

Chapter 1 - Contents

Introduction 1

Alexandria Bay’s Plan Purpose..... 1

Comprehensive Plan Defined..... 2

Planning Process 2

Location..... 3

Community Input 4

Community Survey – Quick Summary of
Overall Concerns 15

Community Survey - Open Ended Summary
..... 15

Brainstorming Exercise 18

Public Meeting on the Draft Vision, Goals
and Strategies 20

Introduction

As recent members of the Village Board of Trustees began their terms, they noted the last Master Plan was completed for Alexandria Bay in 1991. This along with a Design Charrette completed in 1997 were the last two Planning Type documents adopted by the Village that form the basis for the Zoning Law and Zoning Map. Thereafter various board members and citizens discussed the need for an updated Comprehensive Plan (current term used in NYS enabling law).

A new Comprehensive Plan will allow the Village to track changes in the community since 1991 and establish priorities based on current conditions in the Village. For example the Village could take advantage of new development opportunities, especially where vacant land may exist in the presence of municipal services. A primary purpose of the Village’s Comprehensive Plan process

and completion is to enhance the community’s quality of life, while maintaining what makes it a unique and desirable place to live, work, and visit.

While the Village has an adopted Zoning Law, it did not have an updated vision or current land use plan in place beyond the 1991 Master Plan. A new land use planning process would help determine whether recently proposed projects in the Village are consistent with the vision desired by the current community. Ultimately, a new Comprehensive Plan for the whole village would be beneficial to complete in order to shape and implement the Village’s current vision for the future.

Alexandria Bay’s Plan Purpose

In completing this Comprehensive Plan, the Village sought to gain input to create a new community vision, goals and recommended strategies in order to continue to allow it and its various neighborhoods to continue to be desirable places to live, work, and visit. It describes Alexandria Bay’s historical context, outlines various demographic and economic trends that have shaped its recent past, notes current environmental and development conditions, and describes community facilities and transportation systems.

The inventory and public input process were used to generate a series of considerations and recommendations regarding the community’s future. Thus, it illustrates for Village leaders and the public where their community has been, where it is now, and perhaps where it may be going, ultimately to

CHAPTER 1.

help craft its vision for the future. This vision, strategies, and a series of recommended implementation steps should be used to realize the community vision over time.

By illustrating the desired community direction, potential development projects and priority environmental issues/areas can be identified, supported, and promoted or preserved.

According to New York State Village Law, zoning shall be in accordance with a comprehensive plan. Therefore, after this Plan is completed, a Zoning Law Update should be initiated to help ensure the Zoning requirements continue to be in compliance with the latest Village Vision and Strategies.

Comprehensive Plan Defined

A comprehensive plan is a written document that identifies the goals, policies and/or standards for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development within the community.

Well-crafted plans seek to answer the following questions:

Where are we now? This is answered using the community inventory, demographic, economic profile, and land use information.

Where are we going? This is answered using various trends, possible development scenarios, infrastructure needs, zoning districts and regulations, etc.

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC INPUT

Where do we want to be? This is answered by relying on citizen input and local leadership, to develop or update the community vision or vision statements.

How do we get there? This is answered by drafting and finalizing a series of priorities including Goals, Objectives or Strategies, and Actions necessary to accomplish the community's vision over the next 5 to 10 years. However, a concerted, committed, and coordinated effort is often required to approach the goals and vision.

Comprehensive Plan benefits

- *Addresses quality of life issues*
- *Builds support for local actions*
- *Process can identify community needs*
- *Provides legitimacy for upcoming land use and zoning decisions*
- *Helps with community consensus*
- *Serves to guide community decisions*
- *Allows community to work toward a vision for the area*
- *Helps attract prospective residents and employers to the community*
- *Will improve support for grant funding to implement priority projects*

Planning Process

The Comprehensive Committee working on the Plan is comprised of: Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members; the zoning officer and Village Board members; as well as residents and business stakeholders. The Committee volunteered it's time to work and complete this Plan to benefit residents, business owners, and visitors of the Village for the next 5 to 10 years pursuant to New York State law.

Process steps included:

- An online public survey used to gather public opinion regarding several planning and community issues (August-September 2018).
- A community inventory which involves a brief history, demographic, housing, and business trends. The inventory also includes a series of environmental conditions, land use patterns, traffic levels, and bridge crossing information. (October 2018 to May 2019).
- Multiple public meetings/input sessions to gather public input and present inventory results to date, which included a brainstorming exercise (August 2018): identifying the Village likes and dislikes, as well as community Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. They also gathered additional input to help shape and refine the community vision, goals, strategies, and actions (Public Meeting August 2019).
- The land use portion of the Plan discusses existing land uses in the Village and explores scenarios for future growth patterns.
- Potential future zoning amendments identified for discussion and recommendation to implement the community vision and goals.

Location

The Village of Alexandria Bay is located in northern New York, also known as upstate New York. It sits approximately 95 miles north of the City of Syracuse on Lake Ontario in northeastern Jefferson County. It is approximately 30 miles north of the City of



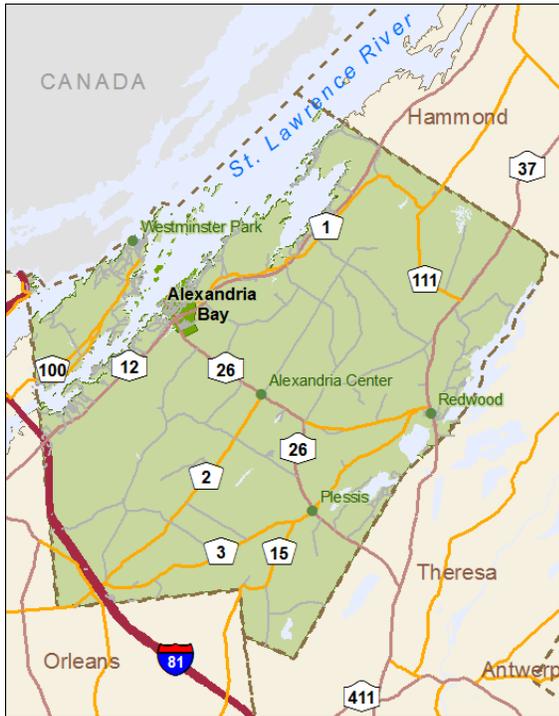
Watertown, Jefferson County's county seat. The Town's commercial corridor (NYS Route 12) is approximately 25 miles (less than 30 minutes) from Fort Drum's main gate on US Route 11 via Interstate-81 and I-781.

This area along the St. Lawrence River is a local, national and global destination for tourists and visitors. Also known as the Thousand Islands, this portion of the River has shaped development along its shorelines and its settlement patterns for many years. Future development will likely continue to be shaped by its natural characteristics and unique assets.

The Village is one of several communities in the Town of Alexandria. Being the only incorporated village within the Town, it has the largest population and number of businesses of any of the communities within the Town of Alexandria. The hamlets of Redwood and Plessis are smaller, though still recognized as population and business

CHAPTER 1.

centers by the US Census Bureau. The Town portion of Wellesley Island is another distinct area with community-like characteristics, made up of both year round



residences and seasonal homes, many along the St. Lawrence River just across the bay from the Village.

Community Input

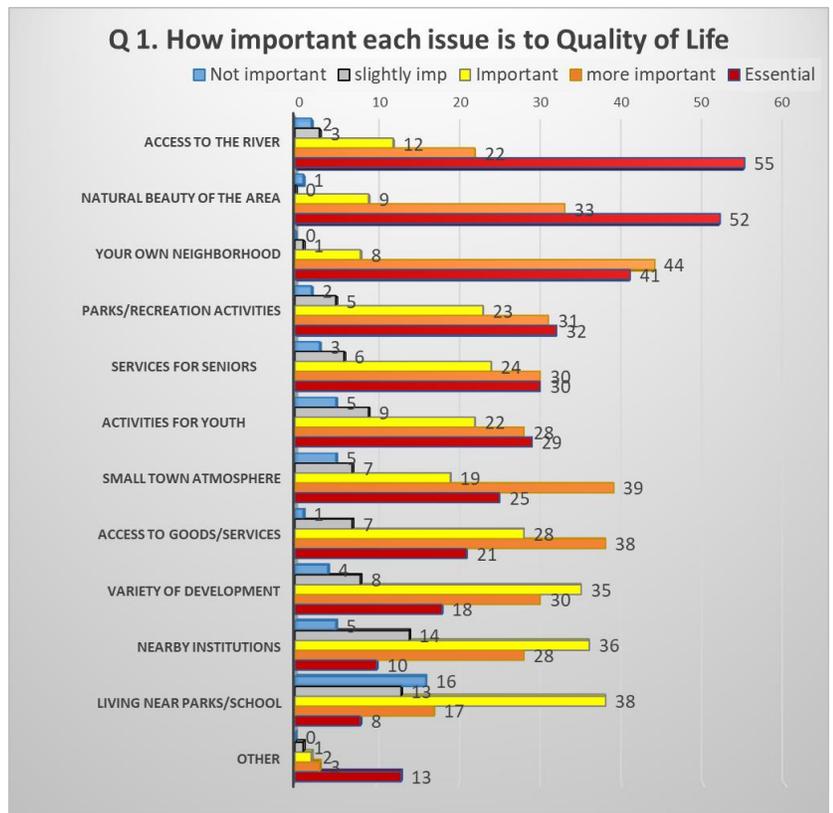
Early on during the planning process, planning committee members placed a high priority on gaining as much public input as possible, not only from year-round residents and business owners, but also from seasonal residents and visitors.

A public meeting was held in August of 2018 at the Village Office Community Room, in order to seek public input and inform the public regarding the Comprehensive Planning process. The meeting was also used to brainstorm

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC INPUT

regarding community priorities and issues and collect public thoughts and comments on the information to be included in the Comprehensive Plan. The attendance at the meeting turned out to be low, with less than ten members of the public attending. Results of this meeting were limited, however, input was informative.

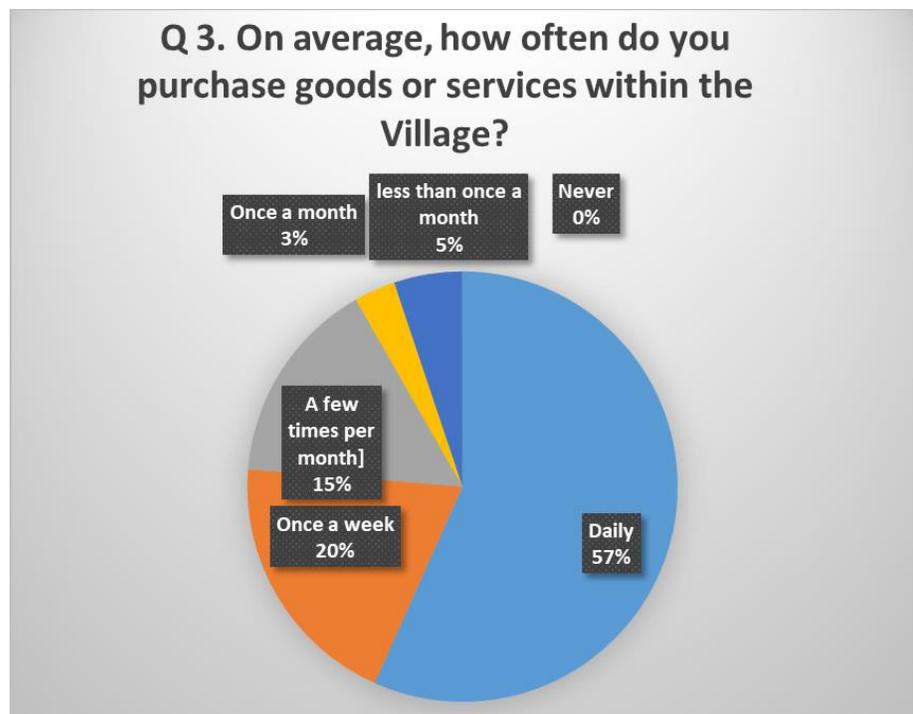
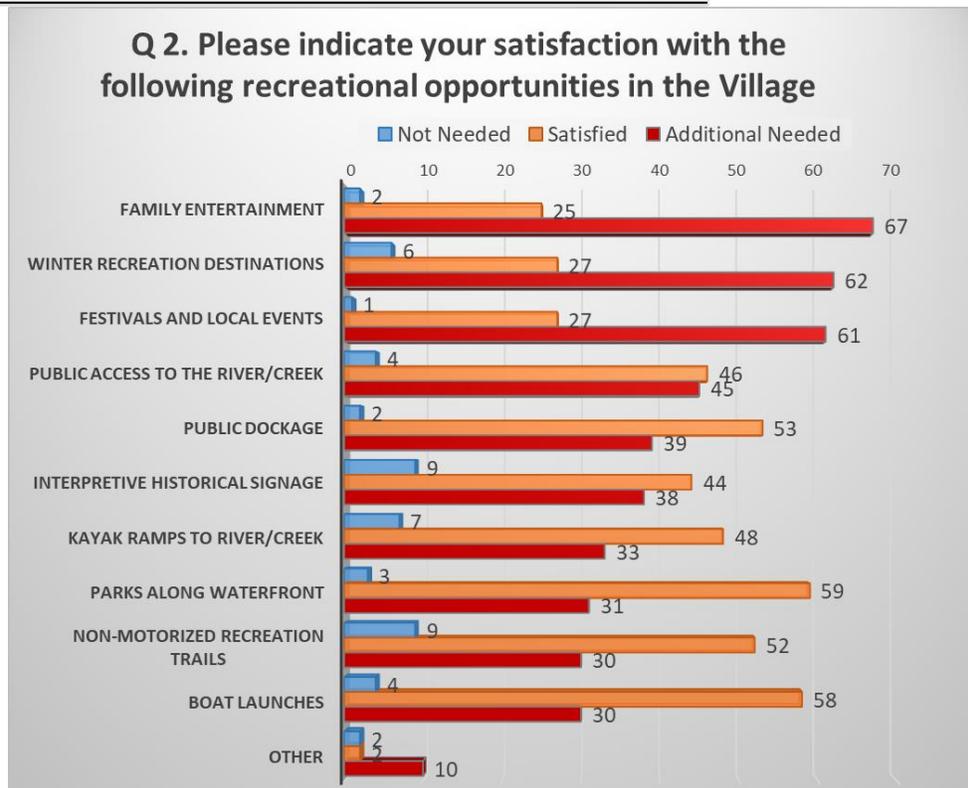
For written comment, a community input survey card was sent to all taxable properties with an online link and posters hung throughout the Village. This garnered only 30 respondents (considered to be a low response rate). Thereafter, the deadline was extended and surveys were sent to all Village addresses, subsequently 97 completed surveys were returned in total. With a response rate of 13.6% of the year-round households and 27.3% of the seasonal



households, and 14.4% of all housing units (year-round and seasonal) in the Village, the number of responses could be considered statistically valid. According to real property data, there were about 578 property owners of 724 parcels in 2019. So the 97 surveys consisted of 16.8% of unique property owners and 13.4% of the village parcels.

Question 1 asked how important each issue is to Quality of Life. Respondents rated access to the river (55) and natural beauty of the area (52) the highest chosen as essential. Your own neighborhood also rated relatively high with 41 essential ratings, and 44 indicating more important. Parks/recreation activities, services for seniors, and activities for youth had relatively high ratings of essential and more important as well.

Question 2 asked respondents to indicate their satisfaction with the following recreational opportunities in the Village. Family entertainment (67), winter recreation destinations (62), and festivals and local events (61) with indications of additional needed. The other recreational opportunities also received votes of additional needed, however, they were tempered by more of those who were satisfied with those issues in the same number or more so.



Question 3 asked on average, how often do you purchase goods or services within the Village? Perhaps a statement of support for

local businesses, 57% of the respondents said daily. Another 20% indicated once a week, and 15% indicated a few times per month. While 3% said once a month, and 5% purchased items less than once a month on average.

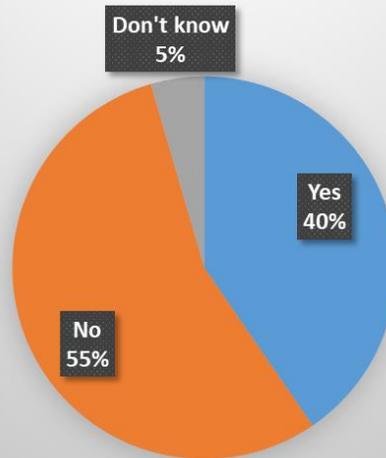
Question 4 asked respondents are you satisfied with the kinds of businesses within the Village. More than half (55%) of the respondents indicated they were not satisfied. While 40% said yes they were satisfied, only 5% said they didn't know.

Based on Question 3 responses we could surmise that most of those who are satisfied shop daily in the Village, while some may shop more often if the business mix were better suited to their daily needs.

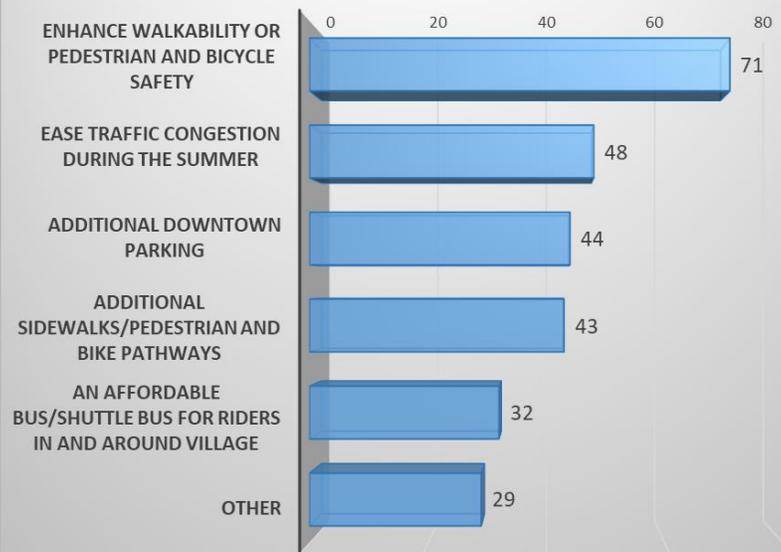
Question 5 asked respondents to check three traffic and transportation issues you feel are most important. The top three chosen by respondents: enhance walkability or pedestrian and bicycle safety (71), ease traffic congestion during the summer (48) and additional downtown parking (44). However, additional sidewalks/pedestrian and bike pathways rated a close fourth with 43 respondents.

About a third of the respondents rated bus/shuttle bus for riders in and around the village as important. In all likelihood not all residents would necessarily need such a service. The importance of this solution to alleviating downtown traffic\parking

Q 4. Are you satisfied with the kinds of businesses within the Village?

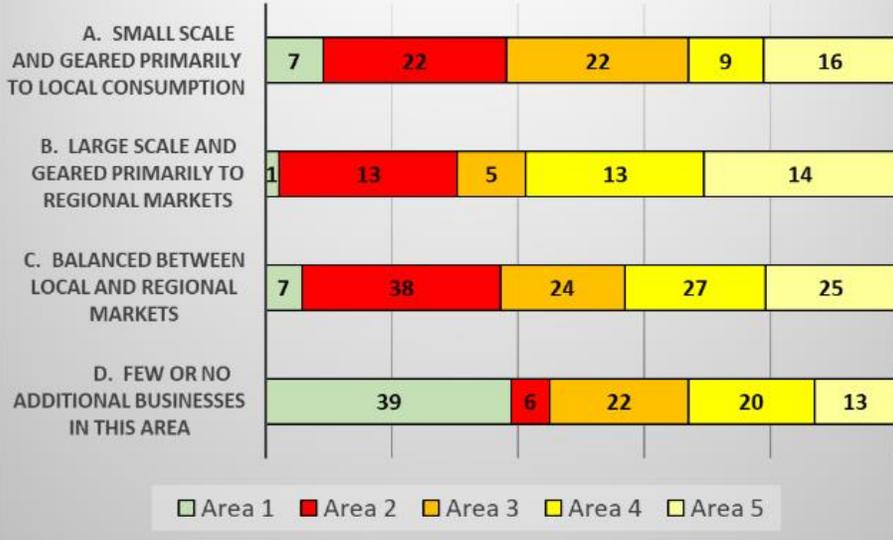


Q 5. Please check three traffic and transportation issues you feel are most important



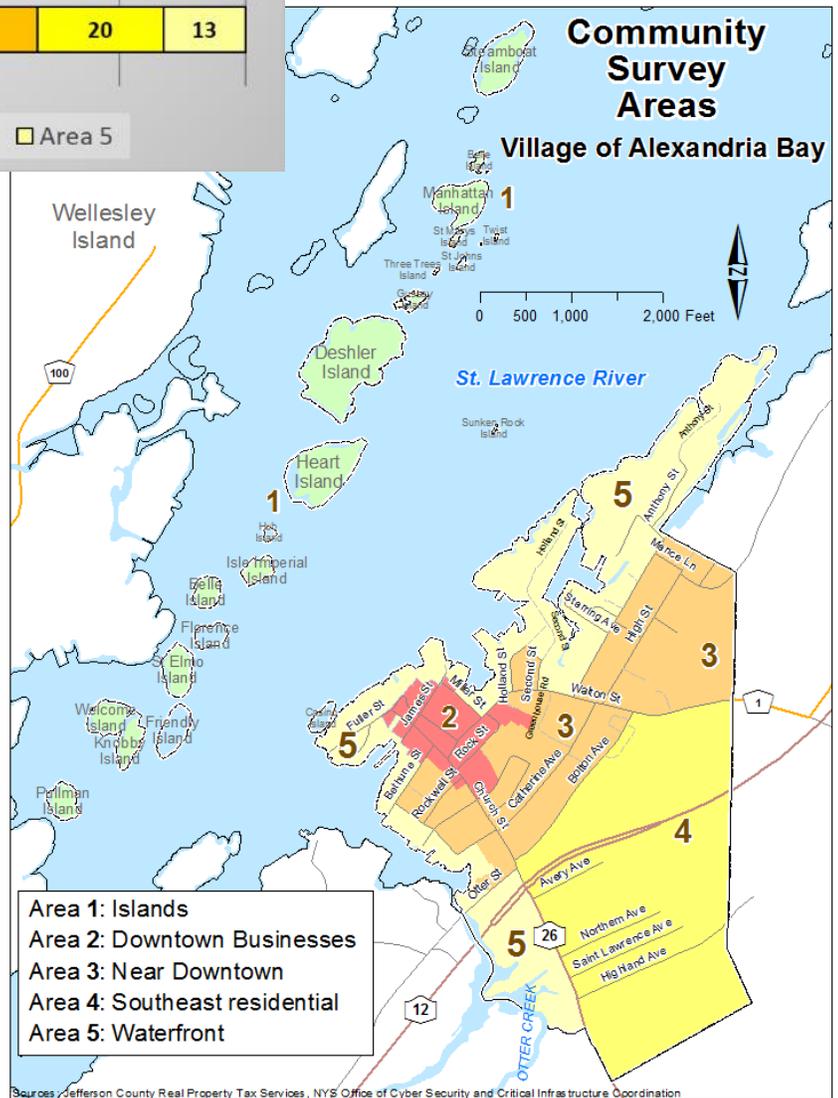
congestion and enhancing mobility for elderly and vehicle driving tourists cannot be overstated. Pedestrian safety would also benefit from less vehicles downtown. A shuttle bus would provide a solution and enhance mobility for all users.

Q 6 Which scale of commercial development you feel is best suited to the Village:

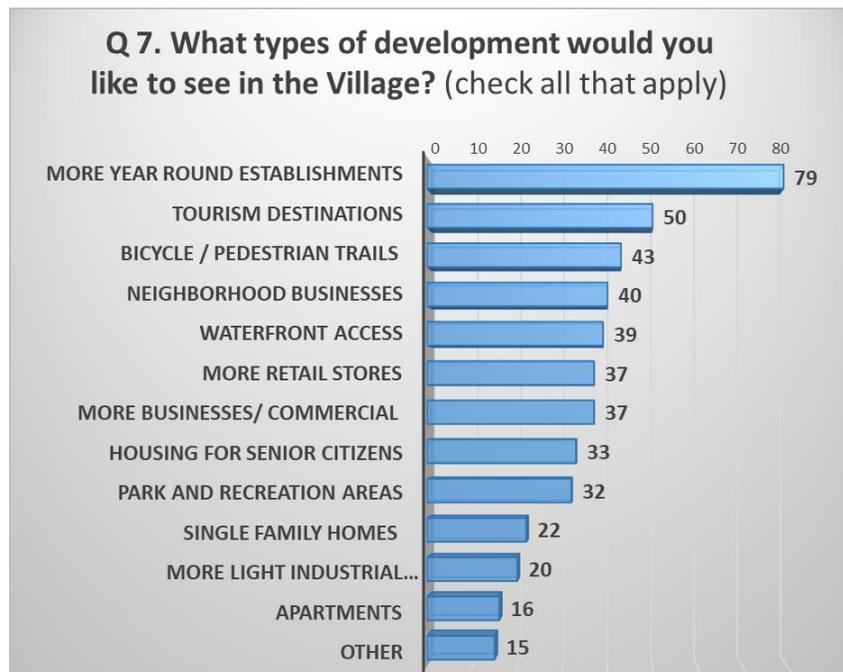


Question 7 asked what types of development would

Question 6 addressed the scale of commercial development desired for each area of the Village according to respondents. Area 1, few or no additional businesses were desired, since the area consists of islands. Area 2, a mix of commercial development types were suggested, 38 respondents chose “balanced between local and regional markets”, 22 for small scale and geared primarily to local consumption and finally 13 for large scale and geared primarily to regional markets. Area 3 also had three groups of respondents rating the area in three distinct commercial levels, ranging from 22 for few or no additional businesses to 24 for a balance between local and regional markets to finally 22 respondents who indicated small scale and geared primarily to local consumption.

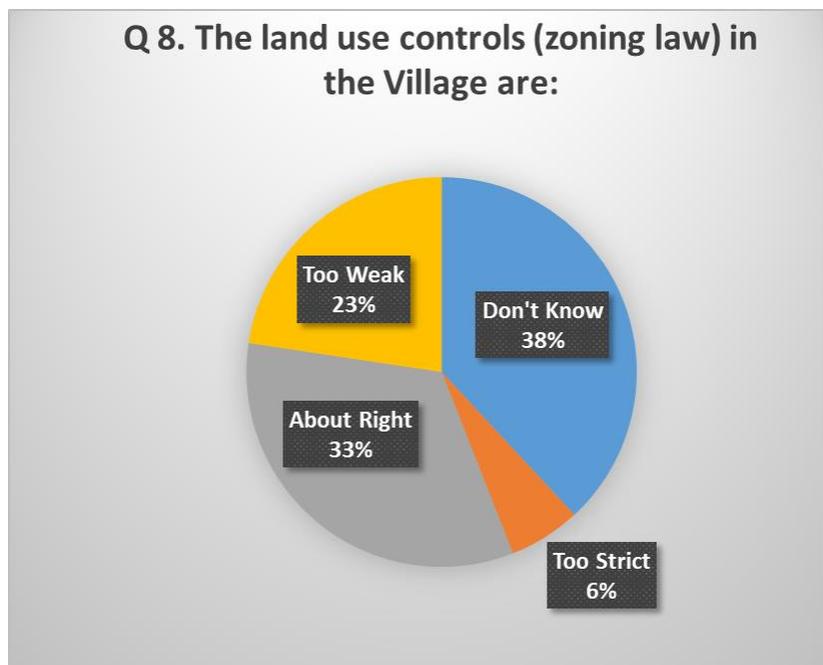


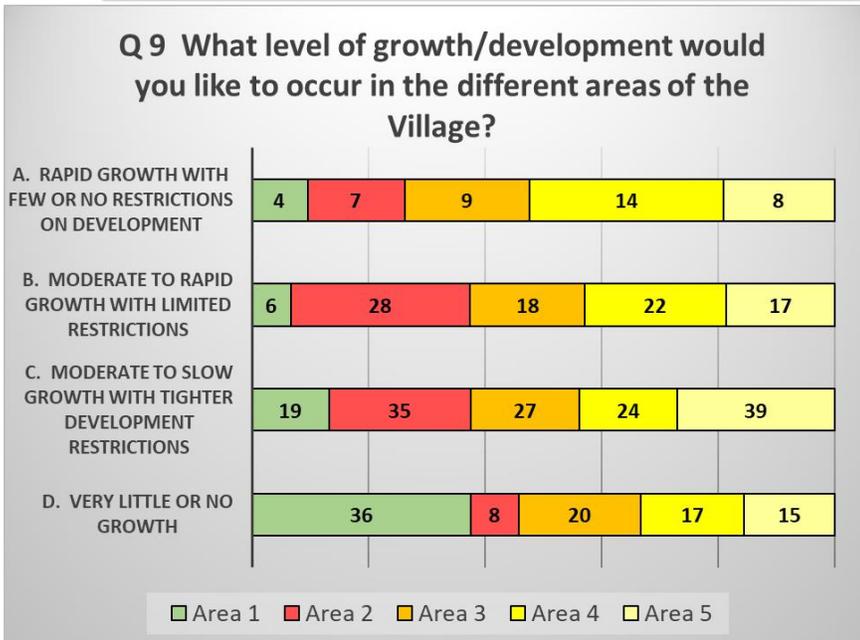
respondents like to see in the village? The most desired type was for more year round establishments (79), then tourism destinations (50 people). Bicycle/pedestrian trails was chosen by 43 respondents. Neighborhood businesses was indicated by 40 respondents. Waterfront access rated by 39 people and 37 indicated more retail stores as well as 37 rated more business/commercial types of development.



Question 8 asked respondents whether they thought the Village land use controls (zoning law) are either too strict, about right, too weak, or they don't know.

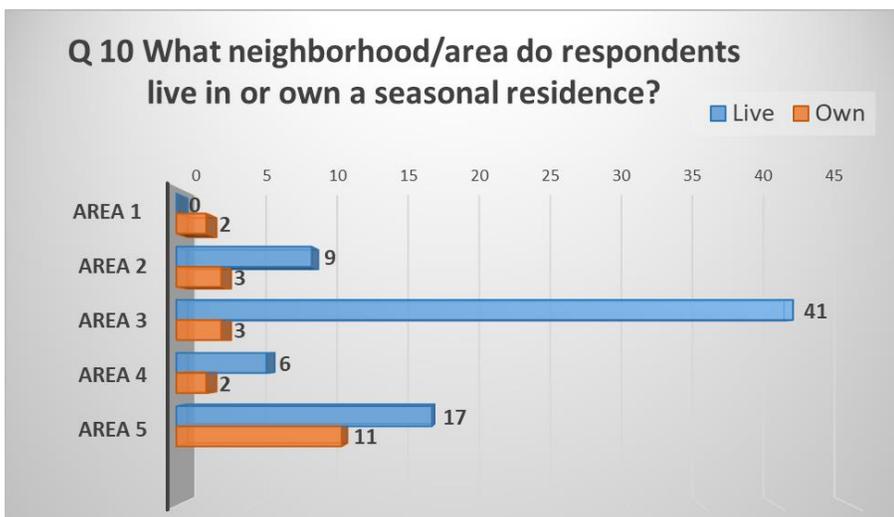
While 33% of respondents felt the land use controls were about right, the largest number of respondents indicated they don't know (38%). Another 23% felt they were too weak. Perhaps some or even the bulk of those respondents didn't know what land use controls or a zoning law may be or their scope within the village. With the largest segment indicating they didn't know it's premature to draw any conclusions from this set of responses other than more information could be provided about the zoning law prior to or during any in depth public discussion of its effectiveness Village-wide.

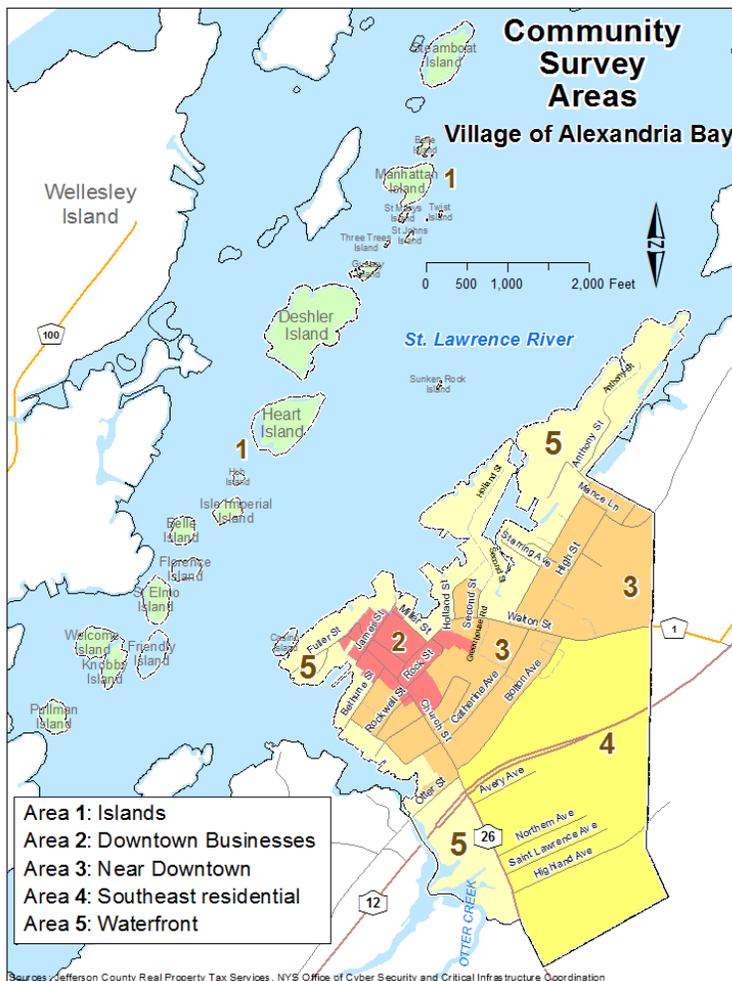




Question 9 asked what level of growth/development would you like to occur in the different areas of the Village? Area 2 (the downtown) was split between 35 respondents indicating moderate to slow growth with tighter development restrictions and 28 respondents indicating moderate to rapid growth with limited restrictions. Several other areas had a similar pattern having respondents split between two opposing preferences.

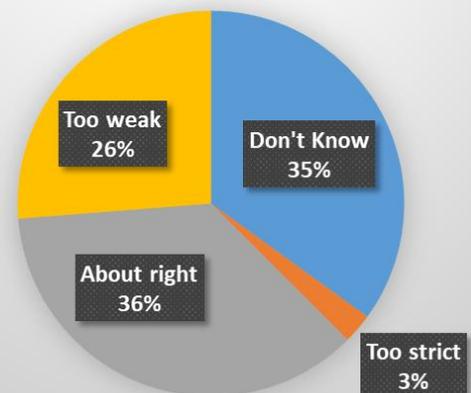
Question 10 asked where respondents live or own a seasonal residence. The largest number of respondents (41) lived in area 3. Area 5 had the number highest number of respondents living there with 17. It also had 11 seasonal residents which was the most of any categories.



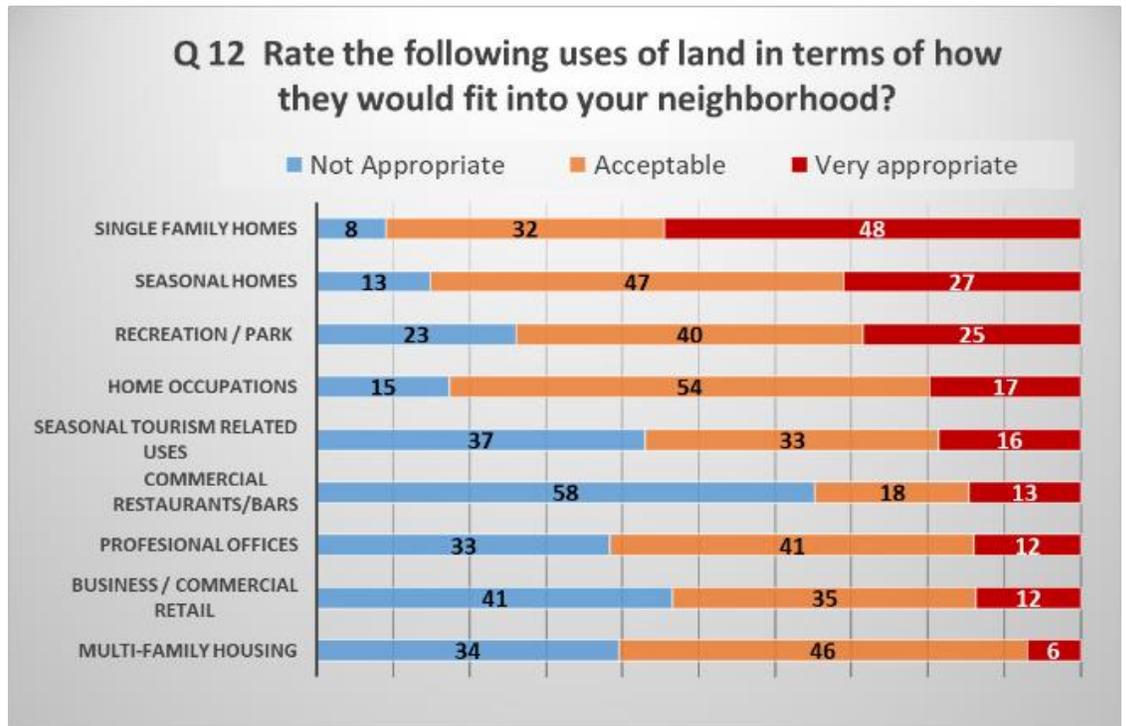


Question 11 asked about land use controls to protect neighborhoods. Similar to question 8, there was a large percentage (35%) of respondents who said they don't know. Again, in all likelihood those who didn't know either didn't know what they were or had little experience with them in the Village with perhaps no occasion to go through a review process or siting process where they would use them. While 36% felt the land use controls were about right, another 26% felt they were too weak to protect neighborhoods.

Q 11. The land use controls to protect neighborhoods in the Village are:

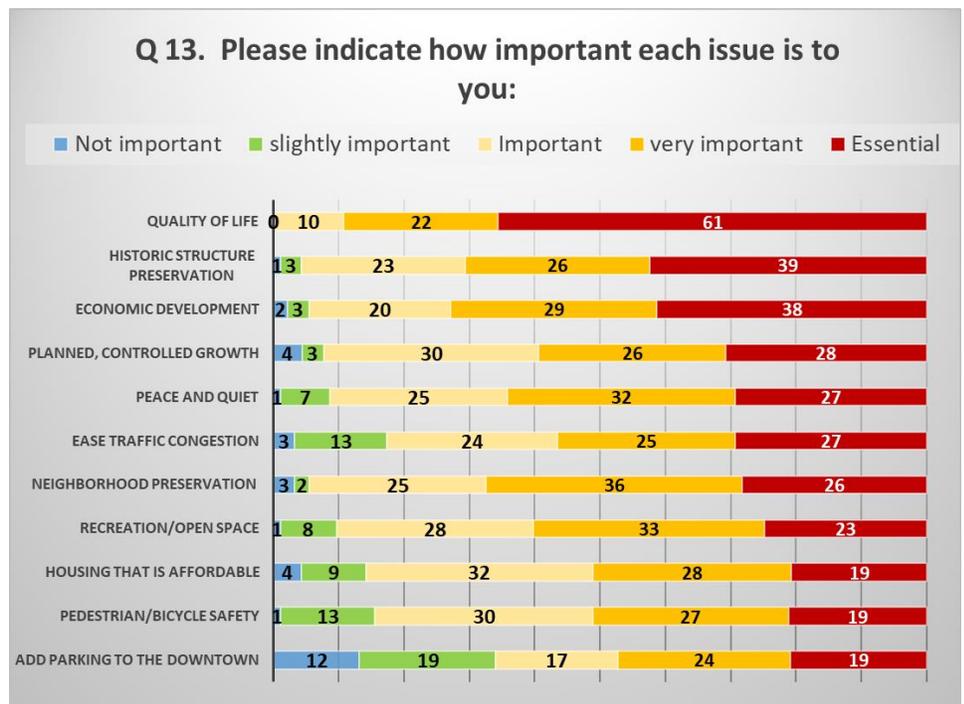


Question 12 asked respondents to rate the following uses of land in terms of how they would fit into your neighborhood. Single family homes received the most very appropriate ratings with 48, and another 32 indicating single family homes were acceptable. Seasonal homes received the second most very appropriate ratings with 27, while a larger number (47) rated them acceptable,



Question 14, (an open ended question) asked respondents to please list what you think are your neighborhood and the Village’s greatest assets worthy of preserving or enhancing, while Question 15

Question 13 asked respondents to rate how important each planning issue is to them. Quality of life received the most essential indications with 61. Second most essential was historic structure preservation with 39 ratings of essential. A very close third was economic development with 38 essential indications, and even more very important (29) than historic structures which had 26 very important.

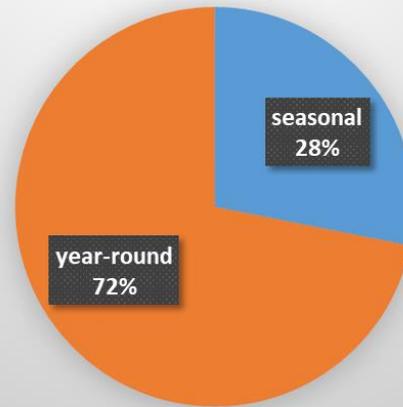


(also open ended), asked what you think are the Village’s serious problems or deficiencies in your neighborhood and Village-wide.

A summary of the open ended responses can be found at the end of the chapter. All four sets of responses from these questions and the other open ended input responses are placed in the appendix of the Plan.

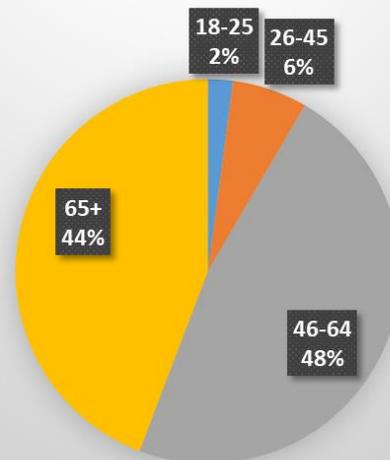
Question 16 asked whether respondents were seasonal or year-round. Seventy two percent of them were year-round, while the other 28% were seasonal.

Q 16. Please indicate if you are a seasonal or year-round resident

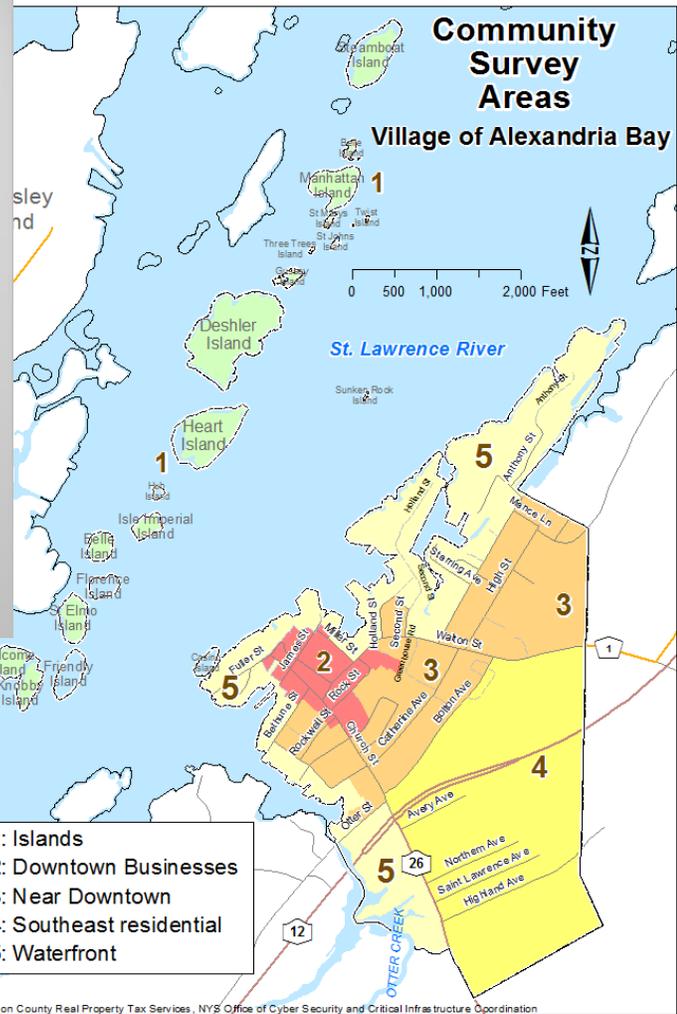


Question 17 asked about the respondents age range. Almost half (48%) were within the age 46 to 64 age group, while 44% were in the 65 and older group. Of note, 6% were in the age 26 to 45 age group, while only 2% were in the 18 to 25 age group.

Q 17. What is your age range?



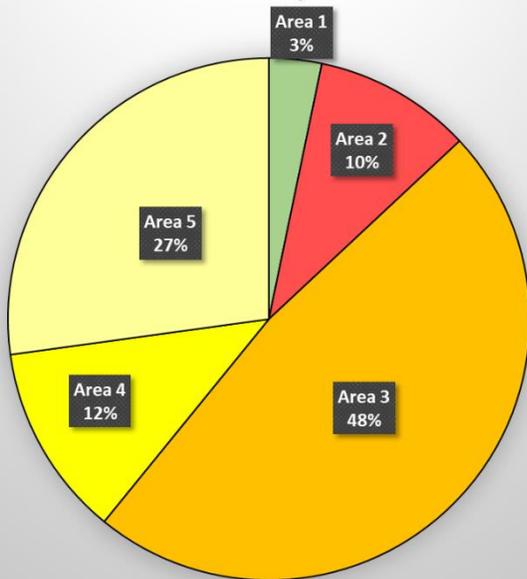
**Q 18. How many people live in your household, in the following ranges?
 __ younger than 18 years __ aged 18-64 __ 65+**



Question 18 asked how many people live in the household within the following age ranges. Within the younger than 18 years age range, 8 households had one person, 5 households had two people, 2 households had three people, and 1 household had four people living within. In the 18 to 64 age group, 10 households had one person, 36

households had two people, 3 households had three people and 3 households had four people living within. For the 65 and over age group, 17 households had one person, 23 households had two people, and 1 household had three people over age 65 within it.

Q 19. Please indicate where you own or rent



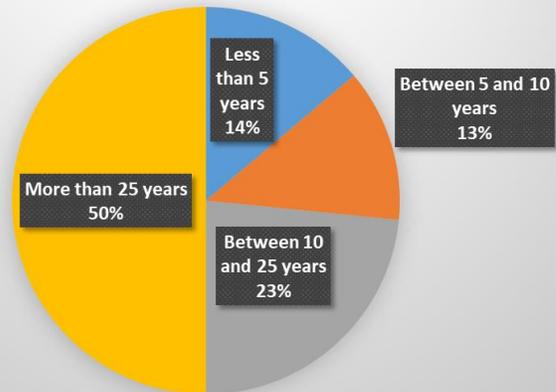
Question 19 asked where people owned or rented property. Area 3 had the most owners/renters with 48% of respondents coming from that area. Area 5 had 27%, Area 4 had 12%, Area 2 had 10% and Area 1 had 3% of the respondents.

CHAPTER 1.

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC INPUT

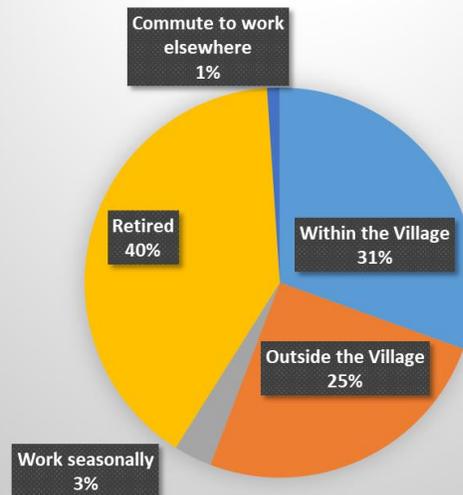
Question 20 asked respondents how many year’s you’ve lived or owned property in the Village. Half of the respondents had lived or owned for more than 25 years. The next largest segment (23%) had lived between 10 and 25 years in the village. Somewhat surprisingly was that 14% had lived or owned less than 5 years, while 11% were between 5 and 10 years. The majority of respondents, being long term owners or residents, clearly have a large stake in their community.

Q 20. Please indicate the number of years you’ve lived or owned property in the Village:



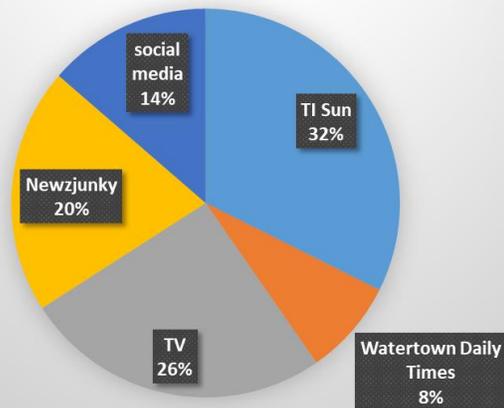
Question 21 asked respondents about their work/commute status. While the largest segment of respondents (40%) were retired, the largest working segment was 31% who worked/commuted within the Village. A quarter of the respondents work/commute outside the village, while 3% work seasonally and 1% work elsewhere. One could ask whether retirement amenities in the community meet the needs of this largest segment of respondents.

Q 21. Please indicate your work/commute status



Question 22 asked respondents how they get their local news. The largest segment (32%) get their news from the TI Sun. A little over a quarter of the respondents (26%) get their news from TV, and 20% get their news from Newzjunky. Of note, only 8% get their local news from the Watertown Daily Times.

Q 22. How do you get your local news?



Community Survey – Quick Summary of Overall Concerns

Community Survey - Open Ended Summary

Quality of life top 3

- Access to the River
- Natural Beauty of the Area
- Your own neighborhood

The following is a summary of the open-ended responses in terms of how many times each issue was mentioned within the written-in community survey responses:

Recreation satisfaction top 3

- More family entertainment needed
- More winter recreation destinations needed
- More festivals and local events needed

<u>Subject</u>	<u># responses</u>
Residential maintenance/zombie	- 57
Downtown appearance/atmosphere	- 52
Enhanced variety & seasonal extension of businesses	- 48
Sidewalks	- 37
Waterfront docks maintenance & accessibility	- 25
Parking and accessibility	- 22
Family attractions & shops	- 21
Road repairs	- 16
Traffic	- 13
Arena/convention center	- 12
Better internet	- 8
Slumlords/illegal apartments	- 8
Infrastructure upgrade	- 6
Taxes	- 5
Public restrooms	- 4
Public transportation	- 4
Disrespectful tourists	- 3
Growth	- 3
Apathy	- 3
Senior services	- 2
Pirates week/bike events	- 2
Noise	- 2
Hospital	- 1
Promotion of area	- 1

Top 3 traffic and transportation issues:

- Enhance walkability or pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Ease traffic congestion during the summer
- Additional downtown parking

Top 3 development types desired by respondents:

- More year round establishments
- Tourism destinations
- Bicycle pedestrian trails

Top 3 Essential/Important Issues:

- Quality of Life
- Historic Structure Preservation
- Economic Development

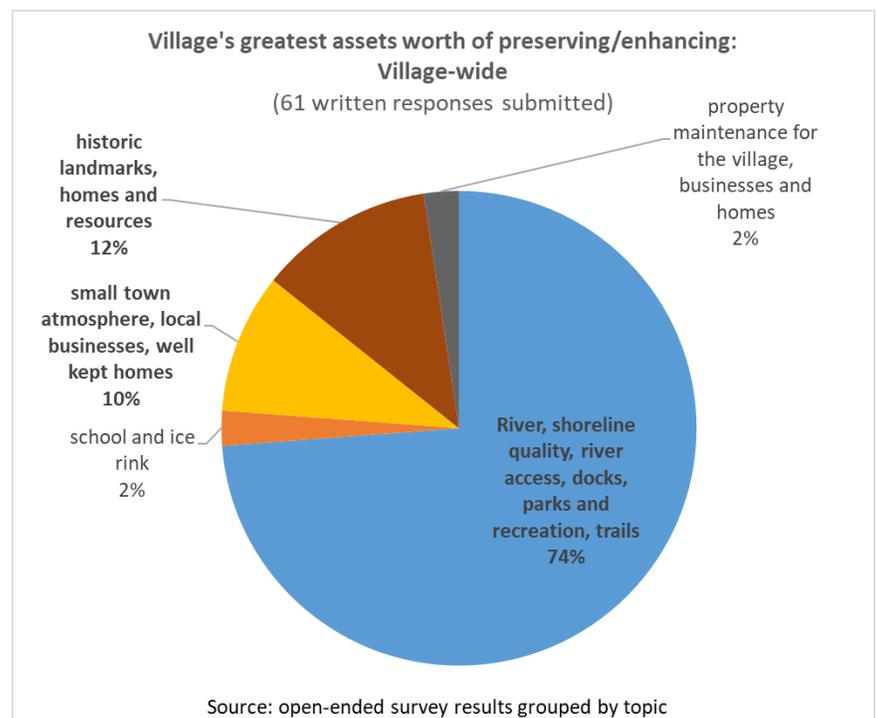
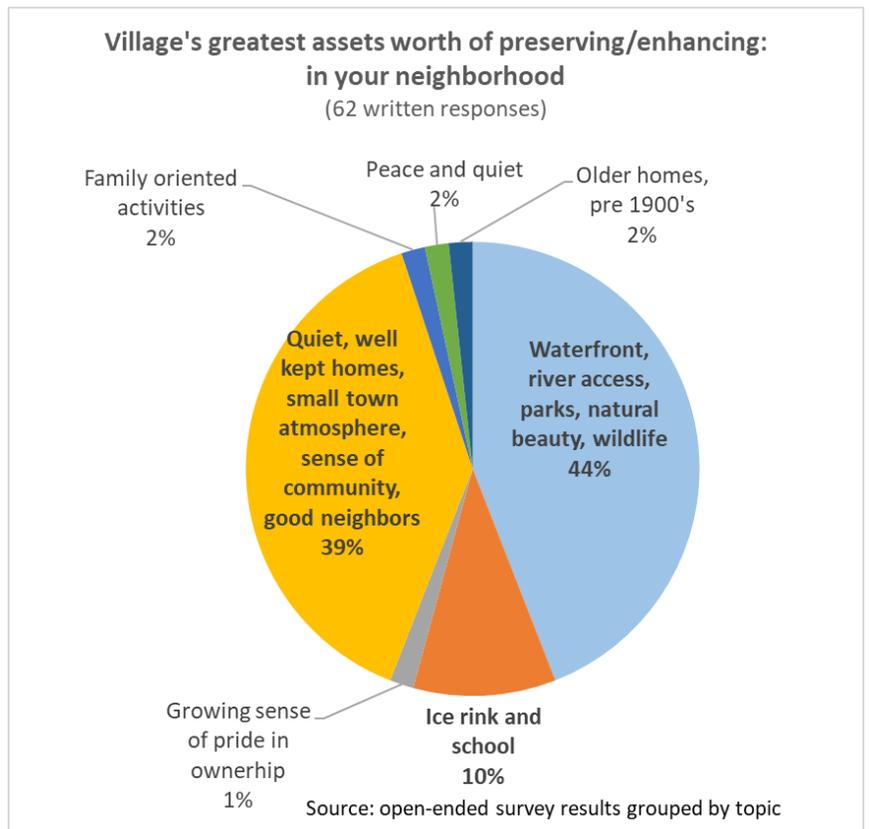
Top 3 mentioned open ended responses:

- Residential maintenance /zombie properties
- Downtown appearance / atmosphere
- Enhanced variety & seasonal extension of businesses

Community Survey – Four Open Ended Questions regarding Alex Bay’s Greatest Assets and Items Needed Attention

The first open-ended question in the Community Survey asked respondents to write-in the Village’s greatest assets worth preserving/enhancing: in your neighborhood. The highest number of responses indicated waterfront, river access, parks, natural beauty and wildlife at 44%. Quiet, well kept homes, small town atmosphere, sense of community, and good neighbors comprised 39% of written-in responses. The ice rink and school made up 10% of responses. The bulk of responses echoed many of the key ratings and answers to other questions gauging community preference.

The next open-ended question in the Community Survey asked respondents to write-in the Village’s greatest assets worth preserving/enhancing: Village-wide. Overwhelmingly, the river, shoreline quality, river access, docks, parks, recreation and trails were written-in by 74% of the respondents. Historic landmarks, homes, buildings and resources were written-in by 12%, while small town atmosphere, local businesses and well-kept homes were written-in by 10% of respondents to the question.

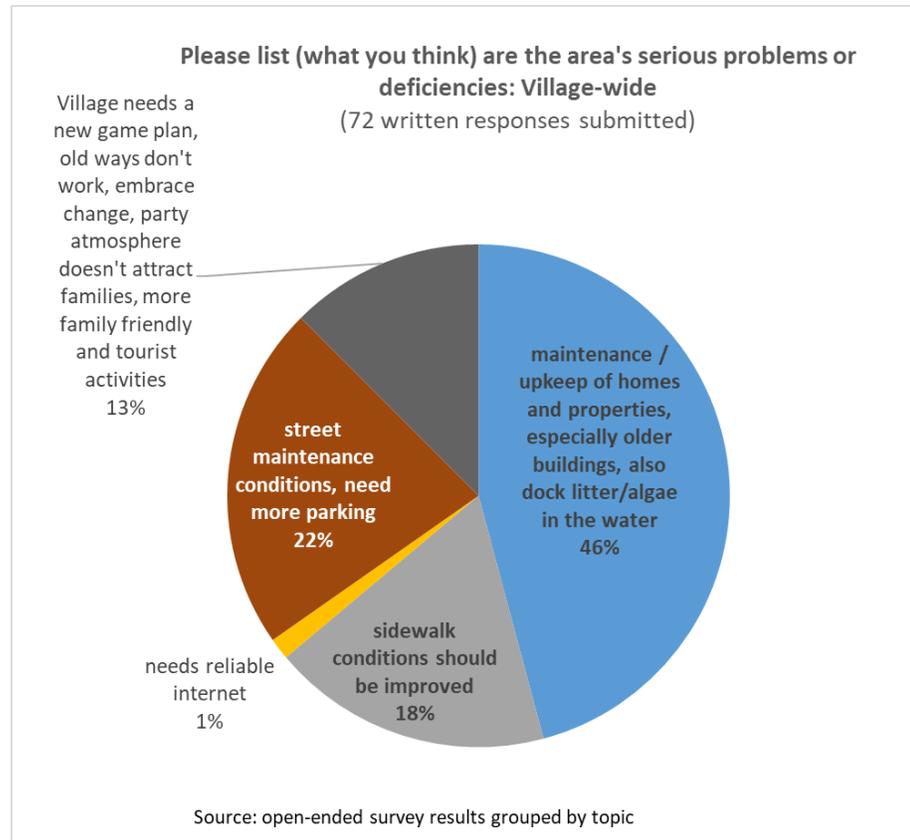
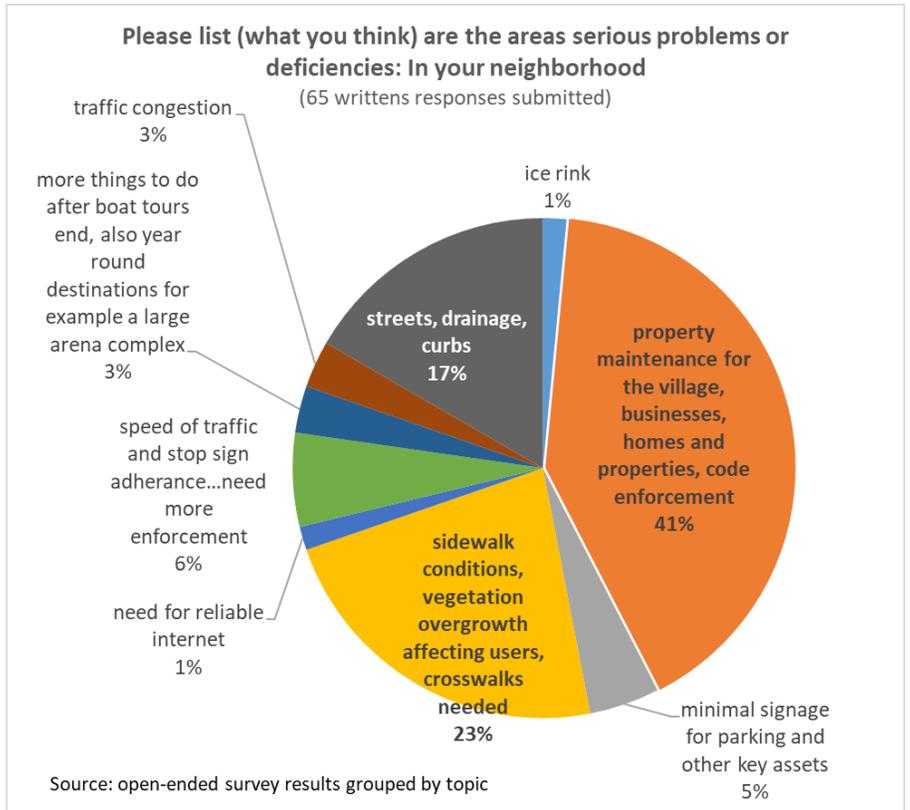


CHAPTER 1.

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC INPUT

The third open question in the Community Survey asked respondents to please list the areas serious problems or deficiencies: in your neighborhood. The highest percentage of write-in responses dealt with property maintenance for the village, businesses, homes and properties, as well as code enforcement at 41%. The next most written-in response was sidewalk conditions, vegetation overgrowth affecting sidewalk users, and crosswalks needed with 23%. Another 6% indicated speed of traffic and stop sign adherence...including more traffic enforcement.

The fourth write-in question asked respondents to please list the areas serious problems or deficiencies: Village-wide. Forty-six percent of the write-in respondents indicated maintenance of homes and properties, especially older buildings, also dock litter/algae was noted. Street maintenance conditions, need more parking was noted by 22% of write-in respondents. Sidewalk conditions should be improved write-ins comprised 18% of respondents. Of note: a new village game plan in terms of embracing change and more family oriented activities was written by 13% of respondents to the question.



Brainstorming Exercise

The exercise conducted during the public Committee Open House during the summer in 2018 identified community likes and dislikes and other issues such as strengths, weaknesses, local priorities and areas/issues that need attention throughout the Village. A Village map was also displayed that allowed attendees a chance to indicate favorite places in the Village, as well as places that needed work or improvement within Alexandria Bay.

Village Strengths:

1. Pavilion (at Scenic View Park)
2. Casino Island (at Scenic View Park)
3. Good docking (Upper and Lower Village docks)
4. Ice Arena (Town owned)
5. Boat launches (3 village owned)
6. Summer events/tourist levels
7. Boat tours of the 1000 Islands
8. Boldt Castle
9. Shared services with the Town highway Dept.
10. Community Pride (business and homeowners)
11. Village DPW/Chamber of Commerce cooperation

Village Weaknesses:

1. Local enforcement of Property Maintenance
2. Traffic congestion during summertime
3. Lack of beauty/consistency with sidewalks
4. Community Pride not universal
5. Lack of business diversity downtown

6. Elderly care facility (need more local capacity)
7. Sewer and water capacity (limited water backup capacity – water tank maintenance needed)
8. Limited tax base (a number of non-taxable properties)
9. Lack of parking at some boat launches

Local Priorities:

1. Develop Ice Arena (with more parking and capacity for other off season uses)
2. Safe walking/driving
3. Riverwalk (should be made handicapped accessible)
4. Casino Island
5. Need a new sewer plant (high cost, consider rebuilding in place, or build it elsewhere)
6. Property maintenance code needed in the village
7. Municipal water tanks have maintenance/replacement needs
8. Expand winter recreation options (consider skating, skiing on golf course)
9. Shuttle bus needed during events as well as year round
10. Consider solar panels on Village Offices

Areas/Issues that Need Attention:

1. Empty Buildings (downtown business area and residential homes)
2. Business/Residential property upkeep

CHAPTER 1.

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC INPUT

3. Revisit using Keewadin Olympic Pool
4. Traffic Flow (summer downtown thru traffic)
5. Parking Meters
6. Consider satellite parking lot (and shuttle bus) to enhance tourist visitation
7. Maintain trails for walking (Carnegie Bay)
8. Concert events at James St. near businesses (is that the best location?)
9. Downtown meter maintenance (labor intensive and cumbersome)
10. Adequacy of school parking vs number of students being dropped off
11. Grant writing on behalf of the Village
12. Cooperation among Chamber, Village DPW, and Town (to maximize local events)
(Friday set-up and Monday breakdown of event seating, etc. takes up to 40% of DPW time)
13. Public bathrooms (should be rebuilt to commercial standards)
14. Town owned ice arena (limited parking, narrow street, facility interior limitations)
15. Village budget (build-in routine maintenance to alleviate higher costs later)

Mapped Special areas:

1. Scenic View Park (Casino Island, Pavilion, Village Beach, playground)
2. Village Docks (upper and lower)

3. The Ice Arena (provides destination for winter recreation and events)
4. Dive Park (scuba diving)– near River Hospital
5. Otter Creek Trails (could also be used for snowshoeing or cross country skiing)
6. Catherine and Cornwall Streets are maintained well, good examples

Mapped Areas in Need of Attention or Effort

1. Riverwalk (near the hospital)
2. Casino Island
3. Ice Arena (expanded capacity could result in broader uses and more community benefits)
4. Pine Tree Point – former hotel needs repair/investment
5. Need enhanced recycling and trash stations downtown
6. Block Parties Downtown (pedestrian/vehicular traffic conflicts)
7. Wednesday night concerts in the pavilion (terrific local use)
8. Need additional wintertime activities and/or events
9. Youth commission – use school

Written comment-card comments:

Consider design/architectural review standards for village core

Special events better coordination/marketing

Village needs a family oriented destination:

For example, (in the past) trail riding at Edgewood w/petting area, It had 12 horses, and was full almost daily. Customers stated the only reason they rented at the Edgewood was that it had something the whole family could enjoy.

Public Meeting on the Draft Vision, Goals and Strategies

On August 20, 2019, the Committee conducted a public meeting to foster input on the proposed draft Village Vision, Goals and Strategies. The meeting included a status update regarding the planning process and draft chapters completed to date. Sixteen people attended to view the PowerPoint presentation in addition to the committee members, zoning officer and staff from the County Planning Department.

The discussion was intense at times, proving that those in attendance felt strongly that their village is a place that means a lot to them.

Many issues addressed in the Plan were covered and discussed by the attendees, reinforcing plan content while raising several questions and issues.

Traffic congestion on Church Street and options to alter on-street parking such as removing spaces along one side of the street to alleviate congestion by providing two traffic lanes of sufficient width should be considered and explored. When two trucks try to pass or a truck with a camper on one side and/or some trucks, cars, or suvs have

difficulty passing each other. So this friction point becomes a place where one lane of traffic backs-up until the truck or other user passes which during pirate week or other events these backups become more dangerous so one lane or the other much wait. During summer month this congestion occurs more regularly.

Other discussion topics included:

- People have to care!
- Sidewalk maintenance, property maintenance and excessive weed growth on some properties and within the sidewalk still must be considered important to the Village.
- Village-wide water system engineering needs to occur or is occurring.
- Enforcement of the weed height limits or sidewalk\building maintenance was discussed at length. The understanding or impression is that the mayor and police force may be authorized to enforce certain aspects of the Village Law, while the Zoning Officer may be better equipped to handle such matters if only he were authorized and\or assigned adequate time to perform the additional duties such as Village Code Enforcement.
- Look at enhancing traffic and pedestrian safety by altering the parking layout downtown should be considered, such as reverse parking which would make exiting parking spaces easier and safer.
- Examine options to address current Village Code regarding unsafe buildings and property maintenance

(including sidewalk maintenance) to consider equipping Village staff to enforce provisions resulting in safer sidewalks and buildings consistent with local priorities.

- Address local apathy to garner more interest in serving the community such as on volunteer boards (Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), Planning Board, etc.
- Consider the need to charge groups for cleanup after events to limit impact on the Village budget for litter and trash pickup after events are held.
- Also, consider the need to hire additional law enforcement to maintain public safety during events. The ultimate question is whether the Village taxpayer annually cover the cost of extra security during events or should part of the security costs be incorporated as part of the event fee.
- One impression is that during some annual events that normally would attract families, the popularity (sheer numbers of people attending) of the event can make some families uncomfortable. Therefore some

attendees wonder whether some events truly are family friendly or not.

- Lastly, the Village often gets high marks for hospitality, which is a huge component of the success of the local events. This is part of why so many events become annual traditions, and why other events such as the antique boat show was proposed within the Village for 2019 when normally it occurs in the Village of Clayton most years.