

SECTION 5 - OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND ACTION ITEMS

These items are taken from the previous chapter on Community Goals. The action items break down the goals into achievable steps and outlines who could potentially provide leadership on these various issues. It should be stated that the actions listed can be short, medium, or long term actions, depending on community priorities, initiative, and resources.

5.1 Opportunity/Challenge:

New Zoning

Action:

The Village will work with Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council to prepare, review, and adopt new zoning based on this comprehensive plan.

Who is Responsible?

Mayor, Village Board, Village Planning Board, citizen input, G/FLRPC.

5.2 Opportunity/Challenge:

Enforcement of existing zoning and building codes and the forthcoming new zoning

Action:

The Village will actively but fairly enforce all existing laws related to buildings and land use.

Who is Responsible?

Mayor, Village Board, Village Planning Board, village staff

5.3 Opportunity/Challenge:

Acquisition of Naval facility (long term, should it ever be vacated by the Navy)

Action:

The Village will work with the Federal Government, including the Department of Defense and Congressional and Senate representatives from New York State to ensure this publicly owned land is converted into a public recreational amenity and economic development opportunity.

Who is Responsible?

Mayor, Village Board, Village Planning Board, Department of Defense, US Senators, US Congressional Representatives.

5.4 *Opportunity/Challenge:*

Outlet Trail improvement

Action:

Work closely with the Friends of the Outlet Trail and adjacent property owners with any proposed trail improvements.

Who is Responsible?

Mayor, Village Board, Village Planning Board, Friends of the Outlet Trail, adjacent property owners, citizens.

5.5 *Opportunity/Challenge:*

Improvements to Town Beach/village parcel at the end of Cornelia Street

Action:

The Village will work with the Town of Torrey to coordinate improvements on the two adjacent public parcels of land (town and village). The Village will contact and involve the neighboring property owners, as well as residents of the entire Village, in the study and planning of this project.

The possibility of constructing a boat launch should be investigated. In addition, the possibility of constructing some sort of stairway or terraces at the end of Cornelia Street to provide additional access to the Town Beach should be investigated. Low cost technical assistance for these projects may be available in the form of student projects from engineering, architecture, planning, or landscape architecture students at Cornell University, SUNY ESF, RIT, or other academic institutions.

Who is Responsible?

Mayor, Village Board, Village Planning Board, Village Staff, citizen input, academic institutions.

5.6 Opportunity/Challenge:

Maintaining all park and recreational equipment (tennis court, playground, skating rink, fencing), and all park land, in a state of good repair.

Action:

The Village will development and adhere to a maintenance plan and budget for its existing parks, squares, and public land.

Who is Responsible?

Mayor, Village Board, Village staff

5.7 Opportunity/Challenge:

Grosvenor Square baseball diamond

Action:

The Village will evaluate the Grosvenor Square baseball diamond as to its frequency of use and appropriateness in that location and either repair and maintain the facility or remove it. If the decision is made to repair and maintain the facility, it should be integrated into the overall maintenance plan for the parks and recreational equipment.

Who is Responsible?

Mayor, Village Board, Village Planning Board, Village staff, citizen input.

5.8 Opportunity/Challenge:

Encroachment on public land

Action:

The Village should work to establish all public parks and squares as truly public spaces and prevent encroachment by neighboring private properties. Educating the residents about the Village's public lands would probably be appropriate. Actual delineation of public land can be accomplished with simple methods such as stakes, hedges, and plantings or with elaborate methods such as bollards, fences, and walls.

Who is Responsible?

Mayor, Village Board, Village Planning Board, Village staff, citizen input. Possibly also a consultant (surveyor) and Yates County Office of Real Property Services.

5.9 Opportunity/Challenge:

Street and sidewalk inventory.

Action:

Using paper or digital maps, inventory all stretches of streets and sidewalks in the village.

Who is Responsible?

Village staff; Village Board.

5.10 Opportunity/Challenge:

Sidewalk and roadway construction standards

Action:

Develop and adopt construction standards for streets and sidewalks

Who is Responsible?

Village Planning Board, Village Board, Village staff

5.11 Opportunity/Challenge:

Public parking lot in Grosvenor Square

Action:

The Village will explore options for reconfiguring the public parking in Grosvenor Square to maintain accessibility for adjacent users (Methodist Church, Baptist Church, and seasonal occupants of lakeshore cottages) while improving the quality of this important public green space. Any conversations or planning that take place regarding this issue should include the adjacent land-owners. Low cost technical assistance for this projects may be available in the form of student projects from engineering, architecture, planning, or landscape architecture students at Cornell University, SUNY ESF, RIT, or other academic institutions.

Who is Responsible?

Mayor, Village Board, Village Planning Board, Village Staff, citizen input, academic institutions.

5.12 Opportunity/Challenge:

Maintain adequate infrastructure capacity.

Action:

Monitor condition, capacity, and usage of the village water system to maintain an efficiency and allow for growth.

Who is Responsible?

Village Board, Village Staff

5.13 Opportunity/Challenge:

Maintain the adequacy of private onsite wastewater systems (septic systems) in the village to protect the water resources of Seneca Lake.

Action:

Work closely with Town of Torrey Watershed Inspector to ensure the maintenance of existing private onsite wastewater systems (septic systems) through inspection and enforcement of appropriate regulations.

Who is Responsible?

Village Board, Village Staff

5.14 Opportunity/Challenge:

Monitor discussions of potential public sewer system along Route 14.

Action:

Actively participate in regional and watershed-wide organizations such as the Yates County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Seneca Lake Area Partners in Five Counties to stay informed on water resource issues.

Who is Responsible?

Village Board, Village Staff

5.15 Opportunity/Challenge:

Stormwater system inventory.

Action:

Using paper or digital maps, document and condition of all inlet basins, storm drains, ditches, swales, dry wells, etc., that convey run-off from the village.

Who is Responsible?

Village staff, Village Board.

5.16 Opportunity/Challenge:

Promote improved infrastructure capacity, especially with regard to telecommunications.

Action:

Initiate a dialogue with regional entities (e.g. Yates County Industrial Development Agency, etc.) and service providers (e.g. Time Warner Cable, etc.) to explore ways to improve service to Dresden.

Who is Responsible?

Village Board

5.17 Opportunity/Challenge:

Village facilities (village hall, fire hall, etc.) inventory.

Action:

Document and regularly monitor condition, capacity, and usage of the village facilities to maintain adequacy and efficiency. Actively reach out to the Town of Torrey to explore ways to share facilities to increase efficiency and save resources.

Who is Responsible?

Village Board, Village Staff, fire department input, citizen input.

5.18 Opportunity/Challenge:

Maintain a well-qualified staff, leadership, and board membership.

Action:

Encourage participation in various training opportunities for elected officials, municipal board members, and municipal staff offered by organizations such as the New York State Department of State, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, Yates County, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Soil and Water Conservation District, and others.

Who is Responsible?

Mayor, Village Board, Planning Board, Village Staff

5.19 *Opportunity/Challenge:*

Village corporate limits discrepancies; long-established encroachment upon public squares and public right-of-ways, including “paper streets”

Action:

The Village should expeditiously continue to work towards a resolution that correctly and legally determines the Village corporate limits (boundary). The Village should also ensure that the revised Village boundary is recognized and understood by all Village and Town residents, and is officially recorded and recognized by all levels of government (Town, County, State, Federal). The Village should also work to legally resolve and document the issue of “paper streets” and squares that have been encroached upon by neighboring private properties. This includes the alley that runs between Bogert and Main Streets, parallel to Charles Street, and the northwestern quadrant of Washington Square, between Geneva Street, Main Street, and the railroad.

Who is Responsible?

Mayor, Village Board, Village Staff, affected property owners, all village citizens (everyone should have a say in the formal relinquishment of what is technically public property), Yates County (especially the Office of Real Property Tax Services), New York State Department of State, Federal Census Bureau, potentially others.