Personally I take courses and attend programs and enjoy all of them!!!	3/20/2024 11:07 AM
67	Plan for the younger generation and don't stay stuck in old ways or resistance to new ideas while planning	3/20/2024 10:36 AM
68	Dog park	3/20/2024 9:58 AM
69	Climate change is a huge problem that needs urgent attention. Floods due to heavy rains, the decreasing snowfall	3/20/2024 9:49 AM
70	Improve what you have.	3/20/2024 9:06 AM
71	hope we can get ahead of the curve on Air BnBs.....will significantly undermine our housing situation and alter the character of Forestport...Let's learn from others and avoid a crisis. Improve housing stock and encourage home ownership or at least well kept long term rentals to families.....	3/20/2024 8:41 AM
72	Many would like to see more affordable options for buying groceries such as an Aldi. Having	3/20/2024 12:59 AM

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one of these erected in the area would bring economic growth and competitive pricing. Must have something fun for all ages or folks just won't stop in and check things out while visiting.

73	I understand that a town plan was created and submitted a few years back but was never acted on. Why will this exercise be any different?	3/19/2024 9:24 PM
74	Keep rural areas rural, Develop tourist friendly areas along the main highways, 12 & 28.	3/19/2024 9:16 PM
75	Forestport is on the right track. So much cooperation in town. Not like Boonville with all its tension and arguing among factions. Everyone there complains but does nothing.	3/19/2024 8:24 PM
76	Young families will continue to move away if the conditions here continue. If things change, it will attract these families to stay and more to here to this beautiful area.	3/19/2024 7:55 PM
77	Keep development to a minimum. The main attraction and draw is the natural beauty of the town.	3/19/2024 7:08 PM
78	Thank you for taking the time to ask the community about their thoughts and feelings of this plan.	3/19/2024 5:01 PM
79	Fine people whose yards look like a scrap yard. It's embarrassing. Put those funds towards the community... open trails to ATV use like tug hill, that will bring in plenty of tourism funds.	3/19/2024 4:12 PM
80	No	3/19/2024 4:02 PM
81	A quick boost in tax revenue is not worth ruining the area. Growing up my whole area was farms now there's only 3 farms left with town homes nursing homes and traffic.	3/19/2024 3:59 PM
82	The town does an excellent job of seeking out grant opportunities to improve the quality of living here	3/19/2024 3:41 PM
83	Transportation might be helpful to bring seniors to already established Farmers Markets.	3/19/2024 3:03 PM
84	Since people are obviously not going to stop littering our roads. Why not create spring clean up crews assign them sections of highway. I already do this every spring near my house by Ebert's Bridge.	3/19/2024 2:59 PM
85	Adding a few small local businesses in town (Forestport) and beautifying the Main Street would be fabulous. If you have a specific committee for this I would be interested in assisting.	3/19/2024 2:59 PM
86	Create a zoning ordinance and work on improving recreational access, especially snowmobile/atv access (we're missing a huge opportunity with atv access).	3/19/2024 2:38 PM
87	WHO IS ON THIS COMMITTEE?	3/19/2024 2:35 PM
88	I like the food resources idea although I would not like to see fake food providers in our area Natural healthy choices are what everyone needs more of.	3/19/2024 2:34 PM
89	Always like to see improvement but maintaining the small town and rural feel of the town and hamlets within the town	3/19/2024 2:09 PM
90	infrastructure first, utilities, data, emergency services need help. if forestport grows too much, none of those will be able to manage it. we have out of service equipment that desperately needs to be replaced. we need new gear and equipment. by NFPA standards all our turnout gear is out dated, and can't be used for interior operations. this also may be an issue for getting trained. so we won't have fire fighters that are trained and certified because the gear is too old to use. Boonville amb doesn't respond to half their calls, so STaR has to go. when that happens we don't have an ambulance within 30 minutes, that's horrific.	3/19/2024 1:24 PM

APPENDIX C

FOCUS GROUPS

SUMMARY

TOWN OF FORESTPORT

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

On November 19, 2024, in-person focus group discussions were held at the Forestport Town Hall. Each group consisted of 7 to 25 participants, providing a platform for residents and members of specific communities to voice their concerns and ideas about the town's future development, infrastructure, and community priorities.

KEY THEMES

Forestport's central challenge is achieving community growth and sustainability without compromising its distinctive rural character. The Town struggles with an aging population, difficulty attracting young families, and retaining residents. Childcare availability, affordable housing, and job opportunities are critical issues that hinder young families from settling in the area.

Affordable and senior housing needs to be improved, and property maintenance is a recurring concern. There is also tension between preserving individual freedoms (e.g., property upkeep) and maintaining community aesthetics.

The community is focused on finding a balance between attracting visitors and preserving its "not Old Forge" identity. Suggestions include expanding tourism infrastructure such as kayak and bike trails, lodging, and recreational facilities. Programs like summer recreation and after-school activities for children are valued but require greater support and expansion.

There is a growing concern that short-term rentals (STRs) limit housing availability and disrupt the local character. Community members have expressed concerns that the growth of STRs could fundamentally alter the fabric of the town. Additionally, the influx of short-term visitors can introduce issues such as noise, traffic, and a sense of disconnect between neighbors. This is particularly troubling for residents who value Forestport's quiet, close-knit, and rural nature.

There is also a worry that STR growth could push Forestport toward becoming a heavily commercialized tourist destination, similar to Old Forge, which some residents view as overly developed and lacking the small-town charm they cherish.

The community highly values its natural beauty, peace, and rural charm. Residents are cautious about overdevelopment and over-policing, seeking to preserve Forestport's unique identity while fostering thoughtful, incremental growth. There is a strong emphasis on leveraging existing resources, such as recreational assets, to maintain and enhance the town's appeal.

FORESTPORT FIRE DEPARTMENTS GROUP (WOODGATE, OTTER LAKE, AND FORESTPORT)

- Desire to advocate and clarify ATV regulations to allow and manage their use – Boonville is working on this currently
- Improve kayak and mountain bike access trails, as these are economic development drivers that do not sacrifice the rural character of the town
- **Regulatory Focus:**
 - o Regulation of short-term rentals (to avoid becoming similar to Old Forge).
 - o Emphasize regulations over intrusive management.
- **Challenges:**
 - o Concerns about childcare availability.
 - o Aging population in hamlets (e.g., Woodgate).
 - o Few younger people to draw from for local initiatives.
 - o Last-mile internet connectivity is still a challenge
- **Fire Department Concerns:**
 - o Aging fire department members.
 - o Recruitment and retention issues as members become seasonal or retire.
 - o Potential need for a paid fire department if trends continue.
- **Long-Term Thoughts:**
 - o Outsiders purchasing land and homes.
 - o Town may need to consider consolidation of emergency services as part of a 20-year plan.

Community Strengths and Weaknesses

- **Weaknesses:**
 - o Lack of engagement between boards and departments.
 - o 911 addressing challenges.
 - o Distance from healthcare (e.g., Mohawk Valley Healthcare).

- o Need for senior housing in existing buildings.
- **Strengths:**
 - o Community spirit.
 - o Natural beauty.
 - o Peace, quiet, and opportunities for outdoor activities.

FORESTPORT GENERAL PUBLIC FOCUS GROUP

- **Safety:**
 - o Speed limits are too high.
 - o Need coordination with NYS DOT to reduce speed limits.
 - o Additional need for Oneida County troopers for traffic management.
- **Infrastructure:**
 - o Lack of high-speed internet limits remote job opportunities and cell phone connectivity.
 - o Power outages are frequent, especially near Kayuta Lake.
- **Property and Housing:**
 - o Maintenance issues with infilled properties owned by outsiders.
 - o Inadequate septic systems.
 - o Lack of affordable senior housing.

Property and Community Maintenance

- Push-pull dynamic between "junky yards" and freedom of choice.
- Proposal for a transfer station to manage trash:
 - o Potential partnership with Boonville.

Communication Concerns

- Heavy reliance on Facebook for communication.
- Positive community activities are underpublicized.

Environmental and Noise Concerns

- Noise issues near Kayuta Lake.
- ATV noise disturbances.
- General property maintenance concerns.

Community Programs and Facilities

- Need for better summer recreation and after-school programs:

- o Becoming a destination for family care and youth activities.
- Launch area at River Road requires improvements.
- Windfall area requires public restrooms.
- Interest in expanding recreation options at Air Lake, such as pickleball.

Key Issues for Growth and Sustainability

Demographic Challenges

- Need to attract more families and young children to the area.
- High property taxes identified as a major barrier.

Community Character

- Efforts to maintain "not Old Forge" atmosphere.
- Promote the community as a quieter, more natural alternative.
- Avoid over-policing to preserve the community's quaint character.

Tourism and Lodging

- Outdoor tourism opportunities require further development.
- Need for increased lodging options to attract visitors.

Housing

- Interest in exploring Section 8 housing options.
- Consideration of senior housing developments.

FORESTPORT FOCUS GROUP (YOUNG PEOPLE)

Reasons for Living in Forestport

- Rural character is a major draw.
- Preference for areas with high-speed internet.

Challenges for Young Families

- Childcare is a significant challenge, often seen as a dealbreaker.
- Limited affordable housing options.

Recreation

- Summer recreation programs are valued but need expansion.
- Ice skating rink proposed as a new activity for children.

Facilities

- Suggestion for a pavilion and improved recreational infrastructure.
- Consider installing a freeze-floor ice rink for the town.

Recreational Opportunities

- Increase options for young people.
- Avoid over-commercialization; keep Forestport the same.

Short-Term Rentals (STRs)

- Concerns that STRs limit housing availability.
- Recommendation to regulate STRs to encourage young families.

Neighborhood Development

- Proposals for cluster zoning to accommodate Airbnb growth.
- Challenges with Bear Creek Lodge's Homeowners Association (HOA).

Education

- School district challenges between Adirondack Park (APK) and Old Forge areas.

Asset Utilization

Emphasize leveraging existing town resources to meet community need.