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Town and Village of Bergen Comprehensive Plan

# **Community Survey Report**

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# **Summary of 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update Community Survey Responses**

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### **Summary of Community Survey Results**

This report summarizes the results of the Community Survey which was distributed during the months of February and March, 2015. A brief summary of the key findings follows:

- Many residents choose to live in the Village or Town of Bergen because of its rural atmosphere. As such, the protection of agriculture and natural/open space is very important.
- The responses to various questions suggest compact development is important.
- The new development of various land uses is positively supported to varying degrees; however, there are clear preferences for the appropriate locations for these new developments. New residential, office, industrial, and parks and recreation development should be located just outside of the Village. New retail development should be located in the Village. Agricultural and natural/open space should be located in areas of the Town away from the Village.
- Concerning residential development, there is the greatest need for rehabilitation of existing homes. Most residential types including in-law apartments, condominiums/town homes, family rental apartments, and mobile homes were considered not needed.
- Concerning commercial/industrial development, light manufacturing/warehousing and downtown retail/restaurants are the most encouraged by respondents. Very few respondents encourage the development of heavy manufacturing or lodging.
- While fire protection was rated as being the best community service, responses suggest health care services need improvements.
- While the development of trails are highly encouraged, the development of on-street bicycle lanes and the development of sidewalks at the 490 interchange and at new industrial developments are discouraged.
- The intersections of Lake Avenue with Rochester Street / Buffalo Street, Clinton Street, and Townline Road / Parkview Drive were listed by the most people as being unsafe. Improvements should be made to these intersections if feasible.
- There is strong support for sharing many public services between the Village and Town.

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### **Community Survey Methodology**

The first phase of the citizen participation for the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update involved a community survey. The 25-question survey asked citizens to score various community characteristics, land use and development issues, transportation and circulation issues, recreation and parks issues, and residential needs on a 1 to 5 scale. Additionally, there were basic questions about the respondents' demographics, economic development issues, and shared services issues. The final question provided a write-in space for respondents to include any other comments that should be considered regarding future development or redevelopment in the area.

During the first week of February, surveys were mailed to all residents in the Village and to all landowners in the Town. The Village mailing list was prepared from electric accounts and the Town mailing list was prepared from Real Property tax records. A stamped return envelope was included with each survey.

Nearly all participants filled in hard copies of the survey which were then manually entered online using the Survey Monkey service. A few respondents completed the survey online. The Survey Monkey version was available during the months of February and March.

### **Community Survey Response**

A total of 419 people participated in the survey. Excluding write-in questions and conditional demographic questions, there was an average of 391 responses to each question. Of those who responded to the survey, 339 (82%) were residents of the Village or Town, 11 (3%) owned or operated a business in the Village or Town but were non-residents, 39 (9%) were both residents and business owners in the Village or Town, and 24 (6%) were non-resident property owners.

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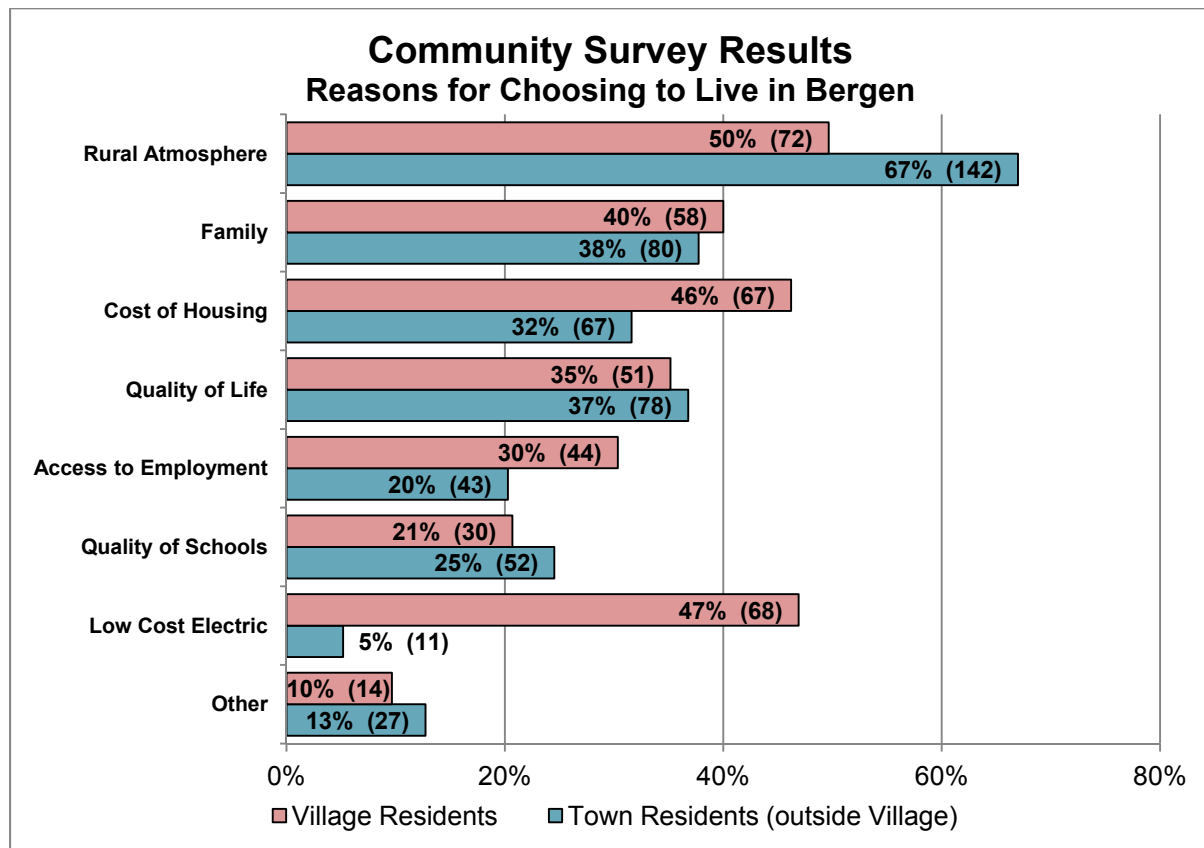
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#### Demographics of Community Survey Respondents

Residents. Of those who responded being a resident, 146 (39%) live in the Village of Bergen while 227 (61%) live in the Town of Bergen. Almost two-thirds of the resident respondents reported living in the Village or Town of Bergen for more than 20 years. 13% have lived in the Village or Town for 11-20 years, 17% have lived in the Village or Town for 1-10 years, and 3% have lived in the Village or Town for less than a year. For this particular question there was very little difference between Village resident versus Town resident response.

The graph below reports the reasons Village residents choose to live in the Village of Bergen and the reasons Town residents choose to live in the Town of Bergen. Respondents were directed to check all that apply. The rural atmosphere was the most chosen answer, especially for Town residents (outside of the Village). Of those who chose “other,” many of the write-in responses involved being close to main highways and Rochester or that the respondent has been a lifelong resident. Other write-in responses included:

- Property taxes are generally low
- Quality of land for hunting and agriculture
- Friendly residents, small town atmosphere
- Hidden Meadows senior park
- Close to Work
- Safe environment
- Affordable
- Church



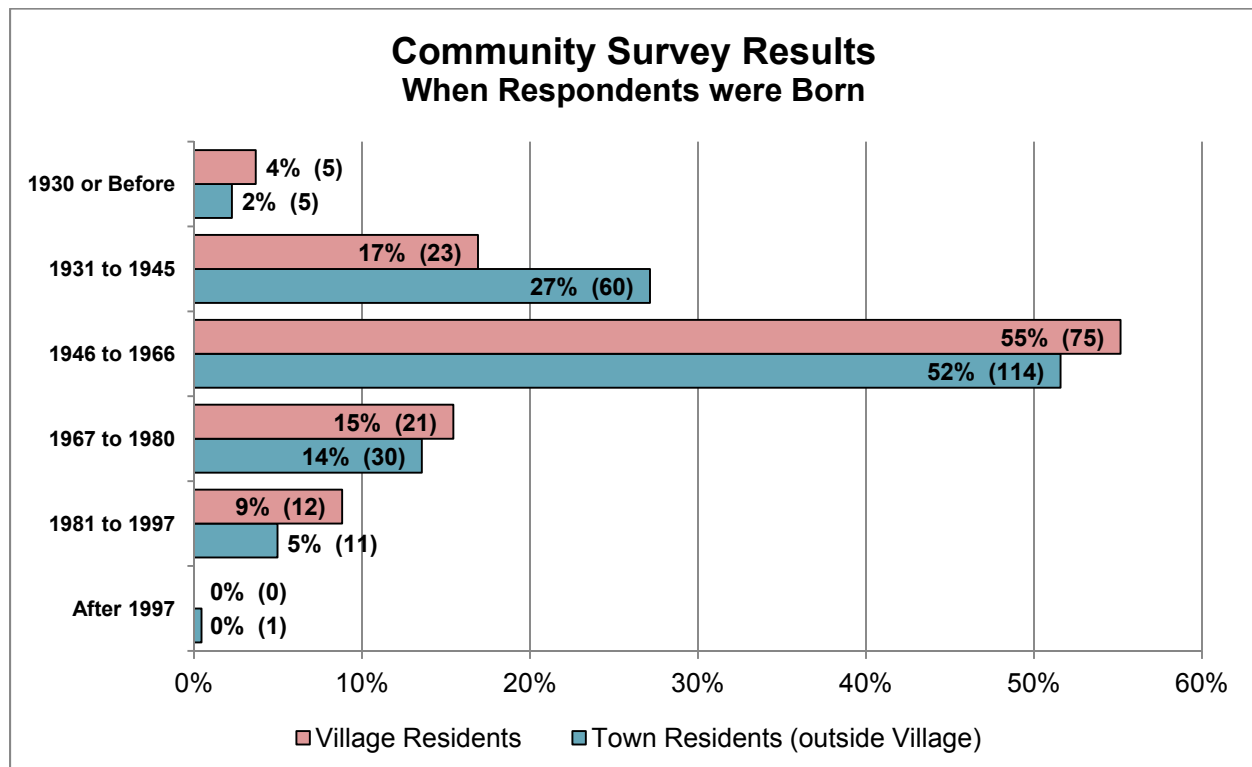
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**Employees.** Among all respondents who reported being employed, approximately 15% work within the Village or Town of Bergen, 21% work someplace else within Genesee County, and 64% work outside of Genesee County. Among respondents who reported living in the Village and being employed, approximately 11% work within the Village or Town of Bergen, 22% work someplace else within Genesee County, and 67% work outside of Genesee County. Among respondents who reported living in the Town (outside of the Village) and being employed, approximately 16% work within the Village or Town of Bergen, 20% work someplace else within Genesee County, and 64% work outside of Genesee County.

**Business Owners.** Among respondents who reported owning a business in the Bergen area, approximately 73% employ 5 or fewer employees. 20% report employing 6 to 20 employees, 4% report employing 21 to 50 employees, and 4% report employing 101-250 employees. Among these same respondents, 70% reported their business has been operating for more than 20 years. 19% report their business has been operating for 11 to 20 years and 11% report their business has been operating for 1 to 10 years.

**Basic Demographics.** 58% of the respondents were male while 42% were female. Among respondents who reported living in the Village, 52% were male and 48% were female. Among respondents who reported living in the Town (outside the Village), 59% were male and 41% were female. The graph below reports when the respondents were born based on their residence (Village versus Town outside of the Village). Most respondents were born between 1946 and 1966; therefore, they were between the ages of 49 and 69 when filling out the survey.



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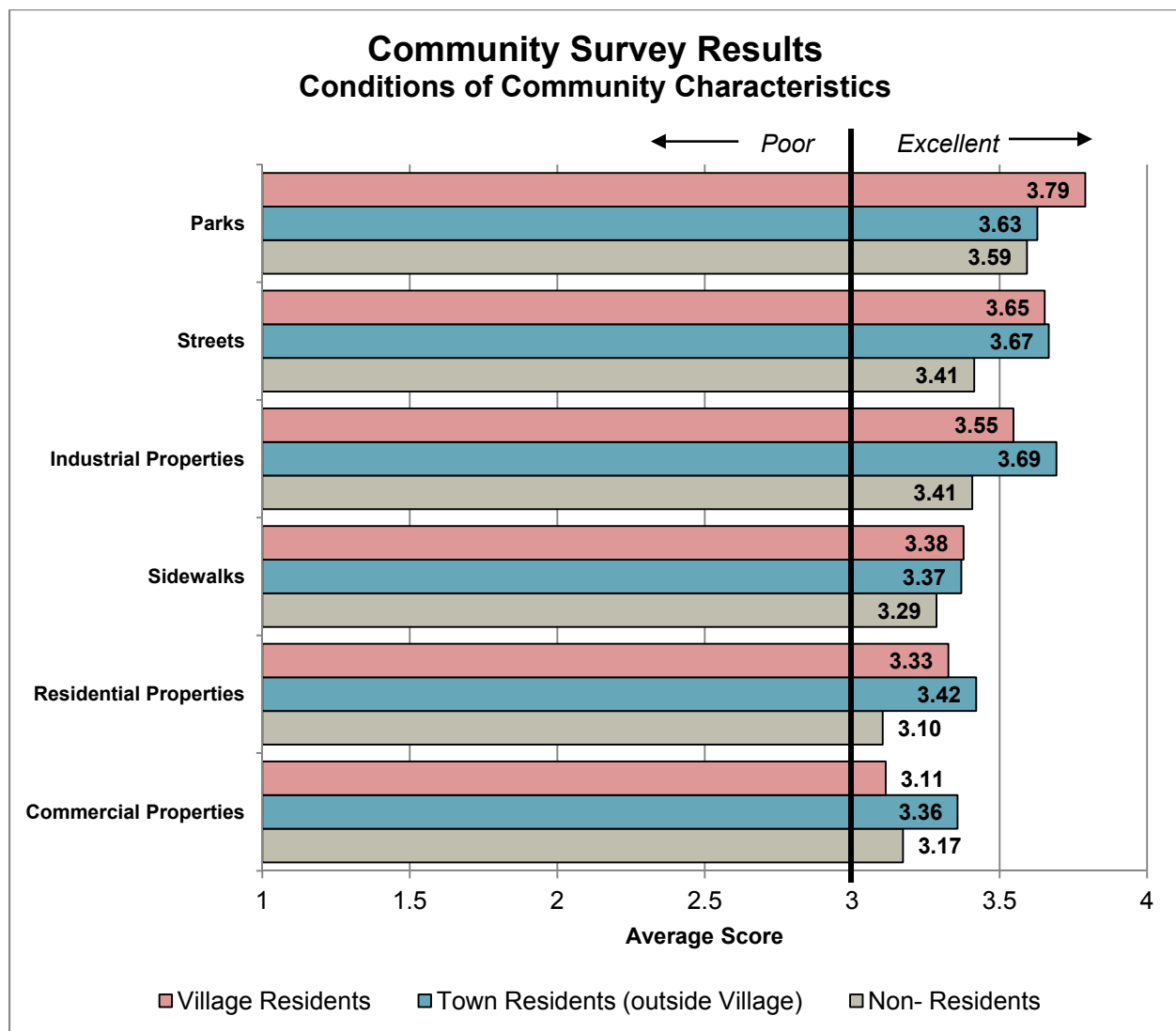
Note. For the remainder of this document, most of the diagrams will be split to show the responses for three groups. The first group includes respondents who reported being residents (or residents and business owners) of the Village (146 respondents). The second group includes respondents who reported being residents (or residents and business owners) of the portion of the Town outside of the Village (227 respondents). The third group includes respondents who reported only being business owners (non-residents) or non-resident property owners (35 respondents). Please note the third group is much smaller than the first two.

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#### Community Survey Results: Community Characteristics

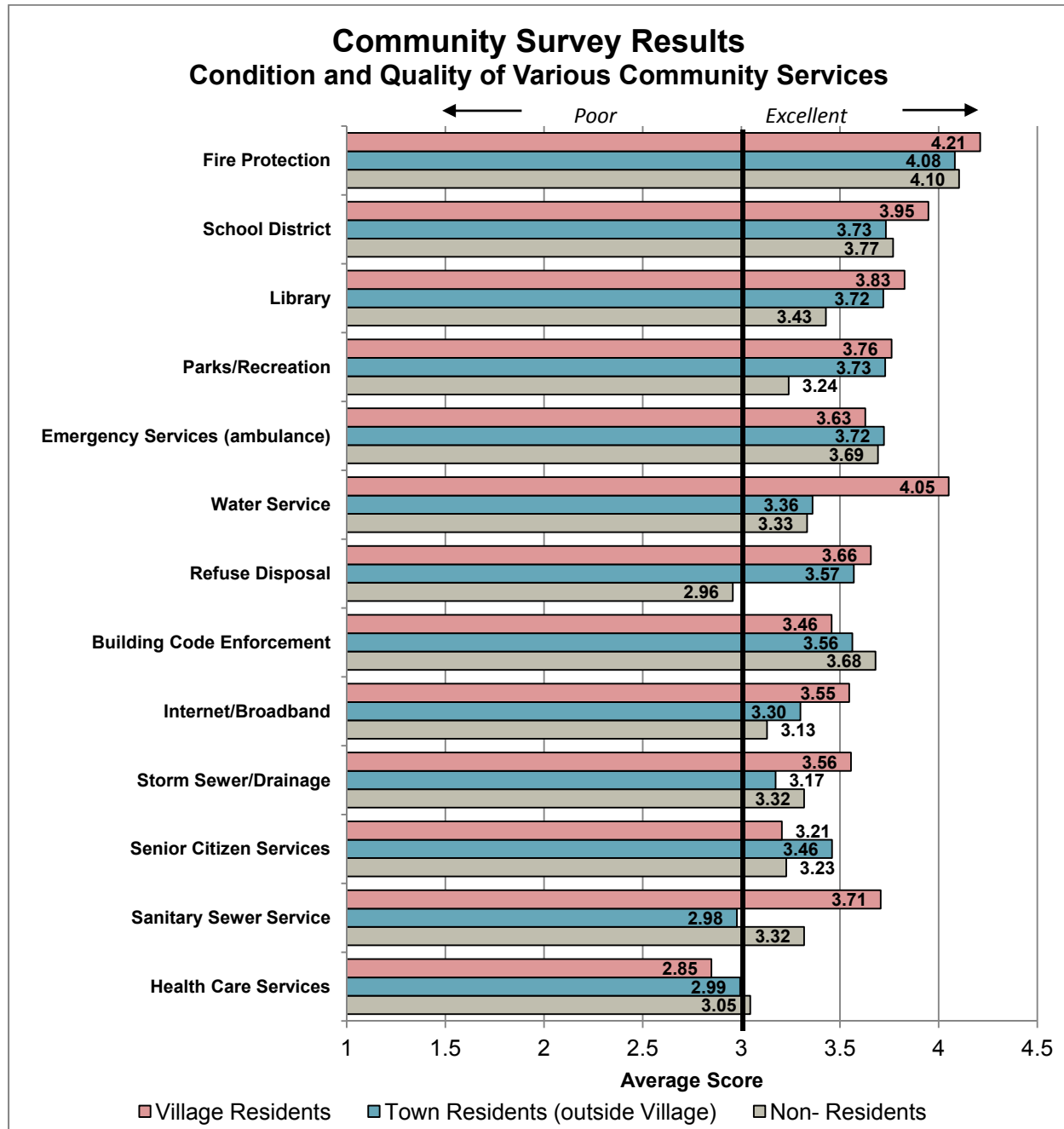
Condition of Community Characteristics. Respondents were asked to rate the condition of various community characteristics on a scale of 1 (Poor) to 5 (Excellent). The diagram below shows the average scores for each of the various community characteristics: the higher the score, the better the condition. Village residents rated parks as being in the best condition while commercial properties were rated as being in the worst condition. Town residents (outside the Village) rated industrial properties as being in the best condition while commercial properties were rated as being in the worst condition. Non-residents rated parks as being in the best condition while residential properties were rated as being in the worst condition. It should be noted; however, that the average scores for all community characteristics were above 3 which place them on the “good” side of the scale.



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Community Services. Respondents were asked to rate various community services on a scale of 1 (Poor) to 5 (Excellent). The diagram below shows the average scores for each of the various community services: the higher the score, the better the condition. Fire protection was rated as being the best community service among all three respondent groups. Village residents rated health care services, Town residents (outside the Village) rated the sanitary sewer service, and non-residents rated the refuse disposal as being the worst community service. In fact, health care services (Village and Town), sanitary sewer service (Town) and refuse disposal (non-resident) were the only community services with an average score below 3 which places them on the “poor” side of the scale.

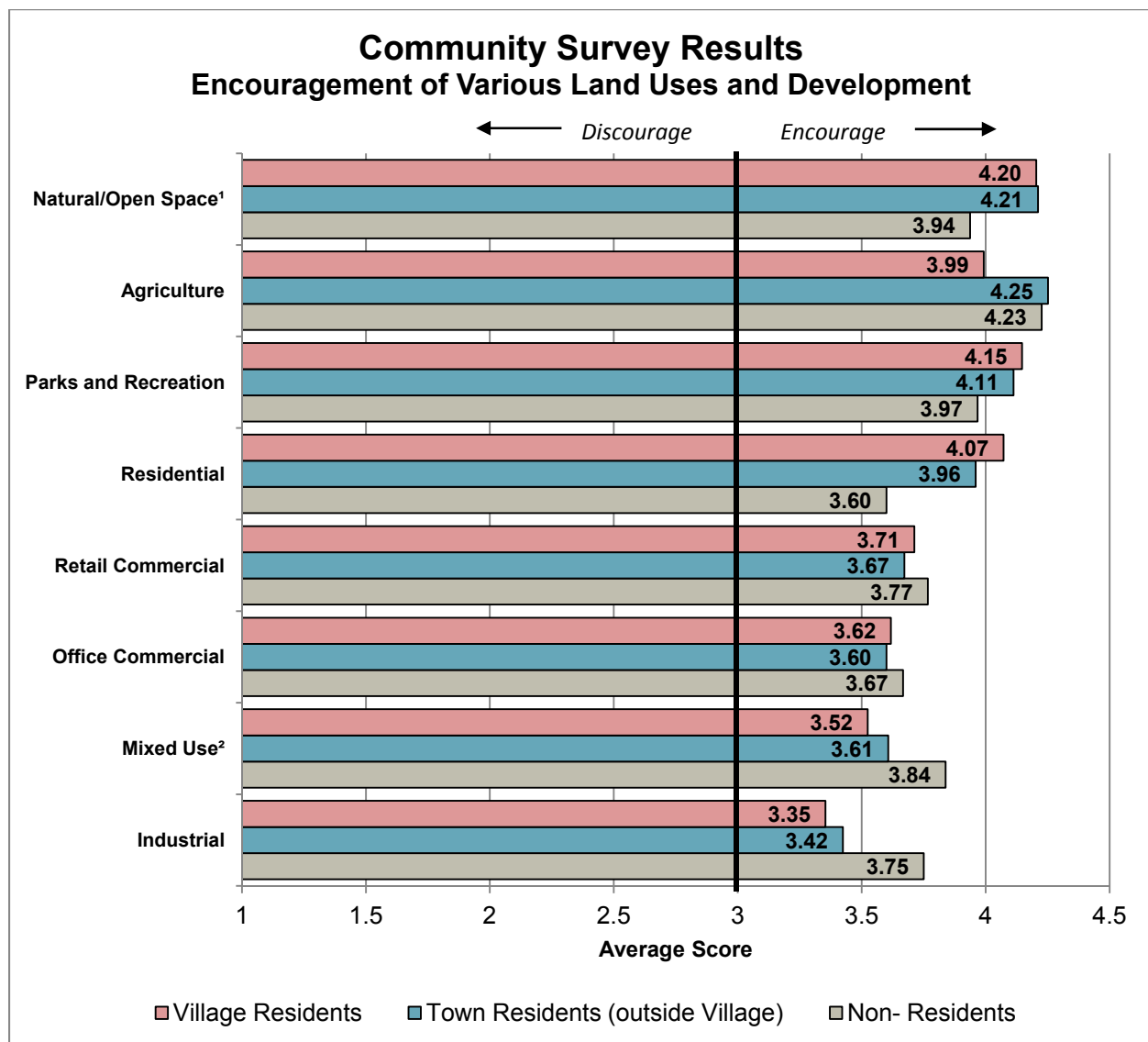


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#### Community Survey Results: Land Use and Development

Encouragement of Land Use and Development. Respondents were asked to rate what types of land uses should be encouraged or discouraged in Bergen on a scale of 1 (Discourage) to 5 (Encourage). The diagram below shows the average scores for each of the various land uses: the higher the score, the more that particular type of land use should be encouraged. Village residents rated natural/open space and Town residents (outside the Village) and non-residents rated agriculture as the top land uses to be encouraged. Village residents and Town residents (outside the Village) rated industrial uses and non-residents rated residential uses as the lowest land use to be encouraged. It should be noted; however, that the average scores for all land uses were above 3 which place them on the “encourage” side of the scale.



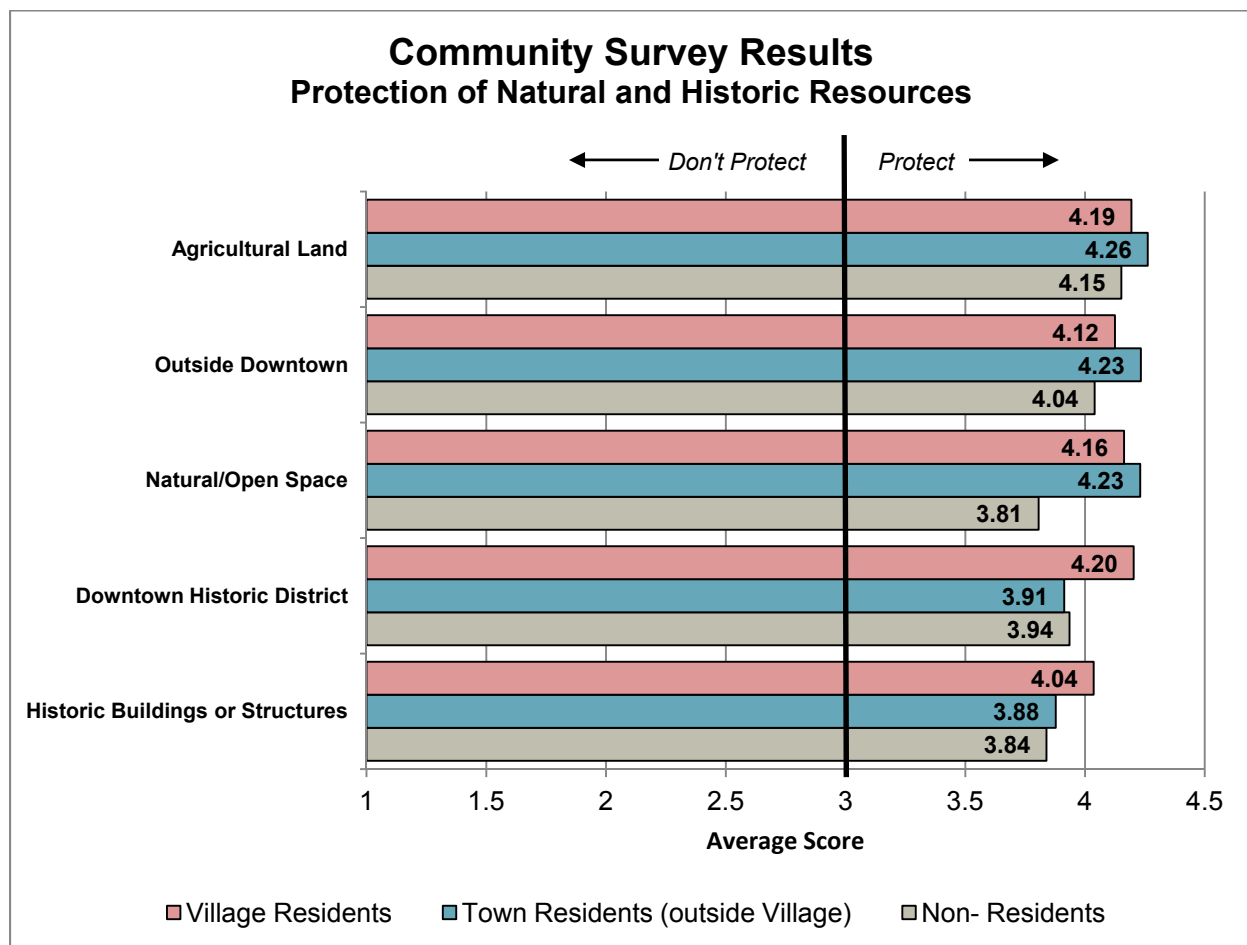
**Notes:** <sup>1</sup> Natural/Open Space generally refers to woodlands, fields, wetlands, wildlife habitats, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Mixed use development generally refers to buildings or developments with commercial and residential uses.

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Protection of Natural and Historic Resources. Respondents were asked to rate what types of natural and historic resources should be protected or not protected in Bergen on a scale of 1 (Don't Protect) to 5 (Protect). The diagram below shows the average scores for each of the various natural and historic resources: the higher the score, the more that particular type of natural and historic resource should be protected. Village residents rated the Downtown Historic District and Town residents (outside the Village) and non-residents rated agricultural land as the highest natural and historic resources to be protected. Village residents and Town residents (outside the Village) rated historic buildings or structures and non-residents rated natural/open space as the lowest natural and historic resources to be protected. It should be noted; however, that the average scores for all natural and historic resources were above 3 which place them on the "protect" side of the scale.

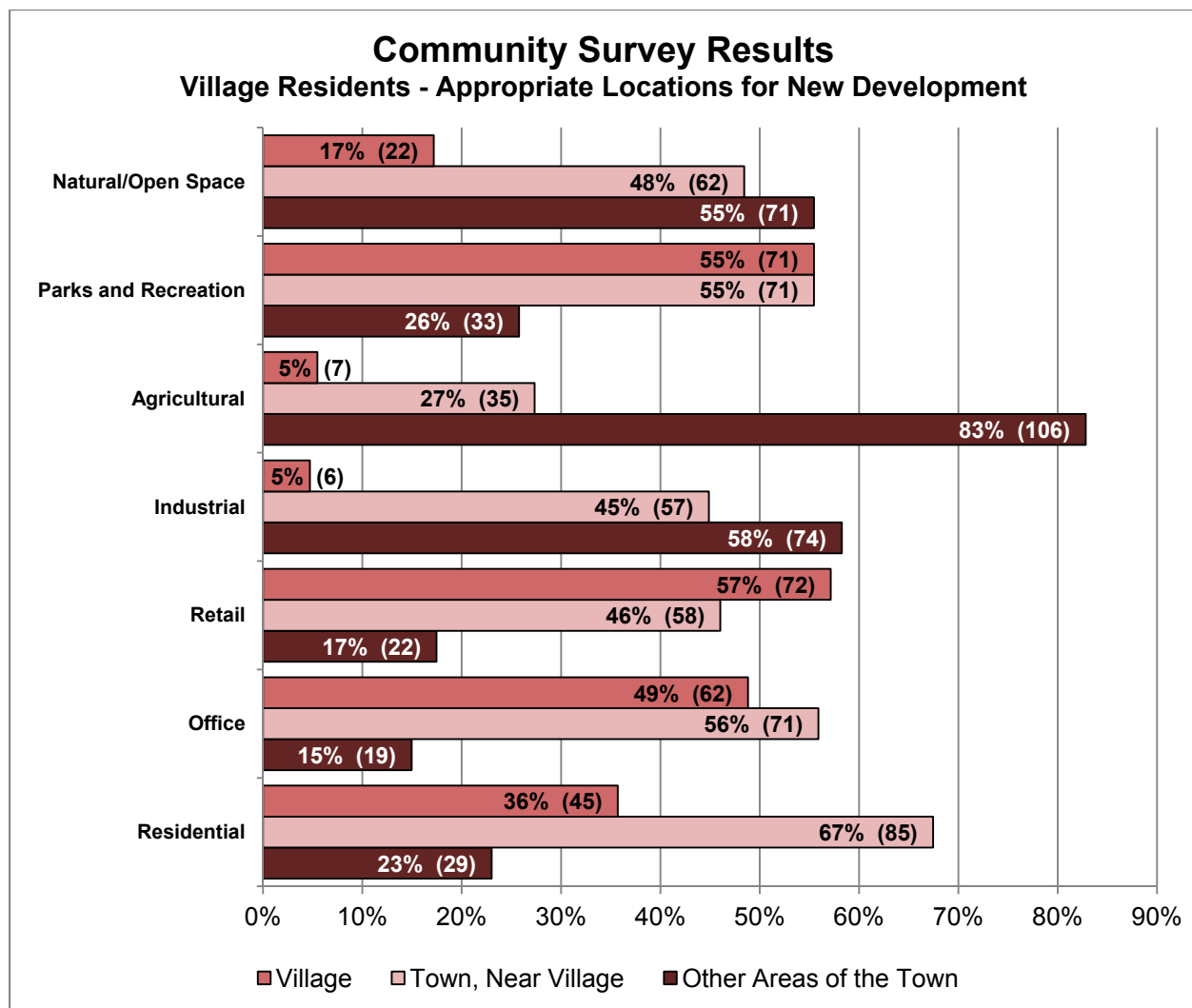


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Appropriate Locations for New Development. Respondents were asked which location(s) (within the Village, within the Town near the Village, and/or other areas of the Town) were the most appropriate location(s) for various types of new development. Respondents were instructed to select all locations that apply. The three diagrams below, one for each respondent group, show the results.

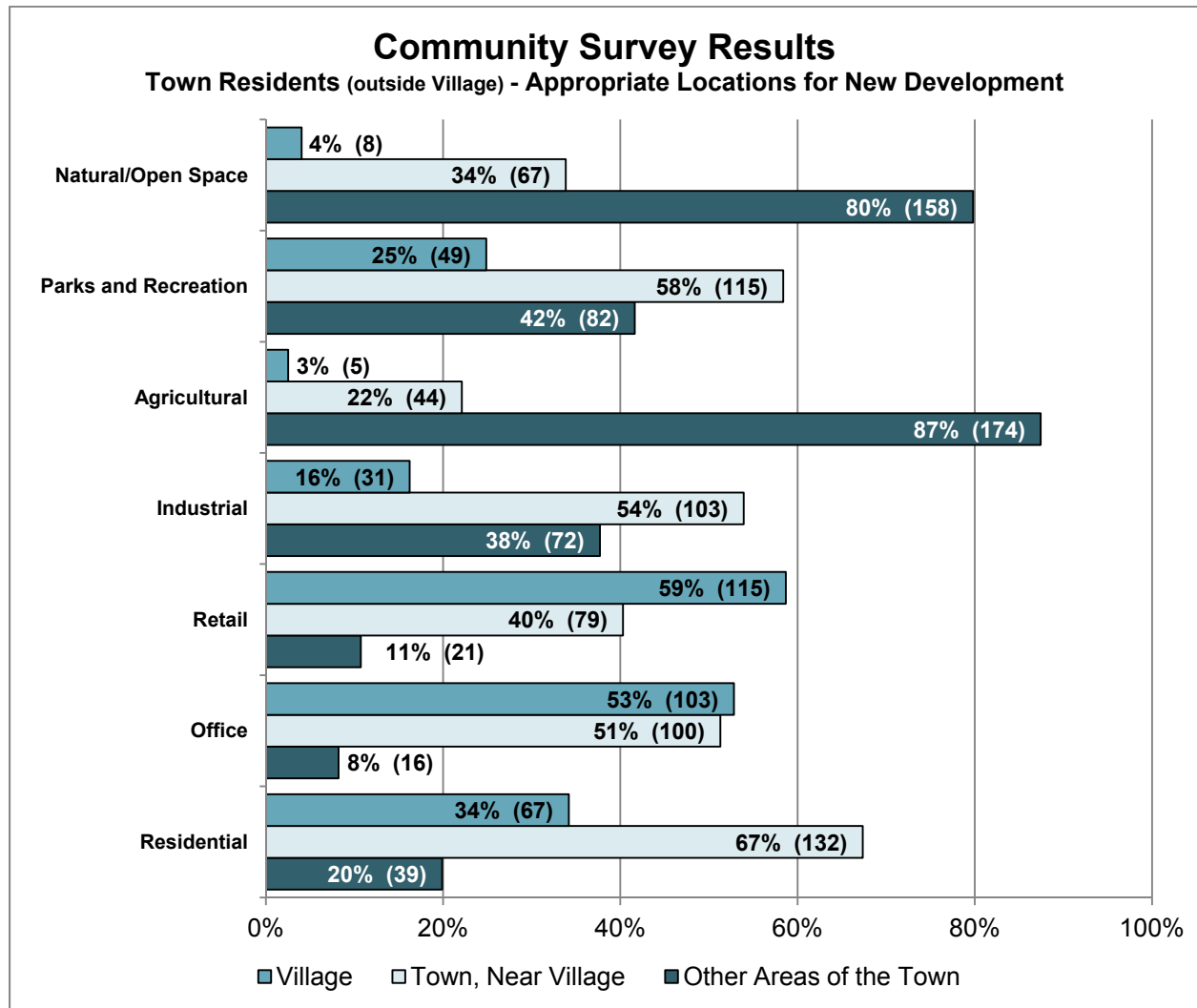
Among respondents who reported being residents of the Village, most felt the Village was the appropriate location for new retail (57%) and parks and recreational (55%) development. Most respondents felt areas within the Town near the Village were the appropriate locations for new residential (67%), office (56%), and parks and recreation (55%) development. Finally, most respondents felt other areas of the Town were the appropriate locations for new industrial (58%), agricultural (83%), and natural/open space (55%) development.



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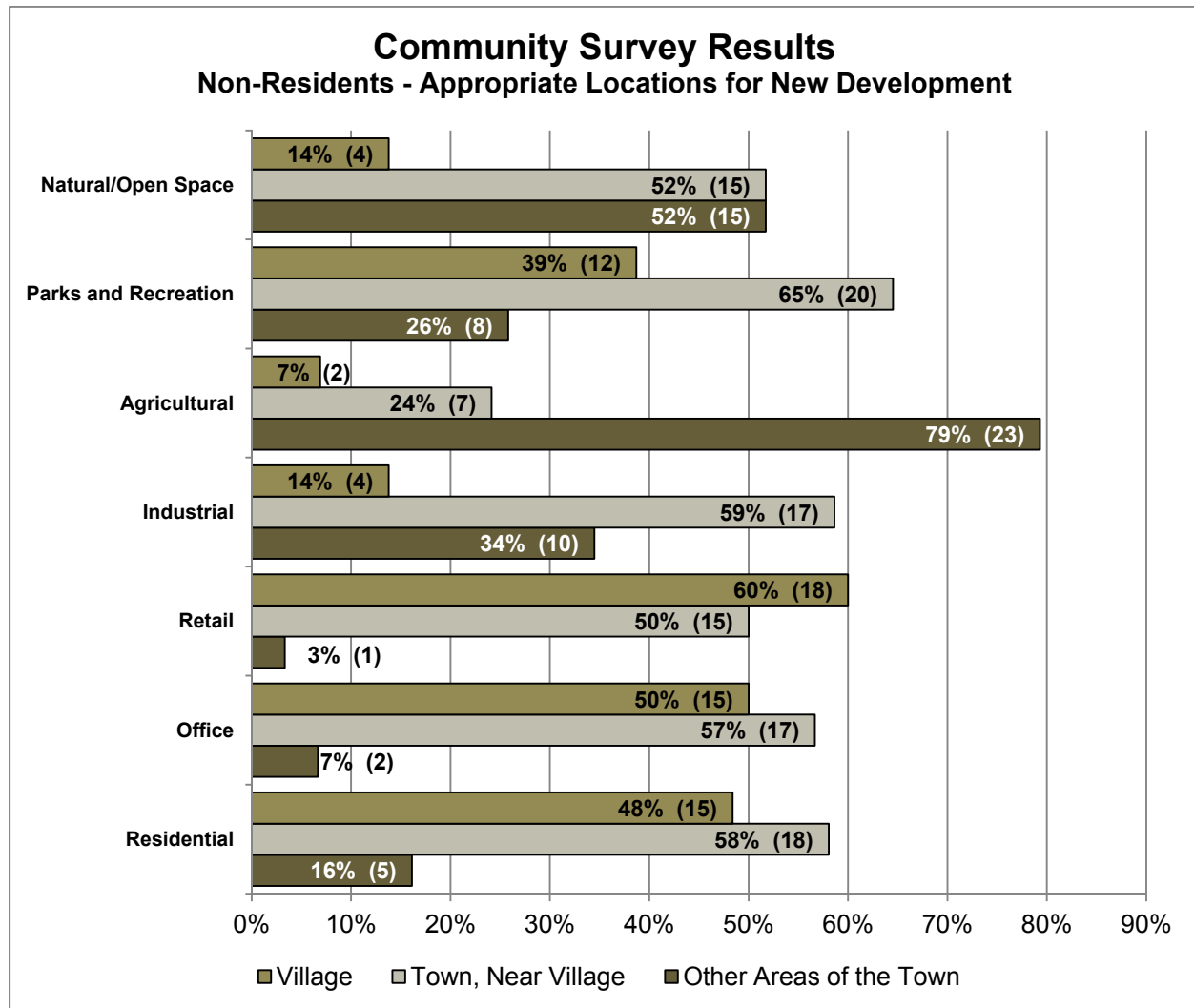
Among respondents who reported being residents of the Town (outside the Village), most felt the Village was the appropriate location for new office (53%) and retail (59%) development. Most respondents felt areas within the Town near the Village were the appropriate locations for new residential (67%), industrial (54%), and parks and recreation (58%) development. Finally, most respondents felt other areas of the Town were the appropriate locations for agricultural (87%) and natural/open space (80%) development.



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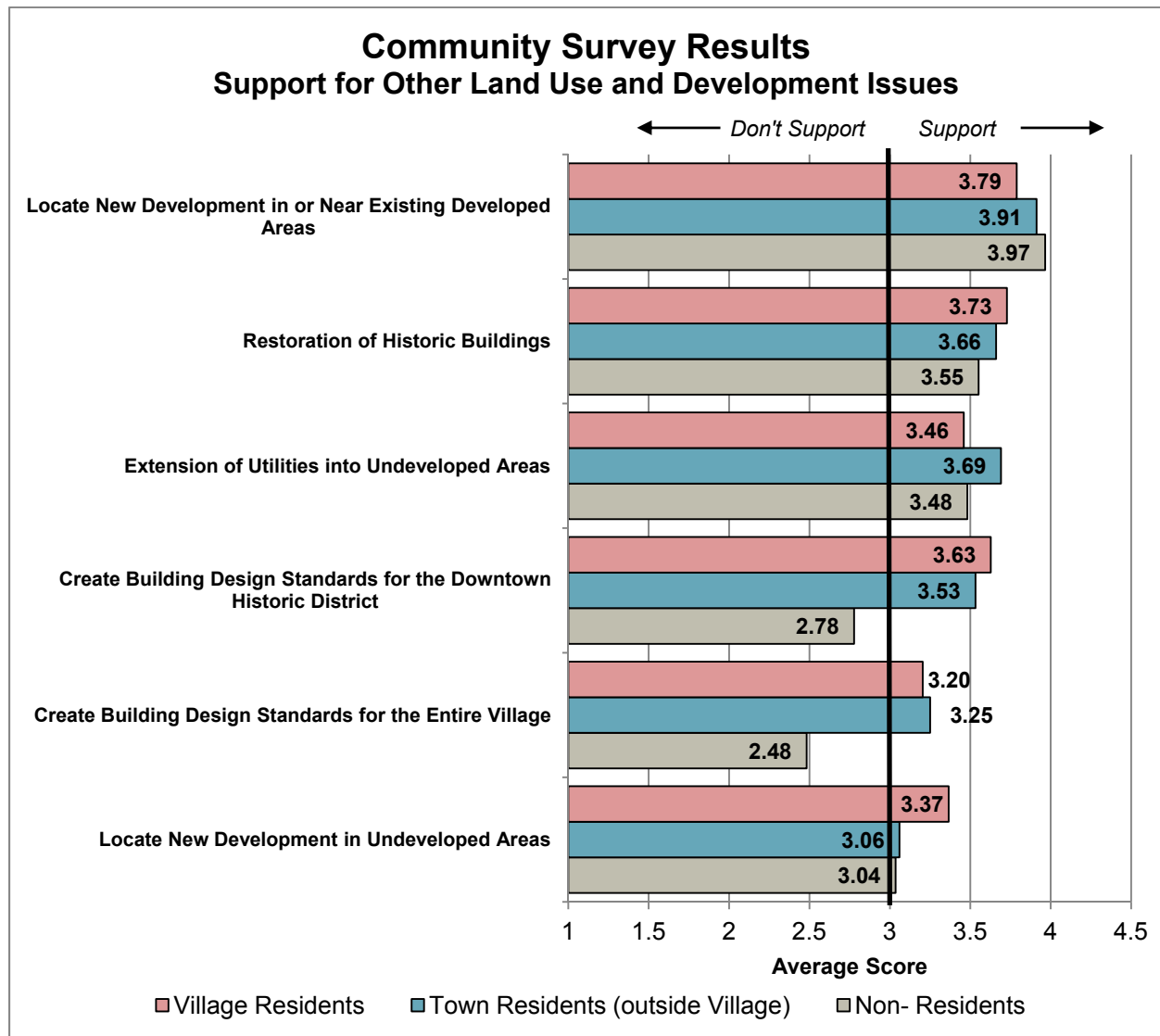
Among respondents who reported being non-resident business/landowners, most felt the Village was the appropriate location for new retail (60%) development. Most respondents felt areas within the Town near the Village were the appropriate locations for new residential (58%), office (57%), industrial (59%), parks and recreation (65%), and natural/open space (52%) development. Finally, most respondents felt other areas of the Town were the appropriate locations for agricultural (79%) and natural/open space (52%) development.



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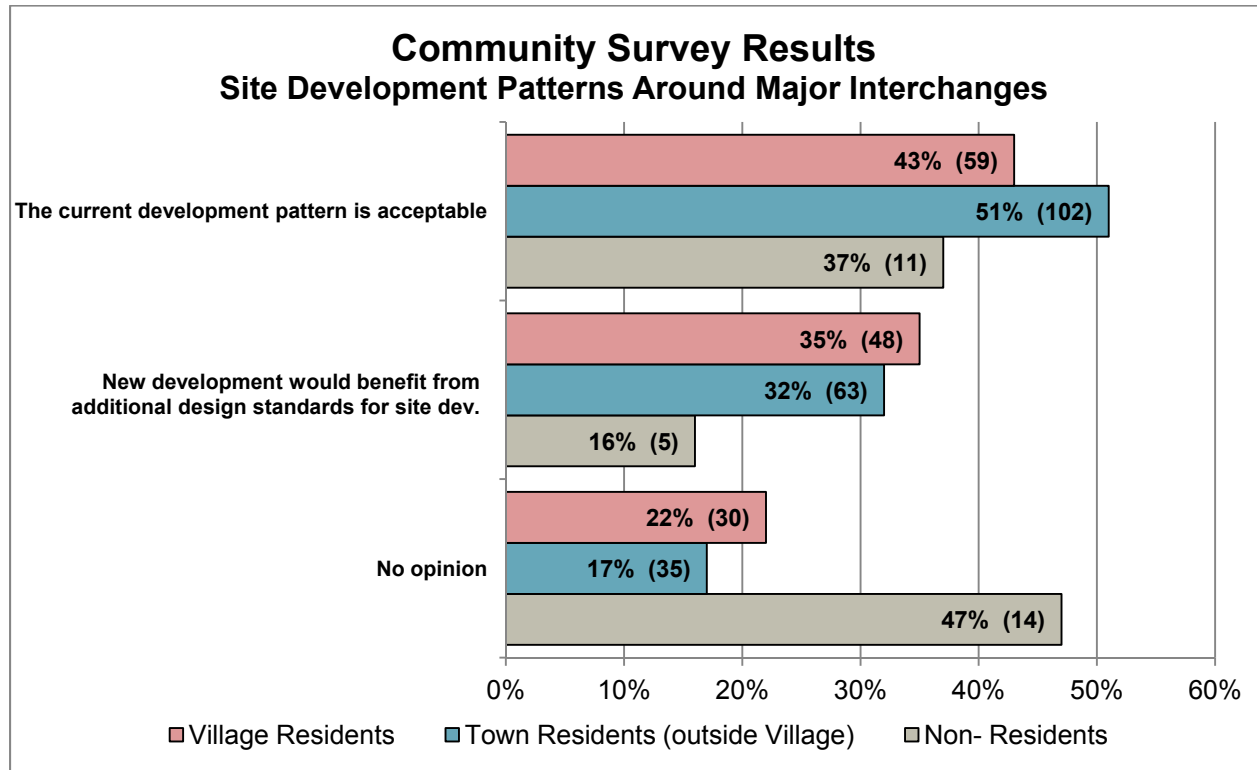
Support for Other Land Use and Development Issues. Respondents were asked to rate their opinion of other land use and development issues in Bergen on a scale of 1 (Don't Support) to 5 (Support). The diagram below shows the average scores for each of the various other land use and development issues: the higher the score, the more that particular land use and development issue is supported. Locating new development in or near existing developed areas was rated as the most supported land use and development issue for all three respondent groups. Village residents and non-residents rated creating building design standards for the entire village and Town residents (outside the Village) rated locating new development in undeveloped areas as the least supported land use and development issues. It should be noted; however, that while the average scores for all land use and development issues for Village residents and Town residents were above 3 (which place them on the "support" side of the scale), non-resident respondents rated creating design standards for the entire Village and for the Downtown Historic District as under 3 (which place them on the "do not support" side of the scale).



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Site Development Patterns around the 490 Interchange and the Route 33/19 Intersection. Respondents were asked about their opinion of site development patterns (buildings, parking, landscaping) around the 490 interchange and the Route 33/19 intersection. The diagram below shows the results. The largest percentage of Village residents and Town residents (outside the Village) felt the current development patterns are acceptable while the largest percentage of non-resident had no opinion on the matter.

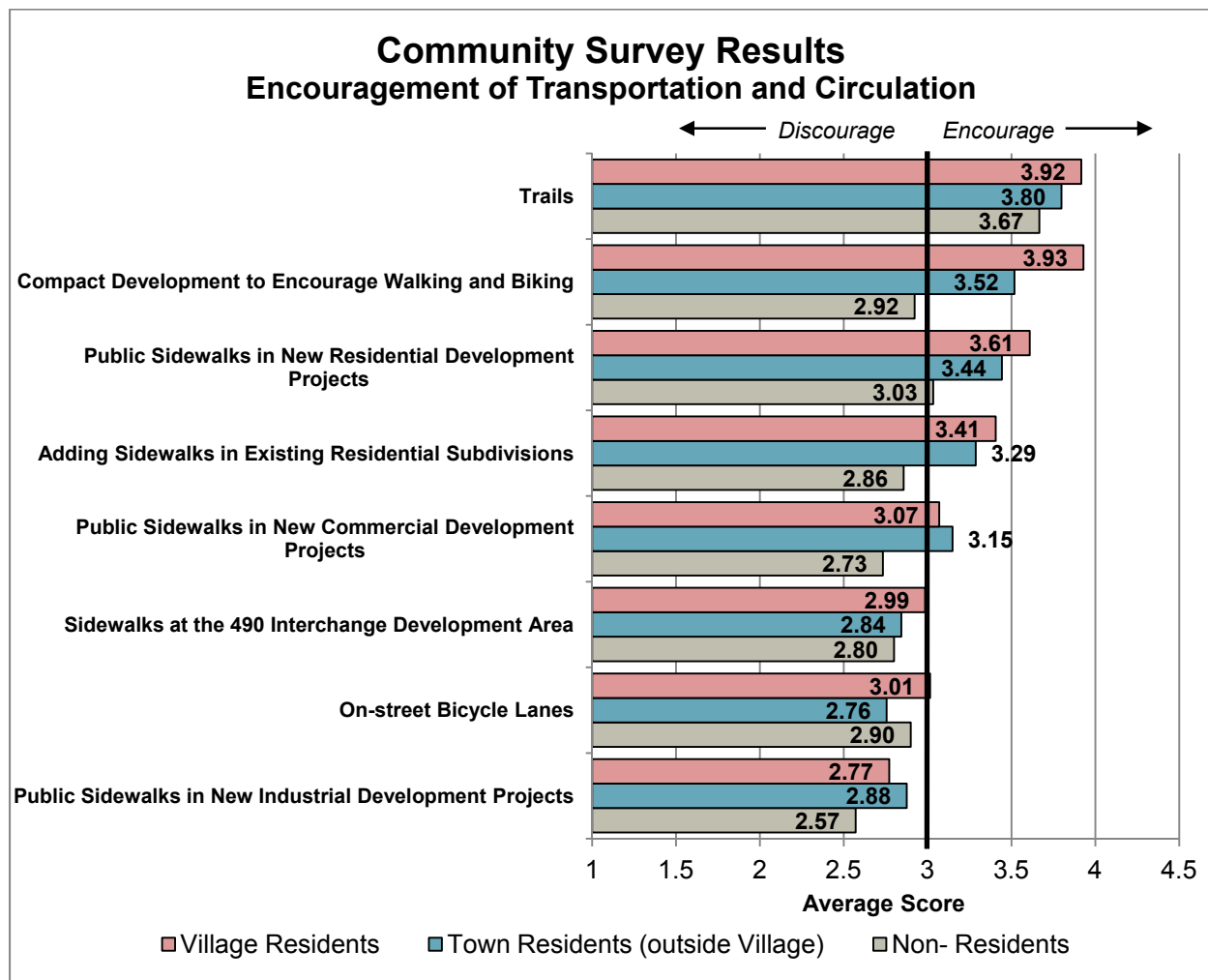


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#### Community Survey Results: Transportation and Circulation

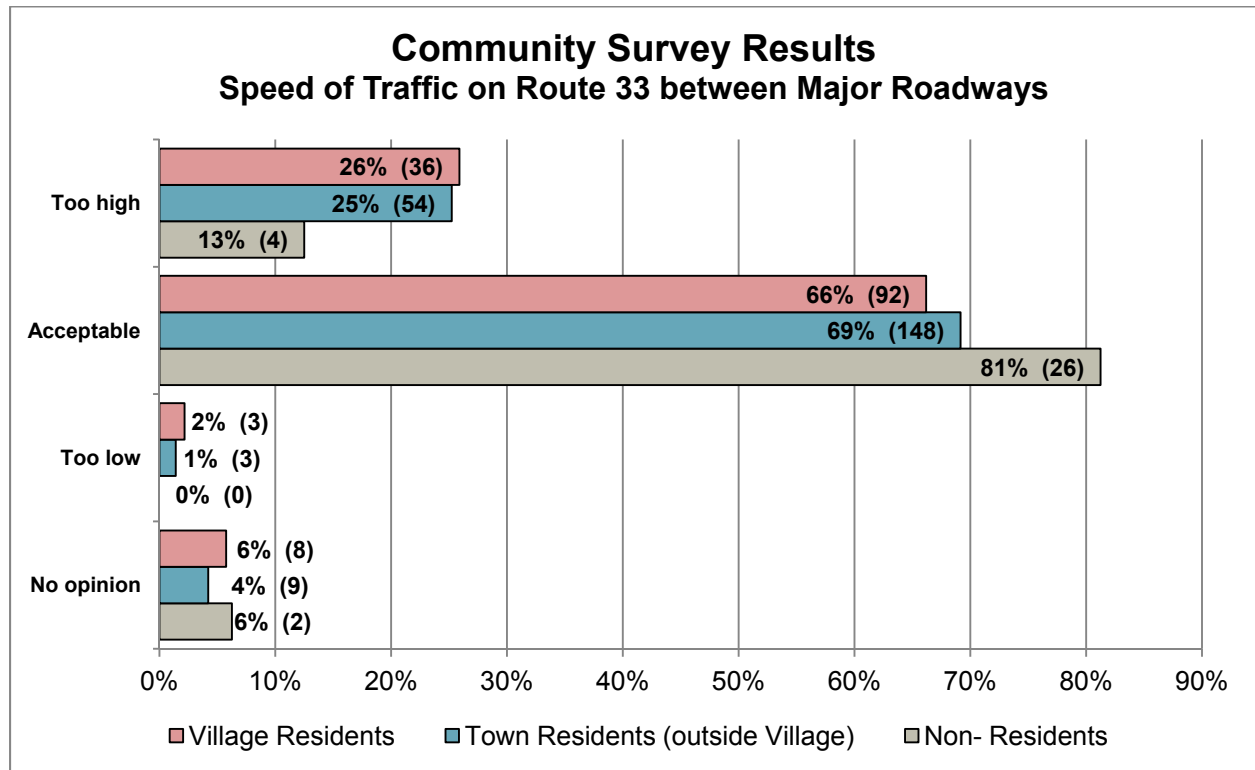
Encouragement of Transportation and Circulation. Respondents were asked to rate what types of transportation and circulation amenities/development patterns should be encouraged or discouraged in Bergen on a scale of 1 (Discourage) to 5 (Encourage). The diagram below shows the average scores for each of the various transportation and circulation amenities/development patterns: the higher the score, the more that particular type of transportation and circulation amenity/development pattern should be encouraged. Village residents rated compacting development to encourage walking and biking and Town residents (outside the Village) and non-residents rated trails as the top transportation and circulation amenities/development patterns to be encouraged. Village residents and non-residents rated public sidewalks in new industrial developments and Town residents (outside the Village) rated on-street bicycle lanes as the lowest transportation and circulation amenity/development pattern to be encouraged. In fact, the average scores for many of the various transportation and circulation amenities/development patterns were below 3, particularly among non-residents, which place them on the “discourage” side of the scale.



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Speed of Traffic on Route 33. Respondents were asked about their opinion of the speed of traffic on Route 33 between the 490 interchange/33A and Route 19. The diagram below shows the results. The majority of Village residents, Town residents (outside the Village), and non-residents felt the speed is acceptable.



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Unsafe Intersections. Respondents were asked to write-in the name of any intersection in Bergen that they believe is unsafe. The table below shows the results.

**Community Survey Results for Unsafe Intersections**

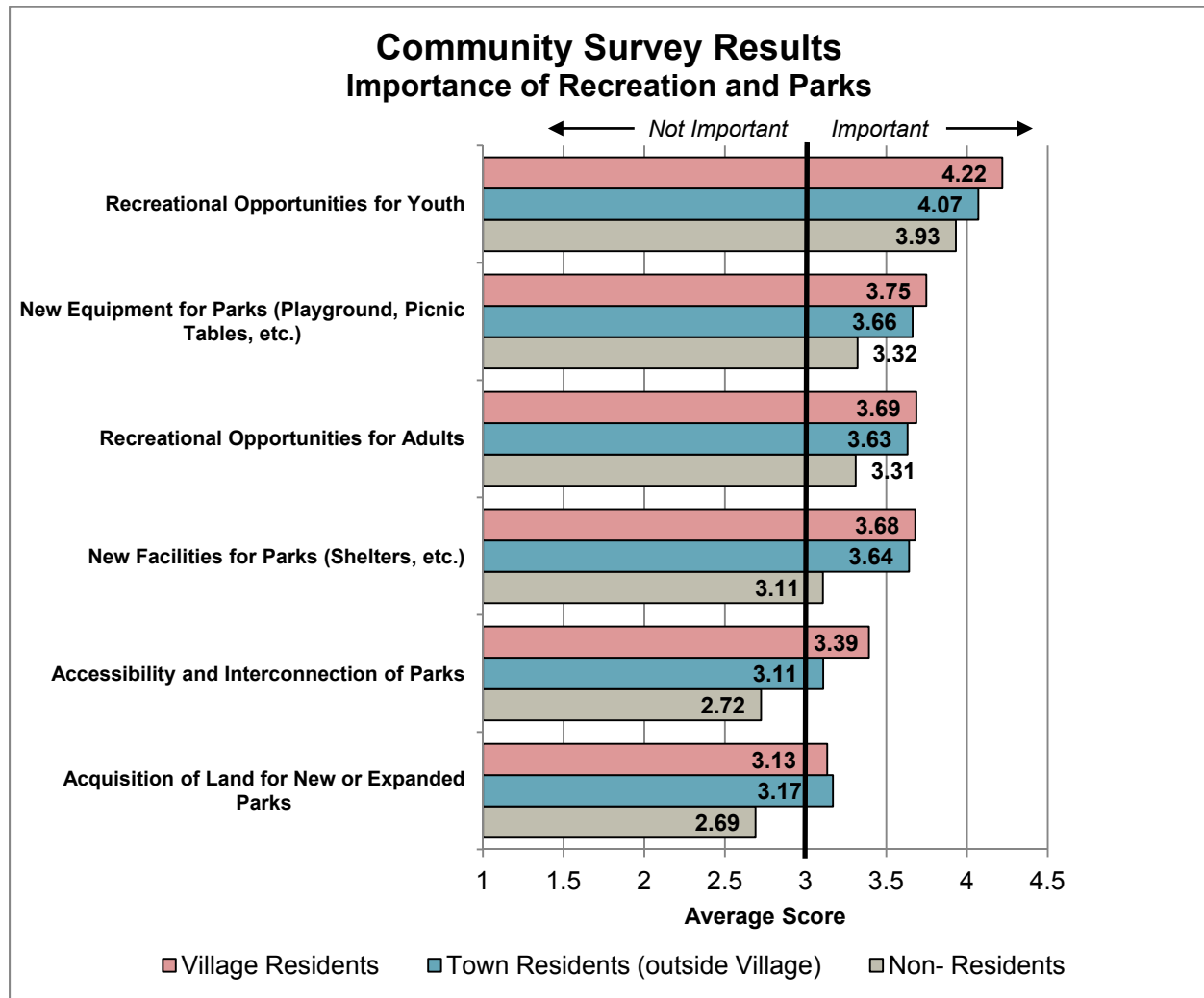
Intersection	Percent	Responses
NYS Route 19 (Lake Ave) and Rochester St / Buffalo St	31.98%	63
NYS Route 19 (Lake Ave) and NYS Route 33 (Clinton Street)	27.92%	55
NYS Route 19 (Lake Ave) and NYS Route 262 (Townline Rd) and Parkview	17.26%	34
Jericho Rd and Swamp Rd	6.09%	12
NYS Route 33 (Clinton Street) and Apple Tree	5.08%	10
490 Interchange	3.55%	7
NYS Route 262 (Townline Rd) and Jericho Rd	2.54%	5
NYS Route 19 (Lake Ave) and Appletree	2.03%	4
NYS Route 19 (Lake Ave) and Bissell	1.52%	3
NYS Route 19 (Lake Ave) and Hunter St	1.52%	3
NYS Route 19 (Lake Ave) and Peachy	1.52%	3
NYS Route 33 (Buffalo Rd) and Co Rd 33A	1.52%	3
NYS Route 33 (Clinton Street) and West Bergen	1.52%	3
NYS Route 19 (Lake Ave) and Leroy St	1.02%	2
NYS Route 33 (Clinton Street) and Parkview	1.02%	2
NYS Route 33 (Clinton Street) and Dublin	1.02%	2
NYS Route 33 (Buffalo Rd) and Parkview	1.02%	2
NYS Route 262 (Townline Rd) and Kaymar Dr	1.02%	2
Train tracks	1.02%	2
West Sweden Rd and Sackett Rd	1.02%	2
NYS Route 19 (Lake Ave) and Creamery Rd	1.02%	2
NYS Route 19 (Lake Ave) and Hidden Meadows	0.51%	1
NYS Route 19 (Lake Ave) and railroad tracks	0.51%	1
NYS Route 19 (Lake Ave) and Richmond	0.51%	1
NYS Route 33 (Buffalo Rd) and Rochester St	0.51%	1
NYS Route 33 (Clinton Street) and Jericho	0.51%	1
NYS Route 33 (Clinton Street) and Gilbert	0.51%	1
NYS Route 262 (Townline Rd) and Poco Creek	0.51%	1
NYS Route 262 (Townline Rd) and West Bergen Rd	0.51%	1
West Bergen Rd and Railroad crossing	0.51%	1
West Sweden Rd and Reed Rd	0.51%	1
Hickory Park - no crosswalks	0.51%	1
West Bergen Rd and Dublin	0.51%	1
Main Street	0.51%	1
West Sweden Rd and Warboys Rd	0.51%	1
<b>Total Responses (some respondents included multiple intersections)</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>197</b>

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#### Community Survey Results: Recreation and Parks

*Importance of Recreation and Parks.* Respondents were asked to rate the importance of various recreation and park issues on a scale of 1 (Not Important) to 5 (Important). The diagram below shows the average scores for each of the various recreation and park issues: the higher the score, the more important that particular recreation and park issue is considered. Recreational opportunities for youth were rated as the most important recreation and park issue by Village residents, Town residents (outside the Village), and non-residents. Village residents and non-residents rated acquisition of land for new or expanded parks and Town residents (outside the Village) rated the accessibility and interconnection of parks as the least important recreation and park issues. It should be noted; however, that while the average scores for all recreation and park issues for Village residents and Town residents (outside the Village) were above 3 (which place them on the “important” side of the scale), non-resident respondents rated the acquisitions of land for new or expanded parks and the accessibility and interconnection of parks as under 3 (which place them on the “not important” side of the scale).

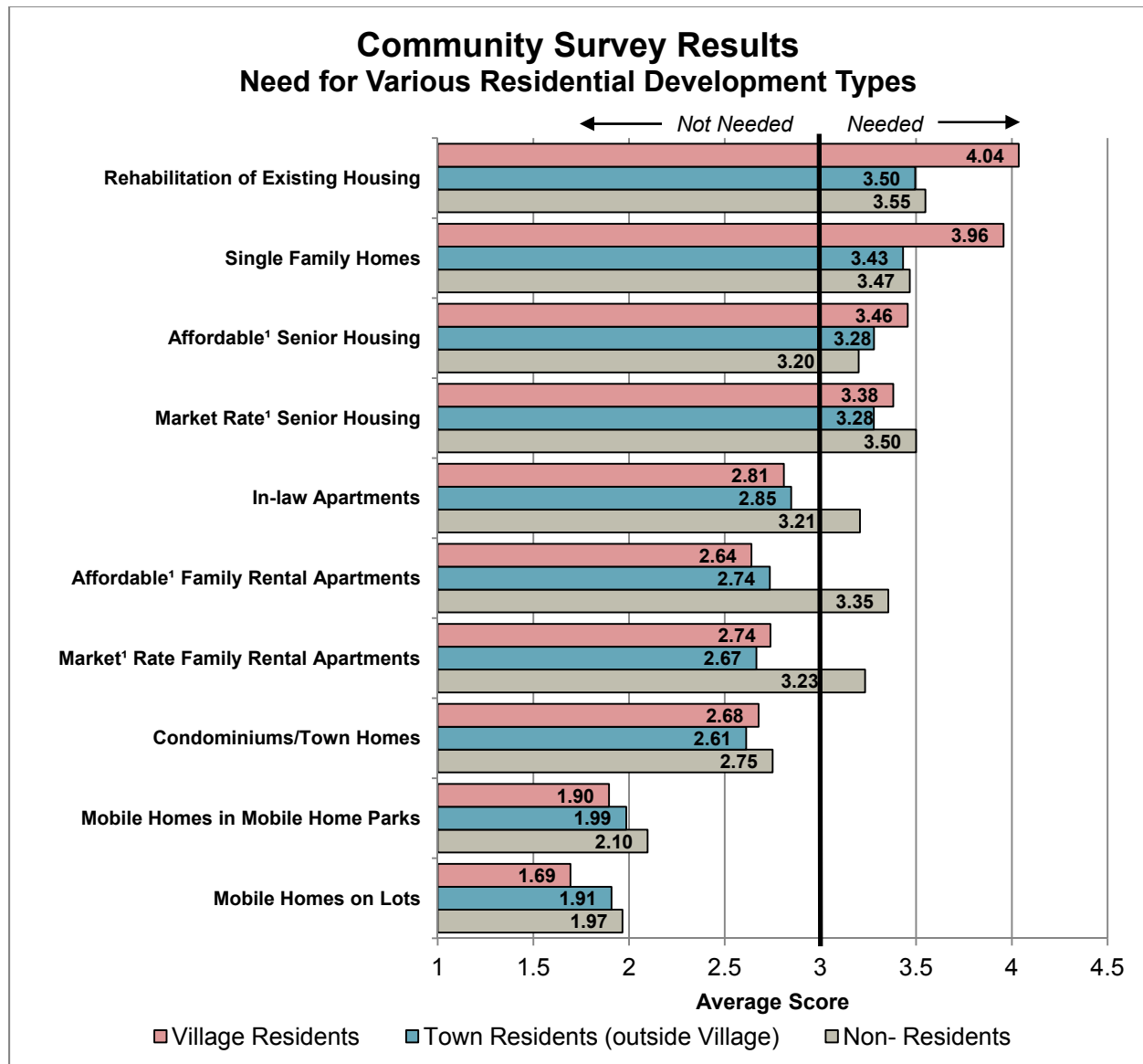


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#### Community Survey Results: Residential

Residential Development Needs. Respondents were asked to rate the need for various types of residential development on a scale of 1 (Not Needed) to 5 (Needed). The diagram below shows the average scores for each of the various types of residential development: the higher the score, the more that particular type of residential development is needed. Rehabilitation of existing housing was rated as the most needed type of residential development while mobile homes on lots were rated as the least needed type of residential development by Village residents, Town residents (outside the Village), and non-residents. The average scores for many of the various types of residential development were below 3 which place them on the “not needed” side of the scale.



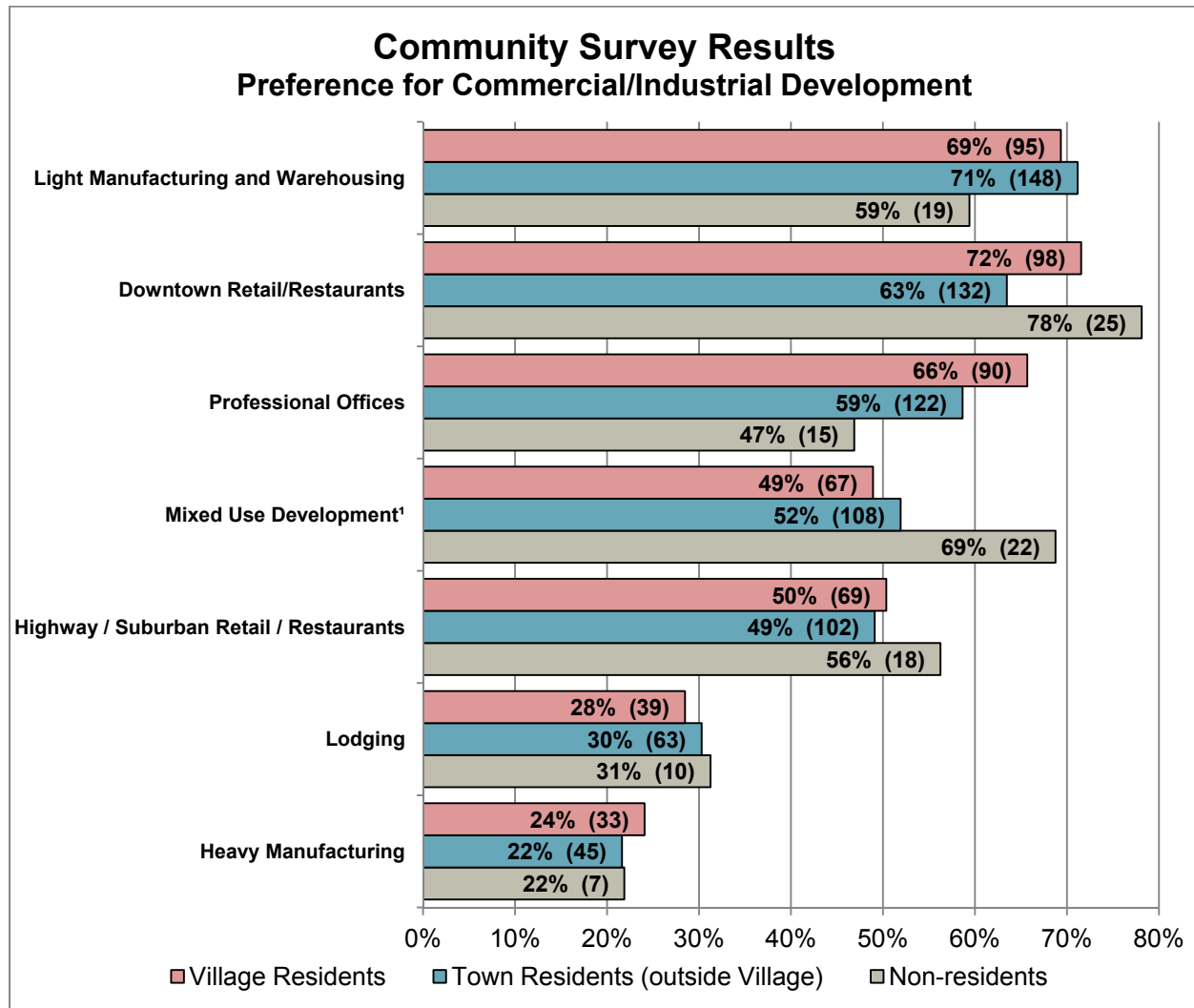
**Notes:** <sup>1</sup> Market rate refers to projects that do not require public subsidies or grants; affordable refers to projects that may require subsidies and grants and/or are restricted by income level

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#### Community Survey Results: Economic Development

Encouragement of Commercial / Industrial Development. Respondents were asked what types of commercial or industrial development should be encouraged in Bergen. Respondents were instructed to select all commercial/industrial types that apply. The diagram below shows the results. In general, most respondents encourage light manufacturing and warehousing and downtown retail / restaurant development while heavy manufacturing and lodging were the least encouraged type of commercial/industrial development.

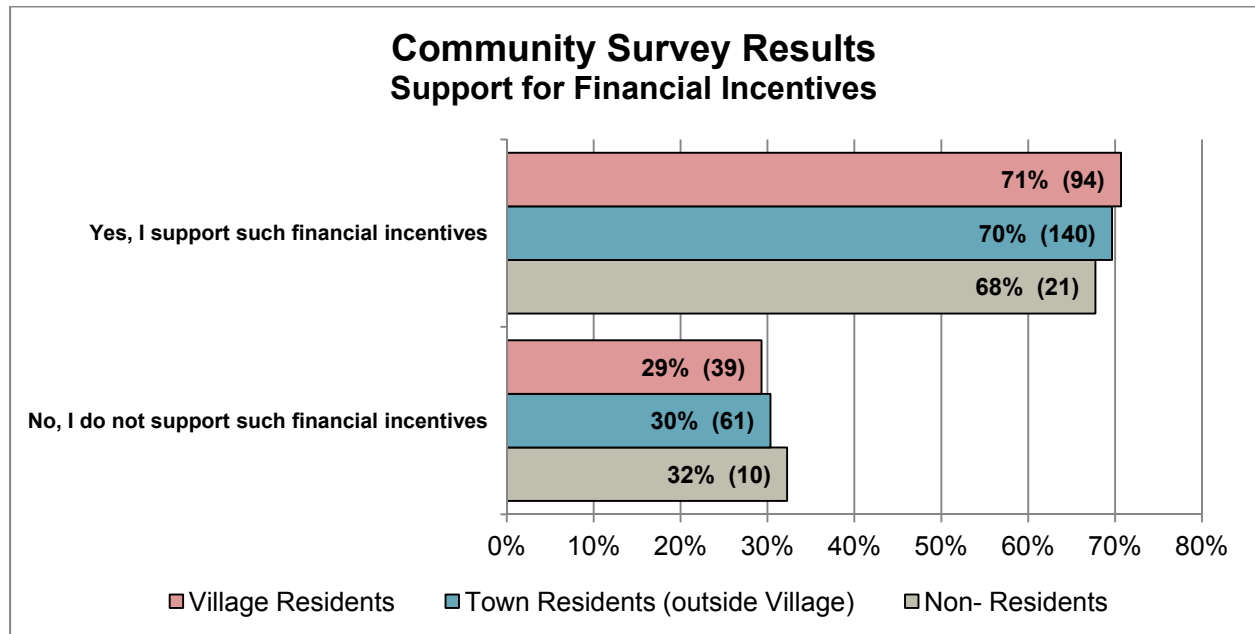


**Notes:** <sup>1</sup> Mixed use development generally refers to buildings with commercial and residential uses.

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Support for Financial Incentives. Respondents were asked whether or not they support financial incentives for manufacturing or office projects that create/retain jobs and/or generate investment in the community. The diagram below shows the results. Most respondents reported supporting such financial incentives.



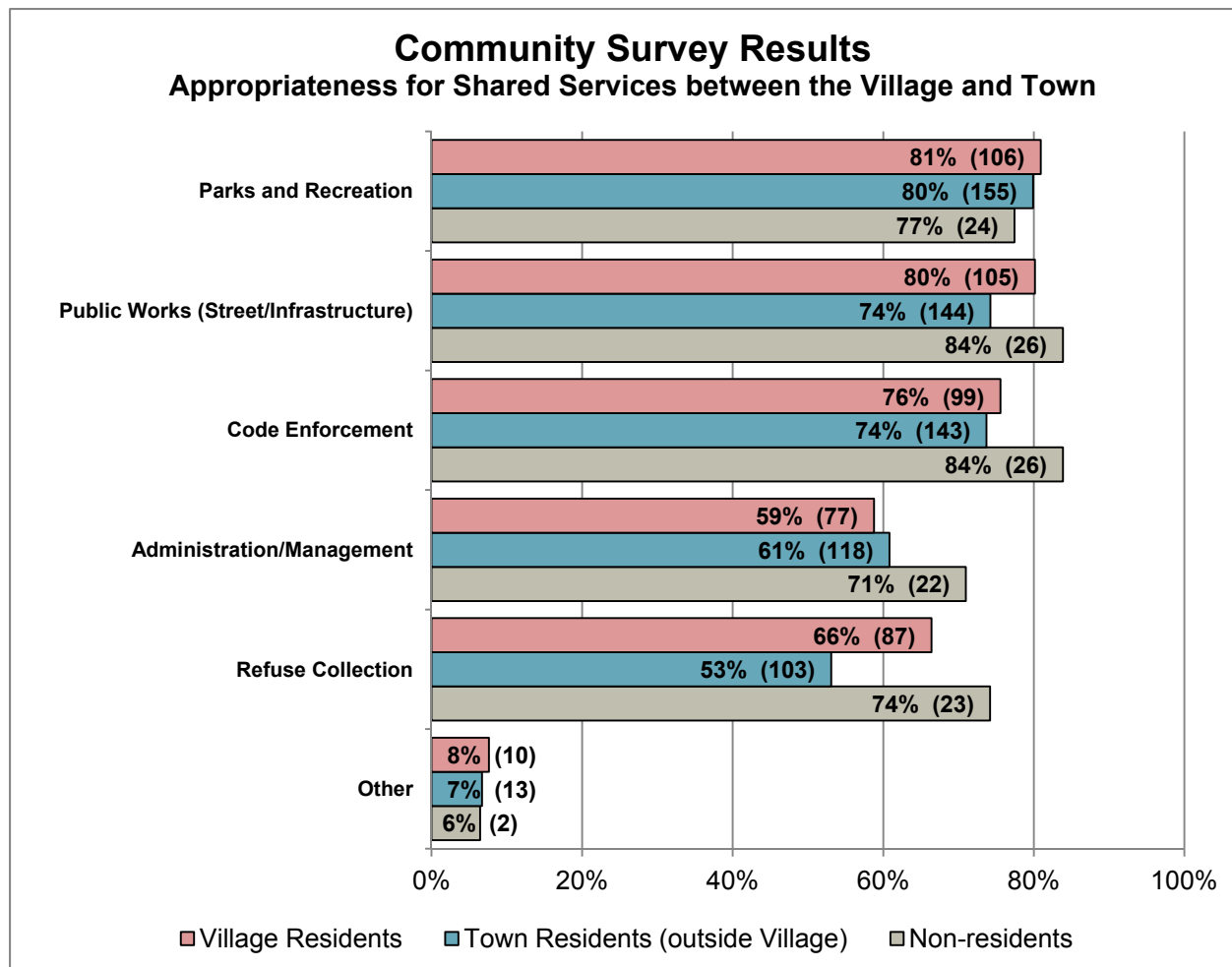
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#### Community Survey Results: Shared Services

*Appropriateness for Shared Services between the Village and Town.* Respondents were asked what types of services would be appropriate to share between the Village and Town. Respondents were instructed to select all services that apply. The diagram below shows the results. Village residents and Town residents (outside the Village) felt it was most appropriate to share park and recreation services while non-residents felt it was most appropriate to share code enforcement and public works services. Village residents and non-residents felt it was the least appropriate to share administration/ management services while Town residents (outside the Village) felt it was the least appropriate to share refuse collection services. Of those who chose “other,” most (15) of the write-in responses involved combining all services (i.e. consolidation of the Village and Town). On the other hand, two of the write-in responses warned against consolidating the two municipalities due to their different needs/agendas. Other write-in responses included:

- Electric and water
- Library services
- Create a fire district
- Snow removal



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In general, Village residents had similar feelings about the appropriateness of sharing administration/management, code enforcement, and parks and recreation services as did the Town residents (within 2 percentage points). However, Village residents were more likely to support shared public works services and much more likely to support shared refuse collection services as compared to Town residents (outside the Village). Seven of the Village residents wrote-in that the Village and Town should be consolidated while only one of the Village residents wrote-in that they should be kept separate. Five of the Town residents (outside the Village) wrote-in that the Village and Town should be consolidated while only one of the Town residents (outside the Village) wrote-in that they should be kept separate. Finally, 10.3% of Village residents and 14.5% of Town residents (outside the Village) did not answer this question. It is possible that those whom did not answer this question chose not to because they do not support any shared services.

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#### Community Survey Results: Other Comments

Other Comments. Respondents were given the opportunity to write-in any other comments that they felt the Village/Town Comprehensive Plan Committee should consider regarding future development or redevelopment of the area. All responses can be seen below.

#### Survey Results for Other Comments

#	Responses
1	A more serious sidewalk program should be implemented through the village on Route 19, to accommodate wheelchairs/strollers. Go wider, thicker more reinforced concrete that won't heave. It's a quality of life issue!
2	A provision regarding eminent domain its restrictive use should be included since the State has failed to act in limiting its usage. Limit Eminent Domain to road bridge utilities that it! we have to start somewhere. Entailing the State and Feds encouraging on private property. I am also confused about implementation of needed important necessary encourage project. We all know that common sense is lost when the underlined are interpreted and carried out. Also I found this survey difficult to answer. We are a rural community with very very limited slow growth. Many of the assessment questions imply more government controlled and input more limitations on personal responsibility. More indications of entitlements. Private entrepreneurs should be encouraged but not by entitlements
3	Abolish the Village!!
4	Accessing recreation for youth, ice rinks, movies, more community opportunities to create town atmosphere.
5	All residents should have access to affordable public water and internet before they worry about giving people sidewalks and playgrounds.
6	An all season shelter in the Parks for rental. Refuse Collection as the town of Riga (free) do to the support that is given by the town.
7	Another pissed off resident in Bergen. Where is development for so long here. No grocery store here. Churchville gets all the money and jobs. Ang's get everything and this Bergen gets shafted. The board members here at Bergen are pitiful. This Village and Town has nothing for years. It hasn't been even beautified on Main St. It's pretty bad that the fire department has all that land for what? Put a nice grocery store in Bergen. it would create jobs and generate money. PS Wake up people!!!! It has been way too long. It's pretty bad that nobody cares or it would be like this. Surveys don't do it, action speaks louder. Wake up!!! Grocery store would be a "nice" start!
8	Based on this survey it seems that those that make the decisions can't tell the town from the village. This Survey is a waste of taxpayers money. Should Separate town from Village before asking #24.
9	Bergen swamp is recognized as a National Natural Landmark for its history and biodiversity. It is an important part of Bergen's heritage.
10	Better access to northshore trail from residential areas
11	Better snow removal from driveways and Intersections
12	Bring a mall and a carwash
13	By having more industrial development may help lower taxes in the town.

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#	Responses
14	Clean it up, make it quiet, get rid of smell and noise from processing plant. Put a bridge over railroad crossings in Town. A raised railroad from Byron to Churchville would eliminate accidents, reduce noise and eliminate waiting at crossings. I know this would be a challenge but with the high volume of railroad traffic. I believe it is an absolute necessity. The two big deterrents to development in our town are noise and smell. Those being from railroad and the processing plant. Had I realized either, I never would have moved here. Raise the track #1. Raise the track so no more noisy horns or crossing delays. Move any noisy smelly industry out away from homes (into distant from fields) bring a bank or two (ESL, Canandaigua National) in town. Retail restaurant and grocery and clothing into village area. Keep outlying areas open for hunting and nature experience. Make a nice place to live not endure
15	Code Enforcement Officer needs to open his eyes and enforce and clean up some of the things in the Town and Village before we rebuild. If he would do his job Bergen would be a better place. he also needs to treat everyone equally.
16	CP Committee doing a great job. Thank You.
17	Creation of a fire district and paid staff/ambulance.
18	Dear planning committee, Forget everything on this survey and put a grocery store in this town and another disability and senior living building , that's what's needed. and maybe a laundry mat and car wash too. Think about it, there is nothing in Bergen. This Bergen Meadows apartment is getting to be a nursing home. It's is ran terribly. It's a nice place, yard and all elevator and all but ran by bad management. It's a prison. This Village and town need to wake up and put something nice and beautiful in Bergen. Don't dwell on Parks, get real. Grocery store like save a lot would generate jobs and a big service to this village and town not to mention money. Actions speak louder than words.
19	DO NOT COPY THE TOWN OF LEROY
20	Do not pave west shore RR bed
21	Don't add anything that spends more money or requires long term maintenance. Examples: Stop lights, electric cost, trees along the road, pruning, watering, destroys view of buildings and requires maintenance for years to come.
22	Don't allow bars on main street so close to streets in village. I live on Rochester Street and am tired of being woke up at 12-1 AM every time they have a live band that vibrates my house. I am sick of it. Also loud drunks in front of the bar at night. Keep bars away from house please. I have small children tired of the noise and neon booze signs in the window. Thanks for allowing this
23	Don't forget to balance individual rights
24	Don't want to see Bergen develop anymore than it already is. Bergen is fine the way it is!
25	DOS Park may get people to use marks more
26	due to increased housing density need 45mph limit from village north on route 19 to minimum intersection of Bissel road 9 route 19
27	encourage new businesses downtown. try to copy Villages like Churchville and Spencerport. for years, folks were discouraged to open new restaurants for fear it would take business away from Ralph and Rosies
28	Established building and lighting standard to restore and preserve the Victorian character of the village
29	Expand low cost electricity
30	Expand water along route 33 & 19
31	Expand water for clean drinking and fire safety Evans Rd, Please
32	Expand Water Service
33	Expansion of public water and sewer
34	Expansion of water and sewer districts to other commercial/industrial areas. Affordable hook-ups
35	Extend Water Down Swamp Road Beyond Jerico to Pocolk Road
36	Fast food, banks
37	Fill up downtown retail space, bring business downtown. I don't feel we should encourage low cost housing without having public transportation, banking, groceries etc
38	Fix the sidewalks on Buffalo Street

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#	Responses
39	Food pantry needed, increase social activities in Village continue to develop parks that exist. Year round shelter for parties, etc. ice rink in Village Park/ tennis courts; sidewalk extended to Bergen Meadows Sidewalk to 33 bike lane to school
40	GO AMISH. QUIT TAKING THE FARM LAND
41	Good committee make-up. I trust your plan development.
42	hand outs and tax free zones? No one has given us financial incentives in 40 years of business. We live in a rural area because we like a rural area. The more we invite business and industry utilities and service the less rural Bergen will become. HOLD THE LINE!
43	Have people fix their homes!
44	Hidden meadows should have Bergen electric because we pay taxes
45	How can a Village be a "hub" with only a bakery, bar and pizzeria. Be serious.
46	I am new here, wasn't sure how to answer some of the questions.
47	I believe the biggest barrier to growth is the Riga landfill. I recognize it is located in a separate town & county. However has Bergen discussed/communicated w/ Riga regarding the smell of the landfill? It is also unsightly and how much bigger can it grow?
48	I could tell you alot but you won't listen to me and you are going to do what you want anyway so do what you want and DON'T RAISE MY TAXES. And I think downtown looks like crap. Do something to make the town look better not all these parks that people don't use,
49	I like the current lay of the land. I like Bergen the way it is. This is why I live here. There is no need for a plan for the future. If it isn't broken Don't fix it, especially at taxpayer's expense.
50	I oppose using cheap electric to encourage business development
51	I support financial incentives within reason. Shared services are essential to long term financial health.
52	I think you're all fabulous!!!
53	I would love to see organic farming in the Town of Bergen, farmer's markets, and CSAs.
54	I feel that the Village-Town should consider refurbishing sidewalks throughout the village and constructing them in the Kaymar Dr. area well before they are considered to link up the businesses by 490. Although that would also be great. Our current sidewalks need work. Our park is looking great, however the sports fields could be updated for games to be played. The basketball area could also be refurbished. I love the basket of toys that has been placed in the park and the exercise equipment is welcomed as well. A populated park would cut down on vandalism, which is an issue at our park. Connecting the village would be a main priority for me. We have a beautiful park in the Buffalo Rd.- Rose Garden area and although it is beautiful, it leads nowhere. We can bike ride to that location and then need to jump on Buffalo Rd (where cars drive 55 or higher). A small restaurant with outside seating like Gregry's seems to strive for in the summer. We need connections that are enticing to all families so they are not leaving the village to find entertainment, parks and hiking trails. We are an area that thrives on our agriculture, I never want to see development in those areas, I think that agriculture is huge part of Bergen's history and needs to be part of the future. Maybe doing more to promote agriculture in our area would be a great thing. Hosting a tractor show, or tractor pull at the park something that shows our local support (tying agriculture in with the park day events that already take place) - agriculture dinners- the possibilities are endless. I also believe that we currently have enough housing in our residential areas, I do not wish to see any other building projects as that may take away from the beautiful fields and land that we love in Bergen. Downtown could use some revitalization. the buildings are beautiful and should be sought to be restored to their almost original condition adding some cuteness and quaintness to the area. Tables with umbrella's set out for lunch. It may be a good idea to have picnic tables in the areas that we have memorial benches. I love the benches but it would be team building to be able to eat outside with friends and colleagues after purchasing lunch at Ralph's and-or the bakery. There seems to be plenty of room for industrial development in the 490 area (I say, keep it there) the location is great for those commuting from Buffalo and Rochester. The canning factory or frozen food factory could use some revitalization. That area seems very run down and not the most inviting part of our village.

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#	Responses
55	If Village has different needs fund with village taxes. Town Residents have other non village priorities. Assessment increases are a disincentive for improving existing properties- obviously a problem in Bergen. Repeal the safe act it decreases the value of Bergen and value of land to sportsmen.
56	Improve the water quality for drinking and cooking. The water is cloudy.
57	Increase visual standard and presentation of Bergen and keep the area looking natural. The intersection at 19/33 looks so cheap with the gas station.
58	Invest in small solar panels as a power source mounted on street light poles or in parks. These are being used in New Jersey. Are there any state grants for this type of application for us? Our climate typically has sufficient sunlight in all seasons.
59	It would be nice if the DOT would consider extending double solid yellow lines in front of north and south entrances to Hidden Meadows Senior Development on Route 19.
60	Join forces and save tax payers money. Eliminate Village tax
61	Keep an eye on the trees. Non invasive and non destructive species.
62	Keep Bergen Rural. Limit any and all development outside of the village
63	Keep Bergen the way it is. Preserve the rural character and keep the healthy food supply that is locally grown. Keep motorized vehicles off & pollution away from the wetlands.(Black Creek and Bergen Swamp). Do not want to see or hear any park where motorized vehicles are allowed. The right to farm agriculture in AG districts. Change map colors code green not yellow residential.
64	Keep it an agricultural district
65	Keep the post office downtown Keep the downtown buildings occupied with businesses and residents
66	Keeping the Town Transfer Station open is very important to our community. It is also very important to have the land outside the town that is currently being farmed zoned as agricultural and not residential. Let's see if we can get someone to open a brewery in Bergen!! Walking trails are important but let's think about building a brewery tour too! Dog friendly walking trails would be great or even a dog park! Maybe sidewalks that connect the town to the village in a block that you could walk around for example: Buffalo Rd up Rochester St, up Lake Ave and back down Parkview Dr to Buffalo Rd or Lake ave down Buffalo St to Rt 262 up to Lake Ave again. Lets promote bringing more small businesses to Bergen not commercial stores or industrial factories. Making the downtown area more of a "destination" should be a goal, businesses with steady consistent hours to keep customers wanting to come back! And definitely keep the historic look to downtown as well as any new buildings added in the town. And thank you for updating the plan!
67	Leaves at curb vacuumed/picked up by village/town. Brush and leaves picked up weekly by town.
68	Let Bergen residents and business owners do as they please don't make tight restrictions for business and home owners. Encourage business but don't require that their business fits a certain mold, look, design, etc.
69	Lets fill the buildings downtown so it doesn't look like a ghost town. With a color scheme in mind
70	LOWER TAXES
71	LOWER TAXES!
72	Maintain status Quo but combine services.
73	Maintain Wet Land Protections from development.
74	Merge town and village together, save money and get along
75	Minor retail & industrial should be allowed in other areas of the town besides 19 & 33
76	more curb appeal along lake road (hometown like)
77	more extension of water and sewage
78	Need new housing developments because high school enrollment is down. Pursue McDonalds or Burger King near 490
79	Need to get younger committee people on boards to make the town usable for them, most are all old people.
80	No

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#	Responses
81	No high speed train, Lower speed on Rt. 33. Lower school taxes as they keep going up more than the cost of living.
82	No more restaurant choices
83	Not at this time
84	Open land on Park Ave in Village to the residential single family homes only.
85	No longer use parks because of no dog policy at festivals etc. Favor private investment over public funding & control with ongoing maintenance costs. Do not want to see: Tattoo shops Vapor/Hukka/substance abuse bath salts/ cigarettes/e-cigarettes sold Liquor/Beer sales Gambling Biker Bars Strip/adult clubs/ porn Cheap motel Subsidized housing of any kind Mobile Homes Sex offender/Felon Relocation Self Storage Units Pollution Generating uses Mud Pits/ Mud Slogs/ Motor sports in mud Arena for shows Internet marketing of above variations of vice Senior housing should include meals entertainment and be near health care. Not in Bergen as isolated single homes.
86	Please consider giving residents on 33 water lines the well water is destroying our homes
87	Please do something to improve safety of Lake Ave and Buffalo St./ Rochester St intersection
88	Please no development that will raise utility rates further
89	Please no more raising taxes for either thank you very much for my opinion and have a nice day. Public water for route 19 north west side please, town.
90	Promote a McDonalds at 490 & ee-33A intersection with working access from Village. Hotel at 490 exit too seems profitable. Tractor/Recreational Vehicle outlet. Firing Pin seems like it's doing great.
91	Proper enforcement of existing local laws
92	Protect our farm land. People drive to Rochester or Buffalo for services. Don't become a cement village.
93	Public Water
94	Public water should have been included in the peachy road Rt 19 for Creamery and Sackett Roads
95	Public water to the end of West Sweden road to North Bergen road as well as natural gas.
96	Put in a Dollar General or any other discount store. We need something here. There is nothing in Town.
97	Reduce taxes!!
98	S/E corner of Rt 19 and Peachey Rd. Unsafe and eyesore...would you want to live next to it? It was functional when we moved here....now, vermin and junk all over. No code enforcement on building
99	Senior living community
100	Side road Speed Limits. More houses, less speed. Bergen is great the way it is really, but it could use more homes for more students in the school buildings and a little more retail on 33 at 19 to help with the taxes. Tear down long vacant structures that are deteriorating.
101	Some of the existing houses in the village area around route 19 need to clean up the outside of their properties. Some look like junk yards
102	Spend spend spend try lowering tax rates
103	Stop giving away our cheap electric!!
104	Stop pushing public water projects further out into the town. Too costly not enough benefit.
105	Taxes for school too high Total taxes for no service too high
106	thank you all for your diligence in getting it right. Since 1962 Starowitz farms 11980 Creamery Road- Ron Stevenson
107	thank you for having these conversations! This is important and I appreciated your time and talent.
108	Thanks for doing this. It was interesting to think about.
109	the #1 priority should be maintaining the rural/agricultural heart of Bergen
110	The 490 development area would be ideal for a public/agricultural market.
111	THE TOWN OFFICE SHOULD MOVE BACK DOWNTOWN TO CREATE ACTIVITY IN THE VILLAGE AND TOWN
112	The town's plan for refuse collection is horrible. There should be roadside pickup throughout the village and town.
113	There are too many parks!

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#	Responses
114	There is a demand for a 55+ community w/better housing than the wrinkle farm. Another, mid range \$150-200K subdivision would go well.
115	This is Norm Pawlak's test on 2/27
116	This was an excellent survey!
117	To be honest I don't care what happens to Bergen as I live in the 55 and older Hidden Meadows along with the 90 Residents receive no services from the Town of Bergen - yet the Town of Bergen gets my Town Tax Money. So why should these 90 + residents support anything in Bergen except the fire and ambulance service!!!
118	Town and Village seem so small & have similar needs, So I don't understand why entities are needed for both. Whatever decisions are made regarding the commercial/Industrial development, keep in mind people live here for the small town/ rural atmosphere & I really don't want to see that change. Maybe this isn't the right place, but lately (last yr) have noticed the smell of the landfill that didn't exist before, and that is very upsetting.
119	Town sidewalks or walking lanes into the Village
120	Trains blow horns too long and too loud
121	Try to keep good people on village board. Ken Steinment was good and board let him go.
122	Vehicle speed on Hunter Street, Speeders coming from swamp road. Same vehicles business and private speed through Hunter street daily.
123	Village electric is way too high compared to village of spencerport and churchville. business in village use all the cheaper power and residents have to pay higher rate. Where the business should be paying higher rate not the residents. Our purchase power charge is usually more than my cost for the electric I use.
124	Walking trail without threat of being run over by ATV
125	Water in town areas where there is bad well water. Lower speed limits on some town roads such as Lyman Road.
126	WATER!
127	We all need Public Water - Its 2015!
128	We all want the village to thrive. We need to support this!
129	We do not support any kind of subsidized housing
130	We live in hidden meadows and all of our needs are handled there except for retail and health services for which we travel. Just wish the Village had more to offer retail wise.
131	We need additional housing to bring more families into the area. A moderate sized housing development
132	We need better meeting facilities for town functions then we currently have at the Fire Hall/ town hall
133	We would like to get Rochester water from abandoned railroad tracks to sackett road or further up to Evans Road
134	Why can't we just let people do what they want. Why encourage or discourage certain businesses? If someone has the means & motivation to do business get out of their way. If a citizen demands certain housing let them create or find it. Less governance is better.
135	With increased commercial development I would hope that the taxpayers would see a noticeable decrease in their share of the tax burden.
136	Work with the tax money we have and don't accept any federal monies that would want something in return
137	Yes don't allow noisey bars on Main Street so close to streets in Village. I live on Rochester Street and am tired of being woke up at 12 and 1 in the morning every time they have a live band in there.
138	YOU ARE ASKING FOR INFO WITH A PLAN IN MIND. IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU SHARED YOUR PLAN WITH THE RESIDENTS.
139	Yes Extending public water to the remainder of RT 19
140	I appreciate that the Village has no fast food restaurants in the Village proper. I like the rural Village atmosphere here.
141	The way the transfer station is managed, right now we can only bring 1 & 2 plastics for recycling

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#	Responses
142	Why wasn't the protected land on W. Bergen Rd protected from the farmer. He tore down acres of trees that was for wildlife after destroying acres of trees (with your help) for drainage. "Because he said the trees were scrub trees!" the animals needed them. You did nothing to stop the destruction! 1 man = \$ in his pocket. Shame on you. He should be made to replant trees back on the protected land.
143	MASTER PAINTING AND COLOR SELECTION FOR BUILDING AWNINGS ON BUILDINGS, INCENTIVES TO FILL EMPTY STORE FRONTS, MOVE VFW TO FIREHALL?
144	Invest in Robins Brook Park Housing for older folks town homes.

**Town and Village of Bergen  
2015 Comprehensive Plan Update Survey**

*The Bergen Town and Village Boards have appointed a Comprehensive Plan Committee to prepare a joint Comprehensive Plan Update for Bergen. The Comprehensive Plan will establish Town and Village policies and guide future decisions on land use, housing, recreation, public services, infrastructure, economic development and agricultural preservation.*

*In order to ensure the Comprehensive Plan reflects the desires and goals of Bergen residents, we are asking for your input. This questionnaire gives you an opportunity to tell the Committee what your concerns are and what you want Bergen to be like in the future. Your responses will help to shape the Comprehensive Plan and the future of our community.*

*Please return your completed survey by March 23, 2015 using the enclosed, postage-paid envelope, or bring it to the public meeting at the Bergen Fire Hall on March 19, 2015. If you prefer, you can fill out the survey on-line, using the link found on the Town and Village websites. **Thank you for your help!***

**Demographics**

1. Which **best** describes your relationship with Bergen (please select one):  
☐ Resident    ☐ Business Owner    ☐ Resident and Business Owner    ☐ Non-resident Property Owner
2. If you are a resident, where do you live?  
☐ Town    ☐ Village
3. If you are a resident, how long have you lived in Bergen?  
☐ More than 20 years    ☐ 11-20 years    ☐ 1-10 years    ☐ Less than a year
4. If you are a resident, what are your reasons for choosing to live in Bergen (check all that apply)?  
☐ Access to employment    ☐ Cost of Housing    ☐ Quality of Life    ☐ Rural Atmosphere  
☐ Quality of Schools    ☐ Family    ☐ Low Cost Electric    ☐ Other
- 4a. If you specified "other", please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
5. If you are employed, where do you work?  
☐ Town/Village of Bergen    ☐ within Genesee County    ☐ outside Genesee County
6. If you own a business in the Bergen area, how many employees do you employ?  
☐ 5 or less    ☐ 6-20    ☐ 21-50    ☐ 51-100    ☐ 101-250    ☐ More than 250
7. If you own a business in the Bergen area, how many years have you been in business?  
☐ More than 20 years    ☐ 11-20 years    ☐ 1-10 years    ☐ Less than a year
8. When were you born?  
☐ Before 1930    ☐ 1931 to 1945    ☐ 1946 to 1966    ☐ 1967 to 1980    ☐ 1981 to 1997    ☐ After 1997
9. Gender  
☐ Male    ☐ Female

**Community Characteristics**

10. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the condition of the following:

	Poor				Excellent
	1	2	3	4	5
Streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residential Properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial Properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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11. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the following:

	← Poor				Excellent →
	1	2	3	4	5
Building Code Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refuse Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sanitary Sewer Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storm Sewer/Drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks/Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet/Broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Services (ambulance)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Care Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Citizen Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Land Use and Development

12. On a scale of 1 to 5, what types of uses should be encouraged or discouraged in Bergen?

	← Discourage				Encourage →
	1	2	3	4	5
Residential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Office Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retail Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks & Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural/Open Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<small>(Natural/Open Space generally refers to woodlands, fields, wetlands, wildlife habitats, etc.)</small>					
Mixed Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<small>(Mixed use development generally refers to buildings or developments with commercial and residential uses.)</small>					

13. On a scale of 1 to 5, what is your opinion on natural and historic resources in Bergen?

	← Don't Protect				Protect →
	1	2	3	4	5
Agricultural Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Downtown Historic District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic Buildings or Structures Outside Downtown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural/Open Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Generally, where is the most appropriate location for new development for the following uses (check all that apply)?

	Village	Town, Near Village	Other Areas of the Town
Residential Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Office Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks & Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural/Open Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. On a scale of 1 to 5, please tell us your opinion on the following:

	← Don't Support				Support →
	1	2	3	4	5
Create Building Design Standards the Downtown Historic District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create Building Design Standards the Entire Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Locate new development in or near existing developed areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Locate new development in undeveloped areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extension of utilities into undeveloped areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restoration of Historic Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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16. What best describes your opinion of site development patterns (buildings, parking, landscaping) around the 490 interchange and the Route 33/19 intersection?

- ☐ The current development pattern is acceptable  
☐ New development would benefit from additional design standards for site development  
☐ No opinion

### Transportation and Circulation

17. On a scale of 1 to 5, please provide your opinion on the following:

	Discourage			Encourage	
	1	2	3	4	5
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On street Bicycle Lanes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sidewalks at the 490 Interchange Development Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Sidewalks in new residential subdivisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Sidewalks in new commercial development projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Sidewalks in new industrial development projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adding sidewalks in existing residential subdivisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compact development to encourage walking & biking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. What best describes your opinion of the speed of traffic on Route 33 between the 490 interchange/33A and Route 19?

- ☐ Too high                      ☐ Acceptable                      ☐ Too low                      ☐ No Opinion

19. Name any intersections in Bergen you believe are unsafe.

### Recreation and Parks

20. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the importance of the following:

	Not Important			Important	
	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational Opportunities for Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational Opportunities for Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New equipment for parks (playground, picnic tables, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New facilities for parks (shelters, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acquisition of land for new or expanded parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessibility and interconnection of parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Residential

21. On a scale of 1 to 5, what type of residential development is needed in Bergen?

	Not Needed			Needed	
	1	2	3	4	5
Rehabilitation of Existing Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single family homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Market Rate Family Rental Apartments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable Family Rental Apartments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Market Rate Senior Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable Senior Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condominiums/Town Homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile Homes on lots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile Homes in mobile home parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-law apartments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Note: Market rate refers to projects that do not require public subsidies or grants; affordable refers to projects that may require subsidies and grants and/or are restricted by income level)

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**Economic Development**

22. What types of commercial or industrial development should be encouraged in Bergen (check all that apply)?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Manufacturing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Retail/Restaurants          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light Manufacturing & Warehousing | <input type="checkbox"/> Highway /Suburban Retail/Restaurants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Offices              | <input type="checkbox"/> Lodging                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Use Development             |   |

(Mixed use development generally refers to buildings with commercial and residential uses.)

23. Do you support financial incentives for manufacturing or office projects that create/retain jobs and/or generate investment in the community?

- ☐ Yes   ☐ No

**Shared Services**

24. Which services are appropriate for shared services between the Village and Town (check all that apply)?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration/Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works (street/infrastructure) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement          | <input type="checkbox"/> Refuse Collection                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                |

24a. If you selected Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

25. Do you have any other comments that you feel the Town/Village Comprehensive Plan Committee should consider regarding future development or redevelopment in the area?

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Thank you for your participation! If you have additional comments please attend our community workshop on March 19, 2015 a 7p.m. at the Bergen Fire Hall.

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Town and Village of Bergen Comprehensive Plan

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### Municipal Actions Recommended in Black Creek Watershed Management Plan

#### Municipal Actions Recommended in Black Creek Watershed Management Plan<sup>1</sup>

Category	Recommendation	Priority
<b>Applicable to the Village and Town of Bergen</b>		
<b>Coordination and Collaboration</b>	Develop an intermunicipal organization through a memorandum of understanding	High
<b>Agriculture</b>	Promote the preservation of high quality and unique agricultural areas by guiding non-agricultural development into other areas of the watershed	Low
<b>Stormwater Management &amp; Erosion Control</b>	Create green infrastructure standards and integrate into site plan review criteria	Highest
	Restore very severe streambank segments using ecologically based stream restoration	Highest
	Adopt a Stormwater Management & Erosion Control Local Law and enforce performance standards	High
	Update and apply for funding (e.g., Great Lakes funding) for <i>Identification and analysis of the Riparian Corridor in the Oatka &amp; Black Creek Watersheds</i>	Medium
	Require new developments to maintain the volume of runoff at predevelopment levels by using structural controls and pollution prevention strategies	Low
	Revise land use laws to limit development on slopes greater than 10%	Low
	Provide education and training of local officials on erosion controls and stormwater management	Low
<b>Forestry &amp; Silviculture Management</b>	Encourage private landowners to apply sound forest management practices to woodlands: NYS Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality	Medium
	Coordinate with the NYS Cooperative Forest Management Program administered by NYSDEC	Low
<b>On-site Wastewater Management Systems</b>	Hold educational/ training sessions targeted towards OWTS installers, owners and municipal officials	Low
<b>Roads and Highways</b>	Use sensible de-icing material application procedure (e.g., intersections, posting of signs, driver education)	Medium
	Educate municipal and county highway departments on ditch and culvert design and streambank stabilization methods	Medium
	Conduct a follow-up salt survey study to determine the location of salt storage and application practices in the Black Creek Watershed	Low
	Increase training for highway officials in erosion control, hydroseeding, and road de-icing	Low
	Install recreational access to stream at bridge crossings with new construction/repair	Low
	Require special vegetative measures such as hydroseeding and training and education of municipal, county, and state highway departments	Low
<b>Wetlands, Riparian</b>	Require review of disturbances within 100 feet of all natural wetlands and prohibit	Low

<sup>1</sup> SOURCE: Black Creek Watershed Management Plan

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### Municipal Actions Recommended in Black Creek Watershed Management Plan

Category	Recommendation	Priority
<b>Applicable to the Village and Town of Bergen</b>		
<b>Zones and Floodplains</b>	discharge of stormwater to wetlands without prior treatment	
	Adopt stream buffer/ riparian setback regulations	High
	Educate officials about specifics of federal and state regulations and programs and funding as they relate to nonpoint source pollution and water quality	Medium
	Preserve open space through the development of site plan standards including minimum lot size, increased density, cluster subdivision and water course setback standards and options	Medium
	Elected officials, enforcement officers, highway superintendents, boards and related professional staff should attend training on Stormwater Phase II state and federal regulations	Medium
	Consider agricultural protection and preservation while addressing associated land conservation and water quality concerns through various county, state and federal programs	Medium
	Consider adoption of a local aquifer protection law	Low
	Encourage alternative agricultural uses of land within comprehensive planning and zoning structures	Low
	Adopt ordinances prohibiting development in 100-year floodplain, restrict location of barnyards and manure pits and require elevation certificate required for all new development in Zone X	Low
	Draft (or revise) a comprehensive plan emphasizing the protection of local water resources and recognizing the importance of watershed planning efforts within the Black Creek watershed and other neighboring watersheds within the municipality	Low
<b>Applicable to the Village of Bergen Only</b>		
<b>Waste Water Treatment Plant Systems (WWTPS)</b>	Educate the general public on the role, process, accomplishments, needs and future strategy of sewer districts and wastewater treatment facilities	Medium
	Continue to monitor Bergen WWTP for compliance with NYSDEC permit requirements (pursuant to Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan)	Medium

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### **Green Genesee Roadmap**

#### **Green Genesee Roadmap: Summary of Relevant Documentation and Recommendations**

Green Genesee / Smart Genesee is a countywide collaborative effort to create a “green infrastructure” plan. The Green Genesee Road Map<sup>2</sup> establishes priorities, goals and strategies to ensure an intact ecological network that can support a vital economy and strong communities. A series of resource maps depict the natural resources in Genesee County, including land cover, waterways and community resources. A rating system revealed the most significant “asset cores,” which, with buffers and connectors, will become the basis for the Green Action Roadmap.

A Natural Resources Inventory prepared for the Green Genesee plan identifies and evaluates key resource areas. Natural areas are ranked based on their size and shape (“geometry”), ecological diversity and hydrologic characteristics of natural areas in the County.

The Green Genesee project identified Asset Cores and Ecological Networks based on ratings of geometry, diversity, and hydrological significance.

For the “geometry” rating, size and shape rankings give more weight to areas with less “edge”, as these are less likely to be affected by activities on adjoining land. Several areas in Bergen, including the Bergen Swamp, have very high “geometry” scores, which reflect large areas of uninterrupted wetlands and woodlands.

Diversity is assessed based on the following criteria:

- “Important Bird Area” designated by the Audubon Society (e.g, the Bergen Swamp)
- Significant Natural Communities identified by the New York Natural Heritage Program
- Records of rare plants and animals

Areas in Bergen with very high scores for “Diversity” are located in the wetland areas. Areas which are located in the wetlands in and around the Bergen Swamp include habitat for threatened or endangered species and other significant natural communities.

“Hydrological significance” is based on the extent of wetlands, floodplains, waterways, watersheds and water quality. Areas with relatively high scores in hydrologic significance are found in wetland areas and along Black Creek.

Recreational resources include the West Shore Rail Trail, snowmobile trails, public parks, Bergen Swamp, and private clubs such as the Bergen Rod and Gun Club. Historic sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places include the Gifford-Walker Farm in the Town of Bergen.

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<sup>2</sup> Contact the Genesee County Planning Department, County Building 2, 3837 West Main Street Road, Batavia, NY 14020, (585) 815-7901 <http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/GreenGeneseeIndex/>

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### **Green Genesee Roadmap**

The predominant land cover types in Bergen are:

- Cultivated crops
- Pasture/ hay
- Woody wetlands
- Emergent herbaceous wetlands
- Deciduous forest

Several rare ecological communities are found within the Bergen Swamp. Global (G) and Statewide (S) ratings are on a scale of 1 (most rare/ vulnerable) to 5 (least rare/vulnerable). The following communities ranked S1 or S2 and are rare or vulnerable within New York State. Those ranked G1 or G2 are rare globally.

- Marl fen (G2/G3, S1)
- Northern white cedar swamp (G3/G4, S2,S3)
- Rich graminoid fen (G3, S1/S2)

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### Notice of Intent Process - Water Laterals

#### NYS Agricultural Districts Law Notice of Intent Process - Water Laterals

Section 305 of the Agricultural Districts law requires local governments, before extending a water or sewer line that would serve non-farm structures within an Agricultural District, to file a preliminary and a final Notice of Intent with the NYS Department of Agriculture and the County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board. The law states:

*Any ... local government ... which intends to construct, or advance a grant, loan, interest subsidy or other funds within a district to construct, ... water or sewer facilities to serve non-farm structures, shall use all practicable means in undertaking such action to realize the policy and goals set forth in this article, and shall act and choose alternatives which, consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations, to the maximum extent practicable minimize or avoid adverse impacts on agriculture in order to sustain a viable farm enterprise or enterprises within the district.*

The Notice of Intent (NOI) must set forth:

- A description of the proposed action and its agricultural setting
- The agricultural impact of the proposed action, including short-term and long-term effects
- Any adverse impacts on agriculture that cannot be avoided
- Alternatives to the proposed action
- Any irreversible and irretrievable commitments of agricultural resources which would be involved in the proposed action
- Mitigation measures proposed to minimize the adverse impact of the proposed action on the continuing viability of farms within the district
- Any aspects of the proposed action which would encourage non-farm development

A preliminary notice must be filed before the municipality issues a determination of significance pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR). The final notice must be filed at least 65 days prior to the construction or advancement of public funds. The commissioner has 45 days from receipt of the final notice to determine whether the action may have an unreasonably adverse effect on farm viability, and may take an additional 60 days to review the proposed action and issue findings.

The commissioner of agriculture may propose reasonable or practical alternative actions that would minimize or avoid the adverse impact of the proposed action on agriculture. The municipality or funding agency may either accept the proposed alternative or certify that other actions have been taken to minimize impacts on agricultural operations.

## **Village of Bergen Parks Master Plan - Summary**

The Village of Bergen Parks Master Plan articulates strategies, reviews needs and resources, and specifies goals and objectives to improve the Village's park system. This document summarizes the key components of the Parks Master Plan.

### **MISSION**

The Village's Parks Committee's mission is "to provide accessible, affordable, and quality leisure opportunities, activities, services and facilities to all residents of the Village of Bergen and to actively inform and educate residents about the role of the Village Board and the Department of Public Works."

### **SURVEY**

Community priorities identified in the mail-in survey distributed in summer 2012:

- upgrade the current restroom facilities
- expand recreational opportunities
- walking trails throughout the village parks
- an all season pavilion
- expand the existing pavilion to a larger open pavilion
- additional playground apparatus
- a possible gazebo

### **NEEDS AND RESOURCES**

#### **Current activity needs include:**

- Inclusion for all ages and demographics in recreational opportunities.
- Fitness activities for all ages to fight current obesity and inactivity
- Opportunities that focus on family participation
- Affordable activities.
- Preschool, teen, adult, and senior citizen recreational opportunities.

#### **Future Resources to Build On:**

- Coordination with Byron-Bergen Central School District and the Gillam Grant Community Center, health practitioners and other service providers in the Village to advance opportunities for residents of all ages and physical abilities.

#### **Problems and needs**

- Limited funding and high costs for programs, equipment, ADA compliant facilities, field and court upgrades, and supplies.
- Need to improve accessibility to those with disabilities.
- The existing parks are in need of consistent, qualified preventive maintenance and upkeep.

#### **Hickory Park**

- Usage has been limited to the playground, baseball and basketball and a limited walking trail.
- Additional amenities such as upgraded fields, picnic areas, tables, and a new flagpole would further compliment this area and give more families reason to visit the park.

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- The addition of a senior activity area, safety lighting, upgraded bathroom facilities with handicap accessibility, and an enclosed all-season pavilion would encourage all age groups to visit and use the facilities all year.

### **Carpenter Park**

- Accessible to wheel chairs, strollers, and bicycles from the village sidewalk.
- This park provides for train watching, place to sit and have lunch during warm weather
- Would be a perfect location for a raised community flower garden. The garden could be planted and maintained by interested residents. The garden would be an attractive draw for the senior population.
- Additional trees would provide shade and encourage people to utilize the park on hot summer days.

### **Zuber Park**

- Centrally located in the business district of the village. Many walk through the park on the way to the post office. Benches allow for reading, etc.
- Current site of the Tree Lighting Celebration.
- Landscaping needs to be upgraded to keep up with the aesthetic updates the village implements in the business district.

### **Ward Park**

- Paved walkway allows safe access from Rochester Street to Munger Street entrance without walking on the highway.
- The addition of a gazebo and evergreen tree planting would provide a larger area for the Tree Lighting, and for concerts.
- Incorporating space for parking would benefit park patrons.

### **Hartland Park**

- Provides walking areas and sledding hills.
- Existing activities limit potential for additional development
- Difficult access from the street for vehicles.
- Incorporating space for parking would benefit park patrons and increase usage.

### **Available Land**

Based on National Parks and Recreation Standards, the Village of Bergen has satisfied the requirements based on current population in relation to park land.

## **GOALS**

The Master Plan includes goals to establish a Parks Committee that maintains communication and coordination with Village staff and other government community organizations to provide quality recreational opportunities and facilities to meet the needs of residents. Goals include support for maintaining parks, expanding facilities and programs to meet the needs of residents of all ages and physical abilities, and raising funds through grants and partnerships.

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### **SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS BY PARK:**

#### **ALL PARKS**

- Establish Bergen Village Parks Trail (active/marked walking trail to connect all parks)

#### **A. HICKORY PARK**

- Install flagpole
- Ensure workable drinking fountains.
- Create independent picnic areas consisting of two tables with garbage receptacle.
- Update facilities to be accessible to those with disabilities.
- Upgrade playground
- Athletic field repairs as needed
- Recreation Equipment storage facility
- Install a covered bench near playground equipment
- Enlarge “Fire Department” Pavilion to accommodate larger groups
- Remodel restrooms and add an outdoor handicap accessible restroom
- Establish an adult/senior exercise course
- Build an all season pavilion
- Establish an eco-friendly dual purpose parking area
- Maintain the trees within the park
- Complete and pave circular track
- Add eco-friendly lighting
- Add “doggy poo stations”

#### **B. CARPENTER PARK**

- Add plantings as safety barrier between park and railroad tracks
- Plumb fountain for water
- Maintain the trees within the park

#### **C. ZUBER PARK**

- Remove current bushes and replace with dogwood trees and holly
- Remove overgrown evergreen tree and replace

#### **D. WARD PARK**

- Construct a gazebo
- Plant Trees, perennial garden
- Maintain the trees within the park

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## **PART FIVE**

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

This section lists the goals and objectives of the Village of Bergen Board of Trustees, Department of Public Works, Village Planning Board, Village Tree Board, and the Village Parks Committee's Five Year Master Plan
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#### **DEPARTMENT**

**GOAL:** Establish a Village of Bergen Parks Committee

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village of Bergen Parks Committee will:

- Be established upon completion and board approval of the Village of Bergen Parks Master Plan
- Be composed of the DPW Supervisor, member of the Village Board of Trustees, Planning Board Member, Member of Village Tree Board, and 3 community members.
- Terms will coincide with the terms of the office of trustee and planning board member, community members appointed by Board of Trustees

**GOAL:** Implement a plan to educate Village of Bergen residents of all ages about recreation by informing them of its value.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee will:

- Provide a brochure that will feature a listing of leisure activities and park information along with a brief description. The benefits of recreation and parks will be highlighted.
- Send a welcome letter and brochure to all new village residents informing them of recreational and park opportunities.
- Maintain an active website.
- Maintain communication with residents via regular newsletters.

**GOAL:** To stay attuned to the on-going activities of the Village Board of Trustees, Zoning Board, Planning Board, Library Board, Tree Board and Gillam Grant Community Center

**OBJECTIVES:**

Members of the Village Parks Committee will:

- 
- Attend meetings of the above-named Boards when it pertains to Recreation & Parks.
  - Monitor decisions of the Bergen Village Board of Trustees that may have an impact on the delivery of recreation services.
  - Disseminate information.

**GOAL:** To actively partner and communicate with representatives from the community and local civic organizations.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee will:

- Meet periodically with representatives from the school and community organizations.
- stay attuned to the on-going activities of the Village of Bergen Board of Trustees, Zoning Board, Planning Board, Tree Board, Library Board and Gillam Grant
- Meet periodically with representatives from other community organization boards to discuss mutual concerns and issues.

**GOAL:** To provide a safe environment for all who are involved in recreational activities, which are village-sponsored.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee and Department of Public Works will::

- Hold regular meetings regarding safety concerns
- Inventory and repair or replace, as necessary, all equipment and supplies.
- Inspect all facilities and park equipment on a continual basis.
- Communicate with the village staff on a daily basis.
- Annually maintain and update the xxx (safety) Manual.
- Provide and require all staff with current first aid, CPR and AED training.
- Provide up-to-date, complete first aid kits and mobile packs for all facilities.
- Follow up on all accident and incident reports.
- Assure that updated evacuation and emergency information is posted at each site.

**GOAL:** To provide quality recreational opportunities and facilities to meet the needs of Bergen Village Residents.

**OBJECTIVE:**

The Village Parks Committee will:

- Request feedback from program participants.
- Involve the members of the Village Board in evaluating recreational facilities and opportunities.
- Annually orient all staff in departmental, procedures and guidelines.

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- Maintain standards set by the National Recreation & Parks Association's (NRPA) Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

## **STAFF**

**GOAL:** Implement an annual staff training plan.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee and Department of Public Works will:

- Add a multi-dimensional comprehensive training plan which will acclimate department staff in the following areas:

Ethics & Confidentiality

- A. Accountability
- B. Customer Service
- C. Sensitivity
- D. Leadership
- E. Health and Safety

Team Building

- Meet the above training objective through use of formalized training as follows:
  1. Initially, all current and / or new professional staff and commissioners are required to successfully complete training in all defined areas within the first year of this Master Plan.
  2. Annually, successful completion of a refresher course is required in all defined areas for initial trainees.
  3. Any new professional staff and commissioner(s) are required to successfully complete the annual refresher training in all defined areas. Special accommodations will be made to orient new professional staff and commissioner(s) on initial content of training program prior to enrolling in the refresher course.

**GOAL:** Implement succession planning strategies for staff.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee will:

- Maintain a manual for park resources.

## **FACILITIES**

**GOAL:** To expand facilities

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee and the Department of Public Works will:

- Identify specific facility needs.

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- Research possible sources of funding.
  - Work with the community, Bergen Village Board and Tree Board to develop fundraising strategies.

## **RECREATION PROGRAMMING**

**GOAL:** To continue to provide a variety of quality recreation opportunities, activities and services for all residents.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee will:

- Encourage recreational opportunities that are on-going as opposed to one-time activities.
  - Request participants to complete an annual participation survey to be reviewed by Village Board, Tree Board, DPW.
- Continue recreation evaluation from the Recreation and Parks Commission and professional staff members with regular meetings.

**GOAL:** For the staff to utilize and promote the concept of "joint programming" with other public and private agencies for co-sponsorship of activities.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee will:

- Schedule meetings with other public and private agencies to discuss the possibility of co-sponsorship of activities, services and programs.

## **ADULTS & SENIOR ADULTS**

**GOAL:** To provide recreation opportunities that meet the changing lifestyles of community residents.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee will:

- Promote various activities that encourage family participation each season.
- Try to continually offer recreational opportunities to accommodate a variety of work schedules.
- Try to offer a variety of fitness programs for varied levels of participation
- Try to offer, on a yearly basis, additional social activities that provide opportunities for interaction for adults.

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- Increase available activities for adults (20s, 30s and 40s) such as kickball, basketball and pickleball.
  - Offer non-athletic activities such as cooking, trivia, cultural, puzzle solving, geo-caching, etc.

**GOAL:** To encourage activities that are age appropriate for the entire adult life span.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee will:

- Publicize the content and level of fitness programs in all brochures and flyers.
- Receive input from active adults ages 50 and older to assist in planning and marketing programs that would appeal to this population.
- Try to offer a variety of programs for active older adults.

**GOAL:** To motivate older adults to be active participants in planning and living a healthy lifestyle.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee will:

- Try to encourage continuing education programs relating to health, nutrition and exercise
- Try to provide health information in regular newsletters.
- Try to provide creative and innovative programs that foster health and wellness consistent with current trends.

**GOAL:** To provide and facilitate more recreation activities for seniors and people of all age groups with limited mobility.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee will:

- Post flyers or newsletters in the local area to include churches, senior adult groups, businesses and schools. .
- Request funding through available grants to purchase equipment that increases accessibility for those with disabilities.

## **YOUTH**

**GOAL:** To promote programs and services for pre-school age children and teens at times and locations most convenient to family schedules.

**OBJECTIVES:**

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The Village of Bergen Parks Committee will:

- in 2013 identify the number of children and areas of interest in specific age ranges through a town-wide survey.
- Establish linkages for at-risk youth with other public and private agencies and through continuing to work with the Byron-Bergen School resources to provide activities and programs for at-risk youth.

Work with the schools to provide after-school choices for youth that are currently not involved with school sport teams.

**GOAL:** To increase community awareness of the village parks especially among teens and their families.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee and Department of Public Works will:

- Increase department visibility at school and community functions.
- Utilize the village website to promote activities to include Facebook especially for teens.
- Produce an updated multi-media presentation to promote the department.
- Attempt to establish a youth/teen council to assist in planning youth related activities, programs and special events.

## **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**GOAL:** To provide activities that encourage persons with disabilities to use the parks, thus eliminating barriers for those with disabilities. .

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village of Parks Committee will:

- Work with local organizations to develop activities for persons with disabilities. .
- Review village-owned recreational parks and facilities to make sure that they are accessible to those with disabilities.
- Attend workshops to facilitate development of programs.

**GOAL:** To encourage participation of persons of all ages, persons with disabilities, with assistance if needed, in events and activities planned.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village of Bergen Parks Committee will:

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- Include in seasonal brochures that “Everyone is welcome”.
  - Survey agencies with local residents to establish needs and encourage participation.
  - Regularly plan social activities and events and invite participation from the identified groups.
  - Assist hearing impaired individuals with sign interpreters for theater performances.
  - Provide information about upcoming programs and events to area group homes.

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## **PARKS**

**GOAL:** To improve the existing park and recreation facilities to meet the needs of the community.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee and Department of Public Works will:

- assure proper use of the parks by patrolling the parks at random, picking up litter and securing the buildings.
- monitor parks using cameras
- work with the Genesee County Sheriff to patrol the area.
- concentrate on improving the aesthetics of passive and active recreation areas by adding trees, flowers, and properly maintaining lawn areas.
- ensure accessibility to park facilities and equipment through proper maintenance and upkeep through communication with the DPW staff.
- work cooperatively to maintain parks upkeep.
- recommend educational sessions for Village staff in related areas to keep them updated on current methods and trends including playground safety inspections.
- develop a capital plan for refurbishing fields and facilities as needed.
- assure that the athletic fields are rolled and aerated seasonally to provide a safer playing surface for participants.
- prune, stake, and water trees as needed.
- clean unnatural debris out of the parks as needed.
- proper sealing and paving of walkways, park roads and parking areas as needed.
- plant shrubs and trees to help with erosion control as needed.
- research the best way to solve the problems associated with vandalism in the parks.
- modernize and update park amenities such as waste cans, benches, signage and making them uniform in each park.
- utilize green technology in lighting and heating. Utilizing recycling and bio-degradable products and following other methods for environmental sustainability.
- apply for available local, state and federal grants on an annual basis.
- apply to foundations and private corporations for funding on an annual basis.
- maintain standards as set forth by CAPRA accreditation through annual review.

**GOAL:** To identify land within the village for use as future park, recreation, or open space areas.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Board of Trustees, Tree Board, Village Parks Committee, and Department of Public Works will:

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- identify sensitive land areas within the village and to work with Zoning, Planning Boards to zone these areas as protected special land use or dedicate for public use as parcels become available.
  - work jointly and cooperatively with other community organizations and local companies to acquire land that can be used for future park, recreation and open space development.

**GOAL:** To develop site plans for each park for future improvements and refurbishing projects.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Parks Committee and Department of Public Works will:

- Find a workable mapping program to clearly define park boundaries with current amenities.
- Implement a rating system that is updated yearly and tied to the budget to evaluate current condition and replacement of amenities
- Work closely with all stakeholders to define community needs.

**GOAL:** To expand outdoor recreation opportunities for Bergen residents.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village of Bergen Parks Committee will:

- promote conservation and nature study using village parks annually.
- work towards the layout and development of a village wide walking trail.
- promote village parks by offering a variety of special activities and group clean-ups within the parks each year.
- offer seasonal programs within the parks including such as Wegmans' Passport to Fitness.
- utilize scout troops for special projects that meet the requirements of the 5-year master plan

**GOAL:** To educate residents as to the available natural resources of the village and the value of having local parks and historic places.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Bergen Village Board, Village Parks Committee, Tree Board, and Department of Public Works will:

- have annual park awareness days and special events held in the parks such as Earth Day, Arbor Day, Community Action Day, Tree City, and Park Days events.
- organize community group participation in park clean up, nature hikes, and planting trees and flowers annually.
- develop a page or more on the website with current amenities.
- stress the benefits of parks to the community and to the individual.
- involve local media in writing feature articles about the history and development of each park.

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- strengthen cooperation with the local school district and pre-schools to open the parks as a learning environment to their classes and encourage school group projects in park improvements.
  - hold educationally and environmentally appropriate activities at parks and historically significant places within the Village of Bergen.

**GOAL:** To utilize creative methods of fund raising and park sponsorship to offset park maintenance and improvements.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The Village Board of Trustees and Village Parks Committee will:

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- establish an “Adopt-A-Park” Program to encourage community businesses to contribute for park improvements.
- develop and keep current a five-year capital improvement program and budget for the parks.
- work closely with the Tree Board, Planning Board, BBKA to support special park projects

**SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS BY PARK:**

**A. HICKORY PARK**

**OBJECTIVES**

- **Install flagpole**
- Ensure workable drinking fountains.
- Create independent picnic areas consisting of two tables with garbage receptacle.
- Update facilities to be accessible to those with disabilities.
- Upgrade playground
- Athletic field repairs as needed
- Recreation Equipment storage facility
- Install a covered bench near playground equipment
- Enlarge “Fire Department” Pavilion to accommodate larger groups
- remodel restrooms and add an outdoor handicap accessible restroom
- Establish an adult/senior exercise course
- Build an all season pavilion
- Establish Bergen Village Parks Trail (active/marked walking trail to connect all parks)
- Establish an eco-friendly dual purpose parking area
- maintain the trees within the park
- complete and pave circular track
- add eco-friendly lighting
- add “doggy poo stations”

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**B. CARPENTER PARK**

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Add plantings as safety barrier between park and railroad tracks
- Plumb fountain for water
- Establish Bergen Village Parks Trail
- maintain the trees within the park
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**C. ZUBER PARK**

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Remove current bushes and replace with dogwood trees and holly
- Remove overgrown evergreen tree and replace
- Establish Bergen Village Parks Trail

**D. WARD PARK**

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Construct a gazebo
- Plant Trees, perennial garden
- maintain the trees within the park
- Establish Bergen Village Parks Trail

**D. HARTLAND PARK**

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Establish Bergen Village Parks Trail

# BERGEN TOWN PARKS MASTER PLAN

## MISSION

The Town of Bergen seeks to provide exceptional park and recreational opportunities that enhance the livability of our community and the lives of the people we serve. Through a variety of parks and recreational offerings, we provide opportunities for people to gather, celebrate, and engage in activities that promote health, well-being, community and the environment.

## VISION/ GOALS

### Robins Brook Park

- Maintain and enhance existing and future athletic fields
- Develop a series of walking nature trails to encourage individual engagement with nature and well-being.
- Coordinate and cooperate with other entities, such as the school district, for recreational needs. Areas to explore include cross country trail connections from BB School District to Robins Brook Park
- Develop necessary structures/ facilities to encourage public usage, including but not limited to restrooms, pavilions, etc.
- Enhance accessibility: handicap accessibility, parking, roadways

### Drew's Nature Center

- Make better use of Drew's Nature Center as a recreational asset.
- Preserve, promote and enhance the usage of Drew's Nature Center
- Develop entrance and walking paths to encourage public access.

### Linear Park

- Preserve, promote and enhance the usage of Linear Park
- Develop entrance and walking paths to encourage public access.
- Promote usage of trails.

*Prepared by the Town of Bergen Parks Committee. Transcribed (from undated hard copy) by LaBella Associates for the Comprehensive Plan 2016.*

## Appendix C

### Town and Village of Bergen Comprehensive Plan

## Public Comments

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1. Public Informational Meeting March 19, 2015
2. Comments at Public Workshops
  - April 5, 2015: Agriculture and Natural Resources
  - May 4, 2015: Housing, Parks and Recreation
  - June 1, 2015: Downtown
  - July 13, 2015: Industrial Development, Transportation & Infrastructure, Housing
3. Plan summary presentation April 21, 2016

## **Bergen Comprehensive Plan Public Informational Meeting**

**March 19, 2015**

### **COMMENTS**

#### **Land Use & Zoning**

- Resid Subdiv on Open land
- Noise from industrial plant
  - No buffer
- Current land use map – active Farmland & Ag district lands should be green for land use predominantly agricultural (vs. single family residential farm). Change yellows to green Ag maps
- Consider business zoning R-20 area just east of Village (currently vacant)

#### **Agriculture & Farmland Natural Resources**

- Wouldn't it be appropriate to promote larger, contiguous areas for agriculture (crop farming)? Seems that agriculture is the business we want to promote

#### **Housing / Neighborhoods**

- Restrict/prohibit the conversion of single family housing to double family housing.
- Consider adding condominiums adjacent to the Village connected by walking paths/sidewalks.
- Consider opening a Bed and Breakfast.
- We need more housing that will attract middle class families and increase the population; fill the schools better; and provide customers for businesses.
- Continue to replace any street trees that have to be removed.
- Youth comment: I think everyone should have large backyards (if you have children or pets or both, it is a good idea). And children do like having big backyards.
- Monroe county dump and the canning factory smell and detract from the quality of life – please work with these entities to fix the problem!
- Do we currently have incentives for homeowners on Main Street to maintain their properties to a certain standard to improve our community image?
- Better quality apartments; especially in the Village
- Senior townhouses or condos
  - Not apartments
- A while ago there was interest in developing a compact mixed residential neighborhood (townhouses, apartments, senior living, etc.) southeast of the Village somewhere in the area of Parkview Drive and Appletree Road. It was a very good plan but it never happened. It should!

# **Bergen Comprehensive Plan Public Informational Meeting**

**March 19, 2015**

## **COMMENTS**

### **Business Development Downtown Revitalization**

- Downtown Revitalization
- Bed and Breakfast near downtown
- NO chain hotels anywhere
- Parks need a purpose
- Keep the Library
- Single family custom homes in undeveloped area of Village
- Infrastructure and utilities for industrial park development and growth
- Fill downtown business district with shops/businesses
- Promote downtown businesses by connecting to town and residential areas w/sidewalks and bike paths

### **Transportation & Utilities**

- Add location symbol for “Welcome to Bergen” signs at borders of Town
- Sidewalk connectivity-Town and Village  
Paths to connect town to Village (walking/Biking)
- Emphasize sidewalk connections to all parts of the Village
- Cluster some new housing growth adjacent to Village with connecting sidewalk
- Bike lanes. Walking lane on Swamp Road
- Natural gas in the Town of Bergen
- Sewers need repair (storm drains) esp. Kaymar, Emily CF, Canturbury
- Keep Village electric
- Additional basic water in Town!
- “Group” solar power (NYSERDA incentives)

# **Bergen Comprehensive Plan Public Informational Meeting**

**March 19, 2015**

## **COMMENTS**

### **Parks and Recreation Community Services / Facilities**

#### **Parks/ Recreation**

- Robin's Brook Park is acting like a public park so why is it gated? It is understandable that there should be time restrictions for use (i.e. park closes dusk to dawn) but there shouldn't be a gate. The park also needs public facilities like water and bathrooms.
- Hickory Park and other Village Parks need better maintenance. Robin's Brook Park is always very well maintained because they have volunteers. Perhaps the Village Parks could do something similar with volunteers.
- The new exercise stations at Hickory Park are awesome!
- The creation of a Bergen Village Artwalk could put Bergen on the map as a unique destination
- On the east side of NYS Route 19 along the Linear Park there is now a sign stopping people from continuing along the trail in an eastward direction. Why?
- Youth comment: I think all the basketball hoops should have nets, especially in Bergen Park.
- The bathrooms should be better maintained and functional at Bergen Park
- Improved rest facilities at Hickory park
- Accessibility to Drew's Nature Center and Bergen Swamp
- Advanced recreational development at Robins Brook Park
- We need more Town walking paths/sidewalks. Consider adding bike paths from the town to access the village.
- Improve the accessibility of Robin's Brook Park.

#### **Government/ Community Services and Facilities**

- Keeping the town refuse station open. It is very important.
- The Library should be bigger.
- Youth comment: I think there should be more trees everywhere
- Churches are a very important community asset!
- The local schools are getting too small. We need more students.
- Consider Town/Village consolidation
- The post office and library are great Village/downtown assets – keep them centrally located

# **Town and Village of Bergen Comprehensive Plan Committee**

## **Notes from Public Workshop - Agricultural and Natural Resources**

**April 6, 2015**

**George Squires, District Manager, Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District**

### Agriculture

- Presented an overview of agriculture in Bergen – types of farms, soils, processing, trends,
  - Most of the soils designated “prime if drained” have been drained. 1 million feet of drainage tile has been installed in Genesee County
  - Best soil in Bergen to farm: Ontario loam
  - Record amount of soybeans planted in Genesee County last year. This year likely to be another record. Cornell recently developed a type of soybean that can be grown in this climate
  - Markets for vegetables include Bonuelle in Bergen, Oakfield and Brockport and Seneca Foods in Mt. Morris. Vegetables grown in Genesee County include table beets, snap beans, sweet corn, cabbage, pumpkins, squash, spinach and lima beans. Steve Starowitz ships cabbage to NYC.
- Farms in Bergen include
  - Pokack farm
  - Dick Sands – rents to Starowitz
  - Dairy farm in Bergen – owner lives in Byron
  - Sheep farm
  - Alpaca farm
  - Farm Winery – Autumn Moon on W. Bergen Road
  - Cattle– dairy replacement and beef
- 20 farmland owners live out of Town and own 3463 acres
  - Zuber Brothers, dairy (800 acres)
  - Hohn Farms (750 acres)
  - Steve and Diane Starowitz (70 acres)
- No Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in Bergen. These require DEC permit and approved manure management plan
- New crops in Genesee County include malting barley to support beer making, processed at a new malting facility in Batavia, and red kidney beans

### Natural Resources

- Topography in Bergen is generally flat, punctuated by several “drumlins” – long and narrow hills with a tapered slope on the north end. Good example is Torpey Hill.
- Minnie Creek flows through the Village, enters Black Creek near Peachey Road. Village’s wastewater treatment plant discharges into this creek.
- Most of Town is within the Black Creek Watershed. A portion of the southern part of the Town drains into Oatka Creek. Watersheds have been studied and plans include several

## **Bergen Comprehensive Plan Committee**

### **Notes from Meeting and Workshop – April 6, 2015**

recommendations that apply to the Town and Village of Bergen. [NOTE: see attached table summarizing relevant recommendations.]

#### **Jan Beglinger, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County (CCE)**

- CCE offers research-based technical assistance to farmers as well as programs such as 4-H and Master Gardeners.
- A “Buy Local” guide lists farm stands and on-farm sales in Genesee County (copy attached)
- Ag Day through Leadership Genesee offers tours of farms to leaders in government and business to communicate the importance of agriculture to Genesee County’s economy
- Genesee County is the top county in the state in acres of vegetables and the 5<sup>th</sup> in dairy acres
- We Soil Survey is a good resource for identifying soil types on land

#### **Richard Sutherland, CC Environment – Green Genesee/ Smart Genesee**

- Countywide Green Infrastructure map and recommendations identifies “natural asset cores” and connections between them and will recommend actions that County and municipal governments and their partners can take to preserve these assets. [See attached Fact Sheet.]

#### **Questions/ Discussion**

- A question was asked about how many farm parcels in Bergen are smaller than 50 acres. George Squires had presented a list of parcels 75 acres or larger. Barbara noted that many farmers rely on rental land, including smaller parcels, to sustain their operations
- Jan Beglinger suggested that Bergen consider preparing a local Farmland Protection Plan [NOTE: NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets administers a grant program to support municipal agricultural planning.] She suggested looking at the Town of LeRoy’s plan as a model.
- Jan suggested that the Town consider adopting a local Right to Farm law.
- George Squires noted that Town-level land protections are an important tool and stressed the need to build public support among residents. He noted that development pressure from the STAMP project may increase pressure to convert farmland for residential development.
- George noted that the price of farmland has recently increased considerably.
- George noted that farms are increasingly diversified to provide stability when prices fluctuate for certain crops.
- Jan noted that another trend is an increase in very large farms and a decrease in midsized farms. At the same time, many people are “homesteading” – growing enough food on their plots to support a family – and establishing very small/ part-time farms (less than \$25,000 sales per year.)
- A participant noted that it is important for farmers to be good stewards of the land and that protecting groundwater quality is important

## **Town / Village of Bergen 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update**

5/4/15 Housing & Residential Neighborhood and Parks/Recreation & Services Meeting Notes

### **Notes:**

#### **Town Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer:**

- There has been an overall decline in housing upkeep
- Only 2 new houses in the past four years
- He finds that people who are considering moving to Bergen are looking for public water, sewer, and natural gas. There are very few properties in the Town which have those things and it is unlikely those public utilities will ever expand.
- He doesn't have to deal with too many code violations.
- Potential area where zoning should be changed:
  - On Route 19 passed the old Liberty Pumps there is an area which is zoned Industrial. Several different people have talked to him about being interested in putting housing there. Should the area potentially be rezoned as residential?

#### **Town Highway Superintendent:**

- The Town has a Park Committee
- There are plans to put in a new baseball field in Robin's Brook Park sometime soon.
  - At some point they would like to put in a walking path that goes all the way to the school.
  - The Park has port-a-potties. There are no plans in the immediate future to put in permanent restroom facilities.
- They are working on dealing with ATV issues (ATV's are tearing up the land and trails) at both Drews Nature Center and along the Linear Park.
- There has been no real discussion so far about connecting the Linear Park to the Village.
- He is spending a lot of his time trying to deal with drainage issues which plague the Town.

#### **Village Park Committee:**

- The Village Park Committee meets monthly
- There is a lot going on and a lot in the works, especially at Hickory Park
- Sidewalk connection project at one of the parks
- They hope to build a walking track in Hickory Park soon
- Plan to put in a disc golf course in Hartland Park
  - Many of the residents didn't know what Hartland Park was until someone called it the old sledding hill. Maybe there is a need for rebranding.
- Park Day in June

#### **Byron-Bergen Central Schools:**

- School enrollment is declining. There are currently just over 1,000 students. In 2000 there were 1,400 students.
- The student population is made up of about 99% white and 1% African American

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## **Town / Village of Bergen 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update**

### **5/4/15 Housing & Residential Neighborhood and Parks/Recreation & Services Meeting Notes**

- The school was just voted the best school in Genesee County
- 2 years ago they consolidated the middle school. Now the Elementary is Pre-K through 6 and the Jr/Sr High School is 7 through 12.
- Some of the space that was freed up by the consolidation is now being used by the WNY Tech Academy. There are 3 different tracks to choose from, you start in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, when you complete the program you get a free applied associates degree from GCCC.
- A few students are in the Ag Academy?
- They want to start a FAA?
- The School's Strategic Plan is in the final stages of adoption
- He has found that families are looking for move-in ready tract type housing development with public sewer and water. Very few are looking for fixer uppers with wells and septs.

#### **Library:**

- They get 200-300 people per week
- There is a very active group of youth who come in often
- Summer programs are being developed now
- Most of the library funding comes from the Town with lesser amounts from the Village, Byron, County, and State

#### **Sherriff:**

- The Town does not have a dedicated officer outside of the allotted time spent in each region
- The Village has hired a dedicated officer to spend an additional 16-20 hours in the Village over the allotted time spent in each region.
- The officer spends this time walking the streets as well as talking with and getting to know the youth.
- He feels they have been making a difference.
- He suggests they consider shifting some of the dedicated hours from daytime to overnight.
- There are security cameras in the parks.
- Route 33 is known to be a drug highway between Rochester and Buffalo. They do random blitzes along the route to try to curb the problem.
- There are no neighborhood watch programs in the Town or Village.

#### **Gillam Grant Community Center:**

- They provide service, recreation, and education.
- They have been in the community for 40 years.
- A small percentage of their funding comes from the Village and Town of Bergen and the Town of Byron. Most of the funding comes from grants and the endowment. Grant funding is being severely cut. The endowment is not doing very well right now either and they don't want to take any money from the principal.

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## **Town / Village of Bergen 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update**

### **5/4/15 Housing & Residential Neighborhood and Parks/Recreation & Services Meeting Notes**

- There are lot of educational programs offered ("The Learning Center" is a tutoring program they offer).
- The swimming pool is run by the School District.
- There is a severe need for more space, especially indoor recreational space. A few years ago they started working on making this a reality. They obtained the land but had to abandon going further due to major grant funding cuts. They really feel there is a need for the space and that it would be feasible if they had the money to build it.
- There is very high participation in the senior services and programs. The seniors want a separate designated space just for seniors.
- There is very limited adult recreation due to limitations in facilities. The adults (25-50) want wellness/health/fitness courses but there isn't enough room to offer it. This is the toughest group to meet their needs and therefore they are often pushed aside in favor of youth and seniors.
- The youth recreational programs are very good but participation is declining.

#### **Various Comments from the Public:**

- One man was concerned that the land use map coded some of his properties agricultural and others residential and that they were inaccurately coded.
- There are not a lot of market rate or affordable apartments which makes it difficult to attract/retain young adults who are not yet ready to buy a home. Do we need to consider adding more apartments?
- Bergen Meadows has a huge waiting list for senior hoping to move in. This would suggest we need more senior housing?
- Don't leave out that Bergen is a gem for hunting. Most of the hunting is on private land but it is very important and a high priority of many of the Town residents.
- Don't forget to include the Firing Pin (a public indoor range located just outside of the Village)

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**Bergen Comprehensive Plan**  
**Notes from June 1, 2015 walking tour of downtown**

**Comments from participants**

Mural - observations

- Buildings
- Windows
- Train
- Historic features – some recognizable
- Local brick
- Victorian style
- Proportions – windows, storefront
- Awnings – consistent
- Architectural details
- Storefront windows, doorways, detail
- Welcoming windows
- 3 images – too many to digest when driving past

Village Hall

- Building in good condition
- Architectural features preserved
- Renovation was expensive

Other observations

- Soft brick of downtown buildings are more costly to preserve
- Retains original columns
- Masons – storefront, different color brick
- Corner building: Point on top missing. Roof detail (1886). Poor condition. Shingle siding covers glass
- Street lights – nice feature
- No trees anymore. Kids abused them
- Traffic – drivers can't see past parked cars when turning onto Lake Street
- Historic character – important to preserve
- Consider outdoor seating for restaurant
- Auto uses - OK to have in downtown. Viable business. Additional auto-oriented businesses may not be welcome
- Fence between Village parking lot and post office – put up by building owner
- Lacy Katzen – building is for sale and needs work. Intact columns, historic architectural features
- Corner buildings sold for \$40,000 at auction

## **Bergen Comprehensive Plan**

### **Notes from June 1, 2015 walking tour of downtown**

- Harford House
  - Historic porch was removed
  - Trees block view of buildings
  - Original use was hotel. Now is apartments
  - Sand blasting left white color
  - Porch added
- Library – used to be fire hall
- Formerly angled parking was removed when NYS DOT improved roadway
- Carpenter Park – sitting area heavily used. Kids watch trains
- Street lights – some say they're too bright. Color is bright white. Lighting not directed downward toward street
- Need more directional signage toward rear parking
- Parking is safety issue – poor visibility pulling out onto Buffalo Street
- Street width – how does Bergen's compare to Churchville's?
  - [NOTE: In Churchville, travel lanes along N. Main Street south of Buffalo Street are 25 feet wide at Fitch Street then widen to 31 feet in front of Naughton's Johnson House and to 50 feet at the intersection with Buffalo Street. Sidewalk-to-sidewalk width at the intersection is 58 feet.
  - In Bergen, travel lanes are 25 feet and the crosswalk length (sidewalk to sidewalk) is 50 feet]
- Village has a tree inventory and maintenance plan
- Consider installing a gazebo for gathering place

**Bergen Comprehensive Plan**  
**Notes from June 1, 2015 walking tour of downtown**

**Summary of Public Comments**

View from public parking lot:

- appearance at rear of buildings has improved recently
- Electric lines at rear of buildings improve aesthetics in front
- Businesses could use entrances from parking lot as well as street
- Dumpsters detract from appearance

Building conditions

- Most buildings in good condition.
- Some building rehabilitation retains historic features
- Some vacant storefronts
- Some false siding
- Some signage detracts from appearance

Discussion about suitability of auto-oriented businesses. Those that have been in downtown for a long time contribute to the economic vitality of the community.

Post Office, library downtown attracts people

Streetscape/walk ability

Some wide driveways

Some issues with visibility for cars when turning at intersections downtown

Apartment building used to be hotel with expansive porch

## Bergen Comprehensive Plan Committee

### Notes from Public Workshop on Business/ Industrial Development, Transportation/ Infrastructure and Residential Development – July 13, 2015

#### Housing Market

- Hidden Meadows – older units, some in poor condition, selling for \$30,000, down from \$50,000. Owners can't get home equity loans due to modular construction.
- Options for patio homes – none currently in Bergen. Selling for \$140,000 to \$170,000 in North Chili, Churchville and Brockport (off East Ave.)
- No housing market study done since 2005 for City of Batavia
- New development – probably couldn't sell new homes for what it costs to build them
- Assisted living - \$3,000/ month. Batavia: \$2,200/ month for studio apartment. Aging in place option includes services in homes. This is a large regional issue. A regional study would be helpful.
- Not enough housing for first time homeowners.
- Genesee County Office for the Aging coordinates transportation and other services to seniors
- Residential development proposal off Route 262 – Parkview – was designed but not constructed.

#### Business Development/ Transportation/ Infrastructure

- I-490 Interchange area: Speed limit reduction requested from NYS DOT several years ago.
- Opportunities for more development at Business Park
- Infrastructure: water and gas adequate when park first constructed. Now gas especially is not sufficient. Funding needed for larger gas line to Route 36 (estimated at \$120,000). Electric service is adequate. Sewer service is 4" mains.
- Businesses in Village – such as bakery – benefit from other nearby businesses/ employees
- Route 33 in Village toward Churchville -30 mph is too low.
- Route 19/33 intersection – dangerous. Speed limit too high. Potential for traffic circle?
- Other areas of concern: Apple Tree to I-490, left turns onto Route 33
- Electricity: 2.44 MW allocation, peak 9 MW. Procures additional as needed. Load increases with new businesses, which allows allotment to be raised through the Power for Jobs Program. Boneulle uses 80% of load. Recently installed more efficient motors, drives and lighting and has an energy efficiency program.
- Cable/ Broadband: Consider free broadband for community use.
- Water: Extend public water to areas with poor quality groundwater. High cost per household to extend to areas with few residents. Town not eligible for grants in most areas as median household income is too high.



## **Appendix D**

Town and Village of Bergen Comprehensive Plan

# **Population & Housing Statistics**

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## Appendix D: Population & Housing Statistics

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## Appendix D: Population & Housing Statistics

**Table 1. Population Trends for the Village and Town of Bergen and Genesee County, 1960-2013**

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2013 <sup>1</sup>
Genesee County	53,994	58,722	59,400	60,060	60,370	60,079	59,872
Town of Bergen <sup>2</sup>	1,032	1,263	1,592	1,691	1,942	1,944	1,788
Village of Bergen	964	1,018	976	1,103	1,240	1,176	1,314

**Notes:** <sup>1</sup> Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

<sup>2</sup> Town figures do not include Village population. They are calculated as separate entities.

**Data Sources:** 1960-2010 Decennial Census; Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council's Regional Population Forecasts - May 2013

**Table 2. Trends in Youth & Elderly Population for the Village and Town of Bergen and Genesee County, 2000-2013**

		Genesee County		Town of Bergen <sup>3</sup>		Village of Bergen	
		#	% <sup>1</sup>	#	% <sup>1</sup>	#	% <sup>1</sup>
<b>2000</b>	Total Population	60,370	-	1,942	-	1,240	-
	Under 18 Years Old	15,730	26.1%	488	25.1%	357	28.8%
	65 Years Old and Older	8,661	14.3%	259	13.3%	115	9.3%
<b>2010</b>	Total Population	60,079	-	1,944	-	1,176	-
	Under 18 Years Old	13,259	22.1%	430	22.1%	300	25.5%
	% Change <sup>2</sup> in Under 18 (2010 to 2000)	-15.7%	-	-11.9%	-	-16.0%	-
	65 Years Old and Older	9,390	15.6%	349	18.0%	124	10.5%
	% Change <sup>2</sup> in 65+ (2010 to 2000)	8.4%	-	34.7%	-	7.8%	-
<b>2013</b>	Total Population	59,872	-	1,788	-	1,314	-
	Under 18 Years Old	12,929	21.6%	410	22.9%	345	26.3%
	% Change <sup>2</sup> in Under 18 (2013 to 2010)	-2.5%	-	-4.7%	-	15.0%	-
	% Change <sup>2</sup> in Under 18 (2013 to 2000)	-17.8%	-	-16.0%	-	-3.4%	-
	65 Years Old and Older	9,616	16.1%	412	23.0%	135	10.3%
	% Change <sup>2</sup> in 65+ (2013 to 2010)	2.4%	-	18.1%	-	8.9%	-
	% Change <sup>2</sup> in 65+ (2013 to 2000)	11.0%	-	59.1%	-	17.4%	-

**Notes:** <sup>1</sup> Category's percent of the total for the specified geography and time period.

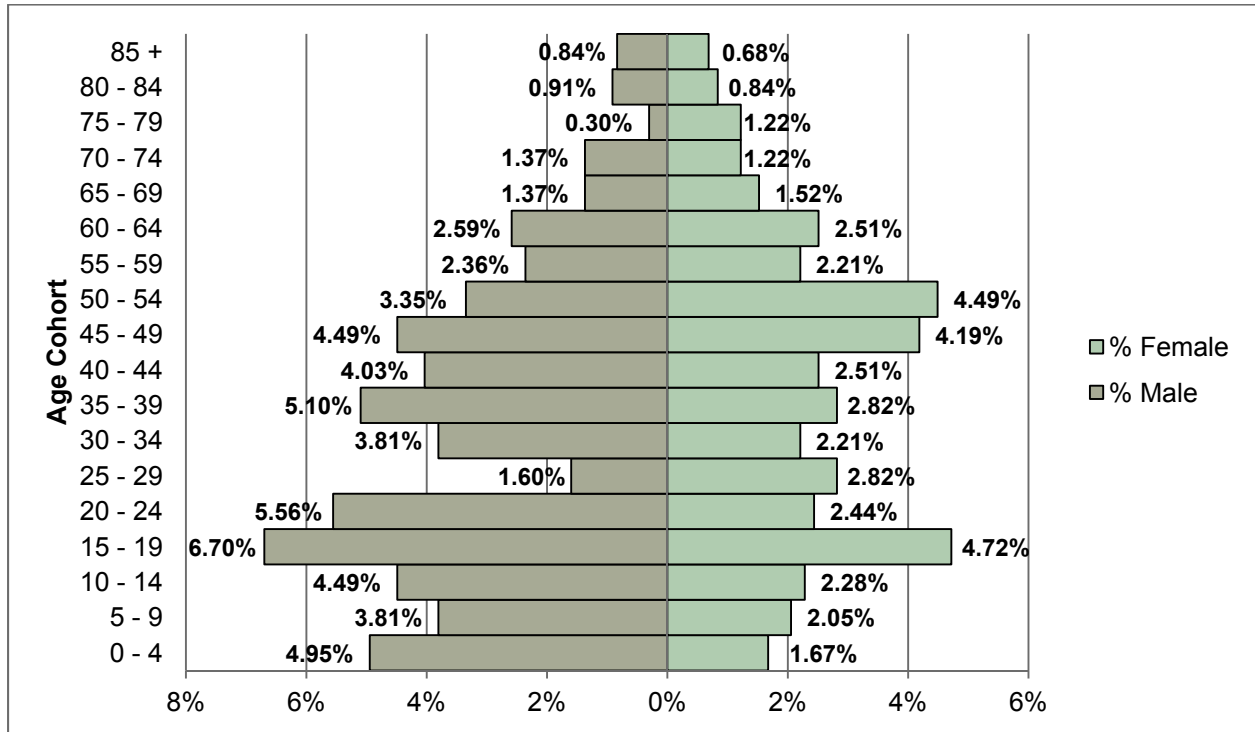
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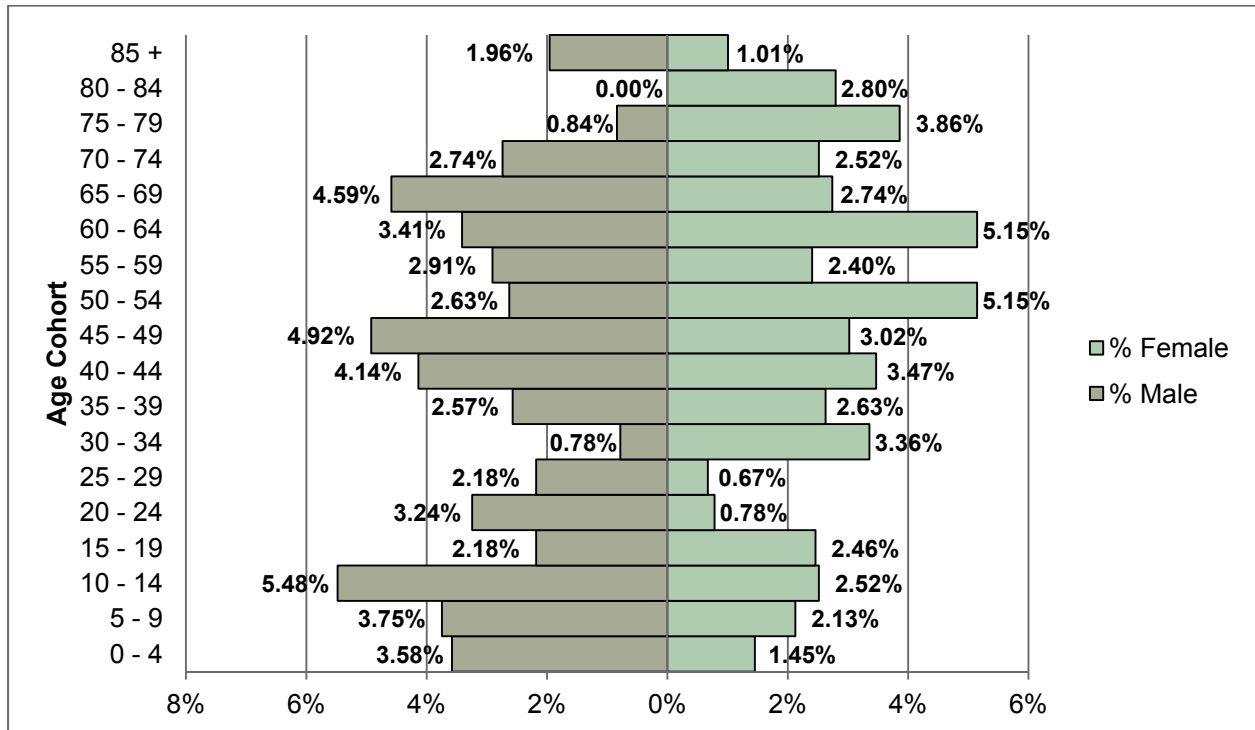
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Figure 1. Population Pyramid for the Village of Bergen, 2013



Data Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

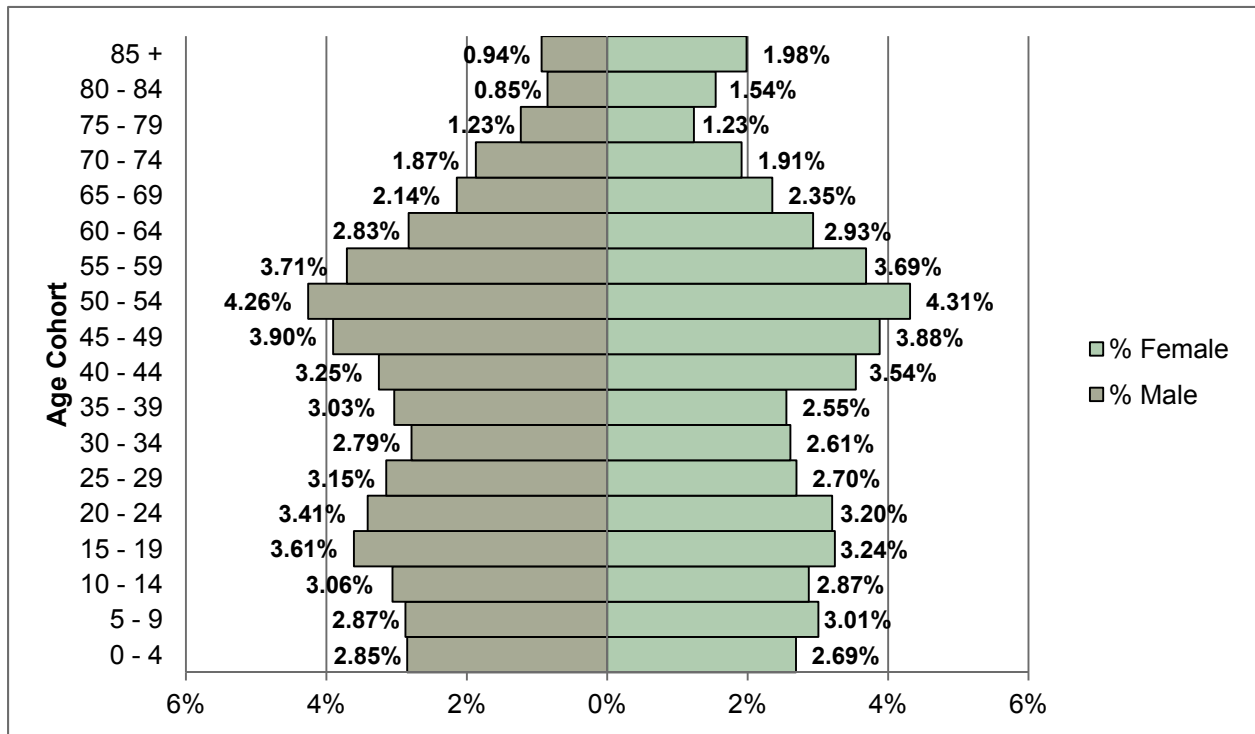
Figure 2. Population Pyramid for the Town of Bergen, 2013



Data Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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Figure 3. Population Pyramid for Genesee County, 2013



Data Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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**Table 3. Trends in Ethnicity for the Village and Town of Bergen and Genesee County, 2000-2013**

	2000		2010			2013			
	Number	%	Number	%	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2010)	Number	%	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2010 to 2013)	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2013)
<b>Genesee County</b>									
Total Population	60,370	-	60,079	-	-	59,872	-	-	-
Hispanic / Latino	904	1.5%	1,616	2.7%	78.8%	1,668	2.8%	3.2%	84.5%
<b>Town of Bergen<sup>2</sup></b>									
Total Population	1,942	-	1,944	-	-	1,788	-	-	-
Hispanic / Latino	14	0.7%	25	1.3%	78.6%	132	7.4%	428.0%	842.9%
<b>Village of Bergen</b>									
Total Population	1,240	-	1,176	-	-	1,314	-	-	-
Hispanic / Latino	18	1.5%	26	2.2%	44.4%	22	1.7%	-15.4%	22.2%

**Notes:** <sup>1</sup> Percent change in the raw numbers between specified time periods.

<sup>2</sup> Town figures do not include Village population. They are calculated as separate entities.

**Data Sources:** 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census and 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**Table 4. Trends in Household Type and Size for the Village of Bergen, 2000-2013**

	2000		2010			2013			
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2010)	#	% of Total	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2010 to 2013)	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2013)
Total Households	465	-	426	-	-8.4%	489	-	14.8%	5.2%
Family Households	326	70.1%	264	62.0%	-19.0%	321	65.6%	21.6%	-1.5%
Married-couple family	277	59.6%	189	44.4%	-31.8%	232	47.4%	22.8%	-16.2%
With Children	139	29.9%	92	21.6%	-33.8%	114	23.3%	23.9%	-18.0%
Without Children	138	29.7%	97	22.8%	-29.7%	118	24.1%	21.6%	-14.5%
Female-Headed HH's	28	6.0%	62	14.6%	121.4%	67	13.7%	8.1%	139.3%
With Children	18	3.9%	31	7.3%	72.2%	45	9.2%	45.2%	150.0%
Without Children	10	2.2%	31	7.3%	210.0%	22	4.5%	-29.0%	120.0%
Male-Headed HH's	21	4.5%	13	3.1%	-38.1%	22	4.5%	69.2%	4.8%
With Children	13	2.8%	3	0.7%	-76.9%	9	1.8%	200.0%	-30.8%
Without Children	8	1.7%	10	2.3%	25.0%	13	2.7%	30.0%	62.5%
Non-family Households	139	29.9%	162	38.0%	16.5%	168	34.4%	3.7%	20.9%
Living Alone	108	23.2%	128	30.0%	18.5%	142	29.0%	10.9%	31.5%
Not Living Alone	31	6.7%	34	8.0%	9.7%	26	5.3%	-23.5%	-16.1%
Average Household Size	2.66	-	2.64	-	-0.8%	2.68	-	1.5%	0.8%

**Note:** <sup>1</sup> Percent change in the raw numbers between specified time periods.

**Data Sources:** 2000 Decennial Census, 2010 Decennial Census (average HH size), 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (HH Type), and 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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**Table 5. Trends in Household Type and Size for the Town of Bergen, 2000-2013**

	2000		2010			2013			
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2010)	#	% of Total	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2010 to 2013)	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2013)
Total Households <sup>2</sup>	721	-	787	-	9.2%	731	-	-7.1%	1.4%
Family Households	536	74.3%	570	72.4%	6.3%	490	67.0%	-14.0%	-8.6%
Married-couple family	463	64.2%	490	62.3%	5.8%	430	58.8%	-12.2%	-7.1%
With Children	213	29.5%	187	23.8%	-12.2%	138	18.9%	-26.2%	-35.2%
Without Children	250	34.7%	303	38.5%	21.2%	292	39.9%	-3.6%	16.8%
Female-Headed HH's	28	3.9%	27	3.4%	-3.6%	44	6.0%	63.0%	57.1%
With Children	24	3.3%	12	1.5%	-50.0%	15	2.1%	25.0%	-37.5%
Without Children	4	0.6%	15	1.9%	275.0%	29	4.0%	93.3%	625.0%
Male-Headed HH's	45	6.2%	53	6.7%	17.8%	16	2.2%	-69.8%	-64.4%
With Children	30	4.2%	0	0.0%	-100.0%	16	2.2%	100.0%	-46.7%
Without Children	15	2.1%	53	6.7%	253.3%	0	0.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Non-family Households	185	25.7%	217	27.6%	17.3%	241	33.0%	11.1%	30.3%
Living Alone	146	20.2%	152	19.3%	4.1%	225	30.8%	48.0%	54.1%
Not Living Alone	39	5.4%	65	8.3%	66.7%	16	2.2%	-75.4%	-59.0%
Average Household Size	2.66	-	2.55	-	-4.1%	2.45	-	-3.9%	-7.9%

**Notes:** <sup>1</sup> Percent change in the raw numbers between specified time periods.

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**Data Sources:** 2000 Decennial Census, 2010 Decennial Census (average HH size), 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (HH Type), and 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**Table 6. Trends in Household Type and Size for Genesee County, 2000-2013**

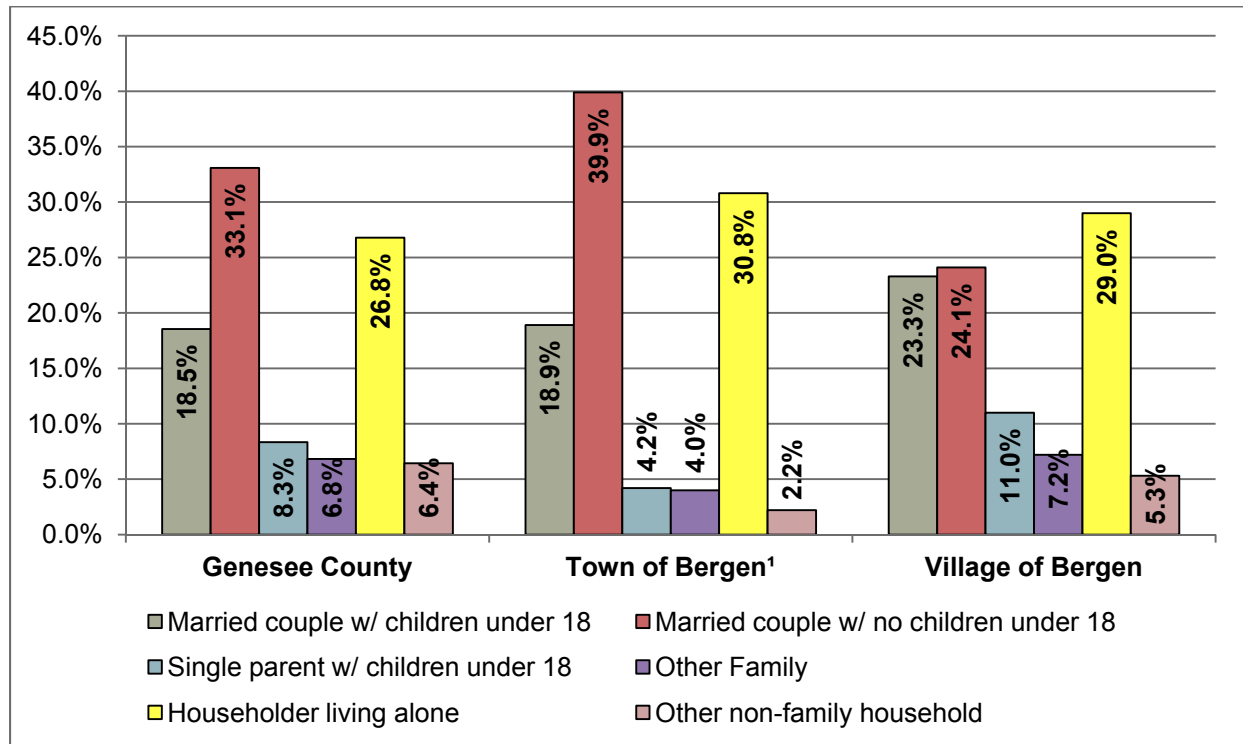
	2000		2010			2013			
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2010)	#	% of Total	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2010 to 2013)	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2013)
Total Households	22,770	-	23,790	-	4.5%	23,884	-	0.4%	4.9%
Family Households	15,851	69.6%	15,883	66.8%	0.2%	15,952	66.8%	0.4%	0.6%
Married-couple family	12,667	55.6%	12,226	51.4%	-3.5%	12,332	51.6%	0.9%	-2.6%
With Children	5,750	25.3%	4,856	20.4%	-15.5%	4,430	18.5%	-8.8%	-23.0%
Without Children	6,917	30.4%	7,370	31.0%	6.5%	7,902	33.1%	7.2%	14.2%
Female-Headed HH's	2,110	9.3%	2,481	10.4%	17.6%	2,570	10.8%	3.6%	21.8%
With Children	1,236	5.4%	1,495	6.3%	21.0%	1,545	6.5%	3.3%	25.0%
Without Children	874	3.8%	986	4.1%	12.8%	1,025	4.3%	4.0%	17.3%
Male-Headed HH's	1,074	4.7%	1,176	4.9%	9.5%	1,050	4.4%	-10.7%	-2.2%
With Children	628	2.8%	663	2.8%	5.6%	445	1.9%	-32.9%	-29.1%
Without Children	446	2.0%	513	2.2%	15.0%	605	2.5%	17.9%	35.7%
Non-family Households	6,919	30.4%	7,907	33.2%	14.3%	7,932	33.2%	0.3%	14.6%
Living Alone	5,644	24.8%	6,431	27.0%	13.9%	6,397	26.8%	-0.5%	13.3%
Not Living Alone	1,275	5.6%	1,476	6.2%	15.8%	1,535	6.4%	4.0%	20.4%
Average Household Size	2.59	-	2.45	-	-5.4%	2.46	-	0.4%	-5.0%

**Note:** <sup>1</sup> Percent change in the raw numbers between specified time periods.

**Data Sources:** 2000 Decennial Census, 2010 Decennial Census (average HH size), 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (HH Type), and 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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Figure 4. Household Type for the Village and Town of Bergen and Genesee County, 2013



**Note:** <sup>1</sup> Town figures do not include Village households. They are calculated as separate entities.

**Data Source:** 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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**Table 7. Trends in Occupancy/Vacancy Rates and Tenure for the Village and Town of Bergen and Genesee County, 2000-2013**

	2000		2010			2013			
	#	%	#	%	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2010)	#	%	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2010 to 2011)	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2013)
<b>Genesee County</b>									
Total Housing Units	24,190	-	25,589	-	5.8%	25,470	-	-0.5%	5.3%
Vacant	1,420	5.9%	1,861	7.3%	31.1%	1,586	6.2%	-14.8%	11.7%
Occupied	22,770	94.1%	23,728	92.7%	4.2%	23,884	93.8%	0.7%	4.9%
Owner-Occupied <sup>2</sup>	16,611	73.0%	17,067	71.9%	2.7%	17,372	72.7%	1.8%	4.6%
Renter-Occupied <sup>2</sup>	6,159	27.0%	6,661	28.1%	8.2%	6,512	27.3%	-2.2%	5.7%
<b>Town of Bergen<sup>3</sup></b>									
Total Housing Units	763	-	816	-	6.9%	748	-	-8.3%	-2.0%
Vacant	33	4.3%	55	6.7%	66.7%	17	2.3%	-69.1%	-48.5%
Occupied	730	95.7%	761	93.3%	4.2%	731	97.7%	-3.9%	0.1%
Owner-Occupied <sup>2</sup>	622	85.2%	639	84.0%	2.7%	648	88.6%	1.4%	4.2%
Renter-Occupied <sup>2</sup>	108	14.8%	122	16.0%	13.0%	83	11.4%	-32.0%	-23.1%
<b>Village of Bergen</b>									
Total Housing Units	477	-	477	-	0.0%	521	-	9.2%	9.2%
Vacant	11	2.3%	31	6.5%	181.8%	32	6.1%	3.2%	190.9%
Occupied	466	97.7%	446	93.5%	-4.3%	489	93.9%	9.6%	4.9%
Owner-Occupied <sup>2</sup>	340	73.0%	331	74.2%	-2.6%	356	72.8%	7.6%	4.7%
Renter-Occupied <sup>2</sup>	126	27.0%	115	25.8%	-8.7%	133	27.2%	15.7%	5.6%

**Notes:** <sup>1</sup> Percent change in the raw numbers between specified time periods.

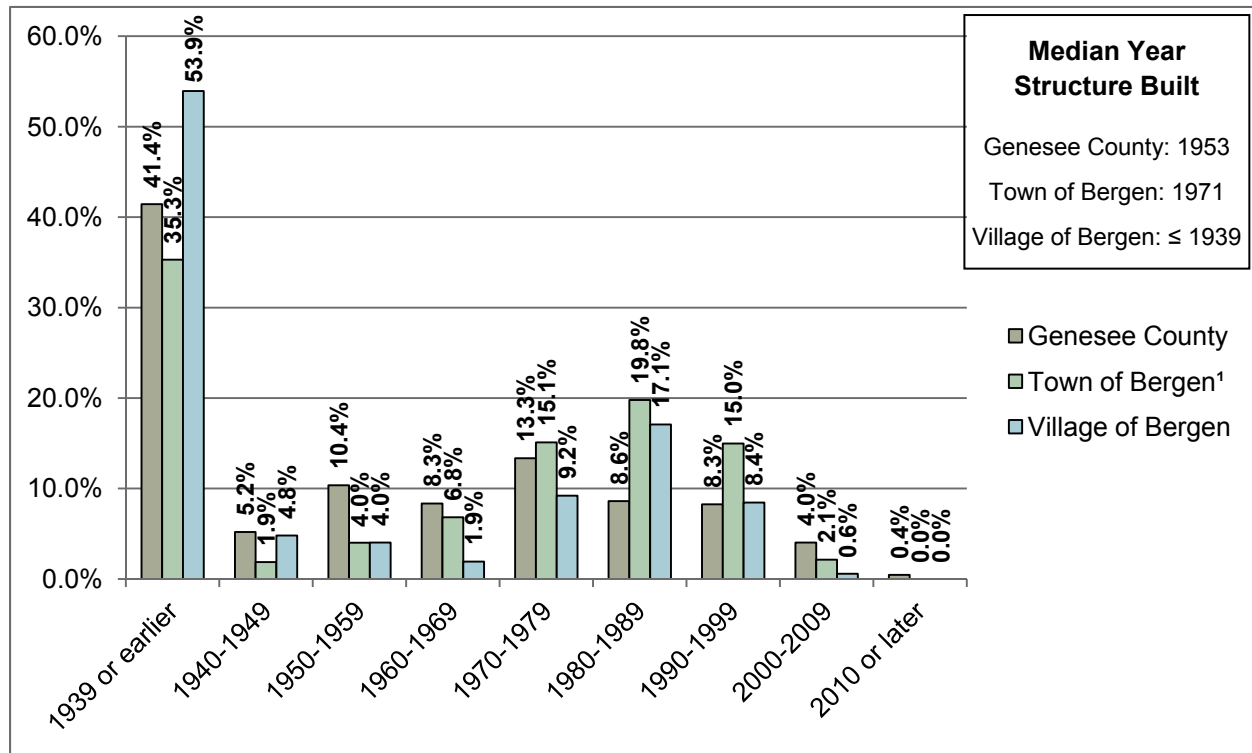
<sup>2</sup> Percent refers to the percent of occupied housing units.

<sup>3</sup> Town figures do not include Village housing units. They are calculated as separate entities.

**Data Sources:** 2000 Decennial Census (SF1), 2010 Decennial Census (SF1), and 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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Figure 5. Year Residential Structure Built for the Village and Town of Bergen and Genesee County



**Note:** <sup>1</sup> Town figures do not include Village households. They are calculated as separate entities.

**Data Source:** 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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**Table 8. Trends in Units per Structure for the Village and Town of Bergen and Genesee County, 2000-2013**

	2000		2010			2013			
	#	%	#	%	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2010)	#	%	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2010 to 2013)	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2013)
<b>Genesee County</b>									
Total Housing Units	24,190	-	25,409	-	5.0%	25,470	-	0.2%	5.3%
Single-family	16,871	69.7%	18,162	71.5%	7.7%	18,275	71.8%	0.6%	8.3%
Two-family	2,552	10.5%	2,480	9.8%	-2.8%	2,567	10.1%	3.5%	0.6%
Multi-family	3,193	13.2%	3,087	12.1%	-3.3%	2,885	11.3%	-6.5%	-9.6%
Mobile Home	1,572	6.5%	1,680	6.6%	6.9%	1,735	6.8%	3.3%	10.4%
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	-100.0%	8	0.0%	-	300.0%
<b>Town of Bergen<sup>2</sup></b>									
Total Housing Units	750	-	847	-	12.9%	748	-	-11.7%	-0.3%
Single-family	554	73.9%	613	72.4%	10.6%	574	76.7%	-6.4%	3.6%
Two-family	33	4.4%	15	1.8%	-54.5%	14	1.9%	-6.7%	-57.6%
Multi-family	47	6.3%	119	14.0%	153.2%	18	2.4%	-84.9%	-61.7%
Mobile Home	116	15.5%	100	11.8%	-13.8%	142	19.0%	42.0%	22.4%
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Village of Bergen</b>									
Total Housing Units	476	-	436	-	-8.4%	521	-	19.5%	9.5%
Single-family	374	78.6%	348	79.8%	-7.0%	381	73.1%	9.5%	1.9%
Two-family	43	9.0%	33	7.6%	-23.3%	34	6.5%	3.0%	-20.9%
Multi-family	59	12.4%	55	12.6%	-6.8%	106	20.3%	92.7%	79.7%
Mobile Home	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

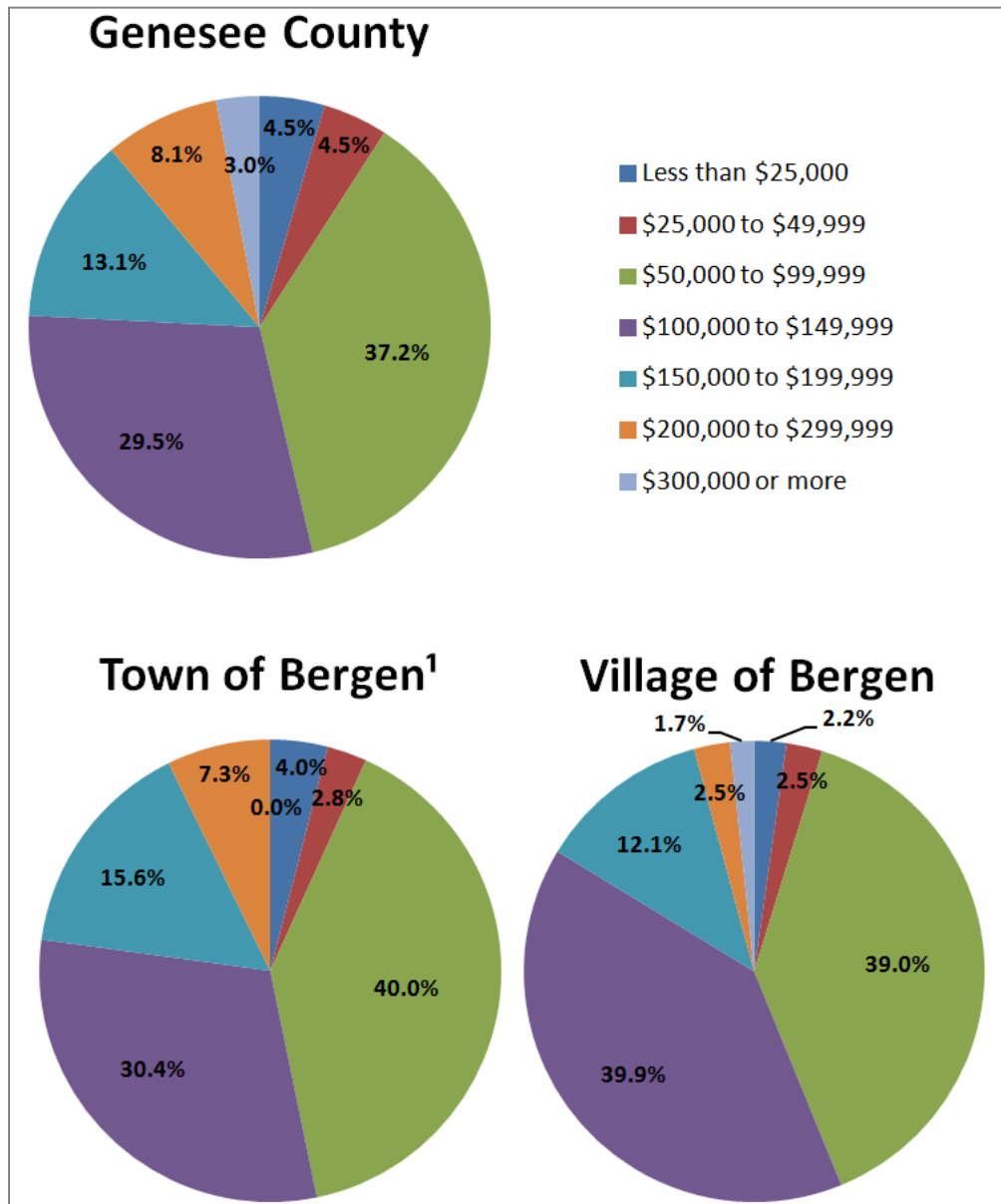
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**Data Sources:** 2000 Decennial Census (SF3), 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, and 2009-2013 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

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Figure 6. Value of Owner-Occupied Housing Units for the Village and Town of Bergen and Genesee County, 2013

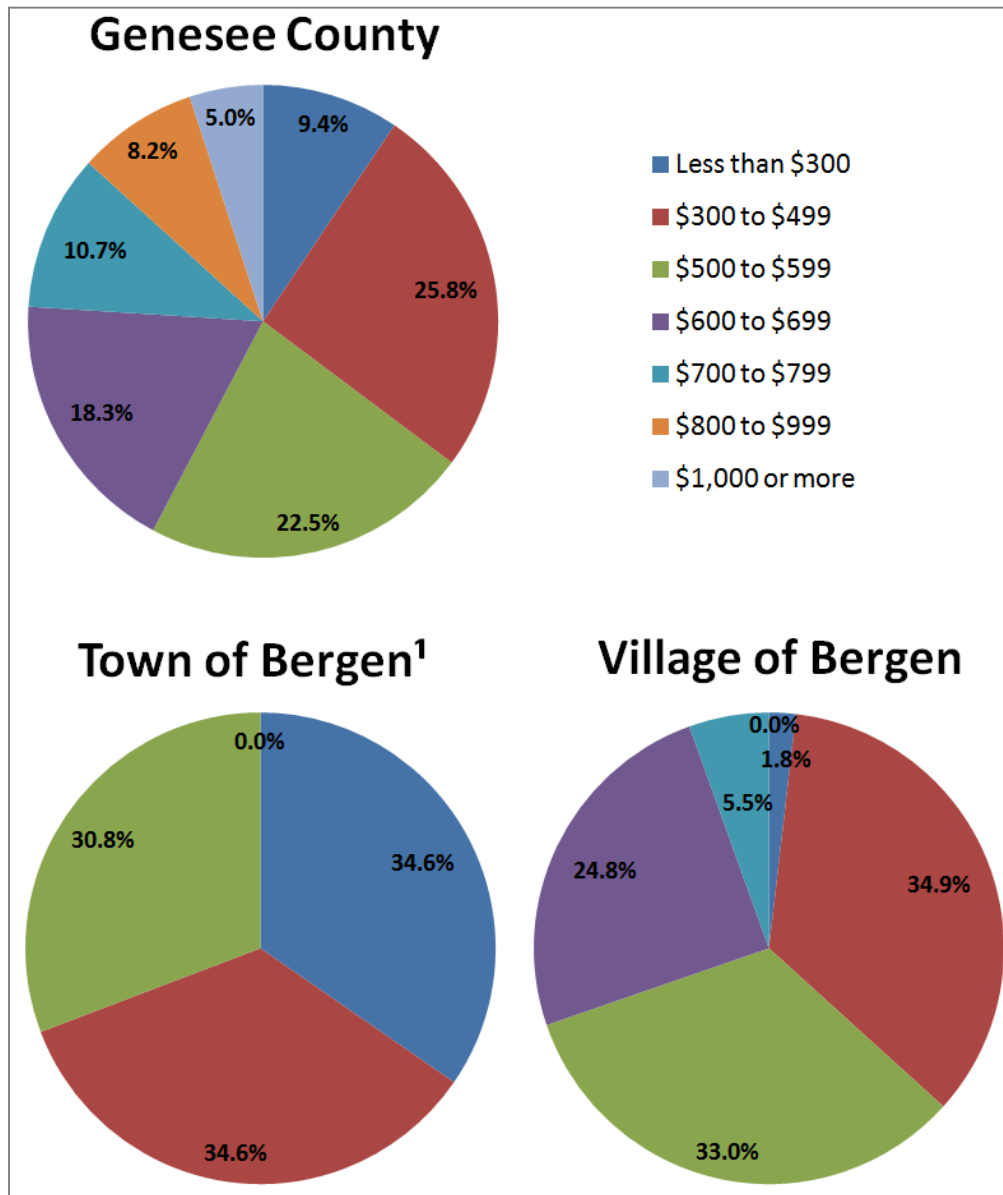


**Note:** <sup>1</sup> Town figures do not include Village households. They are calculated as separate entities.

**Data Source:** 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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Figure 7. Monthly Contract Rent (for those paying cash rent) for the Village and Town of Bergen and Genesee County, 2013



**Note:** <sup>1</sup> Town figures do not include Village households. They are calculated as separate entities.

**Data Source:** 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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**Table 9. Trends in Median Home Value and Median Contract Rent for the Village and Town of Bergen and Genesee County, 2000-2013**

	2000 <sup>2</sup>	2010 <sup>3</sup>		2013 <sup>4</sup>		
	\$	\$	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2010)	\$	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2010 to 2013)	% Change <sup>1</sup> (2000 to 2013)
<b>Genesee County</b>						
Median Home Value (Actual)	\$82,700	\$101,400	22.6%	\$105,000	3.6%	27.0%
Median Home Value (Adjusted) <sup>5</sup>	\$115,640	\$108,329	-6.3%	\$105,000	-3.1%	-9.2%
Median Contract Rent (Actual)	\$434	\$511	17.7%	\$556	8.8%	28.1%
Median Contract Rent (Adjusted) <sup>5</sup>	\$607	\$546	-10.0%	\$556	1.8%	-8.4%
<b>Town of Bergen<sup>6</sup></b>						
Median Home Value (Actual)	\$90,100	\$100,500	11.5%	\$104,400	3.9%	15.9%
Median Home Value (Adjusted) <sup>5</sup>	\$125,987	\$107,368	-14.8%	\$104,400	-2.8%	-17.1%
Median Contract Rent (Actual)	\$455	\$481	5.7%	\$372	-22.7%	-18.2%
Median Contract Rent (Adjusted) <sup>5</sup>	\$636	\$514	-19.2%	\$372	-27.6%	-41.5%
<b>Village of Bergen</b>						
Median Home Value (Actual)	\$84,400	\$96,100	13.9%	\$106,600	10.9%	26.3%
Median Home Value (Adjusted) <sup>5</sup>	\$118,017	\$102,667	-13.0%	\$106,600	3.8%	-9.7%
Median Contract Rent (Actual)	\$458	\$482	5.2%	\$530	10.0%	15.7%
Median Contract Rent (Adjusted) <sup>5</sup>	\$640	\$515	-19.5%	\$530	2.9%	-17.2%

**Notes:** <sup>1</sup> Percent change in the raw numbers between specified time periods.

<sup>2</sup> Home value and contract rent based on 1999 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars.

<sup>3</sup> Home value and contract rent based on 2010 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars.

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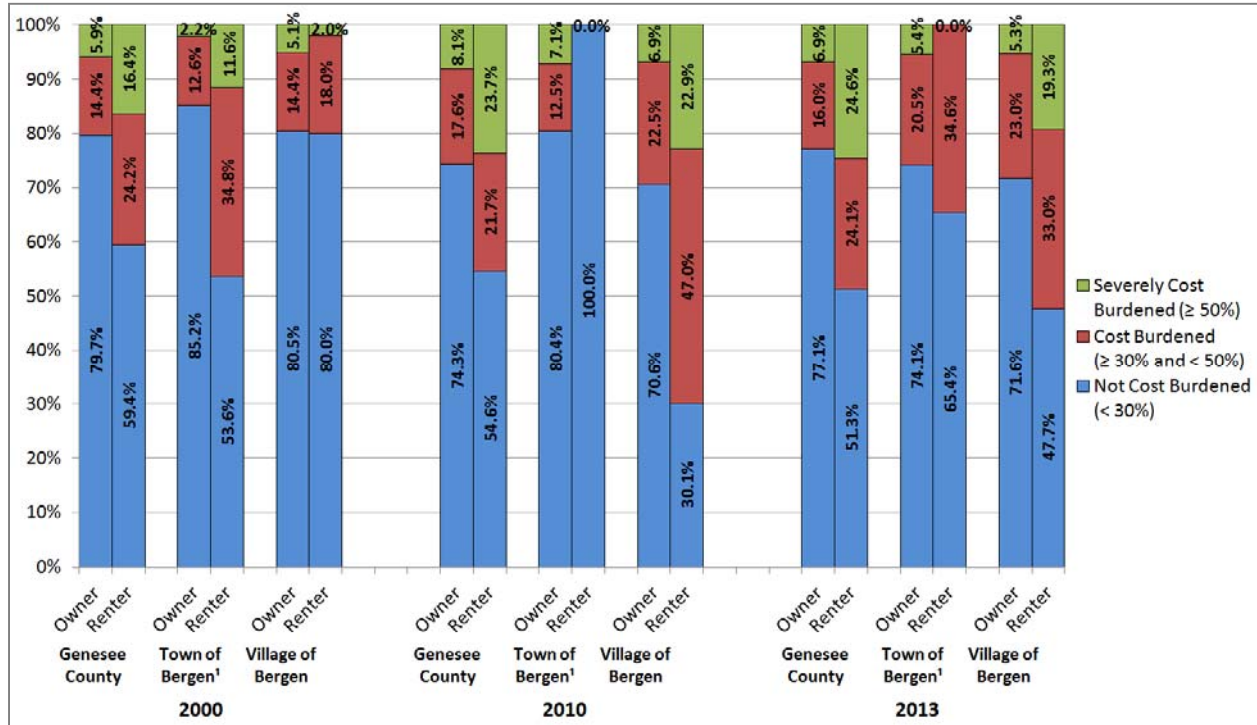
<sup>5</sup> Adjusted to 2013 dollars.

<sup>6</sup> Town values and rents do not include Village values and rents. They are calculated as separate entities.

**Data Sources:** 2000 Decennial Census (SF3), 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, and 2009-2013 ACS 5-Year Estimates; US Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI Inflation Calculator ([data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/cpicalc.pl](http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/cpicalc.pl)).

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**Figure 8. Trends in Owner and Renter Housing Affordability for the Village and Town of Bergen and Genesee County, 2000-2013**



**Note:** <sup>1</sup> Town figures do not include Village housing units. They are calculated as separate entities.

**Data Sources:** 2000 Decennial Census (SF3), 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, and 2009-2013 ACS 5-Year Estimates