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City of Dunkirk, NY Comprehensive Plan Update

Appendix B Public Input Results

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1. Public Open House

Summary of the July 31, 2018 Public Open House City of Dunkirk, NY Comprehensive Plan Update

INTRODUCTION

Two public open house events were held in the City of Dunkirk on July 31, 2018. The first open house was held between 10am and 2pm at the Iglesia Getsemani, Asambleas De Dios, located at 115 Central Avenue. The second event was held between 4pm and 8pm at the Kosciuszko Club, located at 252 Nevins Street. A series of informational boards/stations were setup requesting input from the public on the following major topics:

- Downtown Dunkirk;
- Housing and Neighborhoods;
- Jobs and the Economy;
- Parks, Recreation and the Waterfront; and
- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety.

Members of Laberge Group Planning Team along with City representatives were present to assist the public, answer questions and provide additional information regarding the comprehensive planning process. Project staff also included two Spanish-speaking interpreters. In addition, all information boards were provided in both English and Spanish. Representatives from the City of Dunkirk were also present to assist with the Open House events. Community surveys in both English and Spanish were also available for the public to complete. Based on the sign in sheets, the two open house events were attended by over 111 individuals, with an assumption that some attendees did not sign in.



*Open House Event at Iglesia Getsemani,
Asambleas De Dios*



Open House at the Kosciuszko Club

RESULTS SUMMARY

All of the information received during the Open House events were collected and analyzed. The following is a summary of the input received, with the verbatim/raw results from each board provide at the end of this summary. For some topic areas, informal polls where given during the open house, asking for a “Yes,” or “No,” or “I Don’t Know” response. While the results have been totaled and summarized below, it is understood that the polls are

not formal surveys and were intended to gauge the opinion of each respondent for planning purposes. Many questions asked attendees to list information. When a particular comment or comments similar to others were provided more than once on a board, the results provided below include a “x” signifying the number of times the comment was repeated. The results of the formal community survey are provided in a separate document from the Open House summary.

The open house comments and recommendations received represent one of the many opportunities and tools being used to obtain public feedback during this planning process. The information obtained will be integrated with all of the input provided by the public and the City, including the Community Survey and the multiple Stakeholder meetings conducted. Combined, the results will help guide the overall development of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Downtown Dunkirk

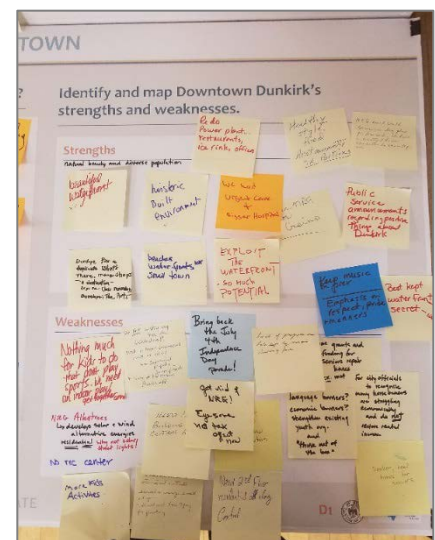
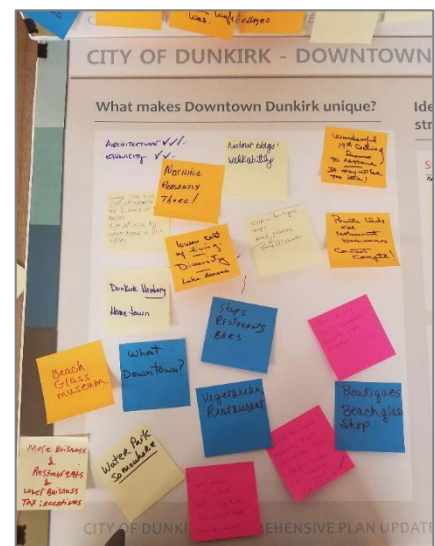
What makes Downtown Dunkirk unique?

The first station asked attendees to identify what makes Downtown Dunkirk unique. Based on the input provided, architecture/historic buildings/history and ethnicity/diversity are the top two elements that make Downtown Dunkirk unique. Walkability was also mentioned along with the low cost of living, lake access, local shops, restaurants, and bars, and large areas for future development including along the lake. A few commenters observed that Downtown is relatively vacant, with “nothing there” that would make it unique.

Strengths and Weaknesses

Attendees were then asked to list Downtown Dunkirk’s “Strengths” and “Weaknesses.” Based on the feedback provided, the waterfront and harbor were identified as Downtown’s major strengths followed by the areas natural beauty, historic buildings and the potential to repurpose the closed NRG facility. Downtown Dunkirk’s primary weakness identified by the public include the lack of activities for youth of all ages, including non-sports activities, the need for more structured youth activities and an indoor/outdoor recreation facility. These concerns are likely also City-wide issues then solely isolated to Downtown.

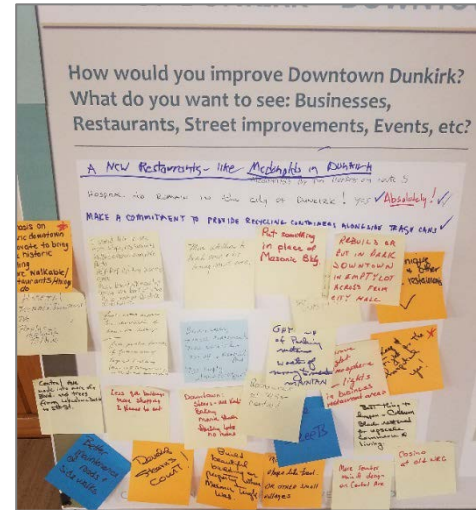
The poor public image of Dunkirk was identified as a weakness (which may also be a City-wide issue, but more relevant to Downtown) along with the feeling that there has been a lack of progress in filling the “hole” left by the former Masonic Temple building fire. The NRG facility dominating the waterfront was also mentioned as a weakness along with both economic and language barriers of residents. Based on the comments provided, a lack of restaurants and retail shops and loss of original buildings (older architecture and not necessarily historic buildings) were also identified as weaknesses.



Improving Downtown Dunkirk

Open house attendees were asked for suggestions on improving Downtown Dunkirk including, but not limited to new uses, businesses, street improvements, and events to enhance downtown. The results provided by attendees can be categorized into five main topics: (1) Preserve the hospital; (2) Repurpose NRG; (3) New types of businesses/infill development and support for the local business community; and (4) Improve the appearance of Downtown.

Keeping Brooks Memorial Hospital in Dunkirk appears to be a priority of the open house attendees along with a request to provide a more transparent process regarding future uses at the hospital site, if it cannot be saved. Several comments were provide regarding the need to repurpose the NRG facility including a casino and residential uses.



Preserving the “historic” feel of Downtown, improving roads, sidewalks and the overall appearance of Downtown including the train overpasses were popular requests. Numerous requests were made for new restaurants, including specialty/ethnic food restaurants, bars and food vendors. Small shops/boutiques, affordable clothing stores, a bookstore, mixed-uses, and enhancements to the local arts scene were also mentioned. One suggested replicating the Boardwalk commercial model up Central Avenue one block at a time and the raising of rents on the Boardwalk. It was also recommended that the City model Downtown Dunkirk’s revitalization after the Town of Hamburg’s downtown. Lowering business tax rates and the need for incentives to attract new businesses were also requested.

Numerous additional improvements were suggested including, but not limited to a request for more private schools, a beach glass museum, adult and child daycare, getting local kids involved in the City, and a request to remove parking meters.

Vision for the Future of Downtown Dunkirk

Open House attendees were asked to describe their vision of how they would like Downtown Dunkirk to look like in 10 years. While the majority of respondents identified specific uses they would like to see in the City, a few “vision” type statements were provided.

Those respondents envision a small, vibrant City that has planned for increased diversity. The City would be senior, visitor, dog and bicycle friendly, with more shops and uses that support tourism. Several shaded seating areas, sufficient trees, gardens and being very walkable were also used to describe a future Downtown.

In addition to the “vision” related comments, attendees requested the need for a NRG reuse plan, the need for a multi-purpose recreational and public meeting facility, a bowling alley, Lake Erie museum and improvements to Central Avenue. There were two recommendations to repurpose the Regent Theater including a recommended partnership with the SUNY Fredonia Department of Theater and Dance and a partnership of local businesses owners.

Housing and Neighborhoods

Desired Type of Housing

Open House attendees were asked to identify the types of housing they would like to see more of in Dunkirk. Based on the results, Single Family was the most popular housing types followed by Mixed Residential-Commercial, Senior Housing, Townhouses, Apartments and Duplex/Two Family.

<i>What type of housing would you like to see more of in the City of Dunkirk?</i>	
Single Family	21
Mixed Residential-Commercial	19
Senior Housing	13
Townhouses	10
Apartments	7
Duplex/Two Family	2

Is there sufficient housing for recent college graduates, young families and seniors?

The public was then asked if they believe there is sufficient housing for recent college graduates, young families and seniors. Based on the responses, the public does not believe the City has sufficient housing for these residents, with a total of 26 respondents saying “No,” four stating “Yes” and one “I Don’t Know.”

Strengths, Weaknesses and Opportunities of the City’s Four Wards

Open House attendees were asked to identify the Strengths, Weaknesses and Opportunities within their City Ward or Wards of interest. The responses were a combination of observations based on perceived strengths, weaknesses and opportunities along with specific requests for improvements. Wards 1 and 4 were better represented than Wards 2 and 3.

Ward 1

Strengths: Wright Park (request to hold more events there), the waterfront (continue positive improvements), Lakefront Boulevard (request for additional improvements), and recreation opportunities (more opportunities for kids in all wards requested).

Weaknesses: Japanese Knotweed (needs to be better controlled), litter along the shoreline, vehicle speed limits, parking on sidewalks (needs to be clearly prohibited), and lakefront bathrooms (need to be improved).

Opportunities: Pangolin Park was identified three times as a resource that should be enhanced. It is currently described as a “wasteland” and could be better utilized for recreational or other purposes – a plan for improvements is needed. There is an opportunity to integrate recreation with youth activities which could also incorporate



childcare (which has been identified as significantly lacking in the City). There is also an opportunity to take advantage of positive growth and spinoff development from Athenex in this area. A welcome package for new Spanish speaking residents was also recommended.

Ward 2

Strengths: Only two comments were provided: “God bless the sidewalk plow” and “Small concerts in Bicentennial Park.”

Weaknesses: No comments were provided.

Opportunities: The City’s street trees are seen as an opportunity and if sufficiently maintained, could contribute to an enhanced City character. However, there were requests for better management of existing street trees – trimming needed, replace trees removed by DPW, and maintaining/preserving tree-lined residential neighborhoods. There is a need to reduced vehicle speeds through residential neighborhoods, preserve Crooked Brook and better integrate into Bicentennial Park, provide attractive trash cans along walking routes to and from schools and provide more off-street parking.

Ward 3

Strengths: No comments were provided.

Weaknesses: Trees and shrub maintenance, Dunkirk’s “slow roll” and the need to hold landlords responsible for safe housing. These comments may indicate that vegetation maintenance by the City needs to be improved, there is a perception that Dunkirk does not move fast enough to address issues of concern and that the condition of rental housing is an issue.

Opportunities: Create student housing (if affordable – it will attract students to the area), repurpose the NRG facility – if not a power source, build condos/residential.

Ward 4

Strengths: No comments were provided.

Weaknesses: Street conditions need to be improved (including Liberty St., Franklin Ave., and Nevins St.), poor conditions of buildings and property (including Ruggles and Talcott areas), along with requests for the Code Enforcement Officer to improve enforcement (property maintenance concerns). There were complaints of an existing construction company and trash company that are negatively impacting surrounding neighborhoods. Flooding was identified as an issue along with a lack of parking in older neighborhoods where only on-street parking is available.

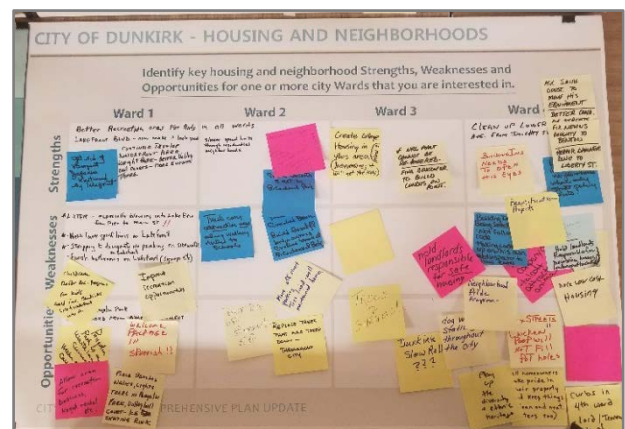
Opportunities: The City’s ethnic diversity and heritage should be embraced and capitalized upon (restaurants, festivals, retail, tourism, etc.) for the benefit of the City. More low cost housing was recommended and the City should institute a Neighborhood Pride Program and encourage/seek opportunities to have homeowners and renters take pride in their property. In addition, the City should pursue and encourage beautification projects, and provide dog waste stations throughout the City.

Vision Your Neighborhood in Ten Years

Based on the responses, neighborhoods would be bustling and economically stable, with young families, clean tree-lined and well-lighted streets, and good sidewalks along with well-maintained homes and yards with a mixture of historic and new buildings/infill, an active arts scene, pocket gardens and parks, and numerous youth activities.

There was a recommendation to create the Academy Heights Historic District with historic/decorative lighting and enhanced zoning regulations that would protect older/architecturally significant homes in the area of Swan and 6th Streets. In addition, there was a request for the City to apply to become a Certified Local Government (CLG) through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). To become a CLG, a community must prepare an action plan on how to preserve historic buildings and/or districts. A CLG is eligible to receive a variety of services from the SHPO, including, but not limited to technical preservation assistance, and legal advice, access to grants, training, and ongoing focused support by the SHPO. Overall, this certification would assist the City in preserving architecturally and historically significant structures and neighborhoods.

The final question for the Housing and Neighborhood Station asked attendees if they would participate in a homeowner repair program that provides financial assistance and repairs. There were 21 “Yes” responses and zero “No” and “I Don’t Know” responses.



The public was asked to describe challenges the City might be facing related to local employment and the overall economy. A lack of childcare was the primary issue identified followed by an overall lack of employment opportunities, concern that there are limited full time jobs that provide benefits and a lack of sufficient training. The sprawl of development into the Town of Dunkirk is negatively impacting the City. New York State was identified as challenge to the local economy, although no specific examples were provided. There were also suggestions for additional investments in BOCES related to local trades and a need to link students to local jobs. In addition, it was recommended that the Dunkirk Public School system needs to be improved in order to better handle the changing economy.

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There were additional recommendations to build up/capitalize on the waterfront area, a need for less government and more business (possibly related to taxes and regulation), suggestion to require apprenticeship programs for City bid jobs and to bring in speakers (local Amish community) to discuss work ethic, skills, and self-sufficiency.

A total of 12 respondents selected “Yes” when asked if there should be job training programs offered in the City. There were zero “No” and “I Don’t Know” responses. The top recommendations were technology/computer/information systems along with vocational/trade jobs with a request to improve the

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apprentice programs (no details were provided). In addition, there was a request for career counseling in Jr. and Sr. High School, with a focus towards trades. More opportunities to learn English was also mentioned and language barriers may be negatively impacting some residents' ability to secure good jobs.

Where in the City Should New Businesses be Located?

Open House attendees were then asked to identify locations for desired new businesses. Responses included:

- Restaurants on Central Avenue, West 4th street, East 3rd Street, and the NRG site.
- Hotel on Lake Shore Drive between N. Beagle and Genet Streets, the NRG site, East Front and Main Streets and the southern edge of Wright Park.
- Brewery on Lake Shore Drive, near the waterfront on Eagle and Washington Streets, and at the end of Deer Street.
- Movie theater at the corner of Park Avenue and 3rd Street.
- Casino and a sports complex at the NRG site.
- Clothing stores and coffee shops along Central Avenue and Lake Shore Drive.

Additional comments and suggestions were provided including requests for specific restaurants, more attractive retail space downtown, renovate the former Regent Theater into a new theater (this has been recommended previously during the Open House), a sports complex (also a reoccurring recommendation), water park, a more walkable downtown, microbrewery, and a bakery.

Overall, restaurants and movie theaters (including renovating the former Regent Theater) were the most popular recommendations by the public followed by the need for a clothing store, grocery store, breweries, more retail in general and hotels.

Parks, Recreation, and the Waterfront

Most popular City Parks and Recreational Services

Attendees at the Open House were asked to identify which City Park(s) or recreation services they visit most. The Dunkirk City Pier/Harbor was the most popular location followed by Wright Park, Point Gratiot Park and Beach, Wright Park Beach, Memorial Park and Washington Park. The full results are listed in the table below.

<i>Identify which City Park(s) or Recreational Service(s) you visit most.</i>	<i>Responses</i>
• Dunkirk City Pier/Harbor	29
• Wright Park	26
• Point Gratiot Park	24
• Point Gratiot Beach	17
• Wright Park Beach	17
• Memorial Park	15
• Washington Park	11
• Bike and Pedestrian Trails	9
• City Marina	7
• Bicentennial Park (Dunkirk City School District – Owned)	5
• Main Street Beach	5
• City Dog Park	4
• New York Avenue Playground	3
• Pangolin Park	2
• Veterans Park	2

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• Franklin Ave Blvd Park	1
• Fourth Street Park	0
• Kosciuszko Park	0

Desired Park Improvements

Attendees were then asked to identify and describe improvements they would like to see at their parks. The results include more basketball courts, an outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, sitting benches, a sun shelter at the City Pier, improved squash pad at Wright Park, soccer fields, improved bathrooms, better grills and picnic tables, and additional children-focused playgrounds.

Future Vision of City Waterfront Parks

The majority of respondents listed desired improvements to the waterfront parks along with additional recommendations not specifically related to parks and recreation instead of providing future “vision” statements. The one vision-style response provided was: Beaches with attractive sand, restaurants with great food, entertainment, and children and teen activities.

Many of the requests provided are similar to recommendations previously recorded and may point to possible priorities from the public’s perspective regarding highly desired recreational and related uses that could be pursued in Dunkirk. These include a multi-purpose, year-round sports/recreational facility, additional recreational opportunities for kids (including non-recreational/non-sports activities), basketball courts, a swimming pool, children’s playground at Wright Park, more benches and better picnic tables and grills, canoe, kayak and bike rentals, bathrooms at all parks, and proper maintenance of trees and related vegetation.

Unique/new requests include increasing the size of the City Pier and not turning it into a park and that more restrooms should be available nearby. Conversely, a comment was provided requesting less parking on the Pier. Additional requests include attracting the historic “Tall Ships,” and bringing in roller derby and boat tours, an amusement park at the NRG facility, parking improvements at Point Gratiot Park, more walking and biking opportunities at City Parks, request to allow residents to help maintain and beautify City Parks and holding events to help clean up the beaches. The use of green infrastructure and providing educational opportunities at the parks was also recommended.

An additional unique request, not specific to City Parks includes providing employment opportunities for people to assist seniors with maintaining yards along with City greenspace. Snow removal assistance for the elderly was also recommended.

Concerns/Weaknesses at City Parks

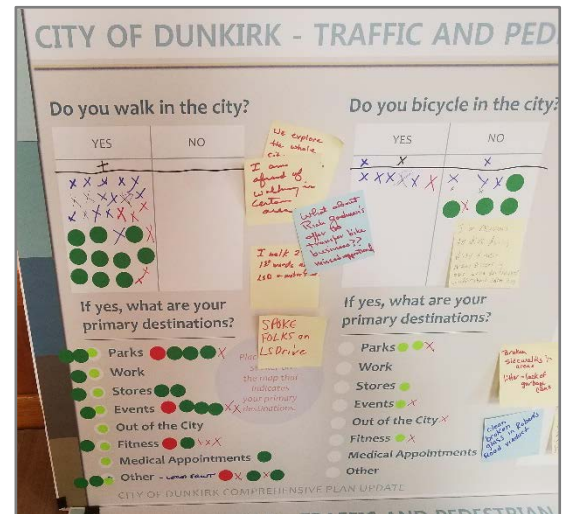
The final station for Parks and Recreation asked attendees to identify concerns and weaknesses at their City Parks. The primary concern identified was litter, pollution and beach health and maintenance. Additional dog waste dispensers should be provided (previously recommended), dog owners need more encouragement to clean up, and recycling bins are needed at parks. The pavilion rental rate at Point Gratiot Park should be more affordable and additional pavilions should be provided. Requests to make parks more children friendly including providing additional areas for them to recreate and not necessarily just sports-related. Additional parking areas for City

events was requested as was the need to improve the behavior of people attending the City's free events along the waterfront.

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

Walking in the City

The first series of questions at the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety station asked attendees if they walk in the City and what their primary destinations are. A total of 36 respondents indicated that they make a habit of walking in the City. The major walking destinations are parks, events, stores and work. Fitness was another major reason for walking in the City. One commenter indicated safety concerns for walking in certain areas of the City, although no specific locations were provided.



Biking in the City

The next set of questions sought feedback on biking throughout the City. Only eight respondents indicated that they bike in the City with 13 stating that they do not. The majority of respondents identified parks and events as primary destinations and listed fitness as another reason for biking. Specific destinations include Point Gratiot Park/Beach, Dunkirk Lighthouse, Patterson Field (x2), Memorial Park, City Pier, City Marina, Main Street Beach, and Wright Park, along Central Avenue and to the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds.

Locations Not Considered Safe for Pedestrians and Bicyclists

Attendees were asked to provide their concerns and suggestions along with specific locations. The Roberts Road viaduct was identified as an area in need of improvements including lighting and regular cleaning. The pedestrian underpass/tunnel at the corner of 3rd and Ronin Streets needs to be repaired and cleaned up – graffiti in the tunnel is a major problem at this location. Broken and uneven sidewalks were highlighted, specifically in the 4th Ward which can make walking dangerous at times. Litter and a lack of garbage cans was also noted.

Suggested improvements including creating a center median along Lake Shore Drive to assist pedestrian crossings to and from the waterfront and boardwalk and especially residents of the Joseph J. Steger Apartment building. Plant trees along Lake Shore Drive, install a bike lane along Lake Front Boulevard, prohibit parking on the pier during concerts, and create a parking lot for Wright Park (may require taking part of the adjacent street – however no specific street was recommended). Holding community cleanup days was also recommended which should include pulling weeds throughout the City – concern that City staff are overworked and need some volunteer assistance.

Is There a Need for More Bike Lanes?

Out of a total of 24 respondents, 16 stated that they would like additional bike lanes, with six stating “No” and two stating “I Don’t Know.” There was a concern by one person that bike lanes provide a false sense of security if drivers do not respect them.

Popularity of the State Bike Route/Seaway Trail

The public was asked if they use the NYS Bike Route/Seaway Trail, with eight indicating they do and six stating “No.” Associated comments provided included requests for more space for kids of all ages including a bike path and that the posted speed limit on Lake Shore Drive needs to be reduced and lowered throughout downtown (x2).

Public Transportation

Twenty-two respondents stated that they did not use the Chautauqua Area Regional Transportation System (CARTS) bus service, with three stating “Yes.” For those that do use the bus service, parks and the lakefront were the top two destinations followed by City events, work, stores and medical appointments.

How to Improve the CARTS Bus Service

The primary recommendation provided is to increase the hours of service (e.g., no way to get home after the movies on Saturday night). There was recognition of the need for public transit especially for college students which could increase the attractiveness of Downtown and the waterfront to Fredonia students. The idea of establishing an Amtrak station in Dunkirk was also popular. There was also a recommendation for a shuttle service that links the colleges with shopping areas and the waterfront.

Kids Input

Children that attended the Open House were asked for recommendations on how they would make the City the “Best place for you, your family and friends.” There were four recommendations for playgrounds and two recommendations for recycling bins in parks. A Children’s Center (e.g., science, art, etc.), affordable educational activities, nature programs that get kids outside and into the environment were also recommended. A waterpark/pad was also suggested (it should be noted that Wright Park has a splash pad).

General Comment Box

A comment box was also provided allowing attendees to offer additional comments, suggestions and complaints that may not be associated with any of the specific Open House stations. Comments provided focused on revitalizing the former Regent Theater (corner of Washington and 3rd Street) into a new performing arts center (repurposing this building has been recommended several times during the Open House), the need to enhance public transportation including connecting Downtown Dunkirk with SUNY Fredonia, and the need for wayfinding (no wayfinding/directional signage is provided in the City) to direct visitors to the City’s parks and other attractions. Additional comments include a request to revive the Central Connections project (the City is continuing to implement the project), request to stop “wasting tax payer money” although no specifics were offered, a request for maritime, shipwreck and fire museums, and a need to provide bicycle repair stations, advertise side trips for visiting cyclists and adding more recycling and trash containers in public areas.

Verbatim/Raw Results from the July 31, 2018 Public Open House City of Dunkirk, NY Comprehensive Plan Update

Downtown Dunkirk

1. What makes Downtown Dunkirk unique?

- Architecture X4
- Historic buildings
- Wonderful 19th century homes to restore, it may not be too late
- Dunkirk History, hometown
- Lower cost of living
- Ethnicity X3
- Diversity
- Lake access
- A lot of area by the waterfront is still open.
- Large area with a lot of opportunity for business or townhomes
- Shops, Restaurants, bars
- Walkability
- Nothing presently there
- What downtown?

2. Identify and map Downtown Dunkirk's Strengths and weaknesses.

Strengths

- Beautiful waterfront X3
- Beaches, waterfront and small town X2
- The waterfront
- Waterfront, affordable, diversity
- Exploit the waterfront it has so much potential
- We have a beautiful harbor make the lake work for us.
- Natural beauty and diverse population
- NRG land could become a big plus for Dunkirk.
- Redo power plant with restaurants, ice rink and offices
- Keep music on pier, with emphasis on respect and manners
- Historic built environment

Weaknesses

- Poor public image
- No recreation center
- Strengthen existing youth organizations and "think out of the box"
- Children need more structured activities
- More kids activities
- Nothing much for kids to do that don't play sports. We need an indoor play/get together area
- The waterfront is the best kept secret
- NRG Albatross
- City officials need to recognize many homeowner are struggling economically and do NOT receive rental income
- Economic barriers,
- Language barrier,
- Need 2nd floor residential along Central
- Lack of progress on the hole left by masonic building fire
- Do not destroy any more old architecture
- We need urgent care and bigger hospital
- Less government buildings, more shops and places to eat

3. How would you improve Downtown Dunkirk? What do you want to see: Businesses, Restaurants, Street improvements, events, etc.?

- Hospital to remain in the City of Dunkirk, yes, absolutely X5
- Use NRG for Casino X2
- Would condos generate more tax revenue than a casino?
- NRG: develop solar and wind alternative energy for residential use
- Get rid of NRG, eye sore and no tax offset now
- Emphasis on historic downtown X2
- New restaurant like McDonalds in Dunkirk
- McDonalds by Tim Horton's on route 5
- Healthy style food restaurant
- Should encourage small shops
- Need large building on Central Ave
- Vegetarian restaurant
- More small shops like Fredonia or other small villages
- Stores, all kinds, bakery, movie theater,
- More grants and funding for senior house repairs
- Smaller new homes for seniors
- Work to lower commercial rents or offset commercial property if repaired
- More restaurants at the waterfront, southern tier brew pub?
- Develop Pier or duplicate what is there, more shops, a destination- especially for class
- Develop the arts
- More business, restaurants
- Boutiques, beach glass shop
- More mixed use-restaurants, specialty shops, recreation
- Small boutique, shops, more parking with a small ramp
- Business, food vendors next to bank (empty lot)
- Businesses-small, restaurant, more events but not all in Memorial park, not empty streets/store fronts
- Don't move a big box, capitalize on what our region offers
- Bars
- Full active support for rehabilitation of Adams Art Gallery
- Small businesses, restaurants that utilize the local goods, more arts, theater, music,
- More unique shops and other ethnic restaurants
- More private schools
- More shops, restaurants, walkable downtown, bike paths
- Help keep existing businesses alive
- Move boardwalk model up central one block at a time and raise rent on boardwalk (do not pass go)
- Better maintenance of roads and sidewalks
- Central Ave made into more of a boulevard and tree from lake shore drive to 5th street
- Paint the train/road viaducts- a nice rust color will so clean up 3rd street embankment
- More walkable/restaurants/things to do
- Better street and sidewalks
- Daycare adults and kids combined
- Full public discussion of future use of hospital building (there is 0 transparency in the board discussion)
- Infill building on property where masonic temple was X2
- More seamless main street design on Central Ave
- Renovate to bring back historic feeling
- Redevelop Stearns Court building adjacent to City Hall in to a public Courtyard.
- Improve night atmosphere-lights in business/restaurant areas
- Rebuild or put in park downtown in empty lot across from City hall
- Best thing to happen- Colbrum block restored for upscale commerce and living
- Close central between 3rd and 5th create pedestrian mall with trees, shrubs, flowers "candy land" with a small bus
- More attention to beach area by Lemming street area
- Get locals and kids involved
- Private clubs kill restaurant business, cannot complete
- Model downtown Hamburg
- We need a program to register new voters
- Should not have to pay for parking
- Get rid of parking meters waste of money to maintain
- Bring back the July 4th Independence Day Parade
- Lower business tax – provide incentives
- Public service announcements regarding positive things about Dunkirk
- Why not solar street lights?

- Waterpark somewhere
- Beach glass museum
- Bookstore would be nice
- Affordable clothing store, but a step up from dollar store.
- Make a commitment to provide recycling containers alongside trash cans
- Pave streets
- Roundabout at Rt. 5 and Central Ave.

4. Provide your vision for what Downtown could offer and look like in 10 years.

- Small city: vibrant, plan for increased diversity, senior friendly, visitor friendly, dog friendly, bicycle friendly, more small shops, support tourism and presently no place to fix bike and don't forget adequate parking
- More grass and trees that are suited to urban area. Outside seating, shaded areas, more shops, more conducive to walking and biking
- Walkable downtown- bike paths X2
- Keep the garden walks growing
- Same facades all along Central to invite walkers and businesses
- Seating, landscaping, 2nd floor residential, entertainment, water features, bike trails
- I would like to put a plan of action proposal to NRG together to get the power plant operational/Figure out a plan for the power plant- high quality location
- Multi-purpose facility: concerts, hockey, meetings, etc.
- I would like to encourage the city to pursue a bowling alley in the downtown area
- Recreation center, ice rink, and soccer field indoors
- Lake Erie water museum
- Model downtown Hamburg
- Bring Boscov's to town
- Central Ave renovation?
- Old Regent theater could partner with SUNY Fredonia Department of Theater and Dance/music- good internship opportunities for students to run and brings lots of small businesses, souvenir shop, bakery, clothing store, spice shops, etc.
- Get owner of Rookies Nigh Club and Rosie's and Kettle and Key to do something to renovate the old Regent theater

Housing and Neighborhoods

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	Yes	No	I Don't Know
2. In your opinion, is there sufficient quality housing for recent college graduates, young families and seniors?	4	26	1

3. Identify key housing and neighborhood Strengths, Weaknesses and Opportunities for one or more City wards that you are interested in.				
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4
Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better recreation areas for kids in all wards • Lakefront Blvd.-now make it look good • Continue developing waterfront area • Wright Park-better volley ball courts-more event there 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God bless the sidewalk plow • Small concerts out in Bicentennial Park 		
Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get rid of rampant Japanese knotweed by lakefront • Litter-especially blowing into Lake Erie from Pier to Main Street. • Need lower speed limit on Lakefront • Striping to designate no parking on sidewalks on Lakefront • Finish bathrooms on Lakefront (signage etc.) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees and Shrubs • Dunkirk slow roll? • Hold landlords responsible for safe housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better condition of streets • Repair damage done to Liberty Street. • Curbs in 4th ward, Lord/Tenney • Fix streets-chicken poop will not fill pot holes X2 • Clean up lower Franklin Ave from Doughty to Tenney • Fix Nevins St. from Doughty to Benton • Building inspector need to open his eyes • No slumlords responsible for maintaining houses landscape to code standards • Building inspector being selective, not following code, making code up on his own, need inspector to follow code • Many run down houses Ruggles/Talcott area • Trash company on Talcott attracts animals • Ask Smith construction to move his equipment • Lots of flooding • Lack of parking in older neighborhood where only street parking exists.

Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve recreation opportunities • Childcare better recreation programs for kids could incorporate Dunkirk Lake and waterfront into it • Develop Pangolin Park • Pangolin Park is a wasteland currently, make a plan, care for it • Place benches, walks, lights trees in Pangolin Park, Volley ball Court-ice skating rink • Spring-board from Athenex project • Welcome package in Spanish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees need trimming and rough winter areas smothered along curb • Replace trees that are taken down throughout city • Tree lined-well maintained homes • Slower speed limits though residential neighborhoods • Preserve Crooked Brook build beautiful bridge across Crooked Brook at Bicentennial Park • Trash cans attractive ones along walking routes to schools • More off street parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create college housing in this area (inexpensive, it will get the kids to go there) • If NRG point cannot be re-powered find a developer to build condos on point. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More low cost housing • Neighborhood Pride Program • Dog waste stations throughout the City • Play up the diversity and ethnic heritage • All homeowners take pride in their property and keep things clean and neat (renters too) • Beautification projects
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	Yes	No	I Don't Know
4. Do you think a welcome package/webpage/orientation program for new City residents would be helpful?	31	1	0

5. Describe how you would like your neighborhoods to look ten years from now.

- Bustling with activity
- Activity-parks- trees, clean and maintained streets, good sidewalks, tidy yards, youth activities, packet gardens and small parks
- Young families
- Economically stable
- Hough quality of life, live-play outside of work
- Mix of restored/up-kept historic building and nice new infill
- Improved sidewalks, streets, lighting, more trees and landscaping
- 1st ward pretty much the same except for absent landlord houses

- Homes in better condition
- Small eateries by/in Wright Park
- More bus stops and more route for bicycles
- More low income housing
- Allow area for recreation business kayak rental etc.
- Plan for additional senior housing, walk to downtown stairless entry, safe-secure, beautify no maintenance
- Homeowners that take pride in how their home looks from the outside
- Academy heights historic district with special lighting and zoning preserve the homes
- Apply for “certified local government” status through the NYS historic Preservation office
- Active Adams Art Gallery
- Continue work on “Floramo Plan” (landlord law) to develop full understanding of landlords/ tenant rights/responsibilities
- Institute the Floramo Plan for absentee and slum landlords
- Older housing residents in older housing who are interested in providing child care need assistance to bring housing up to code
- Ward 2 area needs more attention to dilapidated housing. Out of Town landlords renting dope houses. When police move them out they’re back in 3 months.
- Ward 2 Swan Street and LSD area businesses with dumpsters should make sure they are closed. Wind blows litter all over harbor area

	Yes	No	I Don't Know
6. Would you participate in a homeowner repair program that provides financial assistance for repairs?	21	0	0

Jobs and the Economy

1. Describe challenges facing the City regarding local employment and the overall economy.

- Childcare X4, Shortage of high-quality affordable child care for house/days parents need care for their children
- Not many full time jobs that have benefits
- High paying jobs to support family w/o DSS
- Where are all the businesses? Youth?
- Not enough training in trades
- Invest in BOCES trade (school six) and link students to LOCAL jobs
- Dunkirk Public Schools need improvement- faculty and community need to be more open minded to change, school reconfiguration is key
- Sprawl into (T) Dunkirk negatively impacts City opportunities
- New Your State
- Lower waterfront alone-develop LSD south
- Child development associate credentials
- Local recreation opportunities

2. Identify the types of employment opportunities you would like to see more of in the City of Dunkirk.

- Small businesses, business with apprenticeships
- More smaller industries 10-50 workers
- High paying
- Jobs that have a living wage at minimum
- Specialty retail i.e., Bike shop, Seamstress
- Support the Adams Art Gallery and other Cultural entities

- Sports, sports, sports, make Dunkirk a Tournament City, I guarantee 100 years from now people will still be playing sports! Build a huge indoor soccer, synthetic hockey rink, all-purpose sports facility.
- Beach cleaning business
- Build up the waterfront area
- Less government, more businesses
- Require apprenticeship program for City bid jobs
- Enlist the help of the Amish community to discuss work ethic, skills, ability to be sufficient in a depressed economy

	Yes	No
3. Would you like to see job training programs in the City?	12	0

4. What types of training are needed?

- Technology-computers/information systems X3
- Vocational Trades (x3) Training and improvement in apprentice programs
- Career Counseling in Jr. and Sr. high focus Towards Trades
- Businesses-jobs
- More opportunities for learning English
- Paid jobs for semi-skilled people
- Golf course management
- Need Boscov's Department store
- More on the job market

5. Where in the City would you like to see new businesses located?	
• Retail	5
• Restaurant: waterfront on Washington and Central AVE and West 4 th street	10
• Grocery Store	5
• Hotel: between N. Beagle St and Genet St, and on the NRG site	4
• Clothing Store	6
• Brewery: between N. Beagle St and Genet St, waterfront on Eagle, on Washington and LSD	5
• Coffee Shop	3
• Movie Theater: on the corner of Park Ave and 3 rd Street	8

- ✓ Villas at battery point, condos, apartments, market rate
- ✓ Casino, sport complex, coffee shop, restaurant, clothing store at NRG
- ✓ on north side on NRG a coffee shop and restaurant
- ✓ building waterfront activities and restaurant's along LSD
- ✓ clothing stores and a coffee shop along Central Ave. between LSD and west 5th
- ✓ along East 3rd street put a coffee shop, movie theater, restaurant and clothing store
- ✓ at the end of Deer Street on the water keep it a green space but put in a brewery
- ✓ on east front street and main street a hotel
- ✓ At the southern edge of Wright park but a hotel
- ✓ In Wright park put nature/education/hiking trails
- ✓ St. Mary's meadows- residential development opportunity,

Provide Additional comments/suggestions for new businesses.

- Discuss the power of the people to initiate change and contribute
- Real clothing stores not the Sally Ann's type
- Need: Chick-fil-a, Olive Garden, Red Lobster
- More attractive retail space downtown
- Renovate Regent Theater into new Theater
- Commercial rent too high, small business grants and micro-loans more neighborhood stores again
- Sports Complex- look at Jamestown ice arena

- Casino/hotel at power plant site
- Water park on lake front
- Movie theater small stores
- More walkable downtown and along waterfront trail (link two together)
- Shops, restaurants, breweries, bars in Greenville S.C.
- Recruit Service industries and other clean jobs/businesses
- Clothing store dress barn
- More waterfront eateries
- Genesee Brewing open microbrewery and produce Koch's beer in Dunkirk again X2
- Bakery-specialty food restaurant

Parks, Recreation, and the Waterfront

1. Identify which City Park(s) or Recreational Service(s) you visit most.		
•	Dunkirk City Pier/Harbor	29
•	Wright Park	26
•	Point Gratiot Park	24
•	Point Gratiot Beach	17
•	Wright Park Beach	17
•	Memorial Park	15
•	Washington Park	11
•	Bike and Pedestrian Trails	9
•	City Marina	7
•	Bicentennial Park (Dunkirk City School District – Owned)	5
•	Main Street Beach	5
•	City Dog Park	4
•	New York Avenue Playground	3
•	Pangolin Park	2
•	Veterans Park	2
•	Franklin Ave Blvd Park	1
•	Fourth Street Park	0
•	Kosciuszko Park	0

2. Describe and map any improvements you would like to see at your Parks.

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| • Basketball courts in areas on the open lots | • Soccer fields- both beach and grass |
| • Outdoor swimming pool | • Develop Battery point as education/nature areas |
| • Tennis courts | • Adequate bathrooms |
| • Outdoor eating areas | • Grills and picnic tables- good ones |
| • Sitting benches – a place to sit | • Children's play ground |
| • Playgrounds for kids | • More benches |
| • Bathrooms/Port-a- Johns at all the parks X2 | • Better volleyball courts for league |
| • Sun shelter at Pier | |
| • Better squash pad in same area | |

3. Describe your vision for the City of Dunkirk waterfront parks how would you like these areas to look and function in 10 years from now?

- A multi-purpose sports/events facility modeled after Buffalo River works
- Need better recreation for kids, basketball courts, swimming pool
- Basketball courts and swimming pool
- Memorial park is beautiful, nice for events
- More youth activities
- Child's playground, play area at Wright Park
- Pier made larger and not a "park" more restrooms if so many people are wanted
- Less parking on the pier
- Keep Pangolin Street Park for kids- swings etc.
- Kayak rentals
- Make part of Point Gratiot Park a campground year round
- Parking improvement at point Gratiot park, too many holes
- Walking and bike riding by beach parks, not too big that you have to park so far to see something
- Additional boutiques like those on the boardwalk
- New benches good picnic tables, new grills Wright park
- Port-a-Pottys at all parks
- Play areas need to be fenced in
- Bring roller derby to Dunkirk
- Amusement park where NRG was- fun!
- Tour of Dunkirk
- Bring back tour boat
- Green infrastructure, educational and economic driven
- Existing bike and pedestrian walkways must be maintained (black top, free trimming, weed whacking etc.) before they fall into disrepair
- Tall ships
- Keep Lake front Blvd. year round
- More volume snow shoveling for elder/disabled
- Buy lawn mowers for unemployed to mow elderly yards and maintain green space
- County wide bike path through City and tie in with waterfront bike path, 20-30 miles
- Allow community to help maintain/beautify parks
- Battery point walking/bike trails
- Recreational and green space
- Year round multi-seasonal recreation area
- What recreational activities are available to kids besides baseball and sports
- Kayaks, canoes, bike rentals
- Capitalize on beaches umbrella and bike rentals.
- Bike repair and rental place
- Beach-nice sand, restaurants with great food, entertainment, children's activities, teen activities.
- Establish big events to clean beaches, neighborhoods etc.
- Continue to clean up and renovate: gates/chain-link fence at point, repair old road to avoid walker being injured, address dead trees-ash tree die back
- Patrol for safety in parks and areas around
- Make city a walkable city
- Emphasize shared governance and responsibility
- Roads are in need of work
- Info booth

4. Identify any concerns/weaknesses at your City Parks.

- Litter/pollution concerns (x3), beach health and maintenance
- Establish a “show pride don’t litter” campaign
- Dog walkers should take care of their own wastes, don’t always rely on other or the city to clean up.
- More “doggie” bins for dog walkers
- We need recycling bins at city parks
- Make the rental rate for Pt. Gratiot Pavilion more economical and make more of them
- Make park more children friendly-wilder, allow kids free play not restrictive as sports
- Free activities are great for all but encourage adults and children to act like ladies and gentlemen while attending
- More parking areas for events
- Bring back Spoke Folk
- Central Ave Especially 3rd and 4th streets
- Abandoned homes

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

	Yes	No
1. Do you walk in the City?	36	1
1a. If yes, what are your primary destinations?		
• Other		8
• Parks		7
• Events		7
• Fitness		7
• Stores		3
• Work		1
• Medical Appointments		1
• Out of the City		0
Where? (There may be overlap with these destinations listed in Questions 2 below.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Spoke fold on LSD, ✓ what about rich Goodman’s offer to transfer bike business?-missed opportunity ✓ I am afraid of walking in certain areas ✓ We explore the whole City on foot and see many beautiful things that we could not in a car ✓ I walk 2nd and 1st wards along LSD and waterfront 		

	Yes	No
2. Do you bicycle in the City?	8	13
2a. If yes, what are your primary destinations?		
• Parks		3
• Events		2
• Fitness		2
• Stores		1
• Out of the City		1
• Work		0
• Medical Appointments		0
• Other		0

Where?

- ✓ In Point Gratiot Park/Beach
- ✓ At Dunkirk Light house
- ✓ Elm Street and north of NRG

- ✓ Patterson Field X2
- ✓ Memorial park
- ✓ City Pier
- ✓ City Marina
- ✓ Main Street Beach
- ✓ Path into Wright Park
- ✓ Along Central at Albany
- ✓ In the Chautauqua County Fair grounds

3. Identify locations in your neighborhood and/or in other locations that you believe are not safe for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Concerns and Suggestions

- Could use a light at Lincoln and Talcott, tractor trailers and Cars run stop signs all day
- Front and Webster St. 2 accidents within 24 hours, need cars to slow down and 4-way stop sign
- Sidewalks need repaired
- I'm nervous to bike during busy times, many drivers in our area don't respect /understand safety laws
- Vehicles have many times nearly run me over as a pedestrian X2
- Handicapped people on small wagon without proper lighting or signals- dangerous
- Need more stores-small, bike shop, clothing, dive shop, coins-jewelry, restaurants-seafood, movies, book-record shop, not boxed commercial
- Need for senior housing near lake or downtown spur small businesses same floor- or elevator lofts-main entrance free condo concept?
- Renovate the Pier, keep clean, pedestrian and fisherman friendly, plan for ice fishing
- Improve-keep Pier the same no green space
- Leave the pier as it, where you can walk or drive and see the harbor, benches are good and could use more
- Leave the pier alone it is fine
- Model Erie PA Pier
- Richard Goodman offered his bike repair/sale/rentals "spoke folk" to the City. His offer was rejected. The service Richard delivered is needed

Locations:

- ✓ Roberts Road covered viaduct needs lighting and cleaning (x2) – clean up broken glass.
- ✓ Fix and Clean underpasses along 3rd Street and Ronin Street underpass
- ✓ Broken sidewalks (x2) including many sidewalks in the 4th Ward have uneven pavement making walking dangerous at times
- ✓ Litter-lack of garbage cans
- ✓ Develop median (x3) on Rt. 5 to assist in pedestrian crossing in Boardwalk and senior housing areas
- ✓ Bike lane on Lake Blvd. off sidewalk
- ✓ Prohibit biking on the Pier during concerts
- ✓ Parking lot for Wright take part of street
- ✓ Community clean up and pull weeds-city overworked
- ✓ Regulate and enforce loud exhaust and radios

	Yes	No	I Don't Know
4. In addition to existing and planned bike lanes, would you be in support of more?	16	6	2

Locations:

- ✓ More dog waste stations, bike lanes are a false sense of security if drivers don't respect them

	Yes	No
5. Do you use the state bike route and/or the seaway trail?	8	6
✓ More space for kids of all ages – bike bath		
✓ Speed limit on LSD should be lowered Downtown also X2		

6. Do you use the Chautauqua Area Regional Transit System (CARTS) bus service?	Yes	No
	3	22
• Parks		5
• Work		1
• Stores		1
• Medical Appointments		1
• Events		2
• Out of the City		
• Lakefront Pier (added by public)		3

7. Provide your recommendations for improving the CARTS bus service, and if you use other forms of transportation (Uber, Lyft, Taxi, Car-Share).

- Needs to run more reliable (dispatch) and increased hours (x2), no way to get home after the movies on a Saturday night
- We need public transit!! College students need to get to and from campus-SUNY and JCC
- CART's should be privatized- increase hours and service
- Amtrak station used to be Main and 3rd
- Train stop needed (x2), connect route to Erie PA and Buffalo NY, events, work, commute, leisure, college and faculty/ students need it
- More promotion of Uber/Lyft need more drivers, possible shuttle that links college and plaza with waterfront
- Tour boat at City Pier to see the area

Kids Input

1. If you were in charge of the City of Dunkirk, what would you do to make the City the best place for you, your family and friends?

- Playgrounds X4
- Recycle bins in parks X2
- Water Park/pad
- Children's Center (science, art etc.)
- Fun educational activities that are affordable
- More places for video games
- Get kids in the environment through nature programs
- Ban Pitbulls

Comment Box

- Old Theater corner of Washington and 3rd street idea: Transform building into an arts center similar to Shea's Performing arts Center and the new Comic Center in Jamestown for mature crowd entertainment while focusing on diversity.
- Stop wasting tax payer money
- Add recycling containers next to trash cans in public areas
- Revive Central connections. Hope [public meeting to discuss results today's survey and generate additional information/idea
- Bicycling-repair self-serve stations, water replenishment stations, advertise side trips for cyclists visiting that area (adventure cycling has an Underground Railroad map from Alabama to Toronto that passes through Dunkirk.
- Public Transportation is needed for Dunkirk but also for the entire county. A bus from Dunkirk to Fredonia would benefit college students.
- Wayfinding-visitors are left to their own devices when they enter the City. When arriving from either City entrance drivers/cyclists are not informed in advance of things to do/parks/amenities that are coming up. (Except Pt. Gratiot 1/2 mile ahead, beach, swimming, picnics. Lighthouse 3/4 mile, pier 1 1/2 miles ahead, Wright Park 2 miles). Sooner we get signage up the happier the visitors and people selling them things will be.
- Exiting the point (from oaks) there is no indication how to get to Route 5.) At route 5 there is not signage to tell people how to get to the Pier or Wright Park, or even how to re-enter the point.
- Maritime, shipwreck, fire museum

2. Community Survey Results

City of Dunkirk, NY Comprehensive Plan Update

Community Survey Results

December 5, 2018

INTRODUCTION

A Community Survey was conducted for the City of Dunkirk Comprehensive Plan Update process. The Survey was prepared by the Planning Advisory Committee in conjunction with the City of Dunkirk Department of Planning and Development and the Laberge Group Team. Questions 1 through 11 were developed covering a variety of issues, including, but not limited to: parks and recreation; economic development, jobs and the local economy, rating of City services, and major issues facing the City. In addition, questions 12 through 24 inquired about survey respondent details, including, but not limited to years residing in Dunkirk, employment status, family size, income, and race/ethnicity in order to better understand respondent profiles and to allow for cross tabulation. Opportunities for respondents to offer additional comments was also provided.

The survey was made available in both English and Spanish, and could be completed online through SurveyMonkey or on paper copies. The surveys were made available at the Public Visioning Open House held on July 31, 2018 and remained open through November 30, 2018. A total of 148 surveys were completed. The following is a summary of the results which begins with a breakdown of survey respondent profiles. The full results of the survey are attached to the end of this document.

RESPONDENTS PROFILE

Survey Questions 12 through 24 inquired about the respondents' gender, age, employment status, income and other socio-demographic elements. Based on the responses, the survey was completed by a relatively older, more affluent population that has lived in the City for 11 or more years and own their own home. The majority of respondents live in Ward 2, with the remaining Wards fairly evenly represented. Only 5% of respondents identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino, with over 92% identifying as White. Two-person households make up just over 50% of the respondents with over 65% of the families including children under the age of three. Almost 50% of respondents are working full-time with almost 40% retired. Almost 35% of respondents work within the City of Dunkirk with approximately 16% working in the Village of Fredonia. City of Dunkirk business owners make up 6% of the respondents.

The following is a more detailed breakdown of the 148 survey respondents:

- Male and female respondents are equally represented at 50% each.
- The majority (79.4%) of respondents have been living in the City for 11 or more years. Just over six percent of the respondents have been living in the City for six to ten years with the same percentage of respondents living in the City five or less years. The remaining respondents are part-time residents (1.4%) or not residents (6.3%) which may account for some business owners that do not live in the City.

- Approximately 33% of respondents live in Ward 2 followed by Ward 3 (22%), Ward 1 (21%) and Ward 4 (19%).
- The survey represented older residents, with almost 44% of respondents ages 45-65 and approximately 34% of respondents over the age of 65. The third highest age cohort of respondents were 35-44 year olds, followed by the 18-34 age cohort at over 11%. There were no respondents under the age of 18.
- Only 5% (7) of respondents identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino of any race with almost 93% of respondents identifying as White. Less than one percent (1 respondent) identified as Asian and just over 1% chose “Other.”
- The majority (51%) of respondents live in two-person households, with almost 23% living alone. Families of four made up approximately 12% of respondents, followed by families of three at almost 11%. Five and six or more person households make up 2% and just over 1% of respondents respectfully.
- Children within families of respondents are overwhelmingly young with almost 67% of the families having children under three years of age. Families with children between 6 and 17 years old accounted for just under 27% of respondents followed by families with children between the ages of three and five at almost 7%.
- The vast majority of survey respondents (91%) earn \$20k or more, with slightly over 50% earning \$60k or more.
- Over 90% of respondents own their home, with approximately 88% of respondents living in single-family homes and slightly over 9% in two or three family homes. Two respondents live in Dunkirk Housing Authority accommodations.
- A total of nine (6%) respondents own a business in the City.
- Over 46% of respondents are employed full-time and just over 36% retired. Almost 5% of respondents are working part-time, with less than 2% of respondents identifying as underemployed and looking for more work with slightly over 2% unemployed and looking for work. Almost 6% stated that they were disabled and not able to work.
- For employed respondents, almost 35% work in the City of Dunkirk, with the Village of Fredonia ranked second at 16%, followed by the City of Buffalo/Hamburg/Orchard Park/Cheektowaga area at just over 8%, Jamestown at almost 7% and the Town of Dunkirk at almost 6%. Over 25% of respondents identified other locations of employment including, but not limited to Angola, Persia, Sinclairville, Brockton and Pennsylvania.

SURVEY RESULTS OVERVIEW

The following is a brief overview of responses to each of the 14 primary questions. The full survey results are attached to this document.

Q1. How would you rate the City’s effort in providing the following facilities and services?

- Answered: 146 Skipped: 2
- Response Choices: 19 different City services and facilities were provided. Respondents were asked to rank them as: Excellent, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, and Do Not Know or N/A.
- Respondents provided high marks for overall City government services and management, snow removal, parks and recreation, City-sponsored festivals and entertainment, police/fire/emergency services, water and sewer services, and trash removal and recycling.

- Low marks were given for road and sidewalk maintenance, code enforcement, the Downtown/Business District, the selection of stores and the level of business activity.
- Senior and youth services/activities and the planning and zoning approval process were given positive support, but there appears to be room for improvement.
- Comments provided include: Need to clean up housing units; need for increased restaurant variety, more local businesses and shopping options, need for a recreation center, recommendation for sidewalks to be repaired and maintained by the City, should hold events for disabled residents, need for increased tourism support, Central Ave. from LSD to 4th Street is in very poor shape including stores, most are vacant, suggest providing incentives to bring businesses back.

Q2. Rank the importance of why you choose to live in the City of Dunkirk:

- Answered: 144 Skipped: 4
- Response Choices: 16 different choices were provided, including, but not limited to: natural beauty, the school district, diversity of the population, City parks, and the size of the City. Respondents were asked to rank them as Very Important, Somewhat Important, Not Very Important and Not Applicable.
- The top five “Very Important” responses:
 1. The Lake (68%);
 2. Natural beauty and Housing costs (51%);
 3. Grew up here (48%);
 4. City parks (41%); and
 5. Sense of Community (40%).
- Investment opportunities, public transportation and the proximity to SUNY Fredonia/Village of Fredonia were the bottom three reasons provided.
- Comments provided include: Downtown, proximity to Erie Pa., Toronto, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Syracuse, along with the low probability of natural disasters, ability to walk to many locations, and low property taxes.

Q3. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements. The City should:

- Answered: 145 Skipped: 3
- Response Choices: 14 different statements were provided, including, but not limited to, encourage retail/commercial and industrial developments, repair existing and construct new sidewalks, construct a community center and encourage a mix of residential and commercial development along the Lake. Respondents were asked to state their level of agreement as: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree and No Opinion.
- The top five elements that respondents Strongly Agreed with are as follows:
 1. Increase economic development efforts that create new job opportunities (76%);
 2. Encourage retail/commercial development (stores that provide for daily/weekly shopping needs) (73%);
 3. Improve the quality and appearance of homes (68%);
 4. Encourage institutional/education developments (health services, museums, cultural attractions and schools/higher education) (65%); and

5. Repair existing and construct new sidewalks (60%).

- There was additional support for focusing economic development efforts on tourism and associated development along the lakeshore, encouraging industrial developments, encouraging office developments and continuing to improve City parks and recreation areas.
- At the bottom of the list, less than 50% choosing “Strongly Agree:” Improving public transportation, constructing a community/recreation center, and encouraging a mix of residential and commercial development including in appropriate areas along the Lake.
- Relevant comments provided include: Need for improvements to housing, especially east of Central Ave., request for public restrooms (dawn to dusk) at parks and downtown, continue improving parks and recreation areas but not at the expense of losing the boat launch and parking for boaters, need for childcare, add a splash pad to Point Gratiot, need for senior housing geared towards retired with moderate to high income levels, improve the south side of Rt. 5 from Main St. to Memorial Park “depressing and embarrassing,” Dunkirk should become an Arbor Day Tree City, have our young local talent create murals, and more waterfront attractions are needed, not more residential.

Q4. What portion of your shopping/personal service needs or entertainment takes place in the City?

- Answered: 145 Skipped: 3
- Response Choices: 16 different shopping/personal service needs and entertainment choices were provided. Respondents were asked to identify how often they visit these stores/services/entertainment as Almost All, Some, Very Little and None.
- The majority of respondents (63%) indicate that they do almost all of their Banking/financial business within the City.
- Combining responses “Almost All” and “Some,” the top five responses were:
 1. Banking/financial: 87%
 2. Restaurants/Food establishments: 75%
 3. Groceries: 72%
 4. Medical/dental and Home repair/hardware: 70%
- Retail – clothing, large scale/big box, social service needs, and home furnishings were ranked the lowest.
- Relevant comments provided include: Most stores are outside the City limits, there is a need for more retail (grocery) and a “full sized” retail store, opportunity for small-scale stores as big box stores are going out of business, more stores needed to support tourism, and a need for quality clothing store was identified.

Q5. How often do you shop or seek services in cities, villages or town other than the City of Dunkirk?

- Answered: 132 Skipped: 16
- Response Choices: Several times a week, At least once a week, Once every few weeks, Once a month, Once a year, and Never.
- Almost 48% of respondents indicated that they shop outside of the City several times a week.
- Approximately 33% at least once a week.
- Almost 13% once every few weeks.
- 6% once a month
- Less than 2% once a year.

Q6. What kind of new businesses would you like to see in the City of Dunkirk?

- Answered: 142 Skipped: 6
- Response Choices: 20 separate types of businesses and services were provided, including, but not limited to: Antique stores, bakery, coffee shop, grocery store, upscale restaurants, and winery.
- Top five responses:
 1. Waterfront restaurant: 70%
 2. Retail shops: 67%
 3. Tourist attractions: 64%
 4. Clothing shop: 61%
 5. Family restaurant: 56%
- Additional support for a bike shop (47%), with bakery, grocery store and movie theater each receiving 46%, followed by upscale restaurant (45%), and brewery and ethnic restaurant both at 44%.
- Relevant comments include: Request for “artsy shops,” deli, indoor recreational facility, outdoor sporting shops, year-round opportunities for children, find ways to support the existing grocery store, more industry, concert venue, and botanical garden.

Q7. How much of a concern are the following issues in the City of Dunkirk?

- Answered: 143 Skipped: 5
- Response Choices: 21 different choices were provided, including, but not limited to: access to medical care, availability of child care, condition of City streets and sidewalks, job opportunities, local shopping opportunities, and environmental sustainability. Respondents were asked to rank them by: Major Concern, Minor Concern, Not a Concern, and Do not know.
- The biggest issues identified by respondents as Major Concerns were downtown image and vacant/abandoned homes, both at 87%. These were followed by job opportunities (86%), perception of the City (83%), condition of housing (79%) and condition of City streets and sidewalks (78%).
- The lack of shopping opportunities, unkempt properties/junk in yards, home values and community character are also Major Concerns for the vast majority of respondents.
- Availability of quality housing is a Major Concern for 50% of respondents while access to medical care is a Major Concern for 58%.
- The lack of summer and year round youth activities are a Major Concern with 38% and 42% of respondents respectfully.
- Only 28% of respondents state that the availability of child care are a Major Concern, followed by 35% concerned with adequate public transportation.
- Relevant comments regarding concerns include: Absentee landlords (especially in the historic district), clean up lower Franklin Ave., improved code enforcement needed, home ownership, positive comments on recent blight reduction, concern that creating more low income housing is an issue as they are “never kept up,” and keep the hospital.

Q8. Would you describe the City of Dunkirk as in need of more:

- Answered: 141 Skipped: 7
- Response Choices: Eight choices were provided, including, but not limited to: parks facilities, senior services and facilities, public transportation choices, and employment opportunities. Respondents were asked to answer Yes or No.
- Respondents indicated that the City is in need of more employment opportunities (97%) and business and shopping in Downtown (96%). Over 73% believe that youth, teen programs and facilities are needed, followed by recreational programs at 65% and senior services and facilities at 62%.
- Park facilities (34%) early childhood education (46%) and public transportation choices (57%) were ranked the lowest in terms of need in the City by respondents. However, it is still important to recognize these findings, especially for early childhood education and public transportation.

Q9. Which City Facilities, Events and Parks do you use/visit? Please mark multiple responses.

- Answered: 142 Skipped 6
- Response Choices: 20 choices were provided, including, but not limited to farmers' market, the City's numerous parks, the Senior Center, Dunkirk City Pier, and the recreation center at the Chautauqua County Fair Grounds.
- Approximately 87% of respondents regularly visit Point Gratiot Park and the Dunkirk City Pier.
- Memorial and Wright Parks are the second most visited park facilities each receiving 61%.
- Less than 10% of the respondents visit Kosciuszko and Franklin Avenue Boulevard Parks, New York Ave. Playground and Fourth Street, Bicentennial and Pangolin Parks.
- Point Gratiot Beach is the most visited of the City beaches (60%) followed by Wright Park Beach (47%) and Main Street Beach (26%).

Q10. Is there a lack of childcare in Dunkirk?

- Answered: 119 Skipped 29
- Response Choices: Yes, No
- Almost 59% of respondents believe there is not a lack of childcare in the City, with 40% stating that there is a lack of childcare.
- The survey as asked respondents to provided their contact information if they believe there is a lack of childcare and would like to be part of the solution. A total of eight respondents would like to offer their assistance.

Q11. If you are currently unemployed/underemployed, what obstacles stand in your way of getting/keeping the job you desire? Check all that apply.

- Answered: 52 Skipped: 96 (assuming the majority are employed or retired)
- Response Choices: Child Care, Transportation, Training, Language, Other
- Almost 83% of respondents chose "Other" with health and disabilities the top responses, followed by a lack of opportunities. Child care was also mentioned several times in the comments.

- Only a total of 14 respondents chose a particular obstacle for getting/keeping the desired job. Of these respondents, almost 10% chose Training, followed by child care at just under 8%. Transportation received almost 6% and Language just under 4%.

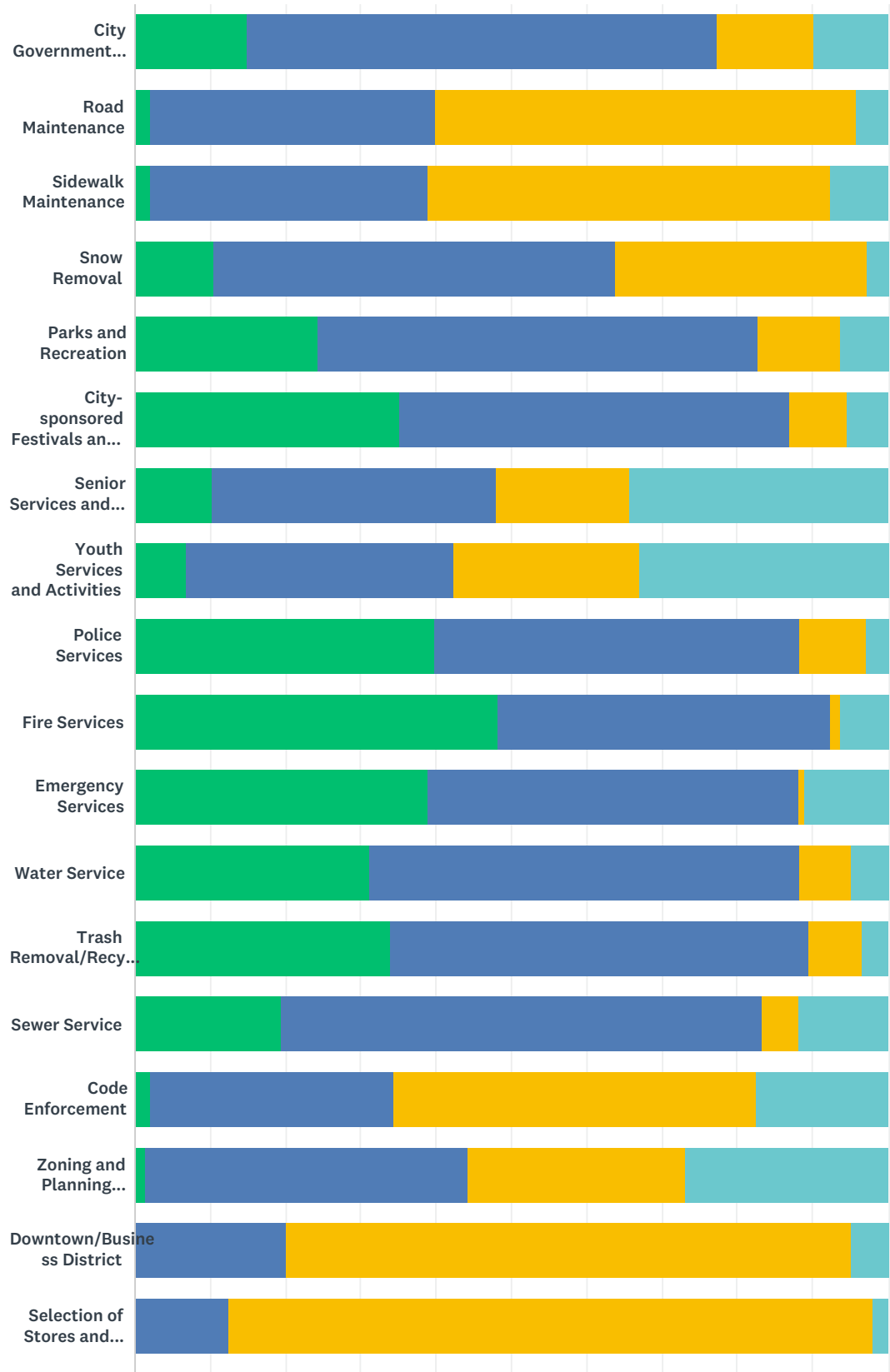
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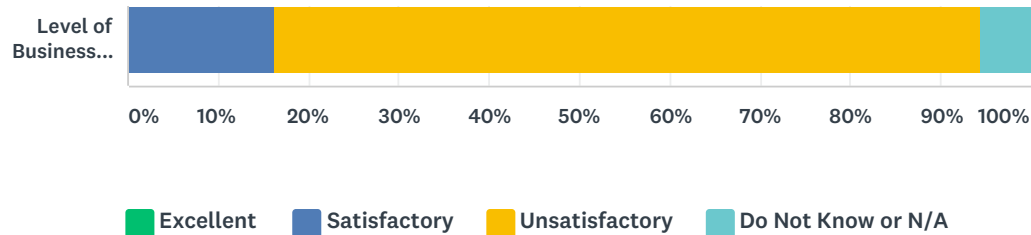
Question 25 asked for any additional comments the respondents would like to offer. A total of 80 respondents provided additional comments which touched on a variety of topics including the City Pier, Parks, Housing and Businesses. All 80 responses are attached to this document.

FULL SURVEY RESULTS

Q1 Where applicable, how would you rate the City’s effort in providing the following facilities and services?

Answered: 146 Skipped: 2



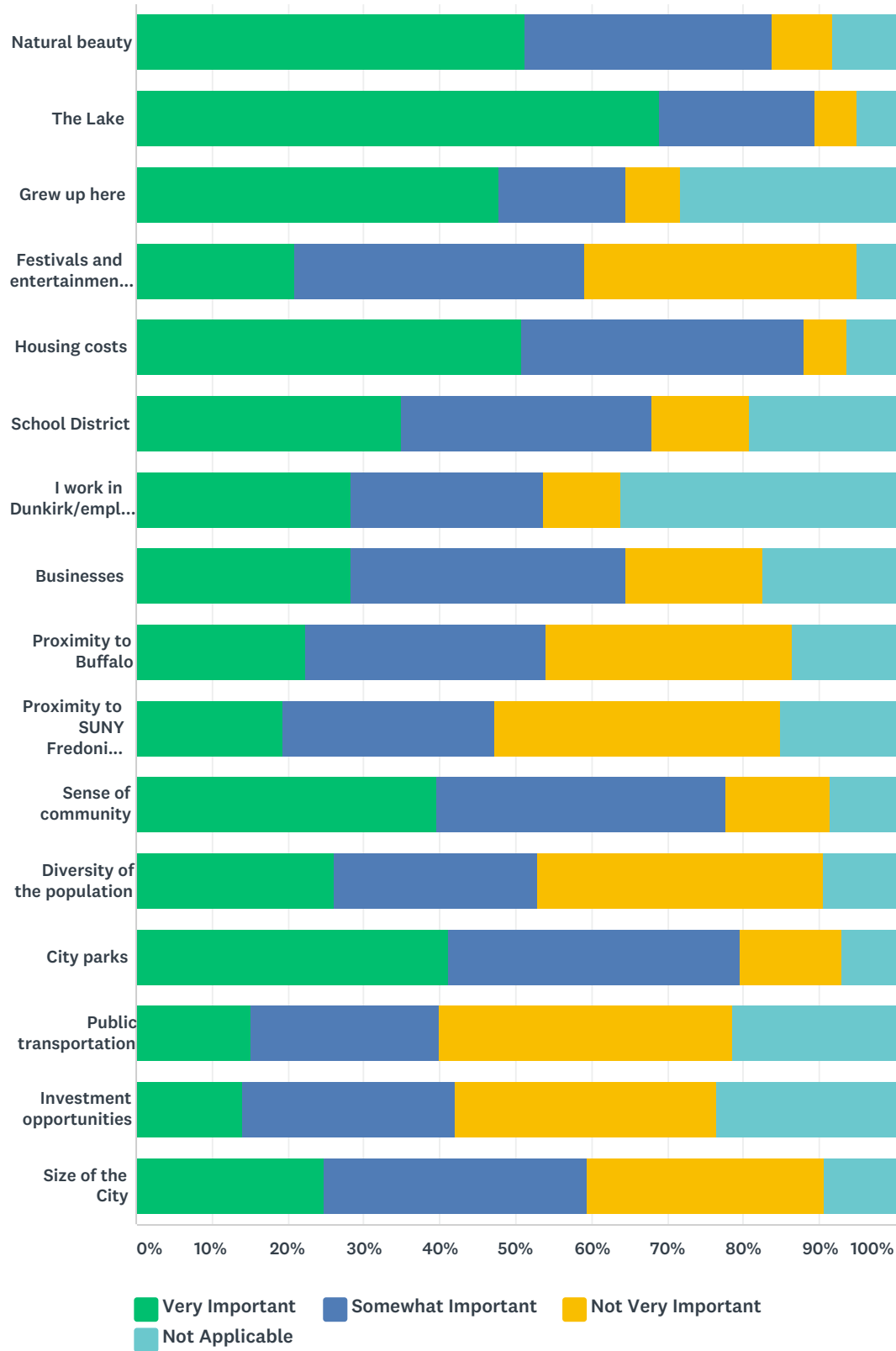


	EXCELLENT	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY	DO NOT KNOW OR N/A	TOTAL
City Government Services /Management	14.89% 21	62.41% 88	12.77% 18	9.93% 14	141
Road Maintenance	2.10% 3	37.76% 54	55.94% 80	4.20% 6	143
Sidewalk Maintenance	2.08% 3	36.81% 53	53.47% 77	7.64% 11	144
Snow Removal	10.42% 15	53.47% 77	33.33% 48	2.78% 4	144
Parks and Recreation	24.31% 35	58.33% 84	11.11% 16	6.25% 9	144
City-sponsored Festivals and Entertainment	35.17% 51	51.72% 75	7.59% 11	5.52% 8	145
Senior Services and Activities	10.27% 15	37.67% 55	17.81% 26	34.25% 50	146
Youth Services and Activities	6.85% 10	35.62% 52	24.66% 36	32.88% 48	146
Police Services	39.73% 58	48.63% 71	8.90% 13	2.74% 4	146
Fire Services	48.28% 70	44.14% 64	1.38% 2	6.21% 9	145
Emergency Services	38.89% 56	49.31% 71	0.69% 1	11.11% 16	144
Water Service	31.03% 45	57.24% 83	6.90% 10	4.83% 7	145
Trash Removal/Recycling	34.03% 49	55.56% 80	6.94% 10	3.47% 5	144
Sewer Service	19.44% 28	63.89% 92	4.86% 7	11.81% 17	144
Code Enforcement	2.10% 3	32.17% 46	48.25% 69	17.48% 25	143
Zoning and Planning Approval Process	1.38% 2	42.76% 62	28.97% 42	26.90% 39	145
Downtown/Business District	0.00% 0	20.14% 29	75.00% 108	4.86% 7	144
Selection of Stores and Shopping	0.00% 0	12.41% 18	85.52% 124	2.07% 3	145
Level of Business Activity	0.00% 0	16.20% 23	78.17% 111	5.63% 8	142
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)			DATE	

1	metered parking in business district	11/8/2018 1:41 PM
2	Restaurants/ Variety, ethnicity	8/10/2018 2:44 PM
3	Clean up housing units	8/10/2018 10:13 AM
4	An alternative movie house (foreign films)	8/10/2018 9:27 AM
5	high quality licensed childcare	8/10/2018 9:02 AM
6	More business local, restaurant choices local.	8/10/2018 8:45 AM
7	Code Enforcement & Zoning/Planning: ' need to grow here'	8/9/2018 1:19 PM
8	Need Rec Center, Sewer Services - do not unclog receivers	8/9/2018 11:42 AM
9	Businesses left when Social Services too the city as their iwn	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
10	Sidewalks should be repaired and maintained by City for uniform upkeep and quality. This includes those in front of residential homes as well.	8/8/2018 5:23 PM
11	Having events for disbled people. In the city of Dunkirk	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
12	Dogs should not be allowed at festivals, music on the pier ever!!!	8/1/2018 12:27 PM
13	More places for younger and childs and more helper for people in public housing i think more help to low rent in public housing in my opinion i paid a lot of rent but i let in your hands but for me i love Dunkirk	7/31/2018 4:01 PM
14	In order to get people to live in Dunkirk, there must be shopping options otherwise they will live closer to Buffalo and commute. Especially with the new addition of the Athenex.	7/31/2018 1:54 PM
15	Need for increased Tourism Support	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
16	Need more parking at the pier (move employees!!)	7/28/2018 4:37 PM
17	The Central Ave. cooridor from LSD to 4th Street is pitiful. The store fronts are in terrible shape and most are vacant. Give incentives to bring business back to this area.	7/28/2018 12:16 PM
18	The Police Don't Care Or Respond To Calls Anymore. They Have Very Bad Attitudes	7/27/2018 6:58 PM
19	Please use property near water front to bring in tourist, not low income housing.	7/27/2018 4:17 PM

Q2 Where applicable, rank the importance of why you choose to live in the City of Dunkirk:

Answered: 144 Skipped: 4



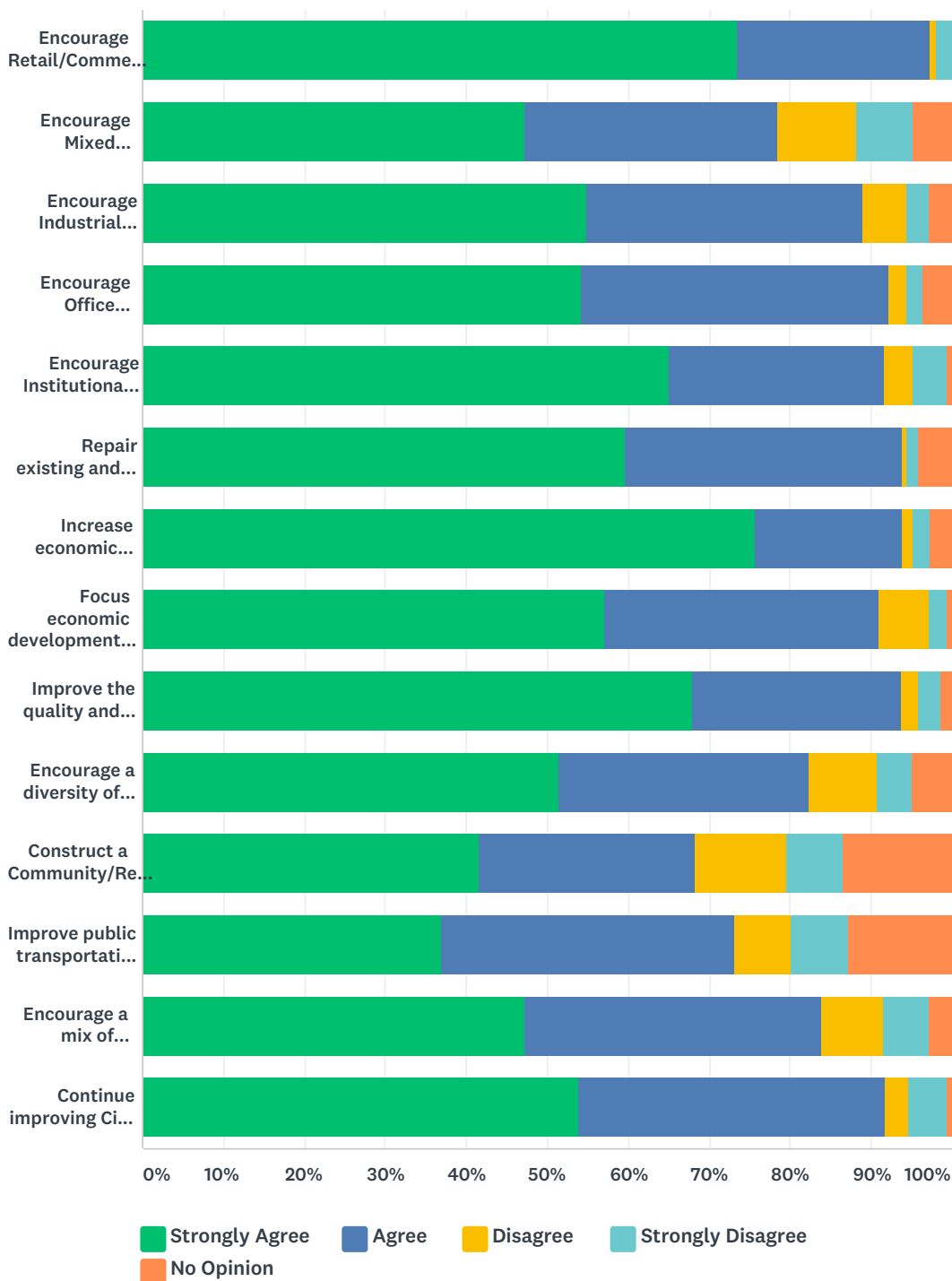
	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	NOT APPLICABLE	TOTAL
Natural beauty	51.11% 69	32.59% 44	8.15% 11	8.15% 11	135
The Lake	68.79% 97	20.57% 29	5.67% 8	4.96% 7	141
Grew up here	47.83% 66	16.67% 23	7.25% 10	28.26% 39	138
Festivals and entertainment choices	20.86% 29	38.13% 53	35.97% 50	5.04% 7	139
Housing costs	50.70% 72	37.32% 53	5.63% 8	6.34% 9	142
School District	35.00% 49	32.86% 46	12.86% 18	19.29% 27	140
I work in Dunkirk/employment opportunities	28.26% 39	25.36% 35	10.14% 14	36.23% 50	138
Businesses	28.26% 39	36.23% 50	18.12% 25	17.39% 24	138
Proximity to Buffalo	22.30% 31	31.65% 44	32.37% 45	13.67% 19	139
Proximity to SUNY Fredonia/ Village of Fredonia	19.29% 27	27.86% 39	37.86% 53	15.00% 21	140
Sense of community	39.57% 55	38.13% 53	13.67% 19	8.63% 12	139
Diversity of the population	26.09% 36	26.81% 37	37.68% 52	9.42% 13	138
City parks	41.13% 58	38.30% 54	13.48% 19	7.09% 10	141
Public transportation	15.00% 21	25.00% 35	38.57% 54	21.43% 30	140
Investment opportunities	13.97% 19	27.94% 38	34.56% 47	23.53% 32	136
Size of the City	24.64% 34	34.78% 48	31.16% 43	9.42% 13	138

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Proximity to Toronto, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Syracuse within 150 mile radius, low volatility of weather extremes: floods/tornado/wildfire/earthquake/sinkholes	11/8/2018 1:41 PM
2	playgrounds	8/10/2018 1:30 PM
3	Downtown area	8/10/2018 10:32 AM
4	Proximity to Erie	8/10/2018 10:02 AM
5	Celebrate this diversity with ethnic festivals, holiday events, etc that welcomes others and/or out-of-towners.	8/10/2018 9:27 AM
6	Change with the times	8/10/2018 8:45 AM
7	I may bed more business to Fredonia. My choice was move or close. Social Service enveloped the city. Sad but true, all other businesses had already evacuated, I was left with no parking and lots of people looking for their benefits. It's the sad truth	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
8	I don't drive due to my eyesight. Having most of my needs within walking distance is a big reason why I moved here.	8/8/2018 5:23 PM

9	Having a small city. Help me make new friends	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
10	what public transportation?	8/1/2018 12:27 PM
11	This is "home". The city is small enough that fixes can be made if the right effort is made. Agreeing on the right effort is difficult. Fix the problem, don't just make it look nice and push the problem on the next generation. Always leave it better then you found it.	8/1/2018 8:17 AM
12	I live in Dunkirk as my family mostly resided here. At this point there is little family left. My concern is with the majority of the Dunkirk population not maintaining their property. This does not require money, just some pride which seems to be lacking. Driving around Dunkirk is depressing especially on the East of Central Avenue below Newton Street. There needs to be some incentive for these families to clean up their yards.	7/31/2018 1:54 PM
13	low property taxes & housing costs for retiree	7/30/2018 9:48 AM
14	More attention to Point Gratiot beach/parking	7/28/2018 4:37 PM

Q3 Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements. The City should:

Answered: 145 Skipped: 3



	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Encourage Retail/Commercial Developments (Stores that provide for daily and weekly shopping needs)	73.43% 105	23.78% 34	0.70% 1	2.10% 3	0.00% 0	143

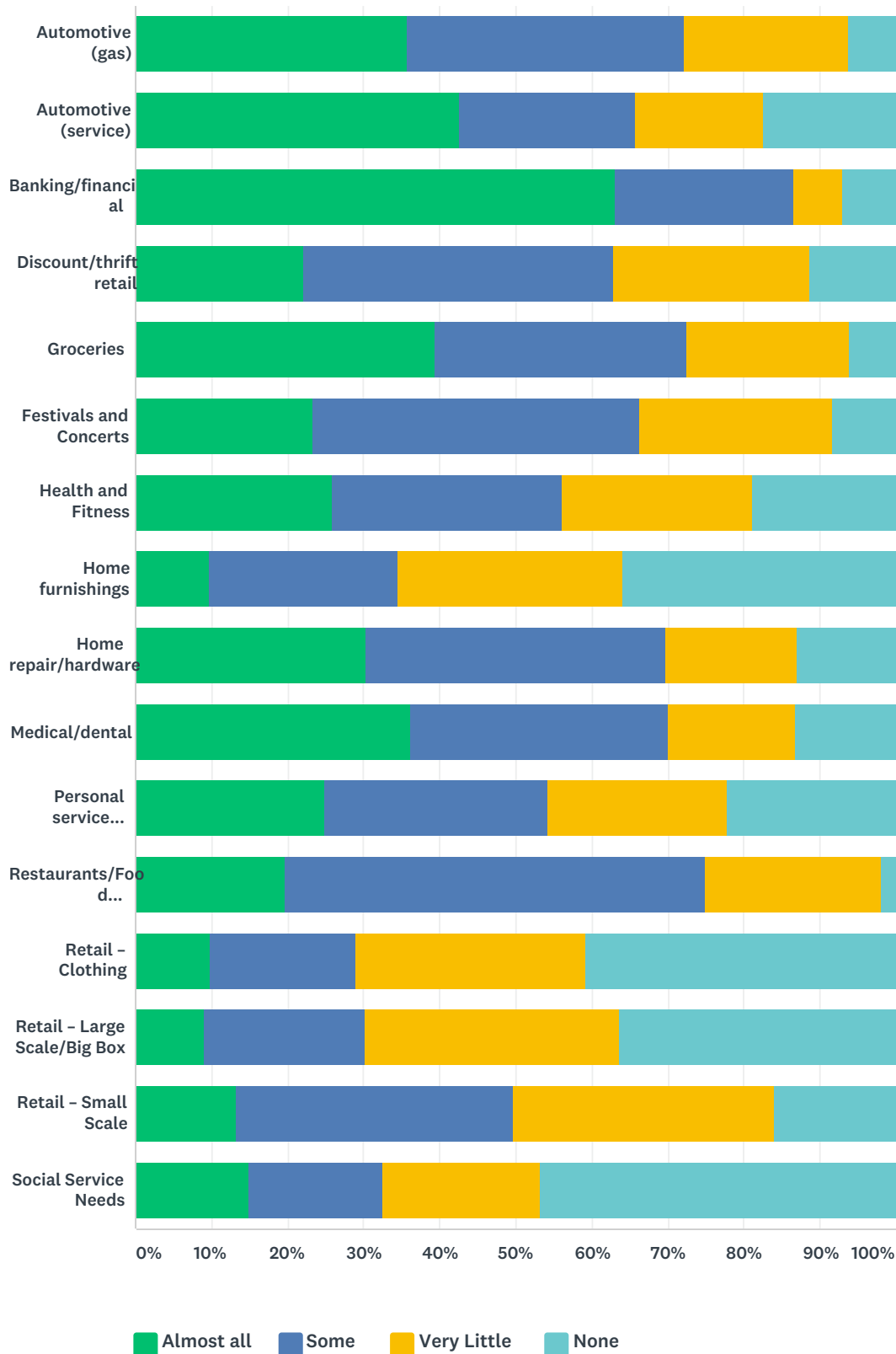
Encourage Mixed Residential/Commercial Developments (Buildings that house both apartments and stores/restaurants)	47.22% 68	31.25% 45	9.72% 14	6.94% 10	4.86% 7	144
Encourage Industrial Developments (Light/heavy industrial and manufacturing uses)	54.86% 79	34.03% 49	5.56% 8	2.78% 4	2.78% 4	144
Encourage Office Developments (Medical and professional offices)	54.23% 77	38.03% 54	2.11% 3	2.11% 3	3.52% 5	142
Encourage Institutional/Educational Developments (Health services, museums, cultural attractions and schools/higher education facilities)	65.03% 93	26.57% 38	3.50% 5	4.20% 6	0.70% 1	143
Repair existing and construct new sidewalks.	59.72% 86	34.03% 49	0.69% 1	1.39% 2	4.17% 6	144
Increase economic development efforts that create new job opportunities.	75.69% 109	18.06% 26	1.39% 2	2.08% 3	2.78% 4	144
Focus economic development efforts on tourism and associated development along the lakeshore.	56.94% 82	34.03% 49	6.25% 9	2.08% 3	0.69% 1	144
Improve the quality and appearance of homes.	67.83% 97	25.87% 37	2.10% 3	2.80% 4	1.40% 2	143
Encourage a diversity of housing types (for singles, families, recent graduates, "empty nesters," seniors, etc.)	51.41% 73	30.99% 44	8.45% 12	4.23% 6	4.93% 7	142
Construct a Community/Recreation Center.	41.55% 59	26.76% 38	11.27% 16	7.04% 10	13.38% 19	142
Improve public transportation opportunities throughout the City and to regional destinations.	36.88% 52	36.17% 51	7.09% 10	7.09% 10	12.77% 18	141
Encourage a mix of residential and commercial development in appropriate areas along the Lake.	47.22% 68	36.81% 53	7.64% 11	5.56% 8	2.78% 4	144
Continue improving City parks and recreation areas.	53.79% 78	37.93% 55	2.76% 4	4.83% 7	0.69% 1	145

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	but more transparent in communication City decisions-making to the public	11/8/2018 1:41 PM
2	from central ave going east, the housing visual conditions are run down and reflect owner neglect and abandonment	8/13/2018 12:20 PM
3	More restaurants like Mcdonalds next to Tim Hortons	8/10/2018 1:30 PM
4	Provide public restrooms that are open from dawn to dusk at the parks and downtown on Central Ave.	8/10/2018 10:07 AM
5	Develop battery point as nature/education area development along lakeshore needs to be for the benefit of residents as well as visitors.	8/10/2018 10:02 AM
6	Continue improving parks and recreation areas BUT not at the expense of losing launch and parking for boaters.	8/10/2018 9:44 AM
7	Create a welcoming, accurate, up-to-date website.	8/10/2018 9:27 AM
8	Childcare	8/10/2018 8:37 AM
9	Keep green space	8/9/2018 1:55 PM
10	Develop Battery Point as a park, walking/bike trails in a natural setting.	8/9/2018 11:35 AM
11	As everyone with a plan and in business knows, we must make our lakefront properties feature income generating facilities. Housing, business and recreation. The lake is our most valuable resource	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
12	Having a splash pad at point garoit	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
13	The mix along the lake should preserve the lake side of the waterfront.	8/2/2018 3:09 PM

14	Building up and promoting the lakefront is a primary factor in enticing other developers to consider Dunkirk for a business venture. This does NOT mean another hotel in a prime area. What about some chain restaurants on the lakefront? What about a venue in the prime location that provides hall rental services, as well as, an ice skating rink, water park or outdoor movies?	7/31/2018 3:39 PM
15	Provide winter recreation for outside enjoyment.	7/31/2018 1:54 PM
16	The water front should be developed with commercial use ie store fronts, restaurants, night life, water front community oriented visit some water front destinations, ie Clearwater fl, putt in bay Ohio. And build like that.	7/31/2018 1:44 PM
17	Would love to see a maritime/ shipwreck/ fire museum near the lakefront as well as brewery/ restaurant	7/31/2018 9:25 AM
18	There is a growing need for senior housing that is geared towards retired with a moderate - high income.	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
19	Government shouldn't be involved in most of these functions. Just get out of the way.	7/30/2018 8:56 AM
20	please build up the waterfront like Buffalo or even bemus point, we have a great chance w the pier etc but the south side of rt 5 from main street to memorial park is depressing and an embarrassment	7/29/2018 8:46 PM
21	Leave the Pier as is with driving capability	7/28/2018 4:37 PM
22	I would love to see Dunkirk become an Arbor Day Tree City, and I would love to see our young local talent create murals for visitors to enjoy.	7/27/2018 7:40 PM
23	Make waterfront an attraction, not for residential use.	7/27/2018 4:17 PM

Q4 What portion of your shopping/personal service needs or entertainment takes place in the City of Dunkirk?

Answered: 145 Skipped: 3



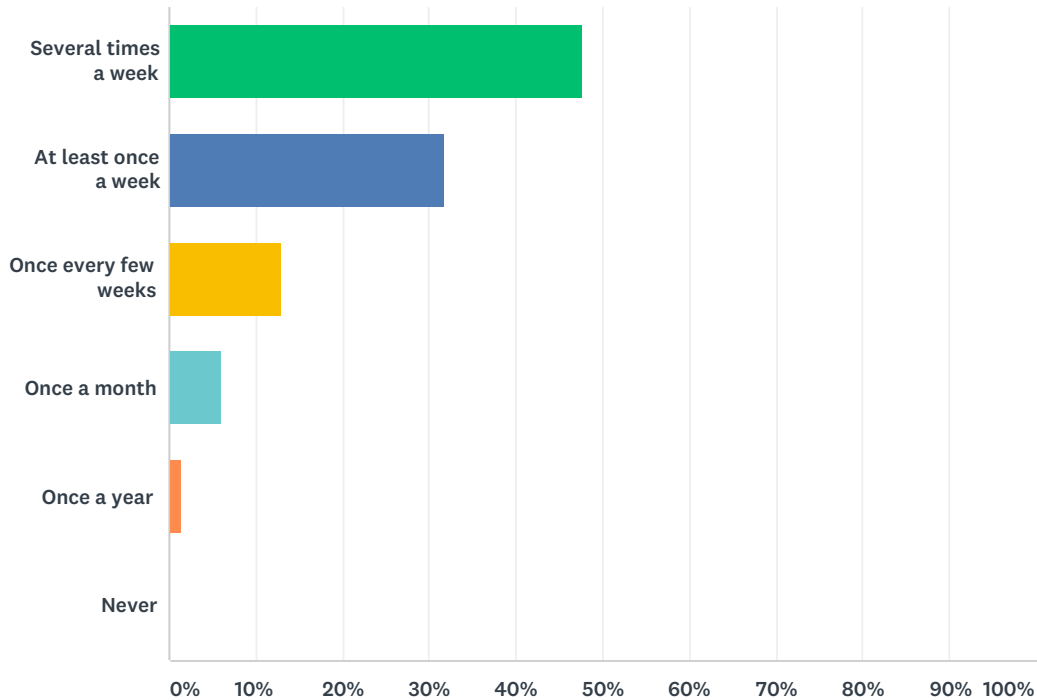
	ALMOST ALL	SOME	VERY LITTLE	NONE	TOTAL
Automotive (gas)	35.66% 51	36.36% 52	21.68% 31	6.29% 9	143
Automotive (service)	42.66% 61	23.08% 33	16.78% 24	17.48% 25	143
Banking/financial	63.12% 89	23.40% 33	6.38% 9	7.09% 10	141
Discount/thrift retail	22.14% 31	40.71% 57	25.71% 36	11.43% 16	140
Groceries	39.31% 57	33.10% 48	21.38% 31	6.21% 9	145
Festivals and Concerts	23.24% 33	42.96% 61	25.35% 36	8.45% 12	142
Health and Fitness	25.87% 37	30.07% 43	25.17% 36	18.88% 27	143
Home furnishings	9.66% 14	24.83% 36	29.66% 43	35.86% 52	145
Home repair/hardware	30.34% 44	39.31% 57	17.24% 25	13.10% 19	145
Medical/dental	36.11% 52	34.03% 49	16.67% 24	13.19% 19	144
Personal service (barber, beauty/nail salon, accounting, legal, etc.)	25.00% 36	29.17% 42	23.61% 34	22.22% 32	144
Restaurants/Food establishments	19.58% 28	55.24% 79	23.08% 33	2.10% 3	143
Retail – Clothing	9.86% 14	19.01% 27	30.28% 43	40.85% 58	142
Retail – Large Scale/Big Box	9.09% 13	20.98% 30	33.57% 48	36.36% 52	143
Retail – Small Scale	13.29% 19	36.36% 52	34.27% 49	16.08% 23	143
Social Service Needs	14.89% 21	17.73% 25	20.57% 29	46.81% 66	141

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I online shop because I refuse to drive a hour in every direction to go shopping.	8/10/2018 8:37 AM
2	Could use another retail store; Wegman's	8/10/2018 8:27 AM
3	Boardwalk Businesses	8/9/2018 11:04 AM
4	Sad statement. Sweet Perfections Bakery, Nichols, Save a Lot and the Boardwalk are it!	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
5	I think need help people with no insurance like me	7/31/2018 4:01 PM
6	The only options in Dunkirk are 'junk stores'. One good full sized retail store would be very welcome.	7/31/2018 3:39 PM
7	With big box stores going out of business - opportunity for small stores to make a comeback. Need especially for stores to support tourism.	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
8	live here but rarely shop here. Use to shop walmart but very little, do moost grocery shopping/retail out of town.	7/29/2018 8:46 PM
9	This area is in need of a large department store like JC Penney. There is no place to buy quality clothing for men or women.	7/28/2018 12:16 PM

10	Most of the shops are outside the city limits.	7/27/2018 12:44 PM
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Q5 How often do you shop or seek services in cities, villages or towns other than the City of Dunkirk?

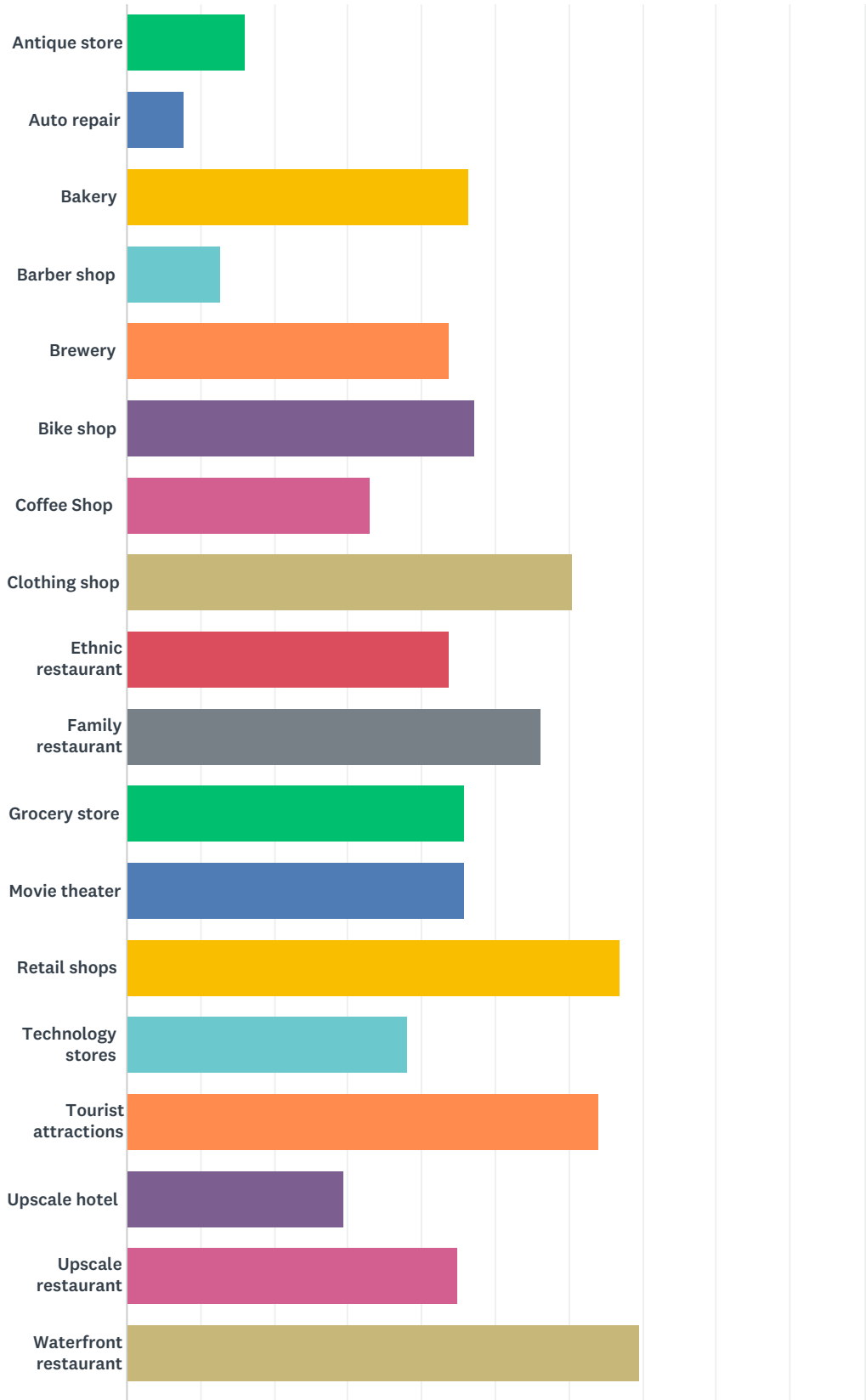
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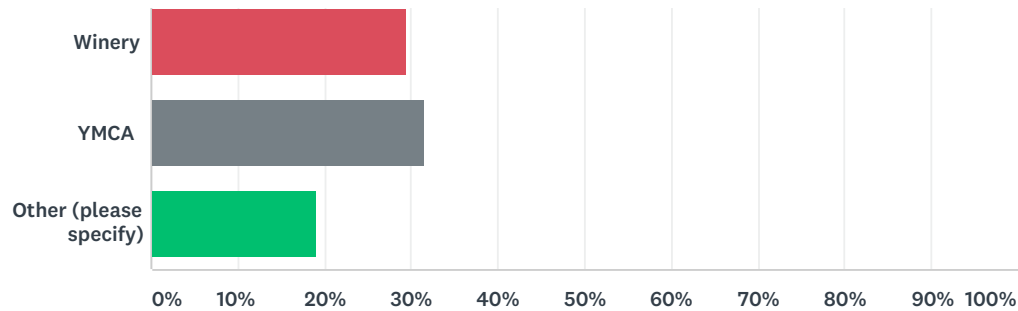


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Several times a week	47.73%	63
At least once a week	31.82%	42
Once every few weeks	12.88%	17
Once a month	6.06%	8
Once a year	1.52%	2
Never	0.00%	0
TOTAL		132

Q6 What kind of new businesses would you like to see in the City in Dunkirk (Check all that apply)?

Answered: 142 Skipped: 6





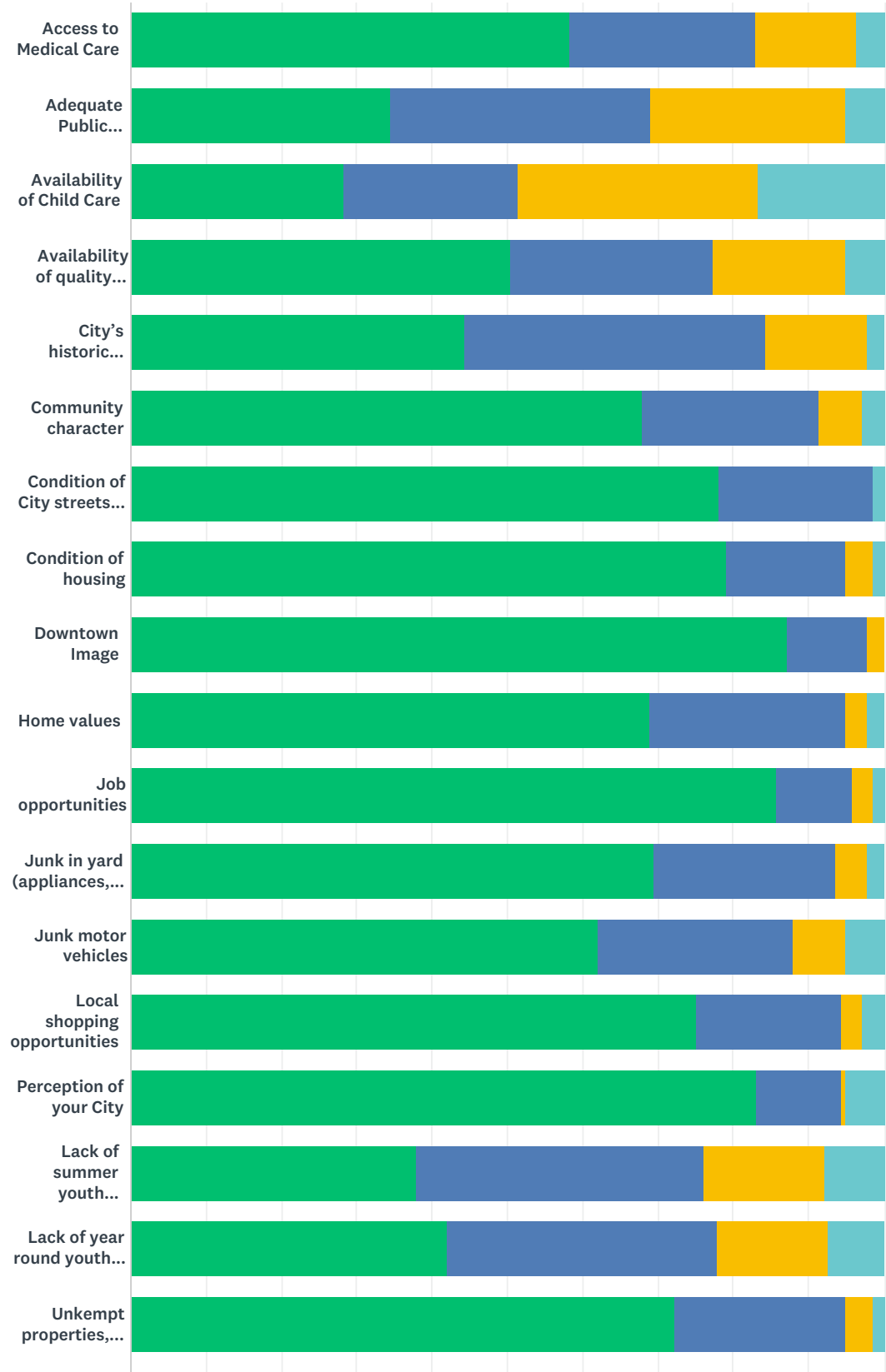
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Antique store	16.20%	23
Auto repair	7.75%	11
Bakery	46.48%	66
Barber shop	12.68%	18
Brewery	43.66%	62
Bike shop	47.18%	67
Coffee Shop	33.10%	47
Clothing shop	60.56%	86
Ethnic restaurant	43.66%	62
Family restaurant	56.34%	80
Grocery store	45.77%	65
Movie theater	45.77%	65
Retail shops	66.90%	95
Technology stores	38.03%	54
Tourist attractions	64.08%	91
Upscale hotel	29.58%	42
Upscale restaurant	45.07%	64
Waterfront restaurant	69.72%	99
Winery	29.58%	42
YMCA	31.69%	45
Other (please specify)	19.01%	27
Total Respondents: 142		

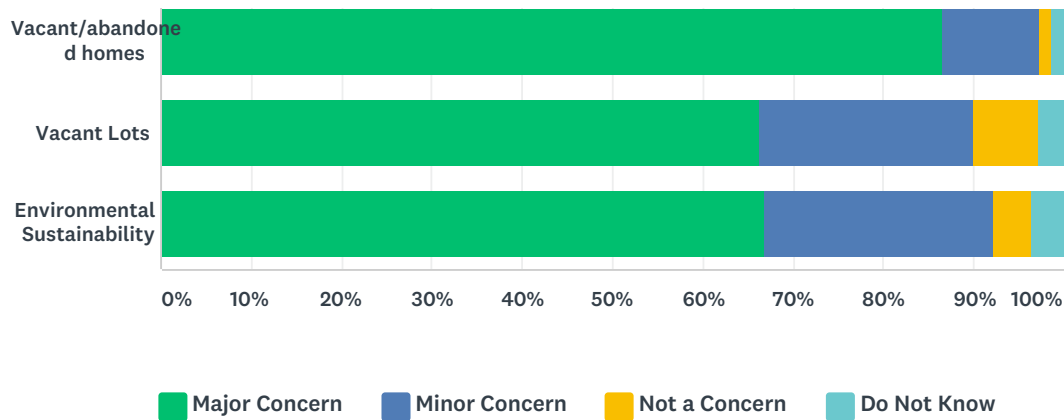
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	downtown dunkirk, for the most part is full of empty store fronts and social services that don't belong in the main business district	8/13/2018 12:20 PM
2	New age shops, ice cream shops, Artsy shops, a goodwill store.	8/10/2018 3:02 PM
3	Youth hostel	8/10/2018 10:23 AM
4	Childcare Center with emphasis on In/Todd	8/10/2018 9:02 AM

5	YES! (for the YMCA)	8/10/2018 8:37 AM
6	Boutique Hotel	8/10/2018 8:27 AM
7	It take a huge investment from those opening a business, deli would be nice	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
8	Something for children, like a rec center or an indoor facility that can have children be active while in winter months	8/8/2018 3:25 PM
9	Bobek autotrans 222 eagle street of Dunkirk 14048	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
10	specific: outdoor sporting shops	8/1/2018 12:27 PM
11	SOMETHING FOR CHILDREN YEAR ROUND--WATER PARK HOTEL	8/1/2018 11:45 AM
12	Activities for children and teens	7/31/2018 4:51 PM
13	Indoor Entertainment (Playground, Paintball, Laser Tag)	7/31/2018 4:33 PM
14	Omg like Golden Corral be nice	7/31/2018 4:01 PM
15	Water front oriented.	7/31/2018 1:44 PM
16	fitness center for women only-Curves is closing	7/31/2018 10:10 AM
17	shipwreck museum/ nautical center, fire history museum	7/31/2018 9:25 AM
18	Already have a local grocery store - P&G - find ways to support it to stay in Dunkirk	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
19	take a ride to bemus point and see the resturants near the water, what do we have? that's why all money earned by locals goes out of town.	7/29/2018 8:46 PM
20	The city is run down no one really wants to come here, no draw. Not many people can afford to shop at a Wegmans or eat at a nice resturant. City is known as low income.	7/29/2018 6:45 PM
21	Childrens entertainment like Chuckie Cheese, Bounce Magic or Childrens interactive museum.	7/28/2018 12:16 PM
22	Industry produces the good paying jobs and pays taxes. Get industry and the rest will follow.	7/28/2018 11:10 AM
23	Any other stores other than cheap dollar stores.	7/27/2018 9:52 PM
24	no chickens	7/27/2018 9:18 PM
25	Gluten free bakery	7/27/2018 7:40 PM
26	You need something that will draw people, not more of the same mediocre Walmart type crap	7/27/2018 5:19 PM
27	concert venue, botanical garden, indoor waterpark	7/27/2018 4:17 PM

Q7 How much of a concern are the following issues in the City of Dunkirk?

Answered: 143 Skipped: 5





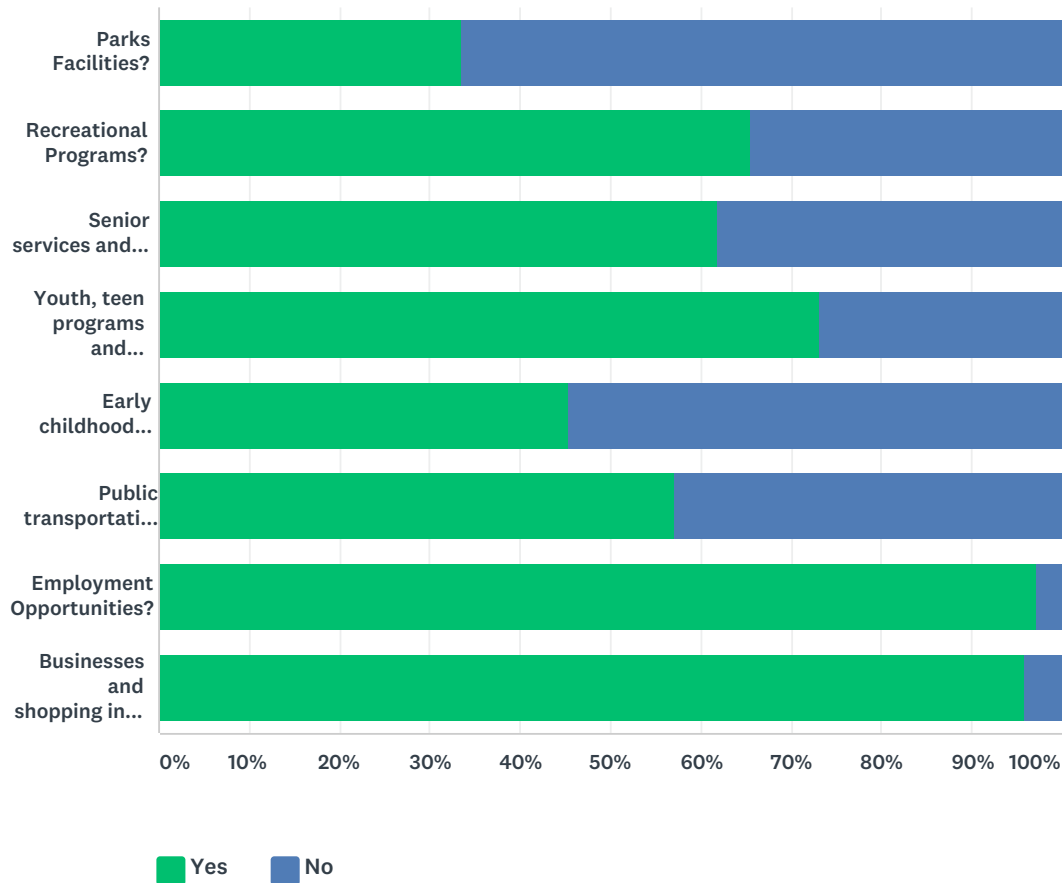
	MAJOR CONCERN	MINOR CONCERN	NOT A CONCERN	DO NOT KNOW	TOTAL
Access to Medical Care	58.16% 82	24.82% 35	13.48% 19	3.55% 5	141
Adequate Public Transportation	34.51% 49	34.51% 49	26.06% 37	4.93% 7	142
Availability of Child Care	28.26% 39	23.19% 32	31.88% 44	16.67% 23	138
Availability of quality housing	50.35% 71	26.95% 38	17.73% 25	4.96% 7	141
City's historic buildings	44.29% 62	40.00% 56	13.57% 19	2.14% 3	140
Community character	67.86% 95	23.57% 33	5.71% 8	2.86% 4	140
Condition of City streets and sidewalks	78.17% 111	20.42% 29	0.00% 0	1.41% 2	142
Condition of housing	79.14% 110	15.83% 22	3.60% 5	1.44% 2	139
Downtown Image	87.23% 123	10.64% 15	2.13% 3	0.00% 0	141
Home values	68.79% 97	26.24% 37	2.84% 4	2.13% 3	141
Job opportunities	85.71% 120	10.00% 14	2.86% 4	1.43% 2	140
Junk in yard (appliances, furniture and other debris)	69.50% 98	24.11% 34	4.26% 6	2.13% 3	141
Junk motor vehicles	62.14% 87	25.71% 36	7.14% 10	5.00% 7	140
Local shopping opportunities	75.18% 106	19.15% 27	2.84% 4	2.84% 4	141
Perception of your City	83.10% 118	11.27% 16	0.70% 1	4.93% 7	142
Lack of summer youth activities	38.03% 54	38.03% 54	16.20% 23	7.75% 11	142
Lack of year round youth activities	41.91% 57	36.03% 49	14.71% 20	7.35% 10	136
Unkempt properties, tall grass, peeling paint, etc.	72.34% 102	22.70% 32	3.55% 5	1.42% 2	141

Vacant/abandoned homes	86.52% 122	10.64% 15	1.42% 2	1.42% 2	141
Vacant Lots	66.19% 92	23.74% 33	7.19% 10	2.88% 4	139
Environmental Sustainability	66.91% 93	25.18% 35	4.32% 6	3.60% 5	139

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Absentee landlords especially in historic district	8/10/2018 3:02 PM
2	Create a Historic Preservation Working Group	8/10/2018 9:27 AM
3	Clean up lower Franklin Ave between Doughti and Tenney	8/9/2018 1:39 PM
4	Building inspector making up his own codes; Not following up on complaints. Being selective	8/9/2018 12:57 PM
5	Home Ownership - Major Concern	8/9/2018 11:42 AM
6	Trashy houses on main roads; ingress-egress to city	8/9/2018 11:16 AM
7	Need a facility for kids 3-12 in winter months ie; skyzone, interactive museum, etc	8/8/2018 3:38 PM
8	Disbled housing in Dunkirk	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
9	Increasing taxes with no employment opportunities	8/2/2018 3:09 PM
10	Lack of education and encouragement on recycling.	7/31/2018 10:10 AM
11	Excellent work on blight reduction as well as new housing builds - Never saw so much positive work in that direction in any community in WNY!!!	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
12	why continue to create low income housing opportunities when they are never kept up. bring retail to compete w walmart, it was a shame to lose JCP. The D & F plaza is a joke	7/29/2018 8:46 PM
13	Keep hospital here, and keep drug clinics out.	7/28/2018 3:57 PM
14	building inspector must be blind	7/27/2018 9:18 PM
15	Litter anywhere makes me sad	7/27/2018 7:40 PM
16	Stop Dog Breeding In Dunkirk. And The Number Of Dogs People Have	7/27/2018 6:58 PM
17	Don't turn unkempt properties or issues into an excuse to start enforcing bullshit policies	7/27/2018 5:19 PM

Q8 Would you describe the City of Dunkirk as in need of more:

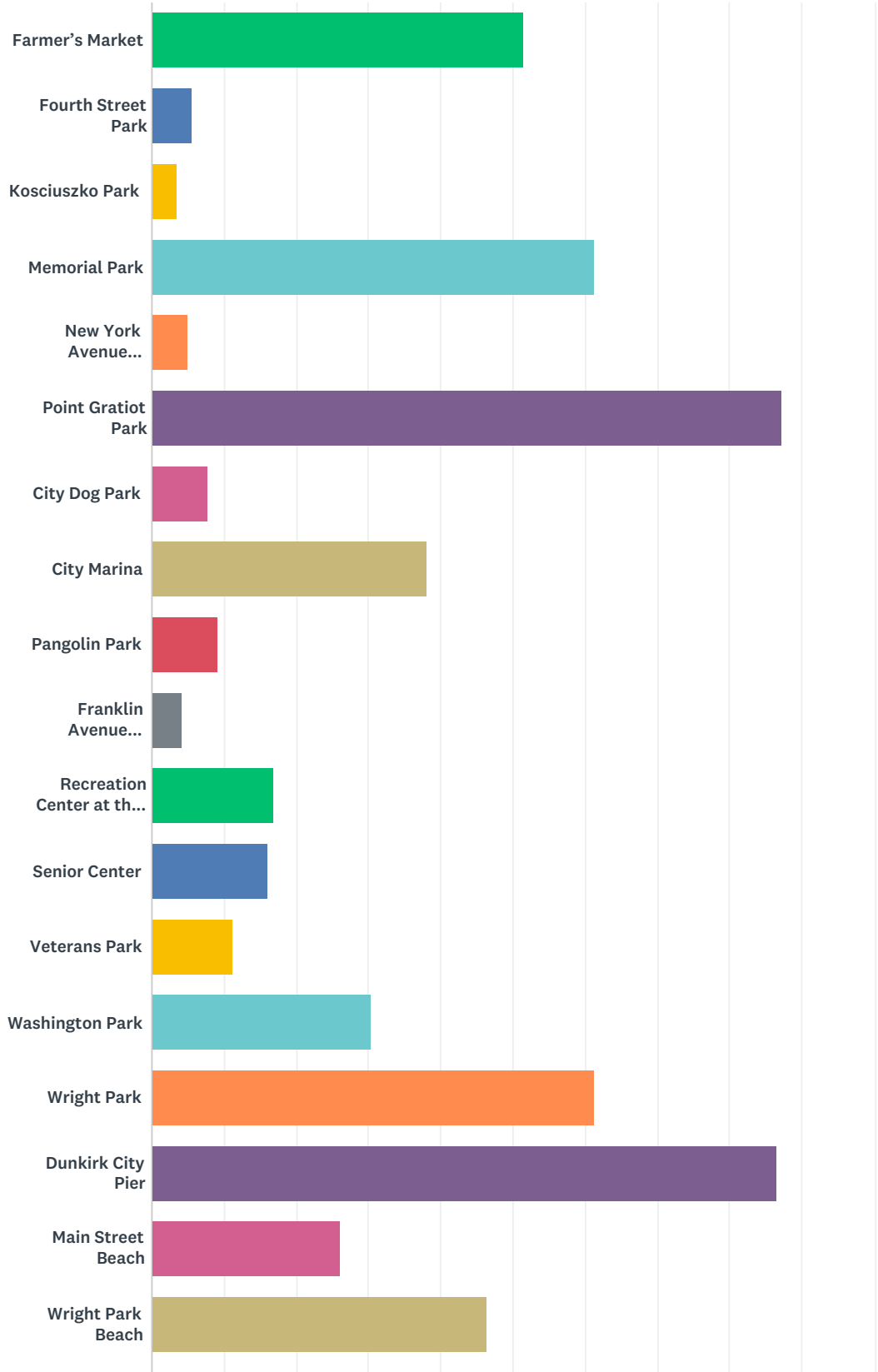
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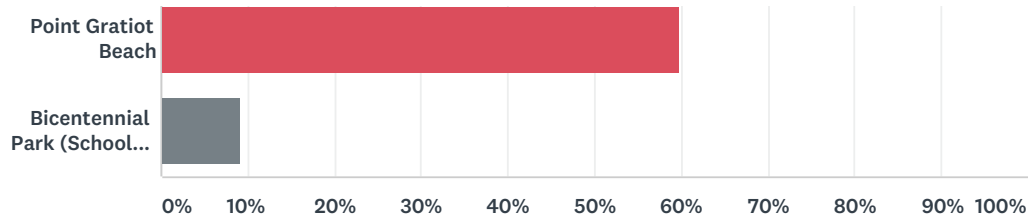


	YES	NO	TOTAL
Parks Facilities?	33.58% 46	66.42% 91	137
Recreational Programs?	65.44% 89	34.56% 47	136
Senior services and facilities?	61.83% 81	38.17% 50	131
Youth, teen programs and facilities?	73.13% 98	26.87% 36	134
Early childhood education?	45.45% 60	54.55% 72	132
Public transportation choices?	56.93% 78	43.07% 59	137
Employment Opportunities?	97.10% 134	2.90% 4	138
Businesses and shopping in Downtown?	95.68% 133	4.32% 6	139

Q9 Which City Facilities, Events and Parks do you use/visit? Please mark multiple responses if applicable.

Answered: 142 Skipped: 6

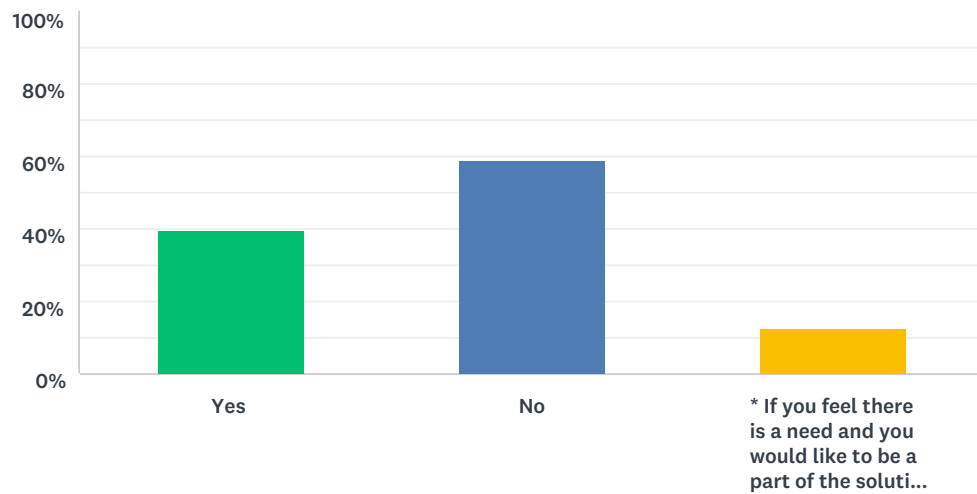




ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farmer's Market	51.41%	73
Fourth Street Park	5.63%	8
Kosciuszko Park	3.52%	5
Memorial Park	61.27%	87
New York Avenue Playground	4.93%	7
Point Gratiot Park	87.32%	124
City Dog Park	7.75%	11
City Marina	38.03%	54
Pangolin Park	9.15%	13
Franklin Avenue Boulevard Park	4.23%	6
Recreation Center at the Chautauqua County Fair Grounds	16.90%	24
Senior Center	16.20%	23
Veterans Park	11.27%	16
Washington Park	30.28%	43
Wright Park	61.27%	87
Dunkirk City Pier	86.62%	123
Main Street Beach	26.06%	37
Wright Park Beach	46.48%	66
Point Gratiot Beach	59.86%	85
Bicentennial Park (School District)	9.15%	13
Total Respondents: 142		

Q10 Is there a lack of childcare in Dunkirk?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 29

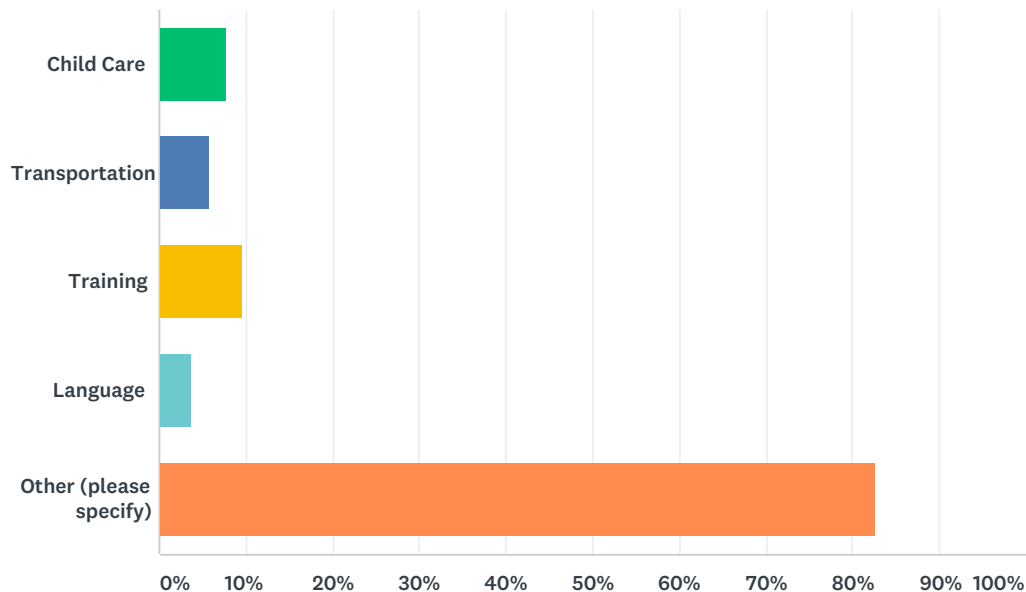


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.50%	47
No	58.82%	70
* If you feel there is a need and you would like to be a part of the solution please include your e-mail address:	12.61%	15
Total Respondents: 119		

#	* IF YOU FEEL THERE IS A NEED AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS:	DATE
1	cchurjeng@chautopp.org	8/10/2018 3:25 PM
2	cwigren@chautopp.org	8/10/2018 3:19 PM
3	Vmmiller@hotmail.com	8/10/2018 9:02 AM
4	hrosey5@gmail.com	8/10/2018 8:37 AM
5	Too many families leave; reasons why people should stay	8/10/2018 7:28 AM
6	pdudenhoeffer@chautopp.org	8/9/2018 1:12 PM
7	hwoodard@chautopp.org	8/9/2018 1:03 PM
8	Tons of subsidied child care in private homes. I think if childcare's is subsidized it should be in a licensed facility	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
9	I don't know the answer to this question	7/31/2018 3:39 PM
10	I am unsure whether there is a need or not	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
11	not actually sure	7/29/2018 8:46 PM
12	leave the city pier alone	7/27/2018 9:18 PM
13	I don't know the childcare situation. I work full time so I am sorry, but I can't help you here.	7/27/2018 7:40 PM
14	dkarpinske.keyser@gmail.com	7/27/2018 4:10 PM
15	cpflatley@gmail.com	7/27/2018 1:43 PM

Q11 If you are currently unemployed/underemployed, what obstacles stand in your way of getting/keeping the job you desire? Check all that apply

Answered: 52 Skipped: 96



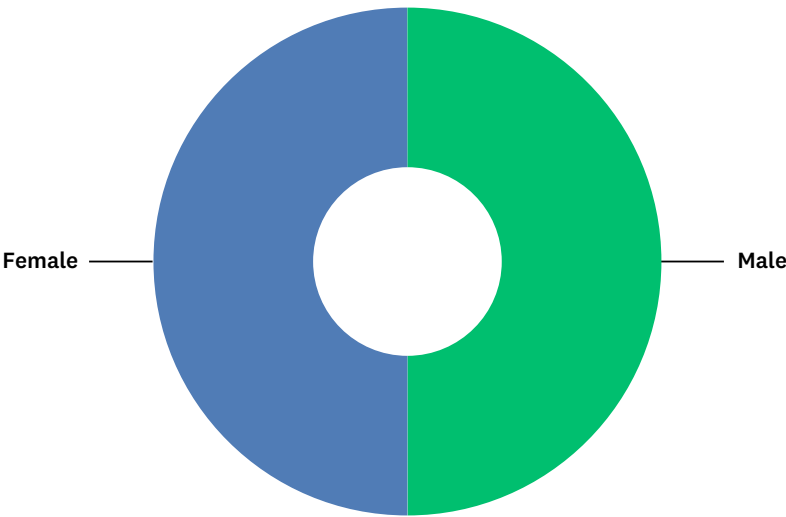
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Child Care	7.69% 4
Transportation	5.77% 3
Training	9.62% 5
Language	3.85% 2
Other (please specify)	82.69% 43
Total Respondents: 52	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	none	9/17/2018 7:34 AM
2	need a huge emphasis for spanish speaking residents to learn to speak and write english	8/13/2018 12:20 PM
3	Knee surgery	8/10/2018 1:30 PM
4	Opportunities	8/10/2018 12:15 PM
5	Hard for young single women to find daycare for off hours. 1st and 3rd shift daycare cover.	8/10/2018 11:11 AM
6	No good jobs	8/10/2018 10:32 AM
7	I am disabled veteran and senior citizen over seventy.	8/10/2018 10:07 AM
8	Retired	8/10/2018 9:44 AM
9	Have worked continuously for 30+ years	8/10/2018 9:38 AM
10	Age discrimination; fair-paid opportunities	8/10/2018 9:27 AM
11	retired	8/9/2018 2:01 PM

12	none	8/9/2018 11:23 AM
13	retired	8/9/2018 10:54 AM
14	eyesight	8/8/2018 5:23 PM
15	NA	8/8/2018 3:38 PM
16	I am employed	8/2/2018 3:39 PM
17	Employment openings/vacancies/positions	8/2/2018 3:09 PM
18	busing for school aged child. can't work 8-2 to be able to drop off and pick up kids	8/2/2018 10:30 AM
19	n/a	8/2/2018 9:40 AM
20	CURRENTLY WORKING	8/1/2018 11:45 AM
21	employed out of dunkirk	8/1/2018 3:21 AM
22	Lack of competitive employment opportunities	7/31/2018 4:51 PM
23	Health Problems	7/31/2018 4:33 PM
24	Im disable	7/31/2018 4:01 PM
25	Not unemployed	7/31/2018 3:39 PM
26	retired	7/31/2018 2:55 PM
27	Retired	7/31/2018 1:54 PM
28	NA	7/31/2018 11:28 AM
29	I am employed	7/31/2018 10:42 AM
30	Affordable childcare is an issue for many. Training that gives an introduction or hands on training on computer programs.	7/31/2018 10:10 AM
31	employed	7/31/2018 9:46 AM
32	Na	7/31/2018 2:09 AM
33	Age	7/30/2018 11:13 AM
34	retirement age	7/29/2018 8:46 PM
35	retired	7/29/2018 5:40 PM
36	Health	7/28/2018 4:13 PM
37	NA	7/28/2018 3:57 PM
38	I am employed full time...thank God!	7/27/2018 7:40 PM
39	n/a I am employed	7/27/2018 4:17 PM
40	n/a	7/27/2018 3:34 PM
41	Retired	7/27/2018 2:12 PM
42	Disability	7/27/2018 1:43 PM
43	employed	7/27/2018 12:07 PM

Q12 What is your Gender?

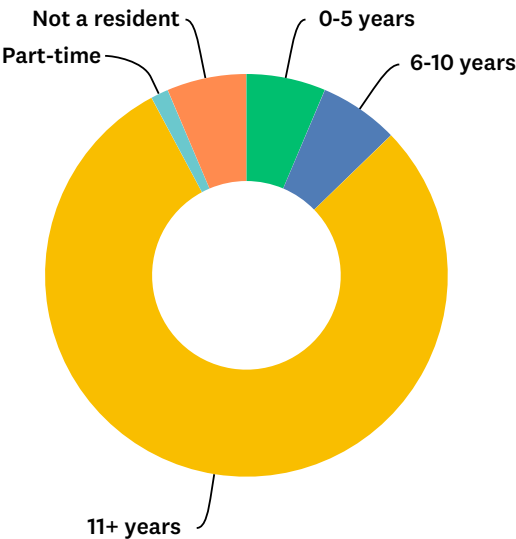
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	50.00%	69
Female	50.00%	69
TOTAL		138

Q13 1. How long have you lived in Dunkirk?

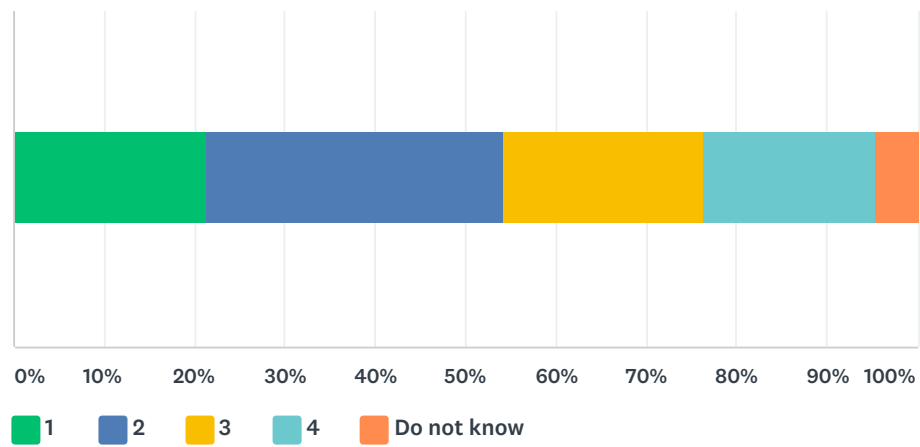
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 years	6.38%	9
6-10 years	6.38%	9
11+ years	79.43%	112
Part-time	1.42%	2
Not a resident	6.38%	9
TOTAL		141

Q14 Using the map below, please indicate where (City Ward) you live in the City of Dunkirk.

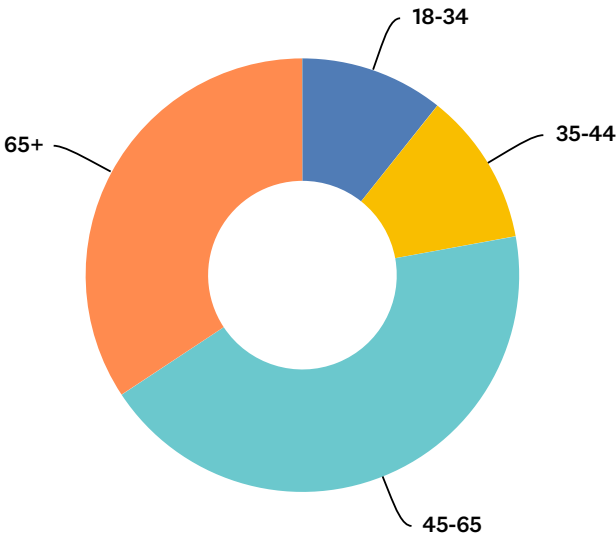
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
1		21.37%	28
2		32.82%	43
3		22.14%	29
4		19.08%	25
Do not know		4.58%	6
TOTAL			131

Q15 What is your age?

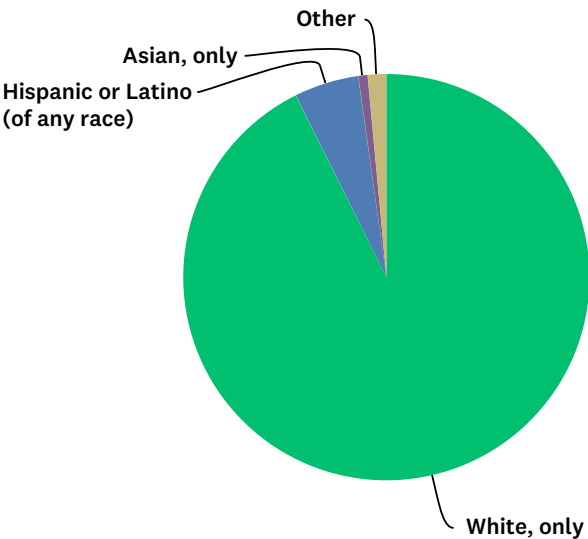
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-34	10.71%	15
35-44	11.43%	16
45-65	43.57%	61
65+	34.29%	48
TOTAL		140

Q16 What is your race? (optional)

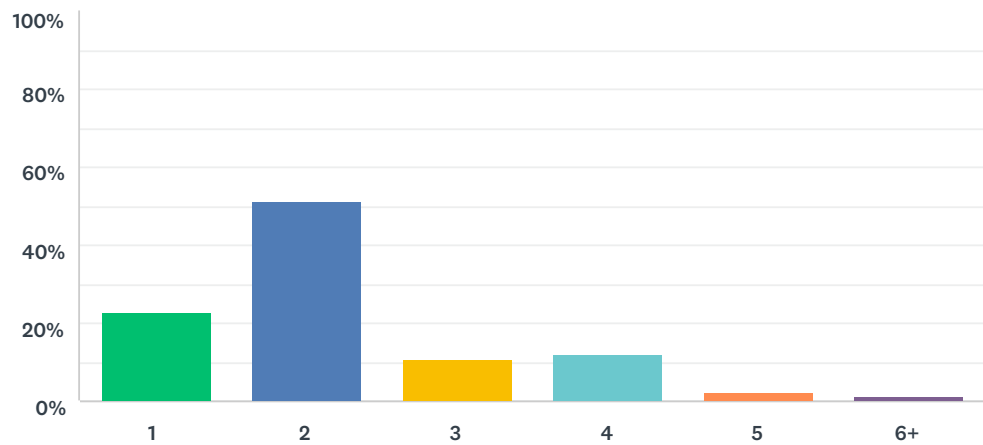
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White, only	92.65%	126
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5.15%	7
Black or African American, only	0.00%	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.00%	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Asian, only	0.74%	1
Two or more races	0.00%	0
Other	1.47%	2
TOTAL		136

Q17 How many people live in your household?

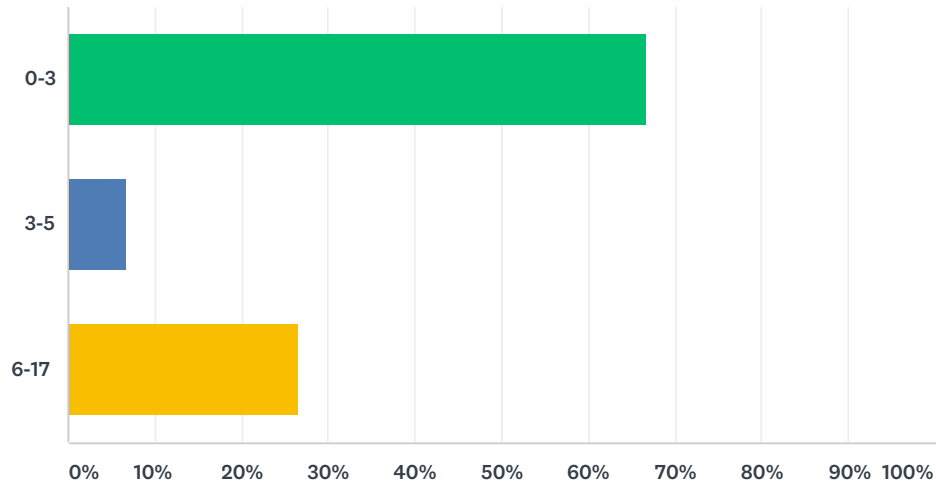
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
1		22.70%	32
2		51.06%	72
3		10.64%	15
4		12.06%	17
5		2.13%	3
6+		1.42%	2
TOTAL			141

Q18 Identify the age range of children under the age of 18 in your household:

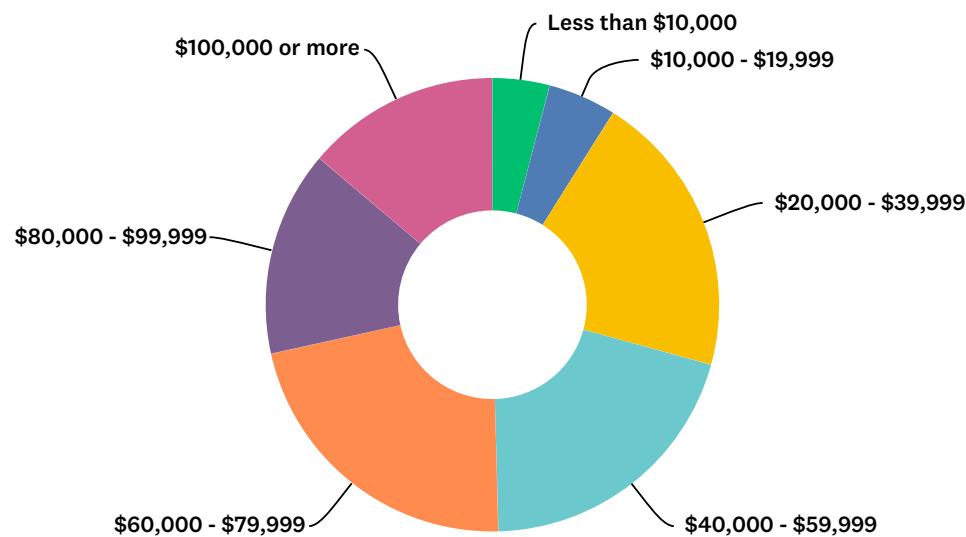
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-3	66.67%	40
3-5	6.67%	4
6-17	26.67%	16
TOTAL		60

Q19 What is your approximate combined household income?

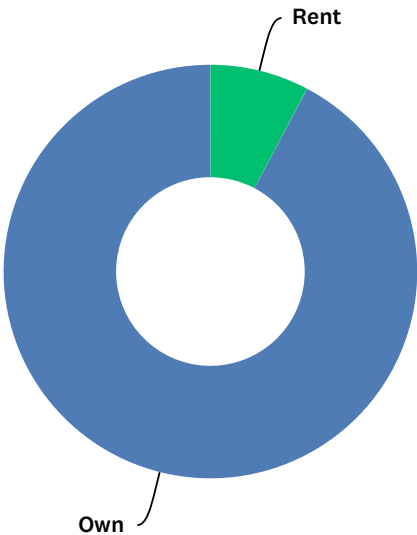
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$10,000	4.07%	5
\$10,000 - \$19,999	4.88%	6
\$20,000 - \$39,999	20.33%	25
\$40,000 - \$59,999	20.33%	25
\$60,000 - \$79,999	21.95%	27
\$80,000 - \$99,999	14.63%	18
\$100,000 or more	13.82%	17
TOTAL		123

Q20 Do you rent or own your home?

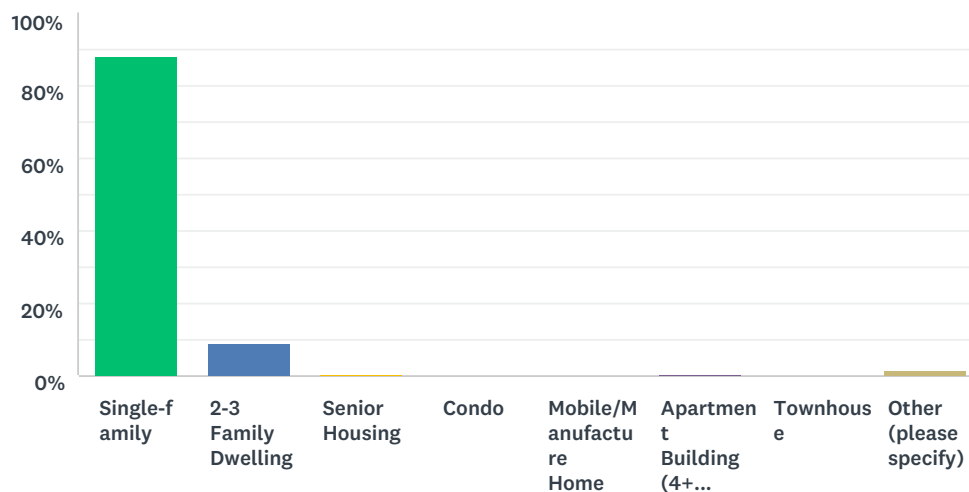
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rent	7.75%	11
Own	92.25%	131
TOTAL		142

Q21 What type of structure is your home?

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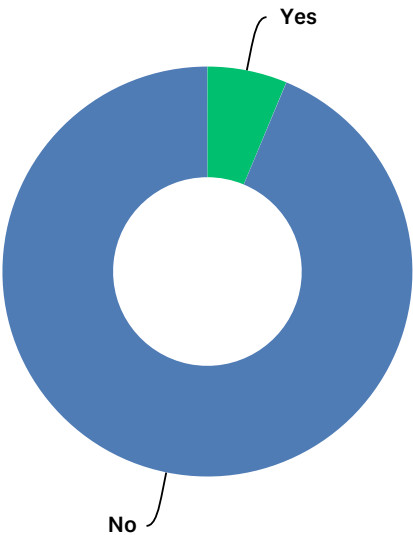


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single-family	87.94%	124
2-3 Family Dwelling	9.22%	13
Senior Housing	0.71%	1
Condo	0.00%	0
Mobile/Manufacture Home	0.00%	0
Apartment Building (4+ units)	0.71%	1
Townhouse	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	1.42%	2
TOTAL		141

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	question # 14 - stop with the Ward thing its ridiculous	8/1/2018 12:27 PM
2	Dunkirk Housing Authority	7/31/2018 4:01 PM

Q22 Do you own a business in the City of Dunkirk?

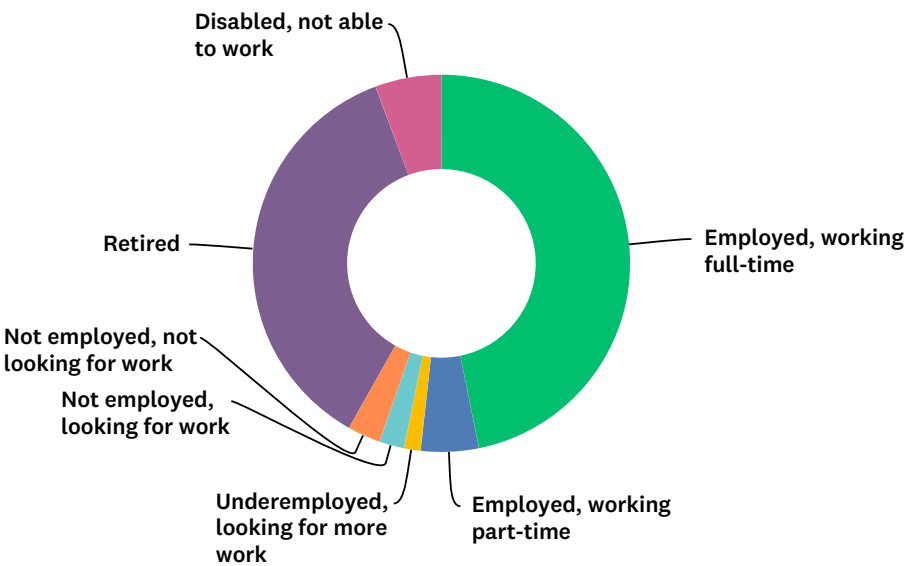
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	6.29%	9
No	93.71%	134
TOTAL		143

Q23 Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?

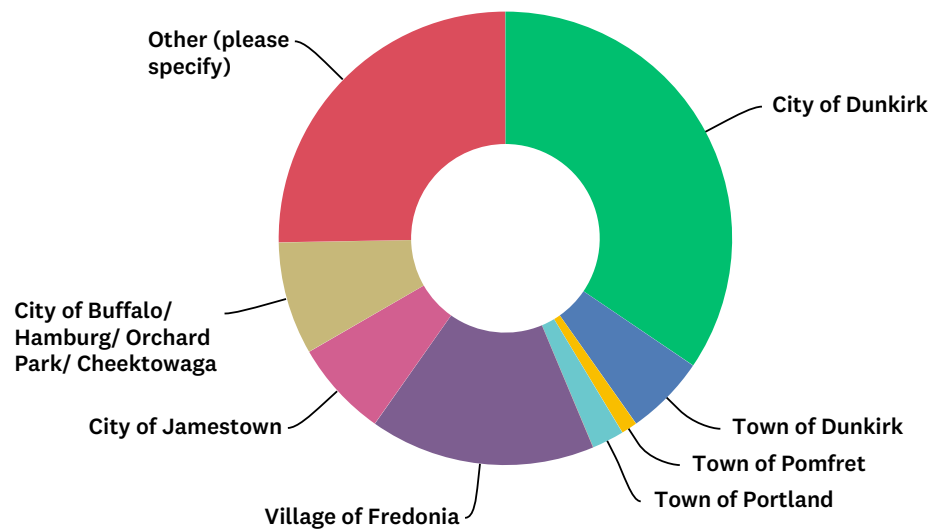
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Employed, working full-time	46.81%	66
Employed, working part-time	4.96%	7
Underemployed, looking for more work	1.42%	2
Not employed, looking for work	2.13%	3
Not employed, not looking for work	2.84%	4
Retired	36.17%	51
Disabled, not able to work	5.67%	8
TOTAL		141

Q24 If you are employed, where is your place of employment?

Answered: 87 Skipped: 61



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City of Dunkirk	34.48%	30
Town of Dunkirk	5.75%	5
Town of Pomfret	1.15%	1
Town of Portland	2.30%	2
Town of Arkwright	0.00%	0
Village of Fredonia	16.09%	14
City of Jamestown	6.90%	6
City of Buffalo/ Hamburg/ Orchard Park/ Cheektowaga	8.05%	7
Other (please specify)	25.29%	22
TOTAL		87

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Self employed in retirement in DK.	11/8/2018 1:41 PM
2	Not	9/30/2018 5:00 PM
3	Angola	8/19/2018 7:35 AM
4	Many volunteer projects	8/10/2018 2:24 PM
5	Town of Persia	8/10/2018 1:23 PM
6	Various	8/10/2018 12:15 PM
7	Self	8/10/2018 11:11 AM
8	NYS Thruway	8/10/2018 7:28 AM
9	Sinclairville	8/9/2018 1:27 PM
10	Williamsville	8/9/2018 11:42 AM

11	Brocton	8/9/2018 11:35 AM
12	NA	8/9/2018 11:23 AM
13	Bobek autotrans 222 eagle street Dunkirk 14048	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
14	Village of Westfield	8/1/2018 9:38 PM
15	nonya	8/1/2018 12:27 PM
16	My husband in Forestville	7/31/2018 4:01 PM
17	Out of State	7/28/2018 8:18 PM
18	Retired	7/28/2018 4:13 PM
19	I travel to various locations in northern Chautauqua county	7/28/2018 4:10 PM
20	Cheektowaga NY	7/28/2018 10:29 AM
21	Pennsylvania	7/27/2018 9:52 PM
22	None	7/27/2018 6:58 PM

Q25 Please add any additional comments:

Answered: 80 Skipped: 68

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Enforcement of existing City code by a competent code officer is badly needed. Current situation reflects badly on City The City website out-of-date, lacks information, is NOT user friendly, lacks useful search feature and drives people away from seeking info. City needs a competent website manager who really understands IT and social media The City must do away with the antiquated, irreparable parking meters that dissuade visitors from using many locations. Best guess is that half of the metered spaces lack working meters or have no meter in the space at all. 4th; 500 block of Central noted. The level of racism evidenced in this community is a real threat to any future progress In general, City employees deal well with the public but there are some who need lessons in interpersonal relations. I HATE having to communicate through one-way glass at the police walk-up windows.	11/8/2018 1:41 PM
2	Our City has deep roots in the transportation industry and trains specifically. Maybe a "Train" museum or transportation museum might be a good fit for our city! The "dream rails" might be a good place to showcase historic and futuristic train, like the one at the Chautauqua County Fair Grounds	8/24/2018 8:03 AM
3	Need outdoor lighting on Swan Street. There's hardly any light which is a dangerous situation. Also sinkholes should be paid for by the City of Dunkirk no by the individual homeowners. Mayor Rosas has worked extremely hard to make our City a place to be proud of. Suggestions to have "Music on the Pier" at Memorial Park. (Less of a chance for little children to fall into the lake.)	8/21/2018 10:52 AM
4	Mayor, council, and development office have been doing fantastic work!	8/19/2018 7:35 AM
5	There is a lack of quality childcare for the county in general. Dunkirk is one area that the Chautauqua child care council receives many calls for in regards to childcare and providers to care for children. The council would appreciate awareness to this gap and are the city to help promote this growth. Thank you.	8/10/2018 3:25 PM
6	High quality early childcare is vital to children and their families. Education cannot wait until kindergarten. Families need affordable care as well to be able to work and to grow the local economy. Thank you!	8/10/2018 3:19 PM
7	I believe the city is moving in the right direction. Finally taking advantage of the lake, festivals and concerts have put us on the map (along with fishing) with out of towners. I have never seen the harbor area as busy as this year, kudos to all city employees. Bike path and walkways must be maintained before falling into disrepair. Park improvements were great! City Parks are a blessing to all. Need more money for road work, the roads are bad. State or Feds should supply more money for this. Need jobs but changing the city's image thru its waterfront and parks will do this for us. More green areas in downtown area.	8/10/2018 3:13 PM
8	To maintain an image attractive to new people, I feel the houses within the historic district should remain single family dwelling or at the very least have an onsite or local landlord. Nothing deteriorates a neighborhood more quickly than absentee landlords who rent to people who have no reason to keep the property in a good neighborly fashion. I've lived in historic districts before, they can be difficult to maintain but it can be done. I'm new to Dunkirk, chose to retire here. I must say in the short time I'm here, I love the Mayor. He has genuine concern for the city & wants it to thrive.	8/10/2018 3:02 PM

9	I was born in Dunkirk in 1946. Left in 1967. Reside in Toronto, Ontario but stay connected with DK by owning the house I grew up in on Dove Street. That house is now a seasonal cottage-like house. I close it in the winter, open from about April to November. It is used off and on in the summer by myself and my 3 adult children as a get away from Toronto. We have often though Dunkirk could do more to promote its great beaches and location among the Towns of north Chautauqua Co as a destination for people to own a small property like I have. I tell folks in Toronto about the cost of real estate here, a 3-hour drive from TO and usually they do not believe me. Average price here of \$40k would just about get a parking unit in a Toronto condo. The cottage properties north of Toronto are all very expensive. A carefully targeted real estate program for the Toronto market could likely sell off a lot of the empty properties in Town. Buying an old house as a cottage for what one can put on their Visa card would not be a bad idea for a lot of young couples who are totally locked out of the market in Toronto, where the average price for a house is about \$800,000. Good luck and thanks for the great beaches and safe city!	8/10/2018 2:43 PM
10	Be the leader in Regional Planning efforts - Create win-win scenarios - Stay positive with your meetings - Consider a Regional Sports Commission for youth & adults; look at Cortland County example; centralize youth sports programming, follow a club model- NOT individual communities - Facilitate better partnering with the city school district, get them to lighten up on strict residency requirements and lead an effort to expand youth opportunities - Improve partnering with SUNY Fredonia, academic/sports/theater Prioritize pedestrian opportunities: parking; attractive and positive signage (especially along Lake Front Blvd from Wright Park to Pier) Improve amenities at the Main St. foot bridge and eliminate fencing.	8/10/2018 2:24 PM
11	Keep moving forward and don't look back!	8/10/2018 1:48 PM
12	We need a Tour Boat at the city pier like they have in Buffalo. Amtrak train stop in Dunkirk. Better recreation areas around the city. Have a McDonald's or Burger King come to Dunkirk.	8/10/2018 1:30 PM
13	Dunkirk has an identity crisis. We either need to be Chadwick Bay or Dunkirk. I believe we should be Dunkirk and proud of it. The lake is a great resource and community needs 360 days to be _____. Lake Erie is 180 days. Water activities and venues - see our lake as a resource! The lake can drive our economy. We have a beautiful hotel. The outside has some lovely spaces, it is peaceful and comfortable, the deck is active. Do not make it more commercial by putting another hotel next to it. The hotel is unique as it is, another hotel next to it would break the charm. Calling the dock a pier was a great idea. Leave the pier basically as it is - We have green space in other places. I love the idea that the pier is open 360 days a year and that I can drive around it. We have a wonderful police department in Dunkirk and we need to maintain that. We need places to shop for basic items. We need gift stores like at the boardwalk. We need rental halls for events, weddings, etc. Down size, but leave Brooks where it is. Build mid-income and upper income homes. We have enough low income housing. Maybe consolidate fire company's, but keep a strong fire department.	8/10/2018 11:06 AM
14	Take a ride in the City of Dunkirk - Go to Ruggles St, Lincoln Ave, Lower Middle Road, 2nd street between Main and S Roberts Road Many homes are implorable and owned by absentee landlords who collect rent and let homes become run down. Get your building inspector (Zurawaski) off his ass and start handing out citations for home improvements- We need another Charlie Poland back in Dunkirk. Does he give reports to the mayor and city officials? He must be held accountable for his job or do us a favor and retire, and get someone who will enforce the building codes. Our city is a shame with housing in various wards!	8/10/2018 10:32 AM
15	The police dept is unfriendly and inefficient. Schools need improvement if young families are to choose to live here. We need to preserve our historic buildings. Highlight our interesting history. Save the Adams Art Gallery and support programs there. Maintain and support gardens- flowers and incorporate the garden walk or put on city activities. Most essential: enforce code for properties and appearance of city. Find solutions to cramped parking in neighborhoods.	8/10/2018 10:23 AM
16	- All houses in the City should be up to appearances - No garbage on front area of houses, no bbq grills on front porches, no inside the house furniture used as porch/lawn furniture - Better snow removal: training needs to be done in this area. - Move all county offices off of Central Ave to bring in businesses, ex: clothing store. - Jobs for our youth- not McDonald's, burger king or any other fast food business. Real work.	8/10/2018 10:13 AM

17	- Battery point needs to be developed as a nature walk/education center, and left in a natural state (rather than the cookie cutter parks we have around the city). - Nee sidewalks on all streets in the city, and have them connect to other sidewalks, permitting people to get to places with minimum difficulty. - Pocket parks, so people have areas to rest while walking from one part of the city to another. - During the summer there should be a 'circulator; to help people get from wright park to the pier to memorial park to point gratiot and back again. - Aid in the establishment of a 'friends of the parks' to allow for a citizen engagement in establishment/development of park to keep the parks from the vagaries of politics. - Ice skating trails through the point & wright park for 4 season use. - Train viewing platform to bring in railfans around the region. - Movie Theaters: city code carves out a rule and fee specifically for movie theaters. Movie theater operations have bizarre enough economics without having the city file on. Consider creating parking garages both for increased parking spaces in some areas and for making parking more environmentally friendly.	8/10/2018 10:02 AM
18	I love my city & Lake Erie. Keep up the good work. Please avoid green space on the north end of city pier. Keep year round access to the entire length of pier. We need continued access to pier & boat /trailer parking. More wallbye and bass fishing tournaments.	8/10/2018 9:44 AM
19	As a lifelong resident who acme back after college I remember how it used to be. That time is gone, but there is an opportunity to take advantage of what is still here and use that to attract new things to help the city grow for the future. Use the waterfront 'central - main - up to tracks.' Get rid of residential in that area and bring things that attract people to area (stores, restaurants, water rec store, etc). Things that people have to go out of town for. Fix the infrastructure throughout the city, not just low income areas. It looks pretty bad when you have beautiful home and keep up your property and the street looks like a mind field. I think a multi-purpose rec center, ice rink, auditorium, etc at the fairground would be a big draw. Our parks are big as well, they need to be maintained after the investment. I have gone on long enough. I guess what needs to be done is listen to the people who live here- there is ALOT of good ideas, but your not gonna please everyone. *Born, raised, educated here, and its where they will bury me. Good luck!	8/10/2018 9:38 AM
20	- Bring Neptune back to Dunkirk. Use him and a logo of him etc to attract tourists. - Develop Battery Point into public space for residents and visitors. - Plant trees in planters along sidewalk and/or news median at Main Street and Wright Park benches. - Replace trees that the City (or storms) has/have taken down. - Support new efforts to re-open Adams Art Gallery/access to the arts. - Develop NRG property into multi-use/functional Great Lakes Science History Museum, and space for picnics, biking, festivals, bocce, sunset watches, wedding/party venues, etc.	8/10/2018 9:27 AM
21	As a lifelong resident of the E. Town, I attended Catholic School (SEAS) and the Dunkirk High School. This city has a unique quality in its 'hometown' feel that is combined with its opportunity, inclusivity, diversity, and opportunity. I have always been amazed and proud of this city and the ability of its residents to overcome challenge and adversity. I applaud the efforts that have been made (and will continue to make) that have embraced public opinion and suggestion. Thank you for allowing our input to be a part of the solution.	8/10/2018 9:02 AM
22	We should run the power plant ourselves, like Jamestown.	8/10/2018 8:54 AM
23	Positive change. Bring more restaurants to the area. More youth recreation for all year around. Stores/retail to the area. More jobs. NEED TO MOVE WITH THE 'TIMES.' Pier improvements - a great idea. Great presentation!	8/10/2018 8:45 AM
24	- We need a bigger hospital, and an urgent care, these should be in the City for accessibility. We lack good medical practices. - Childcare is a very big deal - Early Ed, Before/After school, Summer and Winter breaks - If you build a child care facility don't skimp on space, kids need space and lots of outdoor space. - We under utilize out outdoor spaces, they should be filled with kids, and kids should be taught how to take care of it. They need to be allowed to play in safe environment outside with trusting adults.	8/10/2018 8:37 AM
25	- What is really needed to attract retirees here is more retirement small housing, 2 bedroom or small lots, new builds. - More cafes, a newer upscale restaurant - Pit bulls should be outlawed - strict leash laws - More benches to sit on for retirees - Have the Observer get rid of mug shots of the so called criminals. - Continue to have these workshops and give out more promotion for them.	8/10/2018 8:27 AM
26	- Do not want pier made into a park; make it bigger. More sanitation facilities near all parks. - More attention to slum landlords - clean up houses - Have things more like Key West - get around very easily, walk or bike. - Not like Canalside with so many people at once and parking far away.	8/10/2018 7:28 AM

27	1. I am disappointed in the splash pad. My grand kids went there an after 20 minutes were ready to leave. For the amount of money that was spent, I would of thought it would have been bigger. 2. City pier needs to stay as a city pier for recreation and not a green space. Add benches and lighting. 3. Longer camp program - only 5 weeks. 4. Open up youth programs at school playgrounds in summer. Adding arts and crafts to keep kids off streets in summer. Add more movies w/ popcorn.	8/9/2018 2:12 PM
28	Great efforts by festivals, planning & development committees. Don't get discouraged.	8/9/2018 2:01 PM
29	The community should be clean and safe. Keep the hospital in the city. Develop a plan to maintain/improve the infrastructure. Community green space is much more needed than a hotel on the lake. Make and enforce proper building codes. Too many distracting signs on Lake Shore Drive. Get rid of LED sign on corner of Central & Lake Shore Drive, and replace it with a City Information Map. Continue to allow parking & driving on the pier.	8/9/2018 1:55 PM
30	The City has suffered greatly since the 50's, 60's, 70's. The city had a real future but now it's a crying shame. Such a lack of care and respect. Codes not enforced and properties left in ruins. The influx of new people seem to care so little since welfare takes care of all their needs. They have had no proper upbringing and so they have little appreciation of the work ethic. It's handed to them. Of course the lack of industry makes the few jobs available, still an uncertain future. So much welfare erodes at the funds needed for any sort of development. Why can't the welfare recipients do some kind of work for all the benefits they receive. The city needs to take over the power plant and bring down the cost of power for residents, and sell the remainder for profit.	8/9/2018 1:48 PM
31	The Lower Franklin Ave between Dougherty and Tenney Streets is a disgrace. It is so overgrown. It hasn't been trimmed for at least 10 years.	8/9/2018 1:39 PM
32	I love the direction this Administration is taking with this city. I've lived here my whole life and finally I'm seeing major progress. Please stay AGGRESSIVE in this pursuit.	8/9/2018 1:19 PM
33	As a Resource & Referral Counselor helping people find childcare so they can find and sustain employment, I know that a lack of childcare is a major concern here and all over the County. I have entered my email address if you are interested in contacting me to talk about numbers and specific concerns. pdudenhoeffer@chautopp.org	8/9/2018 1:12 PM
34	I do not live in the City of Dunkirk; however, I understand Dunkirk equates to the success of Chautauqua County. I live in Jamestown but come to Dunkirk once a month or more for work. I will buy lunch here or buy small things from stores. I would come here during my personal time if Dunkirk was more developed and gave me reasons to come here (restaurants, waterfront, activities).	8/9/2018 1:03 PM
35	I have put in several complaints to Building Inspector about run down houses in Ruggles/Talcott area, he does nothing about them. There should not be a trash company on Talcott, it attracts animals. He is very selective, he harasses us and tells us we need a building permit for siding which is not in building code because its not structural, but ignores me when questioned why there isn't one posted for the 24 houses being built. If you look at topix.com from Dunkirk I'm not the only one who feels he is abusing his power and ignoring run down houses. I have other with him making up his own codes that makes me want to move out of Dunkirk. 15W Talcott, 17W Talcott are condemned and run down, The house at the corner of Lincoln & Talcott fence is run down so many problems he does nothing about. See emails between myself and the city attorney. I have contacted news & commissioner about this. Heather Crowell. - Could use a stop light at Talcott & Lincoln, cars and tractor trailers run it all the time. - More fun things to do with kids. - The Splash Pad was a very nice addition.	8/9/2018 12:57 PM
36	- Have voting registration program for new residents - Need better medical service and an urgent care center - Develop the fairgrounds for multi-purpose activities - Encourage marketing of Dunkirk attractions to Fredonia & SUNY Fredonia; many visitors to Fredonia and students at SUNY don't know about Dunkirk's excellent waterfront & activities. - Develop the Arts Center, perhaps combining the Art Center, Historical Center & Library. - Have fun activities for children during events at waterfront - SUNY art students doing chariacture drawings, giant bubble blowing, face painting, rock painting. - Keep this excellent technique of citizen input going. Many people have great ideas, but are reluctant to attend city meetings. - Work with SUNY Fredonia students for art fairs, crafts, music, and other performances. - Thank you for the work and effort of getting our input!	8/9/2018 11:55 AM
37	Please stop people bringing dogs or animals to pier on Thursday nights. It's very dangerous. - Stop bicycles & skateboarders on pier also. - Leave Senior Citizen Center alone - don't need adult daycare or soup kitchen there.	8/9/2018 11:23 AM

38	- Continue to persevere. Change takes time. - Many improvements w/Rosas administration! - Work on infrastructure yearly. - Keep music on the Pier, on pier. - Jobs. Need to increase. - Litter. Address this. "Don't Litter, Show Pride" campaign - Schools. Year round calendar - Insist NRG remove remnants. Amusement Park!	8/9/2018 11:04 AM
39	They could do a better job snow plowing the streets. Also, there are holes that weren't filled in the 4th Ward. - Aevins Street near Benton St. - Liberty St behind the Water Tower off Roberts Rd & Benton - Roberts Rd between Benton & Market: There's a crack across the street that goes east and west!	8/9/2018 10:47 AM
40	I own a business that I moved from Dunkirk to Fredonia	8/9/2018 8:16 AM
41	Overall, Dunkirk needs to become more comparable to the rest of the area, specifically Erie County. There is so much possibility here that needs to be tapped into, and we are not "less than" Fredonia, Westfield, etc. We need to build up the access to Lake Erie for businesses and tourists. We need to be seen less "city" and "trashy". We need to encourage younger people to live here; right now it seems like it's an enclave of families that have lived here a long time (and their children) or diverse immigrants (and FYI, I work with immigrants, so this is not a bad thing nor meant to be taken negatively). My point is that we aren't encouraging younger, new people to live here (safety or the feeling of lack of safety is the #1 thing I hear about living here; which may be false perception on their part). The idea of building in businesses with higher-end residences above is great. Having a year-round facility that children / seniors can access is also great -- if staffed properly. I have a fabulous idea of providing summer camp care for children K-8th grade...if interested to hear about it, please email me kelilliework@gmail.com . Lastly, the biggest problem is information dissemination and social media presence -- Facebook is often not up to date or active; the website is pathetic and needs major updating and an overhaul; information and sites linked to our city need to be updated and *accurate*. The number of times I have tried to find information or looked for anything and have not found it is ridiculous, and I live here. Imagine the people turned off by or turned away from even the idea of Dunkirk if they are so limited in the information, resources, and web image that they find (or don't find).	8/8/2018 3:25 PM
42	Bobek autotrans is family owned business 1978 to 2018 . Close on Friday's at 222 eagle street Dunkirk 14048	8/7/2018 2:57 PM
43	I believe there needs more attention to property maintenance. It seems that if too many maintenance problems are not being enforced!!	8/6/2018 12:59 PM
44	Please clean up the cliffs at Point Gratiot. I want to see the lake and not grown in brush.	8/2/2018 3:39 PM
45	I have many concerns: 1. Preserving the lakefront while developing much needed business and tourism. 2. Increasing taxes on hard working people. Eventually, in my opinion, people will have to look elsewhere because taxes keep increasing while pay and opportunity stay stagnant. 3. Quality schools and healthcare because both bring new families to the area. 4. Promoting a healthier community. There are more, but this is a beginning. I look at cities like Ellicottville and wonder why Dunkirk cannot succeed. This place is beautiful and has much potential with the right plan!	8/2/2018 3:09 PM
46	I think we should focus on bringing more jobs to the city to help the people who already live here. we also need to make busing more available for children since many have a hard time finding jobs that would allow them to be able to drop off and pick up their children, plus if they have more than 1 child at home makes it hard especially if they have to pay for child care as well and can only work certain hours	8/2/2018 10:30 AM
47	Micro Brew Pubs are so hot right now. I'd love to see Dunkirk jump on that bandwagon, and soon !	8/2/2018 9:40 AM
48	Residential neighborhoods are being destroyed by unregulated rental properties. (Airbnb) I fear for the safety of my children and my quality of life has deteriorated since properties in my neighborhood have been turned into Airbnb rentals. The renters (and property owners!) have no respect for others. The noise is outrageous. The renters park on my lawn, leave trash in my yard, park illegally on the road and make noise late into the night. I have lived in the city for 12 years but am ready to move. How can properties be used commercially in areas zoned residential? Are the property owners collecting occupancy taxes as mandated by the county? Where are the police when lines of cars are parked illegally on the road? As I complete this survey at 10:30 PM on a Wednesday night, the Airbnb renters next door are having a party outside. Although they are on vacation, most residents in the neighborhood have to work tomorrow morning.	8/1/2018 9:38 PM
49	The 'street cleaner' is a waste of money & time. NO chickens in the city!	8/1/2018 12:33 PM

50	Clean up stuff and maintain what is already there, example the Boardwalk the bathrooms are filthy and haven't been cleaned good since it opened as had the walk in area. Outside is already falling apart because no-one maintains it, the steps are warping etc.. its going to look like another run down building soon	8/1/2018 12:27 PM
51	I BELIEVE DUNKIRK DOES LOTS FOR THE COMMUNITY. I INVITE MY FAMILY FROM OTHER TOWNS TO OUR HOUSE TO ALSO ENJOY THE FUN	8/1/2018 11:45 AM
52	I would also use the dog park if it was available. I feel that the city's best asset is the beautiful waterfront. Making this a destination for people to visit during the summer and even winter months would boost the city's economy. We have beautiful parks and beaches that should be advertised and promoted as a destination. Even Canalside in Buffalo doesn't have a beach. The development of the pier and bike paths are a great start. Continuing to attract businesses that provide recreational opportunities, shopping and dining as well as developing the parks (like the dog park) will change Dunkirk's reputation and make it a place where people will want to visit and live.	8/1/2018 9:42 AM
53	Ideas to draw people to Dunkirk: - Annual Heritage Festival(s): Puerto Rican, Polish - Lake Erie Fest: celebrate Dunkirk's waterfront, tie into annual Lighthouse Event/Fundraiser. Extend into Memorial Park and Pier areas. - Get the word out "outside of Dunkirk & Fredonia Areas" on all the good things and attractions going on in Dunkirk and on waterfront area. Figure out ways to get Fredonia College students downtown.....cheap housing? Future Ideas for Planning: - Enclosed community Ice Rink. Can be used as an event center in off season. - Beach Glass Museum (hard-core beach glass enthusiasts already go to your public beaches looking for glass) - Hard Structure "Event Center/Building" as part of Memorial Park (open air but with closeability for inclement weather times)...	8/1/2018 9:08 AM
54	City needs to find ways to attract and retain younger families, and encourage responsible and sustainable home ownership.	7/31/2018 4:51 PM
55	We need more help more places to enjoy it summer more helper for hispanic people and more bus school for all kids especially in winter to you think is fair kids walk to school in snow time for me is to sad wecan help kids in that way i love Dunkirk. Good luck	7/31/2018 4:01 PM
56	I hope these surveys will merit some improvements within the city as I feel that this city could be very attractive to newcomers if only improvements were made and made timely.	7/31/2018 1:54 PM
57	Recycling is a big concern of mine. There needs to be more grass roots groups that would be able to help the City get the word out to people of the excellent program the City has for recycling. I don't know if having a education program that gives people recycling binds would help. Maybe starting with the children in school who could encourage the parents to recycle. Also if the City would put binds out the are only for cans and water bottles, then maybe more people would recycle cans and bottles that could be sent to the redemption centers. Maybe a group could be developed that could assist those who need to do community service to pick up trash around the City since there are to many individuals who are not considerate and throw trash on the ground.	7/31/2018 10:10 AM
58	Na	7/31/2018 2:09 AM
59	N	7/30/2018 11:13 AM
60	Very excited to participate. This is long overdue. Thank you for having an On-Line survey. Dunkirk over the past 2-3 years is taking leaps and bounds towards revitalizing the City. Areas that in my opinion need most attention is Tourism Support and housing for moderate and above income seniors. As they look for maintenance free comfort, they may be forced to leave the area to do so. There needs to be a focus on this area as well as tourism support. Specifically for the lake (fishing, diving, environmental ...), and supporting the bicycle industry as there are major bike trails following route 5. There is nowhere for people to get help should they need it around the area. There needs to be a greater effort to capture tourist information and what they need. Perhaps a sign in at the boardwalk? There would need to be signage to direct someone there. Perhaps the electronic sign at the corner, asking / begging tourist to stop and register. Maybe a free giveaway for doing so.	7/30/2018 10:05 AM
61	This town is screwed as long as it's subject to the current developmental priorities of New York State	7/30/2018 8:56 AM
62	We don't need any more low income housing!	7/30/2018 8:50 AM
63	Downtown Dunkirk is a ghost town w too many empty lots. So many opportunities along the lake front beyond the pier, get a grand scheme. Get some retail business in town to compete w walmart, too much of the money earned in Dunkirk/Fredonia is spent in Erie and the southtowns. Nothing here to keep our youth here either. sad nothing has been done for so long	7/29/2018 8:46 PM

64	The City Charter needs to be revised.	7/28/2018 8:18 PM
65	Please do not allow chickens in our city. I believe it would be a mistake. I lived next door to a gentleman who had one. And believe me, the smell was awful, and it drew rats & other animals. I would also like to see more of the border patrol in our area. We could use it!!	7/28/2018 4:13 PM
66	Leave the city pier alone. No more low income housing. Set up radar on Brigham Rd near 5th Street. No farm animals in the city. If people want them move to the country. There is a person on 6th and Brigham who has sheep or goats have them gone.	7/28/2018 3:57 PM
67	Too many people living off the system here...not contributing to the taxes and just ruining and letting properties get run down...it's to the point where it's embarrassing to tell people your from Dunkirk...there's nothing here...i'm only here because i was lucky to have had a good paying job but now that i'm retired i'll be getting out before this city gets any worse and property values go down even more!!	7/28/2018 1:33 PM
68	Dunkirk needs to look at other communities on a lake to see why they are successful, for example, Bemis Point. Dunkirk has never recovered from Urban Renewal. A group of businessmen warned the city about accepting the government money and doing this plan, but the mayor and council went for it. Look where it got us!! Batavia also went through Urban renewal, but they have survived and developed, but Dunkirk didn't!!! Why?? Could it be better leadership?	7/28/2018 11:10 AM
69	For the size of the city, we spend too much on fire and police dept. Fire Dept. should be mostly volunteer and cut down on professional members	7/28/2018 8:37 AM
70	Stop wasting money on festivals and spend it on beautification .	7/27/2018 9:52 PM
71	no chickens repair streets fire building inspector leave pier alone what you want is fine if you have two or more piers. Use money to lower taxes in the area. get rid of mayor and city council all useless'	7/27/2018 9:18 PM
72	You are doing a wonderful job trying to engage the community in growth. I applaud all of you!!! Would you consider growing/building specific watershed, pollinator, and community gardens to the growth of parks and walking/biking/hiking trails? I travel to parks a lot and I ALWAYS read the signs that explain the plant material that I am looking at...doesn't that sound cool? Would it be possible to do a controlled kill of the deer that live in the Point Gratiot Park range?...they are hugely invasive....I thought maybe the town would consider planting a fruit orchard on the forest edges of Point Gratiot Park to discourage them from ravaging neighboring yards...(like mine) sigh. I had to ask....carry on with your good work....	7/27/2018 7:40 PM
73	Why can't Central Ave stop lights be blinking from 8:00pm to 8:00 am weekdays & all day on weekends???	7/27/2018 7:21 PM
74	One of the main problems with the 'down-town' and nearby businesses in Dunkirk is the lack of support and help to those businesses.....particularly from the Fredonia Incubator. This despite their claims to have supported businesses and to have created (only) 60 jobs since they opened in 2007. Having been at several 'openings' at the Fredonia Incubator, I found out about these openings and the supposed 'trainings' offered for businesses through an email to faculty and staff at SUNY Fredonia where I also work part-time. Never.....repeat never....as a business owner in Dunkirk have I learned about anything happening at this establishment through the Incubator itself. ONLY as a faculty member at SUNY was I privy to this information. In discussions with many other businesses in Dunkirk at the Mayor's roundtable discussions for Dunkirk business owners, I learned that they too have never been contacted....this despite the Incubator's false claims that they are "concerned for the business community of Dunkirk". These claims of 'concern' were first voiced by videotaped propaganda by SUNY Fredonia's President, Virginia Horvath. When I pointed out to Mr. Kearns and Mr. Cornell from the Incubators staff, I received from them a lot of head nods and platitudes and promises to 'make this better'. The first time this happened was over six years ago.....and nothing has changed. As far as I can tell (also from these discussions with Mr. Kearns), what the Incubator offers mostly is office space to rent.....despite the plethora of empty spaces in Dunkirk.	7/27/2018 7:13 PM
75	Stop The Disrespect Of Whites Especially Women In Dunkirk. From Hispanics. (Mostly The Young Hispanics People)	7/27/2018 6:58 PM
76	The waterfront will go nowhere due to its location being right next to an economically depressed area. You need to attract large employers such as Athenex, not tiny businesses. We need people to have good jobs for this area to take off. We need that major life blood otherwise this city is going to continue to wither	7/27/2018 5:19 PM
77	Thank you for providing this platform to express our opinions.	7/27/2018 4:17 PM

78	Dunkirk on the waterfront is a gem- just needs some polishing	7/27/2018 3:14 PM
79	About time to get A New Ladder Truck	7/27/2018 2:12 PM
80	I think the city is coming around, and would like to see the progress continue. I would like to see the coal plant become a renewal energy source, training provided for those who use to work there, and for jobs to be created.	7/27/2018 1:36 PM

3. City Officials and Department Interviews



HON. MAYOR WILFRED ROSAS



City of Dunkirk Comprehensive Plan Update

CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT INTERVIEWS

CITY HALL FEB. 13, 2018

INTRODUCTION

An important component to the City of Dunkirk Comprehensive Plan Update process involves meetings and interviews with key City Officials, Departments and Boards. The purposes of these meetings are to more fully understand existing conditions, major areas of concern as well as past, current and future efforts to enhance the City and its services. On February 13, the City of Dunkirk Department of Planning and Economic Development and the Laberge Group Planning Team conducted interviews with the City's Department of Public Works/Engineering; the Planning and Zoning Boards; Building Inspector/Building and Zoning Department; Youth and Recreation Department; and the Police and Fire Departments. Summaries of these interviews are provided below.

INTERVIEW SUMMARIES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING

Present: Randy Woodbury, Public Works Director and Andy Bohn, City Engineer.

Parking Meters: The original purpose of installing the meters was to encourage parking space turnover in the City's primary downtown business district and particularly around City Hall and the Library. The City is currently evaluating if the meters are still required or if alternative strategies could be employed to ensure prime on-street parking spaces remain available during the day.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: Constructed in the 1970s with limited upgrades. Currently undergoing an approximate \$14M overhaul. The project is being funded through state grants and a zero-interest loan through the Environmental Facilities Corporation. The City is also looking into powering the facility with wind turbines and has reached out to NYSERDA.

Water Treatment Plant: The City has completed approximately \$23 million in improvements to the water treatment plant which was under a consent order. The City will be the sole provider of water within the North Chautauqua County Water District. Improvements are being finalized to provide water to the Towns of Dunkirk, Pomfret and Portland as well as the Village of Brocton. System completion is estimated for early 2019. Solar power is being considered to help power the City's water treatment plant.

Water and Sewer System Concerns:

- The City's water and sewer distribution systems were built around 1890 with a 100 year life expectancy. There are concerns about the overall condition of the City's distribution system. The current plan is to replace one water line per year with the assistance of CDBG Funding. Previously, the City replaced lead water lines and repaved the 300 block of Hoyt Street.
- A 20" water line through the A1 Tech Specialty Steel State Superfund Site along Lucas Avenue needed to be shut down due to contamination. The line needs to be relocated to 7th Street.
- City is in the process of mapping the locations of all fire hydrants and marking those that are not in service.

Additional Items:

- Central Avenue: The City will be repaving Central Avenue as part of the Central Connections Project along with improvements to five intersections (Lake Shore Drive, 4th Street, 6th Street, Lucas Avenue, and Millard Fillmore Drive) to enhance pedestrian safety.
- Bike Lanes: A bike lane will be installed along the length of Central Avenue into the Village of Fredonia to Barker Commons as part of the Central Connections Project.
- Sidewalks: Property owners are responsible for maintaining and repairing sidewalks in front of their property. The City has a sidewalk replacement program that allows the public to apply for funding to replace/repair sidewalks they are responsible for. The program pays up to \$2.00 per square foot for replaced sidewalks until all funds are utilized.
- Recent Improvements: Sidewalks were recently replaced on Plover Street between 5th and 6th Streets as part of a larger reconstruction project which also included drainage improvements.
- Street Trees: Several hundred street trees are in need of replacement. Many have already been removed but not replaced. A long-term replacement plan is needed which will require coordination with effected landowners.
- Snow Plowing: The City may need to reconfigure its fleet in order to more efficiently deal with plowing responsibilities. This could include combining salting and plow trucks – currently separate vehicles are used for each purpose. Existing vehicles are outdated (loaders over 20 years old) and two new ones are needed at an approximate cost of \$200K each.
- 30+ garden plots are available throughout the City for lease. There are two maintained gardens located at the Dunkirk Senior Center and on the corner of Route 60 and Grant Avenue.

PLANNING BOARD, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Present: Andy Bohn, Planning Board Chair; Ed Schober and John Mackowiak, Planning Board Members. No members of the Zoning Board of Appeals was available for the meeting. Building Inspector Allan Zurawski was not available until later in the afternoon and met separately with City Staff and the Laberge Group Planning Team. His comments and observations have been included in the following summary.

- The Harbor Front and Historic Overlay Districts were put in place in/around 1995.
- The City Council has approval authority over site plans for projects proposed within Harborfront Overlay Districts H-1 and H-2. The Planning Board serves in an advisory role for these projects. There are some challenges, politically, with City Council jurisdiction over these projects. Might not be resulting in the best projects for these areas and the City may need to consider an alternative approach.
- Historic Overlay Districts (H-1 and H-2): Some applicants feel the regulations are too restrictive. The City is not a Certified Local Government for historic preservation purposes. There are no design guidelines or standards for guiding City Council and Planning Board review of projects within the Historic Overlay District.
- Only three structures on the Historic Register: School #7, the Post Office and Lighthouse.
- Zoning Map will need to be updated to better reflect desired uses. Recommendation that allowable uses, particularly along the waterfront should be re-evaluated.
- Signage, lighting and landscaping are the responsibility of the Planning Board in addition to site plan and special uses permits (except for projects within the H-1 and H-2 Districts).
- Signage regulations work “ok,” but only apply or the waterfront/historic district and outside those areas, there are limited to no regulations. Major concerns are related to what the signs look like – better regulations on the size and appearance of signage is necessary.
- The City currently does not have design standards. They could help the waterfront and downtown to improve overall aesthetics.
- Concern that the existing zoning code and related land use regulations are “too spread out” (across various City Code Chapters) and are not user friendly. Desire to make the process easier for developers and applicants. Site plan and special use processes should be added to the website. The process and location of Planning and Zoning Board meeting public postings needs to be improved – difficult for the public to find out what is going on.
- The Department uses software for tracking permits only. Need for improved software that could also handle violations. Field tablets would be very helpful.
- An assistant to the Code Enforcement Officer was hired. Personal vehicle is used by the Code Enforcement Officer.
- Flood maps are currently being updated – 1995 last update.
- Solar regulations are needed.

- Property Maintenance:
 - There is a major issue with residential structures in poor conditions and the consensus is that low income owners are not able to afford improvements. Jail for property maintenance issues is not an ideal solution.
 - Violations related to roofs, windows, peeling paint, garbage, animals and unregistered vehicles are common. Abandoned homes are a major property maintenance as well as a police and fire issue.
 - The current violations system results in these owners being remanded to jail for failing to address the violations. Judges are only allowed to fine or jail for violations.
 - The Code Enforcement Officer is able to rectify property maintenance issues related to lawn maintenance and trash. Costs associated with remedying the violations are then past back to the property owners.
 - The Department noted some difficulty with being able to prosecute absentee landlords for code violations, especially those that do not live in the County.
 - A landlord/rental property registration law is being considered by the City.
- Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). The Northern Chautauqua County LWRP is expected to serve as an update to the City's 1983 LWRP. There was some discussion among the group regarding the 1983 LWRP and whether or not it was actually adopted. If it was not adopted, the current zoning law will need to be revised to remove references to the LWRP until and unless the County LWRP is adopted. The City will check with NYSDOS on the status of the 1983 LWRP.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Present: Russ Tenamore, Parks Supervisor and Ryan Hall, Recreation Program Coordinator.

- The City has several neighborhood and pocket parks along with major recreation areas such as Point Gratiot Park.
- The Department has two full time staff and between 8 and 15 summer positions.
- The Recreation Department maintains all parks and beaches. The beaches are staffed with City lifeguards. There are 3 at Wright Park Beach, usually 4, 1 at Main Street Beach and 2 at Point Gratiot Beach.
- Point Gratiot Park:
 - Pavilion is booked all season. Additional shelters/pavilions are needed.
 - The Park hosts races, fund raisers, car shows, etc.
 - Tree planting is ongoing.
 - Entrance to the park can be confusing for some people. A new/improved access road has been considered along with additional parking.
- Wright Park:
 - Park is more neighborhood-oriented.
 - Playground is needed.

- Recent improvements are underway including a splash pad, pickleball and futsal courts, improved bathrooms, renovated pavilion and other improvements.
- Additional Parks discussed:
 - Washington Park located one block over from Central Avenue and includes a playground and open fields.
 - NY Avenue Playground is a neighborhood park located in the southern portion of the City at the corner of NY Avenue and Swan Street and includes a playground and basketball courts.
 - Memorial Park is located on the waterfront, hosts events and has a memorial area with seating. The boardwalk/bike path runs along the northern border of the park.
 - Dog Park is under construction off Main Street south of Newtown Street.
- YMCA is needed in Dunkirk. The Buffalo YMCA may be the only one that would locate in Dunkirk. Should be within walking distance of City neighborhoods. The 4th Street field at the corner of 4th Street and Brigham Road is 2 acres and a possible location for a YMCA facility.
- The City uses a building at the Fairgrounds as a recreation center. A new and larger recreational facility is needed. Soccer and floor hockey is played at the recreation center. Events are held every Saturday night including dodgeball, movies, soccer, and badminton. The center is available for rent on the weekend for birthdays, etc. The center is also open during the winter for indoor sports and other uses.
- More child care and senior services are needed.
- The City hosts fishing tournaments, fast and slow pitch softball leagues, flag football leagues, 3:3 basketball, and high school softball state tournaments. A triathlon is also held in the City – Tri Dunkirk.
- The City generally hosts three major events each summer. Summer of 2018 will include a speedboat race.
- Concerts on the Pier are very popular.
- The boat launch at the pier is open to the public and charges \$7 per boat. The City leases the harbor to a private operator.
- The Boardwalk includes shops that the City owns and leases to businesses.
- Charter boats are available, primarily for fishing. Recommendation to improve signage, need for an informational kiosk at the harbor, better organization of the area and parking for clients to more easily locate their boat, etc.
- The City is currently working on plans to improve the pier. There are recommendations to limit or remove parking from the pier all together. There are people that would prefer to keep parking on the pier.
- The City has a summer day camp (Camp Gross) that runs from July to the second week of August. Approximately 60 per week. There are 12 camp counselors, 1 lifeguard and 1 EMT.
- The High School and SUNY Fredonia each have pools. The College's pool is open to the public.
- Hispanic/Latino residents use Wright Park for basketball, slow pitch softball and hold big picnics on the weekend.

DUNKIRK POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Present: Dave Ortolano, Police Chief and Michael Edwards, Fire Chief.

- Police Department:
 - 35 full time officers with 3 platoons, 1 detective, on 8 hour shifts.
 - Summer is their busy season but no extra officers are needed. The number of calls triple between May and October.
 - The Police Dept. operates security cameras in strategic locations: Memorial Park, Main St. and Lake Shore Drive; Main and 4th Street, City Pier. Funding to operate and put in new cameras is the limiting factor. The Dept. works through the Planning Dept. for grants including AFG grants.
 - Vehicle fleet is aging, many with over 300K miles. Most grants available go to the County Sheriff's department.
 - Police Station has significant deferred maintenance issues.
 - Need for new facilities for both the Police and Fire Department. A joint public safety facility is needed that would include the Police, Fire, Court, and Jail. The site of Brooks Memorial Hospital was identified as a logical location for a joint facility.
- Fire Department:
 - Operates out of 3 fire houses. The Headquarters building is 105 years old and the two other stations are 60 and 50 years old. They are in disrepair with significant deferred maintenance issues.
 - Five firefighters are on duty for the three stations. They use an automatic callback system for additional firefighters when needed.
 - The Fire Department provides basic life support services. Approximately 700 transports per year, 1,700 EMS calls. ALSTAR EMS North Division is the local private ambulance service that appears to decreasing their services.
 - There is concern about the relocation of the hospital which would increase the distance and drive time to the hospital. In addition, there is also a concern that lower income residents will use the FD as a transport service.
 - Summer season sees a large increase in calls.
 - The FD conducts annual fire safety inspections.
- Areas of concern for the Fire/EMS and Police Departments:
 - Drug overdoses – there has been a noticeable increase in related calls, but in waves.
 - Ruggles Street, Lincoln Ave., Dunkirk Motel tend to be “hot spots” for calls. Drug and domestic calls primarily. Dunkirk Motel tends to house sex offenders and others on parole.
 - Poor or non-existing lighting is a public safety concern.
 - Vandalism runs in “spurts.”

- Pedestrian safety – a pedestrian bridge over Lake Shore Drive would be helpful, especially for seniors who cross over to go grocery shopping and to the pharmacy. Millard Fillmore Drive does not have sidewalks and a lot of students walk there from Fredonia.
- The Robin and 3rd Street tunnel needs to be enhanced, more lighting, clean up graffiti, etc.
- No capital plan for the Fire Departments to replace equipment. This is needed.
- Police Chief recently prepared a fleet maintenance program but it was yet to be adopted. A city-wide fleet maintenance plan is needed.
- The Fire Department will be expected to answer calls at the Athenex facility. No agreement with the company has been reached. Athenex will be located outside of the City. The City is the first responder to the Purina facility which is located outside of the City.
- A new rescue boat is needed. The City partners with the Sheriff's Dept. and utilizes an aging Coast Guard boat docked at the Harbor. The Dive Team is a combined effort with the FD, Police and Sheriff's Dept. The Border Patrol also uses the Harbor.

4. Stakeholder Group Meetings



HON. MAYOR WILFRED ROSAS



City of Dunkirk Comprehensive Plan Update

STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETINGS

INTRODUCTION

Public input is a critical component of the City's Comprehensive Plan Update process. In addition to regular public meetings, it is important for the City to meet with stakeholder groups representing multiple issues and causes. To that end, City representatives and the Planning Team held five meetings on July 30 and 31 with stakeholders representing housing, the harborfront/waterfront; civic and non-profit group issues; senior citizens, and local business owners. The purpose of these meetings are to gather information to supplement existing data sources; to better understand their views, concerns, needs and recommendations and to build support for the implementation of Plan's recommendations. A summary of these meetings is provided below.

STAKEHOLDER MEETING SUMMARIES

HOUSING: JULY 30, 2018 AT FREDONIA INCUBATOR

Present: Bill Carlson, Howard Hanna Real Estate; Johnathon Geiger, Graf Realty Corp., Wilfred Rosa, Mayor; Rebecca Yanus, Director of Planning and Development; EJ Hayes, III, Deputy Director of Planning and Development; Matt Bourke, Community Development Planner; Nicole Allen; Laberge Group, Matt Rogers, Laberge Group; and Robert Holzman, ELAN Planning.

- The Dunkirk Housing Market is considered a “buyers’ market” in that housing is very affordable and there are numerous properties on the market at any one time. There are a lot of buyers but not enough suitable homes for sale.
- A large percentage of available housing units are in need of moderate to significant improvements and are not necessarily move-in ready. Majority of housing in the City was built prior to the 1970s with a significant percentage built before the 1950s. Almost no new housing is being constructed in the City.
- There is a lack of 2-3 bedroom homes between \$55K and \$59K in move-in condition. These homes are in the price range of young families and recent graduates. This lack of inventory is negatively impacting the City's housing situation. Housing in the middle range is not available. Homeowners in challenged neighborhoods have to decide whether to invest in their home or not, it may not always be worth making investments to improve their home if it is surrounded by poor quality homes.
- On average, there are about 40 people that attend an open house elsewhere in Erie County. Dunkirk open houses are only attended by 1 or 2 potential buyers.

- Many local businesses including manufactures believe the lack of suitable housing is negatively impacting their ability to hire enough employees. The Athenex project will increase the demand for housing locally and the current supply is not sufficient to meet this need.
- There is very limited turnover due to a lack of suitable housing. This is caused, in part, by aging homeowners who do move out (due to a lack of suitable housing for seniors and empty nesters) or are unable to sell their homes due to poor conditions/surrounding neighborhoods and are not able to afford to make improvements. As a result young professionals, new and growing families have a hard time finding homes in good condition to meet their needs.
- Rental property costs are going up even at the lower end and many renters struggle. It can be cheaper to buy.
- Good apartments tend to fill up quickly. The Vineyards is one example and has no vacancies. Rent starts at \$900 to \$1,000 with a garage. Professionals are the primary tenants.
- There has been an increase in investors buying property as investments or to flip.
- Lincoln Arms Apartments is a 50 unit facility that provides housing for seniors and disabled tenants and accepts HUD Housing Vouchers. The facility is always full with no vacancies.
- Patio homes are in the \$165K range, with no basements, garage to keep costs down.
- The Villas at Battery Point is being constructed in 3 phases and will provide higher end housing in response to expected demand from the Athenex project.
- Central Avenue would be an ideal location for mixed-use projects with residential units on the upper floors. All of the infrastructure is present. The Coburn Building on Central Avenue is being considered for a mixed-use redevelopment.
- St. Mary's Meadows was identified as a location for high end development – water, sewer and hydrants are nearby. The site is currently overgrown.
- Out of state (absentee) landlords are a major concern and contributes to poor property maintenance and quality of rental properties.
- The City offers housing repair funds through the CDBG program. There is always a long waiting list. Available funds between \$100K and \$250K per year. All available funds are always expended. 10 to 15 homes are repaired each year by non-profit groups (including the Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corporation).
- Suggestion made to hold an open house/forum with developers to showcase some sites and push developers to consider investing in the stressed neighborhoods.
- Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. provides housing assistance among other services for low income people and families.

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS AND LEADERS: JULY 30, 2018 AT FREDONIA INCUBATOR

Present: Bob Griewish, Fieldbrook Foods; Peter Eckman, Specialty Metals Corp; Heather Simmons, Specialty Metals Corp; Teresa Bair, Athenex; Mark Geise, CEO, County of Chautauqua County IDA; Rebecca Yanus, Director of Planning and Development; EJ Hayes, III, Deputy Director of Planning and Development; Matt Bourke, Community Development Planner; Nicole Allen; Laberge Group, Matt Rogers, Laberge Group; and Robert Holzman, ELAN Planning.

- The lack of skilled labor is a key factor. Finding employees with basic math skills and who can pass a drug test can be difficult.
- A lack of suitable housing, daycare, and adequate public transportation are all also challenges that local employers are facing.
- Language was not identified as a major issue as many employees are bilingual.
- Electricity costs were identified as a concern.
- Low property value rates also a concern = limited tax ratables for the City and School District.
- Need for more suitable housing to attract people to work and live in the City.
- People are retiring faster than employers can fill the positions.
- Concern that employers are not paying a living wage.
- The work environment is seen as a key component to attracting quality employees. Specialty Steel has been making improvements to their workplace.
- Too early to tell if PTECH is successful in preparing new employees for careers in the trades.
- Athenex has been very active locally meeting with municipalities and schools regarding the need for employees. Facility plans to be open in 2020 with 100 to 150 new jobs initially. Plans to hire up to 450 employees.
- Improved quality of life, year round activities, activated downtown and waterfront will be needed to attract quality employees and their families. Young people are driving initiatives for community revitalization and improvements, they should be embraced. The City needs to cater to this demographic through festivals, breweries, walkable/bikeable city, etc.
- The City has approximately 19 social clubs that provide locations to socialize, good drink prices. These clubs may be negatively impacting the viability of bars downtown through competition.
- Ideas and recommendations discussed:
 - Allow for “pop up” vendors including food trucks.
 - Wineries and breweries would be a fit for the City.
 - Summer programs for the Incubator have not been well developed.
 - Need to encourage Fredonia students to stay and purchase homes in Dunkirk.
 - Build an “International flavor” to attract international students from Fredonia into the City.

- There appears to be the correct elements in place to capitalize on the City's diversity especially related to ethnic restaurants, festivals, etc.
- Needs to be a shuttle service between SUNY and Downtown.
- Hispanic/Latino Community:
 - Many are still learning the system related to obtaining business licenses and the regulatory framework. There might be a need to provide more assistance to increase new Hispanic/Latino-owned businesses.
 - Some Hispanic/Latinos have become landlords. They also need to be informed about the programs available to financial assistance and take advantage of the programs.
 - Others need assistance with basic needs (housing, food, etc.).

SENIORS: JULY 31, 2018 AT IGLESIA GETSAMNI, ASAMBLEAS DE DIOS.

Present: Barbara Bajdas, Senior Center President; Greg Sek, Senior Center Representative; Rebecca Yanus, Director of Planning and Development; Matthew Rogers, Laberge Group.

- The City of Dunkirk Senior Center publishes a bi-monthly newsletter.
- The Center is open 5-days a week.
- There are approximately 600 members, with 300 active members.
- The Center is staffed by volunteers, approximately 10/day.
- The Center provides an exercise class, trips (to casinos, shopping, lunch, Buffalo, etc.), crafts, card games, coffee, Tia chi classes, and a place to socialize.
- The Center needs more staff that are age-appropriate (50 and older).
- The Center recently received a \$700K grant for major improvements.
- There is a market for senior housing and the City is an attractive location being on the waterfront. However, there is a lack of sufficient housing for seniors. New housing needs to be in walking distance of the waterfront, downtown and shopping areas.
- More medium-priced restaurants were requested.
- There is a need to provide assistance to seniors to mow lawns and take care of their homes.

HARBORFRONT BUSINESSES: JULY 31, 2018 AT THE KOSCIUSZKO CLUB.

Present: Charles Pringle and Leslie South, Holiday Harbor; Ed Schober, Planning Board and Architect; Lance Ehrhardt, Charter Boat Captain; Zen Olow, Conservation Club; Nancy Nichols, Resident/Business Owner; Rosemary Olow; Frank Schoenacker, Infinity Charters; Rebecca Yanus, Director of Planning and Development; Nicole Allen, Laberge Group and Matthew Rogers, Laberge Group.

- The City has significantly increased its focus on the waterfront and has been working its way up Central Avenue.
- The Breakwall needs to be extended as it was not designed correctly. A feasibility study is currently being conducted. The current breakwall does not completely protect the harbor when the winds shift.
- The channel is routinely dredged by ACOE.
- There was a concern that events along the waterfront and on the pier may be negatively impacting the marina, boat launch and surrounding businesses. Suggestion that future concerts be held at Memorial Park as they are almost outgrowing the pier. However, there may be an issue with parking for the Yacht Club if Memorial Park is used for concerts – will need to be addressed.
- The boat launch is extremely popular and utilized all season. Many out-of-state boaters use the facility.
- Fishing is the main driver including tournaments and family trips. Chartered fishing trips are very popular.
- There are 4-5 major fishing tournaments are held in the area each year.
- Fishing brings in a lot of disposable income to the City.
- Issue with vacant boats at the marina taking up room and negatively impacting aesthetics. The marina has been making improvements to locate owners and get rid of the boats – it is a time-consuming process.
- Boardwalk is in disrepair in locations, needs painting. Railings are needed on steps. More lighting is necessary to increase security. More picnic tables requested.
- Concerns about water quality raised. University of Buffalo is conducting a water quality study. The fishing industry would be severely impacted if water quality decreases.
- There needs to be activities and events in the “shoulder seasons.” Holiday events, a Christmas Market, etc. Given climate, an indoor facility was recommended, such as an indoor water park. Tree decorating contest and other events to draw people in during the off season is needed.
- Limited parking for events on the waterfront. Discussed a shuttle service from the Fairgrounds.
- Very limited things for people to do who arrive at Dunkirk Harbor. Wayfinding and kiosks are needed to inform visitors of destinations, restaurants, etc. However, Downtown is relatively vacant with little places for visitors to go. More work is necessary to enhance the City and provide more places to go, etc. This is a work in progress.
- There needs to be a designated access point for ice fishing and the ladders need to be fixed. Liability is a concern.

LOCAL CIVIC AND NON-PROFIT GROUPS: JULY 31, 2018 AT THE KOSCIUSZKO CLUB.

Present: Susan Marker, Chautauqua Opportunities; Josiah Lamp, Chautauqua Opportunities; Tiffany Yerico, Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation Local Economic Development Initiative; Mary Alvarado, CHRIC; Rebecca Yanus, Director of Planning and Development; Nicole Allen, Laberge Group and Matthew Rogers, Laberge Group.

- There is a severe lack of child care in the City. Need to look to businesses to better embrace the need and begin providing on-site day care services. The school system also needs to be involved. A child care certification program is needed.
- Family and group day care is needed. State laws regarding day care may be limiting the availability of new day care businesses. Many homes are unable to meet building codes and improvements are not affordable.
- Lack of minimum wage/living wages were listed as a major concern.
- There needs to be increased efforts to provide language assistance, especially for local, county and state services. There is a lack of bilingual teachers and no bilingual guidance counselors in the City Schools.
- Homelessness is becoming a major problem in the County. There is a severe lack of affordable housing and there are no homeless shelters. The Days Inn does host some homeless families.
- Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation Local Economic Development Initiative (NCCF LED) provides grants and scholarships for the betterment of the community include scholarships trade apprenticeships. Some of the available scholarships go unused.
- There needs to be an increase in mentoring students.
- Concern that many local businesses hire employees through temp agencies. Being considered temporary employees makes it very difficult to buy a house, etc.
- Recommendation to form volunteer groups to help with housing improvements.

4. Issues Confirmation and Design Workshop

Summary of the Issues Confirmation & Design Workshops

City of Dunkirk, NY – Comprehensive Plan Update

March 15, 2019

INTRODUCTION

The City of Dunkirk Project Advisory Committee (PAC) held the Issues Confirmation and Design Workshops on February 25 and 27, 2019, at the Dunkirk High School. Draft Goals and Strategies were displayed on poster boards. Over 150 people attended the two-day event. The public was asked to identify which strategies they supported and to provide additional comments. The Goals and Strategies covered the following Priorities:

- Housing and Neighborhood Stability;
- Downtown Dunkirk;
- Enhancing Job Opportunities and the Local Economy;
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety;
- Parks and Recreation; and
- Enhancing Public Facilities and Services.

In addition, the PAC sought public input on redeveloping Brooks Memorial Hospital and the NRG Facility. The public was also asked to provide guidance on improvements at Memorial Park, streetscape enhancements and design opportunities for improving the appearance of railroad underpasses throughout the City.

Members of the Laberge Group Planning Team along with City representatives were present to assist the public, answer questions and provide additional information regarding the comprehensive planning process. Project staff also included a Spanish-speaking interpreter. Representatives from the City of Dunkirk were also present to assist with the Workshop events. A presentation by the Laberge Group Planning Team was provided on the second night summarizing public input results.



RESULTS SUMMARY

The information received during the Workshops was collected and evaluated. The comments and recommendations represent one of the many opportunities and tools being used to obtain public feedback during this planning process. During the Workshops, the public was asked to identify which strategies they supported with the use of colored dots. This process will assist the PAC and Planning Team to evaluate support for, revise, and begin prioritizing the Strategies.

The following is a summary of public support and associated comments for each Goal and Strategy. In addition, the number of dots representing support are provided in [brackets]. This information will be integrated with all of the input provided by the public and the City, including the Visioning Open House held in July 2018, the Community Survey and the multiple Stakeholder meetings conducted. Combined, the results will help guide the overall development of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD STABILITY

Goal 1: Reverse the trend of deteriorating housing conditions and improve property maintenance.

- Observations: The public input demonstrates strong support for all Strategies with major support for improving property conditions, enhanced code enforcement, and for protecting and repurposing historic and architecturally-significant buildings.
- Strategy 1: Improve property conditions and prevent further neighborhood deterioration through increased code enforcement. [23]
 - Increase and professionalize code enforcement staff and use volunteers if necessary to get the job done.
 - Out-of-state landlords should be held accountable and should designate a local representative.
- Strategy 2: Implement a rental registration law. [23]
 - This should be one of the City's top priorities – use the Floramo Plan.
 - Rental registry would be a helpful and productive way to improve living conditions in the City.
 - There should be more of an emphasis on rehabilitation of structures and less on demo.
 - In addition to rental registration, there should be more inspections of rental property to evaluate safety and overall conditions.
- Strategy 3: Formalize and regularly schedule community-wide clean up days in partnerships with non-profit organizations and other volunteers. [21]
 - Clean up days badly needed.
 - More support from volunteers and less reliance on non-profit agencies is needed.
 - Need to enforce litter codes and teach children early about proper community stewardship and littering laws.
 - Strongly endorse Northern Chautauqua County Foundation's (NCCF) Bloom Project – recognize residents' efforts to beautify the City.
 - Implement an "Adopt a Block neighborhood" program.
- Strategy 4: Establish a formal comprehensive, and neighborhood targeted strategy between the City and non-profit home assistance organizations to improve housing and property maintenance. [13]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 5: Consider creative and alternative strategies for repurposing vacant/abandoned buildings and lots. [16]

- Collaborate with the CREATE Project to repurpose buildings.
- Strategy 6: Establish a strategy to stabilize and improve the condition of the City’s aging historic and architecturally significant buildings. [16]
 - Highlight and preserve our beautiful historic buildings – give incentives restoring historic/architecturally-significant homes.
- Strategy 7: Continue to aggressively pursue funding for neighborhood revitalization efforts. [13]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 8: Target City investments in combination with state and federal funds to improve streets, sidewalks and other infrastructure in stressed neighborhoods in coordination with City and non-profit housing improvement programs. [16]
 - No comments provided.

Goal 2: Increase opportunities for quality affordable housing.

- Observations: The public demonstrates strong support for affordable, quality housing for recent graduates, young families and seniors, along with market-rate and higher income housing. New affordable housing should be evenly scattered throughout the City and not concentrated.
- Strategy 1: Increase access to quality affordable housing for recent graduates, young families and seniors. [17]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 2: Facilitate construction of senior housing, including independent and assisted living opportunities. [14]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 3: Strategically target neighborhoods for new quality affordable, market-rate and higher income housing to build on the strengths of each location and to give stressed neighborhoods opportunities to prosper. [5]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 4: Strongly encourage the construction of market-rate and higher income housing choices to improve housing diversity to attract higher income residents, in and around the City core. [17]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 5: Continue to strengthen partnerships with housing assistance organizations to facilitate access to quality affordable housing for owner-occupied and rental units. [7]
 - Current subsidized housing is poorly placed. Scattered housing instead and do not dilute high tax areas with affordable housing.
- Strategy 6: Consider holding neighborhood-focused open houses, tours and forums targeting local businesses, developers, housing organizations to inform them of available housing/properties, local affordability issues, and neighborhoods most in need of improvements [7]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 7: Consider allowing “tiny homes” and other smaller residential structures to increase access to quality affordable housing options. [13]
 - Use of infill spaces could add significantly to tax rolls and draw younger families.
- Strategy 8: Continue monitoring the City’s homeless population and work with non-profit organizations to ensure adequate facilities and resources are available. [15]
 - Need North Country homeless shelter – men/women/families.
 - In Fredonia, Dunkirk has enough.

DOWNTOWN DUNKIRK

Goal 1: Reverse the trend of vacancies in Downtown Dunkirk.

- Observations: The image of Downtown Dunkirk is particularly important. There is very strong support for establishing a storefront program to repurpose vacant storefronts and buildings and for establishing a partnership with the Fredonia Incubator to spin off businesses into Downtown. Preservation of historic and architecturally-significant buildings was also strongly supported along with a program to inventory all vacant storefronts and commercial buildings.
- Strategy 1: Conduct and regularly update an inventory of vacant storefronts and commercial buildings in the downtown area to help understand where they exist, why they are vacant and how they might be repurposed. [16]
 - Need more downtown residential units – market and above to support downtown businesses.
 - Economic study of businesses needed in downtown – then create a program to recruit them. Work with building owners and lower business fees to increase access.
 - Offer a downtown location for businesses on the Boardwalk waiting list (on Central Ave. – fill up empty buildings)
 - Partner with landlords during festivals utilize vacant storefronts – make them available to local artists and merchants to sell their wares – City to carry insurance?
 - Farmers’ Market.
- Strategy 2: Evaluate opportunities to lower applicant costs associated with, and streamline the approval process for, new businesses locating in existing storefronts. [9]
 - No comment provided.
- Strategy 3: Partner with commercial building owners to create a “Pop-Up Store Front” or similar program to offer affordable short-term leases for new businesses seeking to open in existing storefronts. [20]
 - Collaborate with the CREATE Project – use vacant spaces to promote art and child friendly strategies.
 - Use vacant store windows as arts and history education with large-scale photos.
- Strategy 4: Encourage repurposing of one or more vacant storefronts and buildings into coworking and shared workspaces that provide locations for startups, freelancers, entrepreneurs and more established businesses at affordable rents. [9]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 5: Consider limiting the future expansion of commercial-zoned land outside of Downtown in an effort to avoid further weakening of Downtown Dunkirk’s retail market. [12]
 - Update Dunkirk’s zoning regulations.
- Strategy 6: Encourage and assist the Fredonia incubator to spinoff and/or partner with new businesses in Downtown Dunkirk, with a focus on filling vacant storefronts and buildings. [18]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 7: Encourage and facilitate preserving and repurposing historically significant structures through various strategies. [17]
 - No comments provided.

Goal 2: Attract new investment in Downtown Dunkirk and generate commercial and entertainment opportunities that will result in increased vitality, more visitors and new residents.

- Observations: The public is very interested in seeing the “Arts” play a larger role in the revitalization of the City, including the establishment of an Arts District near Washington Park, leveraging Adam’s Art Gallery. There is also significant support for leveraging the City’s ethnic diversity to establish an ethnic restaurant and retail hub in Downtown, along with the City providing technical and financial assistance to help kick-start these businesses. Continued City investment in Downtown infrastructure and aesthetics is also strongly supported. Continued cleanup and revitalization efforts at brownfields and the redevelopment of both the NRG and Brook Memorial Hospital sites are considered very important to the public.
- Strategy 1: Promote higher density residential development in existing spaces above stores and through new multi-use construction. [12]
 - Zoning regulations need to be adjusted for this strategy.
 - Promote market-rate housing, not subsidized.
 - Promote the City of Dunkirk as a child-centered and arts-centered community.
- Strategy 2: Evaluate opportunities for and support the creation of an “Arts” District in Dunkirk, leveraging existing resources, including the Adams Art Gallery, Dunkirk Historic Museum, and the historic Dunkirk Public Library and Post Office [21]
 - The City should apply for Certified Local Government status – opens doors to funding, technical assistance, and other historic preservation successes.
 - Promote Dunkirk as a center for traditional folk and contemporary arts.
 - Use artful anti-littering ideas.
 - Integrate after-school programs.
- Strategy 3: Facilitate and support new and grow existing businesses with a focus on Hispanic and Latino-owned businesses through mentoring and technical assistance with grants, permitting, marketing and other elements needed for success. [14]
 - Work with all ethnic groups in the community.
- Strategy 4: Support the creation of an ethnic restaurant and retail hub in Downtown Dunkirk. [23]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 5: Construct a new public parking lot/structure within walking distance of the waterfront. [5]
 - Build parking with high-end loft apartment above having lake views.
- Strategy 6: Prepare site and design guidelines and standards to preserve existing structures and facilitate infill development compatible with the City’s urban form. [15]
 - Useless unless they are enforced.
- Strategy 7: Continue to focus City investments, supported by state and federal grants, on improving Downtown infrastructure, aesthetics, and public spaces. [19]
 - Beauty is beautiful –aesthetic capital!

ENHANCING JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Goal: Develop and maintain a strong, diversified and sustainable local economy.

- Observations: There is strong support for the City's economic development efforts to continue focusing on manufacturing, food industries, tourism, hospitality, education, R&D, and pharmaceuticals. The public is also in favor of the City's festivals and related events and other quality of life amenities including, but not limited to park improvements and pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements. Concerns continue to be raised about some local industries using temp agencies to hire employees as this process creates issues with employees attempting to establish credit and invest in the community.
- Strategy 1: Continue to encourage and support a diversity of businesses and employment opportunities in and around the City that provide a living wage and increase the City's tax base, including, but not limited to manufacturing, food industries, tourism and hospitality, education, research and technology and pharmaceuticals. [21]
 - All of these goals are laudable, but will not make a difference if the community at large remains resistant to change.
 - Support cultural events on the lake.
 - The Adams Art Gallery could become a large attraction.
 - Collaborate with CREATE.
- Strategy 2: Encourage compatible neighborhood commercial uses that support economic opportunities and neighborhood vitality. [8]
 - No comments provided.
 - [Note: This Strategy should be revised to clarify its original intent – which is to preserve existing neighborhood businesses and to identify a strategy to ensure such businesses/associated buildings do not become pre-existing non-conforming uses.]
- Strategy 3: Continue to implement City projects that focus on quality of life for the benefit of existing residents and to attract new residents (e.g., festivals and waterfront events, park improvements, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements, and other infrastructure improvements.) [19]
 - Revive the idea of a Great Lakes Research Center with a visiting area and small, interactive child learning center.
 - Build on the City's reputation as a fishing destination.
- Strategy 4: Support various strategies, in partnership with local companies, educational institutions and non-profit organizations to increase the education attainment of residents, including an aggressive marketing campaign to attract highly educated residents. [18]
 - Get rid of temp. services – they are hurting workers more than they help/they exploit the worker (difficult to establish credit when considered a temporary employee).
 - Partner with the CREATE Project.
- Strategy 5: Continue to support the P-TECH STEM College and Career Academy and related job training programs and encourage routine evaluation of their effectiveness in partnership with educational institutions and local employers. [17]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 6: Focus on leveraging the City's Brownfield Opportunity Area Designation to obtain future grants and attract new industries. [18]
 - No comments provided.

- Strategy 7: Establish a robust micro-enterprise grant program that includes a partnership with the Fredonia Incubator and the SUNY Fredonia campus with a goal of locating new businesses throughout Dunkirk that originates at the Incubator. [12]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 8: Evaluate feasible reuse options for the NRG facility and Brooks Memorial Hospital and strongly support compatible new uses that will benefit surrounding neighborhoods, the City and region. [21]
 - Include robust community discussion in the decision making process.
 - Brooks should be a cancer research facility, in partnership with Athenex.
 - Attract another hospital.
 - Do not turn into a methadone clinic.
 - Could Brooks be an Arts Hub?
 - Turn the City into a national center for the Arts.

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY

Goal: Provide a safe and connected pedestrian and bicycle system throughout the City.

- Observations: In comparison to the other Priorities, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety does not rise to the same level of importance by the attending public. However, the public indicates strong support for cleaning up and properly maintaining the pedestrian tunnel at W. 3rd and Robin Streets and enhancing the CARTS bus system. Very strong support also exists for the City to consider taking over maintenance responsibility of sidewalks.
- Strategy 1: Prepare and implement a targeted sidewalk and pedestrian improvement plan utilizing the recommendations from the 2018 Complete Streets Report as an initial guide with a focus on stressed neighborhoods and the City's primary gateways. [12]
 - Pedestrian crossing at Lake Shore Drive and Central Ave. identified as a major concern.
 - Run the Fredonia trolley bus from Barker Commons down Central Ave. to the pier and out to parks in the summer.
- Strategy 2: Target near-term streetscape, sidewalk, intersection and aesthetic character improvements to Maple Avenue, Main Street and E. 4th Street [9]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 3: Install sheltered bike racks along the waterfront and in Downtown which can be combined with kiosks that include directional and local attraction signage. [11]
 - Wayfinding signs are critical.
 - Prioritize wayfinding/distance markers/fun fact signage/kiosks, etc. along the lakefront walkway from Wright Park to Pt. Gratiot.
 - Place dog waste bag receptacles and garbage/recycling bins along walkways.
- Strategy 4: Consider extending the designated bike lane on Lake Shore Drive west of Central Avenue to Point Drive N. to make a connection to Point Gratiot Park. [13]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 5: Evaluate feasible options for improving the western end of the Boardwalk (at Woodrow Ave.) with directional signage, sufficient space for bicyclists to turn around and identify safe pedestrian/bicycle connection to Lake Shore Drive. [6]
 - No comments provided.

- Strategy 6: Clean up and establish a regular maintenance plan for the W. 3rd and Robin Street pedestrian tunnel. [14]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 7: Coordinate with CARTS to identify feasible options for improving service within the City, including, but not limited to extending service times and providing service between the Fredonia Campus and Downtown. [13]
 - Dunkirk continues to be a transportation desert for many citizens.
- Strategy 8: Evaluate the feasibility of the City taking over maintenance of sidewalks, including repairs and shoveling/plowing. [20]
 - At what cost to taxpayers or other programs?
 - Only in Downtown not in neighborhoods.
 - Schools should do their main routes.
 - In the Midwest they use horizontal concrete saws to trim sidewalk slabs that tree roots have made uneven – might be cheaper than replacement.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Goal: Maintain and enhance high quality, safe and unique park and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

- Observations: The public indicates strong support for the proper maintenance of City parks including the preparation of a parks and recreation masterplan. Main Street beach is recommended to be formally designated a beach if feasible and Pangolin Park should be utilized more efficiently as either a City park, location for a community center, or residential, while ensuring existing views of the lake are preserved. Very strong support to see Memorial Park improved with a permanent covered stage, provided it directs the music towards the harbor and not into the City. A year-round recreational facility should be established at the Fairgrounds and offshore improvements are needed to more properly protect Wright Beach, including use of rip-rap and a new breakwall.
- Strategy 1: Consider preparing and regularly updating a City-wide parks and recreation masterplan that will allow the City to conduct a comprehensive assessment of recreation needs, identify deficiencies and prioritize resource allocation for improvements and new facilities in a fiscally responsible manner. [17]
 - Pocket park across from City Hall in the empty lot, with shaded seating areas, murals.
 - Use plastic coated metal or similarly porous substance for seating and tables along the waterfront – easier maintenance.
 - Encourage use of volunteers to help maintain parks.
- Strategy 2: Evaluate the feasibility of constructing a year-round recreation center to replace the City's existing facility at the Fair Grounds. [13]
 - Use Fairgrounds to locate youth recreation facility for both Dunkirk and Fredonia! Central Connections.
 - Cedar Beach area would be ideal.
 - Memorial Park, which is right next to the pier has a lot of empty space...
- Strategy 3: Approach the YMCA to determine if there is sufficient demand to construct a YMCA facility in the City of Dunkirk. [7]
 - No YMCA, but yes sports complex.
- Strategy 4: Provide additional trash and recycling bins in and around City parks that are affixed to the ground to prevent vandalism. [9]

- No comments provided.
- Strategy 5: Point Gratiot Park: Evaluate options to improve circulation and access to Point Gratiot Park and considering constructing one or more additional pavilions. [5]
 - Try to make Point Gratiot more visibly and aesthetically appealing.
 - Keep the park scenic and as natural as possible. No bands, no music necessary.
 - Respect the bird sanctuary.
 - Plant more trees of all different varieties.
 - Beautify not amplify.
 - Bring back Neptune place at lighthouse in a formal garden.
 - Open bath house.
 - Use volunteers to assist in park maintenance.
- Strategy 6: Main St. Beach: Determine if Main St. Beach (area adjacent to Lake Front Blvd. between N. Main and N. Beaver Streets) should become a formal beach with lifeguards and other necessary improvements. [10]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 7: Memorial Park: Pursue establishing a permanent concert venue at the park as an alternative location for Music on the Pier and additional concerts and events. [18]
 - Direct music/sound toward the Lake and away from the City.
 - Keep music on the Pier, Memorial and Point Gratiot not the place.
- Strategy 8: Pangolin Park: Evaluate possible improvements to Pangolin Park to better serve surrounding neighborhoods or repurpose the land for alternative uses that will benefit the community. [12]
 - Park is wasted space – consider “classy” townhomes which would add to City budget and attract upscale residents who might stay.
 - A community center for weddings, receptions, lectures, classes, etc. with access to the beach.
 - Year-round recreation center.
 - Boardwalk type structures along Lake Front Blvd.
 - Do not block views of homes on N. Pangolin and Jerboa Streets
 - Shade structures at Pangolin and Wright Parks and along waterfront.
- Additional Comments:
 - Repair/replace outer breakwall at harbor.
 - Install a new breakwall in front of Wright Beach.
 - Add riprap along new wall from Main St. to Wright Park.
 - Nature park at Battery Point

ENHANCING PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Goal: Provide high quality government services and infrastructure such that existing and future developments can be served.

- Observations: The public would like to see long-range water and sewer infrastructure improvement plans and responses indicate strong support for the City to make sure the Police and Fire Departments have adequate facilities, training and equipment. Sharing of services between municipalities is also supported along with the need for a City vehicle fleet management plan. Prioritizing future street and sidewalk improvements with other City-planned projects and housing rehabilitation efforts also received significant support. A key observation from the comments is that the City should increase its use of renewable energy

and the Comprehensive Plan should include specific recommendations related to renewable energy and enhanced recycling efforts.

- Strategy 1: Continually evaluate options to reduce City costs while not reducing needed services or necessary infrastructure. [6]
 - Place solar on City buildings.
- Strategy 2: Aggressively seek opportunities to share and/or (when practical) consolidate services with surrounding communities to improve the quality of services and balance City fiscal commitments. [12]
 - Overcoming the incredible resistance to change is a major stumbling block.
- Strategy 3: Support the City's Police and Fire Departments in seeking grants to help fund new equipment upgrades, repairs, training and other needed items to ensure both departments have necessary resources. [18]
 - Existing City Hall facilities barely are adequate to meet the needs of these departments.
 - Add diversity and inclusivity training for police and other office workers.
- Strategy 4: Pursue Local Government Efficiency funding to assist in funding a feasibility study for a joint public safety building that would accommodate the City's Police Department, Court and Jail. [11]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 5: Prepare a City-wide vehicle fleet management plan. [13]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 6: Prioritize future street and sidewalk improvements with other City-planned projects and housing rehabilitation plans in partnership with local housing assistant organizations. [15]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 7: Continue to plan for and implement flood resiliency projects. [9]
 - No comments provided.
- Strategy 8: Prepare and implement a long-range water and sewer infrastructure improvement plan. [17]
 - Recommendation for the City to sell more water.
- Additional Comments:
 - The City should reimagine recycling to convert all plastic materials (#1-#7) to diesel fuel using a distillation process shown on the RENEWLOGY.COM website. This process could utilize an existing or future brownfield site and have the advantage of reducing fuel costs to the city over time. Alternatively, the City could work at the County level.
 - Create an opportunity to partner with the Dunkirk School District and other providers to recycle organic food waste materials into a usable compost or mulch product for free or low-cost resale to the public. Use of either an anaerobic biodigester or an open composting system could provide significant amounts of solid material as well as digester liquor that could be used as fertilizer. The biogas byproduct could theoretically power the system. The project could utilize an existing or future brownfield site.
 - Solar power field to add power supply/cut costs at wastewater treatment plant.

REDEVELOPMENT IDEAS

NRG POWER PLAN SITE:

Observation: A key observation based on comments provided is that the public is not seeking to maintain the facility for power generation or future industrial/manufacturing uses. Recreation, both public and private were popular recommendations, including maintaining the area as open space. Continuation of the walking/biking trail along the shoreline to connect Wright Park to Pt. Gratiot Park was recommended and demonstrates the importance of preserving public access to the shoreline for future recreational uses.

The following comments were provided:

- Any repurposing must be transformational – just as the power generating station was decades before.
- Continue future public discussion on redevelopment ideas and associated studies.
- No recommendations related to continued power generation or industry.
- Move forward with a feasibility study to determine future uses.
- Partner with SUNY Fredonia on an environmental strategy for Cedar Beach.
- Public Recreation:
 - Open Cedar Beach and include a refreshment area and workout stations.
 - Green space.
 - The City should acquire title to shoreline for a trail and public access in perpetuity.
 - Create a bike/walking path along the entire lakeshore to connect with Wright Park.
- Community center for destination weddings, receptions, meetings, with outdoor activities on the beach and in the Lake.
- Entertainment and tourism focus.
- Mimic Buffalo's Canal Side Efforts.
- Sports and Recreational facility:
 - Exercise facility.
 - YMCA-type facility.
 - Go-kart, mini-golf, amusement type facility.
 - Pond hockey rings.
 - Indoor/outdoor waterpark.
- Hotel/conference center
- Multi-use commercial/recreational facility to include meeting spaces and shopping.
- Extension of the lighthouse and museum. Additional museum ideas: History of power generation, the Great Lakes, military/maritime, War of 1812, and fire history.
- Residential/condos.
- Repurpose facility as a movie studio, an IMAX movie theater, visitor's center.
- There are environmental contamination concerns and NRG should be held responsible for cleanup.
- Demo facility and lure "premier global/national wind energy R&D."
- Comments for and against a casino.
- Juvenile facility – related to the court system.

BROOKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

Observation: Relocating City Hall, police, courts, the establishment of a public safety building, and maintaining some form of medical services at the hospital, including urgent care, were the most popular comments provided.

The following comments were provided:

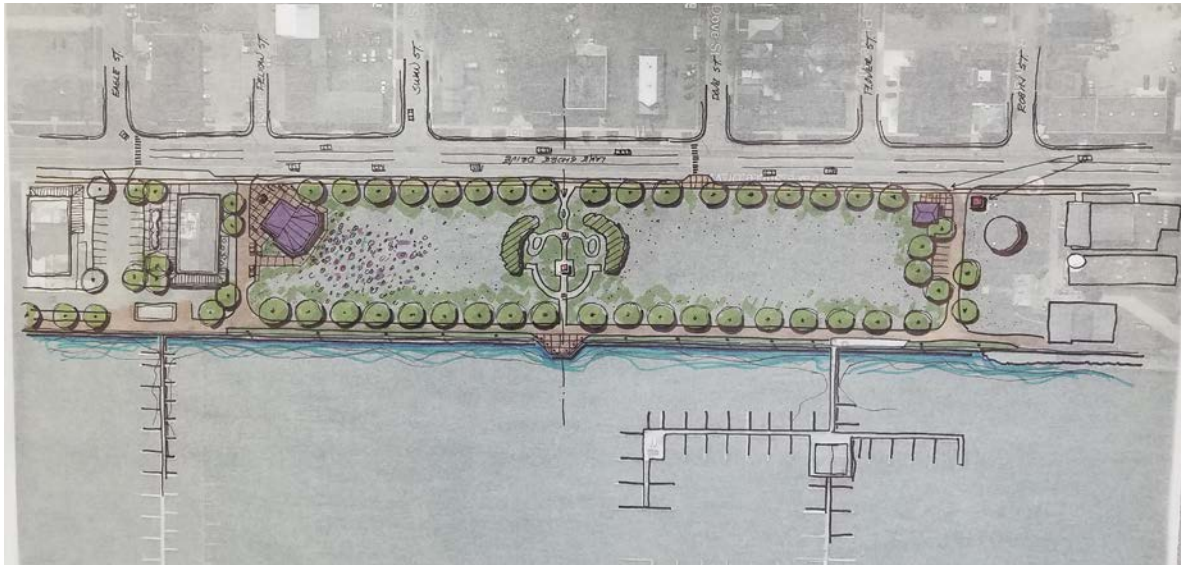
- Relocate City Hall, Police, Courts, and other Municipal Offices to the facility (convert City Hall into a museum). Convert a portion of the hospital into the joint public safety building.
- Build a new hospital on this site by either reuse of the building or constructing anew. Renovating or rebuilding current hospital instead of moving Brooks Memorial as this is a facility in close proximity of people that still need these services.
- Maintain some medical related uses: Urgent Care, use for other medical facilities/uses to include a dialysis center, radiology center, drug treatment center, mental health treatment, private physicians' offices, or the Chautauqua Center facilities or other "Medicaid" uses.
- Homeless shelter.
- Apartments, senior housing.
- Consider mixed uses with apartments on upper floors and retail/commercial uses on lower floors to include restaurants, recreation spaces, and a theater.
- Move Steger high-Rise apartments to the site and include small businesses on the ground floor.
- Current high-rise (Steger apts.) could be market rate housing/ condos.
- Create a senior living facility.
- Similar to Ithaca old school: Shops in rooms, restaurant if café, grocery co-op, farmers market in parking lot (summer) lobby (winter).
- Small stores.
- Artist space/studios. Arts center with strong community collaboration. Example – Glens Falls Shirt Factory: <https://dir.shirtfactorygf.com/>
- Use the arts to invigorate and mobilize the community.
- Child focused center including arts, recreation, education, and child trauma and neglect care treatment services. Could be a model world center to address these issues attracting leaders in the field to learn how Dunkirk addresses these issues. Collaborate with the CREATE Project.
- Remove current facility and build a central elementary school.
- Find a way to take advantage of both the nearby Middle and High Schools.
- Create a historical museum.
- Collaborate with High School and Middle School for reuses.
- Build up.
- Asbestos is a concern. Ensure Brooks is responsible for any asbestos abatement prior to any municipal/public use.

DESIGN SOLUTIONS

In addition to the Goals, Strategies and redevelopment ideas for the NRG and hospital sites, the public was asked to provide ideas for enhancing Memorial Park, the railroad underpasses and streetscapes.

Memorial Park

Based on comments received, there is very strong support for the creation of a permanent concert stage at Memorial Park and park-wide aesthetic and landscaping improvements, including to the area surrounding the war memorial. A revised park master plan concept will be prepared based on the input provided.



Draft Memorial Park Master Plan Concept

Railroad Underpass Enhancements

The public provided positive feedback on alternative designs for improving the various railroad underpasses including the use of colored LED lights to enhance the pedestrian and vehicle sections. A revised concept based on public input will be provided which could be used as a template for enhancing all of the underpasses in the City.



Railroad Underpass Enhancement Idea



Public Support of Examples of LED Lighting for Railroad Underpass

Streetscape Improvements

The City is looking to continue its focus on Downtown and improving the streetscape and pedestrian environment for parts of Maple St., Main St. and E. 4th Street, key gateways into Downtown and the waterfront from the Thruway.

ADDING STREET TREES TO 4th STREET

Looking west on 4th Street near intersection with Main Street and Ruggles Road



Existing Condition

Looking west on 4th Street near intersection with Park Avenue



Existing Conditions



With addition of street trees and tree grates



With addition of street trees and tree grates

Streetscape Enhancement Concepts for E. 4th Street

There is strong support for enhancing these corridors and improvement both pedestrian and bicycle safety and increasing the number of street trees throughout the City. Based on the input provided, streetscape and pedestrian improvement concepts and recommendations will be provided for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan Update.

GENERAL COMMENT BOX

A general comment box was provided that allowed the public to provide additional comments. They are listed below:

- Consider icing over walking paths to allow trail skating.
- Canoe/ Kayak Rental on Cedar Beach.
- Exercise/ Workout Stations on Lakefront Beaches.
- Better promotion of the Lighthouse Museum focusing on the importance in the City's history.
- Explore EXPO market like in Buffalo (across from Shea's).
- Needs to be more young-adult friendly jobs, entertainment, and recreation.
- Railroad excursion on old DAV and P-line Parallel to Central Ave. – have County buy the line.
- Maritime/ Fire History Museum-Dunkirk has rich history.
- Wineries, Breweries, Welcome Center.
- Do not change the City Pier to open space, benches and lighting is good, the City has many other parks, leave pier alone for fisherman and visitors.
- The Lighthouse Museum goes largely unnoticed by the public. It is not in a secluded location, but there should be some greater advertising because it represents a very important part of our City's history. Everyone interested in our community's history should stop by.
- Very limited opportunities for "young adult" and "teen" population. Many high school students main goal is to move out once they graduate. There needs to be more young adult-friendly jobs and entertainment/recreational attractions around the City.
- Build smaller houses for independent young adults graduating from High School as well as college students so that they have the ability to live on their own.
- On Brigham Road by overpass: Empty spot where old factory was removed – make Amtrak Station – make small station like Depew, small parking lot.
- Need legal team for tenants' rights.
- Create a downtown park across from City Hall with flowers, seating area, basketball courts, spot for food trucks and paint murals on walls.
- Hold a contest for metal art structure to be placed behind the Fredonia Incubator.