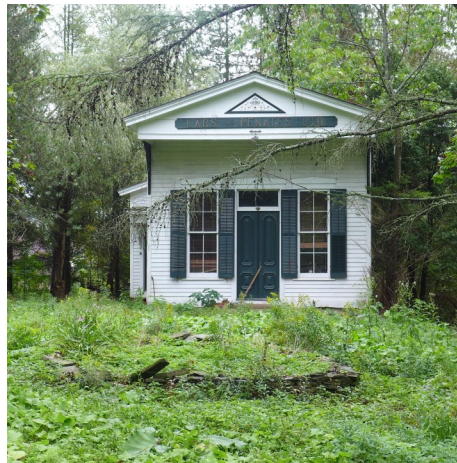


A deteriorating housing stock has also led to the deterioration of historic homes throughout the community. Aside from providing housing, historical buildings are a valuable cultural asset that provide community character. Efforts should be made to identify historic properties in the Town, and when appropriate, share educational information on preservation techniques and opportunities with owners. An excellent example is the Mott Morse House in the hamlet of Eaton. Joseph Morse arrived in 1796 with his wife Eunice Bigelow Morse, and construction of this home was finished in 1802. Still remaining are the original fire house for the estate and a brick office with iron vault. Later, a grist and saw mill were built on Eaton Brook. The entire area is a significant piece of Eaton, and Madison County history. The Town should reach out to historic preservation professionals who can assist in working with existing owners to maintain and save these structures to the extent possible, including those at Cornell University Historic Preservation and Planning program and Preservation Association of Central New York (PACNY).



Clockwise from Top Left: The brick office building, the fire house, and the original stone Mott Morse House.

Housing Goals

1 Improve appearance of existing neighborhoods

- a **Develop** design guidelines and standards to create a unique and cohesive built environment
- b **Improve** code enforcement and education of proper code and home maintenance
 - Form committee of Planning Board Member, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), and community member to update and draft regulations that protect and promote responsible property ownership and maintenance in all neighborhoods and commercial areas
 - Improve CEO compensation and available hours and develop new protocol to conduct regular reviews and surveying, assess violations, and communicate warnings and follow-up visits.
- c **Acquire** abandoned or underutilized properties for revitalization efforts, concentrating on hamlets and areas around Morrisville, if possible coordinate with SUNY Morrisville
 - Identify key locations and properties to target
 - Maintain list of grant, loan, and partner opportunities.
- d **Focus** infrastructure improvements in areas such as hamlets, where public investment impact is maximized
 - Develop list of priority infrastructure improvements with cost estimates and potential funding sources
- e **Identify** and protect historic properties in the town
 - Educate property owners on assistance opportunities and general preservation guidelines. Work with colleges (such as Historic Planning and Preservation at Cornell) to develop materials for owners
- f **Work** to provide assistance to low income residents by pursuing affordable housing grants such as Homeownership Improvement (NYS Affordable Housing Corporation)

2 Concentrate modest residential growth in key areas

- a **Work** with major employers to encourage employees to consider living in Eaton
 - Develop a ‘marketing strategy’ that focuses on factors influencing where newly hired staff decide to live and area realtor information
- b **Pursue** land use regulations that incentivize denser residential development in existing neighborhoods and hamlets as a way of reducing burden on public infrastructure and facilitating social and economic productivity in Eaton’s historic areas
- c **Discourage** typical ‘suburban’ development and large lot sizes that consume open space, erode Eaton’s open space, and undermine existing population centers

Recreation

Vision: Eaton offers residents and visitors alike yearlong opportunities for recreation, with a specific focus on access to the unique outdoor resources in the Town

Recreational amenities are essential services that offer numerous benefits to the community. Open spaces can offer storm water retention, contribute towards improving and protecting water and air quality, produce habitat for wildlife and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature. Access to active recreation such as public swimming or trails encourages Town residents to both be physically active and healthy while engaging with other community members.

While Eaton's beautiful scenery and natural environment is an excellent resource for outdoor recreation, steps must also be made to encourage other activities and events within the Town. Historic architecture and historic walking tours, live music, and access to other events (such as block parties, festivals, farmer's markets, and more) foster a sense of community among residents and encourage others to visit.

While most of the survey respondents (40%) indicated Eaton or Morrisville as their primary location for recreation, many prefer other places, including Syracuse (36%), Hamilton (29%), Cazenovia (22%), Route 5 (23%), and Utica (20%). This indicates a potential for more recreational needs to be met by the Town itself. Existing resources such as the Madison County Children's Camp and the Morrisville Community Club should be examined by the Town to find opportunities to expand recreational access to the public.



The Madison County Children's Camp, a non-profit operation, is a unique resource that could potentially be expanded to increase public recreation in the Town.

Partnership for Community Development acquired funding to improve and expand the Chenango Canal Towpath Trail, which extends from the village of Hamilton through Eaton

Mad. County
Tourism
Spending

Millions

Lodging 15.2

Recreation 2.7

Food and Bev 32.6

Retail 16.8

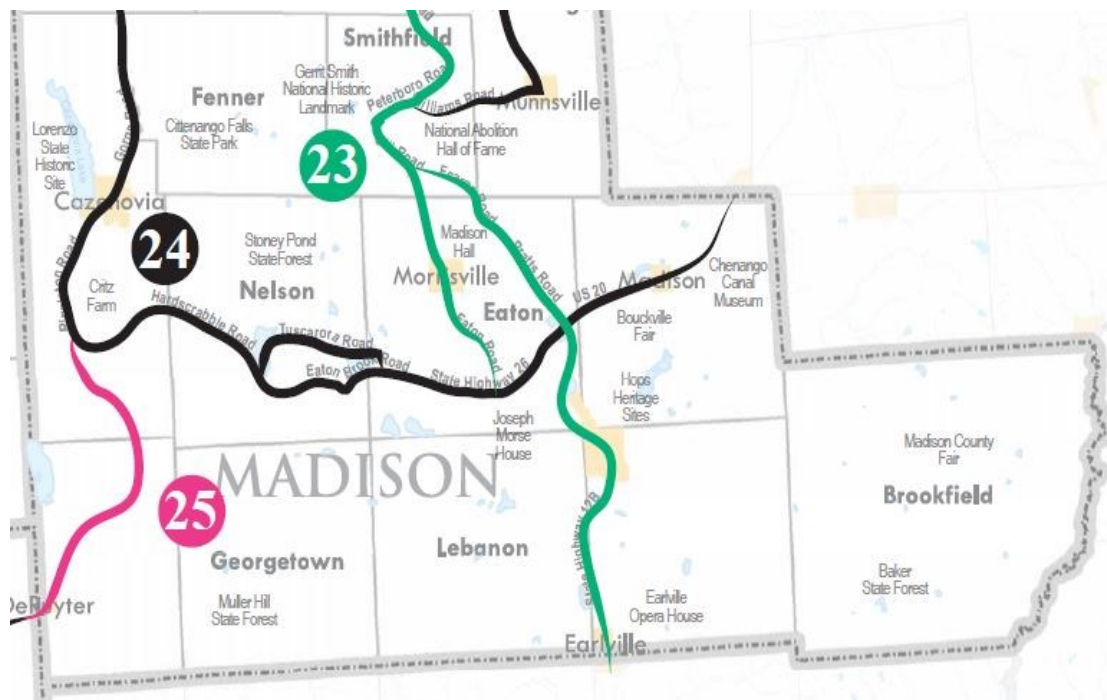
Transportation 5.1

Second homes 16.5

Total \$88.9

Aside from offering enjoyment to residents, recreational amenities can encourage economic development. Tourism dollars generated from recreational activities can improve Eaton's economic base. In 2016, travelers spent an estimated \$88 million in Madison County. Meanwhile, CNY's Regional Recreation and Heritage Plan outlines an emphasis on several regional bike routes, two of which go through Eaton. These routes will increase grant access opportunity, and indeed CNY Regional Planning and Development Board has already made funding available for drafting streetscape improvements along these routes. Madison County, and Eaton in particular, offers a series of uniquely appealing elevation changes as the geography transitions from the Lake Plain Region into the upper reaches of the Appalachian region. Eaton is also home to some beautiful rural vistas, road side farm stands, lakes and ponds, and hamlets, all of which are in demand for travelers in rural areas. As with any tourism effort, care should be taken to balance the needs of residents with the benefits of attracting visitors.

The Town of Eaton is a dynamic place to live and play in harmony with the natural environment; comprised of open space, lakes, streams, campgrounds, and trails. With a renewed effort to improve access to these resources and enhance emphasis on leisure activities, Eaton, steeped in tradition and rich in history can continue to attract residents and visitors alike.



The Eaton section of CNY Recreation Trail Map. Funding is available for design of bicycle and pedestrian-friendly streetscape improvements.

Recreation Goals

1 Coordinate Area Recreation

- a **Cooperate** with County Tourism, Rural Health Network, and neighboring towns in development, maintenance, and advertising of recreational resources such as the Chenango Canal Towpath Trail and O&W Railroad
- b **Ensure** presence on, maintenance of, and local advertisement of the GoSoMad website for Southern Madison County recreational opportunities
- c **Participate** in and leverage funding of broader recreation and pedestrian safety efforts, such as the CNY Regional Recreation and Heritage Plan funding to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety in certain corridors
 - Utilize the Mark Fenton audit to identify and prioritize potential improvements

2 Establish new recreational opportunities

- a **Establish** a process and prioritization method for Town to determine where to acquire and enhance recreational opportunities
 - Work with Southern Madison Heritage Trust to investigate potential recreational properties
- b **Develop** a truly public swimming option on one of the lakes
- c **Establish** small parks and public spaces within hamlets
- d **Initiate**, foster, and support live shows, summer entertainment, and public events
- e **Identify** and develop a public park space that can host events, similar to Hamilton’s green
- f **Hold** an information session on assisting landowners on how to make appropriate land available for public use through easements, land trusts, etc.
- g **Work** with MSC to encourage public use of resources such as skating rink, lectures, panels, etc.
- h **Monitor** opportunities, such as tax auction and potential donations, to acquire land for parks or general public use either as the Town or in cooperation with a land trust
- h **Continue** to support efforts to improve access for fishing, hunting, and boating for Eaton residents.
 - Encourage local schools and clubs to partake in education programs focused on getting residents young and old into various recreational activities (such as fishing, hunting, hiking, snowmobiling, boating, etc).

Vision: Eaton is a community that values and protects local environmental resources and strives to participate in broader environmental protection and climate change mitigation efforts.



The natural, rural environment in Eaton is a source of community pride and culture, offers recreational opportunities and ecological services, and is a major source of value to the town by attracting residents and visitors alike. Eaton not only appreciates the natural landscape, but the Town's prosperity is linked to the continued prominence and protection of that landscape.

Eaton is home to gorgeous lakes and streams nestled between hills and valleys, a landscape unique to CNY. The abundance of such resources is an anomaly for communities in this area, and such features were not always present in Eaton. Many of the lakes we see today are actually reservoirs built in the 1830s to supply water to the Chenango Canal: the first reservoir-fed canal in the country. Reservoirs were created and feeder canals dug to bring water to the 'Summit' level of the canal, between Bouckville and Hamilton. To that end, Eaton was graced with numerous reservoirs. Bradley Brook and Eaton Brook were exclusively built as reservoirs. Hatch Lake (Camps Pond), Lelands Pond, and Woodsmans Pond were modified to provide additional water. Hatch Lake used to drain to the Otselic River, but that outlet was plugged and the outflow redirected to Bradley Brook to feed the Bradley Brook Reservoir and ultimately the Canal via a clever series of streams and feeder canals serving the Summit portion. Creating and precisely controlling this water supply was a massive piece of early 1800's hydraulic engineering.

Lake Threats

- >Invasive species
- >Nutrient loading and other pollution
- >Overuse of facilities
- >Infrastructure Maintenance
- >Degraded fisheries
- >Poor lake ecology management or evaluation
- >Educational and communication issues

What Does Hydrilla Look Like?



Hydrilla is an example of a plant, present in the region, that could wreak Havoc on Eaton lakes.

Over 180 years later the Canal is long closed, but the lakes remain, now ringed by hundreds of seasonal and an increasing number of year round homes and cottages. Bradley Brook has the Madison County Childrens Camp providing a week long summer program for kids to explore nature. Hatch lake has Shiloh, a Christian campground with a Chapel, small store, and access for the camper's boats. Eatonbrook is shared with Nelson and has public access for boating and fishing. Lelands Pond, near Hamilton, has public access and is well known for excellent fishing. Woodsmans Pond used to be a public water supply for Hamilton and has only 1 home. It is favored by bird watchers.



The watersheds are home to a variety of land uses, each with different impacts



Dense development poses along the lakeshore poses planning challenges



Eaton's share of Eatonbrook features 38 parcels and the Morrisville Community Club and public boat launch.

Through the hills run Eaton Brook, Bradley Brook, Electric Light Stream, Callahan Brook and other small tributaries and old Canal feeders. They run first to the Chenango River, before merging with the Susquehanna.

These lakes and streams are vital to the beauty, culture, and well being of Eaton. Over the years the shores of these lakes have become home to many people. Initially properties were basic summer cottages for fishing and swimming. Some were simply platforms for pitching a tent. Drinking water came from the lakes, wells were a rarity. Gradually, more land was occupied by seasonal cottages. Bradley Brook Reservoir and Hatch Lake alone are home to 245 residences. Typically, these lots are tiny and cause unique planning issues which continue to be exacerbated as more properties are modernized and feature motor boats, fine lawns, washers and dryers, wells, and other 'improvements'. Septic systems can be outdated or under capacity. Watershed woodland has been removed for development and agriculture is a predominant land use in the watershed. All of this challenge water quality; algae blooms are seen more readily throughout the summer and fall and invasive species of plants and animals are showing up, disrupting the long standing ecology and threatening the benefits provided by the lakes. A renewed focus on protecting these resources is required.

While the lakes are a central feature of Eaton, the rest of the rural landscape is equally important to the character of the community. The town should preserve as much open space as possible, so the rolling hills, forests, and fields, uninterrupted from development, are enjoyed in the future.

To this end, Eaton should take a broad approach to conserve their natural resources, including accounting for climate change and other environmental issues that transcend borders.

Environment Goals

1 Preserve Water Quality

- a **Develop** a Watershed Protection Plan
 - Request a presentation by Soil and Water Conservation District to cover plans already applicable to Eaton as well as available grant opportunities
- b **Draft** a job description and request County hire a part time Watershed Inspector/Environmental Manager position to actively manage lake regulations with local Town officers, develop new proposals, and respond to issues
- c **Pass** new local regulations for onsite wastewater disposal for properties near lakes and tributaries, including requiring septic system inspections and services at time of title transfer
 - Provide and host training opportunities for contractors
- d **Coordinate** efforts between lake residents, lake associations, farmers, and entities (DEC, S&W, CCE, County) to address and mitigate agricultural runoff issues
- e **Support** efforts to control and prevent invasive species across all lakes
 - Work with PRISM and DEC to establish invasive management plans
 - Support Lake Associations and work with DEC in managing public areas where DEC does not provide full support package, with a focus as needed on bathrooms and cleaning stations
- f **Update** Town permitting requirements for construction, demolition, and remodeling to require specific erosion abatement measures if property within 500 ft of lake, tributaries, or steep slopes
 - Establish responsibility for erosion abatement and clear code that follows latest DEC ‘Blue Book’ practices
 - Consider erosion control plan for all permits for lakeside construction
- g **Provide** water quality education resources (septic systems, invasive species, new relevant Town code, training opportunities, best practices, etc.) on Town website (townofeaton.com)
- h **Re-evaluate** winter road maintenance and explore alternatives to salt, particularly in sensitive areas
- i **Encourage** lakeshore and other property owners to plant low-impact native landscaping that enhances lake habitat , reduces erosion, and reduces need for lawn treatment
- j **Improve** communication with lake associations
 - Assist in search for grant funding to support environmental improvement activities in partnership with lake associations

Environment Goals

2 Renewable Energy

- a **Adopt** local solar regulations based on CNY Regional Planning and Development Board's example
- b **Investigate** possible collaborations with SUNY Morrisville on renewable energy projects
- c **Develop** a plan for electric vehicle charging stations

3 Climate Change

- a **Develop** a Climate Action and Adaptation and Greenhouse Gas Inventory as supplementary segments to the Comprehensive Plan
- b **Join** and engage in local, regional, and global climate change targets and actions
- c **Locate** assistance to inventory, monitor, repair, and upgrade water-management features such as dams and culverts
- d **Reevaluate** local emergency plans for relevance in light of new weather patterns and anticipated impact on infrastructure
- e **Continue** to make changes to energy usage to enable the town to become a Climate Smart Community, presenting the opportunity to receive grants for energy saving programs

Vision: Agriculture is a prominent and respected aspect of Eaton's history, culture, and economy. Agriculture is the primary land use in Eaton

Agriculture is a major part of every facet of life in the Town of Eaton. Agriculture is the largest land use, with almost half the total acreage within the Town. Agricultural land is less infrastructure-intensive and thus returns a high proportion of tax revenue. The agrarian landscape and open space provided by agriculture also enhances the quality of life for Eaton residents.

Agriculture remains a crucial economic sector; despite fewer Eaton residents earning their living in agriculture and farms bringing money into the local economy. But agriculture is also part of Eaton's identity: it is part of the history of the town, the rolling fields dotted by barns are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Agriculture permeates through all life in Eaton, and that is reflected throughout this plan.

SUNY Morrisville has been an agricultural education institution for over 100 years and can be a valuable resource in helping to maintain agriculture in Eaton. Cornell Cooperative Extension also provides county-wide services from its office located on Eaton Street. Also located in Eaton are the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and the USDA Farm Service Agency.

Currently, agriculture remains a large economic sector in Eaton. The majority of our commercial operations are dairy farms. Today, most dairy farms are experiencing stress due a variety of issues including an oversupply of milk. In addition, many of our farmers are older and considering retirement. With this in mind, some of our farms may go out of business and farmland use could change in a number of ways. Solutions could include recruiting younger farmers, pursuing different crops, and intensive farming practices such as those practiced in the Netherlands.

Most problems with agriculture exist outside of local control but Eaton can still foster a supportive climate and take action that will improve farm viability. The County's forth coming Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan will offer further insight, but there are ample resources available for local towns seeking to protect farmland and improve farm viability.

A key aspect of this is maintaining a certain concentration of farms. Farmers like to farm where other farmers farm, and support businesses that farms depend on themselves require enough nearby farms to procure their services.

To that end it is crucial to ensure that farms continue to operate in Eaton, including having access to affordable farmland.

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Ag Districts

Ag District Parcel

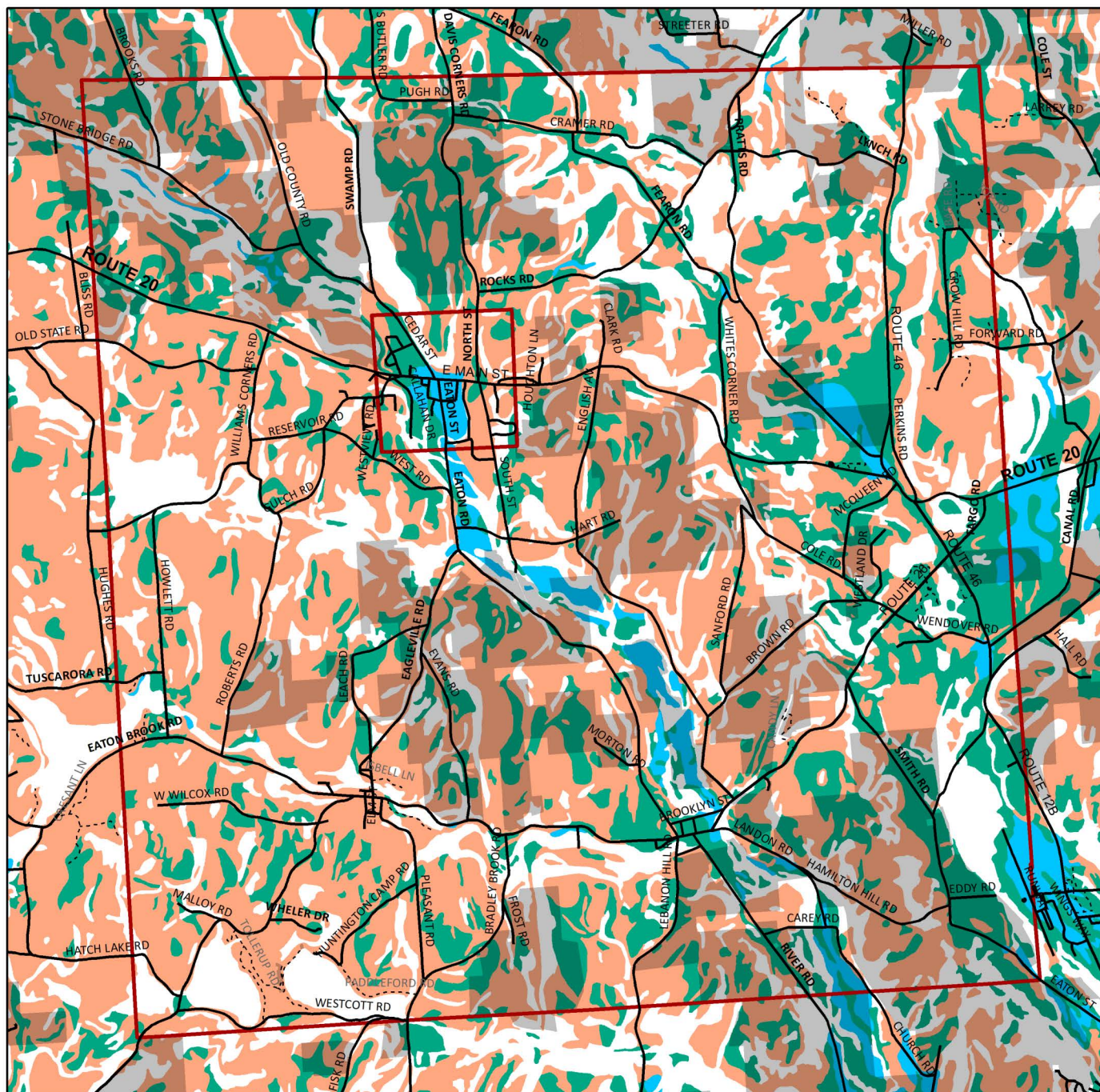
Soil Classification

- 1
- 2
- 3

Soils and Ag Districts



0 2.5 5 10 Miles



Agriculture Goals

1 Embrace Agriculture and Farmland Protection

- a **Take** the action recommended for local municipalities in the County Ag and Farmland Protection Plan
- b **Support** and participate in other county wide and inter-municipal efforts to support agriculture
- c **Inventory** current Town farms to understand and benchmark agriculture in the community

2 Strengthen Agriculture's Role

- a **Emphasis** agriculture opportunities when pursuing economic development
- b **Explore** outdoor space for a weekly farmers market or other means for direct local market access such as Farm to Institution Programs
- c **Pursue** infrastructure improvements such as broadband that allow farms to employ new technology
- d **Continue** to work with college on agricultural agenda

3 Support Resource Protection

- a **Enact** land use aimed at protecting farmland and ensuring that farmers have access to affordable, productive agricultural resources
- b **Support** farms and partnership efforts aiming to reduce nutrient runoff to local water bodies and private wells to reduce burden on farms and negative public perceptions of agriculture
- c **Seek** out resources and provide assistance when applicable in adaptation of best practices and equipment that conserves environmental and agricultural resources
- d **Inventory** farms in Eaton; contact farmers and determine plans for the future
- e **Determine** necessary requirements for a Farmland Protection Grant from NYS, begin work towards a local Farmland Protection Plan
- f **Apply** for a Farmland Implementation Grant from NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets after completing Farmland Protection Plan.
- e **Investigate** opportunities to cooperate with Morrisville State College and Cornell Cooperative Extension on applying for a Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Grant if such a program is included in the new Farm Bill

Conclusion

The goals outlined in the plan and the actions proposed to address them are broad and ambitious. As mentioned earlier, accomplishing these goals will take partnerships, commitment, and a huge effort from different members of leadership and the broader community. Many of these goals also require some degree of investment by the Town.

Regular assessment of progress towards the outlined goals is an excellent method to ensuring the plan remains a part of decision making in addition to simply being a guiding force on what projects to pursue. The Town Board has committed to regularly addressing these goals and annually assessing progress.

It is important to remember that while some of the recommended actions are relatively simple changes and decisions, communities do not often change quickly and impacts should be understood on a longer timescale. For instance, the poor land use in the Town that led to suburban development will take a large effort to reverse, and that effort may not see significant impacts for a decade or more. That said, some major global trends, such as climate change, could result in rapid changes for Eaton (perhaps, for instance, people relocating from coastal areas), and in that sense this document also serves to prepare the Town for sudden changes in case they do occur. Likewise, because of this unpredictability, any plan is a work in progress that will require updating in the future. Reflection of how situations in the Town have changed, and the role these goals have played or could still play, should be part of any regular assessment.



Appendix



Town of Nelson Comprehensive Plan **2018**

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Executive Summary

This comprehensive plan is The Town of Nelson's guide to growth and development over the next period of about 10 years. The document which follows describes the process of developing a long term vision for the Town, and the goals and strategies which will facilitate the achievement of that vision. Stated simply, the vision is to retain a pastoral, agricultural community that enjoys strong ties to a healthy, beautiful environment and is anchored by two historic hamlets, which are the center of community life.

The Planning Process section of this document describes the process undertaken by a committee of community members, town board members, and professional planners, who collected and analyzed data and existing plans which relate to the Town. A SWOT analysis revealed the Town's strengths to be rural charm, unique ecosystems, and niche businesses, while threats or weaknesses included sprawling single family home development, declining employment opportunities, and fear of inappropriate development along the Route 20 corridor. The greatest opportunities lie in strengthening the hamlets, building an identity around the Town's unique strengths, and connecting residents and visitors to recreational assets.

The committee also reviewed the 1991 and 2007 Comprehensive Plans and found that while many of the goals embedded in these plans had been achieved, some still need to be pursued or expanded upon. Other plans including Madison County's Water Quality Strategy, Economic Development Strategy, and Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan were also reviewed for specific ties to Nelson. Focused interviews were conducted with the County's Industrial Development Agency's Director, the Director of Stone Quarry Hill Art Park, and the director of Madison County Tourism to exchange ideas about how each office has a role to play in the achievement of Nelson's vision for the future.

Nelson residents were engaged in two ways throughout this process. First, a comprehensive survey was crafted by the committee and completed just under 300 residents. Then in the summer of 2018 a public meeting was held at the Nelson Odeon and attended by approximately 80 residents. The public meeting allowed residents to expand on themes and ideas which came out of the survey including interventions to improve resident experience in winter, and ideas for enlivening the hamlets. Participants also prioritized strategies for selected goals and overall topic areas. Land use, business development, and hamlets were the three most important topic areas, and thus should be looked to first in the implementation of this plan.

The Town History section describes Nelson's history starting with its 1807 establishment and the quick rise of two bustling hamlets. Nelson was important as a train coach stop on the 19th century route from Buffalo to Albany. Its constructed lakes and channels also played an important infrastructural role in the operation of the Erie Canal during the mid 1800s, and Nelson residents and businesses took advantage of this trade route to send local products to New York City and beyond. While the turn of the century saw population decline, the post World War II era brought renewed interest in the Town as a calm oasis from city life, and a recreational haven.

The Existing Conditions section is an extensive inventory of the conditions and assets present in the town today. It includes information about the town's demographics, natural and environmental resources, cultural and historic resources, agriculture, land use, zoning public infrastructure, and community services. This is essentially a snapshot of these features and assets, with some commentary on relevant trends or issues that may require action of some kind.

The Summary of Goals gives a one page, top-level overview of the goals that were developed throughout the comprehensive plan process. They are organized by topic area.

The Detailed Goals section provides strategies and action items which can be used as a road map to achieving the goals. This section is organized based on the prioritization of topic areas established during the public meeting. The goals and strategies focus on:

- Making smart land use decisions that protect Nelson's natural and historic assets
- Encouraging appropriate infill development and providing support for existing and new businesses
- Strengthening the aesthetic, and functionality of the hamlets as community centers
- Creating a stronger town identity and increasing community member engagement
- Planning for infrastructure improvements that will serve residents for years to come
- Protecting lake water quality and reconsidering the lakes as public recreational amenities
- Developing and caring for housing as part of a smart growth strategy
- Improving and touting recreational assets
- Supporting farmers and agriculture in the Town
- Improving town operations especially communication with residents

Vision

The people in the Town of Nelson love their town and want to preserve the current way of life. The Town of Nelson is a rural community with a strong connection to its environmental resources, pastoral viewsheds, and its two quaint hamlets. That said, some needs were repeatedly identified and addressing them would strengthen the community while maintaining Nelson's most beloved features.

The Town has a vision to preserve and strengthen its:

Agriculture as part of the economy and for the rural landscape, scenic viewsheds, and bucolic lifestyle

Identity as a means to make the Town of Nelson (and its hamlets) distinctly identifiable places

Communication to enhance awareness and connection within the Nelson community

Hamlets by recognizing and supporting both the Hamlet of Nelson and Hamlet of Erieville as distinct community centers and places of commerce

Recreational assets to promote the unique NYS public lands and Town parklands for their environmental, recreational, and tourism qualities

Lakes including Tuscarora Lake/Erieville Reservoir and Eaton Brook Reservoir for their environmental, aesthetic, and recreational value

History through preservation of key sites and buildings for the aesthetic value and for their ability to define and create identity and a unique sense of place

Opportunities at Trush Business Park to encourage and concentrate industrial development for economic development and employment opportunities

Land use and cluster subdivision law to help contain housing sprawl and development pressure



The Town of Nelson, NY is named in commemoration of Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson (1758-1805), the world famous 19th century British naval hero, who during the Napoleonic Wars pulled off one of the most celebrated victories in naval history. Nelson was a brilliant tactician and was often able to surprise his enemies by using audacious tactics.

In 1805, Nelson attacked the allied French and Spanish fleets off Cape Trafalgar, Spain and in a totally unorthodox maneuver, signaled his ships to split into two parallel lines and sailed them straight at the enemy, cutting it in half. By late afternoon, Napoleon's fleet had been destroyed, though Nelson, mortally wounded by a French sniper, would himself expire just hours after the battle began. In doing so, Nelson and his fleet destroyed the French emperor's sea power which helped to end his plan to conquer England.

Nelson received full state honors at his funeral, the largest seen for generations to come. Even today, every English schoolchild learns the story of Nelson's commitment, sacrifices, bravery and cunning before his collapse on the flagship's bloodstained quarterdeck as he remains a laudable hero today.

Long ago Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson accomplished great feats with fewer and smaller resources as can the Town of Nelson today.

Why a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan establishes consensus about the future of the community and is the guiding document for all future community land use decisions and actions. According to New York State Law, one of the most important powers and duties granted by the legislature to a local government is the authority and responsibility to undertake Town Comprehensive Planning and to regulate land use for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and general welfare of its citizens. Moreover, the Comprehensive Plan provides the backbone for the community's local zoning law: New York State law requires that zoning laws be adopted in accordance with a comprehensive plan.

The benefits of a comprehensive plan include:

- It is developed and created by the community – the Comprehensive Planning process is led by the community itself and allows the community to identify resources, long range needs, and commonly held goals

- It provides informed direction and prioritizes goals for the present and future well-being of the community

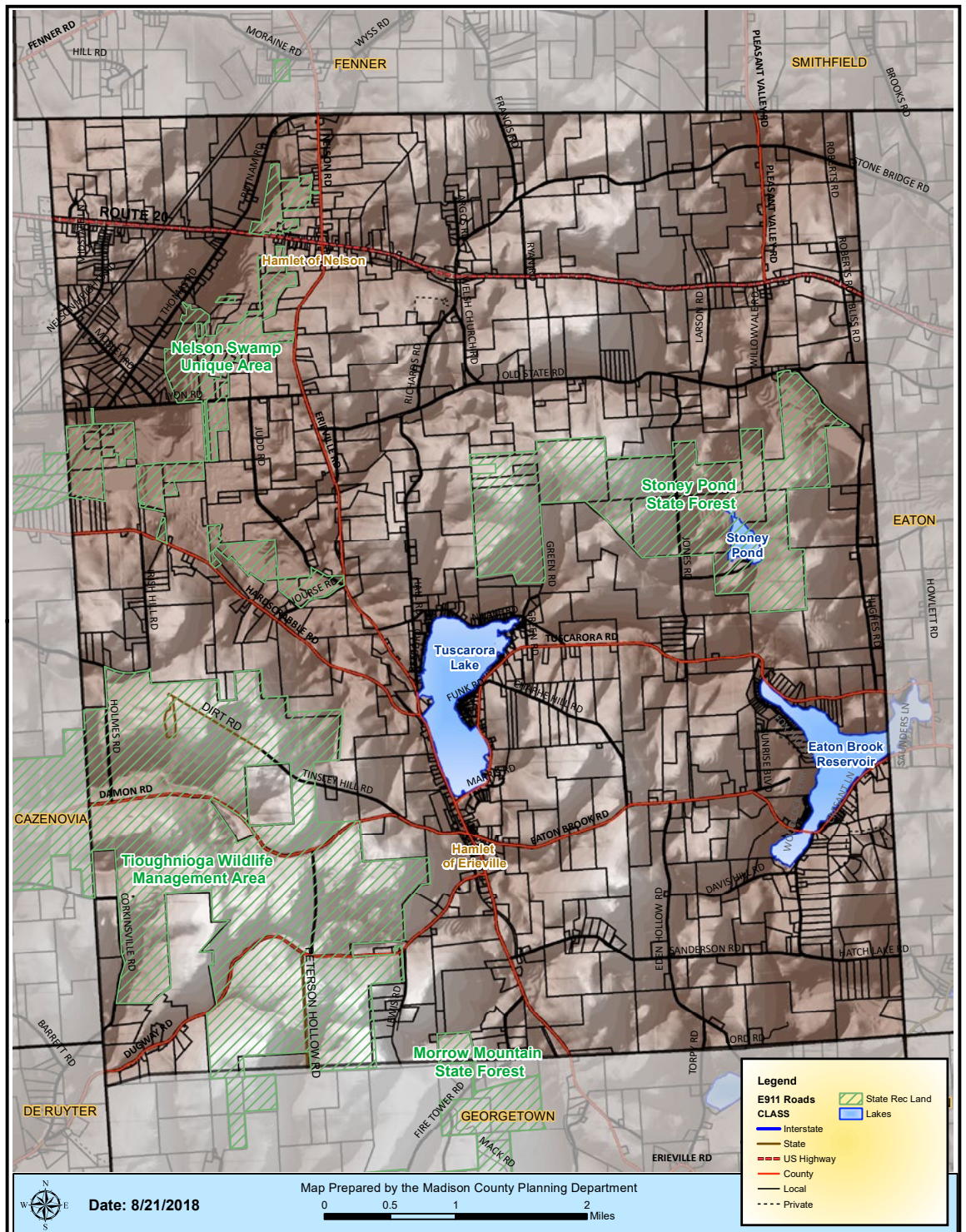
- It identifies and communicates community assets and values which can help developers and the community be on the same page for any new growth or development proposed

- It helps plan for the community holistically as it helps integrate decisions about land use, transportation, water capacity, public facilities, natural resources, environmental protection, economic development, housing and other issues

This Comprehensive Plan covers the entire Town of Nelson. It was developed by a Comprehensive Plan Committee which was comprised of members from the community. The Plan is an update to the 2007 Town of Nelson Comprehensive Plan.

It is anticipated this plan will serve the Town for 10 years, but it should be reviewed every year to ensure effective results. The Comprehensive Plan Committee proposes that a formal review of the plan be completed each year and that committees are formed to help carry out specific goals addressed.

Map of Nelson



Planning Process

In July of 2016 an assembly of Nelson residents first met to begin the process of updating the Town of Nelson Comprehensive Plan. The group included members of the Town Board, Planning and Zoning Board, local business owners, interested neighbors and two representatives from the Madison County Planning Department. The committee met monthly for the next 24 months.

SWOT Analysis

The Comprehensive Plan Committee performed a S.W.O.T (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis for the Town. This was one of the first exercises performed by the committee to begin to understand the areas to focus further investigation. S.W.O.T stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. Each committee member individually identified aspects of the Town that fit under each of these categories. The committee then discussed it collectively and generated one list.

Some strengths identified included open space and rural charm, nice hamlets, unique ecosystems and natural resources, and niche businesses that work together as well as draw outsiders to visit.

Some weaknesses identified included a lack of identity, lack of cohesion and communication, little foot traffic (especially in the hamlets), and few civic groups.

Threats in this analysis refer to things that are happening or potentially could happen that would have a negative impact on the Town. Some threats identified included single family homes that sprawl, big box and uncontrolled development, and loss of job core (people have moved out and aged out).

Opportunities identified included building the equine industry niche, retaining and attracting more people to live and work in Nelson, increasing awareness of assets to both residents and visitors, continuing to revitalize the hamlets, and increasing access and connectivity of recreational opportunities.

Interestingly, Route 20 was identified as a strength (main thru fare that connects Nelson to the rest of the state), a weakness (it is a very wide, fast road), a potential threat (depending on DOT's plan for the roadway as well as the development pattern that it may attract), and an opportunity (celebrate and create incentives for this corridor).

For the full list generated from the S.W.O.T. analysis refer to Appendix A.

Smart Growth Audit Tool

The Comprehensive Plan Committee used a unique tool that was developed for Madison County as part of a U.S. EPA Smart Growth Technical Assistance grant. The tool is the "Smart Growth Self-Assessment for Rural Communities," and it is specifically designed to help rural communities evaluate how well their policies and regulations support the type of development they want and identify strategies for improvement.

The tool is broken into 10 sections: Revitalize Village and Town Centers; Strengthen Local

Economy; Engage and Connect Community Members; Improve Health and Promote Active Living; Protect Natural Habitats and Ecosystems; Support Productive Agriculture for a Variety of Markets; Meet Housing Needs for Different Ages and Incomes; Preserve Historic and Cultural Resources; Provide Transportation Choices; Invest in Public Infrastructure Systems and Operations; Use Energy Efficiently and Provide Renewable Energy. Each section includes a series of questions about the community's policies, codes, and strategies that might help the community achieve its long-term objectives. Following the questions are strategies, grouped according to whether they apply to larger towns or more rural areas, which support the overall goal. The tool also helps users prioritize strategies to pursue. It includes links to case studies, sample code language, and other resources.

The Town of Nelson Comprehensive Committee divided up these 10 sections and evaluated Nelson through the lens of each of them. Using this tool was one of the first exercises the Comprehensive Plan Committee did to help to ensure the approach to this plan was holistic and inclusive of the variety of topics that can impact a community. It also helped to generate some new ideas that were later incorporated into the future goals for the community.

2007 Plan Context

The Comprehensive Plan Committee reviewed the two most recently completed Comprehensive Plans for the Town (the current Plan is from 2007 and the one prior to that was completed in 1991) to understand past priorities as well as goals that are still relevant but yet to be implemented.

Some recommendations that have yet to be implemented from the 2007 plan include review zoning overlays, establish an inspection program for lake front septic systems, establish commercial design guidelines for hamlets, encourage sustainable growth in the hamlets through the Economic Development Committee, prepare a facilities maintenance plan, prepare a wellhead protection plan for Erieville, and review the emergency services needs of the Town to ensure adequate capacity.

A complete list of the 2007 goals including status and "action needed" can be found in Appendix B.

1991 Plan Context

The following is the policy statement from the 1991 Town of Nelson Master plan, all of which is still important and relevant to the community today.

"Features of the Town to be preserved:

- Agriculture as a feature of the landscape, as a part of the economy, and as a way of life.
- Historic buildings to their aesthetic value and for their part in recalling the history of the Town.
- Rural house spacing and siting for its openness.
- The lakes for their environmental, aesthetic, and recreational value.
- Scenic views for their aesthetic value.

Features of the Town to be encouraged to change or develop:

- Encourage “employee housing” since affordable, quality housing is essential for housing the employees of local businesses.
- Encourage industrial growth in Trush Park area to continue the economic advantages developing there.
- Commercial growth must be encouraged and anticipated in several forms:
- Encourage destination shopping. Destination shopping draws specific buyers from a distance. Examples: the farm implement dealers, well known restaurants, specialized retailers of larger items.
- Support the possible need of “cottage industries” to move out of their residential settings into commercial settings. These businesses often begin well in a house, but cannot grow to an economically stable size in a house.
- Community retail service locations should be careful[ly] studied and planned for now, before the pressure develops.
- Encourage retail and services which supplement and support the existing farm implement businesses.”

The 1991 Plan also identified sprawl or unchecked housing development as the biggest threat to the Town: “Current planning concerns stem from pressure for housing development in the Town and from rising local tax share of the cost for maintaining the infrastructure of the Town. Much additional pressure arises from the anticipated environmental and lifestyle impacts of new housing. The citizens of Nelson, speaking through a series of special Town planning meetings, have clearly expressed their interest in preserving the rural character of Town (page 7).” Based on the public input received during the creation of this plan, this concern of housing trickling in and destroying the treasured rural character of the community is still a key concern today.

Goals from the 1991 Plan that are still relevant today include:

- “Consumer commercial development should be encouraged at the Nelson crossroad on Route 20.” (page 44)
- “This plan proposes a major tourism element to be developed to bolster the Nelson economy.” (page 45)
- “The two lakes and the swamp need better protection from misguided development...’Overlay Zoning Districts’ are proposed. The entire Tuscarora Lake watershed and the portion of the Eaton Brook Reservoir watershed in the Town of Nelson should be designated a Zoning Overlay District for the purpose of protecting their environmental quality and recreational value (pages 55-56).” Note that the Town did adopt new zoning which implemented a “Waterfront Zone” around the two lakes, but there still may be opportunity and support to do more.

The 1991 plan also had interesting ideas for the hamlets. For the hamlet of Nelson, the plan proposed:

- Creating more recreational opportunities
- Better identification of the center: “It is useful to define and develop some point which is perceived as the center of a Town. For outsiders it clarifies where the Town is...it establishes an image of the place and its citizens. For the citizens it provides part of the

- essential shared understanding of place” (page 69).
- “...The intersection at Nelson Inn should be physically improved” (page 69). Physical improvements to this intersection are currently being constructed by NYS DOT at the time of the writing of this plan.

For the hamlet of Erieville, the plan proposed:

- A children’s playground and “a small nature trail could be built from this area along the creek to the lake and would provide a pleasant amenity as well as a safe pedestrian path” (page 71).
- “Continue to encourage Madison County to realign Damon Hill Road and Eaton Brook Road at their intersections with Erieville Road. This change would create a useful central space in the Hamlet” (page 71).
- The plan also highlighted the tourism potential for implementing a “recreation corridor” between the three large state lands (Tioughnioga, Stoney Pond, and Nelson Swamp).

Reference to Other County and Regional Plans

To further help understand the context of the Town’s new Comprehensive Plan, the Committee reviewed other existing plans in Madison County as well as regional plans. These plans included:

Madison County Economic Development Strategy

This Plan has similar focus to some of the themes identified by the Town including a strong focus on main street redevelopment, agriculture, and tourism. Natural resources (state land and water bodies) were specifically called out as assets in Nelson. Nelson Farms is also specifically mentioned in this plan. Manufacturing is identified as an important employment sector within the County (such as Marquardt in Nelson). The economic impact of equine, specifically horse breeding activities, was also identified as growing within the county. One specific goal related to equine/business development is to “pursue major companies in the equine industry that can be attracted to the County.” Overall, goals in the Madison County Economic Development Strategy fall under several categories including governance; infrastructure and real estate development; business retention, expansion, and entrepreneurial development; business attraction; manufacturing and producer services; agriculture; retail and tourism; energy; and education and workforce training. One goal found in this plan that specifically overlaps with a goal identified for the Town of Nelson include “Identify key under-utilized and vacant property/buildings in retail centers across the County and target for redevelopment” (page 105).

Madison County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

This Plan highlights the importance of sustaining farm and land resources (including preventing urban and rural sprawl), keeping farms in operation, and engaging the public in local agriculture. The plan shows the best soils are concentrated in the northwest quadrant of Nelson (which coincides with the fact that landowners participating in the NYS Ag District program are also concentrated in this northwest quadrant of the Town). This plan also identifies the importance of Nelson Farms

which has the ability to help process, market, and distribute local products. An example of one specific task identified in this plan that was woven into a goal for the Town of Nelson Plan was “Task: Increase the participation of farmers and agribusiness owners on Town Planning Boards through appointment of agricultural members under section 271.11 of Town Law”.

Madison County Water Quality Strategy

This plan describes the water resources within Madison County including in the Town of Nelson, specifically Tuscarora Lake and Eaton Brook Reservoir (a portion of which is also in the Town of Eaton). Threats identified to the water resources in Madison County include erosion and sedimentation, nutrient loading, failing septic systems, lake management, drinking water quality, road salt runoff, flooding, mining, land use changes, and total maximum daily load requirements. For Tuscarora Lake it is noted that there is no lake or watershed management plan. Invasives present include water milfoil. Another concern identified is geese. For Eaton Brook Lake it is noted that there is a lake or watershed management plan. Invasives identified as being present include zebra mussels and water milfoil. Other priority issues of concern identified included aquatic plants, dredging, and water quality. This Plan also highlights how Nelson is within in two major drainage basins: the Oswego River Drainage Basin in the northwest portion of town and the Susquehanna River Drainage Basin in the southeast portion of the town. The town is also split between 6 watersheds: Chittenango, Chenango, Limestone, Tioughnioga, Oneida, and Otselic. Nelson is actually the headwaters to Chittenango Creek. It is interesting to note that a portion of the DeRuyter Reservoir (Town of DeRuyter) is within the Town of Nelson (southwest corner of Nelson).

Focus Interviews

The Comprehensive Plan Committee also conducted interviews with local experts on tourism, art, and economic development. Key takeaways from these interviews follow.

Madison County Tourism; Scott Flaherty

Business collaboration is key to create destinations especially in small places, i.e. if one business is hosting something special the restaurant across the street also decides to stay open late too. There was a discussion about the naming of the hamlet of Nelson and how a new or at least an agreed upon name would make it more of a destination. Some unique niches within the Town identified by Madison County Tourism included a growing artist community, equine, Route 20, and opportunities for specialized recreation (mountain biking, archery, etc). Web presence is also important to promote the destination and tourism opportunities in the community.

Stone Quarry Hill Art Park; Emily Zaengle

This interview stemmed from trying to better understand the artist niche growing in the Town and ways that the Town could collaborate with the Stone Quarry Hill Art Park. The Art Park has a artists in residence program that may be available to do some work (ex: graphics, gateway signage, art installations). The Art Park also

offers rotating art pieces to be loaned out and placed within communities.

Madison County Industrial Development Agency (IDA); Kipp Hicks

The IDA helps cultivate development in Madison County by financing construction and rehabilitating strategic properties to attract or grow businesses. They also offer financial incentives including access to a revolving loan fund, tax-exempt bond financing, PILOT agreements, mortgage recording tax relief, and assistance with a variety grants. Kipp advised the committee to consider the Morrisville State College community as a potential market for any development within the Town, and also to be open to collaborative partnerships with the college on projects such as restaurant incubators or innovative farm businesses. He also suggested that the group prioritize key properties for redevelopment and focus on supporting or helping to develop businesses that provide goods or services that are in demand. Once clear objectives have been established, the IDA will be a resource that can help to find financing to implement projects.

Survey

Based on preliminary exercises and discussions, the Comprehensive Plan Committee developed a public input survey. Knowing that the results of the survey would be the leading guide for the update of the Comprehensive Plan, the Committee studied the surveys of other towns in the area. The Committee wanted to understand the survey qualities which were the most successful at garnering the largest amount of participation. Eventually the Committee broke into smaller groups and began writing the questions for each specific focus area of the survey. With the help of the representatives from Madison County Planning the survey was completed in time to launch in early August of 2017 at the Mad Cow 5k/Skunk Hollow celebration.

By the closing of the survey, there were just under 300 participants, which was a thrilling amount of community interest (about a 15% response rate). The Madison County Planning partners compiled the data and each member of the Committee was given a copy of the 122 page document to review. When the Committee regrouped, the Madison County Planning partners provided each committee member with a worksheet that had the top 2, 3, or 4 responses from each section of the survey. The task at that point was to brainstorm goals that would fit into addressing each section. Those goals were then compiled into a working document which eventually evolved into the final goals of this plan.

The survey contained 59 questions and can be viewed in total in Appendix C. Some select results of particular interest to the comprehensive plan follow.

- Respondents perceived the biggest problem with housing in Nelson to be housing and/or property that is in disrepair (62%).
- Respondents were most satisfied with hiking, fishing and boating recreation amenities in town, and least satisfied with art and activities or facilities for dogs and children.
- 76% of respondents said that they would like to see new business and industry locate in the Town of Nelson. 81% said that the Town of Nelson should be actively involved in attracting new local businesses.

- Of those who said that the Town should attract new business, 75% said that the town should do it through marketing and promotion, 69% said that the Town should assist with grant writing to attract businesses, and 62% said that the Town should assist with grant writing to help existing businesses.
- Goods or services most likely to be purchased outside of the Nelson/Fenner/Cazenovia area include hardware, wine/liquor, insurance services, legal services, bakery, salon services, dental services, medical services, auto services, pet supplies, antiques, fitness, art, spa, clothing, home accessories, and car wash.
- 51% of respondents are concerned about water quality in Eaton Brook Reservoir and 65% are concerned about water quality in Erieville Reservoir/Tuscarora Lake. 70% think there should be stricter testing requirements for septic systems on waterfront properties.
- 52% of respondents would like to see some kind of public access on Erieville Reservoir / Tuscarora Lake, mostly in the form of non-motorized boating and swimming.
- Respondents would like to see improvements to the hamlets in the form of making them more visually attractive, improving the buildings, and adding businesses, specifically restaurants.
- Only 24% of respondents said that they felt that Nelson had a strong identity. 71% said that efforts should be made to better define Nelson's sense of identity, however, there was no consensus on a unifying theme for the town.
- Respondents were most satisfied with road and trail infrastructure and least satisfied with internet, cellular service and sidewalks.
- While respondents were generally satisfied with an array of town services, 53% said that the Town of Nelson does not do a good job of communicating what programs are available, when meetings are held, and agenda topics for meetings.
- Respondents preferred to get information about town meetings and other town information from the website (52%) and/or a community newsletter (45%) and/or the Hi Neighbor (44%). 59% of respondents said that they do not currently use the town's website.
- The top events that people would like to see more of in the town include farmers markets, outdoor recreation events, festivals, and community volunteer days.
- Only 30% of respondents felt that there were adequate opportunities and locations within the town to meet and interact with neighbors and other community members.
- 56% of respondents were interested in more volunteer opportunities, with the most popular project types being events and trail building.

For full survey results refer to Appendix C.

Public Meeting

A public meeting was held on June 21, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. at the Nelson Odeon to discuss and receive feedback on the Comprehensive Plan update. The Committee created a flyer announcing the public input meeting as well as mailed out a postcard to almost every resident within the Town. It was also advertised on the Town's website and Facebook page. The public input meeting was well attended, with an attendance of approximately 80 people. The Committee used the meeting to drill deeper into what the survey results appeared to convey.



Public Meeting at the Nelson Odeon

The evening started with introductions and a brief conversation about the use and purpose of a Comprehensive Plan.

Afterward, Madison County Planning used PollEverywhere.com to break the ice and get the conversation flowing. Participants used their smart phone to answer questions posed by the moderator, and the answers were shown on a screen for everyone to see, and saved as well for further analysis. All age brackets participated and appeared to enjoy the platform.

The participants then broke into 3 randomly assigned groups. Each group participated in 2 separate work sessions which were lead by a Comprehensive Plan committee member and a Madison County Planner. The work sessions focused on the following topics: Housing and Identity; Business Development and Hamlets; and Recreation, Land Use and Agriculture. The work sessions allowed residents to ask specific questions and voice their individual concerns, support or new ideas which prompted further conversation.

Polleverywhere.com allowed public meeting participants to elaborate on some of the survey responses in a live polling format. For example, after identifying lack of identity as an issue in the survey, participants were asked what would strengthen Nelson's identity. The most popular answer suggested improving public spaces in the hamlets or downtown. In addition, people thought that more businesses in the hamlets would improve the identity of the Town by giving people a destination and things to do. Some elaborated further, saying that there could be a specific business niche or themed businesses that the Town could become known for. Participants also suggested that the town undertake a branding/marketing effort, and that kiosks or welcome signage be installed. History as a theme also emerged, as did the importance of preserving the Town's historic architecture.

The poll was used to prioritize strategies for selected goal categories. For housing, the top two strategies were to inventory abandoned properties and strengthen code enforcement. For recreation the top two priorities were to develop a map of recreational opportunities and to develop unique recreational opportunities in the town. For business the top two strategies were to identify key buildings for redevelopment and incentivize infill development through grants, site development and tax incentives.

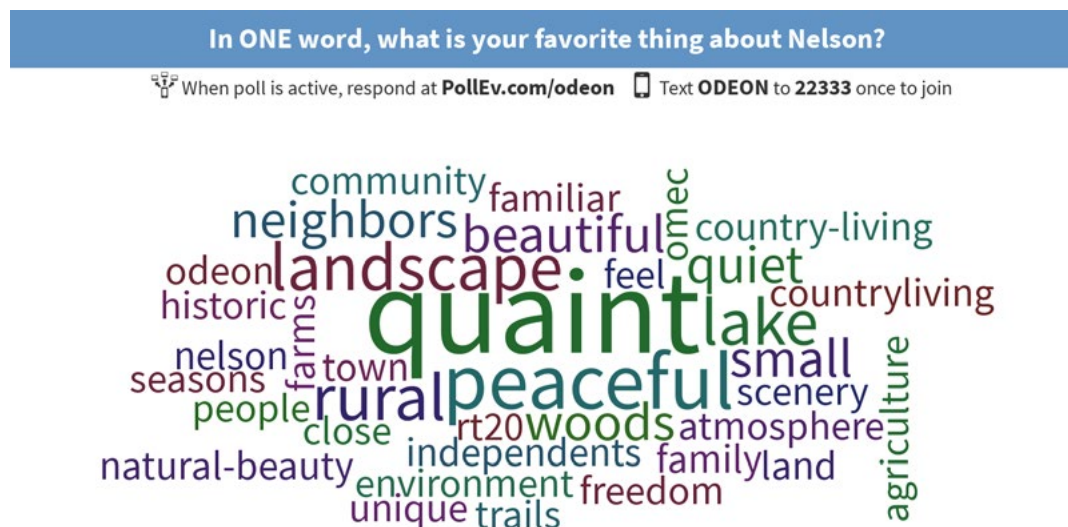
Goal topic areas were also prioritized with the top categories as follows:

- Land use 25%
- Business Development 25%
- Hamlets 11%
- Lakes 7%
- Infrastructure 7%
- Sense of place and community 7%

The survey identified that one of the things people dislike most about Nelson is the winter, so meeting participants were asked what could be done to make winter more enjoyable in the town. After an initial clamor for improved internet and cell service, responses eventually shifted to requesting plowing techniques that leave better sight lines and less damage to the road and adjacent property. People also noted the need for a community gathering space and additional recreational amenities such as skating rinks, trails and outdoor recreation facilities that cater to winter uses. Again, the need for more restaurants also emerged.

Finally, participants were asked to brainstorm what specifically could be done to make Erieville hamlet more attractive. Ideas included refurbishing decaying and abandoned properties, strengthening code enforcement, adding sidewalks and “doing something interesting with the church building”.

To see the results from the public input meeting held, refer to Appendix D.



Results from Question 1 at the Public Meeting

History of Nelson

With the close of the American Revolutionary War, frontier areas throughout the Nation quickly filled with emigrants and war veterans, seeking new lives and opportunities. Moving westward and away from the “congested” eastern seaboard, development of these new communities and their resources were vital to the sustenance and security of the young nation. By 1803, a western extension of the bustling historic Cherry Valley Turnpike had been built linking Cazenovia with Albany as modern stage coaches and trucking companies delivered new neighbors and supplies critical to the area’s evolution. After being established in 1807, within a generation the new Town of Nelson quickly developed two active community centers, the hamlets of Nelson Flats and Erieville, offering important services for its otherwise rural and farm based population, as well its cultural identity as hard working frontier families.

By 1812, as new adventures were being promoted in the Ohio River Valley and St. Lawrence basin, William Darby published *The Emigrant’s Guide to the Western and Southwestern States and Territories*. While the main focus of this volume lay further west, Darby takes care to note the various large infrastructure projects planned or underway to link the new frontier with various market places and each other. The Town of Nelson is listed as a primary coach stop en route from Albany to Buffalo aboard the No.63 stage. Canals, in particular the Erie Canal within New York State are also noted as primary methods of getting critical building supplies, pot and pearl ash, plaster, etc. to market in volume. Darby noted, referring to his Ohio and St. Lawrence bound audience, “New York is wide awake. If we doze, we shall have time to repent when repentance will not avail.” He then went on to describe that “the rapidity with which towns, villages and fields have arisen from the gloom of the desert, is a striking commentary upon the true character of this really active body of men.” The race for progress and modernity was on.

By 1850 important feeder lakes and channels had been established in Nelson to supply water, workers and tonnage at the midsection of the historic Erie Canal. Later, before the days of personal cars and highways, Nelson residents and entrepreneurs would rely on the generations of trains coming through the hamlet of Erieville, shuttling resources to and from other parts of New York and the Nation. These three entities enabled Nelson to be an active contributor to the increasing strength and prosperity of central New York and the State at large. This driving work ethic would be no surprise to earlier generations, as the town itself was named for Vice Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson (1758-1805). Having commanded the British fleet in its defeat of the combined French and Spanish Naval Forces at the Battle of Trafalgar, Nelson became a world renowned naval hero. Trafalgar is recognized as the most important sea battle of the 19th century and established Britain’s naval superiority for the next 100 years. Thus this frontier population and its leaders aligned themselves publicly with the same courage and dogged commitment to success, as exemplified by Nelson’s famous call to action as they sailed into battle, “England expects every man will do his duty”.

By 1835, the town of Nelson saw its population standing at 2,231 with citizens actively engaged in grazing and dairy farms providing milk and veal, several cheese factories, grist mills, saw mills, churches, cemeteries, several general stores, a hotel, rail road station and depots, black smiths and wagon shops and 2 post offices. It would be considered the picture of classic rural America at this time. Within two generations, however, after several wars,



Historic Erieville

economic recessions and the advance of new technology elsewhere, by 1892 the town's population slowly declined by half. This was not unusual across the American landscape, as noted in the 1899 History of Nelson, by John E. Smith, who explained "this is not due to its being in any sense an unattractive or unprofitable locality for the prudent, industrious and economical farmer, mechanic or tradesman. It is, rather, in keeping with the conditions in many other town(s) in the State and county, in which in the passing years, there has developed among the young men a desire to leave the homesteads of their ancestry for the alluring attractions and occupations of cities and larger villages."

With time the historic Erie Canal and its boats would be replaced by paved turnpikes and highways. The Cherry Valley Turnpike, once the thriving corridor crossing the state would be replaced by the high speed NYS Thruway, and a new era of personal cars would give residents access to goods, services and jobs elsewhere. But not all left. Within today's population one readily finds old Nelson family names that grace the roads and hilltops within this cherished town. Newer residents often identify their houses not by location or appearance, but descriptively, using long ago names of those who owned them for generations and who grew up in them.

Life at large generally became more leisurely with the advent of the Industrial Revolution and its conveniences. Those who now populated the cities and factories would return to the countryside looking for recreational activities. Clean air and a sense of health and relaxation. Cabins and cottages were built up along the waterfronts of both reservoirs in Nelson, albeit a little ad hoc in some early instances. And after the World Wars, the national economic engine continued to surge, creating an affluent generation who would build more lakeside and rural based housing. This would act as an economic stabilizing force for the Town of Nelson, but still the aura of Old Nelson permeates the community through its remaining architecture, streetscapes, land use and people. With the melding of these two growth segments, the Town of Nelson has innumerable opportunities to reinvent itself economically by capitalizing on its historic assets and strength of community. By bringing these unique strengths and atmosphere forward, Nelson can again offer a thriving place to live and visit in today's central New York.

Existing Conditions

Demographics

The demographic makeup of Nelson has been relatively consistent between the 2007 Comprehensive Plan Update and today. Today 1,980 people make up 775 households in Nelson. The last significant change was during the 1990s when the population increased by about 27%.

The median age in Nelson is 44.7. This is relatively high compared to the New York State median age which is 38.1 and the Madison County median age which is 40.8. It is somewhat more aligned with the surrounding towns; Cazenovia's median age is 43.4 and Fenner's is 47. To the east Eaton's median age is 24.4, but this anomaly can be explained by the presence of Morrisville College.

Nelson has the highest median household income of any Town in Madison County at \$72,950. By comparison the county-wide median household income is \$53,854.

92.7% of Nelson Residents have a high school degree or higher. 32% have a bachelor's degree or higher.

66% of Nelson residents are "in the labor force" with 34% "not in the labor force" and 4.7% unemployed. The largest category of employment for Nelson residents is in educational/healthcare/social services, with 28% of being employed by these sectors. Second to this, 12% work in the manufacturing sector. In the third category, 10.6% of residents are employed in the professional/scientific/management/administrative/ and waste management services. Madison County shares the same industries for first and second largest employers, but retail is third county-wide.

Nelson has about 1,100 housing units of which about 71% are occupied and 29% are vacant. Of the occupied housing units 782, a majority, are owner occupied (86%) and 110 are renter occupied (14.1%). The average household size for both owner and renter occupied units is 2.5 people.

The prevalent housing type tend to be detached single family (86%) The second most prevalent housing type is mobile home (7.5%). The census estimates that Nelson has 83 mobile homes. These are spread throughout the town, rather than being concentrated in a mobile home park.

The housing stock is "old" to "middle aged". Just over a quarter of the homes in Nelson were built in 1939 or earlier. 40% were built between 1970 and 2000. 12% were built between 2000 and 2010. A total of 125 homes were built between 2000 and 2017. The mean property size for these homes was 10.8 acres.

The median home value in Nelson is \$175,300. Median rental price is \$814/month. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates)

Natural Resources and Environment

Community survey results demonstrate a strong appreciation for the natural environment in

and around the Town of Nelson. Having sustained a strong agricultural focus since 1807, as well as generations of smaller commercial, residential and recreational use, citizens share a close affinity with their land and its history, the lakes and creeks, the view sheds, the diversity of habitats and overall natural environment. This relationship should be supported as a high priority and managed as a major asset of the Town.

Residents are becoming keenly aware of the need for more sophisticated solutions to address issues impacting their lives and wallets. Telltales of local environmental distress most recently demonstrated includes repeated episodes of road and property flooding, erosion/siltation/weed growth within Tuscarora Lake, unknown status of septic systems, as well as re-emergence of long buried industrial dump sites along industrial corridors. Issues such as these not only impact the daily lives of residents, but also property values and attractiveness of the town to new residents or investors looking to set up businesses in the town and contribute to the economic health of the area.

All of this is well within the Town's purview to remedy and work towards enhancing conditions to better advance Nelson's collective interests and future. Building on the 2007 recommendations the new recommendations offer a new scheme of prioritization and have been enhanced to reflect this town's ongoing commitment to integrated environmental management initiatives.

Some key natural resources and environmental considerations include:

Watersheds

The Town of Nelson is divided almost equally between two major watersheds. A watershed is all the land that contributes surface water runoff to a body of water. The western half of the Town including Tuscarora Lake and both the hamlets of Erieville and Nelson lie in the Lake Ontario Drainage Basin. Within this basin, the water flows to Lake Ontario by way of Oneida Lake and the Oswego River. This water eventually enters the Atlantic Ocean at the Gulf of St. Lawrence in eastern Canada. The eastern half of the Town including Eaton Brook Reservoir lies in the Susquehanna River Drainage Basin. This water ultimately ends up in the Atlantic Ocean via the Chesapeake Bay.

On a more local scale, the Town serves as the headwaters, at least partially for many creeks, and is divided into 6 watersheds: Chittenango, Chenango, Limestone, Tioughnioga, Otselic, and Oneida Creek.

Refer to Map 1 in Appendix E

Waterbodies and Lake Watersheds

Tuscarora Lake, also known as Erieville Reservoir, and Eaton Brook Reservoir are two of the most treasured environmental resources in the town. Both of these water bodies are man made and managed by the NYS Canal Corporation. The eastern portion of Eaton Brook Reservoir lies within the Town of Eaton. Tuscarora Lake is 328 acres with a maximum depth of approximately 43 feet while Eaton Brook



Tuscarora Lake

is 289 acres with a maximum depth of 52 feet. Both water bodies are surrounded by residential uses (Tuscarora Lake has one business use). Tuscarora Lake and Eaton Brook Lake have official Lake Associations.

Protection of these water bodies and their surrounding lake watersheds is a key priority for the Town. Balancing the appropriate amount of public access to these two water bodies is an important topic to the community, as expressed during the planning process and public input survey. A third important watershed

is the “Cedar Swamp” or Chittenango watershed which covers approximately 9,000 acres; this watershed drains into Nelson Swamp and is also the headwaters to Chittenango Creek. In fact, protection of these 3 watersheds (Tuscarora, Eaton Brook, and Cedar Swamp/Chittenango) goes back to the 1991 Master plan.

A third significant water body is Stoney Pond located with Stoney Pond State Forest, managed by NYS DEC. Stoney Pond is approximately 44 acres with a maximum depth of 11 feet. It is also man made and was constructed in the late 1950s to provide wildlife habitat. The Town has less influence over this water body (it is surrounded by NYS DEC state forest), but it is still considered an important environmental resource and attraction within the town.

Creeks and Streams

The Town of Nelson is the location of the headwaters for Chittenango Creek. The main channel of Chittenango Creek is formed by two branches that join in Nelson Swamp. The north branch flows south from the Town of Fenner while the south branch flows northwesterly from Tuscarora Lake/Erieville Reservoir in the Town of Nelson. Chittenango Creek is a very scenic waterway and is regarded as one of the most important trout fishing streams in central New York. A portion of one designated Public Fishing Rights (PFR) area for Chittenango Creek is located within the Town just north of Hardscrabble Road. Downstream (outside of the Town) this waterway flows through Chittenango Falls State Park and is a source of water for the Old Erie Canal within the Old Erie Canal State Historic Park. The Town may want to explore listing Chittenango Creek as an officially designated NYS DEC “Critical Environmental Area” (it was listed by the Town of Cazenovia for the portion of the creek within the Town of Cazenovia). Following designation, the potential impact of any Type I or Unlisted Action on the environmental characteristics of the CEA is a relevant area of environmental concern and must be evaluated in the determination of significance prepared pursuant to Section 617.7 of SEQR.

There are a few others streams that flow through the Town including: East Branch Limestone Creek B(T)), Middle Branch Tioughnioga Creek (NYSDEC

Class C (TS)), Otselic River (NYSDEC Class C(T)), Eaton Brook (NYSDEC Class C(T)), Electric Light Stream (NYSDEC Class C(T)), and Callahan Brook (NYSDEC Class C(T)). These streams are protected and classified by the New York State Department of Conservation. Future development that may impact any stream would be subject to the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process for purposes of protecting it as an environmental resource.

Aquifers

Nelson's rolling topography creates a number of unique hill and valley areas, common to much of southern Madison County. Glaciation many thousands of years ago has left behind deposits in these valleys that have created a number of high yield aquifers that hold vast amounts of water in the pore spaces of these deposits. Nelson Swamp is formed in the most significant of these valleys and contains a very unique mix of plant and animal species that make it of regional and statewide importance. As these aquifers may serve as a source of drinking water, protection of these areas deserves heightened attention.

Scenic Viewsheds

The rural landscape and bucolic nature of the Town of Nelson is one of its most beloved assets. To help protect some of these places the Town of Nelson identified certain areas to be protected through an adopted Scenic Overlay Zone. A 108 mile portion of Route 20, including the entire portion of Route 20 through the Town of Nelson, is also a New York State designated Scenic Byway, a program of NYS DOT. The Route 20 Scenic Byway celebrates Central New York's diverse heritage, natural beauty, and agricultural vitality, and is defined by rolling hills and broad vistas framed in a working landscape, lakes, tranquil communities, and historical places. The U.S. Route 20 Byway Strategy Volume 1 and 2 should be consulted for more information. There is also a Route 20 Association that works to preserve this scenic viewshed and promote tourism along Route 20.



Scenic rolling hills in Nelson

State Land

Nearly 20% (approximately 5,414 acres) of the land in the Town of Nelson is State land. While not controlled by the Town, the way these lands are preserved, maintained, and marketed directly impact the quality of life in the town. These State lands include the Nelson Swamp Unique Area, Stoney Pond State Forest, Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area, and a small portion of Morrow Mountain

State Forest. NYS DEC maintains Unit Management Plans for these places which can be consulted for more information.

The Nelson Swamp Unique Area

Approximately 1,110 acres of the Nelson Swamp Unique Area are within the Town of Nelson (the total size of Nelson Swamp is 1,500 and crosses into the Town of Fenner and the Town of Cazenovia). Of the total acreage, NYS DEC has acquired 574 acres, 510 acres of which is in the Town of Nelson. Nelson Swamp contains



Nelson Swamp

NYS DEC protected wetlands and is home to 400 vascular plants and 105 species of breeding birds. A portion of the 0.7 mile interpretive trail within Nelson Swamp is within the Town of Nelson (this trail parallels Hardscrabble Road but the actual trailhead is in the Town of Cazenovia). This trail is also part of the North Country Scenic Trail/Link Trail system. Recently the Town of Nelson has been working to create a new hiking and boardwalk trail within the Nelson Swamp Unique Area which will create a connection between the Town Hall and Route 20.

Stoney Pond State Forest

Stoney Pond State Forest consists of 1,469 acres and offers visitors the opportunity for hiking, hunting, horse back riding, and camping as well as paddling and fishing on Stoney Pond.

Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area

This is a 3,744 acre State Wildlife Management Area, which lies almost entirely within the Town of Nelson, that features hiking trails, bird watching, camping, snowshoeing, hunting, fishing and trapping. Approximately three miles of the Link Trail/North Country Scenic Trail also passes through the area.

Morrow Mountain State Forest

Approximately 40 acres of the 1,290 acre Morrow Mountain State Forest also lies just north of Fire Tower Road within the Town of Nelson.

Refer to Map 2 in Appendix E.

Cultural and Historic Resources

Since the establishment of the Town of Nelson in 1807, residents have long been aware of their local history and greater contributions to the developing Nation. The historic preservation movement in the United States is often said to have begun with the fight to save Pennsylvania Station in New York City (demolished in 1963). In the 1970's New York State

was the first in the Nation to establish a unified historic sites system statewide, supported by a technical center providing curation, conservation, exhibition and other rehabilitation services in support of these sites. Lorenzo State Historic Site, located in neighboring Cazenovia, is now a flagship of this site system in Central New York.

By the late 1990s, historic preservation practices became widely acknowledged across the country as a strong foundation for economic rebirth. Numerous small towns and communities built stable resurgences offering pleasant livable spaces, popular tourist destinations and social cohesiveness by focusing on their historic and environmental assets. Success followed success, as both rural and urban areas once plagued with illegal or unsafe conditions, unsightly patchworks of signs, rubble-strewn vacant lots, and vacant storefronts began to thrive again. Formerly struggling communities now have re-established new and vibrant lives with the winning combination of public and private money through the efforts of its own residents and town leadership. The fundamental reasons why historic preservation goes hand in hand with economic vitality remain unchanged in 2018.

The Town of Nelson now faces a watershed moment in identifying and benefiting from its unique features of location, environment and historical features before more deterioration and loss is incurred within the built and natural environments. A goal of this plan is to formulate well-conceived laws, holistic policies and partnership programs to stem the dwindling number of historic assets and prevent further degradation.

A non-profit called the Erieville-Nelson Heritage Society is active in the town with the purpose to promote the history, architecture and families who founded, lived and worked in Erieville and Nelson from it's founding to the present day. The Society meets monthly and publishes a newsletter, called Hills and Hollows, which is read by many of the residents throughout the town.

To date, the Erieville-Nelson Heritage Society has been successful in getting the "Nelson Welsh Congregation Church" listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a federal designation program first established in 1966. The Methodist Church in Erieville is in the process of being added to the Register, and as of this writing in 2018 approval is pending. Where preserving individual structures highlighting a town's heritage are often the first steps, a broader holistic approach to historic preservation would be a next step.



Welsh Congregation Church

During the 1840's a large number of Welsh people immigrated to the area particularly in the northeast part of Nelson Township. They formed the Welsh Congregation Church in 1850. The Church that was built in 1876 to accommodate the growing membership had the inscription "1876 JTJ" engraved on one of

the foundation stones. Its builder, James T. Jones would be gratified that this church stands today and still hosts worship services. (See NYSDEC Nelson Swamp Unique Area Stewardship Management Plan)

Other important places of historic significance include:

- Rufus Weaver Barn, located at Old State Road and Erieville Road, where the first town meeting was held on April 7, 1807.
- Erieville Country Store which was originally built in 1930s by Don Magee (father of



Erieville Country Store



Rufus Weaver Barn

- Assemblyman Bill Magee).
- Stone school built in 1845 at the intersection of Old State Road and Stearns road. It was the District 7 school, built by stone Mason, David Hamilton. The school finally closed officially in 1936. This building is privately owned.
- Syracuse and Chenango Valley railroad depot. Erieville had a total of three train depots, but the first depot was replaced with a second larger one in 1877. This second depot was destroyed by fire in 1919. Soon after, a third depot was built. This remaining train depot was bought by the same private owner of the old stone school house, and this owner moved the depot to attach to the old stone school house.



Stone School



Erieville Cemetery

Additionally there are many small cemeteries of local significance located throughout the town. They are:

1. Weaver Cemetery (Erieville & Stearns Road)
2. Lyon Cemetery (Hardscrabble Road)
3. Payne Cemetery (Hughes Road)
4. Pleasant Valley or Westcott Cemetery (Bucks Woods-Peterboro road)
5. Togg Hill Cemetery (New York State Route 20)
6. Bliss Cemetery (Bliss Road)
7. Humphrey Cemetery (Chaphe Farm)
8. Nelson Rural Cemetery (Thomas Road)
9. Welsh Cemetery (Welsh Church Road)
10. Erieville cemetery (Erieville and Tuscarora roads)
11. Corkinsville Cemetery
12. Norton Cemetery
13. Temple Cemetery (aka Reservoir Cemetery)
14. Westcott Cemetery

Refer to Appendix E for historic photographic comparisons.

Agriculture

As previously noted the rural landscape is considered by many to be the number one reason to live in the Town of Nelson. One way to preserve this way of life is through supporting farming (both traditional farming as well as value added and agri-tourism) such as by protecting prime soils and exploring ways to leverage unique niches (such as horse farms) that have developed within the town.

Town of Nelson Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan

The Town adopted the Town of Nelson Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan in December 2012. This plan should be consulted for detailed farm information within the Town (including maps). Of note, the Plan states that “[t]he most significant threat to farmland in the Town of Nelson is residential development” (page 16). The plan also details farmland that is most suitable for protection within the town. Policies from this plan include:

- Policy 1: Retain high quality farmland for ag production
- Policy 2: Improve economic conditions for farming
- Policy 3: Encourage Agri-tourism
- Policy 4: Avoid or mitigate conflicts between farmers and neighbors
- Policy 5: Encourage the design of new residential lots in agricultural areas to avoid impacts on agricultural operations
- Policy 6: Increase public awareness of farming practices and the significance of agriculture to the community and the regional economy
- Policy 7: Protect groundwater quality and the environment
- Policy 8: Support agricultural drainage projects
- Policy 9: Minimize the impact on farmland from gas wells and other utility expansions
- Policy 10: Avoid or reduce impacts on agricultural operations from infrastructure extensions

- Policy 11: Increase awareness of tax relief programs
- Policy 12: Encourage renewable energy opportunities
- Policy 13: Maintain partnerships with governmental and not for profit agricultural support agencies

Ag District Program

As of 2017, there are 243 parcels within Nelson participating in the NYS Ag District Program. The purpose of this NYS program is to conserve and improve the development of farmland by offering right-to-farm protections

Active Farmland

According to the Town of Nelson Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, approximately 4,732 acres in the Town of Nelson consist of actively farmed land or other open land that may be suitable for agriculture, based on an analysis of aerial photographs taken in 2009 and 2008 by New York State. This land represents approximately 17% of the total land area of the Town. Farmland in the Town of Nelson is located on 275 individual tax parcels, which comprise 12,896 acres.

Farming Practices

While much of the landscape is countryside not as much of it is farmed as compared to neighboring towns. According to the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services, the Town of Nelson has 65 parcels assessed as farms. As a comparison the Town of Eaton has 166 parcels being farmed, Town of Cazenovia 151 parcels, Town of Fenner 125 parcels. Town of Georgetown is the one exception with less with a total of 56 parcels being farmed. Note, this does not describe the size of these farming operations.



Horse Farm in Nelson

Dairy farming, the traditional type of farming in Madison County, is also less prevalent within Nelson (only 4 parcels). Comparatively: Town of Eaton has 27 parcels assessed as dairy, Town of Fenner 20 parcels, Town of Cazenovia 19, and Town of Georgetown 15 parcels. This continues to represent a shift for Nelson. The 1991 Master plan states “Dairy farms account for much of the agricultural community with some large horse farms dotting the landscape,” but by the 2007 Comp Plan dairy was losing ground while

equestrian uses were increasing. Today, there is a higher amount of horse farms within Nelson compared to other nearby towns. In the Town of Nelson there are 10 farms classified as horse farms compared to Town of Cazenovia with 6 parcels, Town of Fenner 2 parcels, Town of Eaton 0 parcels, and Town of Georgetown 0 parcels. Source: NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services.

The top three farm uses in the Town of Nelson are productive ag land (vacant), field crops, and then horse farms.

Prime Farmland

The United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) developed a database of prime soils. This list of prime soils is very exclusive as they represent the absolute best, deep, fertile, non-erosive, and generally do not require artificial drainage, irrigation or other measures in order to farm on them. Prime soils are found throughout the Town of Nelson and make up 3,879 acres or 13.8% of the town with one of the heaviest concentrations found in the northwest corner of the town along Route 20. This area is also one with the most development pressure within the town with Route 20, Trush Business Park, and the Town/Village of Cazenovia immediately adjacent. Refer to the Town of Nelson Ag and Farmland Protection Plan for maps and more detailed information including on “prime farmland,” Prime farmland if drained”, and “other soils of Statewide importance.” Protecting prime soils is especially important to Nelson because “due to the topography of the Town and the large amount of State-owned natural areas, there is a limited amount of prime farmland and a larger amount of marginal land.” (p. 16 Nelson Ag Plan)

Town of Nelson 2017 Annual Assessment Rolls Parcel Counts by Individual Property Class Code					
Property Class Code	Parcel Count	Total Assessed Value	County Taxable Assessed Value	Municipal Taxable Assessed Value	School Taxable Assessed Value*
Vacant Ag. Land	33	1,386,500	1,171,927	1,171,927	1,171,927
Livestock & Products	3	528,400	510,850	510,850	452,050
Dairy Products	1	1,076,800	990,576	990,576	897,186
Cattle, Calves, Hogs	1	194,900	161,329	161,329	131,929
Horse Farms	10	4,021,700	3,150,740	3,150,740	3,062,540
Field Crops	12	2,045,000	1,895,946	1,895,946	1,556,946
Nursery & Greenhouse	1	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000

*Adjusted for STAR

Refer to Map 3 in Appendix E.

Land Use and Zoning

Land Use

The Town 's population growth has grown marginally since 1990 and the patterns of land use throughout the town have not varied significantly since the 2007 plan.

NYS Route 20 passes through the northern part of the Town and continues to serve as the commercial east/west thoroughfare for the town. The hamlet of Nelson is located along Route 20 at Nelson Road. The hamlet of Erieville is located south of Tuscarora Lake along Erieville Road. The two reservoirs, Tuscarora Lake and Eaton Brook Reservoir, are centerpieces for the recreational tourist and seasonal resident. The heart of the town remains agrarian with dairy farming losing ground to the equestrian industry. Approximately 20% of the land in the town is owned and managed by the state of New York and remains undeveloped.

According to the NYS Office of Real Tax Services the real property land use distribution is as follows:

Town of Nelson 2017 Annual Assessment Rolls Parcel Counts By Broad Use Category		
Broad Use Category	Description	Parcel Count
100	Agricultural Properties	65
200	Residential Properties	999
300	Vacant Land	549
400	Commercial Properties	33
600	Community Service Properties	21
700	Industrial Properties	5
800	Public Service Properties	37
900	Public Parks, Wild, Forested and Conservation Properties	68
TOTAL		1,777

Commercial land uses are primarily located along the western portion of US Route 20, within the Hamlet of Nelson as well as a few commercial properties located in and near the Hamlet of Erieville. Light industrial uses are located in Trush Park. The area that has developed most since 2000 is the northwestern section of the town from US Route 20 along Nelson Heights Road to Moseley Road and along Thomas Road, near Lyon Road. The development pressure in this northwest corner of the town is anticipated to continue and will need to be balanced and managed. This development pressure is largely exists because of being adjacent to the Town/ Village of Cazenovia. Many residents



The Nelson Odeon

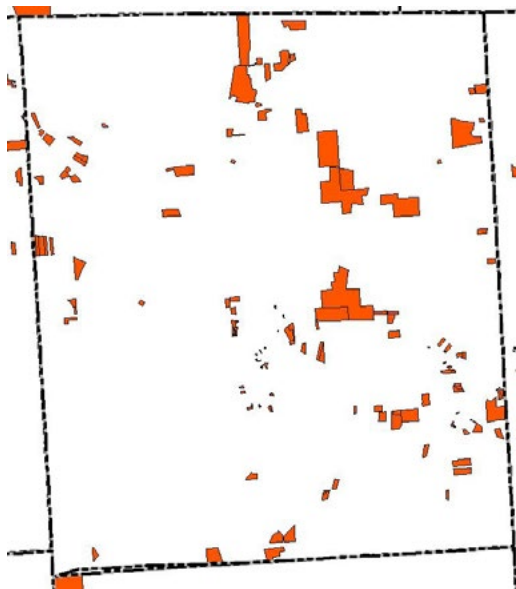
indicated a fear of losing Nelson's identity to Cazenovia.

The hamlet of Nelson has seen a resurgence since the 2007 plan with new roadway and streetscape improvements planned for Route 20 as well as several new businesses. Many of these new businesses within the hamlet of Nelson also draw customers/visitors from outside of the area including a sofa company and a music venue called the Nelson Odeon. This has led to an increased sense of place in the hamlet of Nelson. A micro brewery and a coffee roaster were located in the Nelson hamlet, however these closed or relocated. Building owners continue to look for appropriate commercial tenants to fill storefront space in the hamlet.

In terms of residential use, residential properties are generally concentrated in the Hamlets of Nelson and Erieville and along US Route 20 as well as on the lake-shores of Tuscarora Lake and Eaton Brook Reservoir. The remainder of the town is populated with rural residential properties located along town and county roads. Incremental residential growth continues to be a concern expressed by residents. A land use trend that has continued since the 2007 plan, is the transitioning of seasonal cottages to year-round, or near year-round, residences along the lake shores. The impact from such conversions is the increasing need for potable water and more complex and expensive wastewater treatment and disposal systems.

Between 2000 and 2017 125 new residential properties were added to the Town of Nelson. The mean property size for these new developments was 10.8 acres. The map below shows the pattern of these developments demonstrating that development over the last 20 years has not been concentrated in the traditional population centers, rather, it has occurred in a sprawled pattern across the town.

Town of Nelson
Residential Construction by Parcel 2000-2017



Zoning

The Town currently has 6 zoning districts including Rural, Neighborhood, Nelson Corridor, Erieville Hamlet, Waterfront Zone, and Business Commercial. The Town also allows for Planned Unit Developments if appropriate. The Town has a Scenic Vista/Scenic Highway Overlay District. Since the 2007 plan, the Town added a cluster subdivision but there may be more opportunity to promote this as it has yet to be utilized.

Refer to Map 4 and 5 in Appendix E

Public Infrastructure

Roadways

The road system consists of State, County, and Town highways. The Town is responsible for maintaining and plowing all roads except for the State highway (Route 20). This is performed by the town's highway department. A maintenance plan for highway work is updated yearly. The maintenance schedule is subject to change based on CHIPS award criteria. Overall traffic patterns, road surfaces, and, utilization have not significantly changed in the last 20 years. The AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic) statistics have gone down relative to previous years. This is a further indication for the need to establish Smart Growth.

Sewer and Water

Most households and business in the Town of Nelson are on private wells and septic systems. The only public water service in the Town of Nelson is the Erieville Water District which serves approximately 46 properties within Erieville. Updates to the Erieville Water District system include a new water tower and wells.

Recent studies, engineering, and, grants, are in place to extend the Cazenovia public water system into the Town of Nelson. The new water district is along Route 20 and extends less than one mile into the Town of Nelson. The system will provide service to the businesses and residents on both the North and South sides of Route 20. Some of major businesses on the North side of Route 20 are connected to the public sewer system from Cazenovia.

Preliminary studies to continue the public water further into the Nelson Hamlet have been reviewed. Pursuing discussions find the extension to be cost prohibitive at this time. However, three environmental incidents occurred within the past year and historical land uses within the Hamlet have created discussion regarding water quality. Therefore, there may be an opportunity to receive grant money based on water quality.

Despite concerns about the high water table in the hamlet of Nelson and wastewater disposal issues relating to the density of development around Tuscarora Lake and Eaton Reservoir, there is no public sewer service in the Town of Nelson other than the sewer service to the Trush Business Park (this treatment plan is maintained by the Town of Cazenovia).

Town Properties and Parcels

- **Town Hall:** Located at 4085 Nelson Road
This building houses the office of the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Judge, Codes Enforcement Officer, and bookkeeper. The public meeting area will accommodate up to 70 people. Town offices have not expanded since 1991. A playground also exists at this site.
- **Highway Department:** Located at 3985 Dugway Road, Erieville
This location includes a Highway Superintendent's Office, employee's area, truck/equipment storage and repair area. A separate building serves as a salt barn.
- **Parks:** A pavilion exists at the Tuscarora Road Park (Erieville Ballfield).
- The town owns two wells

In total the Town owns the following five parcels

Town of Nelson Parcels Owned by the Town

Parcel ID	Acres	Address	Asset
96.-1-26.14	13.97	4085 Nelson Rd	Town Hall
132.-1-35	81.64	Damon Road	Tuscarora Nature Park
133.17-1-15.2	0.91	Damon Road	Well
133.17-1-16.5	0.16	Damon Road	Well
149.-1-43.2	3.2	3985 Dugway Rd	Town Highway Garage

Equipment

Over the last three years the strategy for heavy truck ownership has shifted. Prior trucks were assigned a useful life of 20 years. The period was too long and lead to expensive repairs, addition workload and overtime, and residual worth in many cases was at salvage value.

The current strategy has a life span is 15 years and the truck should be sold or traded at ½ life, or seven-year cycles. The goal is to sell or trade before major work is required.

In addition, the usefulness of the heavy single-axle dump truck has diminished with smaller F550 truck performing most of the work of the larger dump. Therefore, there is a recommendation from the HWY Superintendent to replace the heavy single-axle (6-wheel) with a 10-wheel dump. This would bring the fleet to four heavy 10-wheel dumps for year-round use. An older all-wheel drive 10-wheel will remain in the fleet as a backup, to use in extreme snow conditions and emergencies.

A TLB (Tractor Loader Backhoe), front end loader, farm tractor with mover/brusher, grader, roller, and, road broom comprise the rest of the Highway Departments machinery. A 2018 Highway list follows.



Community Services

One aspect of the services available in the Town of Nelson is that in many cases Nelson is often divided into several districts or serviced by several different entities. While Nelson is fortunate to have these services, this can be challenging in terms of trying to feel as one community.

Post Office

One post office is located within the town in Erieville.

Schools

The school districts that serve the students in Nelson are Cazenovia Central School District, Morrisville-Eaton Central School District, and South Otselic Valley Central School District. The percentage of town residents that are school age children (grades Preschool-grade 12) is approximately 19% (373). Schools are a significant factor in many families' decision about where to live, and 37% of survey respondents said that the school district was an important factor in their decision to move to Nelson. However, the Town and school districts do not have a close relationship or open lines of communication to share information and initiatives that may be mutually beneficial.

Libraries

There are no public libraries in the town. The closest libraries are the Morrisville Library in Morrisville, the Cazenovia Public Library in the Village of Cazenovia, and the New Woodstock Free Library in the Hamlet of New Woodstock.

Police services

Police services are provided through Madison County Sheriffs' Department with support from New York State Troopers.



Erieville Fire Department

Emergency Services

The Town of Nelson is divided and covered by 3 different services: CAVAC (T.Caz), SEVAC (Morrisville), and Eaton Ambulance (T. Eaton). First response services in Erieville is from Erieville Fire and Rescue.

Fire

There is one Fire Department located within the town in Erieville. The Erieville Fire Department provides reciprocal support services with Georgetown,

Morrisville and Cazenovia Fire Departments. Parts of the town are covered by the Cazenovia Fire Department and the Morrisville Fire Department.

Solid Waste Disposal

Trash is taken to Cazenovia Transfer Station or curbside pick up; all goes to Madison County Solid Waste in Lincoln.

Electric Service

Electric service is provided by National Grid or OMEC.

Natural Gas

While several transmission lines run underground through the Town, there are currently no distribution lines so natural gas is not currently provided anywhere within the town.

Renewable Energy

No community solar or wind presently exists within the community.

Internet

Internet is provided within the town, but access to faster internet is a concern of residents based on the community input received.

NYS Land

Additional recreational opportunities exist at the previously described NYS properties including Stoney Pond State Forest, Tioughnioga State Wildlife Management Area, Morrow Mountain State Forest, and Nelson Swamp Unique Area.

Trails

- Link Trail: A section of the 40+ mile Link Trail runs through the southwest corner of the town. The Link Trail is part of the North Country Scenic Trail system and connects the Finger Lakes Trail to the Erie Canalway Trail.
- Onondaga Trail: The eastern terminus of the Onondaga Trail is within the Town. It connects with the Link Trail just north of the Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area.
- Stoney Pond State Forest has a 13 mile trail network
- Tioughnioga State Wildlife Management Area has a section of the North Country Scenic Trail/Link Trail
- Nelson Swamp Unique Area: A portion of the 0.7 mile interpretative trail is within the Town of Nelson; this trail is also part of the North Country Scenic Trail/Link Trail.
- Proposed hamlet of Nelson "loop trail": Currently, a Town committee is working on the creation of a hiking trail linking the Nelson Swamp trail with the park at the Town office.
- Snowmobile trails: Numerous snowmobile trails exist within the town. The Snow Valley Riders (SVR) Inc., snowmobile club serves the Cazenovia, New Woodstock, Erieville, DeRuyter, Lincoln, Nelson and Fenner townships,

maintaining over 100 miles of trails.

- On-road trails. “The Ridges of Madison County” identified scenic on-road biking corridors within the Town of Nelson. Recently some roadways have been designated to participate in the CNY Peacemaker Trail, being developed by Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board through NYS DOS LWRP.



Recreation

These resources offer the outdoor enthusiast hiking, fishing, swimming, hunting, X-C skiing, snowshoeing, camping, canoing, boating opportunities, depending on facility. Recreational opportunities include:

- Tuscarora Nature Park off of Tinsley Hill Road (Erieville ball field) Owned by the Town of Nelson, but not currently maintained. Consists of recreational fields and a playground area
- Leroy E. “Woody” Woodworth Park behind the Town Hall off of Nelson Road.

This is a Town of Nelson Park that consists of recreational fields and a playground area. This is where the proposed new trail through Nelson Swamp would connect.

Lake access

Although there isn’t public boat access to Tuscarora Lake, there is a public boat launch at Eaton Brook Reservoir located just beyond the town borders in the Town of Eaton. Stoney Pond is open to the public for paddling and fishing.

Healthcare

In terms of adult and pediatric health care, services are available in Cazenovia, Morrisville, and Hamilton, all within 5 to 15 miles of Nelson hamlet. The closest hospital and emergency room is located in Hamilton, and the closest rehabilitation facility is in Morrisville. Dental, orthodontic, counseling, chiropractic, massage, yoga, and wellness classes are also available nearby. Madison County Health Department has numerous educational, health promotion and prevention programs and services available to all residents and communities in the county.

Public Transportation

There is no public transportation available to residents of Nelson. The primary transportation available to residents is by private, personal vehicle. CRIS-CAT (Community Resources for Independent Seniors-Cazenovia Area Transportation) volunteer drivers provide transportation to residents, age 55 and over, or disabled, from the Towns of Cazenovia, Fenner, and Nelson, who are independent but unable to drive themselves. Requests typically are for transportation for medical appointments, grocery shopping, library visits, social events, and more. Volunteers generously donate their time, vehicles and gasoline.

Summary of Goals

Land Use

Goal 1) Evaluate zoning to ensure that it protects Nelson's assets and promotes smart growth in the Town

Economic Development

Goal 1) Encourage infill development

Goal 2) Support new businesses and economic development

Goal 3) Support existing local businesses

Hamlets

Goal 1) Develop the identities of the Nelson Hamlet and Erieville Hamlet

Goal 2) Improve the physical environment in a way that contributes to quality of life and commercial vitality

Sense of Place & Identity

Goal 1) Develop a stronger sense of place in the Town of Nelson

Goal 2) Increase community member engagement

Infrastructure

Goal 1) Continue to offer satisfactory road maintenance and snow removal services

Goal 2) Ensure that all residents have access to clean and safe drinking water and public sewer where appropriate

Goal 3) Enhance internet service and speed to all residents

Lakes

Goal 1) Protect lake water quality

Goal 2) Elevate the Lakes as key recreational resources

Housing

Goal 1) Take care of the existing housing stock

Goal 2) Encourage new housing to match existing character

Goal 3) Make a diversity of housing types available

Recreation

Goal 1) Improve and promote existing recreational assets

Goal 2) Create new recreational amenities and activities

Agriculture

Goal 1) Support farmers and promote farming in Nelson

Goal 2) Implement the 2012 Town of Nelson Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan

Town Operations

Goal 1) Improve communications between the Town and residents

Goal 2) Improve general operations

Detailed Goals

Land Use

Goal 1) Evaluate zoning to ensure that it protects Nelson's assets and promotes smart growth in the Town

Strategy 1) Re-evaluate zoning within the hamlets to ensure that it promotes a denser community center and potentially include a Nelson commercial zone at the corner of Route 20 and Erieville Rd.

Strategy 2) Adopt a large scale solar ordinance

Strategy 3) Add language about natural gas compressor stations

Strategy 4) Add language about the option for shared parking

Strategy 5) Use zoning to manage development pressure on the western boundary due to the proximity to Cazenovia

Strategy 6) Review sign regulations to ensure it protects viewsheds while supporting business needs

Strategy 7) Develop a route 20 corridor that spurs economic development which includes changes to planning and zoning that would:

- i) Allow and easier and more straight forward process for business signage
- ii) Curtail derelict buildings with the zone
- iii) Tighten up the code to improve the attractiveness of Route 20
- iv) Protect the scenic viewshed

Economic Development

Goal 1) Encourage infill development

Strategy 1) Identify target buildings and parcels that the Town would like to see redeveloped

- i) Prioritize identified locations for redevelopment
- ii) Publicize / Market identified locations
- iii) Determine what resources the Town is able to provide to help incentivize and assist these target buildings, and advertise opportunities for potential building owners
- iv) Determine which sites within the Town are in need of remediation

Strategy 2) Incentivize infill development through grant writing, site development and tax incentives

Goal 2) Support new businesses and economic development

Strategy 1) Identify a business advisory board that could meet with potential new business owners as needed and help guide and support them

Strategy 2) Continue to coordinate and work closely with CACDA and Madison County IDA to help site and attract appropriate businesses

Strategy 3) Potentially contribute to CACDA to receive grant writing assistance

Strategy 4) Focus efforts on enhancing Trush Park

Strategy 5) Prepare to tout and market the Nelson Hamlet after the DOT Route 20 project is complete

Goal 3) Support existing local businesses

Strategy 1) Create a directory of local businesses on the Town's website

Strategy 2) When possible the town should buy and use local

Strategy 3) Work with Madison County Tourism to further promote Nelson and its sites and events

i) Encourage one or more Nelson business owners to sit on the Madison County Tourism Board

ii) Add Town events to the Madison County calendar through the Town Clerk Position

Goal 4) Develop an integrated, holistic Historic Preservation Action Plan with the potential to contribute to multiple Economic Development initiatives in the Town

Strategy 1) Develop a policy position including preservation goals and initiatives

Strategy 2) Identify an historic preservation liaison role between the Town Board and the Erieville-Nelson Heritage Society

Strategy 3) Develop a baseline by surveying, inventorying, and prioritizing buildings, cultural landscapes, sites, community groups, and available information

Strategy 4) Pursue sources of labor and funding

Strategy 5) Incentivize preservation using tools such as code enforcement, workshops, support groups, farmland trusts, land banks, recognition, and initiatives for private developers

Hamlets

Goal 1) Develop the identities of the Nelson Hamlet and Erieville Hamlet

Strategy 1) Study the branding of the Hamlet of Nelson through the Main Street Committee through a student project

Strategy 2) Implement gateway treatments at the designated gateways in the hamlet

Goal 2) Improve the physical environment in a way that contributes to quality of life and commercial vitality

Strategy 1) Re-evaluate zoning within the hamlets to ensure it promotes a denser community center

Strategy 2) Establish commercial design standards for the Hamlets of Nelson and Erieville

Strategy 3) Identify development scenarios and designs that are in harmony with the

existing character of the hamlets

Strategy 4) Continue to support the Main Street Committee for the Hamlet of Nelson. Consider establishing a similar committee for Erieville

Strategy 5) Improve public spaces in the hamlets including exploring creating a small open space within each hamlet such as a pocket park

Strategy 6) Make the Hamlets of Nelson and Erieville attractive and walkable. Increase foot traffic developing a streetscape plan that addresses streetscape amenities, landscaping, pedestrian scale signs, pedestrian connections, sidewalks, and traffic calming features. Explore having kiosks and welcome signage installed

- i) In the hamlet of Erieville explore design solutions to enhance the main intersection

- ii) Enhance the main intersection in Nelson as a defined center for the Town

Strategy 7) Educate businesses about things they can do to increase foot traffic such as hanging pedestrian scale signs, providing outdoor seating, etc.

Strategy 8) Continue to support the hamlets as places for business incubators

Strategy 9) Allow and encourage shared use parking in to minimize large parking areas and encourage a walkable environment

Sense of Place & Identity

Goal 1) Develop a stronger sense of place in the Town of Nelson

Strategy 1) Create a list of historic resources and develop a way to share the stories of historic buildings, landmarks, and people to a wide audience

Strategy 2) Integrate students more into town government and activities

Strategy 3) Create a special events committee or recruit a community member to be a special events coordinator for community events

Strategy 4) Utilize the volunteer capacity of students, youth groups, and scouts to help improve key properties through activities such as painting, yard cleanup, and home repair

Strategy 5) Develop a branding effort for the Town and/or hamlets such as the creation of a logo, tagline etc. This effort should include selecting an official name for the Hamlet of Nelson

Strategy 6) Create a strategy and campaign for winter to make Nelson known for something in the winter and increase community satisfaction through winter-specific infrastructure or events

Strategy 7) Coordinate with the three school districts to promote schools and strengthen their connection to Nelson

Strategy 8) Integrate more public art in the Hamlet of Nelson

- i) Work with Stone Quarry Hill Art Park to feature unique public art pieces in

Nelson Hamlet

Goal 2) Increase community member engagement

Strategy 1) Develop more opportunities for community members to get involved

Infrastructure

Goal 1) Continue to offer satisfactory road maintenance and snow removal services

Strategy 1) Develop a highway maintenance plan

Goal 2) Ensure that all residents have access to clean and safe drinking water and public septic systems where appropriate

Strategy 1) Investigate opportunities for grant funding to extend the Cazenovia public sewer and water system east on Route 20

- i) If public water is extended, ensure that zoning is updated and design guidelines are in place to help the Town retain control over Route 20 development

Strategy 2) Study the feasibility of establishing a sewer district for the Tuscarora / Erieville area

Strategy 3) Promote Madison County Public Health Office's wellhead testing services to residents

Strategy 4) Identify and delineate the watershed for each aquifer that provides drinking water for the community of Nelson and prepare a wellhead protection plan for the Erieville water district.

Goal 3) Enhance internet service and speed to all residents

Strategy 1) Continue to coordinate with Madison County on efforts to improve internet service

Lakes

Goal 1) Protect lake water quality

Strategy 1) Establish an inspection program for all septic systems that may directly influence either Tuscarora Lake or Eaton Brook Reservoir

- i) Consider requiring that septic be tested as part of home sales in Nelson

Strategy 2) Promote best practices for waterfront property management including native landscape design to waterfront home owners

- i) Host a workshop about waterfront planting strategies and native planting design

- ii) Publicize Nelson's Guidelines for Improving Lakewater Quality

Strategy 3) Develop lake watershed management plans for both lakes

Goal 2) Elevate the Lakes as key recreational resources

Strategy 1) Create public access points for swimming and non-motorized boating

i) Consider necessary regulations in advance of increased public lake access

Strategy 2) Create walking trails around Tuscarora Lake and Eaton Brook Reservoirs

i) Implement traffic calming measures on the roads around the lakes

ii) Create trail connections between Tuscarora Lake and the Hamlet of Erieville

Housing

Goal 1) Take care of the existing housing stock

Strategy 1) Inventory abandoned and vacant properties

i) Consider combining this inventory with a more comprehensive inventory to include historic properties, cultural significance, code infractions, and other features

ii) Formulate a work plan including steps, procedures and learning objectives for a student to complete this project

Strategy 2) Pursue funding to rehabilitate homes (as in NYS Affordable Housing Corporation program \$35,000 grants)

i) Collaborate with CACDA

ii) Identify other possible funding sources and programs

Strategy 3) Strengthen Code Enforcement

Strategy 4) Investigate and implement procedures for demolishing properties that are not viable, blighted or safety concerns

i) Research and explore models for dealing with derelict property

ii) Determine the rights and financial means of the town to demolish property.

iii) Develop a policy for dealing with derelict property

Goal 2) Encourage new housing to match existing character

Strategy 1) Continue to protect the rural landscape by exploring creative housing solutions

i. Revisit the cluster subdivision ordinance to strengthen its applicability (such as decreasing minimum acreage) and make it the preferred option for new subdivisions

ii. Explore the development of a strategic conservation subdivision. Consider executing this as a student project. Use the project as a demonstration to attract developers

Goal 3) Make a diversity of housing types available

Strategy 1) Explore the housing market including rental availabilities.

i) Inventory the availability and quality of rental properties.

ii) Develop a workshop that offers information about how to run rental properties

Strategy 2) Explore working with employers such as Marquardt Switches to create a live where you work program

Recreation

Goal 1) Improve and promote existing recreational assets

Strategy 1) Develop a map of all recreational opportunities available to market and spread awareness

Strategy 2) Host a public workshop to determine how residents would like to be able to use the Erieville Ballfield; reactivate the space

Strategy 3) Work with NYS DEC to promote state lands in the Town

Goal 2) Create new recreational amenities and activities

Strategy 1) Consider new, unique recreational infrastructure such as a mountain bike park, archery range, exercise training course, equine camping facility, open air pop-up movie area or dog park

Strategy 2) Continue to implement the Hamlet of Nelson loop trail that connects Nelson Town Hall with the sidewalks on Route 20

Strategy 3) Expand recreational opportunities on the lakes

i) Explore expanding public access to Tuscarora Lake and Eatonbrook Reservoir

ii) Consider adding swim lanes and kayak launches to the lakes

iii) Investigate the promotion of Tuscarora Lake as a triathlon training area

Strategy 4) Integrate more kids play areas, activities or programming into the Town

Agriculture

Goal 1) Support farmers and promote farming in Nelson

Strategy 1) Discourage the proliferation of uninhibited single family home development (see housing goal 2)

Strategy 2) Explore ways to build the horse farm community.

i) Create a map of existing horse farms in the town

ii) Facilitate a meeting with horse farms in the area to explore opportunities to work together and promote Nelson

iii) Develop and promote equine trails

iv) Encourage equine related businesses in the Town

Strategy 3) Encourage town officials to stay informed and work closely with Madison County AED programs and nearby town programs that offer information and financial and technical resources for farmers

i) Offer resources to retiring farmers including assistance with sale/transition and connections to new farm owners

Strategy 4) Increase the participation of farmers and agri-business owners on Town Planning Boards

Goal 2) Implement the 2012 Town of Nelson Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan

Town Operations

Goal 1) Improve communications between the Town and residents

Strategy 1) Further develop the Town's website as a source of updated information that markets community assets (recreation, targeted buildings, etc.) for the Town

Strategy 2) Launch a Town Facebook Page to be maintained by the Town Clerk

Strategy 3) Explore coordinating services between Towns and Madison County for web services, communications, etc.

Strategy 4) Explore the creation of an electronic community newsletter

Strategy 5) Explore ways to distribute flyers in strategic locations

Goal 2) Improve general operations

Strategy 1) Enhance the Highway Maintenance Plan to include an inventory of all road shoulders in the Town. Prioritize improvements to expand shoulder widening for road biking.

Strategy 2) Facilitate a study of the emergency and fire safety needs of the community and the future capacity of the local fire departments to meet these needs.

Strategy 3) Prepare a facilities maintenance plan to establish a list of assets, values and develop a maintenance and repair plan

Appendices

Appendix A

SWOT Results

Appendix A: SWOT Results

Strengths: characteristics of the town that are unique or give it an advantage over other places.

- Inclusive
- Open Space
- Rural Charm
- Regional location – close to bigger cities like Syracuse
- Historic Character
- Low Density – “elbow room”
- Unique eco-systems (Nelson Swamp)
- Scenic viewsheds
- Amish influx
- Seasonal influx of young college students
- Natural resources (water, parks, ag, forest, hunt)
- Private wells (“control what we drink”)
- Center of New York State
- Route 20 – “get to Albany as fast as on thru-way”
- Equine (best and one of cheapest places to keep a horse)
- People are very nice and helpful; residents have diverse backgrounds
- Nice hamlets (Erieville and Nelson)
- Service businesses that attract outsiders to visit
- Property assets that can be updated
- Perception (and maybe reality) that it’s easier to locate business here
- Art and culture niche
- Businesses willing to work together

Weaknesses: characteristics that place the town at a disadvantage relative to others.

- Divided into three school districts
- Route 20 (very wide)
- Lack of identity
- Public lands aren’t advertised (is there even a place to access Nelson Swamp in the Town?)
- Nothing is for sale (even compared to Cazenovia)
- Communication
- Lack of cohesion (“don’t know enough about our own assets”)
- Lack of restaurants especially in Nelson Corners
- Buildings that are eye sores
- People are afraid to talk to the government (which means not able to take advantage of programs)
- Underground economy
- Lack of cultural diversity – (“were white and older”)
- Funding and tax base
- Lack of business support (no chamber, etc)
- Little foot traffic, mostly have to drive
- Streetscape infrastructure in hamlets is minimal or old
- Few civic groups (Lions, Rotary)

Opportunities: potential possibilities that the town could make happen through hard work.

- Reshape school districts
- More single family houses
- Work with the Amish more
- Communicate better – opportunity for newsletter, facebook, marquee and community message board
- Develop land in Trush Park
- Murals to paint over eye sore businesses
- More access to Nelson Swamp and trail connectivity
- Creation of an equine trail system
- Marketing and tourism
- Enhance relationship with surrounding colleges
- Creation of mini chamber and other business support
- Build farm niche
- Opportunity to grow the way we want
- Create a theme for the hamlets (“Skunk Hollow” for Nelson)
- Tout it is a great place for home businesses/home occupations
- Create event(s) perhaps like Waterford Craft Fair
- Celebrate Route 20 Corridor and create incentives for this corridor
- Piggyback on existing events/destinations like Bouckville Antique Festival
- Revitalize existing centers
- Renewable energy
- Mecca for artists
- Create more studio space
- Continue to prioritize small business (“local business employees more than big box”)
- Creation of adventure playground or niche recreation (like mountain bike park or archery range)
- Develop a horse community (housing connected by shared horse trails and facilities)
- Grant writing
- New housing in the hamlets to increase foot traffic to businesses and make more vibrant
- Creation of the hamlets as destinations
- Program to retain more people who work in Nelson to live in Nelson (for example work with larger employers like Marquardt Switches to incentives workers to live here)
- Equine industry and activities

Threats: forces larger than or beyond the town’s control but are causing or could cause trouble for the town.

- Development
- Single family homes that sprawl
- Equine business growing without oversight
- Post 2008 businesses don’t want to invest as much; they’re just trying to survive

- Hodge podge disposable buildings along Route 20
- Big box development
- Special interests
- Demand
- Loss of job core; people have moved out and aged out
- Loss of historic buildings and infrastructure
- Building new, instead of using what we have
- Cazenovia shadow or being overtaken/consolidated
- Renewable energy unchecked i.e. allowed on prime ag land
- DOT's plan for Route 20

Appendix B

Review of 2007 Goals

Appendix B: 2007 Plan Context and Review of 2007 Goals

Zoning and Land Use

Recommendation 1 Revise and simplify the zoning districts that govern land use within the town.

Status Updated during 2011 Land Use Regulation revision.

Action Needed Review zoning and overlays, particularly to assure conservation of natural environments, quality of life, and agricultural and entrepreneurial opportunities.

Recommendation 2 Establish and enforce minimal site layout standards for all residential properties.

Status Updated during 2011 Land Use Regulation revision.

Action Needed Accomplished.

Recommendation 3 Identify potential locations for commercial wind farms, solitary wind turbines and telecommunication towers.

Status Updated during 2011 Land Use Regulation revision. Limited to Rural Zones.

Action Needed Accomplished.

Recommendation 4 Revise the subdivision regulations to include criteria for conservation resources.

Status Updated during 2011 Land Use Regulation revision.

Action Needed Accomplished.

Environmental and Scenic Resource Protection

Recommendation 5 Revise the zoning and subdivision regulations and site plan review to include criteria for scenic resource protection.

Status Updated during 2011 Land Use Regulation revision. Scenic Overlay District identifies vistas and planning recommendations.

Action Needed Accomplished.

Recommendation 6 Update the boundaries for each watershed and revise local regulations, if necessary, to effectively manage stormwater runoff and encourage adequate groundwater recharge.

Status Updated during 2011 Land Use Regulation revision. Modifications were made to waterfront zone maps.

Action Needed Accomplished.

Recommendation 7 Create guidelines for shoreline treatment to encourage best practices for landowners with shorefront property.

Status Updated during 2011 Land Use Regulation revision. Regulation incorporated in Waterfront Zone 403.5.F, and in Appendix F.

Action Needed Referenced as appendix C in 2011 regulations, needs to be updated to F.

Recommendation 8 Establish an inspection program for all septic systems that

may directly influence either Tuscarora Lake or Eatonbrook Reservoir.

Status Not implemented. First Quarter 2018, Nelson Town Board is in the beginning of discussions with the Town of Eaton regarding inspections of septic systems. Some discussion pursued as to which zones would be included.

Action Needed Nelson Town Board should continue discussions and effect regulation to protect natural resources, public health, and safety.

Hamlets

Recommendation 9 Establish commercial design standards for the Hamlets of Nelson and Erieville.

Status Not implemented.

Action Needed Nelson Town Board, Comprehensive/Smart Growth Committee, and Economic Development Committee should engage in discussion to develop a plan of action.

Recommendation 10 Study the feasibility of establishing a sewer district for the Tuscarora/ Erieville area.

Status Not implemented.

Action Include in discussion of Recommendation #8. Look for funding to conduct a feasibility study.

Transportation Network

Recommendation 11 Develop a Highway Maintenance Plan.

Status Highway Superintendent maintains a list of projects and approximate timeframes for road maintenance.

Action Needed Develop a short (one year) plan and long-range planning including maintenance and rebuilding of each road. Present same to Town Board annually and use in preparation of budget. Include County and Town roads in winter maintenance reports. Use industry standards to measure performance.

Economic Development

Recommendation 12 Study the feasibility of distributing water to Trush Park and surrounding businesses.

Status There are plans to extend public water from the Village of Cazenovia public water system to serve the various businesses and residential properties along the NYS Route 20 corridor east from Stone Quarry Road to about 1,500 feet beyond Nelson Heights Road servicing Trush Business Park and about 40 private residences and other businesses. Many of the properties in the Trush Business Park are connected to a gravity sewer system operated by the Town of Cazenovia. Other properties maintain private septic systems.

Action Needed Accomplished.

Recommendation 13 Encourage sustainable economic growth in Hamlets.

Status Town Board formed an EDC, Economic Development Committee.

Action Needed Continue to work with the EDC.

Recommendation 14 Encourage sustainable agricultural practices.

Status Town Board adopted Agricultural Protection Plan.

Action Needed Review 2012 Regulations to insure protections are incorporated.

Town Facilities

Recommendation 15 Prepare a facilities capacity and maintenance plan.

Status Not implemented.

Action Needed Town Board should establish a list of assets, values, documents, and develop a maintenance and repair plan.

Community Services

Recommendation 16 Identify and delineate the watershed for each aquifer that provides drinking water for the community of Nelson and prepare a wellhead protection plan for the Erieville water district.

Status Not implemented.

Action Needed Review this along with Recommendations #8 & #10, above.

Recommendation 17 Facilitate a study of the emergency and fire safety needs of the community and the future capacity of the local fire departments to meet these needs.

Status There has been some progress by individual districts, however an overall plan has not been established. Nelson received a Certificate of Need (CON) from NYS DOH to establish ambulance service for the Southern area of the Town, service provide by Georgetown Ambulance. Currently being advised by SEVAC from Morrisville regarding setting up a district on the Eastern area of the Town.

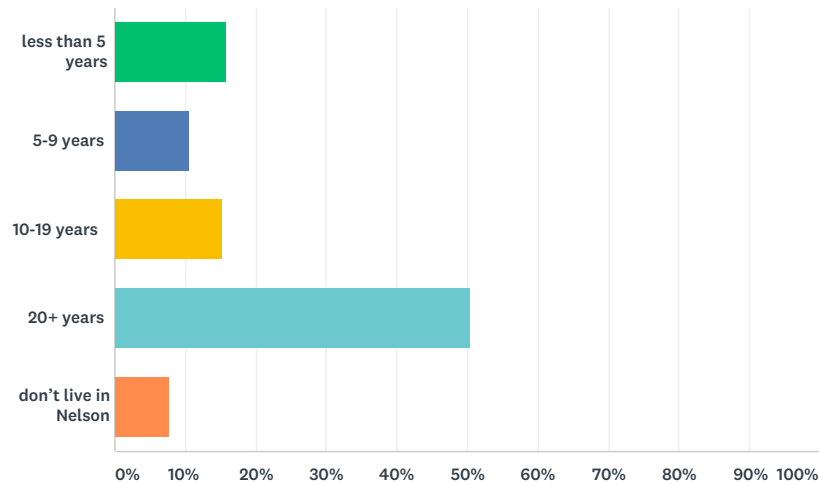
Action Needed Town board should review Recommendation #17 and decide how to address the issue. Each as they appear or a study including all services.

Appendix C

Survey Results

Q1 How long have you lived in the town of Nelson?

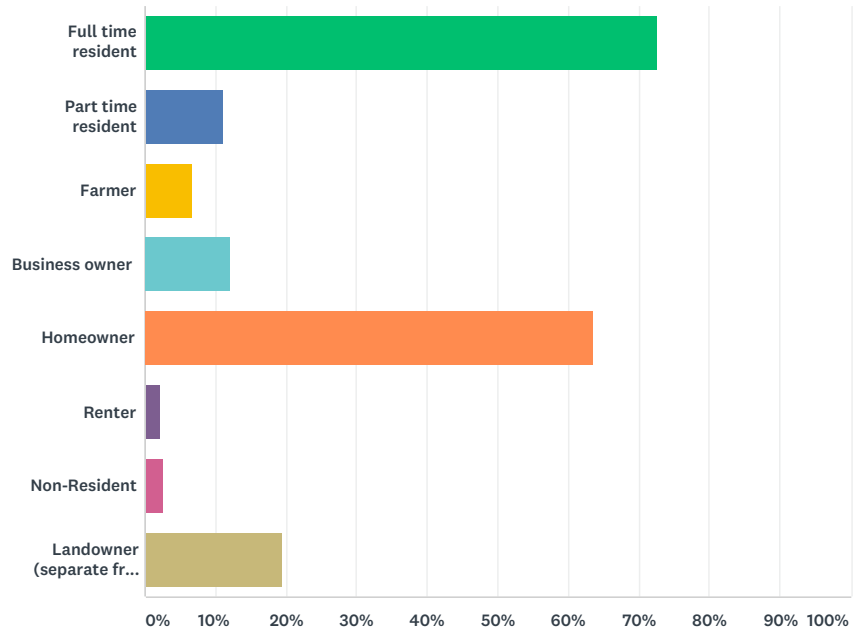
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
less than 5 years	15.97%	46
5-9 years	10.76%	31
10-19 years	15.28%	44
20+ years	50.35%	145
don't live in Nelson	7.64%	22
TOTAL		288

Q2 Resident Status (select all that apply)

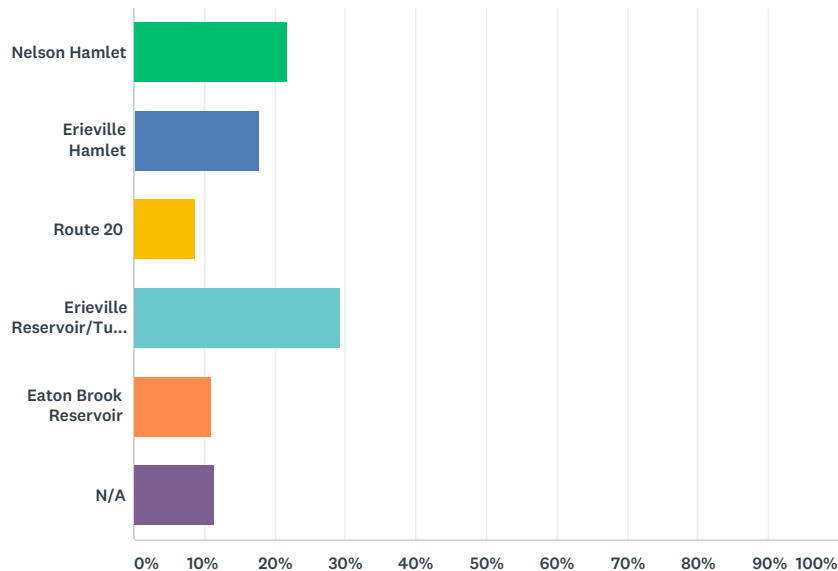
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full time resident	72.57%	209
Part time resident	11.11%	32
Farmer	6.60%	19
Business owner	12.15%	35
Homeowner	63.54%	183
Renter	2.08%	6
Non-Resident	2.43%	7
Landowner (separate from residence)	19.44%	56
Total Respondents: 288		

Q3 If you own property in Nelson where is it located?

Answered: 226 Skipped: 66



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Nelson Hamlet		21.68%	49
Erieville Hamlet		17.70%	40
Route 20		8.85%	20
Erieville Reservoir/Tuscarora Lake		29.20%	66
Eaton Brook Reservoir		11.06%	25
N/A		11.50%	26
TOTAL			226

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Argos Road	11/6/2017 3:35 PM
2	Corner of Thomas and Mosely Roads	10/31/2017 6:50 PM
3	outside of the hamlet	10/31/2017 5:43 PM
4	1 mile north of Route 20	10/30/2017 10:19 PM
5	Ryan Rd.	10/30/2017 6:00 PM
6	Erieville	10/27/2017 6:30 PM
7	Between Erieville and Hatch Lake	10/25/2017 11:27 AM
8	NELSON HEIGHTS	10/24/2017 12:16 PM
9	Sanderson Road	10/24/2017 8:48 AM

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10	NELSON HEIGHTS	10/23/2017 4:59 PM
11	short ways off Route 20	10/23/2017 10:08 AM
12	Mosley Road	10/20/2017 2:45 PM
13	mile off route 20	10/16/2017 10:40 AM
14	Stone Bridge Road	10/14/2017 9:56 AM
15	Stonebridge Road	10/14/2017 9:36 AM
16	Old State Road	10/12/2017 3:11 PM
17	Between nelson and erieville	10/11/2017 3:21 PM
18	outside the hamlet of Erieville	10/11/2017 10:24 AM
19	Boarder of cazenovia by Nelson swamp and Irish hill rd	10/11/2017 10:20 AM
20	Erieville mailing address.	10/11/2017 6:46 AM
21	Tuscarora Rd	10/11/2017 6:15 AM
22	Stonebridge rd	10/10/2017 7:53 PM
23	Thomas Road	10/10/2017 7:48 PM
24	Thomas Rd.	10/10/2017 1:03 PM
25	Bingley Road	10/10/2017 10:59 AM
26	welsh church rd	10/10/2017 10:07 AM
27	Mosley rd	10/10/2017 8:56 AM
28	Hardscrabble Rd	10/9/2017 10:41 PM
29	Greater Nelson	10/9/2017 9:06 PM
30	Tuscarora Road	10/9/2017 9:00 AM
31	Tuscarora rd erieville	10/9/2017 8:18 AM
32	near eatonbrook reservoir	10/9/2017 5:56 AM
33	My parents live on route 20, I grew up there.	10/8/2017 9:08 AM
34	Off Rt 20	10/8/2017 5:28 AM
35	And the lake	10/7/2017 9:09 PM
36	And Tuscarora Lake	10/7/2017 8:50 PM
37	Hardscrabble rd	10/7/2017 6:51 PM
38	Old State Rd	10/7/2017 12:10 PM
39	Outside of Erieville Hamlet	10/7/2017 6:17 AM
40	Argos Road	10/6/2017 10:09 PM
41	Mosley Road	10/6/2017 8:53 PM
42	Nelson Heights Road	10/4/2017 8:36 PM
43	Nelson Heights Road	10/4/2017 8:34 PM
44	Holmes Road--Irish Hill area	10/2/2017 6:58 AM
45	Mosley Road	9/30/2017 10:36 AM
46	Lyon Rd	9/27/2017 7:55 PM
47	Outside of Erieville.	9/27/2017 2:51 PM
48	Hardscrabble rd	9/27/2017 9:32 AM
49	3820 Richards Road	9/21/2017 4:27 PM
50	One mile south of Rt 20 on Erieville rd	9/19/2017 7:44 PM

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51	Eatonbrook Road	9/19/2017 5:27 PM
52	Old state rd	9/19/2017 12:02 PM
53	corner of Jones and Old State Rd	9/19/2017 9:51 AM
54	OFF ROTE 20 EAST OF 4 CORNERS	9/19/2017 8:51 AM
55	OFF ROTE 20 EAST OF 4 CORNERS	9/19/2017 8:34 AM
56	We own 2 properties in Nelson, residence off of rt. 20 and farmland in the hamlet	9/19/2017 7:27 AM
57	Thomas Road	9/18/2017 4:22 PM
58	Nelson Heights Road	9/18/2017 1:07 PM
59	Nelson Heights Road	9/18/2017 1:04 PM
60	Nelson Road	9/18/2017 11:17 AM
61	Erieville Road, 1 mile south of route 20	9/18/2017 8:07 AM
62	Thomas road	9/17/2017 6:58 PM
63	NELSON HEIGHTS RD	9/16/2017 4:35 PM
64	Lyon Road	9/16/2017 3:06 PM
65	Putnam Road	9/16/2017 3:05 PM
66	Lyon Road	9/16/2017 2:28 PM
67	Mosley Road	9/16/2017 11:55 AM
68	Hardscrabble rd and Hall rd	9/16/2017 7:53 AM
69	State land between Erieville and New Woodstock	9/15/2017 5:05 PM
70	Within the area defined by Thomas Road, Mosley Road, Nelson Heights Road	9/15/2017 6:04 AM
71	Between Erieville and Eaton Brook Reservoirs	9/14/2017 11:22 AM
72	Stone Bridge Rd	9/14/2017 9:54 AM
73	live on Thomas Road	9/11/2017 10:32 AM
74	Lyon Road	9/9/2017 8:45 AM
75	Erieville rural	9/8/2017 8:10 PM
76	Southwest of the Hamlet of Erieville	9/8/2017 8:40 AM
77	western edge of town	8/18/2017 8:57 AM
78	Erieville road	8/9/2017 8:48 AM

Q4 What do you like most about living in the town of Nelson?

Answered: 271 Skipped: 21

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Rural, quiet but still near Caz, restaurants, culture of Caz, nice folks	11/6/2017 3:35 PM
2	Open Spaces	10/31/2017 7:58 PM
3	Just the way it is	10/31/2017 6:50 PM
4	Suburban living	10/31/2017 6:34 PM
5	the country sides and open spaces	10/31/2017 5:43 PM
6	living out of the city	10/30/2017 9:47 PM
7	Beautiful Rural Setting	10/30/2017 7:35 PM
8	Tuscarora Lake	10/30/2017 7:32 PM
9	The natural beauty.	10/30/2017 6:34 PM
10	Quiet, excellent landscape, close enough to villages	10/30/2017 6:00 PM
11	country beauty and quiet	10/30/2017 4:22 PM
12	Scenic rural beauty	10/30/2017 3:21 PM
13	Friendliness	10/28/2017 7:32 PM
14	Quite,Low Crime and the small town feeling.	10/27/2017 6:30 PM
15	Fresh Air, Open Spaces	10/25/2017 2:36 PM
16	rural atmosphere	10/25/2017 11:27 AM
17	the people,being in the country and having a little more freedom from things you cant do in the city	10/25/2017 11:17 AM
18	Peaceful	10/25/2017 10:23 AM
19	everything	10/24/2017 3:04 PM
20	PRIVACY	10/24/2017 12:16 PM
21	Country setting	10/24/2017 10:01 AM
22	Quiet, beautiful scenery, good neighbors, not crowded, good snow plowing in winter	10/24/2017 8:48 AM
23	PRIVACY	10/23/2017 4:59 PM
24	Friendly, privacy, clean air, Lake, mountains, woods countryside trails	10/23/2017 11:24 AM
25	Peace and quiet	10/23/2017 10:08 AM
26	Peaceful rural setting.	10/23/2017 7:32 AM
27	Yet to be determined	10/21/2017 7:20 PM
28	Country Living & Taxes	10/20/2017 2:45 PM
29	Friendliness and slow oace	10/20/2017 1:41 PM
30	Being on the lake	10/18/2017 7:50 PM
31	Country living, the reservoir and the people.	10/18/2017 11:01 AM
32	Rural atmosphere. Quiet.	10/18/2017 7:47 AM
33	Country	10/17/2017 1:11 PM
34	It's more quiet and rural than much of the surrounding areas	10/17/2017 6:23 AM
35	Our farmette	10/16/2017 6:17 PM

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36	Rural, lots of open undeveloped space, woods, farms, public land with trails Great plowing in the winter (those guys are awesome) The fact that we have the Odeon and a great coffee shop now Rosie's, now the Blue Canoe	10/16/2017 3:32 PM
37	peace and quiet	10/16/2017 10:40 AM
38	Quiet, slower pace, a place to decompress from the daily grind of more urban places.	10/15/2017 7:58 PM
39	Peaceful and quiet area. Beautiful scenery	10/14/2017 9:56 AM
40	Quiet, beautiful	10/14/2017 9:36 AM
41	A quiet, supportive community. Neighbors will come to help without a lot of organization. I feel that if a disaster hit our town we would pull together and take care of those in need. The best of our citizens would shine.	10/13/2017 7:21 AM
42	Quiet and peaceful	10/12/2017 5:23 PM
43	the quietness, the country	10/12/2017 3:34 PM
44	The rural character and positiveness towards protecting and keeping farmland open.	10/12/2017 3:11 PM
45	Location	10/12/2017 5:21 AM
46	Beautiful area	10/11/2017 7:19 PM
47	Its quiet and peaceful	10/11/2017 3:21 PM
48	Neighborly	10/11/2017 10:34 AM
49	rural living	10/11/2017 10:24 AM
50	Just the views from our hill	10/11/2017 10:20 AM
51	Living on the lake	10/11/2017 8:40 AM
52	Friendly and peaceful	10/11/2017 7:23 AM
53	People and scenery	10/11/2017 7:17 AM
54	Rural atmosphere	10/11/2017 6:58 AM
55	Everything! I love the lake.	10/11/2017 6:46 AM
56	small town living	10/11/2017 6:15 AM
57	Nice rural community. Great neighbors. Like the quiet of the off-season and all of the activity on and around the lake in summer.	10/11/2017 5:40 AM
58	The peacefulness of the Lake	10/11/2017 5:24 AM
59	Rural community feel. Great neighbors. Like the quiet in the off-season, and the activity on and around the lake in the summer.	10/11/2017 5:09 AM
60	Erieville nice quiet area, lots state land available for exploring	10/11/2017 3:29 AM
61	Route 20	10/10/2017 11:49 PM
62	The view!	10/10/2017 9:14 PM
63	N/a	10/10/2017 9:09 PM
64	Peace and quiet. Agriculture. Open spaces. No developments. Authentic.	10/10/2017 8:25 PM
65	Quaint small town	10/10/2017 7:53 PM
66	Friendly people, Caz school district, cheap electricity.	10/10/2017 7:48 PM
67	Everything; the area, people, community, etc.	10/10/2017 6:12 PM
68	Beautiful piece of land, great neighborhood	10/10/2017 4:17 PM
69	The open space, beautiful vistas, and the potential for niche market grown in the hamlet--we are on the verge with excellent music at the Nelson Odeon, with Peaks, with the micro brewery, the Nelson Farms, and with the Rte 20 Sofa company. The church is beautiful, and I love that they offer the roast beef dinners; the town does a great job with the Mad Cow events and Skunk Hollow.	10/10/2017 1:09 PM

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70	Quiet... Simplicity... Proximity to larger towns without having to live in one.	10/10/2017 1:03 PM
71	Quiet and great neighbors	10/10/2017 1:01 PM
72	Peace and quiet	10/10/2017 11:30 AM
73	Peaceful country living.	10/10/2017 11:00 AM
74	Quaint	10/10/2017 10:59 AM
75	quiet, space	10/10/2017 10:25 AM
76	country living	10/10/2017 10:07 AM
77	Small, quiet	10/10/2017 8:56 AM
78	Growing up and living in Erieville my whole life and raising our family here.Erieville is a beautiful town.	10/10/2017 4:22 AM
79	The country setting	10/9/2017 10:41 PM
80	It's not Cazenovia. Country living	10/9/2017 9:06 PM
81	The Horse farms, Dairy farms, and quiet, beautiful country.	10/9/2017 8:05 PM
82	Proximity to Caz but with the land and lower taxes.	10/9/2017 8:02 PM
83	Rural setting yet not too far from Syracuse city. Cazenovia schools without village taxes. Cazenovia is a great little town to enjoy dinner, walking, the lake	10/9/2017 7:52 PM
84	Its country but still close to a town.	10/9/2017 7:17 PM
85	Peaceful	10/9/2017 11:14 AM
86	Peace and Quiet. No commercialism. Rural Community.	10/9/2017 9:00 AM
87	Country living	10/9/2017 8:18 AM
88	rural beauty	10/9/2017 5:56 AM
89	That it's still rural. No developments, small businesses and farms.	10/8/2017 8:23 PM
90	The neighborhood feeling while still living in the country!	10/8/2017 5:03 PM
91	Quaintness	10/8/2017 4:07 PM
92	Taxes are less expensive	10/8/2017 12:11 PM
93	It is quiet and aside from the hustle and bustle.	10/8/2017 9:08 AM
94	It's a small community but not to rural.	10/8/2017 8:05 AM
95	Lower taxes	10/8/2017 5:28 AM
96	Quaint, farming community with a sense of pride	10/7/2017 11:05 PM
97	Beauty of the area.	10/7/2017 9:41 PM
98	Small town atmosphere, caring neighbors and our precious lakes.	10/7/2017 9:35 PM
99	Country land yet still close enough to Syracuse	10/7/2017 9:25 PM
100	Rural charm, slow pace, lack of glitzy developments. Beautiful viewsheds and landscaped.	10/7/2017 9:09 PM
101	Rural charm, slow pace, beautiful lanscape, no glitzy development.	10/7/2017 8:50 PM
102	Quaint	10/7/2017 7:14 PM
103	Small town	10/7/2017 6:51 PM
104	Nice community where you know a lot of your neighbors.	10/7/2017 4:20 PM
105	Quiet, family friendly	10/7/2017 3:47 PM
106	Beauty of natural spaces, peace and quiet	10/7/2017 3:10 PM
107	Beauty of the land and lakes - rural	10/7/2017 3:05 PM
108	Horse farms and lakes	10/7/2017 1:39 PM

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109	Country living, small towns	10/7/2017 12:10 PM
110	Being in the country and having property on a private lake	10/7/2017 11:40 AM
111	People	10/7/2017 8:55 AM
112	The lake	10/7/2017 8:20 AM
113	Country living, friendly neighbors, wide open spaces	10/7/2017 8:17 AM
114	Eclectic mix of folks. Natural beauty.	10/7/2017 7:42 AM
115	Tuscarora Lake	10/7/2017 7:16 AM
116	Country setting	10/7/2017 7:00 AM
117	Natural beauty, quiet, nice people.	10/7/2017 6:42 AM
118	Rural area without home owners association.	10/6/2017 11:55 PM
119	Natural landscape without developments seen in suburban areas, the abundant wildlife (animals and birds), the quiet, low light pollution, just enough choices for restaurants and convenience stores/gas.	10/6/2017 11:43 PM
120	Green space. Cazenovia. Walking the lake. Boating.	10/6/2017 11:14 PM
121	Non-commercial; beautiful environment	10/6/2017 10:43 PM
122	that is is rural	10/6/2017 10:09 PM
123	Nature's beauty, especially the lakes and forests, low population density, quietude.	10/6/2017 9:16 PM
124	Quiet and peaceful	10/6/2017 8:53 PM
125	Living on the lake the scenic views friendly people	10/6/2017 8:45 PM
126	The feeling of being in the country while still being close to conveniences.	10/6/2017 8:43 PM
127	Being on the lake and the scenic landscape friendly Neighbors	10/6/2017 8:37 PM
128	People. Fellowship. Small town America sense of people. Community.	10/6/2017 8:24 PM
129	Cheap taxes	10/6/2017 8:20 PM
130	The lake	10/6/2017 8:07 PM
131	scenic, quiet, rural	10/6/2017 7:43 AM
132	great school system, beautiful country, great job keeping roads clear in the winter!	10/4/2017 8:36 PM
133	great school system, beautiful country, great job keeping roads clear in the winter!	10/4/2017 8:34 PM
134	Friendly people Quiet town	10/2/2017 7:06 PM
135	Bucolic nature of the area, good roads for biking, and Erieville Reservoir.	10/2/2017 7:40 AM
136	the beautiful rural landscape, quiet, great people!	10/2/2017 6:58 AM
137	The lake	10/1/2017 5:59 PM
138	QUIET	10/1/2017 1:48 PM
139	the quaint ambience of the beautiful, pristine scenery	9/30/2017 6:53 PM
140	Being a small community and living in a less populated area.	9/30/2017 10:36 AM
141	Its beautiful landscapes and access to so many lakes and bodies of water.	9/29/2017 5:15 PM
142	It is not crowded, there is a lot open green space.	9/28/2017 7:27 PM
143	Natural beauty, the people, our property	9/27/2017 7:55 PM
144	Family heritage.	9/27/2017 3:03 PM
145	Seclusion & natural beauty.	9/27/2017 2:51 PM
146	Rural character	9/27/2017 9:32 AM
147	Where I grew up, and near family and old acquaintances	9/26/2017 5:12 PM

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148	Peaceful, quiet natural surroundings	9/26/2017 3:43 PM
149	There are more cows and horses than people!	9/26/2017 10:17 AM
150	born here; raised on lake; childhood friends here; went to Erieville School first six years; played Erieville Little League; started scouting in Erieville; member of Erieville Fire Department 1975-81; retired to the lake after being away 40 years; property in family since 1926; parents buried in Erieville Cemetery; like the people; the memories and the natural beauty	9/25/2017 4:48 PM
151	Small home town living	9/24/2017 7:34 PM
152	Peace and quiet. Sense of community. Beauty.	9/22/2017 9:27 AM
153	quiet, lots of open space, far from cities, can see the stars at night, including the Milky Way	9/21/2017 4:27 PM
154	It's rural with limited business, quiet, away from the hubbub and business of Cazenovia and other growing semi-suburban area	9/21/2017 7:36 AM
155	I grew up in central NY, Madison county specifically, living in the town of Nelson is much like the town of Kirkville. It was a great place to raise our 4 children. It is also affordable with fair tax rates.	9/20/2017 6:06 PM
156	Small town life	9/20/2017 5:27 PM
157	The lake year round outdoor activities, trails, beautiful landscape.	9/20/2017 1:11 PM
158	Beautiful NYS owned Tuscarora Lake for recreation and camping and the fact that it is still rural and NOT being turned into a private lake home community for a few that would like to make rules that tell other land owners what they can and cannot do with their land to fit their personal agenda and effect the value of other owners land. This makes for abusive enforcement and defrauds land owners of the right to enjoyment of their land as they wish and adds legal fees to a stretched town budget that could be used to buy a snow plow the town currently needs. The town of Otisco and many other towns have eliminated or never initiated Zoning laws and they do not have the problems created by Zoning laws. When ever you make laws you will create lawbreakers from people just using their land as they wish. As long as environmental issues are not abused leave the land owners alone and free of threat from a local government body's with unconstitutional agenda's	9/20/2017 7:43 AM
159	rural landscape; low density development	9/20/2017 7:32 AM
160	Closeness to Cazenovia. The businesses (Nelson store, the coffee shop, Humble Harvest, the Grange. The horse farms.	9/19/2017 7:44 PM
161	Living on eatonbrook reservoir	9/19/2017 6:57 PM
162	Living on eatonbrook reservoir	9/19/2017 6:52 PM
163	Living on eatonbrook reservoir	9/19/2017 6:51 PM
164	Living on eatonbrook reservoir	9/19/2017 6:51 PM
165	Living on eatonbrook reservoir	9/19/2017 6:50 PM
166	The Country Setting	9/19/2017 5:27 PM
167	neighbors	9/19/2017 2:20 PM
168	Small town, quiet.	9/19/2017 12:02 PM
169	access to state land nordic ski trails, Stoney Pond, close to Rt. 20, sense of community, fairly close to stores etc. while still being in the country	9/19/2017 9:51 AM
170	Geography, people, animals	9/19/2017 9:22 AM
171	RURAL CHARACTER-FRIENDLY PEOPLE-QUIET ATMOSPHERE	9/19/2017 8:51 AM
172	REALTIVE QUIET-FRIENDLY PEOPLE-RURAL SETTING	9/19/2017 8:34 AM
173	Its low taxes and the proximity to the resources in Cazenovia.	9/19/2017 7:27 AM
174	country living	9/18/2017 6:56 PM
175	Living in the country but not isolated	9/18/2017 4:22 PM
176	Peaceful	9/18/2017 1:07 PM
177	Peaceful	9/18/2017 1:04 PM

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178	Most of all, I love being near family. My family have been in and around Nelson for well over 100 years. I love the sense of community, the serenity, the lack of heavy traffic and the beautiful countryside.	9/18/2017 11:17 AM
179	Quiet & peaceful	9/18/2017 10:32 AM
180	It's rural, but is close to Caz. Also has a coffee shop, brewery, Odeon, etc. There are things to do!	9/18/2017 8:07 AM
181	It's quiet	9/18/2017 8:06 AM
182	That it is not Cazenovia	9/18/2017 7:47 AM
183	the quietness, the beautiful landscapes, people	9/18/2017 7:20 AM
184	The potential it has... Nelson Store, Odeon, Peaks, Brewery... could be a really great area soon.	9/18/2017 7:17 AM
185	Small, rural with up and coming businesses	9/17/2017 6:58 PM
186	Rural setting, quiet. Nice people and low taxes	9/17/2017 6:02 PM
187	Being in the country	9/17/2017 5:07 PM
188	In the country. Close to school and town.	9/17/2017 4:30 PM
189	the countryside, the friendliness of the people, the highway dept (does an excellent job), smalltown	9/17/2017 11:27 AM
190	Rural scenery and quiet, small size, less snobbery and attitude like Cazenovia has	9/17/2017 10:05 AM
191	Quiet and peaceful	9/17/2017 7:05 AM
192	Seasons Weather	9/16/2017 7:32 PM
193	I love the country	9/16/2017 7:10 PM
194	The privacy, county life and gorgeous surroundings. It's an extremely place to live after life in a suburb.	9/16/2017 5:33 PM
195	The quiet	9/16/2017 4:54 PM
196	good people	9/16/2017 4:35 PM
197	Peaceful	9/16/2017 4:07 PM
198	quiet	9/16/2017 3:29 PM
199	The beauty of the countryside, low traffic local roads for cycling, the State lands and trails, the 2 lakes, people, the small population,	9/16/2017 3:06 PM
200	It is quiet, beautiful landscape	9/16/2017 3:05 PM
201	The rural landscape, sense of community, low taxes and OMEC	9/16/2017 2:28 PM
202	Its not Cazenovia.	9/16/2017 2:21 PM
203	It's private and cheaper than caz	9/16/2017 2:13 PM
204	love it	9/16/2017 1:14 PM
205	Diverse character. Farms, Water, beautiful country and nice people.	9/16/2017 11:55 AM
206	Peaceful setting	9/16/2017 11:29 AM
207	I love the beautiful natural unspoiled environment here together with the amenities that can be found throughout the area. This includes coffee and tea houses, great restaurants, choice of shopping establishments, and community activities. I also appreciate the way in which our local representatives put extra thought and effort into progressive development, taking into consideration the best interests of the residents and our community, while moving forward.	9/16/2017 9:34 AM
208	Most people	9/16/2017 9:33 AM
209	I love the beautiful natural unspoiled environment here together with the amenities that can be found throughout the area. This includes coffee and tea houses, great restaurants, choice of shopping establishments, and community activities. I also appreciate the way in which our local representatives put extra thought and effort into progressive development, taking into consideration the best interests of the residents and our community, while moving forward.	9/16/2017 9:18 AM

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210	country	9/16/2017 7:53 AM
211	Rural nature of area.	9/16/2017 7:14 AM
212	The town clerk is very helpful	9/16/2017 5:27 AM
213	Country living	9/15/2017 9:20 PM
214	I like living in the rural setting of Erieville. I like how the Town of Nelson is growing along Erieville road & route 20	9/15/2017 7:25 PM
215	Slow pace, lower taxes, beautiful year round...	9/15/2017 7:11 PM
216	The very beautiful surroundings, peaceful community, slow and easy pace, the great down to earth neighbors, reasonable taxes. And I live on a lake...	9/15/2017 6:09 PM
217	Quiet	9/15/2017 5:47 PM
218	Rural, open spaces, farms	9/15/2017 5:23 PM
219	The Tuscarora lake community and neighbors, The Blue Canoe, Johnny Appleseed, Peaks, Kay's country store, the state park.	9/15/2017 5:08 PM
220	Variety of public access land	9/15/2017 5:05 PM
221	Natural beauty, quiet, neighborly community	9/15/2017 2:49 PM
222	Country living	9/15/2017 8:11 AM
223	rural atmosphere opportunities for; rising family, recreation, farming, business proximity to metropolitan areas	9/15/2017 6:04 AM
224	Convenient to Cazenovia, Hamilton, Syracuse yet rural	9/14/2017 5:26 PM
225	Beauty of nature all around.	9/14/2017 4:02 PM
226	Good neighbors, pure water from our own well	9/14/2017 12:59 PM
227	Have lived here all my life	9/14/2017 12:30 PM
228	Wouldn't want to live anywhere else.	9/14/2017 11:22 AM
229	Sense of community on Tuscarora Lake-lake activities	9/14/2017 10:56 AM
230	Fresh air, beauty of the natural environment. Good mix of farms and residences	9/14/2017 9:54 AM
231	Peaceful!	9/13/2017 2:58 PM
232	quiet peaceful way of life	9/13/2017 1:07 PM
233	Strong sense of community. Rural, non crowded living.	9/12/2017 9:01 PM
234	The cool places opening up!	9/12/2017 2:14 PM
235	The small friendly area	9/11/2017 9:06 PM
236	The people, the beautiful scenery.	9/11/2017 10:32 AM
237	The people, living on the lake and The Blue Canoe	9/10/2017 6:37 AM
238	Country feel, caz schools and minutes from caz shops....and a beautiful lake. It's like a hidden gem	9/9/2017 7:20 PM
239	Beautiful clean country setting. Friendly neighbors.	9/9/2017 3:30 PM
240	Country setting, quiet, relatively low traffic, privacy.	9/9/2017 8:45 AM
241	my friends and neighbors	9/8/2017 8:10 PM
242	I like the neighborly feeling	9/8/2017 8:40 AM
243	The beautiful landscape, peaceful atmosphere, Nelson Country Store.	9/1/2017 12:49 PM
244	Peaks Coffee Company	8/29/2017 11:28 AM
245	Love the lake	8/29/2017 7:02 AM
246	Beautiful rural landscape, and friendly, casual atmosphere.	8/28/2017 8:04 PM
247	Tuscarora Lake	8/28/2017 6:30 AM

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248	The great amenities available to a person who has a camp on Tuscarora Lake.	8/27/2017 3:45 PM
249	Its beauty: the lake and surrounding farm land.	8/27/2017 8:46 AM
250	Beautiful countryside. Quiet. Nice people. Character of the community has been maintained with no encroachment by big box stores or chains. Peaks. Nelson Odeon.	8/22/2017 6:54 PM
251	quiet, beauty, friends	8/22/2017 11:47 AM
252	Good sense of community and a nice balance of rural living with small scale (non factory farm) agriculture.	8/18/2017 8:57 AM
253	Rural area, open land	8/16/2017 3:30 PM
254	I grew up here, I like the area and the weather.	8/16/2017 2:31 PM
255	Rural, friendly, scenery, reasonable protective zoning...that protects the former.	8/16/2017 10:19 AM
256	The rural environment.	8/15/2017 1:45 PM
257	The (almost) pristine waters of the lake, and the vista surrounding it.	8/13/2017 8:13 AM
258	Peaceful, rural setting	8/12/2017 6:29 PM
259	It's rural and quiet	8/12/2017 1:34 PM
260	I will reside in Nelson starting in September.	8/9/2017 3:23 PM
261	Great people, beautiful area, nice lakes/ good local government/	8/9/2017 9:20 AM
262	Quiet	8/9/2017 8:48 AM
263	Small town	8/9/2017 8:18 AM
264	The small town feel and low population along with low taxes.	8/8/2017 12:11 PM
265	It is a beautiful piece of earth.	8/8/2017 12:02 PM
266	Quiet and beauty	8/8/2017 10:00 AM
267	It's a piece of old time Americana	8/7/2017 9:11 AM
268	rural character, my neighbors, school district	8/6/2017 7:30 PM
269	Feeling of community, living in the country, clean air, clean water, quiet, safe, good schools	8/6/2017 3:54 PM
270	Pleasant, friendly people	8/6/2017 7:19 AM
271	The community!	8/5/2017 2:38 PM

Q5 What do you like least about living in the Town of Nelson?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 35

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	far from serious shopping and big stores, the snow	11/6/2017 3:35 PM
2	unenforced speed limits	10/31/2017 7:58 PM
3	Miss the Nelson Inn as a restaurant	10/31/2017 6:50 PM
4	No utilities	10/31/2017 6:34 PM
5	there is nothing I dislike	10/31/2017 5:43 PM
6	traffic	10/30/2017 9:47 PM
7	Snow and Wind	10/30/2017 7:35 PM
8	Lack of grocery store	10/30/2017 7:32 PM
9	Far away from stores, medical services School taxes	10/30/2017 6:34 PM
10	Snow, wind	10/30/2017 6:00 PM
11	occassional 3 or 4 day power outages	10/30/2017 4:22 PM
12	The derelict houses rewarded with low assessments and not enforced by zoning.	10/30/2017 3:21 PM
13	The Politics	10/28/2017 7:32 PM
14	how the town seems to be devided by nelson and erieville	10/27/2017 6:30 PM
15	Friendly People	10/25/2017 2:36 PM
16	nothing	10/25/2017 11:27 AM
17	some of the bullsll shit laws the town is coming up with	10/25/2017 11:17 AM
18	Taxes	10/25/2017 10:23 AM
19	The winters	10/24/2017 3:04 PM
20	TIME IT TAKES TO GET THROUGH VILLAGE	10/24/2017 12:16 PM
21	Long commute to work	10/24/2017 10:01 AM
22	really nothing	10/24/2017 8:48 AM
23	DRIVE TIME TO SYRACUSE	10/23/2017 4:59 PM
24	Distance for shopping, doctors, hospital, restaurants	10/23/2017 11:24 AM
25	businesses in residential areas	10/23/2017 10:08 AM
26	unpaved road in front of our residence,dust in summer,and debris on lawn from snowplow in winter.	10/23/2017 7:32 AM
27	High taxes	10/21/2017 7:20 PM
28	Cannot think of anything	10/20/2017 2:45 PM
29	Nothing	10/20/2017 1:41 PM
30	Limited variety of stores close by.	10/18/2017 11:01 AM
31	Nothing	10/18/2017 7:47 AM
32	No real sense of community. Difficult to start new businesses, no follow up or response from Planning and town board. Planning and town board do not seem interested in helping new businesses, lots of road blocks.	10/17/2017 1:11 PM
33	I live on edge of the town and benefit very little from the amount of taxes i pay	10/17/2017 6:23 AM

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34	Snow	10/16/2017 6:17 PM
35	Sad that the local grocery closed and that we have a Dollar General now I wish that abandoned place that looks like an auto dealership (?) on rt 20 just E of the crossroads would either get torn down or bought up and turned into something nice - it's blight now I wish Erieville center was a little more loved. I don't want to change the overall character, but there are a few places that are in really bad shape Be nice to have another restaurant or coffee shop with good homemade food	10/16/2017 3:32 PM
36	nothing	10/16/2017 10:40 AM
37	The taxes are much too high, and don't consider if or where children go to school. As an example, my wife and I have one child, but we pay school taxes in three different townships because we own land there.	10/15/2017 7:58 PM
38	small tax base means limited services, especially road repair	10/14/2017 9:56 AM
39	More snow	10/14/2017 9:36 AM
40	We need a stronger sense of community. There was the Nelson Little League when my oldest son was young. It was a good way to meet your neighbors.	10/13/2017 7:21 AM
41	Places to shop	10/12/2017 5:23 PM
42	allowing residents to work on the lake property in the summer when other residents want to relax .	10/12/2017 3:34 PM
43	Influence of Cazenovia.	10/12/2017 3:11 PM
44	No internet service	10/12/2017 5:21 AM
45	Nothing	10/11/2017 7:19 PM
46	Too many are progressive and wanna add laws to be "just like cazenovia". Think for yourselves!	10/11/2017 3:21 PM
47	No complaints	10/11/2017 10:34 AM
48	poor road maintenance	10/11/2017 10:24 AM
49	Winter road care	10/11/2017 10:20 AM
50	How strict they are when you are trying to improve your property.	10/11/2017 8:40 AM
51	Taxes	10/11/2017 7:17 AM
52	Lack of assistance from town.	10/11/2017 6:58 AM
53	I don't know anyone anymore	10/11/2017 6:46 AM
54	school taxes	10/11/2017 6:15 AM
55	My commute to Syracuse for work, but that's not the Town's problem.	10/11/2017 5:40 AM
56	Taxes too high	10/11/2017 5:24 AM
57	My commute to work in Syracuse, but that's not the town's problem.	10/11/2017 5:09 AM
58	Not everyone can get cell service around lake - Erieville	10/11/2017 3:29 AM
59	Roads are plowed poorly	10/10/2017 11:49 PM
60	Na	10/10/2017 9:14 PM
61	Same	10/10/2017 9:09 PM
62	People with a lot of money, coming here from God knows where, trying to out tax the people who have been here for generations.	10/10/2017 8:25 PM
63	Nelson does not really have a center	10/10/2017 7:48 PM
64	Taxes and the quality and timeliness of snow removal	10/10/2017 6:12 PM

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65	Looking at the blighted buildings in disuse and perpetually for sale on Rte 20 in the hamlet of Nelson--really an eyesore. I really hate when the town comes through with the roto router and hacks trees on the side of the road--that is a MAJOR eyesore--there must be a better solution to that. If something needs to be cut on a residential property to allow better visibility, etc., would appreciate an email to alert the homeowner ahead of time so we could take care of it...Would like to see a community wide email for neighbors as well that the town could use for mass updates. Town hall meetings are fine, but the technology is here to have alternate methods for information distribution which we should be using.	10/10/2017 1:09 PM
66	Lack of natural gas service	10/10/2017 1:03 PM
67	Been waiting for 4 years for the run off on my road to be properly repaired.	10/10/2017 1:01 PM
68	Nothing	10/10/2017 11:30 AM
69	Winter	10/10/2017 10:59 AM
70	my road is rarely plowed, it's a steep hill (Irish Hill)	10/10/2017 10:25 AM
71	roads dont get plowed in winter	10/10/2017 10:07 AM
72	Snow removal on roads	10/9/2017 10:41 PM
73	Some loud neighbors (loud trucks and snow mobiles at all hours). Fast traffic on 20 and Nelson Rd	10/9/2017 8:05 PM
74	Nothing yet	10/9/2017 8:02 PM
75	The speed limit on my section of road. It jumps from 35 to 55 right at the start of my property. I have little kids (as do neighbors) and to hear the cars, motorcycles & trucks whip by my house (unnecessarily) is infuriating.	10/9/2017 7:52 PM
76	Wish we had a store and or a gas station	10/9/2017 7:17 PM
77	No food options in the hamlet	10/9/2017 11:14 AM
78	Favoritism shown towards business owners, and no concern about the year round residents. The seasonal residents are given preferential treatment. The life long residents are ignored and in some cases, poorly treated because they may not have money, or affluence.	10/9/2017 9:00 AM
79	The waste of taxpayer money by the town board members. Crosswalks when there is one already there.	10/9/2017 8:18 AM
80	annual taxes - mainly school	10/9/2017 5:56 AM
81	The run down businesses and homes along route 20.	10/8/2017 8:23 PM
82	Many of the buildings and properties are dilapidated and run-down, it makes the whole town look shabby.	10/8/2017 5:03 PM
83	Too many abandoned homes	10/8/2017 4:07 PM
84	No complaints	10/8/2017 9:08 AM
85	Needs more places to eat.	10/8/2017 8:05 AM
86	Not many locations / businesses for families.	10/7/2017 11:05 PM
87	I'm not sure	10/7/2017 9:35 PM
88	Run down properties and land littered with junk.	10/7/2017 9:09 PM
89	Run down properties, junk yards.	10/7/2017 8:50 PM
90	Nothing	10/7/2017 7:14 PM
91	Nothing	10/7/2017 6:51 PM
92	Some day it would be nice to have municipal water and sewer.	10/7/2017 4:20 PM
93	Some areas have lost the small town charm	10/7/2017 3:47 PM
94	Firehouse sirens	10/7/2017 3:10 PM
95	Winter driving on County roads - County (not the town of Nelson road crew roads) the County does not plow enough during a snow storm.	10/7/2017 3:05 PM
96	I don't know anyone- isolated	10/7/2017 1:39 PM

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97	No dislikes	10/7/2017 12:10 PM
98	Nothing really	10/7/2017 11:40 AM
99	Roads	10/7/2017 8:55 AM
100	No comment	10/7/2017 8:20 AM
101	village on route 20 could use a facelift- old buildings that seems to be abandoned	10/7/2017 8:17 AM
102	Commuting when need be. Brutal winters.	10/7/2017 7:42 AM
103	No grocery store	10/7/2017 7:16 AM
104	Can't think of anything	10/7/2017 7:00 AM
105	Winter commuting to work in Utica	10/7/2017 6:17 AM
106	Winter	10/6/2017 11:55 PM
107	People parking on roadways to get to lakes - danger/driving hazards when crossing and getting in/out of cars...small children or dogs. and fishing off roadways same dangers. People fishing on roadways at lakes creates more noise than usual, trash left, excessive fish tackle in water and on ground,	10/6/2017 11:43 PM
108	The high speed limits around the lake.	10/6/2017 11:14 PM
109	As a seasonal resident,.....paying high taxes for no town services; i.e. no water, sewerage, trash pickup, or road maintenance, only local fire department services	10/6/2017 10:43 PM
110	no stores	10/6/2017 10:09 PM
111	Fast trucks, cars and motorcycles on Eatonbrook Road, public boat launch,at Eatonbrook Reservoir, farm waste polluting the waters.	10/6/2017 9:16 PM
112	Winter	10/6/2017 8:53 PM
113	The poor road conditions in the winter time especially erieville Road	10/6/2017 8:45 PM
114	Rundown properties and lack of services like dining.	10/6/2017 8:43 PM
115	Driving on erieville Road in the winter when it's not taken care of and there's huge snow drifts because the plow guys only do it once	10/6/2017 8:37 PM
116	NA	10/6/2017 8:24 PM
117	Lack if businesses and infrastructure	10/6/2017 8:20 PM
118	Issues with the silt, and weeds in The lake	10/6/2017 8:07 PM
119	not being able to walk into a 'town'	10/6/2017 7:43 AM
120	high taxes, cost of cable	10/4/2017 8:36 PM
121	high taxes	10/4/2017 8:34 PM
122	Nothing	10/2/2017 7:06 PM
123	Lack of high speed internet. Ours is .5 meg per second, like a third world country. Poor and spotty cell service. Lack of trail maintenance at Stony Pond.	10/2/2017 7:40 AM
124	could spruce up the hamlet of Nelson; take down some of the old buildings, bring in tasteful businesses (like Peaks)	10/2/2017 6:58 AM
125	Ridiculous property laws	10/1/2017 5:59 PM
126	NOT ENOUGH GROCERY STORES AND FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS	10/1/2017 1:48 PM
127	nothing	9/30/2017 6:53 PM
128	Limited services provided by the Town for what I pay in town taxes.	9/30/2017 10:36 AM
129	Not a whole lot of activities or shops and restaurants to walk around and explore.	9/29/2017 5:15 PM
130	It would be nice if there was a town resident access to Erieville Lake, rather than having to cross a busy road on a blind corner at the dam. Especially with children.	9/28/2017 7:27 PM
131	Concerns about direction of future development.	9/27/2017 7:55 PM

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132	No stores or gas station	9/27/2017 3:03 PM
133	Unfriendly neighbors.	9/27/2017 2:51 PM
134	Nothing	9/27/2017 9:32 AM
135	Taxes and various boards micromanaging living	9/26/2017 5:12 PM
136	Nothing so far	9/26/2017 3:43 PM
137	Nothing!	9/26/2017 10:17 AM
138	drainage on south side of North Lake Road is poor; my neighbors the Huftalens are getting the brunt of the runoff; I've channeled some onto my property; we've talked to the road crew with no results; a culvert to the lake is needed.	9/25/2017 4:48 PM
139	Empty run down buildings	9/24/2017 7:34 PM
140	long commute to work	9/22/2017 9:27 AM
141	nothing to complain about	9/21/2017 4:27 PM
142	Nothing at this point, this is why I moved here. Minimal restrictions of land use like Cazenovia and surrounding area.	9/21/2017 7:36 AM
143	The tremendous amount of snow. Also having to travel on roads in the midst of winter where often times it seems that the state/county and town seem oblivious to the fact that these roads become treacherous even after school and or "normal business hours" and that some of us that work 2nd and 3rd shifts do have to travel on them to get to and from work and would like to count on being able to safely do that.	9/20/2017 6:06 PM
144	Sudden increase in crime and lack of police presence	9/20/2017 5:27 PM
145	some of the rules that are set forth are not being enforced. The cluttered homes with junk cars, garbage on porches, homes that are falling down, not maintained.	9/20/2017 1:11 PM
146	zoning laws and the unconstitutional abuse thereof	9/20/2017 7:43 AM
147	parochial views by many	9/20/2017 7:32 AM
148	Rt 20. The buildings/businesses that are vacant and an eye-sore	9/19/2017 7:44 PM
149	High taxes	9/19/2017 6:57 PM
150	High taxes	9/19/2017 6:52 PM
151	High taxes	9/19/2017 6:51 PM
152	High taxes	9/19/2017 6:51 PM
153	High taxes	9/19/2017 6:50 PM
154	There is no community, no sidewalks (for safe walking)	9/19/2017 5:27 PM
155	no complaints	9/19/2017 2:20 PM
156	road maintenance, snow plowing it was better years ago.	9/19/2017 12:02 PM
157	roads are not that great but getting better with the paving of Jones Rd. and Willowvale	9/19/2017 9:51 AM
158	some of the politics	9/19/2017 9:22 AM
159	ROAD SIDE TRASH/LITTER	9/19/2017 8:51 AM
160	ROADSIDE LITTER	9/19/2017 8:34 AM
161	No street lights.	9/19/2017 7:27 AM
162	Post office hours not open all day	9/18/2017 6:56 PM
163	Some roads need repair	9/18/2017 4:22 PM
164	We wish there were the white sidelines on the roads. It is hard driving these small roads at night without them.	9/18/2017 1:07 PM
165	We wish there were the white sidelines on the roads. It is hard driving these small roads at night without them.	9/18/2017 1:04 PM

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166	I can't think of a thing.	9/18/2017 11:17 AM
167	growing population	9/18/2017 10:32 AM
168	Nothing yet.	9/18/2017 8:07 AM
169	No sewers	9/18/2017 8:06 AM
170	The town of Nelson seems to let Cazenovia make it's decisions for it.	9/18/2017 7:47 AM
171	some of the coding laws that are not addressed, some of the ways property is sold and how that property is developed.	9/18/2017 7:20 AM
172	Redneck neighbors who don't take care of their property.	9/18/2017 7:17 AM
173	Speed limit if 55 in small roads that are highly populated	9/17/2017 6:58 PM
174	Nothing really but if I have to say something it would be nice to have public water and sewer on Nelson Heights Road	9/17/2017 6:02 PM
175	Lack of high speed internet. Satellite is the only option and not preferred due to limitations.	9/17/2017 5:07 PM
176	Nothing.	9/17/2017 4:30 PM
177	harsh winters, barking dogs, taxes, huge expenses being levied on a select group of people with out their formal vote (ex. Erieville Water District tank & well replacement), makeover of rt 20 without the people's vote (government by the people for the people)	9/17/2017 11:27 AM
178	No active grocery or convenience store, ice cream shop, other small retail, services	9/17/2017 10:05 AM
179	quiet beauty	9/17/2017 9:46 AM
180	PROPERTY TAX, PROPERTY TAX, PROPERTY TAX, PROPERTY TAX, PROPERTY TAX, PROPERTY TAX THINKING OF MOVING SOUTH, CAN'T AFFORD TO TO LIVE HERE	9/17/2017 7:05 AM
181	Taxes Unaccountable officials Albany	9/16/2017 7:32 PM
182	the roads, there need a lot of work done to them. the taxes are too high	9/16/2017 7:10 PM
183	The distance to get to syracuse can be frustrating on days.	9/16/2017 5:33 PM
184	Distance from grocery stores and such.	9/16/2017 4:54 PM
185	No sewer No Water	9/16/2017 4:35 PM
186	Road maintenance	9/16/2017 4:07 PM
187	not much	9/16/2017 3:29 PM
188	lack of a restaurant in either the hamlet of Nelson Erieville had the Blue Canoe	9/16/2017 3:06 PM
189	Nothing	9/16/2017 3:05 PM
190	Having to drive 30 min for shopping	9/16/2017 2:28 PM
191	The proposed water project.	9/16/2017 2:21 PM
192	People speed down the street. Lack of shops	9/16/2017 2:13 PM
193	no gas stations near	9/16/2017 1:14 PM
194	Town of Nelson Hamlet commercial properties falling into disrepair. Lack of businesses.	9/16/2017 11:55 AM
195	Lack of access to grocery store and public transportation	9/16/2017 11:29 AM
196	Our Route 20 corridor needs to look more inviting and community like - we need our own style that would be obvious to the thousands of people driving through each day.	9/16/2017 9:34 AM
197	The people	9/16/2017 9:33 AM
198	Our Route 20 corridor needs to look more inviting and community like - we need our own style that would be obvious to the thousands of people driving through each day.	9/16/2017 9:18 AM
199	the politicians	9/16/2017 7:53 AM
200	Distance to stores.	9/16/2017 7:14 AM
201	Sanderson Road	9/16/2017 5:27 AM

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202	Extremely high taxes due to living next to a lake and no financial help from the Town to solve problems in the lake.	9/15/2017 9:20 PM
203	nothing really...although I wish the Nelson Odeon could sell beer/wine :)	9/15/2017 7:25 PM
204	Snow plow trucks, commercial and Town	9/15/2017 7:11 PM
205	Minimal town services where we are...	9/15/2017 6:09 PM
206	Lack of choices for Internet/TV	9/15/2017 5:47 PM
207	Summer people	9/15/2017 5:23 PM
208	People not following leash laws for dogs. The trails in the state park are not maintained. Mail gets misdelivered regularly.	9/15/2017 5:08 PM
209	Individuals who abuse that access.	9/15/2017 5:05 PM
210	Lack of public transportation, danger posed by speeding traffic on road where we live	9/15/2017 2:49 PM
211	Rundown homes	9/15/2017 8:11 AM
212	Rundown properties on Route 20 and elsewhere	9/14/2017 5:26 PM
213	No sidewalks, or broken sidewalks. Eyesore on RT.20: Robert's old building. Lack of dredging of Creek near Landscape business causes slow up for FD response...no near place to fill tanker truck.	9/14/2017 4:02 PM
214	Hazardous intersection of Erieville Rd and Rt 20	9/14/2017 12:59 PM
215	Traveling in the winter	9/14/2017 12:30 PM
216	It would help to have a gas station in one or both (Erieville and Nelson)	9/14/2017 11:22 AM
217	Lack of testing requirements for waterfront property and concerns about silt runoff into lake.	9/14/2017 10:56 AM
218	Nelson crossroads has some abandoned properties that affect the hamlet image negatively. We could also benefit from a destination restaurant at the crops roads.	9/14/2017 9:54 AM
219	Nothing really	9/13/2017 2:58 PM
220	Cell service and cable service are not always robust.	9/12/2017 9:01 PM
221	Not living in the town of Nelson.	9/12/2017 2:14 PM
222	The old Empty Roberts equipment & Empty run down body shop.	9/11/2017 9:06 PM
223	I guess the only negative that I can think of, is that you have to drive to Cazenovia for gas & groceries. But that is only 3 +/- miles away.	9/11/2017 10:32 AM
224	Lack of maintenance of the roads around the lake, especially as it relates to flooding	9/10/2017 6:37 AM
225	Few shops. No one delivers food for the most part. Winters can be rough. Erieville Rd has a lot of traffic	9/9/2017 7:20 PM
226	No sewers.	9/9/2017 3:30 PM
227	Nothing really.	9/9/2017 8:45 AM
228	regulations	9/8/2017 8:10 PM
229	Politics	9/8/2017 8:40 AM
230	the snow! ;)	9/1/2017 12:49 PM
231	45mph limit in town. should be 35	8/29/2017 11:28 AM
232	No grocery stores	8/29/2017 7:02 AM
233	Lack of town water and sewers	8/28/2017 6:30 AM
234	NA	8/27/2017 3:45 PM
235	High speeds motorists go when driving around the lake. Slow or no response from town officials to phone calls or emails.	8/27/2017 8:46 AM
236	Lack of restaurants (not chains) and other community gathering places. Would be nice to have more cultural & arts venues.	8/22/2017 6:54 PM

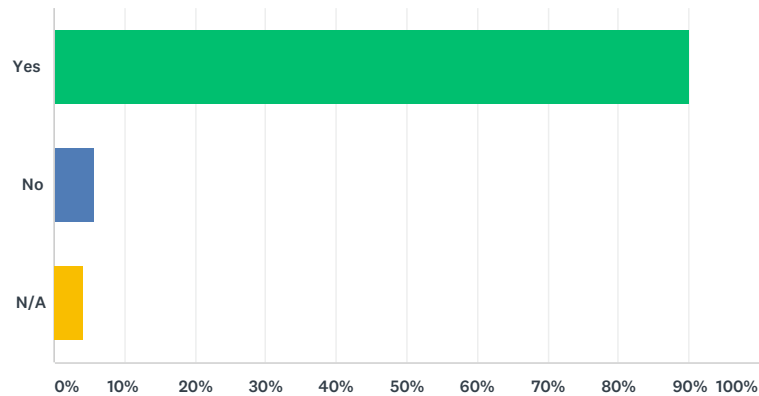
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237	cold weather	8/22/2017 11:47 AM
238	Fast traffic and discourteous drivers on our small rural roads. > 55 MPH is too fast.	8/18/2017 8:57 AM
239	Too many people trying to make this a controlled area just like Caz/Dewitt	8/16/2017 3:30 PM
240	Lack of business's.	8/16/2017 2:31 PM
241	Absence of grocery, convenience store in our hamlet. We are 5 mi to Caz, 7mi to Morrisville, 4 mi to Erieville, 12 miles to Canastota. Our citizens in the Hamlet, and travelers would buy local and likely stop at other businesses here. Non- residents May even consider Nelson as a place to live, if they like what they see.	8/16/2017 10:19 AM
242	The roads in winter and the mess to clean up in spring	8/15/2017 1:45 PM
243	The road drainage...or lack there-of.	8/13/2017 8:13 AM
244	Lack of retail choices, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Lack of services. Drive 15 - 25 miles for shopping, doctors, movies, everything	8/12/2017 6:29 PM
245	coyotes	8/12/2017 1:34 PM
246	Traffic, and things to do.	8/9/2017 3:23 PM
247	nothing	8/9/2017 9:20 AM
248	nothing	8/9/2017 8:48 AM
249	High Speed Limits	8/9/2017 8:18 AM
250	Living on Route 20.	8/8/2017 12:11 PM
251	Too many permits needed for improving ones' own property.	8/8/2017 12:02 PM
252	Restrictive zoning law	8/8/2017 10:00 AM
253	Lack of traffic congestion	8/7/2017 9:11 AM
254	unkept properties	8/6/2017 7:30 PM
255	Lack of services, distance to travel to obtain them	8/6/2017 3:54 PM
256	It gets cold in the winter, and snowy, too!	8/6/2017 7:19 AM
257	Traffic on Route 20, too much speeding!	8/5/2017 2:38 PM

Q6 Do you plan to be living in Nelson 5 years from now?

Answered: 281 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.04%	253
No	5.69%	16
N/A	4.27%	12
TOTAL		281

#	IF NO, WHY NOT?	DATE
1	Depends on if I am alive	10/31/2017 6:50 PM
2	I only spend summers there	10/16/2017 4:19 PM
3	Not sure	10/10/2017 11:49 PM
4	Depends on the taxes	10/7/2017 3:10 PM
5	May move south	10/7/2017 1:39 PM
6	Getting older	10/7/2017 8:20 AM
7	probably	10/4/2017 8:36 PM
8	probably	10/4/2017 8:34 PM
9	Relocation for work	10/2/2017 7:06 PM
10	Retired and had to move on.	9/18/2017 6:56 PM
11	Goal is to own a home with acreage, moving into grandmother's home in Chittenango.	9/18/2017 7:17 AM
12	we are retired and we would like to get an apartment and downsize	9/17/2017 7:33 AM
13	PROPERTY TAX, PROPERTY TAX You get my point	9/17/2017 7:05 AM
14	Am moving one business since there is little economic opportunity here	9/16/2017 7:32 PM
15	not sure. Taxes are too high. Winters are too long	9/16/2017 7:10 PM
16	If you plan on turning it into Cazenovia, we are gone...	9/16/2017 2:21 PM
17	sense of isolation	9/16/2017 11:29 AM
18	not sure might be dead	9/16/2017 7:53 AM

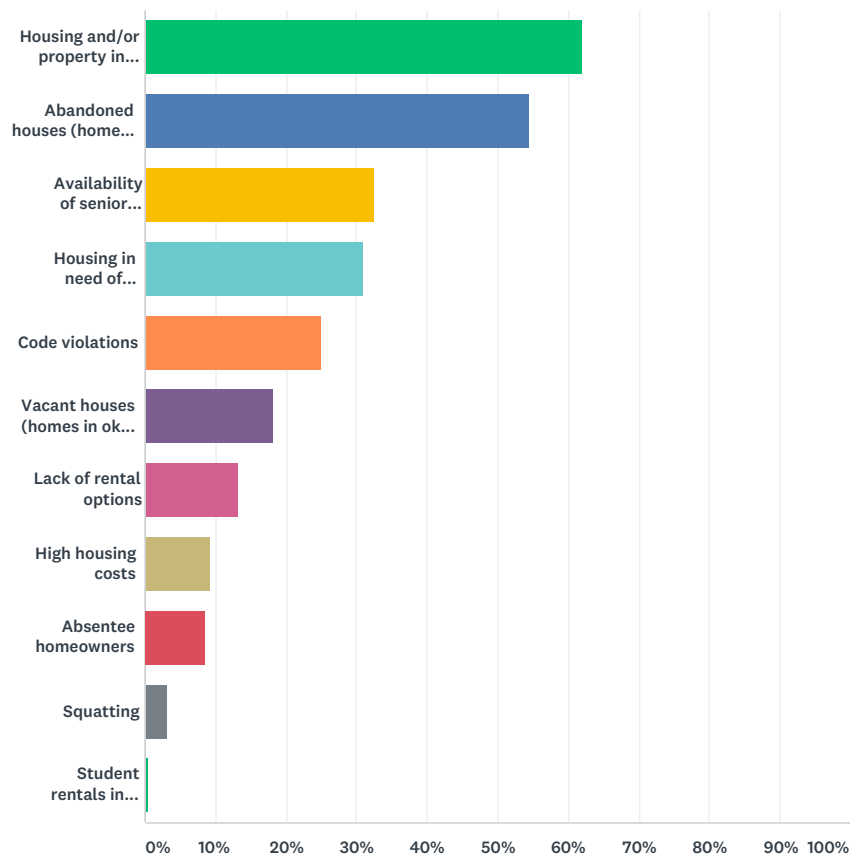
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19	Going to heavy when I die	9/14/2017 12:59 PM
20	Passing on.	9/14/2017 11:22 AM
21	I live in Hamilton	9/12/2017 2:14 PM
22	I hope so. I am 81 years old	9/8/2017 8:40 AM
23	I am a student at morrisville	8/29/2017 11:28 AM
24	Either dead or forced to move to someplace with services	8/12/2017 6:29 PM
25	I would like to own a house in Hamilton or the surrounding area at that time.	8/9/2017 3:23 PM
26	Perhaps relocating to FL	8/6/2017 7:19 AM

Q7 Are any of the following housing topics problems in the town of Nelson? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 197 Skipped: 95



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Housing and/or property in disrepair	61.93%	122
Abandoned houses (homes in poor condition where nobody is living / no sign of ownership)	54.31%	107
Availability of senior housing	32.49%	64
Housing in need of demolition	30.96%	61
Code violations	24.87%	49
Vacant houses (homes in ok to good condition where nobody is living)	18.27%	36
Lack of rental options	13.20%	26
High housing costs	9.14%	18
Absentee homeowners	8.63%	17

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Squatting	3.05%	6
Student rentals in residential areas	0.51%	1
Total Respondents: 197		

#	COMMENT (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	none	11/6/2017 3:36 PM
2	Don't know of any of the above	10/31/2017 6:51 PM
3	6 dilapidated houses within 1/2 mile	10/30/2017 3:22 PM
4	to many houses with too much junk or too many junk cars around them	10/25/2017 11:19 AM
5	Hall road-has some trailers, with trash all around	10/23/2017 11:25 AM
6	no comments	10/23/2017 7:32 AM
7	I don't see many of these issues in Nelson	10/15/2017 7:59 PM
8	There are several properties that should be demolished that no one lives there but nothing is ever done.	10/11/2017 3:23 PM
9	There is some of this stuff here, but it doesn't bother me. Not sure we need new regs. I'd need more info on a particular problem.	10/11/2017 5:40 AM
10	There is some of this stuff here, but it doesn't bother me. Not sure we need new regs. I'd need more info on a particular problem.	10/11/2017 5:13 AM
11	All comments for Erieville. Also part of town of Nelson	10/11/2017 3:32 AM
12	no	10/10/2017 7:49 PM
13	"Housing" in need of demolition--by that I mean the vacant buildings on Rte 20 in Nelson. They need to be torn down.	10/10/2017 1:09 PM
14	Some neighbors don't maintain their property. Some lawns aren't maintained, vehicles and machinery left scattered in the yard. Rental properties not maintained well.	10/9/2017 8:09 PM
15	Houses being built when properties are in disrepair.	10/9/2017 9:03 AM
16	The home on the corner of rt20 and Putnam is falling in and harbor if rodents	10/7/2017 11:07 PM
17	Private junk yards	10/7/2017 9:09 PM
18	Some houses look like millionaires live there, while others look like they should be leveled. I feel like 15 years ago, there wasn't such a gap	10/7/2017 3:49 PM
19	Everything here seems fine enough to me	10/7/2017 3:11 PM
20	Regular, thorough inspection of septic systems should be required.	10/7/2017 7:46 AM
21	Way too high assessment on properties	10/6/2017 8:39 PM
22	not where i live	10/6/2017 7:43 AM
23	Too hard to meet requirements to build new housing	10/1/2017 6:00 PM
24	It's country and I like it that way	9/30/2017 6:54 PM
25	Some of these conditions exist, but don't pose a problem for me.	9/25/2017 4:50 PM
26	None above are an issue. Not sure why these are the possible problems, they seem to focus on one thing. I am very hesitant to have more town control over personal property.	9/21/2017 7:40 AM
27	The only real problem are the unconstitutional zoning codes and the cost of enforcement that threatens land owners with unconstitutional laws and places undue stress on land owners with threats of criminal charges in some cases if out of compliance. In America we should not make laws or ordinances that create problems and should never have been passed.	9/20/2017 7:51 AM
28	code enforcement is inconsistent	9/20/2017 7:33 AM
29	Not letting people just build on or make improvements without permits and costing more money	9/19/2017 5:29 PM

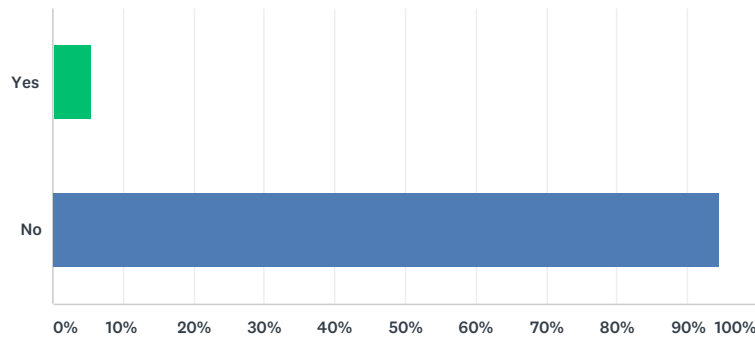
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30	Some yards look like small junk yards. Some people have unregistered/nonworking vehicles on their property.	9/19/2017 7:28 AM
31	Not aware of these problems	9/17/2017 5:08 PM
32	Roberts equipment buildings vacant and in disrepair	9/17/2017 4:39 PM
33	some people constantly get away with housing code violations w/ no building permits, # of cars & junk cars on property	9/17/2017 11:31 AM
34	roads need to be fixed	9/16/2017 3:30 PM
35	Some houses are in tough repair and it devalues the homes surrounding them	9/16/2017 3:07 PM
36	No problems that I can see.	9/16/2017 2:22 PM
37	Not having water all the time. We have a spring fed well, so we don't have running water all the time.	9/16/2017 9:35 AM
38	A group to assist those homeowners that can no longer maintain their homes would be helpful	9/16/2017 9:34 AM
39	Commercial buildings that appear abandoned (or absent owners) that are in poor condition are an obvious problem; The area also needs a group that could assist homeowners that are no longer able to maintain their homes.	9/16/2017 9:22 AM
40	need more enforcement	9/16/2017 7:55 AM
41	Nosy people	9/15/2017 7:12 PM
42	Houses in disrepair are mainly in Erieville. Some are abandon, some not. Travel trailers on vacant land with no septic and no plans to construct a permanent structure.	9/15/2017 5:10 PM
43	addressing the properties with excessive clutter and debris, occupied properties in disrepair	9/15/2017 6:08 AM
44	We are pretty happy with our neighborhood.	9/14/2017 9:57 AM
45	Right in the center of Erieville.	8/28/2017 8:06 PM
46	RV/motor homes that seem to be "squatting" around lake.	8/27/2017 8:47 AM
47	This is not unique to Nelson. It's throughout most of upstate NY	8/18/2017 8:59 AM
48	In hamlet not too bad for the area, a few that need to be upgraded	8/16/2017 3:31 PM
49	Some properties belong to senior owners, whose income does not support needed improvements.	8/16/2017 10:22 AM
50	Zoning and laws not uniformly enforced! Former(?) town employee owns property needing demolition. Parking rules (laws?) selectively enforced	8/12/2017 6:38 PM
51	More so the vacant businesses in Nelson.	8/8/2017 12:12 PM
52	Beauracracy either discourages improvements or encourages code violations because folks can't get approvals to do what they want on their own property in a timely fashion	8/7/2017 9:15 AM
53	The Byrne Dairy property that is asking \$200,000 for the property. It is an eye sore to our developing, beautiful town.	8/5/2017 2:39 PM

Q8 Within the past year have you had trouble getting somewhere because you were unable to drive?

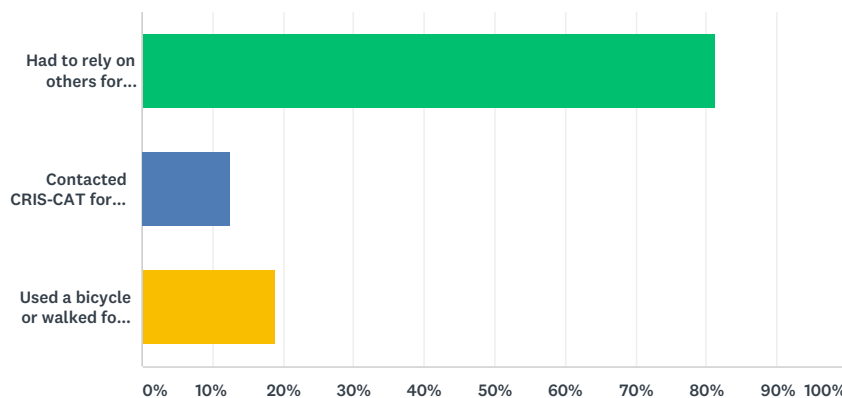
Answered: 271 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	5.54%	15
No	94.46%	256
TOTAL		271

Q9 If you answered yes to question 8, how did you get around?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 276

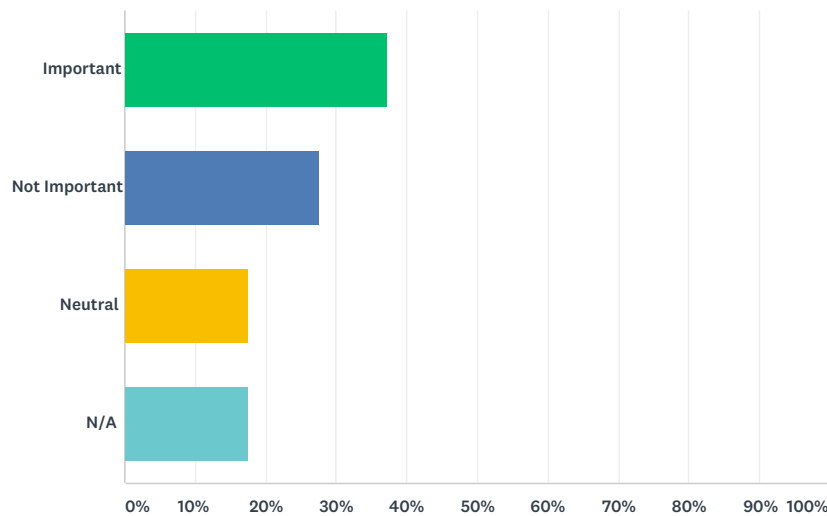


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Had to rely on others for transportation.	81.25%	13
Contacted CRIS-CAT for a ride.	12.50%	2
Used a bicycle or walked for transportation.	18.75%	3
Total Respondents: 16		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	stayed home, only for a day or two here and there during heavy winter when husband is out of town	11/6/2017 3:36 PM
2	N/A	10/10/2017 1:09 PM
3	Friend	10/6/2017 11:15 PM
4	couldn't get around because of blizzards	9/30/2017 6:55 PM
5	Called a friend	9/29/2017 5:22 PM
6	na	9/21/2017 4:28 PM
7	N/a	9/17/2017 4:40 PM
8	Or my electric wheel chair	9/16/2017 4:40 PM
9	Hope addressed before we do need transportation assistance. It is a void in Nelson, believe was in place five plus years ago.	8/16/2017 10:24 AM

Q10 While determining where in the Town of Nelson to live, how important was the location of the school district?

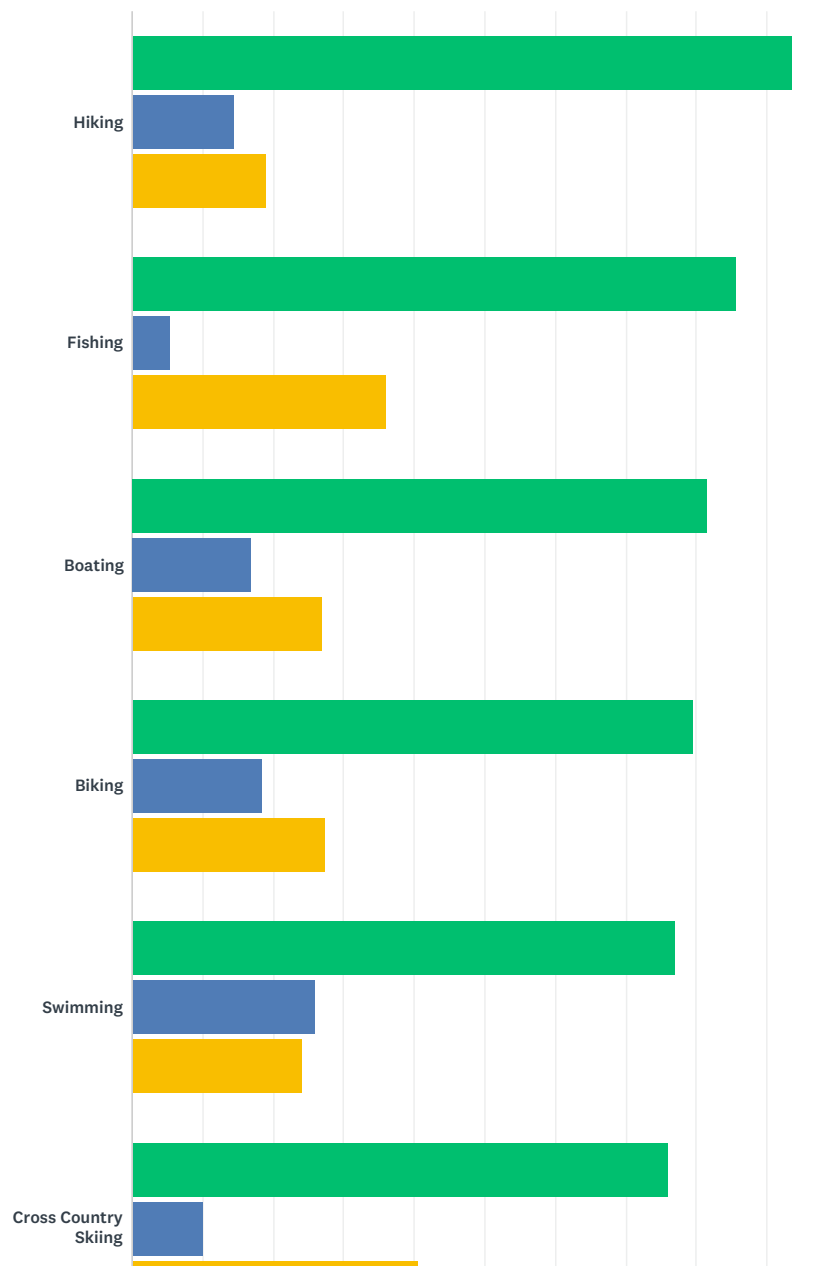
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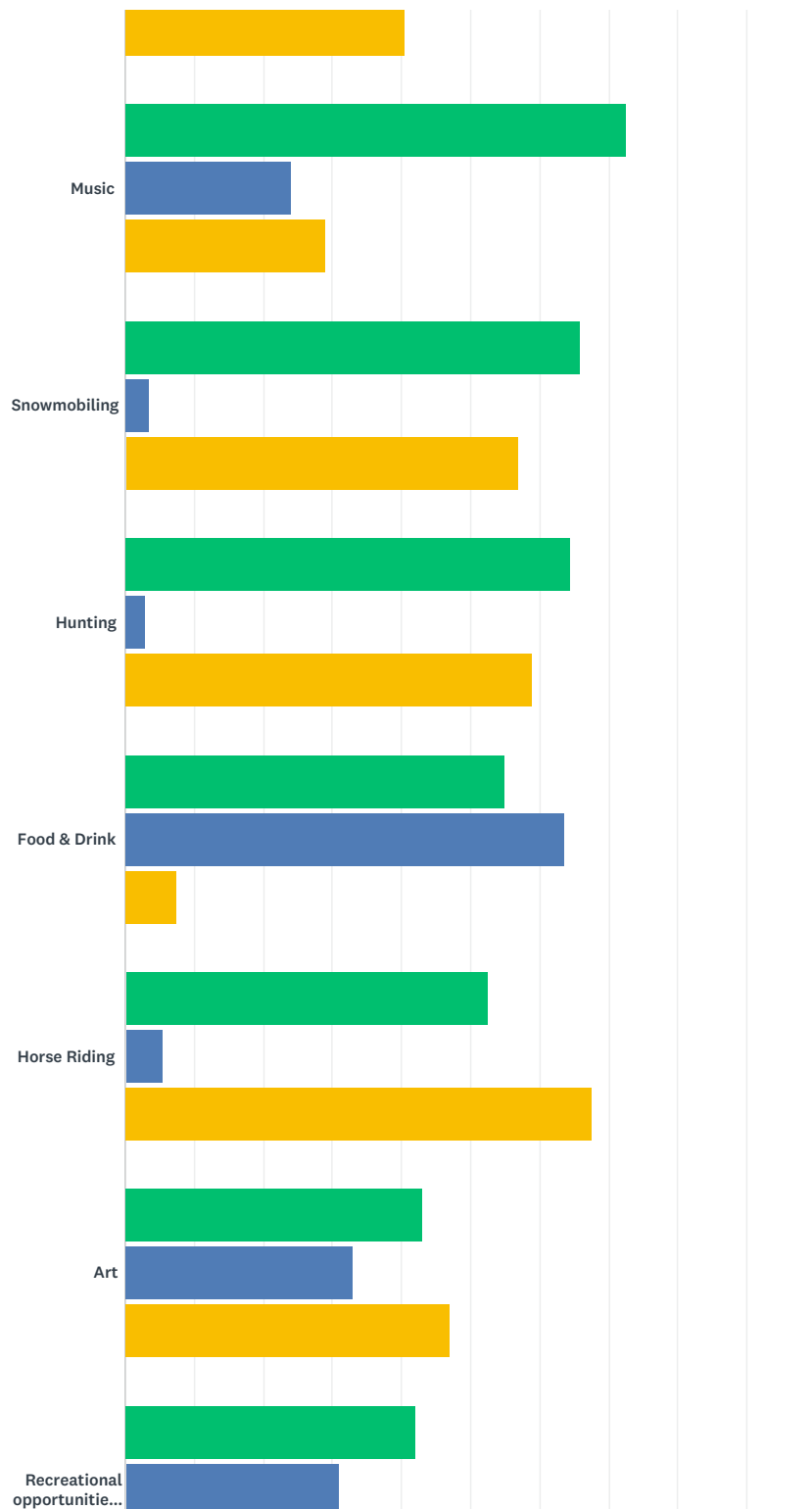
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Important	37.31%	100
Not Important	27.61%	74
Neutral	17.54%	47
N/A	17.54%	47
TOTAL		268

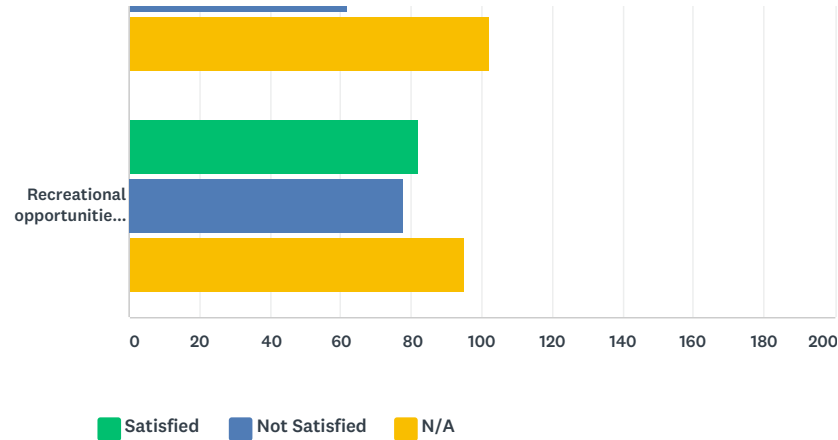
Q11 Rate your level of satisfaction with the following recreation and entertainment opportunities in the Town of Nelson. (in some cases a response of “not satisfied” may also mean “I like what is here but wish there was more”)

Answered: 262 Skipped: 30



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	SATISFIED	NOT SATISFIED	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Hiking	73.62% 187	11.42% 29	14.96% 38	254	1.87
Fishing	67.32% 171	4.33% 11	28.35% 72	254	1.94
Boating	64.94% 163	13.55% 34	21.51% 54	251	1.83
Biking	63.35% 159	14.74% 37	21.91% 55	251	1.81
Swimming	60.63% 154	20.47% 52	18.90% 48	254	1.75
Cross Country Skiing	60.08% 152	7.91% 20	32.02% 81	253	1.88
Music	57.77% 145	19.12% 48	23.11% 58	251	1.75
Snowmobiling	52.17% 132	2.77% 7	45.06% 114	253	1.95
Hunting	50.99% 129	2.37% 6	46.64% 118	253	1.96
Food & Drink	43.65% 110	50.40% 127	5.95% 15	252	1.46
Horse Riding	41.83% 105	4.38% 11	53.78% 135	251	1.91
Art	34.96% 86	26.83% 66	38.21% 94	246	1.57
Recreational opportunities for dogs	33.87% 84	25.00% 62	41.13% 102	248	1.58
Recreational opportunities for kids	32.16% 82	30.59% 78	37.25% 95	255	1.51

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Caz lake for Pete's sake. Recreation for dogs? come on now!	10/31/2017 6:53 PM
2	I would like an eatery in the hamlet and public swimming at Tuscarora lake	10/20/2017 1:46 PM
3	More public riding trails	10/17/2017 1:17 PM

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4	For a very small community, music, art, and dining are pretty good	10/14/2017 10:00 AM
5	All of my "not satisfied" responses mean I like what's here, but I can see room for more and that would be great!	10/11/2017 5:42 AM
6	All of my "not satisfied" responses mean I like what's here, but I can see room for more and that would be great!	10/11/2017 5:19 AM
7	Need trails back in the swamp area	10/10/2017 7:55 PM
8	This area needs a decent bread bakery. Would love to see a Greek restaurant or ANYTHING besides a pizza joint for options to take out in the surrounding area.	10/10/2017 1:09 PM
9	More of road trails connecting places would be amazing for hiking biking skiing etc. Connect up what is already there.	10/10/2017 1:05 PM
10	With the amount of distracted driving these days, I'd like large shoulders for biking and running. Its hard to find (at least not obvious) recreational activities for kids in Nelson. We end up going to Cazenovia or Manlius. Same for food and drink. We would love to have some more restaurants in Nelson. It would be amazing to have dinner in Nelson and walk to the Odeon for a show. There's a decent amount of hiking in the area, but not a lot in Nelson proper as far as I know. I've tried to hike in some of the Nelson Swamp unique area north of 20, but its not well marked.	10/9/2017 8:19 PM
11	Regarding snow mobiles, I wish the rules for use in proximity to neighbors were more strict. I don't want to hear them riding down the road at 10 at night.	10/9/2017 7:55 PM
12	Too much preferential treatment to the value Canoe. We need alternative options to that business.	10/9/2017 9:06 AM
13	We could use another restaurant and a dog park.	10/8/2017 4:11 PM
14	Pretty great around here, although really do not like hunters/poachers shooting in my small woods & near my house	10/7/2017 3:15 PM
15	Odeon is a great addition, more dining would be nice, glad to see Johnny Appleseed being utilized	10/7/2017 12:15 PM
16	There is great snowmobiling in Nelson but I don't ride.	10/7/2017 6:30 AM
17	Lower speed limits around the recreational areas	10/6/2017 11:18 PM
18	love the Nelson Odeon, would love some art studios, galleries, restaurant that serves healthy food (preferably locally grown)	10/2/2017 7:03 AM
19	More music and art opportunities would greatly improve local culture	10/1/2017 6:04 PM
20	Touring excellent	9/27/2017 3:04 PM
21	In general, appreciate what is available and like what is nearby	9/26/2017 3:51 PM
22	I'd like to see more waterfront developed and available (parking for town of Nelson residents) for local people, particularly Erieville youth.	9/25/2017 4:56 PM
23	I moved here because I don't want to be in a larger town or city. When I want these opportunities I go there. When I want peace and quiet, I go home in the town of Nelson.	9/21/2017 7:45 AM
24	Love camping on the lake	9/20/2017 7:54 AM
25	'satisfaction' is relative - that is, Nelson is rural, so let's not expect Lincoln Center performances!!	9/20/2017 7:35 AM
26	There should be availability for swimming and boating for residence even though you don't live right on the lake	9/19/2017 5:32 PM
27	I was very sorry that Circa could not come to an agreement to open in Nelson.	9/18/2017 11:22 AM
28	Would like to see more nearby options for food & drink	9/17/2017 5:10 PM
29	only one restaurant that I am aware of - Blue Canoe, only one music venue - Nelson Odeon, summer rec for kids would be great if there was transportation provided	9/17/2017 11:39 AM
30	needs to be another food store or a bigger one	9/17/2017 9:49 AM
31	there are not many eating places in Nelson, however we have yet to try the coffee house	9/17/2017 7:43 AM
32	Many of the recreation we participate in we drive to or do on our land. Not much available in Nelson.	9/16/2017 5:41 PM
33	Let's have a restaurant at the 4-corners in Nelson	9/16/2017 3:11 PM

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34	Need more stuff to do and community events	9/16/2017 2:16 PM
35	Wish there were walking trails around all of the lakes	9/15/2017 9:24 PM
36	More food and drink would be nice as well as some blacktop, hard surface for kids to play on.	9/15/2017 5:14 PM
37	Culinary and cultural experiences are improving, however there is much more opportunity	9/15/2017 6:16 AM
38	we need a diner	9/14/2017 5:28 PM
39	If the Town bought Robert's for a park, with covered seating area, then folks might walk down the sidewalk for a cup of coffee, a beer, or a soda IF there were a food truck with breakfast/ lunch items there.	9/14/2017 4:16 PM
40	satisfied	9/14/2017 12:33 PM
41	Not interested in this	9/14/2017 11:24 AM
42	Nelson is great, but needs a destination restaurant at the crossroads, remove the empty derelict building (old car parts place?) and clean up or remove the sagging auction building.	9/14/2017 10:07 AM
43	Need hiking paths, bike lanes, more shops	9/9/2017 7:23 PM
44	I like what is here but wish there was more	9/9/2017 6:39 PM
45	Blue Canoe is great but for neighbors street parking must be a problem.	9/9/2017 3:33 PM
46	Would love to see more music, art, and food flourishing in Nelson!	9/1/2017 12:51 PM
47	Kay's Country Store is a real plus for community.	8/27/2017 8:50 AM
48	It would be nice to have more music, art, food & drink.	8/22/2017 7:00 PM
49	Thank goodness for the Country Store as other perveyers are too expensive and too far from hamlet	8/16/2017 3:35 PM
50	Would like to see some more trails for hiking in Nelson.	8/15/2017 1:52 PM
51	Hiking includes walking and running, since they weren't included.	8/12/2017 6:51 PM
52	Some things are in a neighboring Town, especially Cazenovia, but are easily accessible.	8/8/2017 12:08 PM

Q12 Are there recreational activities not listed here that you would like to see in Nelson?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 173

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	dance yoga dances, yoga, wish there were hiking trails and bike trails	11/6/2017 3:38 PM
2	no	10/31/2017 6:53 PM
3	tree lighting perhaps a tree lighting	10/31/2017 5:46 PM
4	no	10/30/2017 9:56 PM
5	ice skating Ice Skating Rink at the Town Building	10/30/2017 7:38 PM
6	biking bike trails	10/30/2017 6:39 PM
7	youth sports + activities Organized youth sports without having to go to Caz or Morrisville (or elsewhere)	10/30/2017 6:05 PM
8	sportsmen club a sportsmens club	10/27/2017 6:46 PM
9	biking Safe Places to ride bikes.	10/25/2017 2:39 PM
10	no	10/24/2017 8:53 AM
11	Gas station, car wash, convenience store other than Kay's	10/23/2017 11:28 AM
12	No	10/23/2017 10:11 AM
13	No,just more of same	10/23/2017 7:34 AM
14	no	10/21/2017 7:25 PM
15	No	10/20/2017 1:46 PM
16	No	10/18/2017 11:07 AM
17	shooting Skeet and trap range	10/17/2017 10:24 AM
18	farmers market maybe a farmers market?	10/16/2017 3:33 PM
19	No	10/15/2017 8:01 PM
20	no	10/14/2017 9:38 AM
21	ice skating pool- swimming community pool and ice skating rink	10/13/2017 7:26 AM
22	Not that I can think of	10/12/2017 5:26 PM
23	food events BBQs days	10/12/2017 3:36 PM
24	No	10/12/2017 3:13 PM
25	No	10/12/2017 5:24 AM
26	hiking + trails More walking trails	10/11/2017 10:23 AM
27	youth sports + activities Would be nice if there was something available for younger children	10/11/2017 7:26 AM
28	hiking + trails Walking paths, unless that's included in hiking. Nice walk around the lake, except for the stretch between Kay's and the dam. How about a sidewalk?	10/11/2017 5:42 AM
29	Walking paths, unless that's covered by "hiking" The walk around Tuscarora lake is delightful, except for a few spots. How about a sidewalk on the stretch from Kay's to the dam?	10/11/2017 5:19 AM
30	ATV trails ATV trails	10/10/2017 6:15 PM
31	park A park	10/10/2017 11:02 AM
32	shooting Shooting range	10/9/2017 9:10 PM

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33	park A local gym would be convenient. A larger playground and better maintained / more active parks with tables, grills, and walking trails, especially if the park were on a lake with swimming access.	10/9/2017 8:19 PM
34	None that I can immediately think of	10/9/2017 7:55 PM
35	No	10/9/2017 9:06 AM
36	ATV trails ATV trails	10/9/2017 8:24 AM
37	A closer YMCA	10/8/2017 4:11 PM
38	pool- swimming An indoor pool	10/8/2017 12:14 PM
39	youth sports + activities More youth activities, family activities, larger events drawing in traffic and business. More small locally owned businesses	10/7/2017 11:09 PM
40	Not really	10/7/2017 9:39 PM
41	Definitely not. Not at all. What it is is what makes it great. People who want to do other things can go anywhere and come back to what we do have.	10/7/2017 3:15 PM
42	No	10/7/2017 12:15 PM
43	no	10/7/2017 11:42 AM
44	No	10/7/2017 8:57 AM
45	No	10/7/2017 7:19 AM
46	No	10/7/2017 7:03 AM
47	No	10/7/2017 6:44 AM
48	No	10/6/2017 11:58 PM
49	Golf, hot air ballooning,	10/6/2017 11:48 PM
50	Caz is doing well....do what they do	10/6/2017 11:18 PM
51	no	10/6/2017 10:45 PM
52	Birdwatching group, guided hikes in state forests and parks	10/6/2017 9:19 PM
53	Some type of organized adult sport such as adult dodgeball or volleyball More hiking trails	10/2/2017 7:10 PM
54	We should recognize that Madison County with excellent wide shoulder roads, limited traffic, and incredibly beautiful country side is one of the best biking areas in the nation.	10/2/2017 7:45 AM
55	Miss the trail maintenance at Stoney Pond since the prison left; could we get volunteers from trail groups/organizations to do it?	10/2/2017 7:03 AM
56	Live music and art	10/1/2017 6:04 PM
57	no	9/30/2017 7:01 PM
58	Shopping	9/29/2017 5:25 PM
59	No, you covered them all.	9/28/2017 7:31 PM
60	No, not really.	9/27/2017 8:08 PM
61	No.	9/27/2017 3:04 PM
62	No	9/27/2017 9:37 AM
63	Not really	9/26/2017 3:51 PM
64	Public access trails by Nelson Swamp Unique Area	9/26/2017 10:19 AM
65	Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts	9/25/2017 4:56 PM
66	no	9/21/2017 4:29 PM
67	No.	9/21/2017 7:45 AM
68	slower speed limits to encourage walking and cycling, especially on the lakefront roads	9/20/2017 7:35 AM
69	no	9/19/2017 7:48 PM

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70	in door activities for when there is bad weather	9/19/2017 5:32 PM
71	no	9/19/2017 9:54 AM
72	ORGANIZED ADULT ACTIVITIES LIKE BOCCE, SOFTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, GROUP WALKING/HIKING	9/19/2017 8:54 AM
73	ORGANIZED ADULT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SOFTBALL, BOCCE, VOLLEYBALL, WALKING	9/19/2017 8:40 AM
74	A larger park	9/19/2017 7:31 AM
75	No	9/18/2017 11:22 AM
76	Dancing venues	9/18/2017 8:11 AM
77	no.	9/18/2017 8:08 AM
78	ATV Trails. Difficult I know.	9/18/2017 7:45 AM
79	N/a	9/17/2017 4:52 PM
80	exercise class opportunities, picnic areas, we only have the Erieville Ball field and the Nelson office field. Maybe a park like chittenengo or lakeside in caz with pavillions, picnic tables, grills, ball field, etc	9/17/2017 11:39 AM
81	Better maintained edges of neighborhood roads for those of us that walk and walk our dogs daily for exercise. Have been worse and worse maintained in last five years, uneven, too big of stone put down when oiling roads that is then impossible to walk on at the pavement edges and dangerous as traffic is going by usually at too high a speed as it is. These edges should be flat and firm and even for solid footing and safety . I don't have the time to get in my car , load the dog, to go into Caz to walk on sidewalks ...could we have something. Comparable right here in the village?	9/17/2017 10:12 AM
82	gym	9/17/2017 9:49 AM
83	Mountain biking trails!	9/16/2017 5:41 PM
84	An RV park Most of all a home tqwn type coffee stop	9/16/2017 5:05 PM
85	no	9/16/2017 3:11 PM
86	no	9/16/2017 3:08 PM
87	A casual restaurant in the Hamlet of Nelson	9/16/2017 2:30 PM
88	Get togethers and farmer's market? We need to make nelson the place to be	9/16/2017 2:16 PM
89	no	9/16/2017 1:17 PM
90	no	9/16/2017 9:36 AM
91	no	9/16/2017 7:57 AM
92	No	9/15/2017 9:24 PM
93	a restaurant	9/15/2017 7:29 PM
94	Shooting range, basketball court	9/15/2017 7:15 PM
95	Theater (Shakespeare in the park or something like that), field days, farmers market...	9/15/2017 5:15 PM
96	Better Access to Erieville Lake?.	9/15/2017 5:14 PM
97	No public library facilities	9/15/2017 2:53 PM
98	rod and gun club, indoor and outdoor ranges boating, snowmobile, hunter ed course offerings	9/15/2017 6:16 AM
99	Senior citizens don't need many recreational activities	9/14/2017 5:28 PM
100	N/A	9/14/2017 4:16 PM
101	High speed internet (Fios) should be available. Miniature golf course, otherwise we just enjoy the out of doors.	9/14/2017 10:07 AM
102	No	9/9/2017 8:50 AM
103	no	9/8/2017 8:12 PM

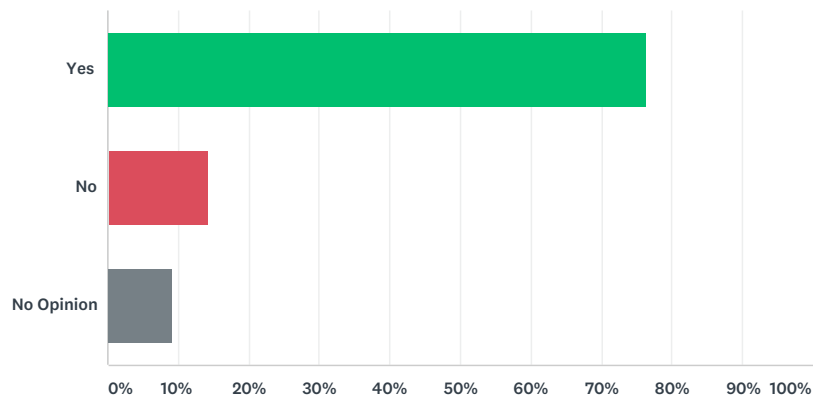
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104	No	8/29/2017 7:04 AM
105	no	8/28/2017 8:13 PM
106	None	8/28/2017 6:32 AM
107	Roads are narrow and drivers go fast, which makes it unsafe for bicyclists. Wish I would feel comfortable letting my grandkids ride their bikes on No. Lake Rd.	8/27/2017 8:50 AM
108	Can't think of any.	8/22/2017 7:00 PM
109	The Town has provided ample recreational activities. More is available from county and state resources. No need to duplicate.	8/18/2017 9:02 AM
110	Would like to be able to get on Tuscarora Lake without crossing private property	8/16/2017 3:35 PM
111	no	8/16/2017 2:37 PM
112	Dining....may not fit question. Likely covered elsewhere. A restaurant would thrive here. Nelson Inn did very well before closing.	8/16/2017 10:30 AM
113	Hiking trails. Sidewalks along the main roads in the Hamlet so walkers don't have to walk in the road.	8/12/2017 6:51 PM
114	no	8/9/2017 8:51 AM
115	No	8/8/2017 12:15 PM
116	It would be nice to have a gathering place, especially for retirees that, is open a lot; It could require membership to help support it.	8/8/2017 12:08 PM
117	public access to Tuscarora Lake	8/8/2017 10:02 AM
118	No	8/7/2017 9:17 AM
119	fitness center and pool	8/6/2017 4:02 PM

Q13 Would you like to see new business and industry locate within the Town of Nelson?

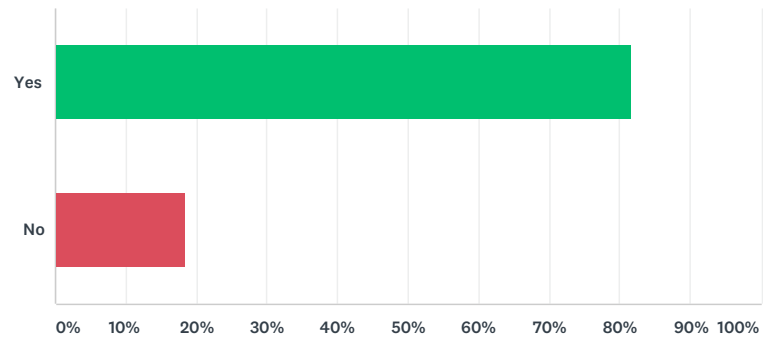
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.45%	198
No	14.29%	37
No Opinion	9.27%	24
TOTAL		259

Q14 Should the Town of Nelson be actively involved in attracting new local businesses?

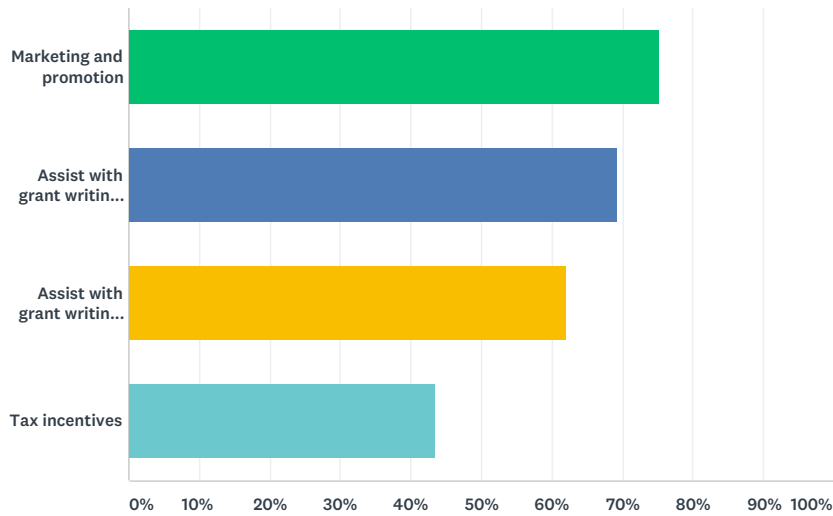
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.67%	205
No	18.33%	46
TOTAL		251

Q15 If Yes, in what way? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 198 Skipped: 94



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Marketing and promotion	75.25%	149
Assist with grant writing to attract businesses	69.19%	137
Assist with grant writing to improve existing businesses	62.12%	123
Tax incentives	43.43%	86
Total Respondents: 198		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	beautification, maybe create something iconic near the four corners, i.e. B52 replica landing here or a giant cow statue	11/6/2017 3:42 PM
2	Nelson doesn't need business-It's just fine the way it is. Still miss Nelson Inn as food and drinks.	10/31/2017 6:57 PM
3	Clean up some of the businesses in the hamlet(s) with incentives	10/30/2017 6:09 PM
4	testimonials from residents	10/30/2017 4:28 PM
5	Better Signage for existing business - especially on route 20.	10/25/2017 2:43 PM
6	COLLEGES SHOULD NOT BE TAX EXEMPT	10/24/2017 12:23 PM
7	Any of the above as long the effort doesn't increase taxes	10/21/2017 7:31 PM
8	More user friendly town board, planning boards, town lawyer. Very difficult to get any answers or help in starting new business	10/17/2017 1:36 PM
9	Depends on what we're talking about - it would be nice to have a few new small local businesses in keeping with the town character, but definitely not big industry or chains	10/16/2017 3:38 PM
10	Absolutely no tax incentives! This just moves the tax burden to average property owners. If a business won't locate in Nelson with the existing tax structure, find somewhere else.	10/15/2017 8:06 PM
11	A service of some sort, maybe low cost internet	10/13/2017 7:28 AM

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12	Lower taxes to attract them.	10/11/2017 3:30 PM
13	Not all "industry" right? Nothing super loud, toxic, smelly . . .	10/11/2017 5:44 AM
14	Not all "industry" right? Nothing super loud, toxic, smelly . . .	10/11/2017 5:23 AM
15	Focusing on niche business that add color to the town, not "big box" business. No car-related businesses.	10/10/2017 1:11 PM
16	Include the hamlet of Erieville and not just Nelson	10/9/2017 8:32 AM
17	helping local businesses survive - reach out to those who dont know about some resources	10/9/2017 6:02 AM
18	Encourage business to respect history and rural nature of the town	10/7/2017 12:23 PM
19	This topic is controversial-business growth in harmony with our natural assets should guide us.	10/7/2017 7:53 AM
20	We don't need large industry. But a taste of big city while remaining quaint will provide the community atmosphere that's appropriate	10/6/2017 11:22 PM
21	Reduce regulations	10/6/2017 10:19 PM
22	coordinate efforts of local citizens who have an investment in the town	10/2/2017 7:06 AM
23	No tax incentives	10/1/2017 6:07 PM
24	NOT with tax breaks and PILOT	9/28/2017 7:36 PM
25	Sorry this answer is messed up/incomplete. The formatting of this survey site sucks. I would add 'There are many developments/businesses I would NOT want in Nelson. And now my original answer: With regard to questions 13, 14, and 15, it's difficult to give a simple blanket answer, as it GREATLY depends on what the specific businesses or industries are. I think there is room for growth, but there are many	9/27/2017 8:19 PM
26	Nelson is a rural community. Let's keep it that way. Otherwise please restrict business zoning to the route 20 corridor.	9/25/2017 5:00 PM
27	NO BUSINESSES OR INDUSTRY!!!	9/21/2017 4:31 PM
28	No, these options all increase my taxes.	9/21/2017 7:49 AM
29	stay out of the way with goverment review and meetings that go on and on with question from people that have not the expertise to determine anything so they postpone for another month or to spend town money to hire engineers, attorneys, to give them a set of brains so eliminate zoning laws to save the town money	9/20/2017 8:05 AM
30	working alongside other (better resourced) agencies, such as Mad Co., others	9/20/2017 7:37 AM
31	I don't believe in free money just to get businesses to come to our area, what should happen is make our town more appealing to businesses and people alike. Make the roads better, sidewalks things like that. Businesses that come in, should offer things at reasonable rates, or like most businesses they go out of business because the majority of people can not afford to spend a lot of money due to high cost of living and lack of quality pay.	9/19/2017 5:43 PM
32	MAKE THE ROADWAYS MORE APPEALING TO TRAVELERS--REMOVE LITTER, ENCOURAGE HOME OWNERS TO SPIFF UP THEIR CURB APPEAL, TRIM WEEDS, ADD FLOWER BARRELS	9/19/2017 8:56 AM
33	MAKE THE ROADWAYS MORE APPEALING TO TRAVELERS--REMOVE LITTER, ENCOURAGE HOME OWNERS TO SPIFF UP THEIR CURB APPEAL, TRIM WEEDS, ADD FLOWER BARRELS	9/19/2017 8:45 AM
34	You have a big hole caused by Albany	9/16/2017 7:38 PM
35	Small business like brewery, restaurant, coffee shop, etc. no big business.	9/16/2017 5:59 PM
36	?	9/16/2017 3:35 PM
37	It may be helpful to form a Board whose sole responsibility would be to promote and assist new business	9/16/2017 9:37 AM
38	Need gas station and grocery store	9/15/2017 9:28 PM
39	Work closely with MCT, MCP, IDA and other agencies and departments available	9/15/2017 6:24 AM
40	Industry for employment purposes; extend high speed internet throughout town.	9/14/2017 12:38 PM

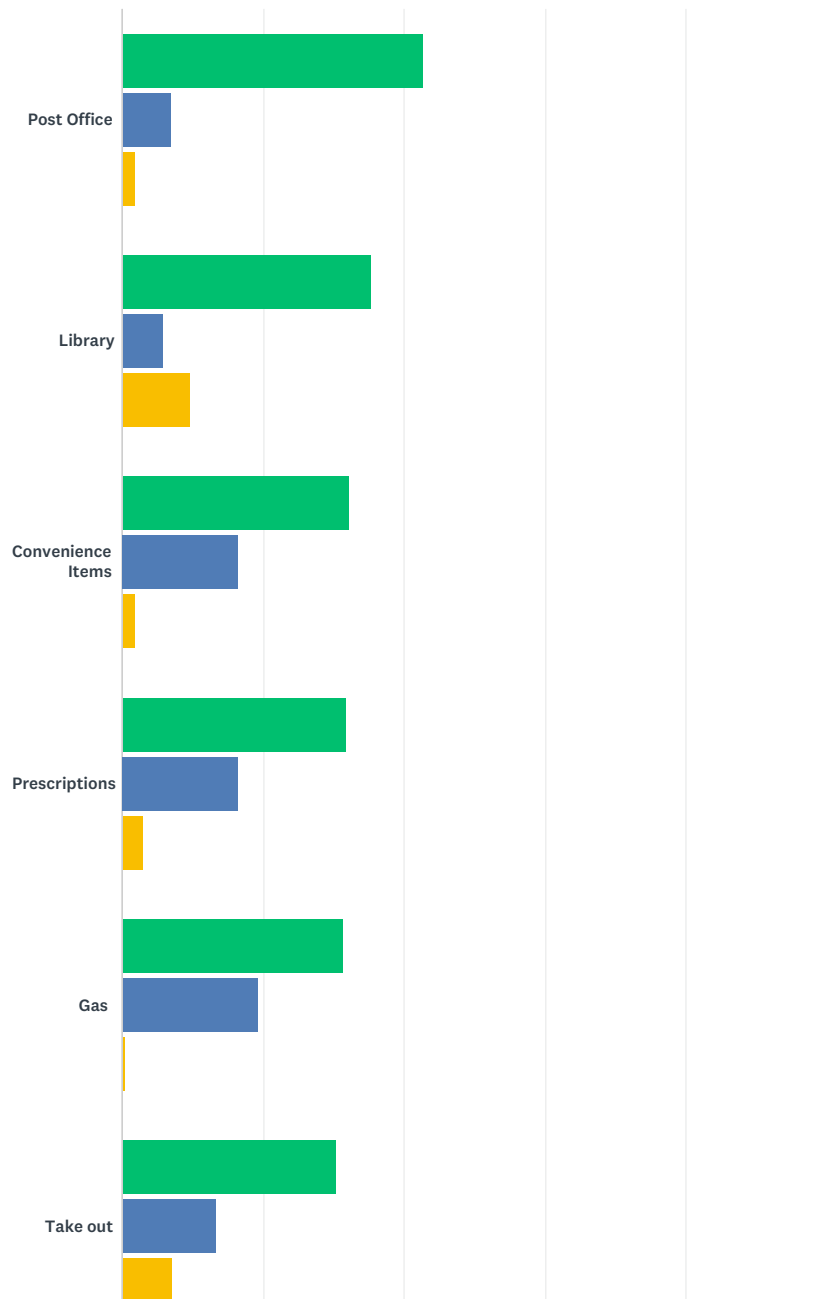
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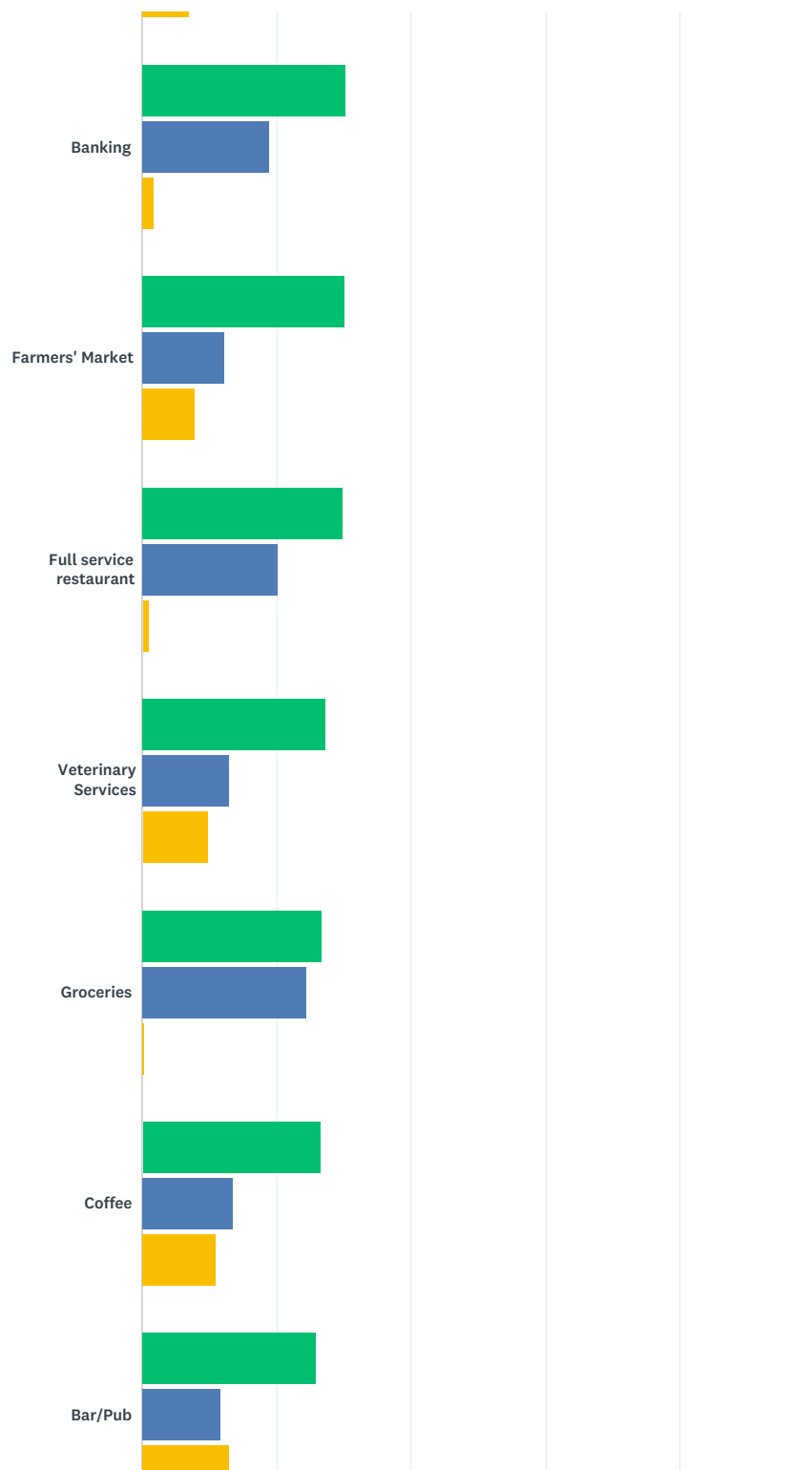
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41	New businesses? Depends on type. Crack down on littering and dumping like the pile of use lumber dumped on Stone Bridge (full of rusting nails). AaaThis seems to accepted practice	9/14/2017 10:19 AM
42	Should be limited to small businesses.	8/22/2017 7:07 PM
43	The town should partner with the Madison County Planning dept. and the CNY Regional Planning Board.	8/18/2017 9:06 AM
44	Stop making so many rules and regulations that keep new businesses coming	8/16/2017 3:38 PM
45	opportunities exist in the craft beer business that could be exploited with farmers (barley, hops, etc.)	8/6/2017 7:28 AM

Q16 Indicate where you or members of your household PRIMARILY purchase the following items or services, i.e. whether in the Nelson-Fenner-Cazenovia area or outside of this area.

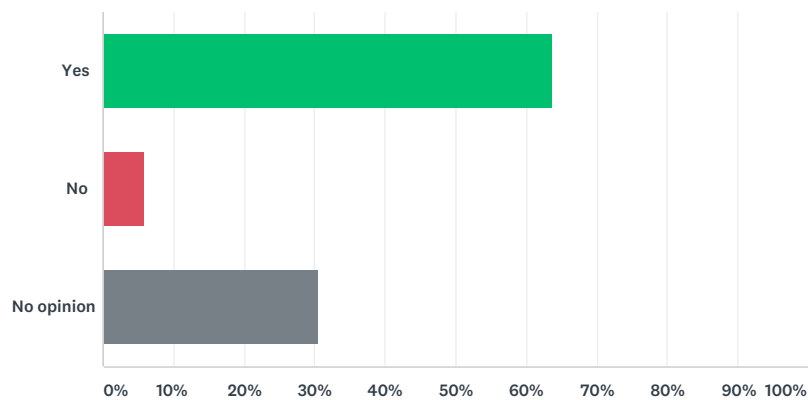
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Q46 Are you satisfied with ambulance services in the Town of Nelson?

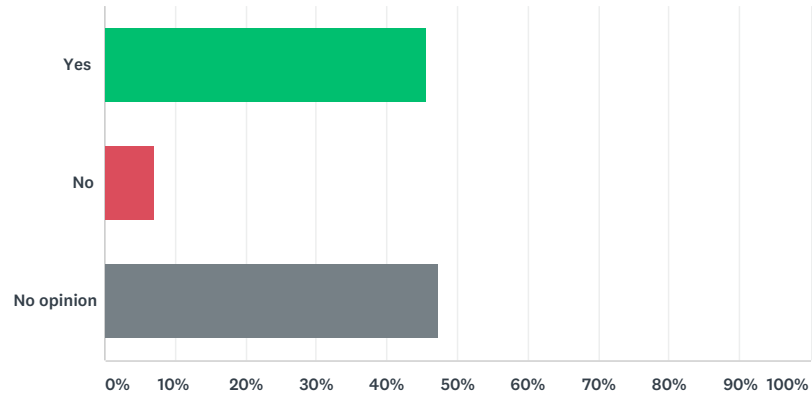
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.60%	152
No	5.86%	14
No opinion	30.54%	73
TOTAL		239

Q47 Are you satisfied with public safety services in the Town of Nelson?

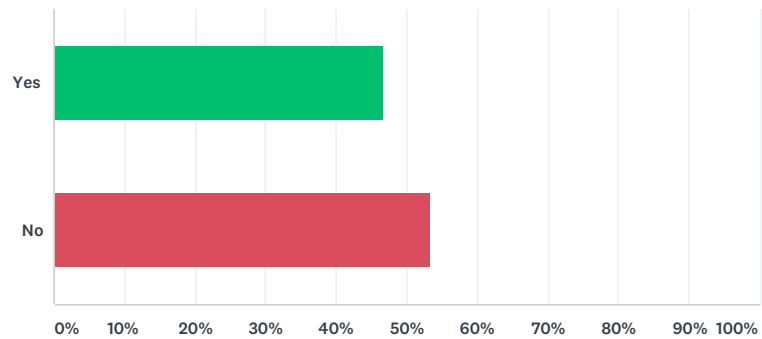
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.61%	109
No	7.11%	17
No opinion	47.28%	113
TOTAL		239

Q48 Does the Town of Nelson do a good job of communicating what programs are available, when meetings are held, agenda topics for meetings, etc.?

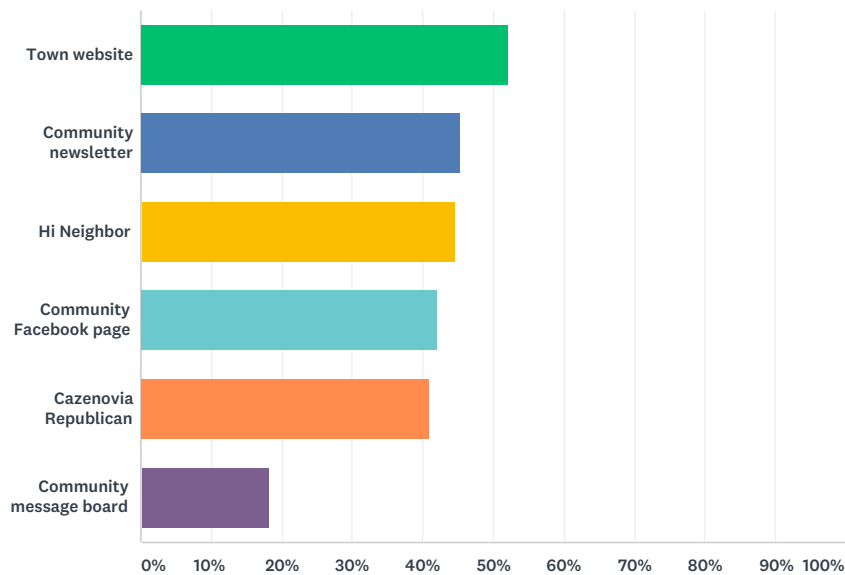
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.75%	108
No	53.25%	123
TOTAL		231

Q49 How would you prefer to get information regarding Town meetings, etc.? (select all that apply)

Answered: 236 Skipped: 56



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Town website		52.12%	123
Community newsletter		45.34%	107
Hi Neighbor		44.49%	105
Community Facebook page		41.95%	99
Cazenovia Republican		41.10%	97
Community message board		18.22%	43
Total Respondents: 236			

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	e-mail	10/30/2017 7:11 PM
2	Not the Caz Republican. Not accessible to regular humans.	10/25/2017 2:49 PM
3	MAILINGS	10/24/2017 12:37 PM
4	email	10/16/2017 3:49 PM

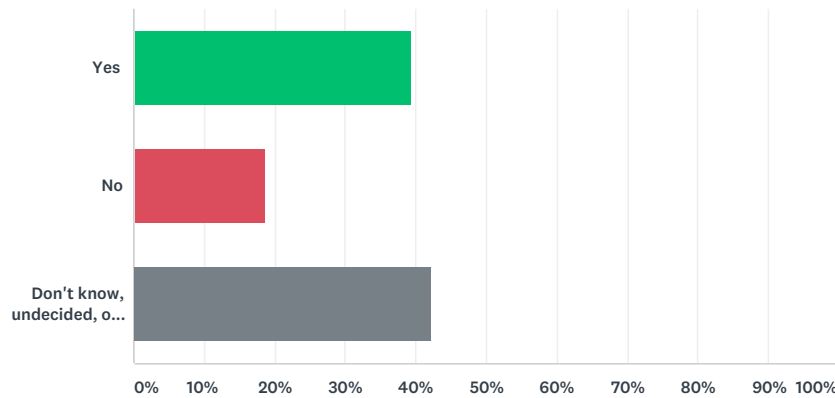
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5	Print media is too slow to learn about events. We need more proactive methods of sharing timely information, and I would like to see community wide texting or message boards to announce when the town is planning to do various maintenance activities like hacking down the trees on the side of the road. I'd like to see more proactive reaching out to the community instead of waiting for an old fashioned in person board meeting that not many people are able to attend for various reasons. You might consider hosting webinars that people could dial in to, a computer screen could be shared on the WebEx--there are a ton of communication tools out there that would connect us all better and faster. I'd like to know real time when there are prowlers going through cars in the area to be on the lookout for, for example. I don't want to wait to read about it in the Caz Republican or try to find that information buried in 10 pt text in the Hi Neighbor. Our method of communications needs to be greatly improved to attract the type of new business/talent you are seeking to improve these hamlets.	10/10/2017 1:38 PM
6	Email list	10/10/2017 1:14 PM
7	email	10/9/2017 8:34 PM
8	More social media and digital presence if possible	10/7/2017 11:19 PM
9	We only learned of the electric information being given at the very last minute in the Republican. Wished we had known sooner.	10/7/2017 4:34 PM
10	Update website, put a dog license form online please	10/7/2017 3:21 PM
11	email	10/2/2017 8:05 AM
12	Better, redesigned website	10/1/2017 6:31 PM
13	Subscribable emails/texts?	9/27/2017 9:10 PM
14	not a need to spend time and money on other messages to people when we have good local paper services.	9/20/2017 8:43 AM
15	Mailings, not everyone goes on the internet or goes to places to read a community board	9/19/2017 6:15 PM
16	e-mail distribution	9/18/2017 8:15 AM
17	really, the cazenovia republican	9/18/2017 8:04 AM
18	More up- to - date on meeting minutes, not waiting 3 - 6 months for them to be posted, have the agenda out 1 month prior to meeting.	9/18/2017 7:39 AM
19	If you do not have internet, or take time to read the Republican or Hi Neighbor there is no other way to know other than word of mouth which usually happens after the event,	9/17/2017 12:22 PM
20	Caz Republican AND Town website AND a message board	9/16/2017 3:33 PM
21	email blast	9/15/2017 6:24 PM
22	Email	9/15/2017 5:56 PM
23	Consider developing a community email list so interested residents could receive periodic emails from town officials and boards.	8/18/2017 9:25 AM
24	Email distribution list	8/7/2017 9:30 AM
25	email direct to Town residents and other interested parties	8/6/2017 7:44 AM

Q50 The State of New York is encouraging municipalities to consider sharing services or merging to save money. Should the Town of Nelson investigate sharing services or merging with a neighboring town?

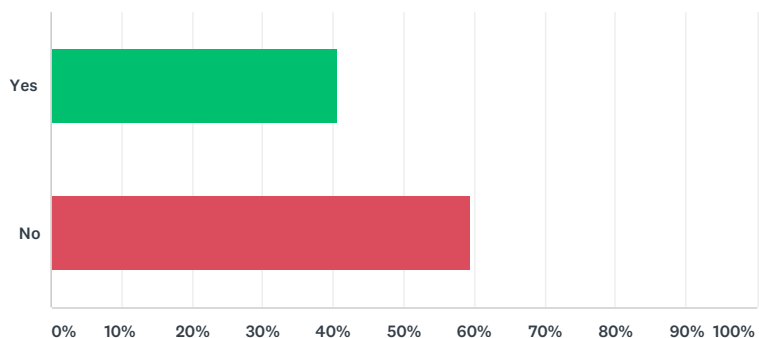
Answered: 237 Skipped: 55



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.24%	93
No	18.57%	44
Don't know, undecided, or need more information	42.19%	100
TOTAL		237

Q51 Do you use the Town website?

Answered: 236 Skipped: 56



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.68%	96
No	59.32%	140
TOTAL		236

Q52 Please write any comments you have about the topics listed above or Town Government in general.

Answered: 61 Skipped: 231

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	even though I do not know anybody in our town government when I have gone to meetings I feel welcome and the town clerk is very nice	11/6/2017 4:09 PM
2	Very satisfied	10/31/2017 8:23 PM
3	To one dimensional	10/31/2017 6:46 PM
4	as someone who has attended town board meetings while Richard Williams was Supervisor and now with Supervisor Bradstreet Mr. Williams ran a meeting much better than what we see now. Everyone asks why the meetings are so long.	10/31/2017 5:59 PM
5	Shared services between towns are a good thing. How ever merging with other town i dont feel would save money only take away our identity.	10/27/2017 7:29 PM
6	the town board needs to do a much better job as a whole taking care of the concerns of the residents and do the the job they are elected or appointed for and stop making excuses	10/25/2017 11:42 AM
7	When I have looked at the Town website; I have found it confusing... too much information presented in a dis-organizied fashion	10/24/2017 10:14 AM
8	none	10/24/2017 9:07 AM
9	Types of business'es allowed in residential areas.	10/23/2017 10:26 AM
10	Should reassess the speed zones in residential areas.	10/18/2017 11:42 AM
11	I wish I knew more	10/16/2017 3:49 PM
12	Consolidation, elimination, reduction of taxes must be the highest priorities.	10/15/2017 8:16 PM
13	It takes too long to get decisions from the zoning board or to have them even call back. Then when they actually do meet, they can't make decisions because sometimes they do not have quorum. It makes planning a project very difficult. Again, I'd like to see much more proactive meeting arrangements--have a remote WebEx or other similar meeting where you can get the buyin and attendance needed to make timely decisions and communicate them.	10/10/2017 1:38 PM
14	I had no idea there was a town website. I tried to find it using google and couldn't find it.	10/9/2017 8:34 PM
15	Local Code in reference to Mobile Homes must be better enforced	10/9/2017 1:34 PM
16	I get aggravated when roads are slow to be repaired in the outlying areas, yet certain businesses are given funding and town monies to create a better business accumen. Take care of your year round residents and access to them.	10/9/2017 9:26 AM
17	code enforcers hours are ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. he can never be reached and projects are delayed waiting for some response from him.	10/9/2017 6:11 AM
18	Haven't used the website but will, do not want cell towers or gas pipelines, will shop more locally now that I see my list could be longer on that, no option given to say we have MORE snowplowing than we need, apparently they are trying to make sure there aren't budget cuts for the next year, plowing when there's no or very little snow is a waste but I see it	10/7/2017 3:45 PM
19	Snowplow drivers need to more aware of roadway shoulders around Tuscarora Lake, last winter I lost over a foot of my embankment to snow plowing	10/7/2017 11:56 AM
20	Thanks for surveying	10/7/2017 6:55 AM
21	Nice town!	10/6/2017 10:37 PM

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22	I am u happy with people building "sheds" and using them for housing and related septic issues. I'd like to see guided walks in our many public lands. It seems that renovated homes on Eatonbrook Res. expand on the original footprint (and thus close to the water) but do not adequately update septic service. Also, the number of vehicles parked at the pibloc launch is often excessive, as is the speed at which the vehicles drive lakeside along Eatonbrook Road.	10/6/2017 9:39 PM
23	It would be nice to have interconnecting hiking/mountain biking trails, similar to how there are miles and miles of snowmobile trails	10/2/2017 7:22 PM
24	website is not user-friendly and not always updated	10/2/2017 7:17 AM
25	This survey is a good start, but I have lived in Erieville my entire life (with college as an exception) and the local government has never been concerned with the individuals they represent.	10/1/2017 6:31 PM
26	Look at consortial purchasing between towns, and working together to share equipment and labor for large jobs. 2 questions up, Sharing and Merging are 2 very different methods, and should be presented as 2 separate questions. Share - yes. Merge - no. Several questions back you put quiet human powered activities like hiking and skiing into the same choice as noisy motorized activities. Again, 2 entirely different things and should have been asked as 2 separate questions.	9/28/2017 7:54 PM
27	It would be nice to have an easier/more formal way to get in touch with town officials. Many have limited hours, which is understandable, but it sometimes feels intrusive to just call them up or email them at home. Maybe I just need to get comfortable with it. :)	9/27/2017 9:10 PM
28	I need to become involved.	9/27/2017 4:21 PM
29	na	9/21/2017 4:39 PM
30	None	9/21/2017 8:31 AM
31	Meeting minutes not posted in a timely manner.	9/20/2017 1:25 PM
32	Eliminate all town government boards except town board it only adds expences and misery to home owners living under the threat of new abusive zoning laws. and these answers and questions should all be posted and available to nelson residents.	9/20/2017 8:43 AM
33	highly satisfied overall, with the exception of highway/roadway maintenance policy	9/20/2017 7:48 AM
34	Like others, I believe there is too much government, more government, more money, less for the people. Topics should include how to limit what government controls and more power to the people. People pay land taxes, so their land should be just that their land. For somethings yes, there should be checks and balances like for the saftey of our water and air pollution and land pollution. but somethings government takes too much control over and only hurts the community. Things that can be offered are rain barrels, incentives to improve your home (some people don't improve their homes because their taxes will go up and people can not afford that) look into ways to improve the land (less pesticides) ways to make our community safe, safe from bad water, air. Better quality of living for all	9/19/2017 6:15 PM
35	Don't let Cazenovia push Nelson. Say no to forcing their water project on the people of Nelson who do not need it.	9/18/2017 8:04 AM
36	Keep the website up to date. Put new information out regularly, i.e. monthly minutes, board minutes etc.	9/18/2017 7:57 AM
37	Town clerk is unresponsive	9/17/2017 7:09 PM
38	N/a	9/17/2017 5:21 PM
39	The Town Clerk promised hours that would allow accessibility to the working population - this never happened. The TC should also have to run for office each time, not assume she is locked into the position. Also, resumes should be submitted when applying to run for town offices to determine qualification for the position, the Heritage Society does a great job and attendance to events should be encouraged. Cemeteries need repair and grants or funding to make that happen. They are sacred and a recording of history.	9/17/2017 12:22 PM
40	The town supervisor is unresponsive, have sent two emails over the years and he never acknowledged them, have neighbors who have left him messages and they went days and days without hearing back from him	9/17/2017 10:42 AM
41	highway department needs to be more responsive with road repair	9/17/2017 10:00 AM
42	Lower our property taxes! They are going to force us to move if increase continue!	9/16/2017 6:25 PM

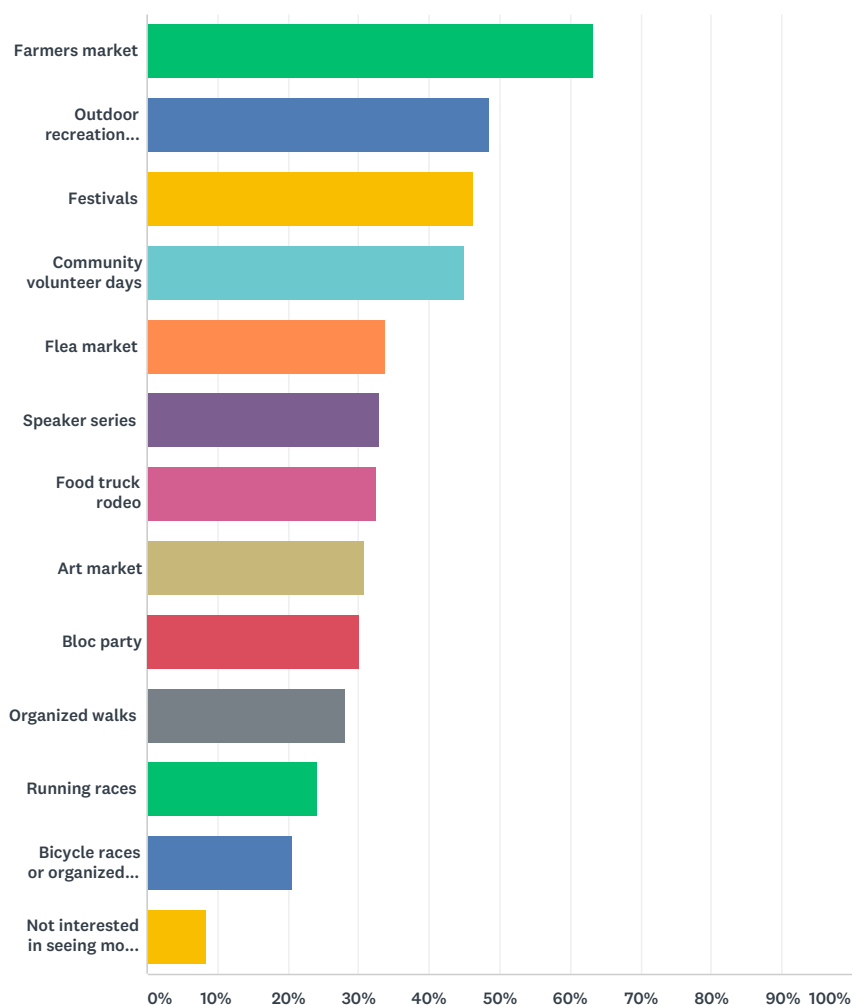
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43	It's never up to date	9/16/2017 4:19 PM
44	WE need a carwash business in the Caz/Nelson area	9/16/2017 3:33 PM
45	getting water to each house, is important	9/16/2017 9:49 AM
46	We already share services with other towns, the county and the school district. Possibly more shared purchases, along the lines of " state contract" or consolidated insurance, benefits and materials.	9/15/2017 6:41 PM
47	Lots of tasks need doing but the Town is held back by a lack of funds. More effective pursuit of grants might help address this issue.	9/15/2017 3:11 PM
48	regarding sharing services, investigating opportunities makes sense however the study would need to indicate significant savings with equal or improved services before agreeing to consolidation	9/15/2017 6:44 AM
49	Didn't know there was a Town Website.	9/14/2017 4:46 PM
50	Middle and last page of the survey was missing	9/14/2017 1:24 PM
51	As a part-time resident I have received very little information.	9/9/2017 3:48 PM
52	It would be nice to go back to the days where you owned your property and others didn't tell you what you could do with it.	9/8/2017 8:26 PM
53	It is never up to date	9/8/2017 10:02 AM
54	Website is frequently out of date as to meeting schedules. It should be maintained.	8/28/2017 8:32 PM
55	Town clerk is friendly and knowledgeable.	8/27/2017 9:09 AM
56	Please retain the rural aura of the Town of Nelson. Has served many years without becoming Cazenovia	8/16/2017 3:48 PM
57	information made available by written material, as opposed to internet.	8/16/2017 3:03 PM
58	36-Told a NYS speed limit couldn't be questioned. 39-Not enforced uniformly. 50- Share services, don't merge. 51- Not kept up to date.	8/12/2017 7:34 PM
59	The minutes of Town meetings should be put on the website ASAP after the particular meeting. (or, at least a summary of topics discussed) I don't think that they (minutes) have to be approved before they are made public. As it is now, the minutes are old news (2 months) before they can be viewed. Also, looking at the website today, it has a zoning map from 2011. I think that your web person puts info on the website as it is sent to him. But, apparently, he is not sent much of anything.	8/8/2017 2:50 PM
60	website stinks	8/8/2017 10:11 AM
61	This sounds like Nelson wants to become a big league player, don't ruin a good thing	8/7/2017 9:30 AM

Q53 What type of community events do you want to see more of in the Town of Nelson? (select all that apply)

Answered: 225 Skipped: 67



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farmers market	63.11%	142
Outdoor recreation events	48.44%	109
Festivals	46.22%	104
Community volunteer days	44.89%	101
Flea market	33.78%	76

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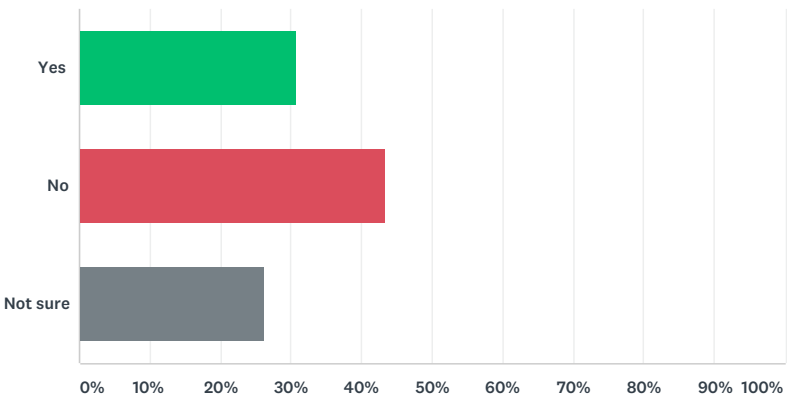
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Speaker series	32.89%	74
Food truck rodeo	32.44%	73
Art market	30.67%	69
Bloc party	30.22%	68
Organized walks	28.00%	63
Running races	24.00%	54
Bicycle races or organized rides	20.44%	46
Not interested in seeing more community events	8.44%	19
Total Respondents: 225		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	How about "Interesting Places" Tour like the Caz Art Trail, Farms, Equestrian Places, Historical Spots, Ending in Nelson Corners at the new tasting room or the Odeon for a tasting or buffet	11/6/2017 4:14 PM
2	Road cleanup and town trash day to clean the environment up	10/25/2017 11:53 AM
3	Christmas tree lighting	10/20/2017 2:06 PM
4	Vendor shows	10/11/2017 10:38 AM
5	events that attract families and have fun things for kids	10/7/2017 11:58 AM
6	these are great ideas!	10/2/2017 7:19 AM
7	Live music	10/1/2017 6:34 PM
8	Historic tours, garden tours. Maybe Odeon could have outdoor show?	9/27/2017 9:19 PM
9	Encourage ice fishing Derby; and similar hunting / fishing competitions/tournaments. I would participate in regular volunteer days at the Erieville cemetery.	9/25/2017 6:10 PM
10	These activities should be put together by private parties not government and not require a permit to hold an event.	9/20/2017 8:50 AM
11	reinstate the 'free dumpster' community cleanup day in April - that was a huge success which vanished unexplained	9/20/2017 7:51 AM
12	survey to long	9/18/2017 7:12 PM
13	All of the above.	9/17/2017 5:23 PM
14	promotion of local merchants, locally made products (no foreign products - strictly made in the Town of Nelson products) and farm/agriculture products, if even for a weekend event. Music events.	9/17/2017 12:26 PM
15	Meet and greets with town officials to get to know one another and discuss concerns as well as possible solutions.	8/27/2017 2:19 PM
16	Nelson's BIG day is growing in popularity.	8/16/2017 6:09 PM
17	I don't know what the above is, but it sounds intriguing.	8/8/2017 2:53 PM
18	dsfbs	8/8/2017 10:12 AM
19	Working with volunteers student on community projects, such as repainting houses, cutting grass, weeding gardens, snowblowing, etc, for residents who are no longer able to take care of their property or who need a hand.	8/6/2017 4:31 PM

Q54 Do you feel that there are adequate opportunities and locations within the Town of Nelson to meet and interact with neighbors and other community members?

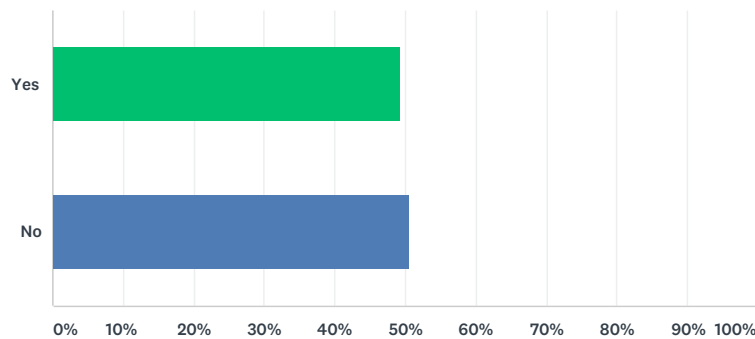
Answered: 238 Skipped: 54



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.67%	73
No	43.28%	103
Not sure	26.05%	62
TOTAL		238

Q55 Do you feel that there should be more civic groups (such as Lions Club, garden club. etc.) in the Town of Nelson?

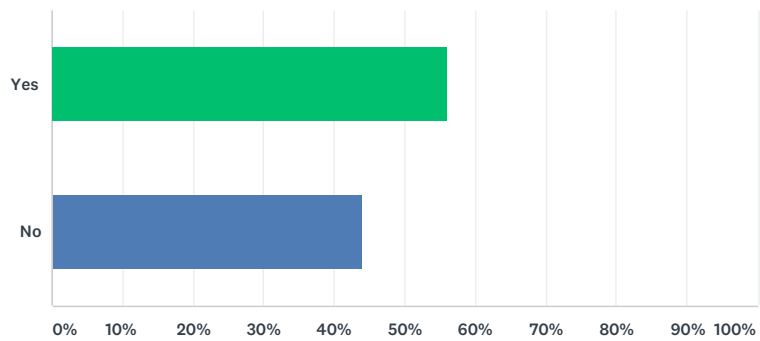
Answered: 229 Skipped: 63



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.34%	113
No	50.66%	116
TOTAL		229

Q56 Would more opportunities to volunteer in the Town of Nelson interest you?

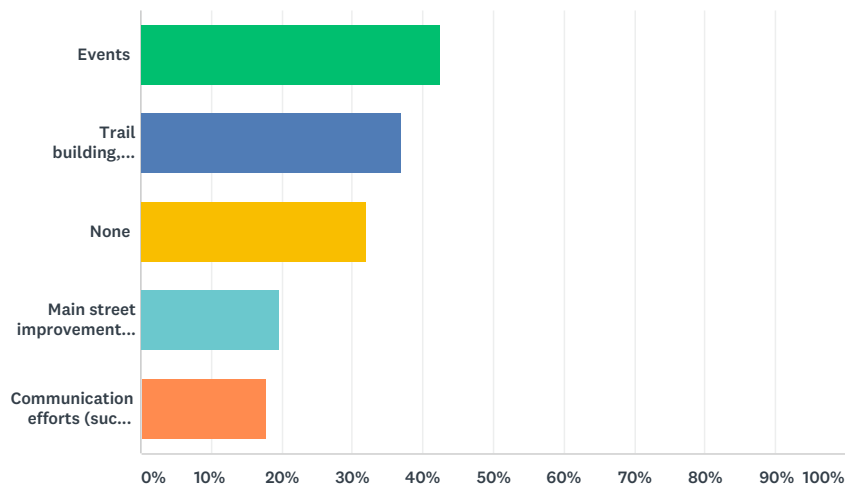
Answered: 228 Skipped: 64



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.14%	128
No	43.86%	100
TOTAL		228

Q57 What types of community projects would you be most likely to volunteer for? (select all that apply)

Answered: 219 Skipped: 73



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Events	42.47%	93
Trail building, maintenance and activities	36.99%	81
None	31.96%	70
Main street improvement activities	19.63%	43
Communication efforts (such as maintaining a facebook page or newsletter)	17.81%	39
Total Respondents: 219		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Artsy things, I know a place called the Painted Town where all the building are painted in interested colors and the shutters all have designs. People come from miles around to visit and then eat or drink. Statues of Horses. Cows, Paint Brushesalong Route 20. Each painted with interesting designs.	11/6/2017 4:14 PM
2	Nelson and Welch Churches	10/30/2017 7:52 PM
3	Have the Methodist Church be involved in conjunction with community groups	10/30/2017 6:20 PM
4	Not able to become involved as a volunteer	10/28/2017 7:46 PM
5	clean-up along roads on Earth Day	10/16/2017 3:51 PM
6	assistance for the elderly/homebound	10/9/2017 6:13 AM
7	I know what I will volunteer for when I get to retire, long hours now make it impossible	10/7/2017 3:47 PM
8	Cemetery maintenance; road litter collection	9/25/2017 6:10 PM
9	volunteer to keep the Town from being a lawmaker that creates law breakers from terrible, unlawful, prejudicial in design unconstitutional zoning laws.	9/20/2017 8:50 AM

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10	do not have mobility,wheelchair bound	9/16/2017 7:10 PM
11	Am a summertime resident	8/27/2017 4:01 PM
12	History talks, cemetery walks, etc.	8/27/2017 2:19 PM
13	#55 ...Lions, Rotary....leave to Caz critical mass. We can join them. Garden club, etc very good idea.	8/16/2017 6:09 PM
14	I already volunteer for five activities in the town	8/6/2017 4:31 PM
15	Adopt-a-highway program is a good event	8/6/2017 7:47 AM

Q59 Do you have any other comments about this survey or the Town of Nelson in general?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 216

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The other thing I notice is that I feel I will never be completely integrated here because so many folks have lived here for many many generations and everybody knows everyone. So some kind of getting to know you or Welcome Wagon would be nice spear headed by the old timers.	11/6/2017 4:16 PM
2	Better than I thought. Just leave the town mostly alone!	10/31/2017 7:11 PM
3	I think the court clerks should have specific days and times they are available to assist those with court issues. As I understand they currently do not have set days or times.	10/31/2017 6:03 PM
4	We have great volunteers on our government boards - they're appreciated, but it's probably not shown enough	10/30/2017 6:21 PM
5	Realtor listings have Tuscarora Lake, Eatonbrook reservoir and Erieville properties as Nelson, NY. Clients will not come to Erieville because of the reputation for poor housing conditions.	10/30/2017 3:36 PM
6	I am grateful you have done this, and apologize for taking so long to complete it. Thank you kindly!!!	10/25/2017 2:51 PM
7	Great idea-Thanks	10/25/2017 11:54 AM
8	i hope this survey tell our leaders its time things change for the good of the town of nelson	10/25/2017 11:46 AM
9	GETTING THROUGH TOWN TAKES ENTIRELY TOO LONG WE DONT HAVE THE ROADS TO ACCOMADATE MORE BUSINESSES	10/24/2017 12:40 PM
10	Generally I think it is a very pleasant place to live with good people for neighbors.	10/24/2017 9:10 AM
11	Hope it helps!	10/23/2017 11:43 AM
12	I don't believe a gun and archery shop with a rifle range and field target range should be in the middle of a residential area. How did that zoning get passed??	10/23/2017 10:30 AM
13	No	10/20/2017 2:07 PM
14	Nice to see this happening. I look forward to hearing more.	10/16/2017 3:51 PM
15	We love Nelson. We don't need a lot of changes but if we could increase the tax base we could offer more events and services and take better care of the roads.	10/14/2017 10:17 AM
16	Look forward to the changes and happy to be included!	10/13/2017 7:44 AM
17	None	10/12/2017 5:42 PM
18	I have lived here most of my life and watched the changes. It is nothing like before. I hope it stays here and gets better!	10/11/2017 7:09 AM
19	Great initiative, very glad to see this survey. I hope there is a plan to improve communications both cell/internet options in the town as well as board meeting information out to the community. Keeping hard copy notes and only disseminating them monthly in their current form is not very useful especially if you are working full time and have competing demands for your time. A push out to the community instead of relying on people going to pull the information from a website or Facebook page might be useful--establish an email distribution list or group text for those interested in signing up.	10/10/2017 1:46 PM
20	Survey seems nicely done and hopefully very useful. I only heard about this through informal communications though, I hope many people receive it.	10/10/2017 1:16 PM
21	We are happy residents, and we see potential for much more positive growth in the future.	10/10/2017 12:18 PM
22	I appreciate the town taking the time to make this modern, online survey.	10/9/2017 8:36 PM

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23	The speed limit on Nelson Road bothers me. I live on Nelson Rd just outside of a speed limit change and people speed pay me all the time as I'm turning into my driveway or to pass someone going too slow when the painted lines change.	10/9/2017 8:06 PM
24	Using taxpayer money to bring water lines in the hamlet is not necessarily beneficial to all members of the community. It will force those that are satisfied with their wells to use the water lines. It will force businesses that do not need the water lines to use and pay for that service they do not need. I am opposed to forcing the installment of water lines to help the few. In the long run, I see my taxes going up to fund a service I will not benefit from. FIX OUR ROADS instead.	10/9/2017 9:32 AM
25	The town board needs to realize that the hamlets in the town are not and do not want to be like Cazenovia. We live where we live because this is the way we like it.	10/9/2017 9:00 AM
26	I know taxes are a grumble for most people. Having CLEAR guidelines/rules could help more people stay. I myself may not be able to stay because of my property taxes but have been afraid to seek exemptions for fear they will increase, not decrease. Lots of people love it here but can't compete with those who have lots of money and qualify for more money!	10/9/2017 6:16 AM
27	I think our officials are doing a great job of trying to improve Nelson while keeping it rural and maintain its charm. Let's clean up the route 20 Nelson Corners area. The business owners and landlords of the run down buildings need to take some responsibility for their property.	10/8/2017 8:40 PM
28	I hope the comments and recommendations provided through the survey are taken seriously by its readers.	10/7/2017 11:58 AM
29	Great idea! Need more coordination between lake associations to ensure water quality and related property values are maximized. Otherwise if lakes are hurt, property and local attraction is reduced and business and tax base suffers.	10/7/2017 12:10 AM
30	Very comprehensive survey. Great idea.	10/6/2017 9:42 PM
31	No	10/6/2017 8:37 PM
32	glad to have input; looking forward to Nelson's growth and improvements!	10/2/2017 7:19 AM
33	I appreciate the Town of Nelson putting together this sort of survey to gather accurate information on what is important to its community members.	9/29/2017 5:51 PM
34	This is a well designed survey.	9/28/2017 7:57 PM
35	SurveyMonkey comment/text fields are terribly implemented, you can't go back and select text to edit/add. That said, survey needed lots more comment areas. Also, many questions could have used more choices, like five instead of two or three. There is not a lot of room for nuance when you only have 'yes' or 'no'. I love the town, though. I hope the survey helps make it even better, and I hope I can help in some way.	9/27/2017 9:28 PM
36	Worthwhile.	9/27/2017 4:28 PM
37	Keep the town as is, it is great the way it is. Keep the rural flavor alive	9/27/2017 10:03 AM
38	Appreciate the opportunity to give input. As newer resident with overwhelming family responsibilities at this time, cannot do much volunteering but would in future.	9/26/2017 4:13 PM
39	survey a bit too long	9/25/2017 6:11 PM
40	no	9/21/2017 4:40 PM
41	This survey appears to be an excuse for more abusive zoning laws to be implemented a demonstrates the fact that the town wants to be involved in business that should be left to the free market and not implemented at taxpayers expense. Add this question should the Town of Nelson eliminate unconstitutional zoning laws and let the free market determine the towns future instead of unqualified board members with very little if any expertise in the areas mentioned in this survey that creates the need to hire attorneys, engineers and other consultants. Publish in the paper how much the town spends every year on these experts for paid advise. What does Jim Stokes get per hour etc.	9/20/2017 8:58 AM
42	Thank you for providing the opportunity for public input. I look forward to seeing certain specific elements of Town policy actually be benchmarked with the Comprehensive Plan. In my view, much of the well-thought orig plan has been collecting dust in the context of being used as the guidance document for decision making. "Be the plan."	9/20/2017 7:53 AM
43	no	9/19/2017 12:23 PM

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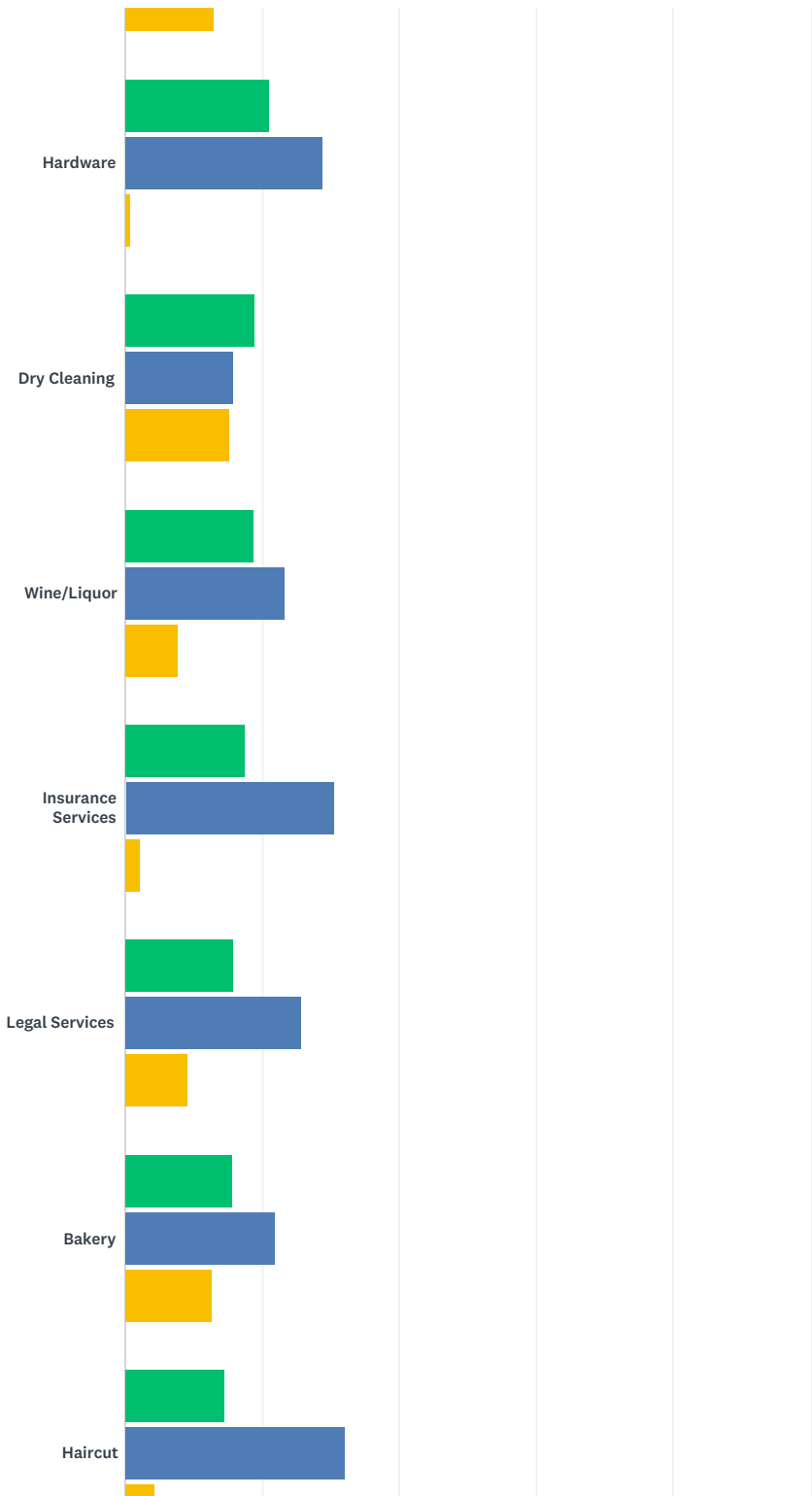
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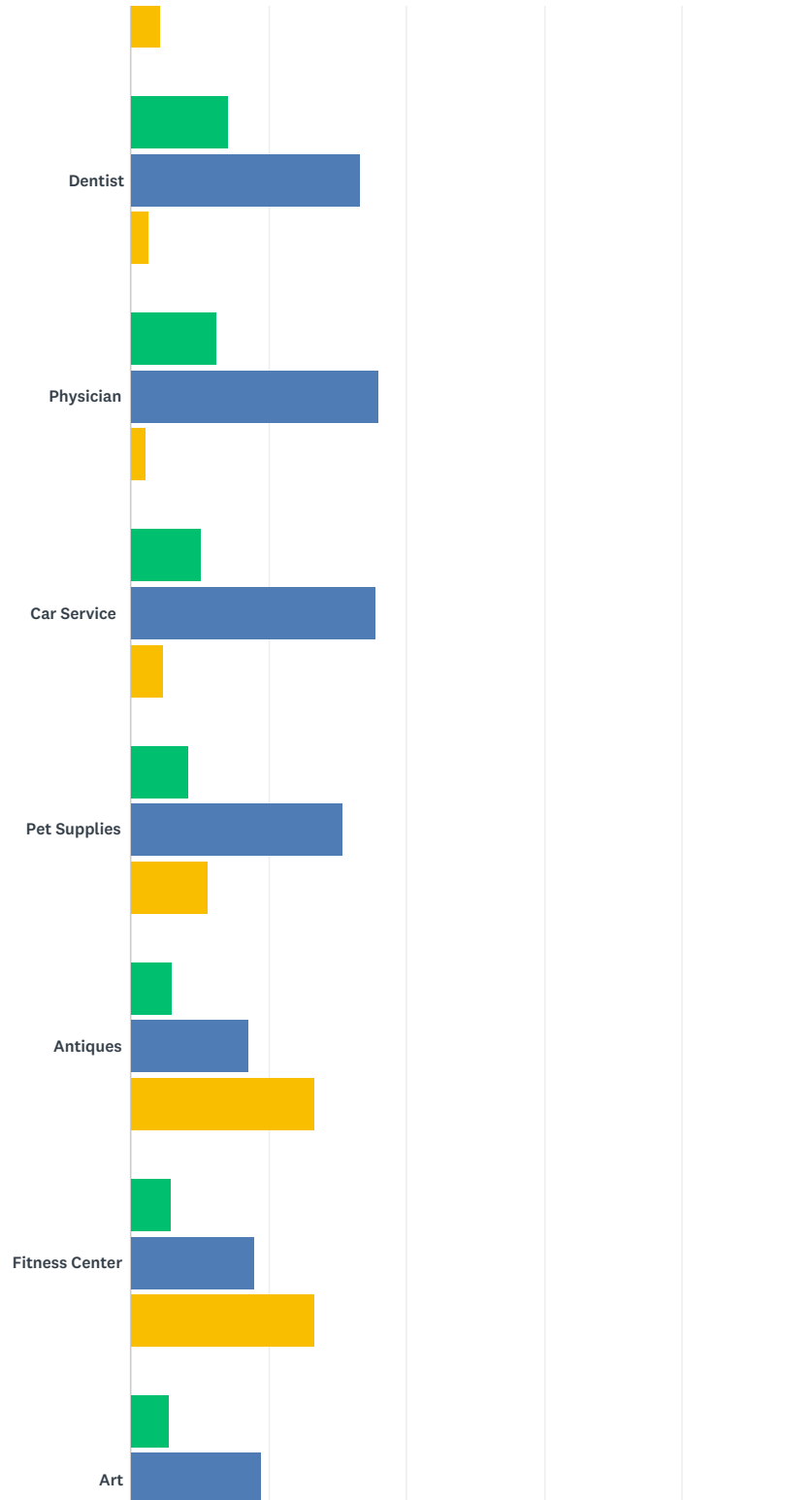
44	Survey to long rather redundant at times	9/18/2017 7:12 PM
45	keep the water from cazenovia out of nelson	9/18/2017 8:05 AM
46	I was involved in writing a comprehensive plan for the Village of Wampsville, and am happy to see Nelson moving forward with it! We have a strong neighborhood and this Hamlet of Nelson (Nelson Corners) has so much potential!	9/18/2017 7:59 AM
47	Improve opportunities for renewable energy- energy efficiency. OMEC is really behind the times.	9/17/2017 7:11 PM
48	Great survey platform and great questions. Nelson is a great place to live.	9/17/2017 6:13 PM
49	I was not aware of the Town of Nelson website, so will check it out. This is a great place to live, but there is always room for improvement. Thank you!	9/17/2017 5:41 PM
50	I Would like to see results posted	9/17/2017 5:24 PM
51	Please do high quality and truly differentiate us from others or don't do it at all..another mediocre town on historic route 20 is the last thing anyone wants or needs or will support.	9/17/2017 10:46 AM
52	I think erieville hamlet needs more attention with the village than nelson . we need a cell tower	9/17/2017 10:03 AM
53	Until New York gets a handle on oppressive taxes there is more chance of a 747 landing on rt 20 than spurring true economic growth	9/16/2017 7:51 PM
54	NO public access to Tuscarora Lake - EVER! Please fix flooding issues from Funk Road that drains into my brand new remodeled home.	9/16/2017 4:21 PM
55	good survey	9/16/2017 3:35 PM
56	Spend some money on the town it's worth it	9/16/2017 2:24 PM
57	Like i said, the water is my main concern	9/16/2017 9:51 AM
58	Glad someone asked!	9/15/2017 8:02 PM
59	...I forgot earlier..too many Deer !!!!!	9/15/2017 7:24 PM
60	I'm glad the town of Nelson is making strides towards community growth. We moved here two years ago and just had a baby who will grow up here. we have a vested interest in what's to come!	9/15/2017 6:45 PM
61	Thank you to the people who organized and developed this questionnaire and who are looking after the Town of Nelson.	9/15/2017 6:45 PM
62	No mention of the Erieville Nelson Herotage Society and its efforts to preserve the history of the Town of Nelson.	9/15/2017 8:37 AM
63	These questions will be answered differently depending on the age of the responder. Did you take age into account?	9/14/2017 5:42 PM
64	Don't try to make a silk purse of this sow's ear. Simple people of moderate (or less) income need a place to live. We are not Artsy, Equestrian, or Artisan. We are just working people in need of more and better job/business opportunities for the next generation. Don't out price our childrens' opportunities here.	9/14/2017 4:54 PM
65	We need a Nelson Euro bumper sticker for cars. Or "Nelson - where nothing happens. Let's keep it that way."	9/14/2017 10:42 AM
66	A lot of the selections were pretty broad. For instance about promoting types of businesses in the Town. One person's vision of a home business may not be their neighbor's vision.	9/11/2017 10:58 AM
67	I am torn between wanting peace and quiet in a beautiful countryside and the appropriate development of a community. It is not an easy task. It needs thoughtful consideration and the bringing together of like minded people-both the seasonal and the full time residents.	9/9/2017 3:54 PM
68	no	9/8/2017 8:27 PM
69	I feel the zoning laws put too much power in the hands of politics and not enough in the hands of the residents	9/8/2017 10:12 AM
70	Good idea to have a survey. I do purchase items in the Hamlet of Nelson and and Erieville.	8/27/2017 4:02 PM

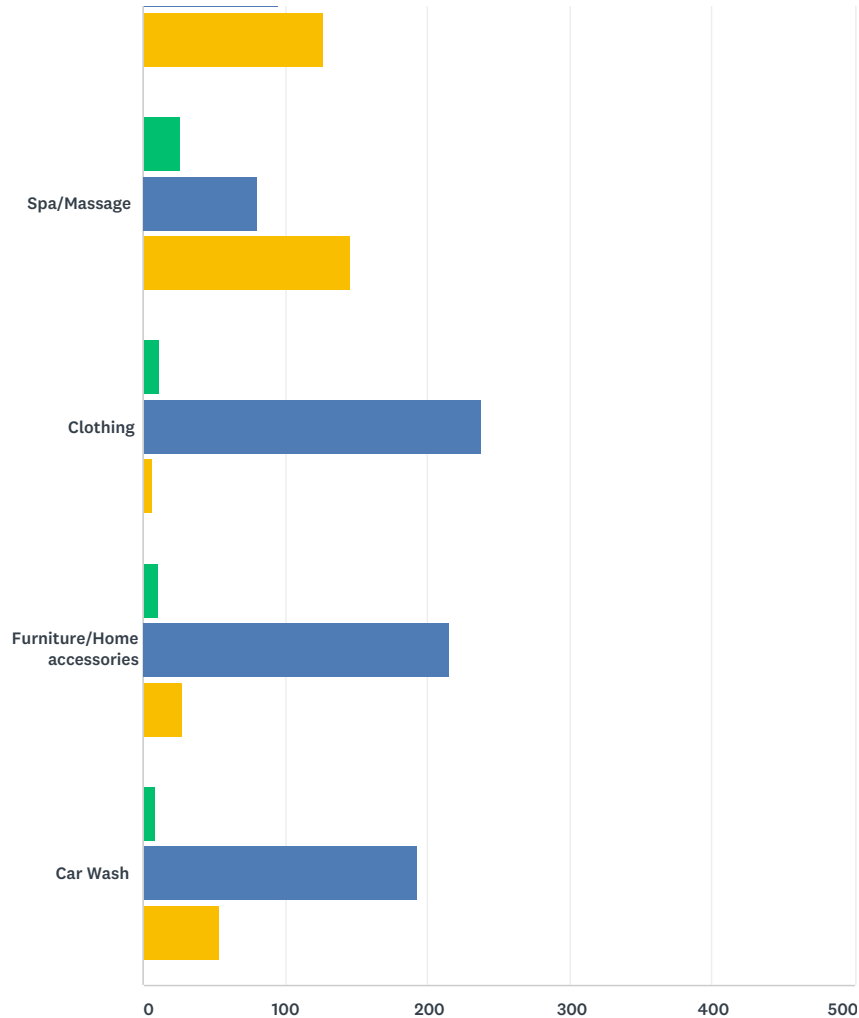
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71	Thanks to the government jurisdictions involved for extra signage and cross walk markings at Nelson Corners. Thanks also for putting up more visible road signs regarding speed limits and road conditions in Erieville. If the sheriff could begin to more routinely monitor and/or ticket motorists who are going above the speed limit on roads around the lake, that might help change driving habits.	8/27/2017 3:50 PM
72	The survey should give options for explanatory comments in more questions.	8/22/2017 7:37 PM
73	no	8/16/2017 3:06 PM
74	By and large I am happy to be living here. Thanks for providing this survey. I hope you get a good response. One small item though, because of that "capital letter sensitive " thing. (that's a programming glitch) I think maybe a lot of people won't get it. Maybe you could put a notice in the Hi Neighbor telling folks how to do the survey on-line or get a printed copy to fill out. Good luck.	8/8/2017 2:59 PM
75	The people that developed this survey did a great job!	8/6/2017 7:44 PM
76	I think the survey should have included ages of members of the household in the demographics.	8/6/2017 4:33 PM







■ Primarily purchase in Nelson-Fenner-Cazenovia area
■ Primarily purchase outside of the area ■ N/A

	PRIMARILY PURCHASE IN NELSON-FENNER-CAZENOVIA AREA	PRIMARILY PURCHASE OUTSIDE OF THE AREA	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Post Office	82.88% 213	13.62% 35	3.50% 9	257	1.86
Library	69.69% 177	11.42% 29	18.90% 48	254	1.86
Convenience Items	63.64% 161	32.81% 83	3.56% 9	253	1.66
Prescriptions	61.87% 159	32.30% 83	5.84% 15	257	1.66
Gas	61.57% 157	37.65% 96	0.78% 2	255	1.62

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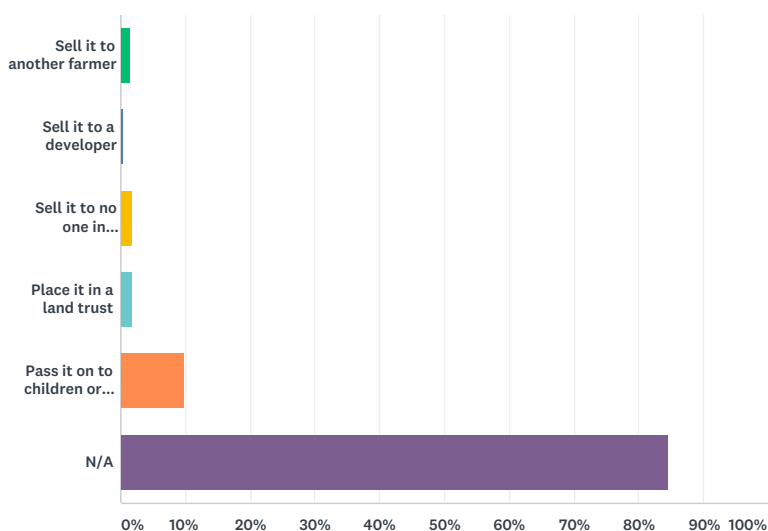
Take out	59.61% 152	26.27% 67	14.12% 36	255	1.69
Banking	59.38% 152	37.11% 95	3.52% 9	256	1.62
Farmers' Market	59.68% 151	24.51% 62	15.81% 40	253	1.71
Full service restaurant	58.59% 150	39.45% 101	1.95% 5	256	1.60
Veterinary Services	54.58% 137	25.90% 65	19.52% 49	251	1.68
Groceries	51.94% 134	47.29% 122	0.78% 2	258	1.52
Coffee	51.95% 133	26.56% 68	21.48% 55	256	1.66
Bar/Pub	51.18% 130	23.23% 59	25.59% 65	254	1.69
Hardware	41.73% 106	56.69% 144	1.57% 4	254	1.42
Dry Cleaning	38.00% 95	31.60% 79	30.40% 76	250	1.55
Wine/Liquor	37.60% 94	46.80% 117	15.60% 39	250	1.45
Insurance Services	34.78% 88	60.47% 153	4.74% 12	253	1.37
Legal Services	31.10% 79	50.79% 129	18.11% 46	254	1.38
Bakery	30.95% 78	43.65% 110	25.40% 64	252	1.41
Haircut	28.52% 73	62.89% 161	8.59% 22	256	1.31
Dentist	28.29% 71	66.14% 166	5.58% 14	251	1.30
Physician	24.71% 63	70.59% 180	4.71% 12	255	1.26
Car Service	20.16% 51	70.36% 178	9.49% 24	253	1.22
Pet Supplies	16.60% 42	60.87% 154	22.53% 57	253	1.21
Antiques	12.00% 30	34.40% 86	53.60% 134	250	1.26
Fitness Center	11.46% 29	35.57% 90	52.96% 134	253	1.24
Art	11.20% 28	38.00% 95	50.80% 127	250	1.23
Spa/Massage	10.32% 26	32.14% 81	57.54% 145	252	1.24
Clothing	4.33% 11	93.31% 237	2.36% 6	254	1.04
Furniture/Home accessories	3.95% 10	85.38% 216	10.67% 27	253	1.04

Car Wash	3.16%	75.89%	20.95%		
	8	192	53	253	1.04

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	movies- out of town	11/6/2017 3:42 PM
2	A car wash is needed	10/30/2017 3:26 PM
3	You mean, "Nelson, Fenner, Caz and ERIEVIILLE", right? Kay's & Blue Canoe	10/11/2017 5:44 AM
4	You mean, "Nelson, Fenner, Caz and ERIEVIILLE", right? Kay's & Blue Canoe	10/11/2017 5:23 AM
5	Child care - outside of the immediate area	10/9/2017 7:57 PM
6	many things are MUCH more expensive in our town	10/9/2017 6:02 AM
7	We really do need a car wash!	10/8/2017 4:14 PM
8	Landscaping- out of area	10/6/2017 11:51 PM
9	The Internet provides what town doesn't. You can't change that	10/6/2017 11:22 PM
10	Bike Shop out of area	10/2/2017 7:49 AM
11	Stores in Cazenovia are not in reason, there is nothing in the town of Nelson, what is here is not acceptable to people who have food allergies, they are not accomidating, the hours are poor for people who do not work in the village and get home at later hours	9/19/2017 5:43 PM
12	Starbucks would be a nice addition to the area (with a drive thru), this area has very limited opportunities for retail that is affordable, also customer service is a huge factor with satisfaction	9/17/2017 11:45 AM
13	would love to have some type of gym and another restaurant and larger food store or liquor shop	9/17/2017 9:52 AM
14	You left out on-line activities	9/16/2017 5:13 PM
15	A choice allowing for an answer between totally (equal) within the area and outside the area would have changed some of my answers	9/16/2017 9:37 AM
16	45% of groceries at Tops/ 55% Wegmans	9/15/2017 7:34 PM
17	Would like some of these services in Nelson rather than having to go into Cazenovia.	9/15/2017 2:57 PM
18	Tree removal..N/F/C area. Floral needs..also Nelson.	9/14/2017 4:25 PM
19	Basically you are asking if we use these facilities in Caz. Other than the Blue Canoe restaurant, we don't find any of these facilities in Nelson or Fenner.	9/14/2017 10:19 AM
20	Kay's Country Store is a great asset and has added good services.	9/9/2017 3:36 PM
21	Cazenovia Library is second to none! A community treasure.	8/27/2017 8:53 AM
22	With the exception of the Country Store and (limited service PO) nothing available in hamlet of Erieville	8/16/2017 3:38 PM
23	We don't really have a gym for lifting in the area, that would be nice to see!	8/9/2017 3:28 PM
24	If it wasn't for including Cazenovia, which is 20 miles round trip from our home, in this question we would have to travel a lot further for MOST of the services.	8/6/2017 4:09 PM

Q17 If you are a farmer, what do you plan to do with your farm upon retirement?

Answered: 214 Skipped: 78

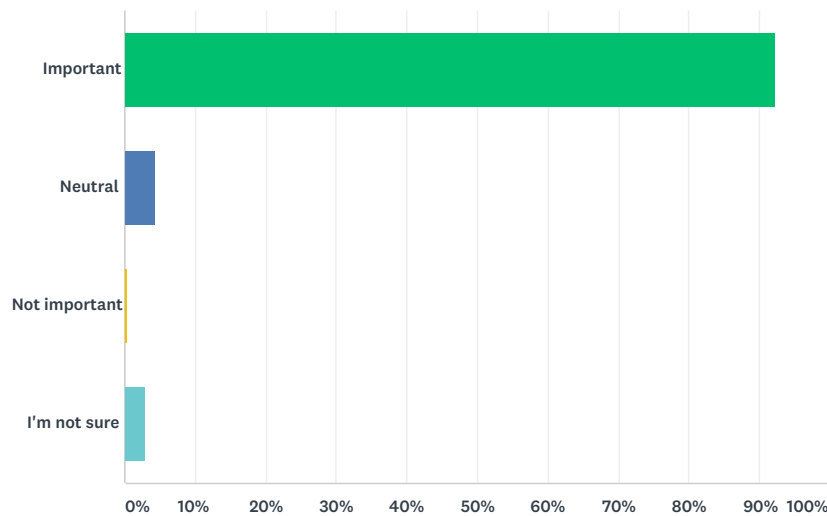


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Sell it to another farmer		1.40%	3
Sell it to a developer		0.47%	1
Sell it to no one in particular		1.87%	4
Place it in a land trust		1.87%	4
Pass it on to children or family members		9.81%	21
N/A		84.58%	181
TOTAL			214

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Some of the land will go to grandchildren	10/23/2017 11:32 AM
2	whatever it is, I'd like to keep it undeveloped, maybe give to the town	10/16/2017 3:38 PM
3	I have a little farmette, would sell to another farmer, will look into land trust for will	10/7/2017 3:22 PM
4	Would much prefer to avoid subdivision / development but will depend on options at the time.	10/7/2017 6:40 AM
5	definitely not sell it to a developer. I want it to stay farmland	9/30/2017 7:11 PM
6	How about just a land owner? Going to family would be first choice. Would look at options to prevent development.	8/8/2017 12:17 PM

Q18 If you are not a farmer, how important do you feel agriculture is to Nelson's character?

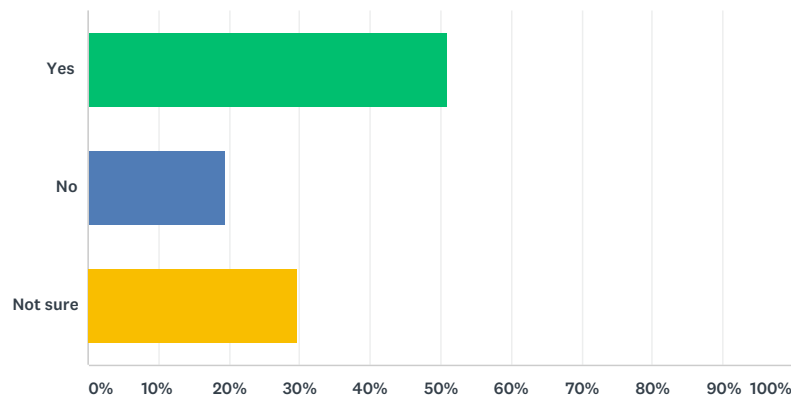
Answered: 246 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Important	92.28%	227
Neutral	4.47%	11
Not important	0.41%	1
I'm not sure	2.85%	7
TOTAL		246

Q19 Are you concerned about the water quality in Eaton Brook Reservoir?

Answered: 252 Skipped: 40



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.79%	128
No	19.44%	49
Not sure	29.76%	75
TOTAL		252

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Not concerned about way it is but would like it to stay that way	10/17/2017 11:22 AM
2	I was not aware there were concerns about the reservoir's water quality	10/9/2017 8:23 PM
3	I fish here.	10/9/2017 9:10 AM
4	Beautiful lake so needs protection but still encourage people to come here to play	10/8/2017 8:12 AM
5	It is important to the residents of Eaton brook to keep our lake clean	10/7/2017 9:48 PM
6	Basically concerned about water quality everywhere for everyone	10/7/2017 3:24 PM
7	Septic testing please!	10/7/2017 7:56 AM
8	meaning I care about water quality but believe it is reasonably good at this point.	10/7/2017 6:47 AM
9	Extremely concerned since that was main reason to locate here out of all CNY lakes.	10/6/2017 11:55 PM
10	Concerned about toxic algae	10/1/2017 6:10 PM
11	Too many boats put in at the public boat ramp not being monitored for invasive species.	9/20/2017 1:17 PM
12	NYS environmental laws are sufficient to protect the lake and we do not need new zoning laws under the fake news of being needed to protect the lake	9/20/2017 8:14 AM
13	ELA can do more to encourage sustainable practices for homeowners	9/20/2017 7:39 AM
14	so much pollution goes into the lake due to housing development	9/19/2017 5:47 PM
15	I have no idea what the quality of the water is in Eaton Brook	9/18/2017 8:13 AM

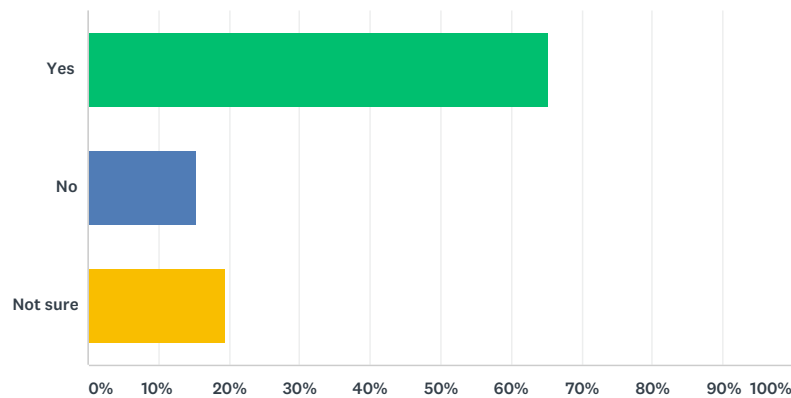
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16	some of the septic systems are grandfathered and they should be check annually. too much building close to the waterfronts, The boat ramp should be moinitored for boats coming in with invasive species. Limit the number of spaces available to park.	9/18/2017 7:27 AM
17	What issues is Easton brook having? We paddle board there.	9/16/2017 6:03 PM
18	I think invasive species get in that lake more easily because of the public boat launch	9/16/2017 3:18 PM
19	Would like to maintain its high quality	9/16/2017 9:39 AM
20	More needs to be done on cleaning the narrow "western" end where are all the weeds are. IT IS terrible!	9/15/2017 7:38 PM
21	Increased development/ septic/traffic	9/15/2017 5:30 PM
22	Should we be?Is there a proble?	9/14/2017 10:21 AM
23	Madison Co. lakes face problems with too many nutrients, silt, and weeds.	8/27/2017 8:58 AM
24	Unaware	8/15/2017 1:57 PM
25	Water quality in both reservoirs is up to the NYS Canal System and the people who own "lake" property!	8/12/2017 7:04 PM

Q20 Are you concerned about the water quality in Erieville Reservoir/Tuscarora Lake?

Answered: 256 Skipped: 36



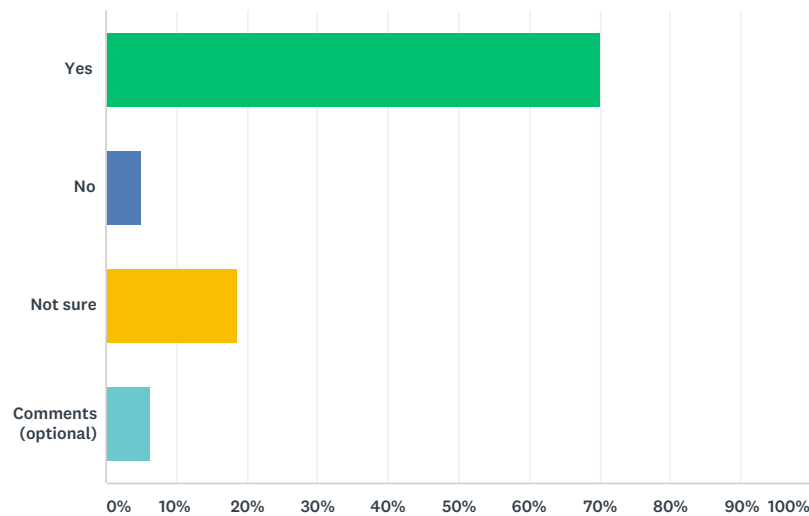
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	65.23%	167
No	15.23%	39
Not sure	19.53%	50
TOTAL		256

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	only place to swim so yes	11/6/2017 3:44 PM
2	town needs better ditches and control the run off around the lake	10/30/2017 6:52 PM
3	Boat was covered in zebra mussels when we removed it this year...who brought in the zebra mussels?	10/24/2017 10:08 AM
4	Recent algae blooms are a concern	10/11/2017 5:36 AM
5	I was not aware there were concerns about the reservoir's water quality	10/9/2017 8:23 PM
6	There is too much runoff from surrounding areas entering the lake, made worse by the Town's removal of vegetation adjacent to roads and not reseeding, applying gravel or some other erosion control.	10/9/2017 1:22 PM
7	People too shotty to be bothered. Rules are assinine.	10/9/2017 9:10 AM
8	We have too many run offs going into the lake.	10/8/2017 4:15 PM
9	Beautiful lake	10/8/2017 8:12 AM
10	Basically concerned about water quality everywhere for everyone	10/7/2017 3:24 PM
11	this has traditionally been one of the cleanest lakes in the area and I'd like to see it stay that way	10/7/2017 11:46 AM
12	Septic testing please!	10/7/2017 7:56 AM
13	meaning I care about water quality but believe it is reasonably good at this point.	10/7/2017 6:47 AM
14	Even though we don't live on this body of water, it is beautiful adding to character, keeping property values high, keeping those owners using their lake not overcrowding eaton brook, supporting the allure of eating at Blue Canoe for the view /good clean water smell.	10/6/2017 11:55 PM

15	The water's great	10/6/2017 8:50 PM
16	Toxic algae	10/1/2017 6:10 PM
17	Same as q:19	9/20/2017 8:14 AM
18	TLA can do more to encourage sustainable practices for homeowners	9/20/2017 7:39 AM
19	Same as above, too much housing development	9/19/2017 5:47 PM
20	due to constant lowering of the water level by the state the weeds are taking over, almost to shore which makes swimming unpleasant and even hazardous	9/17/2017 11:53 AM
21	We swim, paddle board and live right next to lake. With all the building going on lakefront we are concerned about sewage.	9/16/2017 6:03 PM
22	would like to maintain its high quality	9/16/2017 9:39 AM
23	I love swimming by the damn because it is so clear. I want it to continue, but I noticed recently that the south end is getting weedy.	9/15/2017 7:38 PM
24	Same as Eatonbrook	9/15/2017 5:30 PM
25	Especially concerned about unregulated and obsolete septic systems discharging into the Lake.	9/15/2017 2:59 PM
26	Is there an issue?	9/14/2017 10:21 AM
27	Primary source of water for our summer cottage.	9/9/2017 3:38 PM
28	Watershed issues need to be addressed, to control silt entering lake.	8/27/2017 8:58 AM
29	See above	8/12/2017 7:04 PM

Q21 Do you think there should be stricter testing requirements for septic systems on waterfront properties?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.04%	180
No	5.06%	13
Not sure	18.68%	48
Comments (optional)	6.23%	16
TOTAL		257

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Yes on any new instalatio	10/17/2017 11:22 AM
2	Only for significant changes or upgrades	10/15/2017 8:08 PM
3	Not knowing what testing is in place today I would have to answer not sure. However I do feel there should be strict testing in place.	10/12/2017 5:31 PM
4	I guess. Crazy expensive for folks though. Wasn't there talk of a sewer line at one point?	10/11/2017 5:45 AM
5	I guess. Crazy expensive for folks though. Wasn't there talk of a sewer line at one point?	10/11/2017 5:31 AM
6	Clearly there should be limits but I'm not educated as to the current situation. In all seriousness a cap and trade approach could work.	10/10/2017 1:08 PM
7	At least at time of Sale or Transfer of ownership	10/9/2017 1:22 PM
8	Yes, by which I mean stricter than non-waterfront, not necessarily stricter than currently. I'm unfamiliar with current waterfront requirements.	9/27/2017 8:24 PM
9	Dye tests by a licensed facility should be adequate with new building permits. Care should be taken to enforce these tests on all properties in the watershed, not just waterfront property.	9/25/2017 5:10 PM

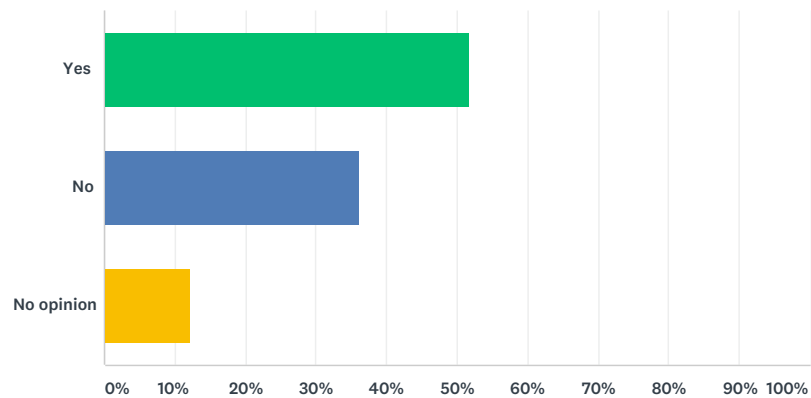
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10	Only the septic systems that are grandfathered in that are older than 20-30 years, monitor the building of some properties more closely.	9/20/2017 1:17 PM
11	just another excuse for spending money on enforcement and making new zoning laws when if their was a problem it could be reported to the NYSDEC and not made a local issue that can be abused.	9/20/2017 8:14 AM
12	Many embrace the concept...until it applies to them. This needs to change.	9/20/2017 7:39 AM
13	ENCOURAGE FOLKS TO CHECK FUNCTION OF SYSTEMS ROUTINELY TO AVOID PROBLEMS	9/19/2017 8:58 AM
14	Every property should be tested on a regular basis--both lakes	9/16/2017 3:18 PM
15	Current and future development and septic	9/15/2017 5:30 PM
16	Absolutely	9/14/2017 11:04 AM

Q22 Is public access to Erieville Reservoir/Tuscarora Lake something you would like to see?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	51.75% 133
No	36.19% 93
No opinion	12.06% 31
TOTAL	257

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Hard to get there for me, I am a senior but I love swimming and we have kayaks with no easy put ins anywhere around here	11/6/2017 3:44 PM
2	Absolutely not!	10/30/2017 6:52 PM
3	open up the Dam road-had great memories as a kid/young adult	10/25/2017 11:37 AM
4	Yes, very much so! I live 1 mile from the lake and would like better access to swimming areas.	10/24/2017 8:58 AM
5	There are enough boats, etc on this small lake already.	10/16/2017 4:27 PM
6	With restrictions, proof of residence.	10/13/2017 7:31 AM
7	Absolutely not!	10/11/2017 10:37 AM
8	For swimming, for sure, make it easier . . . Why not a dock or something? Good, clean, affordable fun for families. Right now we all swim where we fish - by the dam. Kinda risky. We should separate and encourage both.	10/11/2017 5:45 AM
9	For swimming, for sure, make it easier . . . Why not a dock or something? Good, clean, affordable fun for families. Right now we all swim where we fish - by the dam. Kinda risky. We should separate and encourage both.	10/11/2017 5:31 AM
10	We belong to the Morrisville Community Club--pristine area--something similar to that for public with access would be a great feature for the area.	10/10/2017 1:12 PM
11	Add a small beach area where I can bring my kids and pets to swim and play	10/10/2017 10:17 AM
12	One of the biggest reasons I came to and stay is that the lake is private and off limits to the public	10/7/2017 11:46 AM
13	There is plenty of winter access. Lake is already too busy in summer.	10/7/2017 7:56 AM

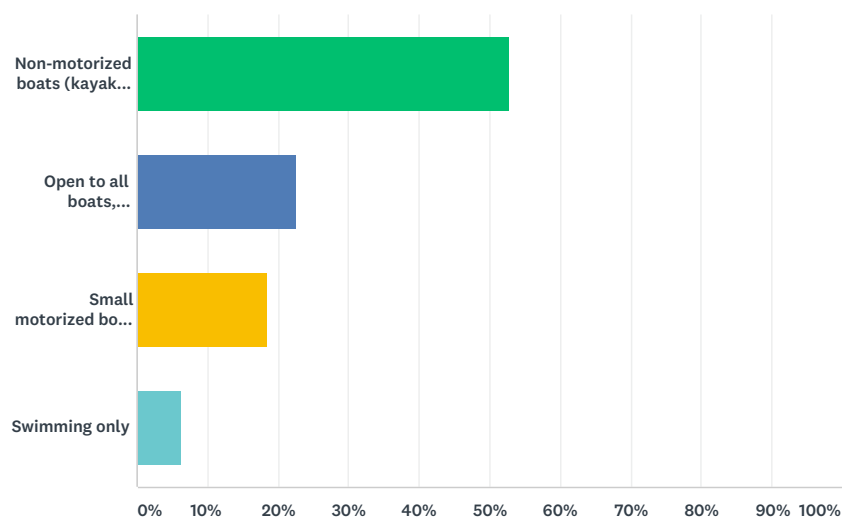
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14	Launch site for car-toppable watercraft that avoids crossing Erieville Rd would be desirable. Awareness of invasive species control is important.	10/7/2017 6:47 AM
15	No. The road way is busy enough /too busy there already.	10/6/2017 11:55 PM
16	but if there is access, absolutely no motorboats.	10/2/2017 7:53 AM
17	Public boat launch for townsfolk	10/1/2017 6:10 PM
18	For town residents	9/28/2017 7:38 PM
19	Absolutely. There's a serious lack of public water access in the area in general, not just Nelson.	9/27/2017 8:24 PM
20	Swimming and small boat access should be limited to Town of Nelson residents. Open access of past years has resulted in an unwanted Zebra muscle problem.	9/25/2017 5:10 PM
21	NYS lake that already has public access.	9/20/2017 8:14 AM
22	public access benefits all, including existing lakefront landowners	9/20/2017 7:39 AM
23	I feel this would benefit all of the town and would be much appreciated	9/19/2017 5:47 PM
24	public access at the dam on Tuscarora Lake is all that is needed-motorized boats can go to Eatonbrook	9/19/2017 10:00 AM
25	there is already public access - swimming, fishing - ok so far	9/19/2017 9:31 AM
26	Would be nice for fishing opportunities	9/17/2017 6:07 PM
27	it would make it crowded, affect the quality of the water, create trash problems, increase boat traffic and the possibility of bringing in zebra mussels and the like, create noise, increased use of alcohol, possibility of theft, etc.	9/17/2017 11:53 AM
28	No way! We maintain it and keep it clean, safe and non-congested	9/16/2017 4:12 PM
29	Limited to Town residents ONLY	9/14/2017 12:40 PM
30	It would be nice to have public access, although it can also lead to issues with invasive plant/animal species.	9/1/2017 12:54 PM
31	We have too many boats entering already, carrying on their hulls invasive plant and animal species. Kayaks and fishing boats put in lake may be bringing problems with them that can harm the lake.	8/27/2017 8:58 AM
32	There is already limited public access for fishing.	8/22/2017 7:10 PM

Q23 If you answered yes to question 22, what type of public access would you like to see?

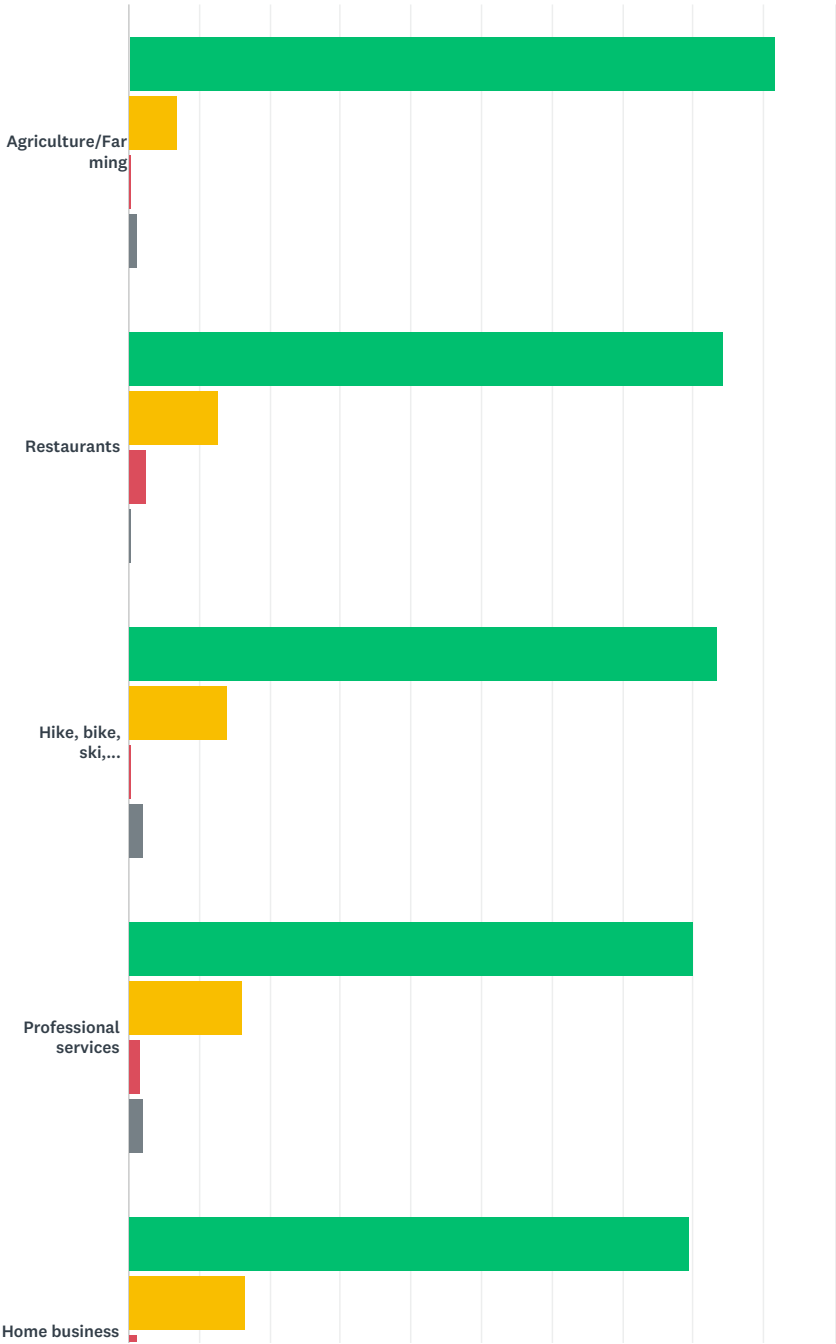
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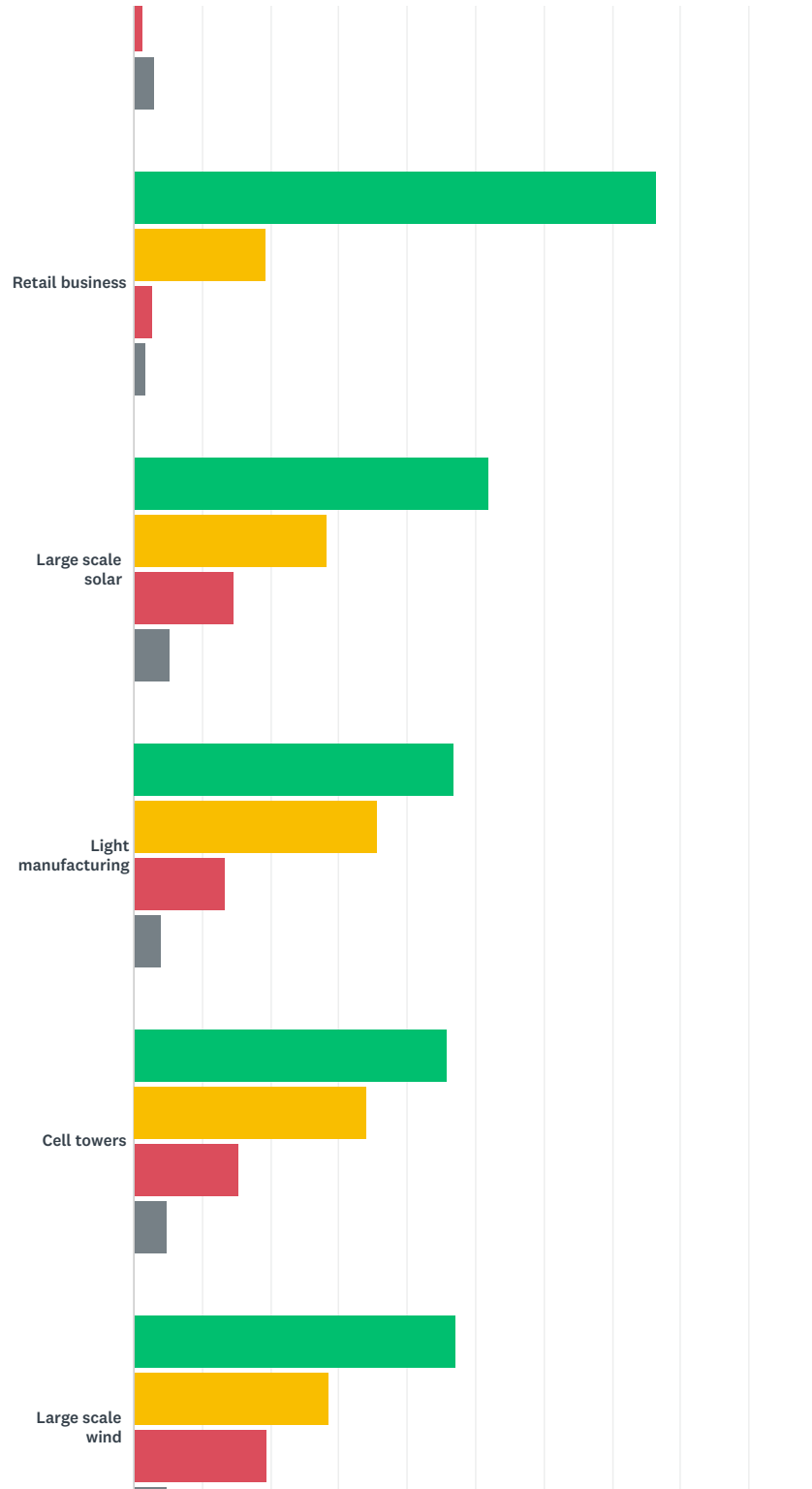


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Non-motorized boats (kayaks, canoes) and swimming	52.82%	75
Open to all boats, non-motorized boats, and swimming	22.54%	32
Small motorized boats (not including jet-skis), non-motorized boats, and swimming	18.31%	26
Swimming only	6.34%	9
TOTAL		142

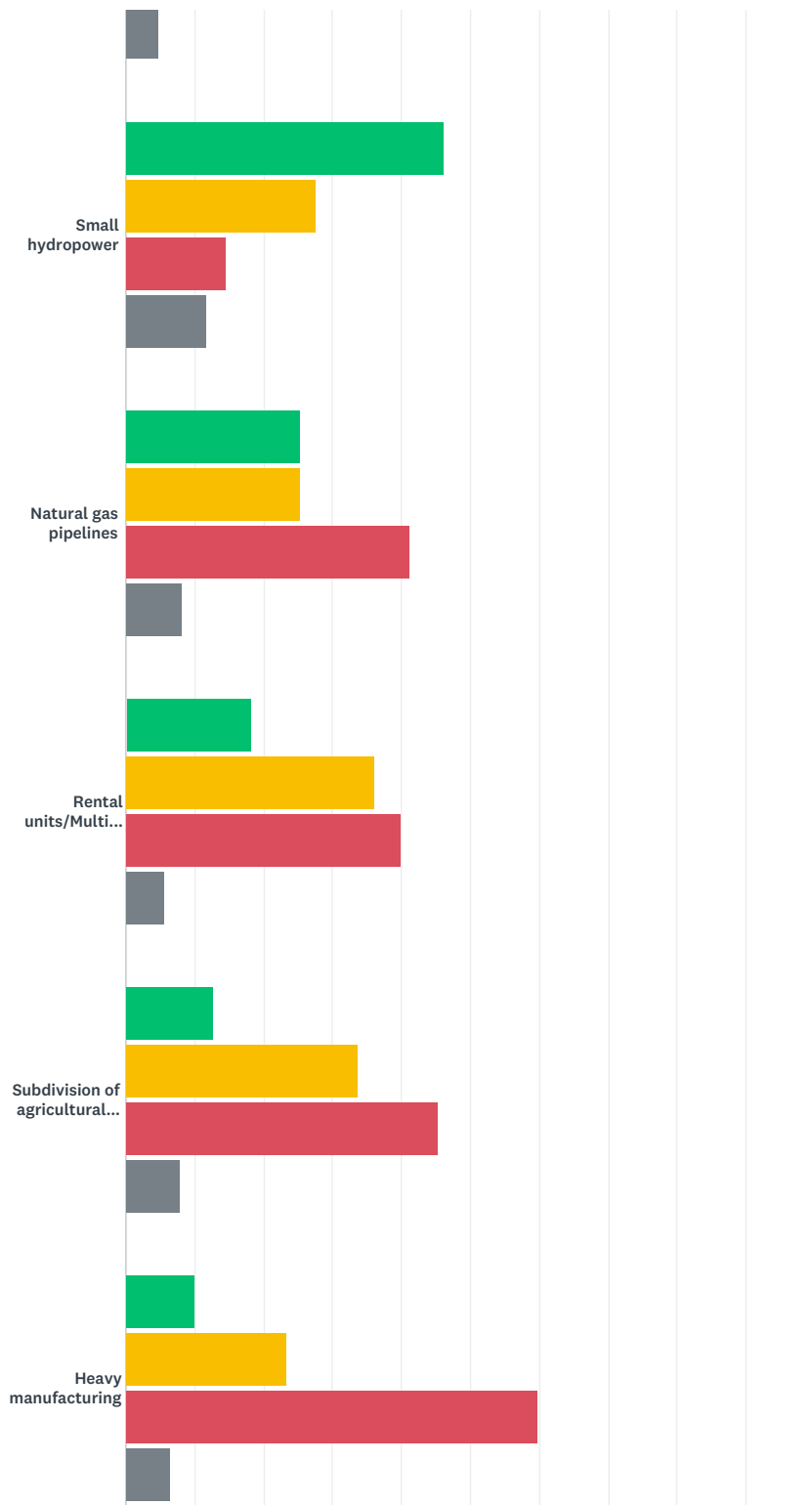
Q24 Should the Town of Nelson encourage or discourage the following land uses?

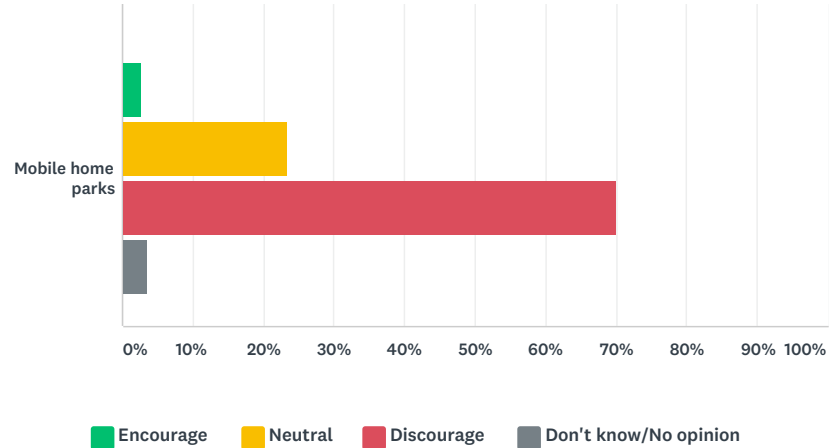
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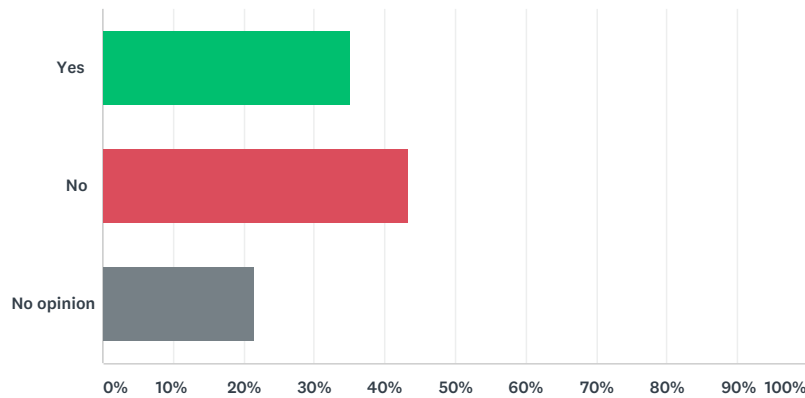




	ENCOURAGE	NEUTRAL	DISCOURAGE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Agriculture/Farming	91.57% 228	6.83% 17	0.40% 1	1.20% 3	249	1.90
Restaurants	84.34% 210	12.85% 32	2.41% 6	0.40% 1	249	1.82
Hike, bike, ski, equestrian, or snowmobile trails	83.47% 207	14.11% 35	0.40% 1	2.02% 5	248	1.81
Professional services	80.16% 198	16.19% 40	1.62% 4	2.02% 5	247	1.77
Home business	79.42% 193	16.46% 40	1.23% 3	2.88% 7	243	1.75
Retail business	76.31% 190	19.28% 48	2.81% 7	1.61% 4	249	1.72
Large scale solar	51.82% 128	28.34% 70	14.57% 36	5.26% 13	247	1.32
Light manufacturing	46.96% 116	35.63% 88	13.36% 33	4.05% 10	247	1.30
Cell towers	45.78% 114	34.14% 85	15.26% 38	4.82% 12	249	1.26
Large scale wind	47.15% 116	28.46% 70	19.51% 48	4.88% 12	246	1.23
Small hydropower	46.15% 114	27.53% 68	14.57% 36	11.74% 29	247	1.20
Natural gas pipelines	25.40% 63	25.40% 63	41.13% 102	8.06% 20	248	0.76
Rental units/Multi family housing	18.15% 45	36.29% 90	39.92% 99	5.65% 14	248	0.73
Subdivision of agricultural land	12.85% 32	33.73% 84	45.38% 113	8.03% 20	249	0.59
Heavy manufacturing	10.12% 25	23.48% 58	59.92% 148	6.48% 16	247	0.44
Mobile home parks	2.82% 7	23.39% 58	70.16% 174	3.63% 9	248	0.29

Q25 Do you feel that it is a priority to concentrate development in the two Hamlets (Erieville Hamlet and Nelson Hamlet) rather than allow it to happen throughout the Town of Nelson?

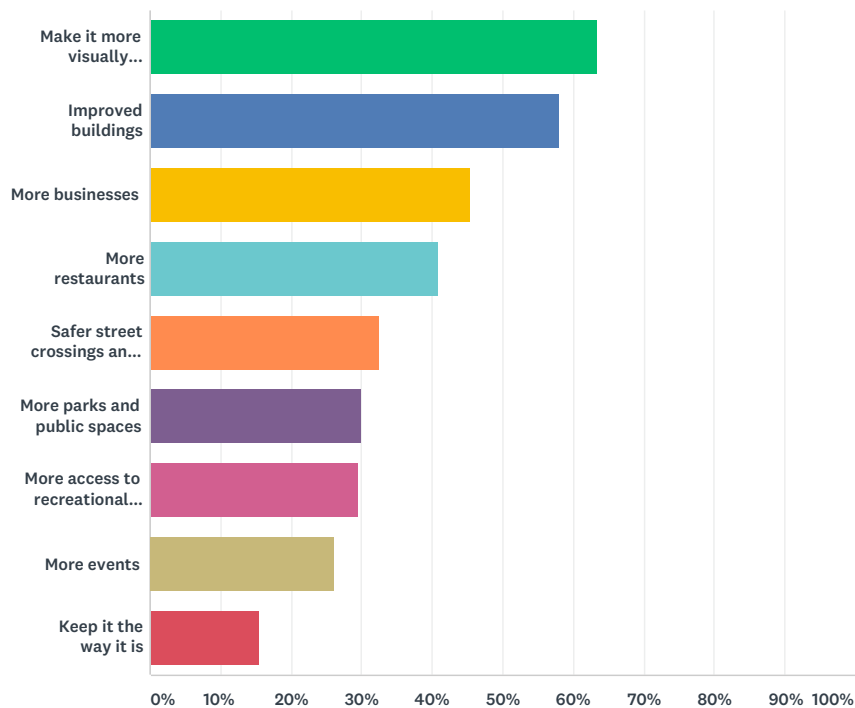
Answered: 247 Skipped: 45



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	35.22%	87
No	43.32%	107
No opinion	21.46%	53
TOTAL		247

Q26 Which of the following do you think are appropriate or necessary for the future of the Erieville Hamlet? (you may select multiple answers)

Answered: 240 Skipped: 52



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Make it more visually attractive		63.33%	152
Improved buildings		57.92%	139
More businesses		45.42%	109
More restaurants		40.83%	98
Safer street crossings and sidewalks		32.50%	78
More parks and public spaces		30.00%	72
More access to recreational activities		29.58%	71
More events		26.25%	63
Keep it the way it is		15.42%	37
Total Respondents: 240			

#	OTHER	DATE
1	need to clean up Erieville and stop focusing on nelson all the time	10/25/2017 11:31 AM

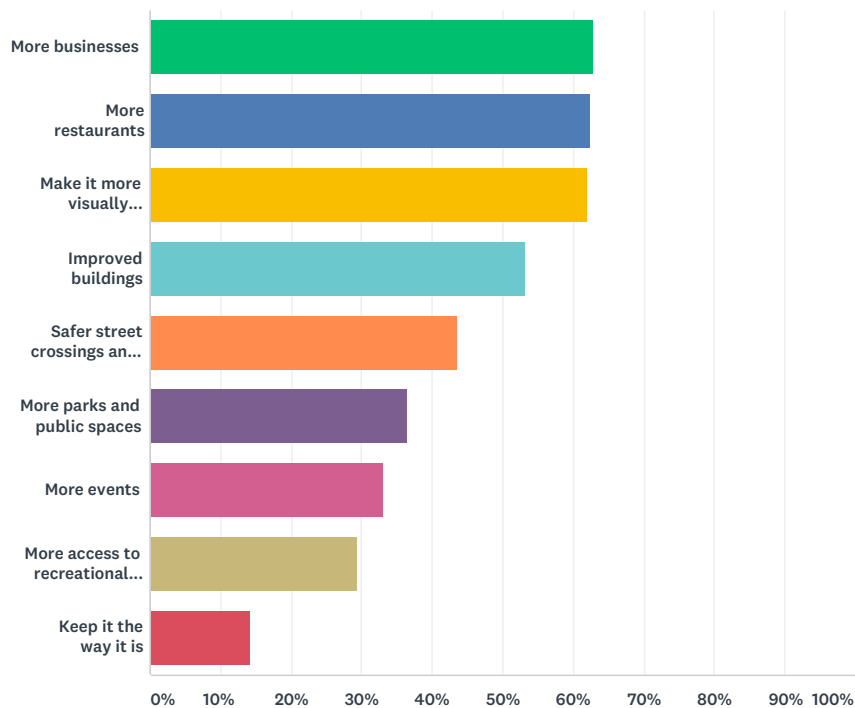
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2	Having more incentive for owners to improve properties without burying them with taxes for it	10/17/2017 11:35 AM
3	All of the above in conversation with and fairness to existing owners.	10/11/2017 5:47 AM
4	All of the above in conversation with and fairness to existing owners.	10/11/2017 5:37 AM
5	We need alternative options to the Blue Canoe. Slapsides is missed.	10/9/2017 9:13 AM
6	Make a lakeside business district	10/8/2017 8:31 PM
7	Lower the speed limit all the way around the lake , especially all the way to Hardscrabble rd on the lake	10/7/2017 6:59 PM
8	Allow the current residents to determine current and future use	10/7/2017 6:58 AM
9	Improved drainage ditches and roads to help control flooding around the lake. Especially the north road area	10/6/2017 9:34 PM
10	Some things are just good the way they are leave it alone	10/6/2017 8:52 PM
11	Erieville has needed a developed swimming and non-motorized boat access to the lake for many many years.	9/25/2017 5:16 PM
12	I am against any development. I came to this area because of the way it is, not because I want to go through the same maneuvering as Caz.	9/21/2017 8:24 AM
13	A good start would be requiring the removal of several homes within the hamlet that mare unoccupied and crumbling, clearly should be deemed unsafe.	9/20/2017 6:24 PM
14	eliminate zoning and let happen what happens.	9/20/2017 8:19 AM
15	I don't know enough about the Hamlet to say	9/19/2017 7:54 PM
16	Businesses and restaurants would be nice if it does not take away any land, country living is just that the country, that is what attracts people, its getting out of all the running. Business should be suited for country living.	9/19/2017 5:55 PM
17	SAFER WALKING AREAS FOR RECREATIONAL WALKERS	9/19/2017 9:02 AM
18	more speed patrol - people fly down these roads and there are a lot of people out walking and biking at all times of the day & evening, the 4 corners can be hazardous with people running the stop signs on Damon and Eatonbrook Rds., reduce the speed limit from lower end of Funk Rd. to Green rd. to 30mph. Ending the 30 mph in the middle of Funk hill is ridiculous as there are lots of houses, camps, walkers, etc. on that stretch of rd. It is 30mph the rest of the way around the lake.	9/17/2017 12:04 PM
19	roads	9/16/2017 3:39 PM
20	public access to swimming & non motorized boating would be nice	9/15/2017 7:47 PM
21	More public space to meet and spend time with neighbors	9/14/2017 12:46 PM
22	Need more public places to meet and spend time with neighbors.	9/14/2017 11:34 AM
23	Lower speed limits	9/14/2017 11:08 AM
24	Car wash	9/12/2017 9:07 PM
25	Slower speeds on roads	9/9/2017 6:44 PM
26	deal with the derelict buildings	8/28/2017 8:23 PM
27	The development of businesses or restaurants should be limited to those that are small, locally owned.	8/22/2017 7:23 PM
28	Only a few properties could be improved, otherwise...preserve the quaint, peaceful area	8/16/2017 5:34 PM
29	Really need cell phone service, both in hamlet and around lake	8/16/2017 3:42 PM
30	Clean up (enforce) vacant buildings and junk (cars, boats, rusty equipment)	8/12/2017 7:12 PM

Q27 Which of the following do you think are appropriate or necessary for the future of the Nelson Hamlet? (you may select multiple answers)

Answered: 239 Skipped: 53



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
More businesses		62.76%	150
More restaurants		62.34%	149
Make it more visually attractive		61.92%	148
Improved buildings		53.14%	127
Safer street crossings and sidewalks		43.51%	104
More parks and public spaces		36.40%	87
More events		33.05%	79
More access to recreational activities		29.29%	70
Keep it the way it is		14.23%	34
Total Respondents: 239			

#	OTHER	DATE
1	Same stipulation. Balance development with fairness to household budgets.	10/11/2017 5:47 AM

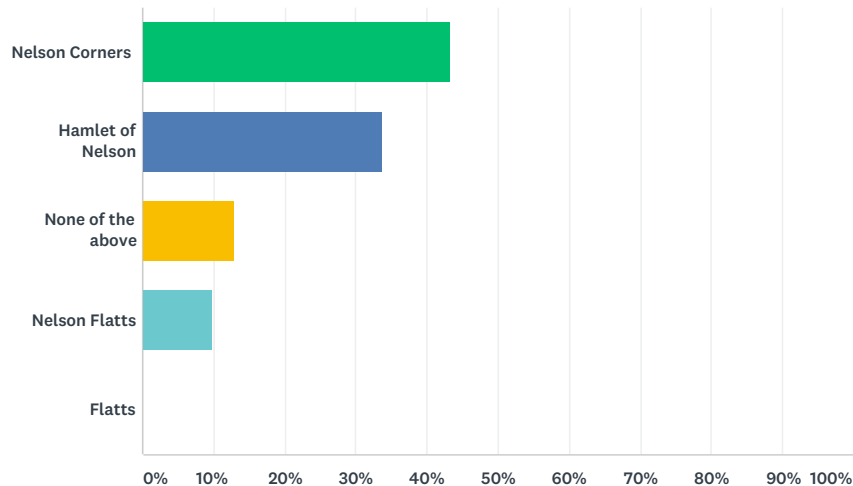
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2	Same stipulation. Balance development with fairness to household budgets.	10/11/2017 5:37 AM
3	Possibility of daycare facility	10/9/2017 8:00 PM
4	Nelson is much improved over the past ten years. Further development that fits the current character of the hamlet should be allowed.	10/7/2017 6:58 AM
5	I would like to see the empty building with the angled windows being used	9/30/2017 7:19 PM
6	It's pretty OK right now, and business are coming in organically. The empty ex-business buildings are an eyesore.	9/28/2017 7:44 PM
7	Should use urban planting and street furniture to make it more of a "place". Current project is a start but more needs to be done, especially at the west end. We need to be sensitive to the historical nature of the hamlet while encouraging appropriate development.	9/27/2017 8:44 PM
8	Nelson Hamlet residents should have access to a developed swimming and non-motorized boat access to Erieville Lake.	9/25/2017 5:16 PM
9	I moved here because i like it the way it is, not because I want to go through the same maneuvering as Caz.	9/21/2017 8:24 AM
10	same as 26	9/20/2017 8:19 AM
11	Nelson hamlet is "our community gateway", with thousands of passers on Route 20 - these are our potential engagers in the Erieville-Nelson area	9/20/2017 7:42 AM
12	Commercial buildings that are abandoned or appear to be abandoned should be improved or demolished	9/16/2017 9:43 AM
13	Bakery	9/15/2017 6:31 PM
14	Let development proceed as it may naturally develop, without undue effort to encourage or supress.	8/28/2017 8:23 PM
15	I am not sure what the geographic boundaries of the Nelson Hamlet are.	8/22/2017 7:23 PM
16	Providing a public water supply and natural gas would also stimulate re-development.	8/18/2017 9:12 AM
17	A convenience store specifically, is an obvious omission. Since a major grocery store unlikely, but a place to buy staples is missing. 5mi to Caz, 7mi to Morrisville, 12 to Canastota, 5 to Erieville.....makes it an obvious void. Auto fuel is secondary. Travelers look for snacks, staples, and likely to use other businesses in area.	8/16/2017 5:34 PM
18	See above	8/12/2017 7:12 PM
19	As a business owner it is hard to own a viable business with employee's in this area in general. There are not enough people per hamlet and the majority choose to spend their time outside of each hamlet.	8/9/2017 3:31 PM
20	What are you thinking regarding "public space," as opposed to a park? What's the status of the old Roberts Equipment and Hosmer and Randall's? These are two very long term blights on the hamlet of Nelson.	8/8/2017 12:25 PM

Q28 What should the Nelson Hamlet be called?

Answered: 222 Skipped: 70



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Nelson Corners	43.24% 96
Hamlet of Nelson	33.78% 75
None of the above	13.06% 29
Nelson Flatts	9.91% 22
Flatts	0.00% 0
TOTAL	222

#	OTHER	DATE
1	Nelson	10/30/2017 3:29 PM
2	NELSON HEIGHTS	10/24/2017 12:31 PM
3	Nelson	10/18/2017 11:23 AM
4	Nelson	10/11/2017 3:46 AM
5	Where is this located?	10/10/2017 11:48 AM
6	Leave it to Nelson Hamlet residents to decide	10/7/2017 6:58 AM
7	Nelson or whatever its last historical designation was.	10/7/2017 6:50 AM
8	Argos	10/6/2017 10:25 PM
9	Nelson	10/6/2017 8:31 PM
10	How about just 'Nelson'	9/28/2017 7:44 PM
11	Or just The Corners. That's what we call it, although we might be alone in this. Not against keeping plain ol' Nelson, though. :)	9/27/2017 8:44 PM
12	Nelson	9/26/2017 10:25 AM

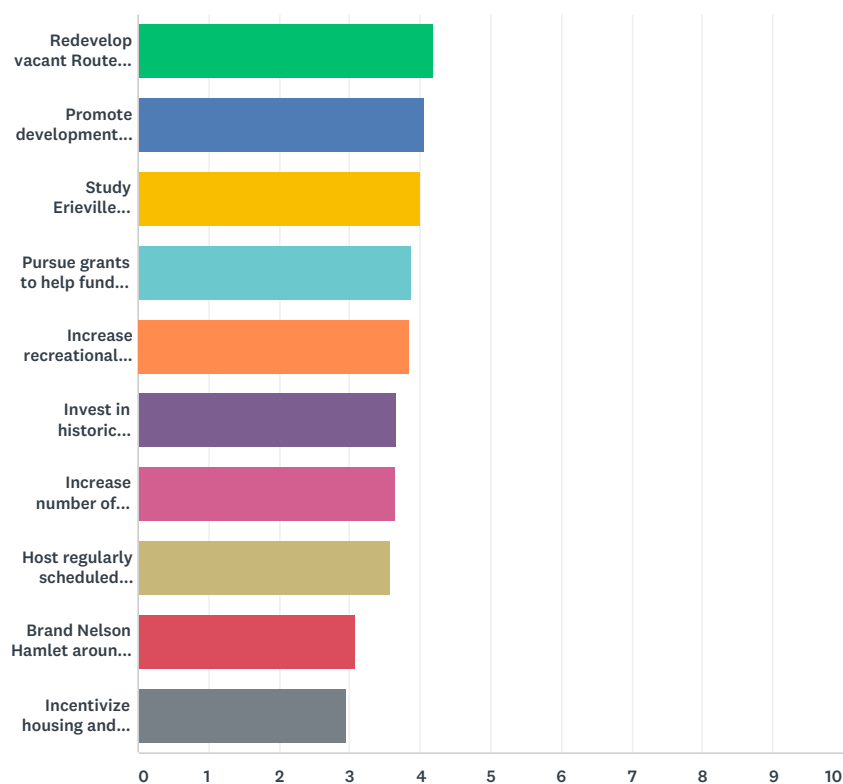
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13	town of zoning abuse or maybe town of lost land rights desided by a few	9/20/2017 8:19 AM
14	"Hamlet" implies rural and friendly, open to visitors	9/20/2017 7:42 AM
15	just what it is called now, why fix or change something that is not broken. Some things need to be left alone.	9/19/2017 5:55 PM
16	What about Skunk Hollow? (not seriously) Haha	9/19/2017 7:36 AM
17	Nelson	9/18/2017 11:29 AM
18	nelson	9/17/2017 7:15 AM
19	Nelson	9/16/2017 7:43 PM
20	DOUGHTRY CROSSING	9/16/2017 6:44 PM
21	either Nelson Corners or Hamlet of Nelson	9/16/2017 3:22 PM
22	Nelson	9/16/2017 2:28 PM
23	Nelson	9/16/2017 9:43 AM
24	Town of Nelson	9/15/2017 9:33 PM
25	Nelson is just fine.	9/15/2017 6:22 PM
26	just Nelson	9/15/2017 5:29 PM
27	Nelson Crossing, Nelson, Nelson Center, Nelson	9/15/2017 6:35 AM
28	Skunk Hollow	9/14/2017 4:34 PM
29	Tiny Caz or Little Caz	9/9/2017 7:29 PM
30	Same as above.	8/22/2017 7:23 PM
31	How about "Skunk Holler"? (Just kidding!)	8/6/2017 7:35 AM

Q29 On a scale of 1-5 (1 meaning do not support, 5 meaning highly support) how much do you support the following:

Answered: 245 Skipped: 47



	1 (DO NOT SUPPORT)	2	3	4	5 (HIGHLY SUPPORT)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Redevelop vacant Route 20 properties in Nelson Hamlet	5.83% 14	4.17% 10	9.17% 22	26.67% 64	54.17% 130	240	4.19
Promote development that conserves open space	7.50% 18	4.17% 10	15.42% 37	20.83% 50	52.08% 125	240	4.06
Study Erieville Hamlet to assess needs and identify ways to strengthen this Hamlet	6.20% 15	7.85% 19	12.40% 30	27.69% 67	45.87% 111	242	3.99
Pursue grants to help fund residential home improvements	8.37% 20	8.37% 20	13.81% 33	26.36% 63	43.10% 103	239	3.87
Increase recreational opportunities within the Town	5.04% 12	7.98% 19	23.53% 56	23.95% 57	39.50% 94	238	3.85
Invest in historic building preservation	11.25% 27	9.58% 23	18.75% 45	21.67% 52	38.75% 93	240	3.67
Increase number of community events	5.44% 13	9.62% 23	29.71% 71	24.69% 59	30.54% 73	239	3.65

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Host regularly scheduled speakers at the Town Hall (topics could include assistance with taxes, medical issues, preparation of wills, health care proxies, etc.)	6.69% 16	12.55% 30	26.78% 64	24.27% 58	29.71% 71	239	3.58
Brand Nelson Hamlet around the Artisan/Art Heritage Community	19.49% 46	12.71% 30	30.51% 72	16.10% 38	21.19% 50	236	3.07
Incentivize housing and commercial development to compliment the equestrian industry	18.33% 44	15.00% 36	30.42% 73	25.42% 61	10.83% 26	240	2.95

Q30 Are there other ideas you have for the future of Nelson that you think should be considered?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 197

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Think we could be the rural side of town of Caz. Farm events, non high brow events. Need a gathering place and a farm to table restaurant. Or even better... a millennial place. Some tech places, az for older folks and Nelson for millennials and new families who cant afford Caz but will be in their school district. Get some young folks involved in local government. Another idea would be a dog park. Think lots of folks would come. Easy to create,	11/6/2017 3:56 PM
2	Historical preservation	10/31/2017 8:19 PM
3	Just maintain the quality that is here. we are close enough to bigger areas to meet other interests. Keep it like it is for the most part-that is what makes Nelson what it is-unique	10/31/2017 7:05 PM
4	Organized field games for kids Ice Skating Rink	10/30/2017 7:47 PM
5	ice cream stand at the 4 corners	10/30/2017 4:34 PM
6	A drive in or movie theater would be a nice addition to the town.	10/27/2017 7:14 PM
7	I heard there would be some changes at the four corners at route 20 and Erieville Nelson Rd. This would make sense so people knew there are things going on here. A red light, sidewalks, signage - all very important and obvious for growth.	10/25/2017 2:47 PM
8	limit junk cars and other homeowner eyesores	10/25/2017 11:44 AM
9	NO MORE BIG BUSINESS	10/24/2017 12:33 PM
10	no	10/24/2017 9:03 AM
11	Clean up route 20 in Nelson; buildings that haven't been used in years-some houses have trash and treasure all around them.	10/23/2017 11:38 AM
12	Fund boat wash stations at Eatonbrook and Tuscarora to prevent the spread of invasive weeds, blue green algae, plants, and other invasive species.	10/18/2017 11:32 AM
13	reevaluation of rural zoning to allow farms ability to explore other business opportunities	10/17/2017 2:03 PM
14	Don't turn us into strip malls and chain stores	10/16/2017 3:43 PM
15	A community pool where the school would bus the children to Nelson for swimming lessons. Would be able to provide summer jobs for our youth.	10/13/2017 7:37 AM
16	None that I can think of	10/12/2017 5:36 PM
17	Internet/cable access	10/12/2017 5:34 AM
18	Roads	10/11/2017 7:16 AM
19	Only that it would be nice if the two hamlets could be connected in the branding and development.	10/11/2017 5:49 AM
20	entice young families to move in and re-develop how the kids used to play together in town/ ball field	10/10/2017 8:09 PM
21	natural gas pipe line to residential houses.	10/10/2017 8:08 PM
22	Better cell coverage in our area would help with communications. An option to have high speed data run by Charter Spectrum into our area should be a priority--need to lobby for this since the density of homes / mile is low, but the communication options here are very limited, which limits ability to draw people with interesting ideas.	10/10/2017 1:22 PM
23	Public purchase of wilderness or undeveloped land possible with State money	10/10/2017 1:12 PM
24	gas station/small store	10/10/2017 10:23 AM

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25	Just an overall visual innocent of deteriorating spaces would be awesome. They could be revived, torn down, turned into community spaces, but they need to look better so we're proud of where we live.	10/9/2017 8:01 PM
26	I think nelson needs to be re done. Closer to Putnam rd there is no shoulder there. Needs to be fixed	10/9/2017 7:30 PM
27	Make PROPERTY OWNERS responsible for their buildings and road fronts. The taxpayers should not foot the bill to fix and maintain property for people too lazy or absentee from their property.	10/9/2017 9:21 AM
28	If using taxpayer money it should be split between the hamlets as Erieville taxpayer should not fund for Nelson with nothing in return.	10/9/2017 8:48 AM
29	i think locals resent the tax incentives to large farms/businesses with lots of money already. Small family guys need the help more. Nelson needs to keep the hometown feel	10/9/2017 6:08 AM
30	Get the abandoned and rundown businesses of Nelson to clean up or move out. The old appliance place and the junkyard along with the some of the house nearby and such eyesores are impeding on the progress of Nelson. Even the auction house looks crappy now.	10/8/2017 8:34 PM
31	Accessibility is key, more sidewalks and safer walking areas.	10/7/2017 11:16 PM
32	not really	10/7/2017 9:55 PM
33	Would be fun to have a small cinema.	10/7/2017 9:25 PM
34	Please never let Nelson become a Manlius.	10/7/2017 3:35 PM
35	enforcement of speed limits and decreasing speed limits in areas where families and children live and play, especially during the "summer" season, there are way too many folks driving above the speed limit on narrow and low visibility roads	10/7/2017 11:52 AM
36	It's quite fine the way it is.	10/7/2017 6:52 AM
37	Topics related to home energy efficiency, technologies since we are on coop... wildlife education for public... star gazing astronomy events with local colleges sponsoring, I worry too much growth in our Hamlet means the surrounding areas will suffer (i.e. More restaurants or art galleries, or convenience shops etc). Maybe more signs warning drivers about horse/buggies to reduce risks. Shoulder road work enhancement to make room for passing.	10/7/2017 12:03 AM
38	It will take time. Syracuse needs to rebuild before Nelson can realize its potential. Stay quaint. You'll regret commercial/multi family housing growth. People want space with a decent restaurant.	10/6/2017 11:28 PM
39	Build a monument to the US bomber that crashed in Nelson during WW2. Build an attraction at the oldest tree in New York State (in Nelson Swamp).	10/6/2017 10:30 PM
40	Designated horse trails so the horses STAY OFF my property.	10/2/2017 7:18 PM
41	This county is one of the best bicycling areas in the US. We should capitalize on this.	10/2/2017 8:00 AM
42	highly support development that preserves open spaces	10/2/2017 7:12 AM
43	Live music venue	10/1/2017 6:20 PM
44	Probably, but hard to lay out here. Maybe we could have discussion groups to generate and refine ideas?	9/27/2017 8:53 PM
45	An annual, broadly appealing ,multicultural festival.Similar to the Westcott Street Festival in Syracuse, but with a rural slant, Including a parade.	9/27/2017 4:06 PM
46	Newer resident - don't know area well enough yet	9/26/2017 4:04 PM
47	No	9/26/2017 10:26 AM

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48	Researching home improvement grants that would help low income residents is great. Don't study Erieville. Enforce the zoning laws there, OK, but don't become an intrusive town government. People live in rural places to get away from ambitious developers. Let the land owners in the Hamlet of Nelson develop there own property. It's not the business of the Town of Nelson to develop property. Let the people living in the Hamlet have the say on whether they want to develop and grow or just stay the same, not the rest of the township. It's their Hamlet. Show more respect for the Hamlets and indulge them in some sovereignty. It looks to me like people are moving into the township and are looking to change it in ways that the long time residents don't want or aren't ready for. Slow down and remember that the people responding to this survey will likely not be representative of the township as a whole. If you want to serve the community in an equitable manner, conduct a door to door survey. Granted it's slower, but I can guarantee you that there will be plenty of viable opinions that should be respected from people who will have trouble or inability to respond to the surveymonkey and who will not respond to the paper survey for a variety of reasons. I applaud you for your efforts, but slow down and get a true sampling. Try a random door-to-door survey and see if it agrees with the results of the paper and on-line surveys.	9/25/2017 5:47 PM
49	na	9/21/2017 4:36 PM
50	Incentives for people to start hobby farms to preserve the agricultural heritage.	9/21/2017 8:27 AM
51	question 29 is all about government intrusion at taxpayers expense to create new zoning laws. the town does not need to be in the planning business. Private non profits, and new businesses will determine the future and it is not our town government's responsibility to be planning developers as to land use. Stop spending taxpayers dollars to lawyers, engineers, etc. for studies that could be done by the private sector free market if and when needed.	9/20/2017 8:28 AM
52	leverage our strengths instead of striving to build new (unachievable) strengths	9/20/2017 7:44 AM
53	You should hold meetings that everyone can gather to speak on what they would like to see, any changes or developments. Look to the younger generation for their opinion as a lot of them are leaving the area due to lack of opportunity, great paying jobs. The elderly are being forced to leave for lack of services in the area. People should not have to leave their homes due to lack of services. Taxes are high, yet services are low.	9/19/2017 6:00 PM
54	No commercial or residential developement of agricultural land.	9/19/2017 12:17 PM
55	if more business is developed please consider parking, slowing down traffic and other safety measures	9/19/2017 10:05 AM
56	No heavy industry or big box stores!	9/19/2017 7:38 AM
57	Car wash	9/18/2017 8:17 AM
58	keep the forced water project from cazenovia out of Nelson. there is no need to force a service on people who do not need it or make them pay for it. If trush park wants the water make them pay for it without tax dollars and have the project stop there. Knowless Corp in the town of Nelson pulls 18,000 gallons a day out of their well - there is no need for this water project in Nelson. It is ok for the town of Nelson to say NO to Cazenovia.	9/18/2017 7:58 AM
59	Block party themed events for neighbors to meet eachother. Also, how about an easy to ready handout when new residents arrive in the area spelling out what needs a permit etc. Example, I didn't realize that a 10' addition to my patio was considered a "structure". Even reading through the codes prior, nothing said the words patio or deck. Made me feel like an ass for building without a permit.	9/18/2017 7:53 AM
60	by bringing in businesses we can bring in younger people to help make the future of Nelson brighter.	9/18/2017 7:35 AM
61	Areas within the Oneida Madison electric coop should work to change the rules around solar installations. A monthly true-up makes solar have no return on investment.	9/17/2017 7:07 PM
62	???	9/17/2017 5:16 PM

63	Outstanding , I mean OUTSTANDING customer service and attitude as a priority will set you apart from Cazenovia and other nearby towns...begin a campaign and sponsor and require that training for any current or new retail or service business to set them apart and be able to use it in promotion and be confident your businesses will back it up...come to Nelson and let us WOW you is the idea ...look at successful places nearby...skaneateles, Saratoga springs, Richfield springs, it's pervasive, every customer related business owner there has well trained professional staffs, they adore visitors, they welcome visitors, they go out of their way to make your experience memorable, and it's genuine and it makes you want to return and makes you confident that you won't be disappointed or if you are they will make it right for you as well. You want people to feel special here and be treated as special, trust me, they will eat it up and bring and tell friends. You ah e to have that given our rural location ...it's a destination mindset for everyone but the locals. No one will come back more than once if it is just ho hum another cute town with a few shops and a restaurant. Cazenovia merchants have NEVER caught onto this concept, they have serious bad attitudes as shop owners ,the mix of businesses is awful, it's a joke, it may look pretty and historic but that's not enough for attracting new business or return business customers. Can't tell you how many times we have had terrible inconsistent customer service or meal quality there , we finally just stopped eating and shopping in Caz, we always go elsewhere now even though not as convenient. If you don't stand out with whatever you decide to do here you will fail...people can sit at home and shop online for anything now and they can grab fast food on way ho e fromwork at wegmans...if you want them to come, stay or return to Nelson you HAVE to standout , otherwise don't bother doing anything because half assed will not cut it.	9/17/2017 10:38 AM
64	erieville should build a pier for fishing and swimming	9/17/2017 9:57 AM
65	Convince Albany to lower oppressive taxes	9/16/2017 7:45 PM
66	Get out of Agenda 21! Why are we paying 1.7% additional tax revenue on a library in Caz that minimal people use? Why are residents not able to get reimbursed for new mailbox after snowplow snaps our mailboxes year after year? why are some roadside ditches dug out and others are not? We have had 2 flooding rains in 6 years at Tuscarora lake.....this needs to be addressed.	9/16/2017 6:18 PM
67	can't think of any. Keeping the rural character is important.	9/16/2017 3:26 PM
68	Public transportation	9/16/2017 2:36 PM
69	Sidewalks	9/16/2017 2:21 PM
70	I would like to not worry about having running water to my house, and better water for some people who don't have good well water.	9/16/2017 9:45 AM
71	It seems to be going in the right direction - thank you!	9/16/2017 9:45 AM
72	We need walmart in the center of Nelson on route 20	9/15/2017 9:36 PM
73	can't think of any now	9/15/2017 7:50 PM
74	Strive to develop and implement sewers and water districts around lakes- specifically Tuscarora lake to protect our waterways and secure our future	9/15/2017 6:20 PM
75	Heritage trail with signs emphasizing Town's history. Link up with communities that share common historical experiences such as Canal system that includes reservoirs, feeder canals, and Erie Canal.	9/15/2017 3:05 PM
76	To assist development of business on the SW area of Rt. 20, consider controlling the Beavers to prevent flooding there.	9/14/2017 4:40 PM
77	Stricter regulations with regard to sanitary septic systems for lakefront properties;public access to the lakes; more help for senior citizens so they can stay in their homes; traffic light at intersection of Erieville rd and Rt 20	9/14/2017 1:13 PM
78	Investing in improving the existing housing stock; public access to the lakes	9/14/2017 12:50 PM
79	Gas and water to hamlet	9/11/2017 9:21 PM
80	We need a Target or similar. A Mexican restaurant would be nice	9/9/2017 7:31 PM
81	Continued attention to modest development that at the same time sustains and supports the beauty and quiet of the area.	9/9/2017 3:43 PM
82	Access to water lines To encourage new business to develop.	9/9/2017 9:00 AM
83	no	9/8/2017 8:20 PM

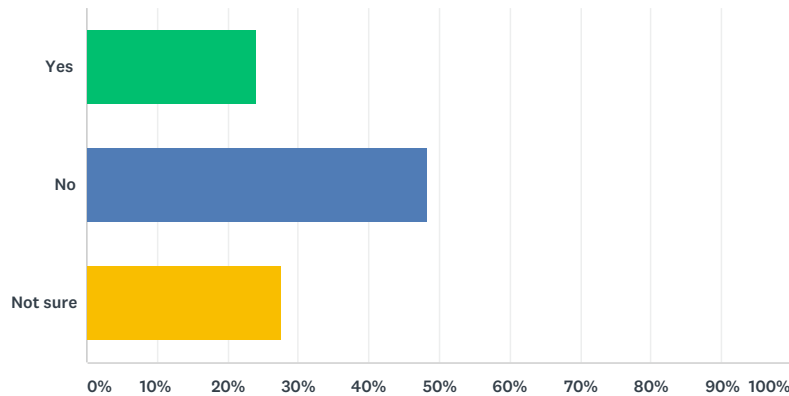
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84	None.... Great survey	8/28/2017 6:38 AM
85	Enncourage more dialogue between Town and lake residents. Part-time residents cannot vote and as a result feel that their voice is not heard.	8/27/2017 9:03 AM
86	Consolidation with Fenner and/or Cazenovia. No need to perpetuate our "horse and buggy" sized townships.	8/18/2017 9:15 AM
87	Keep the hamlet of Nelson and the Hamlet of Erieville separate with rules/regulations. Nelson can be a sub-division of Caz if they want to be but Erieville is more rural and more small town	8/16/2017 3:45 PM
88	no	8/16/2017 2:55 PM
89	Road Drainage needs to be a priority	8/13/2017 8:28 AM
90	Term Limits - the various Town Boards shouldn't be "lifetime" positions!	8/12/2017 7:18 PM
91	Improving walkways, a town park/playground, hosting more community events, etc.	8/9/2017 3:33 PM
92	Improve sports playing fields behind he Town Hall.	8/9/2017 9:31 AM
93	Pursue the possibility of a Nelson hamlet public water supply. Also, isn't there a natural gas pipeline that runs across Rte 20 not too far west of the hamlet? It's a great way to heat.	8/8/2017 2:22 PM
94	Preserve the quiet peacefulness of the area	8/7/2017 9:26 AM
95	Encouraging and supporting public transportation; housing for seniors who cannot live on their own but don't want to leave their lifetime community.	8/6/2017 4:18 PM

Q31 Do you feel that the Town of Nelson has a strong identity?

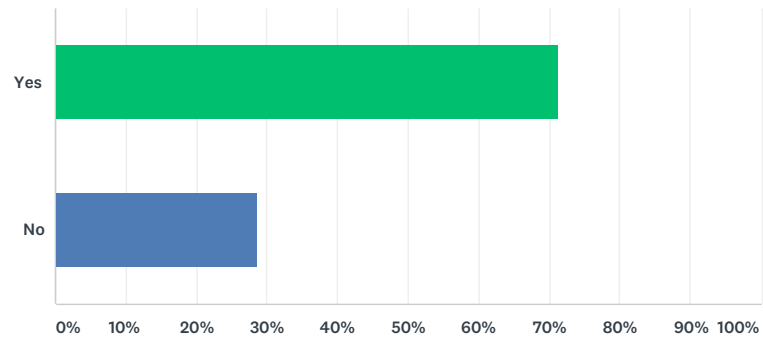
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	23.97%	58
No	48.35%	117
Not sure	27.69%	67
TOTAL		242

Q32 Should efforts be made to better define the Town of Nelson's sense of identity?

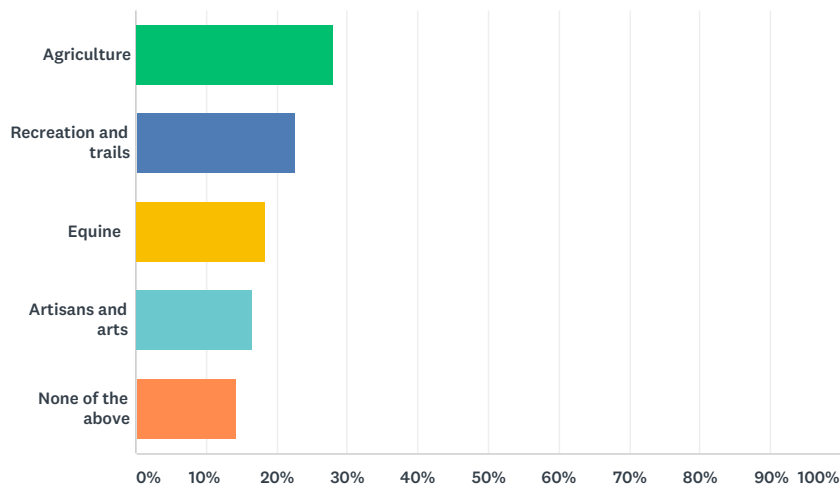
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		71.37%	167
No		28.63%	67
TOTAL			234

Q33 Which of the following themes do you feel would be the best branding focus for the Town of Nelson? (select one)

Answered: 217 Skipped: 75



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agriculture	28.11%	61
Recreation and trails	22.58%	49
Equine	18.43%	40
Artisans and arts	16.59%	36
None of the above	14.29%	31
TOTAL		217

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Maybe a place like the Delevan in Syracuse. Large buildings, barns with lofts for rent to use as studios.	11/6/2017 3:57 PM
2	Its diversity is its strength.	10/31/2017 7:05 PM
3	Medium industry thus more real jobs	10/31/2017 6:43 PM
4	all of the above	10/30/2017 4:35 PM
5	Should not be based on one thing. It should have a variety of things to offer.	10/27/2017 7:20 PM
6	PEACEFUL AND QUIET	10/24/2017 12:34 PM
7	instructions are to select only one, but I think all are important for development of Nelson	10/23/2017 11:39 AM
8	An enjoyable place to visit with different things to do.	10/23/2017 10:22 AM
9	All of the anove	10/20/2017 1:56 PM
10	OK, all of the above!	10/16/2017 3:45 PM
11	Seems to me that Rec. and trails paired with equine would be best	10/14/2017 9:46 AM

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12	Just one? Lots of overlap in the above. If only one then ag or rec. Caz has the arts, I think. The equine idea is great, but a lot of us don't participate. It might feel superimposed, unless there's a effort to get more of the community on the farms for some reason.	10/11/2017 5:52 AM
13	All	10/10/2017 6:36 PM
14	It is evident we are in the middle of a thriving equine alley on Rte 20's corridor--we should capitalize on that but then also bring in the recreation/trails as a strong part of that to maximize this beautiful space in Nelson. Agritourism, agriculture fit directly in, and nature themed artisans would heavily compliment it.	10/10/2017 1:24 PM
15	I don't see these as mutually exclusive	10/10/2017 1:13 PM
16	gas station/food store	10/10/2017 10:24 AM
17	All of the choices are good -also history - the a Welsh a Church.	10/7/2017 12:32 PM
18	I feel it would be difficult for the Town of Nelson to be laser focused on a single identity, why not a well rounded community with an attractive lifestyle	10/7/2017 11:53 AM
19	Each of these has merit	10/7/2017 8:03 AM
20	Find a way to weave all four into the Nelson Brand	10/7/2017 7:09 AM
21	All of the above	10/6/2017 8:32 PM
22	Local	10/1/2017 6:23 PM
23	a nice place to live	9/30/2017 7:25 PM
24	Music, arts and equine	9/30/2017 10:46 AM
25	Equine and recreation & trails go together well.	9/28/2017 7:47 PM
26	Town & Country. We have both. Ag, equine, nature, but also a surprising business base for a rural town. We should celebrate both.	9/27/2017 9:00 PM
27	One day Festivals	9/27/2017 4:14 PM
28	Rural. Let's not brand. We're not selling ourselves. This is our home. Period.	9/25/2017 5:49 PM
29	Local business	9/20/2017 6:29 PM
30	eliminate this time and expense by the town trying to find ways to implement costly and abusive zoning and spend town resorces on this noncense because the town is not qualified to be in this type of business without costly outside expertise.	9/20/2017 8:34 AM
31	rec/trails as well	9/20/2017 7:45 AM
32	You can not just select one as this is a community and as a community you have many different people living here with different interest and like, you should focus on all and make everyone happy, not just one part of the community. If you are going to act like a community well then be a community not a single.	9/19/2017 6:02 PM
33	all of the above	9/19/2017 2:46 PM
34	Town of Nelson: Great Food, Great Music, Great Fun!!	9/19/2017 10:07 AM
35	art and equine	9/19/2017 9:39 AM
36	A mix	9/17/2017 10:39 AM
37	Mountain biking, hiking	9/16/2017 6:19 PM
38	agriculture and the environment that lends itself to recreation:fishing, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, x-c skiing, snow-shoeing, cycling	9/16/2017 3:29 PM
39	The lake	9/16/2017 2:21 PM
40	I am not a horse person at all, but with all the equine farms around especially the big one the hill, this seems to be our thing!	9/15/2017 7:52 PM
41	We also have manufacturing, commuters,retail. I think we should support the diversity.	9/15/2017 6:34 PM
42	Join Equine and Agriculture	9/15/2017 5:31 PM
43	and Equine	9/14/2017 1:19 PM

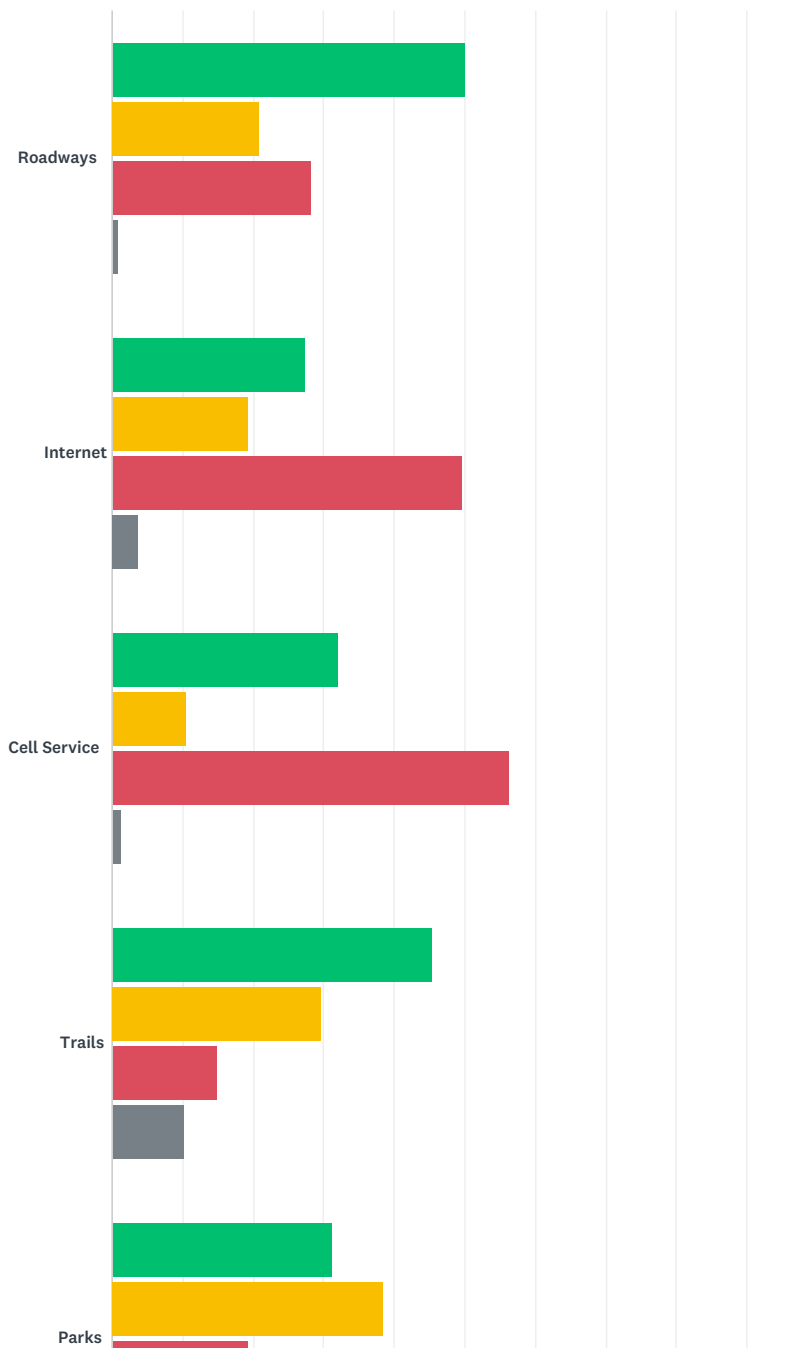
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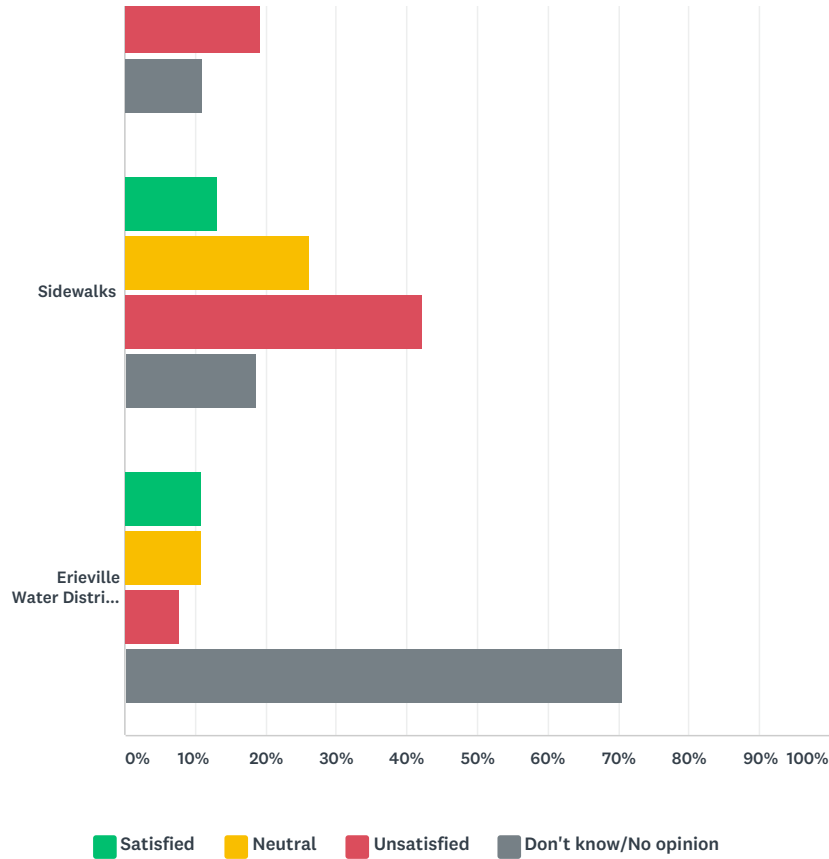
44	Small Town, High Quality Of Life, Quaint, Family Culture, Neighbors Caring For Neighbors	9/10/2017 6:59 AM
45	A balance of these things. A place where people can enjoy all of these.	9/9/2017 3:45 PM
46	A blend of the above.	8/27/2017 9:04 AM
47	Not sure if "branding" the town is really necessary.	8/18/2017 9:17 AM
48	All are what makes Nelson ..."Nelson". One single branding focus could negatively others.	8/16/2017 5:45 PM
49	Two separate areas in the town of Nelson and focus should be different	8/16/2017 3:45 PM
50	A rural community with retail and service choices	8/12/2017 7:20 PM
51	Unsure.	8/9/2017 3:33 PM
52	small, home-based businesses.	8/8/2017 2:24 PM
53	branding is for horses	8/8/2017 10:08 AM
54	Promote diversity by promoting all of them	8/6/2017 7:39 AM

Q34 Are you satisfied with the following pieces of infrastructure within the town?

Answered: 241 Skipped: 51



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	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	UNSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Roadways	50.00% 117	20.94% 49	28.21% 66	0.85% 2	234	1.21
Internet	27.35% 64	19.23% 45	49.57% 116	3.85% 9	234	0.74
Cell Service	31.93% 76	10.50% 25	56.30% 134	1.26% 3	238	0.74
Trails	45.34% 107	29.66% 70	14.83% 35	10.17% 24	236	1.20
Parks	31.20% 73	38.46% 90	19.23% 45	11.11% 26	234	1.01
Sidewalks	13.08% 31	26.16% 62	42.19% 100	18.57% 44	237	0.52
Erieville Water District (if applicable)	10.88% 21	10.88% 21	7.77% 15	70.47% 136	193	0.33

#	COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)	DATE
1	Don't need sidewalks!	10/31/2017 7:06 PM
2	need cleaner water that is not full of rust color that no one on the board is concerned about	10/25/2017 11:37 AM

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3	ON WELL	10/24/2017 12:35 PM
4	A poitive improvement will be the sidewalks, crossing and lane changes due to be done	10/20/2017 2:01 PM
5	Obviously you need capital to improve roadways, but if there were a way to write grants, I would like to see many more of the back roads paved vs tarred/stoned with wider shoulders for biking. The ditches could stand to be cleaned out, and some of the power lines that cut through people's yards that were placed a long time ago need to be rerouted to follow the roads. The internet and cell service at our house is absolutely horrific even using business class DSL (very low rates even for that). Cable is not an option here, and the cell coverage is at best one bar. Not acceptable.	10/10/2017 1:27 PM
6	Irish Hill needs MUCH better internet options, little to no service	10/10/2017 12:15 PM
7	should have snowmobile trails open to atvs during summer months and add some for use	10/10/2017 10:26 AM
8	Roadways mostly satisfied but Erieville Rd has been torn up too long for installation of culverts.	10/9/2017 1:31 PM
9	Sidewalks and bike lanes are nice things but we mostly get along OK without	10/7/2017 3:38 PM
10	Nelson sidewalk from church to Town center need work.	10/7/2017 12:34 PM
11	Develop voluntary guidelines for roadside planting and maintenance to encourage continuity of character and protection of large trees.	10/7/2017 7:15 AM
12	Better cell coverage would help but not if it means a big tower. Push Carriers for a small cell deployment and possibly join with colleges to try to share cost.	10/7/2017 12:06 AM
13	Incredibly DISsatisfied with internet service	10/2/2017 8:02 AM
14	love Stoney Pond, trails need maintenance; internet and cell service is totally unacceptable in areas...need to improve this to support small businesses (this is a high priority for us)	10/2/2017 7:15 AM
15	More internet options	10/1/2017 6:23 PM
16	I moved into our house in Nelson, only to find out that we could get no internet provider to come to our house, even though all our neighbors are able to get at least Frontier. Internet service and cell service needs a lot of help in this area.	9/29/2017 5:43 PM
17	Sidewalks I'm satisfied following completion of current Nelson Corners project.	9/27/2017 9:03 PM
18	Verizon gave us a free 3G cell phone booster. Works great. You can buy a 4G booster or you can find a hill.	9/25/2017 5:51 PM
19	speed limits around Eatonbrook Res. should be a priority, summer months a lot of walkers, bikes and parking on roadway. The speed limit should be reduced, and/or have monitoring of the speed.	9/20/2017 1:23 PM
20	town needs to eliminate the cost of attorneys and engineers and put it towards equipment that addresses the above questions.	9/20/2017 8:36 AM
21	enable tertiary roads to be GRAVEL, stop the brutal and costly paving - it results in excessive speeds. Not needed in our rural area. Driving slow for ~2 miles doesn't result in a slower trip 0 it increases fulfillment in viewing the rural and scenic landscape.	9/20/2017 7:47 AM
22	Add more street lights or highly reflective markers especially where roads turn n off of rt.20 and major intersections.	9/19/2017 7:41 AM
23	the ditches have not been cleaned out in years causing the roads to flooded	9/18/2017 7:59 AM
24	lack of internet and lack of cell service is a MUST for infrastructure	9/18/2017 7:36 AM
25	EWD water quality needs to be monitored and improved, it has not been good quality since the installation of the new well and tank. problems with dirty water, unpleasant taste & smell, too much chlorine and softener- needs close monitoring. CELL servie is mostly non-exstent as there is no tower in the area. They should be allowed to hook into the mutual aid tower on Chaphe Hill Rd. The reasons they aren't are ridiculous - access rd, placement of wires, etc.	9/17/2017 12:14 PM
26	Cell service is horrible. My road (Pleasant Point) floods from the town road (Funk) and I get water intrusion	9/16/2017 4:17 PM
27	I have never hear of the Erieville Water District.	9/15/2017 7:54 PM
28	Would be happier with roadways if lower speed limits applied to residential areas around Tuscarora Lake. Currently it is dangerous to walk along roads.	9/15/2017 3:08 PM
29	More help for senior citizens so they can stay in their homes	9/14/2017 1:23 PM

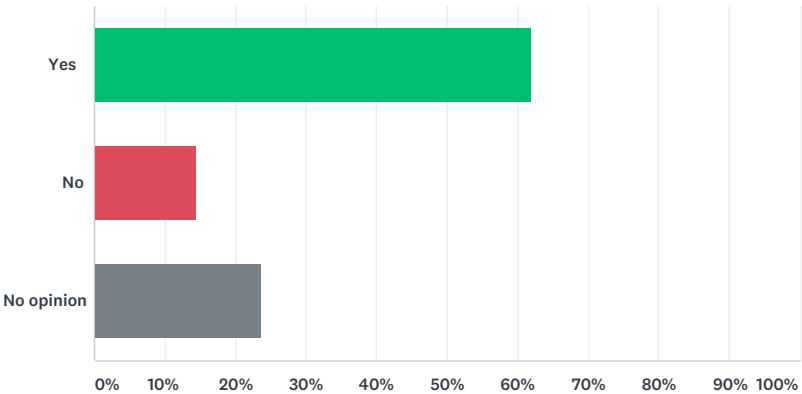
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30	Farmers/artisans markets; increase commercial/retail establishments;more help for senior citizens so they can stay in their homes.	9/14/2017 12:54 PM
31	Public support for housing improvement and more help for senior citizens so they can stay in their homes	9/14/2017 11:40 AM
32	Speed limits MUST be enforced, especially around Tuscarora Lake.	8/27/2017 9:07 AM
33	Our town roads are not designed for high speed (>55 MPH) travel. Town should petition the state to allow the establishment of a lower speed limit (45MPH) for all town roads.	8/18/2017 9:21 AM
34	A lot of money went in to the Erieville ballfields and it is rarely used. It is certainly not somewhere where a parent could feel comfortable allowing his kids to play. It is much too isolated. Also, might the Town of Nelson be helpful regarding the cemeteries in Town? At the very least, I'd like to see some general info about the 3 main cemeteries and what one has to do to buy a plot, have a stone placed, types of burials, etc. Of course these places are privately run and you'd have to check with the principles about this idea.	8/8/2017 2:37 PM

Q35 Are you satisfied with the hours of operation of the Town office?

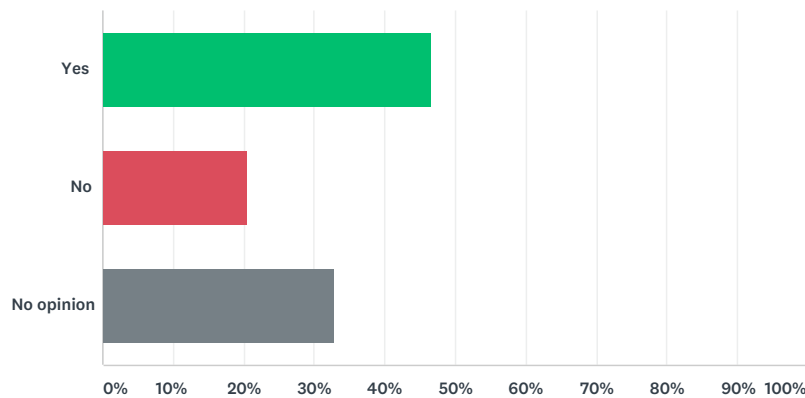
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.03%	147
No	14.35%	34
No opinion	23.63%	56
TOTAL		237

Q36 Are you satisfied with the responsiveness of Town officials to your concerns?

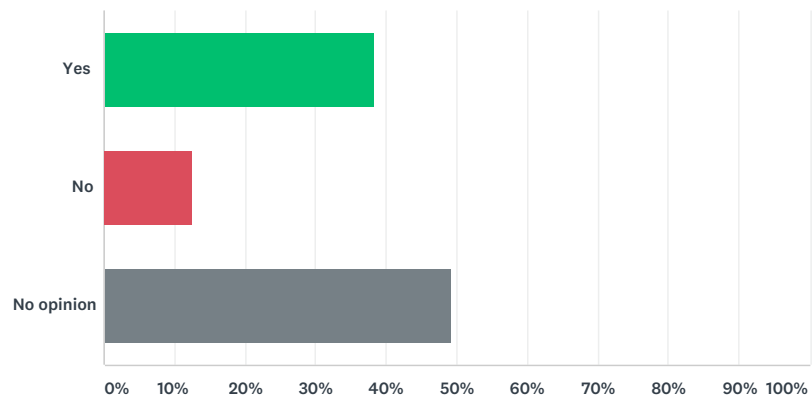
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.64%	111
No	20.59%	49
No opinion	32.77%	78
TOTAL		238

Q37 Are you satisfied with the ease of access to Town records or meeting minutes?

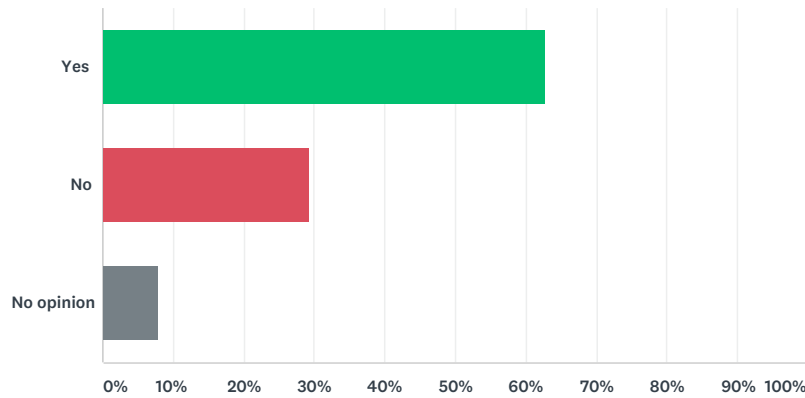
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.24%	91
No	12.61%	30
No opinion	49.16%	117
TOTAL		238

Q38 Are you satisfied with town road maintenance and snow removal?

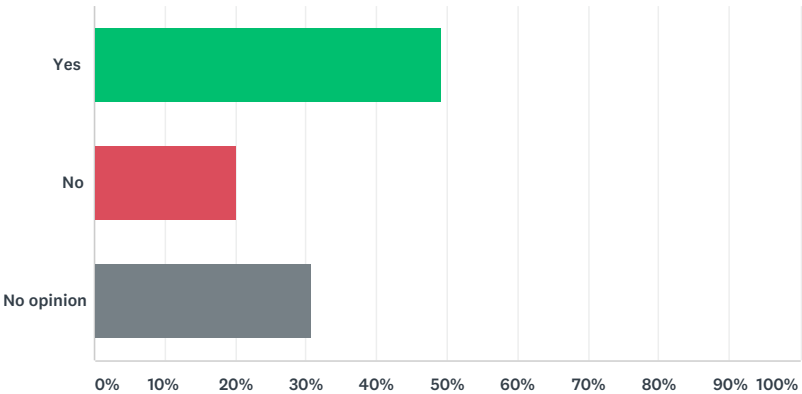
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.76%	150
No	29.29%	70
No opinion	7.95%	19
TOTAL		239

Q39 Are you satisfied with code enforcement?

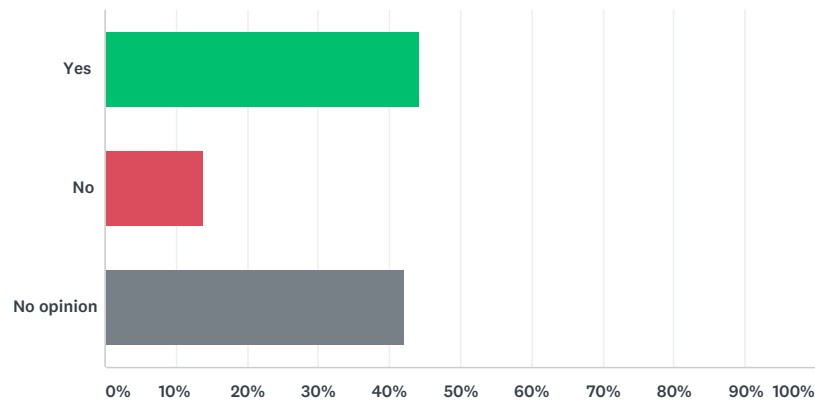
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.16%	117
No	20.17%	48
No opinion	30.67%	73
TOTAL		238

Q40 Are you satisfied with the building permit process in Nelson?

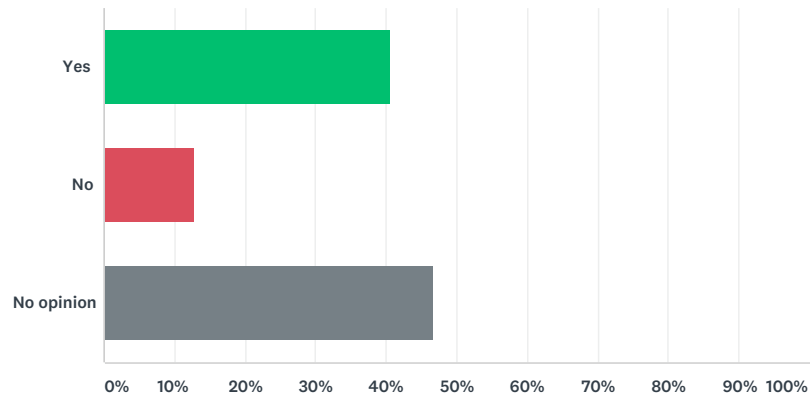
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.12%	105
No	13.87%	33
No opinion	42.02%	100
TOTAL		238

Q41 Are you satisfied with the Planning Board in the Town of Nelson?

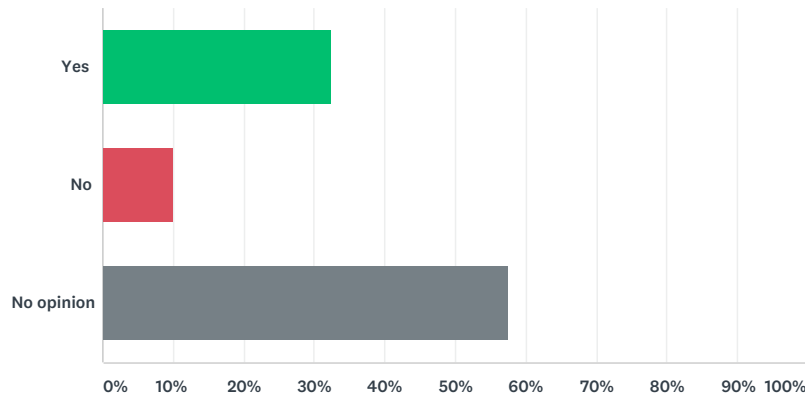
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.68%	96
No	12.71%	30
No opinion	46.61%	110
TOTAL		236

Q42 Are you satisfied with the Zoning Board of Appeals in Nelson?

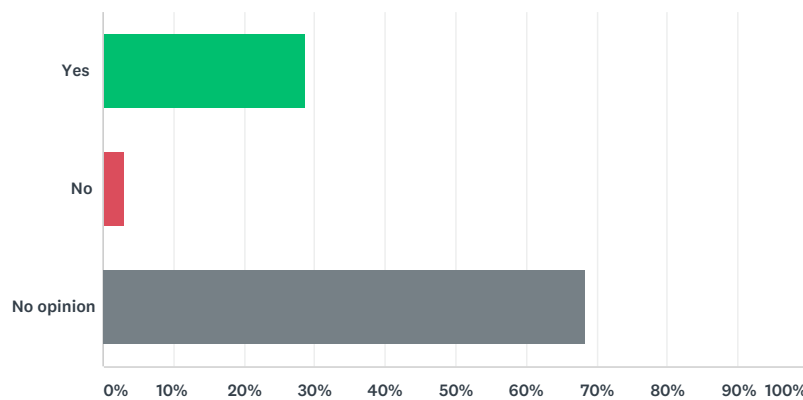
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		32.35%	77
No		10.08%	24
No opinion		57.56%	137
TOTAL			238

Q43 Are you satisfied with the Nelson Town Court?

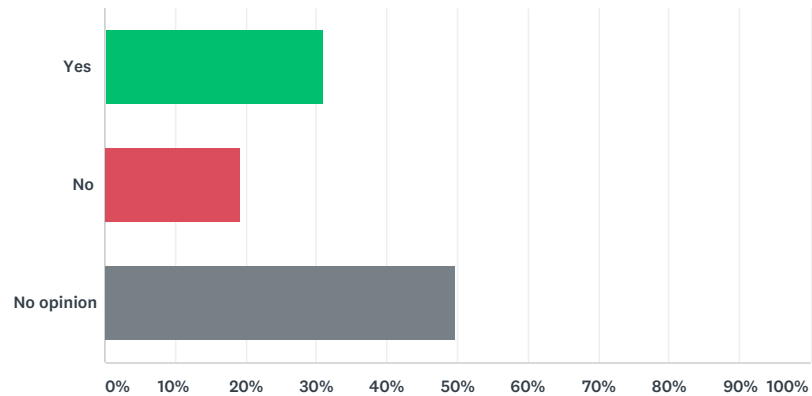
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.57%	68
No	2.94%	7
No opinion	68.49%	163
TOTAL		238

Q44 Are you satisfied with the Town of Nelson website?

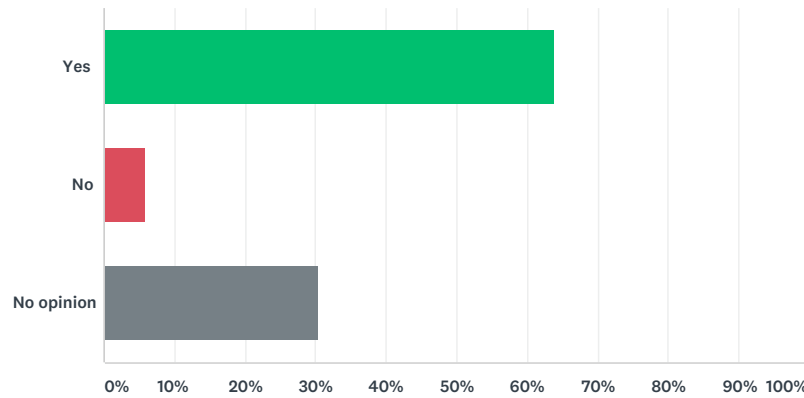
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.96%	74
No	19.25%	46
No opinion	49.79%	119
TOTAL		239

Q45 Are you satisfied with fire rescue services in the Town of Nelson?

Answered: 238 Skipped: 54



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.87%	152
No	5.88%	14
No opinion	30.25%	72
TOTAL		238

Appendix D

Public Meeting Results

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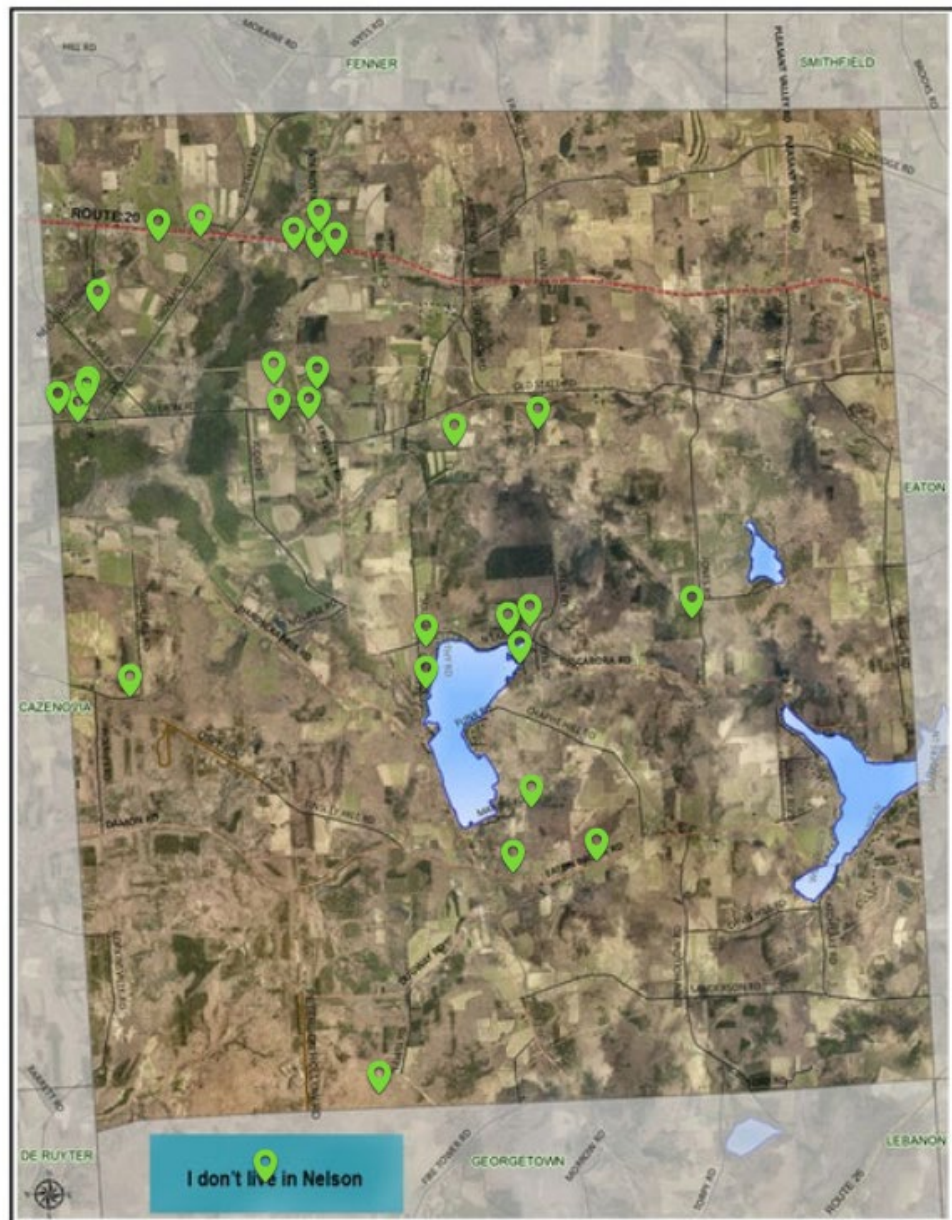
1) Favorite: We didn't learn much new from the 'favorite thing about Nelson' question. People like it because it is quaint, peaceful, small and rural. They like the landscape, the woods, and their neighbors.



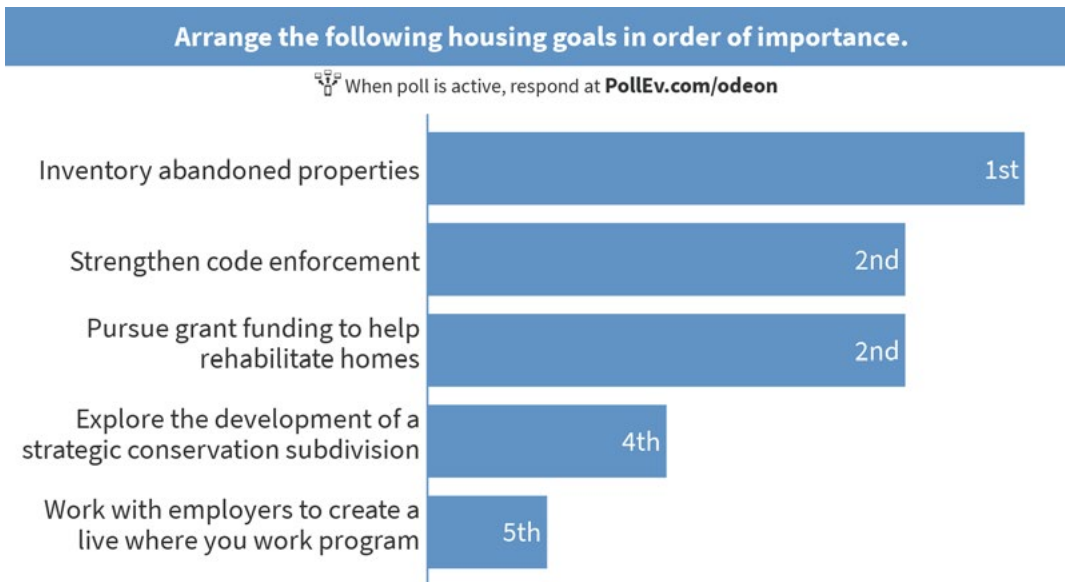
2) Identity: The most popular answer category for how to improve Nelson's Identity focused on improving public spaces, specifically the hamlets or "downtowns". "Actual hamlet identity via attractive businesses, things to do." "Continue to improve the 4 corners with businesses and recreational opportunities." "Theme business niche." There was a general call for more restaurants. People also suggested branding/marketing efforts and the installation of kiosks or signage. History as a theme came up a few times, including branding around history and preserving historic architecture.

3) Map:

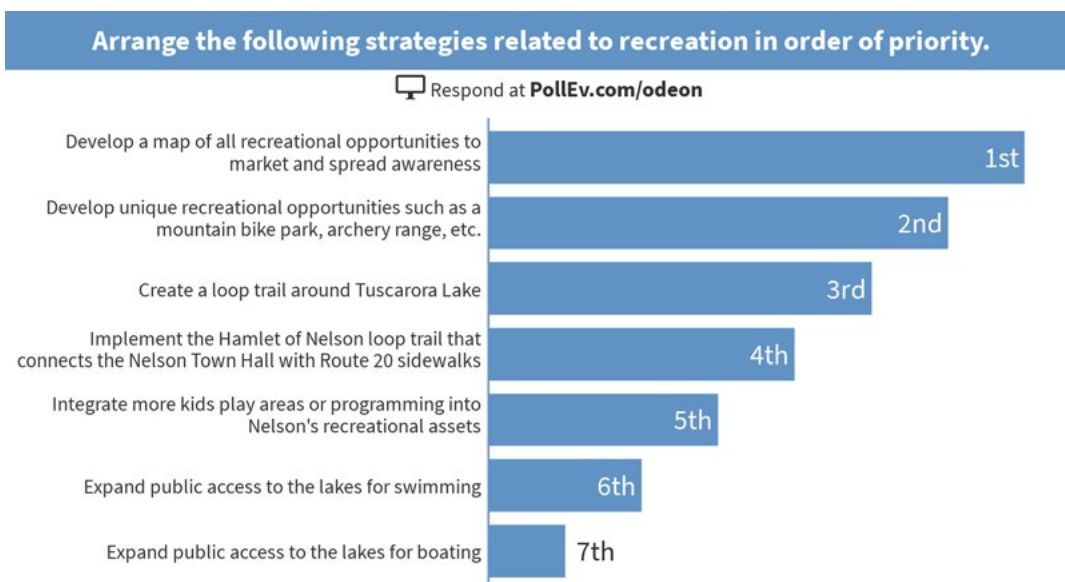
6 people from Route 20, 4 from Ballina Rd, 4 from Lyon Rd, 2 from Old State Rd, 1 from Hardscrabble Rd, 5 from the North side of Erieville Reservoir, 1 from the south east side of Erieville Reservoir (none from Eaton Brook Reservoir), 2 from Eaton Brook Rd (one in the village of Erieville), 1 from Lewis Rd, 1 not from Nelson



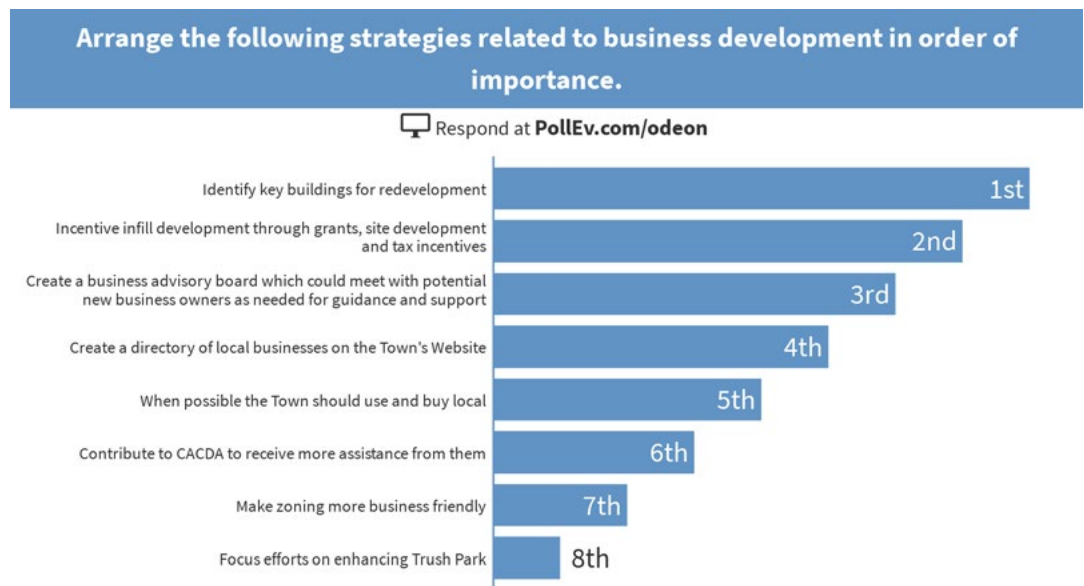
4) Housing:



5) Recreation:

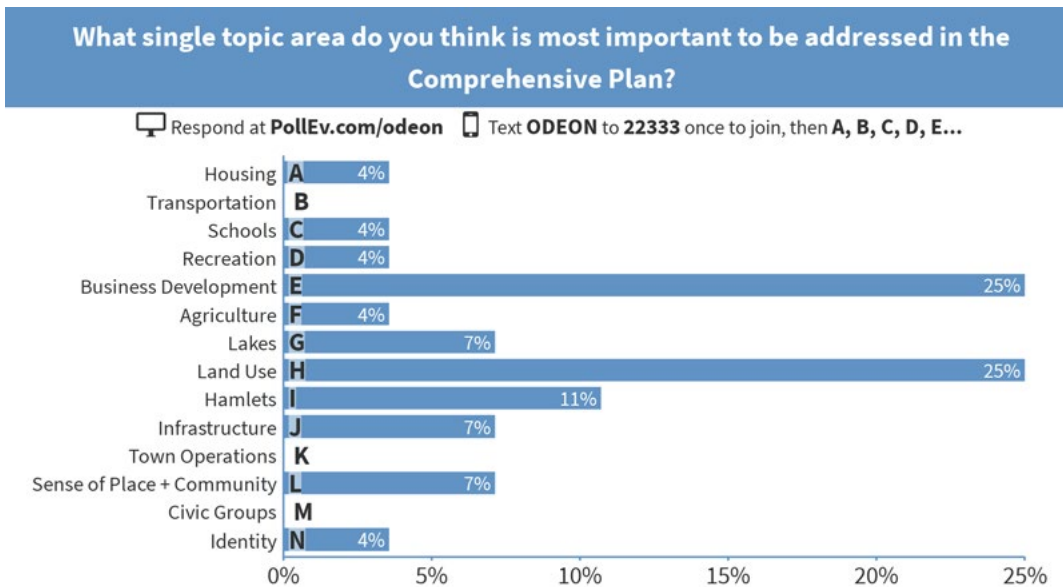


6) Business:



7) Winter: The most popular answer here was to have better internet or cell service. While this is good to know, it's not necessarily something that the Town has control over. The second most popular answer category was about a variety of maintenance issues including requests for more or better plowing techniques "push the snow banks further back near the intersection", "teach plow drivers to avoid wing blade damage". People did not the need for a community gathering space, as in a community room, community recreational amenities such as skating rinks, or even more restaurants. More trails, and outdoor facilities were also frequently mentioned.

8) Topic Area:



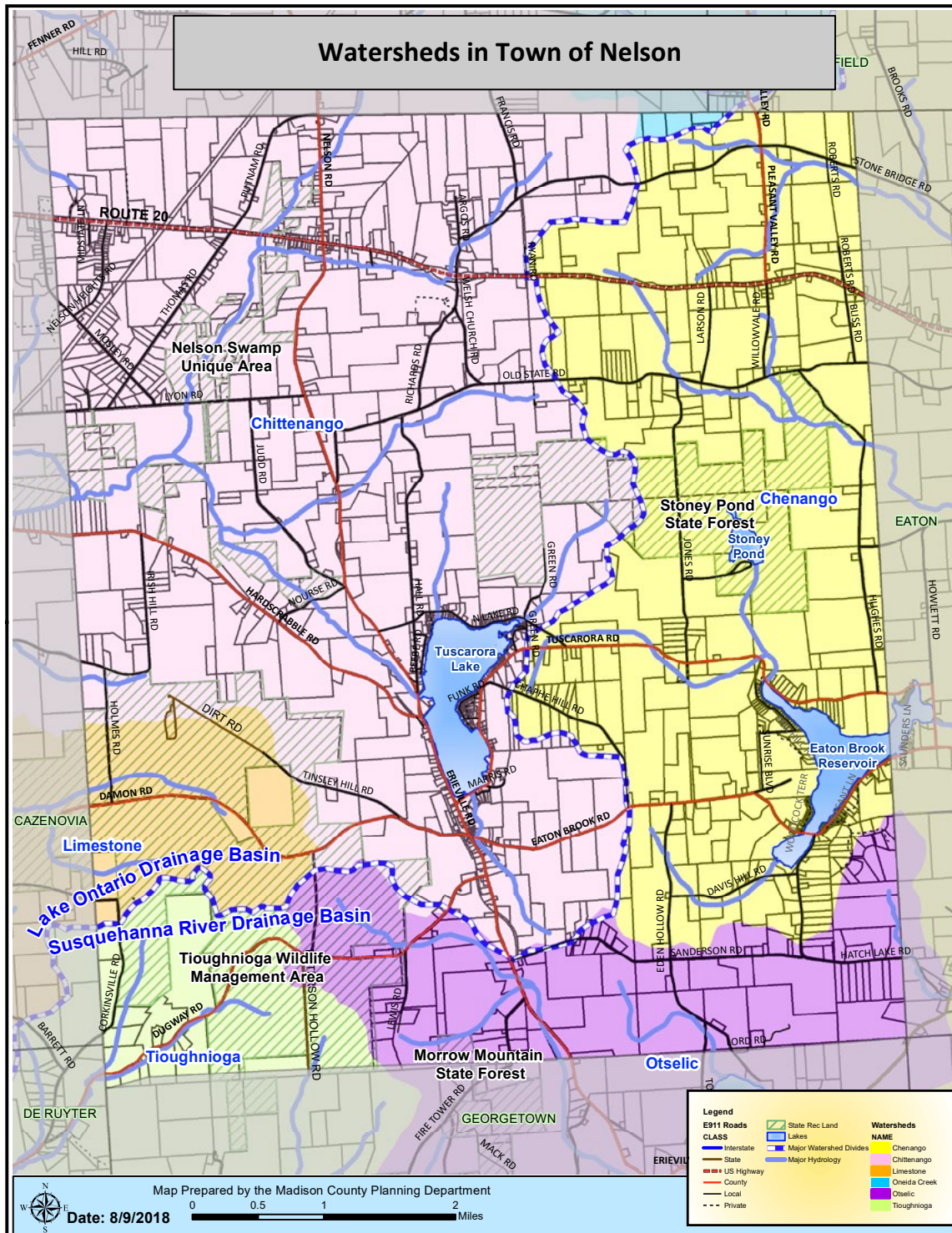
9) Erieville: The most popular answer category here dealt with “upgrading”, “cleaning up” “doing something with” “refurbishing” or “fixing” decaying and abandoned properties. The need for better code enforcement was noted, and there seems to be support for pursuing a grant program to help with some structures. A few people mentioned that sidewalks were needed. One person said “Do something interesting with the church building.”

Appendix E

Maps

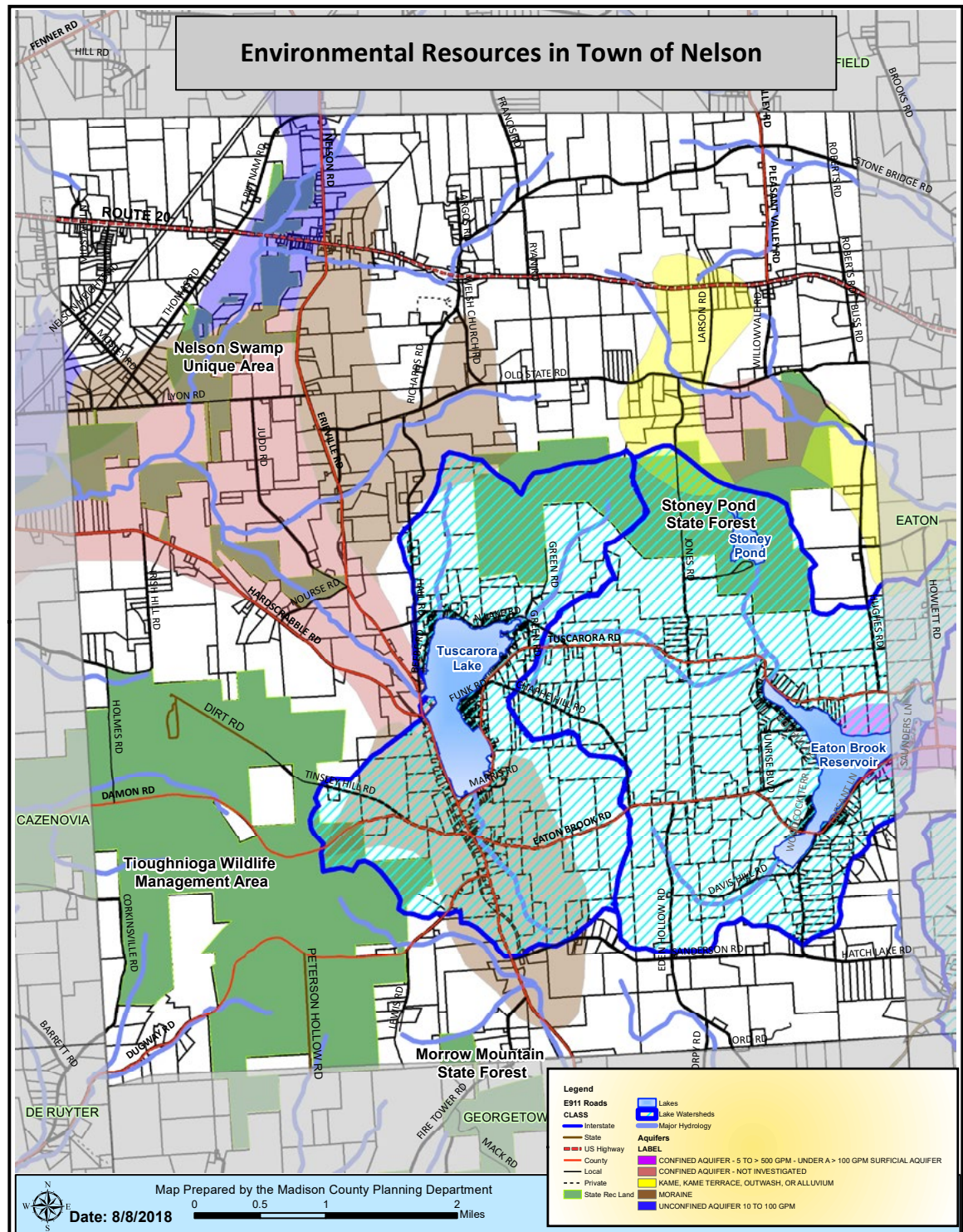
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1) Watershed



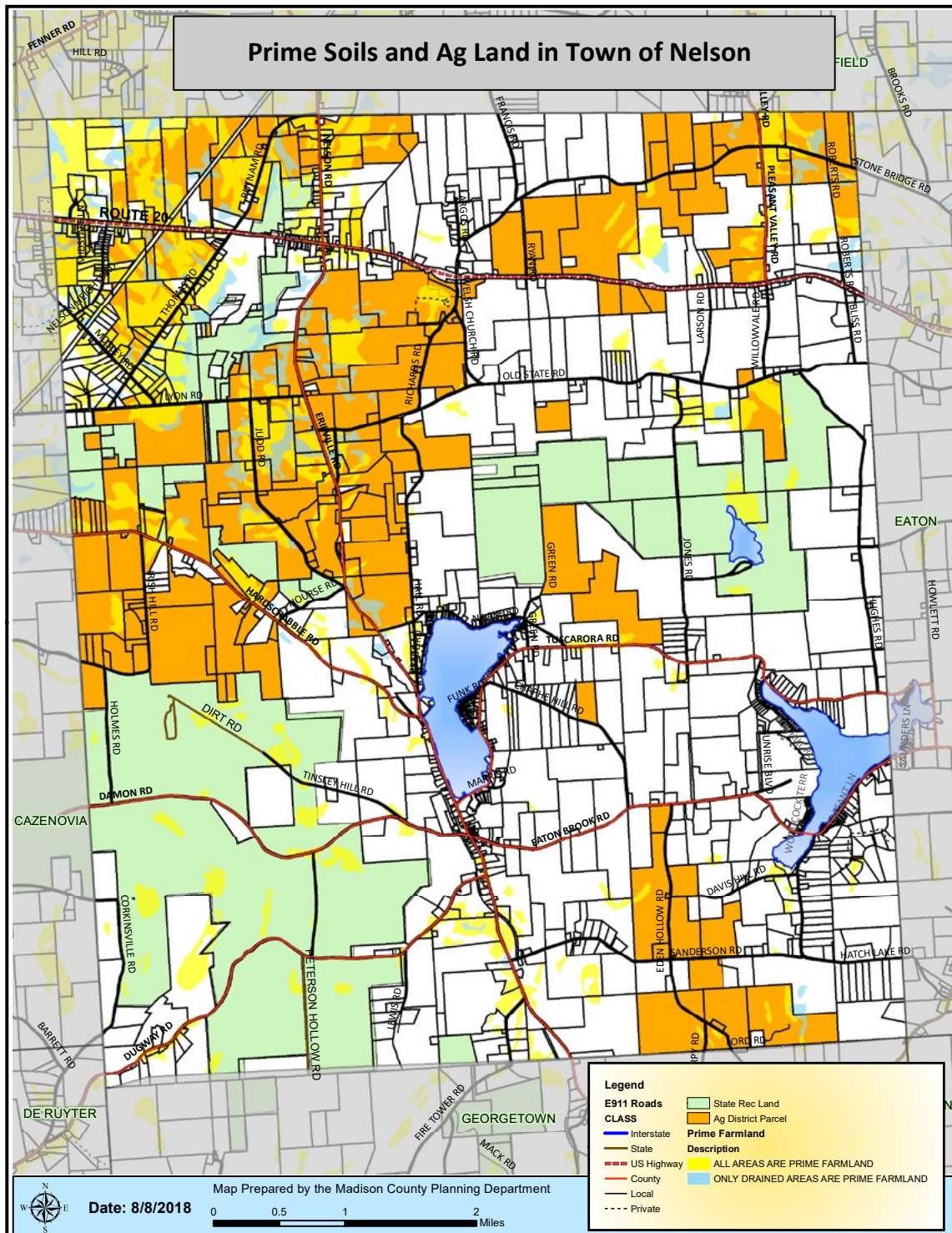
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2) Environmental Resources



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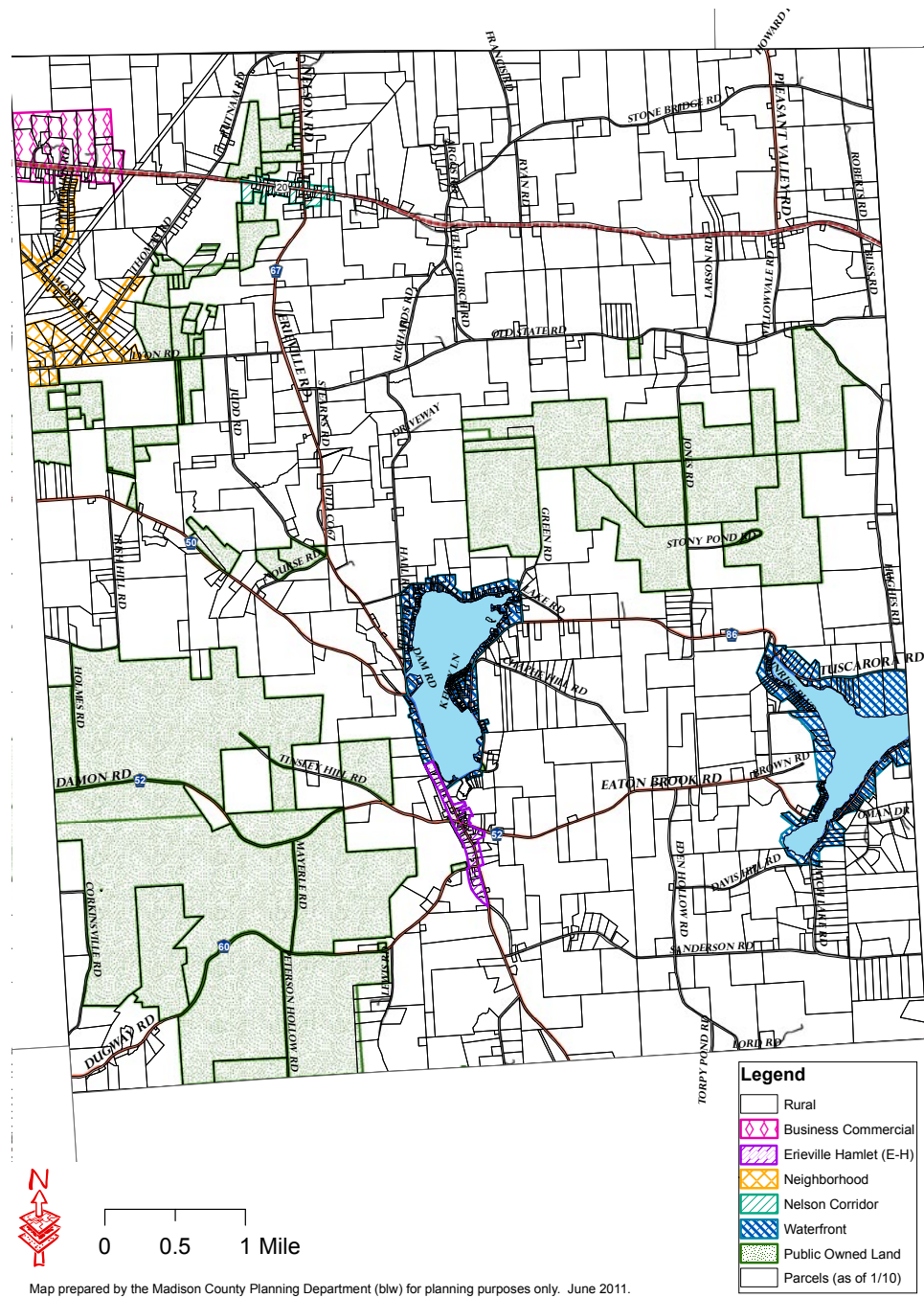
3) Prime Soil and Ag Land



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4) Zoning

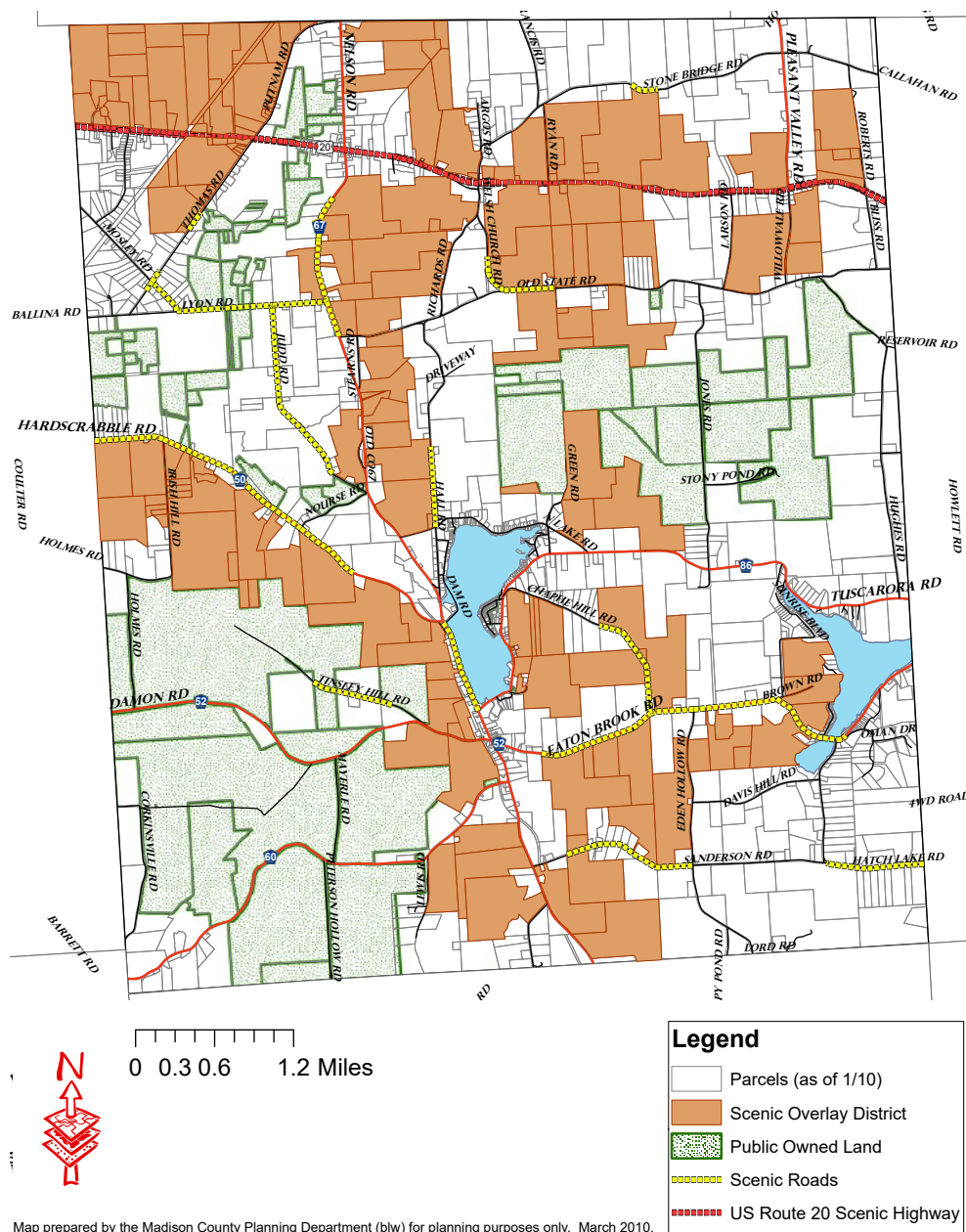
Town of Nelson Zoning Map 2011



Appendix E: Maps

5) Scenic Overlay District

Town of Nelson Scenic Overlay District and Roads



Appendix F

Historic Photo Comparisons



Figure 1: 3264 Route 20 E & Erieville Rd, Hamlet of Nelson., historic photo taken circa 1914.



Figure 2: Old Coach Stop, Post Office at US Route 20 & Fenner Road, Hamlet of Nelson, Historic Photo date unknown



Figure 3: Intersection of US Route 20E and Erieville Rd., Hamlet of Nelson. Historic photo taken circa 1960,s



Figure 4: Methodist Church, US Route 20E, Hamlet of Nelson, historic photo taken circa 1930's



Figure 5: Intersection of US Route 20E and Fenner Rd., Hamlet of Nelson, historic photo date unknown



Figure 1: Tuscarora Lake; Erieville Rd & Hardscrabble Rd, dam seen in background, historic postcard circa 1900.



Figure 2:Tuscarora Lake, from Erieville Road, historic scene date unknown



Figure 3: Erieville Road, entering Hamlet of Erieville, Historic postcard circa 1920.

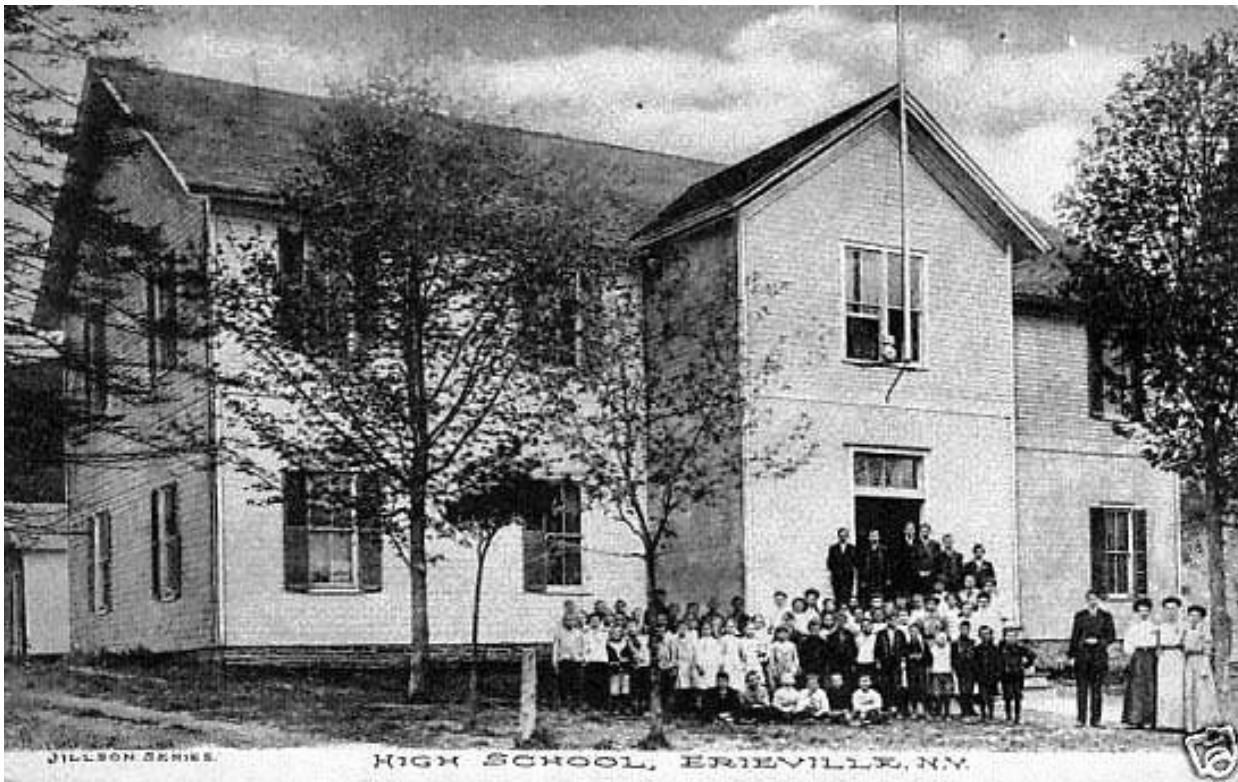


Figure 4: Erville High School, historic postcard circa 1900.



Figure 5: Easton Brook Rd (then Maple) facing intersection with Erieville Road, historic postcard circa 1900.



Figure 6: Easton Brook Rd (formerly Maple St.), historic postcard circa 1900.



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Figure 7: Erieville Road, historic postcard circa 1900



Figure 8: Intersection of Erieville Road & Damon Road, historic postcard circa 1900.



Figure 9: Eatonbrook Road (then Maple Ave.) facing intersection with Erieville Rd and Damon Rd., historic postcard circa 1900



Figure 10: Methodist Church on Erieville Road, taken from intersection of Damon Rd & Eatonbrook Rd. Historic postcard circa 1900.



Figure 11: Methodist Church and corner buildings at intersection of Erieville, Damon and Eaton Brook Rds. Historic Postcard circa 1900.



Figure 12: Intersection of Erieville, Damon & Eatonbrook Rds., facing north. Historic postcard circa 1900.



Figure 13: Tug Hill Tavern, US Route 20 & Ryan Road, historic picture date unknown.



Figure 14: Stone Bridge & US Route 20. Historic photo circa 1960's.

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

The Town of Smithfield's initial land use regulations and subdivision regulations were both adopted in 1990. Although each has been amended in several minor respects since their adoption, there had been no comprehensive review of these regulations since 1990. Concerned with the continuing conversion of agricultural lands to residential subdivisions, the Town Board of the Town of Smithfield adopted Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2001 on December 27, 2001, which enacted an interim development moratorium law restricting the processing or approval of applications for subdivision of lands classified as agricultural pending an evaluation and assessment of plans for the development of lands within the Town and a determination as to whether new or modified land use and/or subdivision regulations were warranted. By its terms, Local Law 01-1 instituted a moratorium for a period of one year, commencing December 31, 2001.

The Town of Smithfield Comprehensive Plan has been compiled by the Town of Smithfield Planning Board ("Planning Board") pursuant to the direction of the Town Board and the provisions of Local Law 01-1. During the process of compiling this comprehensive plan, the members of the Planning Board examined current land uses within the Town and analyzed the identifiable land use trends in the Town. The Planning Board has further identified potential issues and concerns arising out of those trends, and has developed a list of suggested legislative actions for consideration by the Town Board to address these issues and concerns.

This document is a compilation and summary of the information gathered and produced by the Planning Board. As part of this process, the Planning Board conducted

a road survey to identify current land uses, and then mailed a written survey/questionnaire to all 480 owners of real property in the Town. The return rate of the survey was approximately 26%, which provided useful information to assist the Planning Board in its discussions and consideration.

SCOPE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

As set forth in the New York State Town Law, the intent of a comprehensive plan is to establish a consensus about a community's future, prepare it for future demographic and economic changes, protect its natural and agricultural resources and provide direction to the Town and other governmental agencies in the consideration and enactment of future land use policies and regulations. Under the State enabling statutes, land use regulations are to be in accordance with a comprehensive plan. As such, land use regulations are a tool for the implementation of goals and objectives stated in a comprehensive plan.

New York State Town Law §272-a grants all towns the authority and responsibility to prepare and adopt comprehensive plans. As defined by the State statutes, a comprehensive plan is a document which presents goals, objectives, guidelines and policies for the immediate and long range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the community. Also sometimes referred to as a master plan or land use plan, a comprehensive plan provides guidance to town leaders and helps to ensure that the needs of the community will be adequately addressed in the future.

While the State enabling statutes establish no required format for the content of a comprehensive plan, it is suggested that the plan include, among other things, a general statement of goals, objectives, principals and policies as well as the consideration of existing and proposed land uses, agricultural, historical and cultural resources, sensitive environmental areas, population and demographic trends, location and types of transportation facilities, public and private utilities and infrastructure and existing and future housing resources and needs.

The Planning Board reviewed and analyzed the information from its road survey and property owner questionnaire as well as published census and assessment data regarding land use, population, and demographic trends to compile a factual basis for the conclusions stated in this report. The analysis conducted by the Board, and the layout of this comprehensive plan, is essentially structured under a four part process as follows:

- I. Identify current land uses,
- II. Identify land use trends,
- III. Identify issues of concern in the current land uses and the identified land use trends, and
- IV. Identify goals and objectives, and recommendations to address the stated issues.

I. IDENTIFICATION OF CURRENT LAND USES

A. Geographic and Historical Background

The Town of Smithfield is located in the central portion of Madison County. It is one of the smallest towns in Madison County in terms of area, comprising approximately 15,352 acres according to assessment records (24.34 square miles according to the U.S. Census Bureau). The Town is principally bordered by the Town of Lincoln to the

north, the Town of Stockbridge to the east, the Town of Fenner to the west and the Town of Eaton to the south. The Town is located south of the more heavily populated and densely developed Route 5 corridor and north of, but closer to the Route 20 corridor which transects the more rural southern portion of Madison County.

The landscape in the Town is dominated by rolling hills and valleys. Peterboro Swamp and Morrisville Swamp are both significant and essentially undisturbed freshwater wetlands within the Town. These areas, as well as many others, offer excellent wildlife habitats. There are some excellent agricultural soils within the Town, although steep slopes are problematic in some areas. There are a few small scale gravel and shale pits operating in the Town, but presently no major mining activities.

Although served by no state highways, County Routes 25 (Oxbow Road/Pleasant Valley Road), 28 (Cody Road), 54 (Buyea Road), 29 (Creek Road), 31 (Peterboro Road), 30 (Williams Road), 31 (Stockbridge Falls Road), 47 (Fearon Road), 45 (Davis Corners Road) and 101 (Swamp Road) all serve the Township, along with a number of Town roads. The Town has no public facilities for rail or air travel, although limited public bus service is available through the Madison County Transit System. The Town also has no public water, public sewer or utility natural gas line service.

There are no incorporated villages within the Town, although within its borders are the unincorporated hamlets of Peterboro and Siloam. The historical "town center" is the hamlet of Peterboro, which has the greatest number and concentration of homes and other structures, including a Methodist Church, the Smithfield Fire House, a post office and the converted and historically renovated school building which now serves as the Town of Smithfield Community Center.

The Town in general, and Peterboro in particular, has a rich historical heritage. The Town's founder, Peter Smith, and his son Gerritt Smith, made Peterboro a center of economic and political activity throughout much of the 19th century. In the last fifteen years there has been a broad based community effort to preserve that heritage and educate the public of the historical significance of the Town. The Town of Smithfield, working with the Smithfield Community Association and the Peterboro Historical Society, owns and maintains the Community Center property, a two acre site containing Peter Smith's original land office, and also the Peterboro Museum property. Both the Community Center and the land office property are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

B. Population and Demographic Background

The Town's population according to the 2000 census is 1,205 persons, which ranks it as the second least populated of the sixteen towns and cities within Madison County. The population increased approximately 14% over the 1990 census figure of 1,053 residents. According to the 2000 census data, sixty-one percent of the population is between the ages of 18 and 64. Thirty-one percent of the population is under the age of 18, and only eight percent of the population is over the age of 65.

Also according to the 2000 census data, there are 415 households within the Town, with 348 households (84%) being owner occupied, and 67 households (16%) being renter occupied units. Of those residences which are owner occupied, the greatest concentration (65%) of households by property value is in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 value range. In terms of household income, 52% of the households earn between \$25,000 and \$75,000 per year. Thirty-three percent earn less than \$25,000

per year and 15% earn \$75,000 per year or more. Median household income in 1999 was \$35,109.

C. Current Land Uses and Trends

The Town is predominantly rural in nature and is predominated by large tracts of undeveloped land. Approximately fifty-eight percent of the Town's land area is classified by assessment records as agricultural, which includes vacant farm land, livestock, dairy farm, cattle farm or field crops. Eighteen percent of the Town's land area is classified as Rural Vacant, Vacant Rural or abandoned agricultural, and four percent is classified as vacant with improvements. One family residence and rural residence classifications comprise 16% of the Town's total acreage, manufactured housing 3%, and other use classifications each being less than 1% of the total land area of the Town.

In terms of assessed value, lands classified as agricultural account for approximately 19% of the total. Single family and rural residences comprise approximately 47% of total assessed value, and manufactured homes approximately 5% of total assessed value.

Currently, the relatively few businesses that exist in the Town (other than farming) are small, home based enterprises. There are no general retail stores. Everyday consumer goods must be acquired in nearby Morrisville, Hamilton, Canastota, Oneida, Cazenovia or other communities. There are no large scale businesses or industries. The two facilities employing the most persons within the Town are the Morrisville-Eaton Central High School and transportation facility, and the SUNY-Morrisville Equine Center, both of which are tax-exempt facilities.