

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLerville 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
Public Informational Meeting Summary
May 9, 2024
Schuylerville American Legion

Approximately 35 people attended the public meeting. All were invited to review the poster session and provide comments on the questions:

- What makes Schuylerville a special place to live?
- How do you feel about the future of Schuylerville over the coming years?
- What changes would you like to see in Schuylerville the next 5-10 years?
- What are the issues or challenges limiting the Village?
- What opportunities, initiatives or projects would you suggest?

Mayor Carpenter opened the meeting and introduced the committee. He explained the need for the Plan Update and that funds for this update were granted through the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Grant Program. He also said the comprehensive plan update will complement and provide the foundation for the NY Forward grant that is expected to start in the next few months. The comprehensive plan boundary includes the entire Village whereas the NY Forward program will concentrate on the downtown area.

Tracey Clothier presented some background for the project and explained that the Update is reaching out to the public in a variety of ways including on the Village Webpage, a dedicated Facebook page, Newsletters, Public Meetings, and a Community Survey. She reviewed the land use, zoning and resources maps, and a history of the population of the Village.

She outlined the topics to be discussed in the plan including Economic Development, Capital Improvements, Land Use and Zoning, Infrastructure and Utilities, Parks and Recreation, Historic and Cultural Resources, Health and Emergency Services, Natural Resources and Climate Resiliency, Housing, and Childcare. The Community Survey was sent to all owners of property in the Village. The survey ends May 31. To date 70 responses received (now 101).

Tracey then reviewed the poster boards with the audience and facilitated a comment session on the following questions:

QUESTION #1: What makes Schuylerville a special place to live?

RESPONSES:

- Strong sense of community
- Village unique history and upcoming 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution
- Access to the Hudson River
- Small community atmosphere
- Great people
- Great place to raise kids!
- Improving quality of life
- Creative leadership
- Housing costs
- Walkability
- Sense of pride
- Champlain Canal
- School District a gem

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- Sense of renaissance for the Village

QUESTION #2: How do you feel about the future of Schuylerville over the coming years?

RESPONSES:

- Very optimistic
- Pessimistic, particularly regarding the condition of the Old Champlain Canal
- Most attendees lived in the Village for 10 years or more

QUESTION #3: What changes would you like to see addressed in Schuylerville the next 5-10 years?

RESPONSES:

- Need new water meters
- Flooding in the Old Champlain Canal
- Box culvert under Ferry Street into Turning Basin
- Limited parking for Business District
- Parking!
- Buildings look old and tired
- Clean Canal and remove debris on a regular basis
- Review OPWDD Building and future potential for redevelopment and expanded parking
- Parking signage needed and all signage consolidated
- Trail signage needs to be coordinated and trail users directed to the business district.
- Need to go bigger with a vision for the Village -now is the time.
- Sewer and water fees too high. Could services be expanded and/or sold to other communities?
- Consider an Infrastructure Overlay District
- Review potential of private investment as is in the Bullard Building

QUESTION #4: What are the issues or challenges limiting the Village?

RESPONSES:

- Improve traffic flow at 29/4 especially near Saratoga Town Hall
- Clean up canal and open up to kayak access
- No Jake brakes (?)
- Signage at both ends of the Village
- Create critical mass of selected businesses
- Recruit larger employers
- Expand Village Extension District
- Revitalize Turning Point Parade

QUESTION #5: What opportunities, initiatives or projects would you suggest?

RESPONSES:

Improve playground
Address derelict and unmaintained sidewalks
Improve sidewalks; Accelerate sidewalk replacement
Enforce codes requiring unimpeded sidewalks
Attract a marijuana dispensary
Provide information about the plan to restore the Old Champlain Canal
What is the schedule to complete the plan?