

# Implementation Strategy

## Summary of Recommended Actions Grouped by Time Frame

### Introduction

#### Year 1

The actions recommended for the first year relate to ongoing programs, issues of great significance to the communities and actions that can be easily implemented to generate momentum for the Comprehensive Plan. As plans for the redevelopment of the former Seneca Army Depot are currently underway, it is important for representatives from Fayette and Varick to participate in the process to ensure that their priorities are addressed (WPEQ 2 and TBED 6.) The Towns will work with appropriate agencies to discourage intensive livestock operations near the hamlets (AG 7/ H 5). Continuing communication with residents will also help to maintain support for implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The posting of newsletters on the County's website is an action that could be accomplished relatively easily (CFS 11).

#### Short-term (1-3 years)

Most of the actions recommended for years 1-3 address the need to revise zoning and subdivision regulations. (LU 1-6; WPEQ 5, 7, 8; AG 3-4; HRD 1, 2, 5, 6, 8; TBED 1; CFS 1; H 1).

Other recommended actions involve establishing local laws and procedures to license private schools and adult care facilities (CFS 13); Establish a 10 mph speed limit for boats within 500 feet of shoreline; Establish a local "right to farm" law (AG 1).

Encouraging training for local officials is recommended for planning board members (WPEQ 4) and highway department staff (WPEQ 15).

Other actions include: Establish guidelines for sensible deicing practices (WPEQ 18); Fund housing improvements in the hamlets of Fayette and Romulus (H 2); Establish a Capital Reserve Fund (TI 2);

#### Medium-term (4-5 years)

Actions recommended in years 4-5 may require more lead time and need to be deferred to allow time to complete the immediate and short-term priorities. Medium-term actions include:

- the adoption of local laws and programs such as Scenic Byway sign standards (TBED 8), specifications for roadways (TI 4) and a recognition program for historic buildings.
- construction of infrastructure and facilities such as erosion control structures (WPEQ 17), salt storage facilities (WPEQ 19 and CFS B.2); bicycle lanes along roadways (TI 6); fire hydrants on water transmission lines (CFS 9); Varick Town Hall and Highway Department Garage (CFS B.1);
- Planning for major capital improvements, including the establishment of a Capital Improvement Plan (TI 1), studies for the extension of sewer service along Cayuga and Seneca Lakes (WPEQ 13)

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- Providing information to residents and local officials about protecting historic resources (HR 2, 3, 4, 5)
- Encouraging County action to revise the sanitary code (WPEQ 12); plan for regional stormwater management (TI 5); and establish an agricultural economic development program (TBED 5).

### **Long-term Actions (Years 6-10)**

Longer term actions include the continuation of projects begun in the medium-term, including the preparation of an open space index by the Conservation Advisory Council (WPEQ 1); extend sewer service along the lakeshores (WPEQ 13); control erosion and sedimentation (WPEQ 17), construct salt storage facilities (WPEQ 17, CFS A.1. and CFS B.2); construct bicycle lanes (TI 6); construct Varick Town Hall and Highway Garage (CFS B.1) as well as obtaining funding to replace drainage ditches in the Hamlet of Romulus with culverts (H 4).

### **Ongoing**

Ongoing actions address programs that are currently underway at the local, county or regional level as well as the continuation of programs recommended as Immediate, Short-term or Medium-term actions. These include:

- Administer and enforce provisions of zoning, subdivision regulations and other local laws that address erosion control (WPEQ 5); water quality (WPEQ 8); requiring buffers as part of new development (AG 6, HRD 4); administer “right to farm” provisions (AG 1);
- Continue to participate in regional organizations for water quality protection (WPEQ 3, 4);
- Work with County and regional agencies on on-going programs such as erosion control (WPEQ 6, 9, 16), sanitary sewer inspections (WPEQ 12); agricultural economic development (AF 4, TBED 5); purchase of development rights to farmland (AG 2); livestock operations (AG 7/H5, AG 8); redevelopment of the former Seneca Army Depot (TBED 6); and posting information on the County’s website (CFS 11).
- Maintain a Capital Improvement Plan (TI 1).
- Continue efforts to provide public water service to the Hamlet of Fayette and Boody’s Hill (TI A.1/H3), Route 89 (TI B.1) and elsewhere as needed and feasible (CFS 6).
- Manage and maintain infrastructure such as fire hydrants (CFS 8), watermains (CFS 7)
- Encourage participation in existing programs to support business development (TBED 3, TBED 2);
- Work with private organizations and businesses to extend broadband internet service (TBED 7) and discourage livestock operations from interfering with residential quality of life (AG 7, AG 8/H 5),
- Work with residents and neighborhood associations to improve private roads (CFS 10), make private ponds available for fire protection (CFS 5); install visible house numbers (CFS 4); increase the number of fire department members (CFS 3); and provide information about historic preservation (HR 3, 4)
- Provide ongoing training to local officials on topics such as highway maintenance (WPEQ 15; CFS 15), historic resources (HR 5).

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### **Immediate (within one year)**

- WPEQ 2      Incorporate protection of the white deer herd into redevelopment plans for the former Seneca Army Depot. *(Also Ongoing)*  
*Responsible Agency:*      Seneca County Industrial Development
- AG 6              When residential subdivisions are proposed that abut active farmland, require effective buffers to be incorporated into the subdivision design.  
*Responsible Agency:*      Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards
- AG 7  
H 5              Work with government agencies and farm support businesses to encourage farmers to site intensive livestock operations away from concentrations of residences and to consider the input of the County Agricultural Enhancement Board before developing location and site plans.  
*Responsible Agency:*      Town Boards, Town Planning Boards, Seneca County Agricultural Enhancement Board, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Seneca County Farm Bureau, Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation District *(Also Ongoing)*
- TBED 6          Encourage the Seneca County Industrial Development Agency (SCIDA) to redevelop the former Seneca Army Depot with innovative uses that are compatible with and enhance the character of the community.  
*Responsible Agency:*      Town Boards with Assistance of Town Planning Boards
- TI 8              Work with NYS Department of Transportation and Seneca County to reduce traffic speeds and improve the safety of pedestrians in areas along NYS Route 89 and East Lake Road that have high concentrations of residences and pedestrian activity.  
*Responsible Agency:*      Town Boards; NYS DOT; Seneca County
- CFS 11          Work with Seneca County Department of Information Technology to arrange for the posting of periodic Town newsletters on the County's Internet website and publicize the website to town residents.  
*Responsible Agency:*      Town Board designee

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### **Short Term (1-3 years)**

- LU 1      Establish zoning district regulations for Hamlets, as depicted on the Future Land Use Map, that provide for lot sizes and setbacks that are consistent with historic development patterns and that accommodate an appropriate mix of residential uses and small businesses.  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards
- LU 2      Establish zoning district regulations for lakeshore properties, as depicted on the Future Land Use Map that incorporate setbacks from the high water mark, maximum coverage of lots with impervious surfaces and height of buildings.  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards
- LU 3      Prepare a list of business, industrial and institutional uses that would be appropriate in the Agricultural Rural Residential, Hamlet, and Lakeshore districts and establish criteria for approving special use permits for these uses.  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards
- LU 4      Establish zoning district boundaries and development guidelines to accommodate the redevelopment of the former Army Depot.  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards
- LU 5      Revise subdivision regulations to require Planning Board review for division of land into two or more lots.  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards and/or consultant
- LU 6      I. Revise the zoning regulations in the Towns of Fayette and Varick to address the following:
- a. Establish special use permit standards and clarify the procedures for the review of special use permits for all uses other than single and two-family residential and agricultural uses.
  - b. Establish guidelines and standards for the review of site plans
  - c. Establish regulations for adult entertainment uses in order to prevent the siting of such uses near residences and community facilities. Require operators of these businesses to be licensed by the Towns.
  - d. Establish regulations for the siting of fences in order to prevent claims of adverse possession.
  - e. Provide standards and procedures to accommodate the establishment of businesses in conjunction with residential and/or agricultural uses.

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- LU 6  
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- f. Incorporate setbacks from streams for new construction in order to minimize erosion and sedimentation.
  - g. Establish criteria and procedures for reviewing private schools and adult care facilities and notify the local fire departments when such facilities are sited in the Towns.
- Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards
- WPEQ 1 Establish a Conservation Advisory Committee.
- Responsible Agency:* Town Boards responsible for establishing Committee Conservation Advisory Committee with assistance of a consultant responsible for preparing Open Space Index
- WPEQ 4 Encourage Town planning board members to attend regional training sessions on on-site wastewater management and the municipal regulation of stormwater management and erosion control. *(Also Ongoing)*
- Responsible Agency:* Town Boards and Town Planning Boards
- WPEQ 5 Require strict erosion and sedimentation control measures as a condition of subdivision and site plan approval, particularly in areas with steep slopes. Ensure that such measures are constructed as planned. Consider enacting a local Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance. *(Also Ongoing)*
- Responsible Agency:* Town Boards to enact ordinance Town Zoning Officer responsible for enforcement
- WPEQ 7 Revise zoning regulations to establish building setbacks from streams and/or require the maintenance of a vegetated buffer within designated stream corridors.
- Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards
- WPEQ 8 As part of site plan and subdivision review, require development designs that minimize impacts of new development on water quality. Such requirements should include:
- prohibit the discharge of stormwater to wetland areas without prior treatment such as vegetated filter strips;
  - maintain the volume of runoff at predevelopment levels by using structural controls and pollution prevention strategies;
  - maintain provisions in zoning and subdivision regulations that prohibit development in areas subject to flooding. *(Also Ongoing)*
- Responsible Agency:* Town Planning Boards

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### **Short Term (1-3 years) (continued)**

- WPEQ 10     Revise zoning regulations to limit the percentage of a lot, especially along the lakeshore, that may be built upon or covered with an impervious surface.  
*Responsible Agency:*     Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards and consultant
- WPEQ 14     Work with private organizations to increase public awareness about watershed protection. Distribute information to lakeshore property owners regarding the maintenance of on-site waste disposal systems, stormwater management, protecting water quality from household, lawn and garden chemicals and the need to control litter and pet waste. (also Ongoing)  
*Responsible Agency:*     Zoning Officer
- WPEQ 15     Encourage Town Highway Department personnel to attend training sponsored by Cornell University on road construction and maintenance, erosion control and road deicing practices. (Also Ongoing)  
*Responsible Agency:*     \$100 per workshop plus travel for Annual School for Highway Superintendents; \$10 plus travel for Cornell Local Roads Program workshops
- WPEQ 18     Utilize deicing materials judiciously to minimize their impact on Cayuga and Seneca Lakes and their tributaries. Develop guidelines and implement sensible deicing procedures. Use sensible material application procedure (e.g. intersections, posting of signs, driver education).  
*Responsible Agency:*     Town Highway Departments
- AG 1             Establish a local “right to farm” law and designate a committee to address grievances. Such a committee may be a subcommittee of the Planning board with at least one farmer and one non-farmer. (*Appointment of committee . Also Ongoing*)  
*Responsible Agency:*     Town Boards to appoint committee  
   Committee to arbitrate grievances
- AG 3             Revise zoning regulations to permit farm-related businesses, such as farm markets and craft manufacturing, to be established on farm property in conjunction with agricultural operations.  
*Responsible Agency:*     Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards and consultant
- AG 4             Revise zoning regulations to require a permit for intensive livestock operations. The permit would require that applicants provide the town with copies of materials submitted to the NYS DEC under CAFO regulations.  
*Responsible Agency:*     Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards

**Short Term (1-3 years) (continued)**

- AG 9 Encourage the Seneca County Board of Supervisors to charge the Seneca County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Committee to assist local governments and local planning boards and zoning boards of appeal in mediating conflicts between agricultural operations and residential neighbors.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards
- HRD 1 Establish zoning district regulations for Hamlets, as depicted on the Future Land Use Map, that provide for lot sizes and setbacks that are consistent with historic development patterns and that accommodate an appropriate mix of residential uses and small businesses. (See also LU-1)  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards
- HRD 2 Establish zoning district regulations for lakeshore properties, as depicted on the Future Land Use Map that incorporate setbacks from the high water mark, maximum coverage of lots with impervious surfaces and height of buildings.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards
- HRD 5 Revise zoning regulations to encourage and permit residential developments that preserve open space and natural features.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards
- HRD 6 Incorporate standards for property maintenance regulations into the Town's land use (zoning) regulations thereby giving the Towns' Code Enforcement Officers the authority and responsibility for ensuring properties in the Towns are appropriately maintained.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards
- HRD 7 Establish a speed limit of 10 mph for boats traveling within 500 feet of the lakeshore.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards
- HRD 8 Revise subdivision regulations to require Planning Board review for division of land into two or more lots. (See also LU-5).  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of the Town Planning Boards
- TBED 1 Develop and enact zoning regulations that permit home-based businesses as accessory uses on farms and in residential areas of the type and scale that are compatible with farming and with residential neighborhoods. Incorporate buffering requirements in the regulations to obviate potential adverse impacts such businesses could potentially have on adjoining properties.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards and consultant

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### **Short Term (1-3 years) (continued)**

- TBED 4 Encourage local farmers to utilize the Community and Rural Development Institute (CaRDI) “toolbox” strategies for making their farms more profitable.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards and Town Planning Boards
- TI 2 Establish and maintain a Capital Reserve Fund for accumulating funds to pay for the cost of future capital projects and appropriate funds annually to the Capital Reserve Fund.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards
- TI 4 Extend municipal water service to the Hamlet of Fayette and pursue Federal and State grants and low-interest loans to fund and finance the project.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of grant writing consultant
- TI A.1. Extend municipal water service to the Boody’s Hill area and pursue Federal and State grants and low-interest loans to fund and finance the project.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of grant writing consultant
- TI B.1. Extend municipal water service along Route 89 south from the Town of Fayette and pursue Federal and State grants and low-interest loans to fund and finance the project.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of grant writing consultant
- CFS 1 Consider incorporating property maintenance regulations into the Towns’ land use (zoning) regulations thereby giving the Towns’ Code Enforcement Officers the authority and responsibility for ensuring properties in the Towns are appropriately maintained.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards and consultant
- CFS 2 Provide sufficient resources to code enforcement and consider shared staffing for code enforcement (similar to the arrangement to share a full-time assessor between the Towns of Fayette and Seneca Falls).  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards
- CFS 12 Designate a Town official or employee to have responsibility for periodically publishing a Town newsletter. Such responsibilities will include obtaining articles from department heads and other Town officials for incorporation into the newsletter, editing the newsletter, making arrangements for printing and distributing the newsletter and for placing the newsletter on the Town link of the Seneca County website. *(Also Ongoing)*  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Board responsible to designate Town official responsible for preparing newsletters



**Short Term (1-3 years) (continued)**

CFS 13      Require licensing of private schools and adult home care facilities so that information regarding the number of students attending each school and number of adults residing in each home care facility can be provided to the Seneca County Emergency Services Office for distribution to the fire departments in Seneca County.

*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards

CFS 14      Support regional programs to develop off-road hiking and biking trails and the establishment of bicycle lanes along existing roads.

*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards

H 1          Establish zoning district regulations for Hamlets, as depicted on the Future Land Use Map, that provide for lot sizes and setbacks that are consistent with historic development patterns and that accommodate an appropriate mix of residential uses and small businesses. (See also LU-1).

*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards

H 2          Pursue funding for housing improvements within target areas in the Hamlets of Fayette and Romulus.

*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards

**Medium-Term (4-5 years)**

- WPEQ 12    Encourage Seneca County to revise its sanitary code to require periodic inspections of septic systems within 500 feet of Cayuga and Seneca Lakes and within 150 feet of tributaries, and to require substandard systems to install holding tanks until systems can be brought into compliance. *(Also Ongoing)*  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards to lobby Seneca County
- WPEQ 13    Seek funding and conduct the necessary studies to extend sewer service to additional properties along the shores of Cayuga and Seneca Lakes. *(Also Long-term (6-10 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards
- WPEQ 17    Install structural measures to control erosion and sedimentation along steep roads, roadbanks and high flow ditches. *(Also Long-term (6-10 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Highway Departments
- WPEQ 19    Construct a covered storage facility and maintain an impermeable surface to store road salt. (Town of Fayette only). Construct a containment area adjacent to the existing storage facility to mix and load deicing materials. *(Also Long-term (6-10 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards
- TBED 5      Encourage the Seneca County Board of Supervisors to develop and pursue an agricultural-based economic development program in Seneca County and to create an Economic Development Coordinator position to administer and coordinate the program. *(Also Ongoing there after)*  
*Responsible Agency:*    Seneca County Board of Supervisors with prompting of Town Boards
- TBED 8      Adopt Scenic Byway sign design standards to regulate signage along the Cayuga Scenic Byway.  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards
- TI I         Establish and maintain a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to plan for the future rehabilitation of existing infrastructure and construction of new infrastructure improvements. *(Also Ongoing)*  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards



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### **Medium-Term (4-5 years) *(continued)***

- HR 3      Distribute pamphlets and sponsor workshops that provide suggestions for appropriate exterior treatments of historical buildings and appropriate landscaping. *(Also Ongoing)*  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards, Town Planning Boards and Zoning Officer to pamphlets; Town Planning Boards to sponsor workshops
- HR 4      Provide information to owners of historic buildings and properties regarding grant programs. *(Also Ongoing)*  
*Responsible Agency:*    Youth sports organizations with encouragement of Town and Village Boards
- HR 5      Provide information and training to the Town Code Enforcement Officers and the Planning Boards in the recognition and preservation of historic resources in the Towns. *(Also Ongoing)*  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards

**Long-Term (6-10 years)**

- WPEQ I Prepare an Open Space Index that maps specific resources to protect, including high quality farmland, wildlife corridors, viewsheds and sensitive natural areas. Seek grant funding to support the preparation of an Open Space Index.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards responsible for establishing Committee Conservation Advisory Committee with assistance of a consultant responsible for preparing Open Space Index
- WPEQ II Prepare a regional stormwater management strategy.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards
- WPEQ 13 Seek funding and conduct the necessary studies to extend sewer service to additional properties along the shores of Cayuga and Seneca Lakes. *(Also Medium-term (4-5 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards
- WPEQ 17 Install structural measures to control erosion and sedimentation along steep roads, roadbanks and high flow ditches. *(Also Medium term (4-5 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Highway Departments
- WPEQ 19 Construct a covered storage facility and maintain an impermeable surface to store road salt. (Town of Fayette only). Construct a containment area adjacent to the existing storage facility to mix and load deicing materials. *(Also Medium-term (4-5 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards
- TI 5 Encourage Seneca County to initiate and develop a regional stormwater management plan, to oversee the implementation of the plan, and to coordinate among governmental jurisdictions. *(Also Medium-term (4-5 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:* Seneca County Legislator with encouragement of Town Boards
- TI 6 Widen Town roadways and construct bicycle lanes along the shoulders of the roadways. Encourage Seneca County to widen County roadways and construct bicycle lanes along the shoulders of County roadways. *(Also Medium –term (4-5 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards responsible for Town roads and to encourage Seneca County to construct bicycle lanes
- CFS A.I. Construct a salt-storage facility for the Fayette Highway Department. Pursue grant funding to assist with the cost of construction.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of grant writing consultant
- CFS B.I. Construct a new Varick Town Hall and Highway Department Garage. Pursue low-interest loan to finance the cost of construction. *(Also Medium-term (4-5 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards

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### **Long-Term (6-10 years) *(continued)***

CFS B.2. Construct a salt-storage facility for the Varick Highway Department. Pursue grant funding to assist with the cost of construction. *(Also Medium-term (4-5 years))*

*Responsible Agency:*

H 4 Obtain funding to replace the drainage ditches in the Hamlet of Romulus with culverts.

*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards

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### **Ongoing**

WPEQ 2 Incorporate protection of the white deer herd into redevelopment plans for the former Seneca Army Depot. *(Also Immediate (within 1 year))*

*Responsible Agency:* Seneca County Industrial Development Agency

WPEQ 3 Continue to participate in the Intermunicipal Organization for Cayuga Lake and the Seneca County SLAP-5.

*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards responsible for appointing Town representative

WPEQ 4 Encourage Town planning board members to attend regional training sessions on on-site wastewater management and the municipal regulation of stormwater management and erosion control. *(Also Short-term (1-3 years))*

*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards and Town Planning Boards

WPEQ 5 Require strict erosion and sedimentation control measures as a condition of subdivision and site plan approval, particularly in areas with steep slopes. Ensure that such measures are constructed as planned. Consider enacting a local Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance. *(Also Short-term (1-3 years))*

*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards to enact ordinance Town Zoning Officer responsible for enforcement

WPEQ 6 Work with the Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation District and other organizations to assist in the restoration of stream corridors and the design and implementation of erosion and sedimentation control measures.

*Responsible Agency:*

WPEQ 8 As part of site plan and subdivision review, require development designs that minimize impacts of new development on water quality. Such requirements should include:

- prohibit the discharge of stormwater to wetland areas without prior treatment such as vegetated filter strips;
- maintain the volume of runoff at predevelopment levels by using structural controls and pollution prevention strategies;
- maintain provisions in zoning and subdivision regulations that prohibit development in areas subject to flooding. *(Also Short-term (1-3 years))*

*Responsible Agency:* Town Planning Boards

WPEQ 9 Work with the Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to encourage farmland owners to install conservation practices that reduce runoff from agricultural land.

*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards, Town Planning Boards, SWCD, NRCS

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### **Ongoing (continued)**

- WPEQ 12 Encourage Seneca County to revise its sanitary code to require periodic inspections of septic systems within 500 feet of Cayuga and Seneca Lakes and within 150 feet of tributaries, and to require substandard systems to install holding tanks until systems can be brought into compliance.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards to lobby Seneca County
- WPEQ 14 Work with private organizations to increase public awareness about watershed protection. Distribute information to lakeshore property owners regarding the maintenance of on-site waste disposal systems, stormwater management, protecting water quality from household, lawn and garden chemicals and the need to control litter and pet waste. *(Also Short-term (1-3 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:* Zoning Officer
- WPEQ 15 Encourage Town Highway Department personnel to attend training sponsored by Cornell University on road construction and maintenance, erosion control and road deicing practices. *(Also Short-term (1-3 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:* \$100 per workshop plus travel for Annual School for Highway Superintendents; \$10 plus travel for Cornell Local Roads Program workshops
- WPEQ 16 Work with the Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation District to hydroseed and mulch eroded roadside drainage swales.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards and Town Highway Departments
- AG 1 Establish a local “right to farm” law and designate a committee to address grievances. Such a committee may be a subcommittee of the Planning board with at least one farmer and one non-farmer. *(Arbitrating grievances; also Short-term (1-3 years) – appointment of committee)*  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards to appoint committee  
Committee to arbitrate grievance
- AG 2 Work with landowners and private land trusts to acquire the development rights to large areas of farmland. Focus on land along the lakeshores and with lake views.  
*Responsible Agency:* Private land trusts with assistance of Town Boards
- AG 5 Work with County and State economic development agencies to attract and retain agricultural support businesses.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards
- AG 6 When residential subdivisions are proposed that abut active farmland, require effective buffers to be incorporated into the subdivision design. *(Also Immediate)*  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards



**Ongoing (continued)**

- AG 7 Work with government agencies and farm support businesses to encourage farmers to site intensive livestock operations away from concentrations of residences and to consider the input of the County Agricultural Enhancement Board before developing location and site plans. *(Also Immediate)*  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards, Town Planning Boards, Seneca County Agricultural Enhancement Board, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Seneca County Farm Bureau, Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation District
- AG 8 Encourage farm managers and their consultants to address odors and consider potential impacts on residential neighbors when making decisions about siting intensive livestock operations.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards, Town Planning Boards, Seneca County Agricultural Enhancement Board, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Seneca County Farm Bureau, Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation District
- HRD 3 Maintain zoning provisions that accommodate the construction of various types of residential dwellings.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards
- HRD 4 As part of development reviews, require adequate buffering, i.e., separation distance and/or visual screening.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards
- TBED 2 Continue to provide Real Property Tax Law Section 495-b tax exemptions for commercial and industrial renovations and new construction that meet the eligibility requirements.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards
- TBED 3 Encourage local farmers, business owners and residents starting new businesses to avail themselves of the various financing and tax benefits available through the Seneca County Industrial Development Agency.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards and Town Planning Boards
- TBED 5 Encourage the Seneca County Board of Supervisors to develop and pursue an agricultural-based economic development program in Seneca County and to create an Economic Development Coordinator position to administer and coordinate the program. *(There after and also Medium-term (4-5 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:* Seneca County Board of Supervisors with prompting of Town Boards

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### **Ongoing (continued)**

- TBED 6 Encourage the Seneca County Industrial Development Agency (SCIDA) to redevelop the former Seneca Army Depot with innovative uses that are compatible with and enhance the character of the community. *(Also Immediate)*  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of Town Planning Boards
- TBED 7 Encourage telecommunications companies and Internet service providers to make broadband Internet service available throughout the Towns of Fayette and Varick.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards and Town Planning Boards
- TI 1 Establish and maintain a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to plan for the future rehabilitation of existing infrastructure and construction of new infrastructure improvements. *(Also Medium-term (4-5 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards
- TI 3 Pursue State and federal grant funds and low-interest loans to pay for the cost of constructing capital projects.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of grant writing consultant
- TI A.1. Continue efforts to extend municipal water service to the Hamlet of Fayette and the Boody's Hill area and pursue Federal and State grants and low-interest loans to fund and finance the project.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of grant writing consultant
- TI B.1. Continue efforts to extend municipal water service south along Route 89 from the Town of Fayette.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards with assistance of grant writing consultant
- CFS 3 Encourage Town residents to join the various fire departments serving the Towns and to volunteer their time and effort to keep the fire departments viable.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards
- CFS 4 Encourage residents to install signs with reflective, house numbers near the road rights-of-way to make it easier and quicker for emergency services to locate property addresses. .  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards, Town Planning Boards, Zoning Officer
- CFS 5 Encourage property owners located in areas not served with public water who have ponds on their properties to permit the fire departments to install dry hydrants in the ponds to increase available water supply for fire emergencies.  
*Responsible Agency:* Town Boards

**Ongoing (continued)**

- CFS 6      Expand the public water system to areas not served when it is cost-effective to do so in order to improve fire protection in these areas. Pursue grants and low-interest loans to make such projects more affordable  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards
- CFS 7      Ensure that whenever new watermains are constructed they are interconnected with each other and existing watermains to the extent feasible in order to improve fire flows.  
*Responsible Agency:*    Ongoing as watermains are constructed
- CFS 8      Maintain all fire hydrants on existing public water systems in fully operational condition.  
*Responsible Agency:*    Waterloo Water Department under contract with Town
- CFS 10     Encourage the owners of private roads that serve lakefront properties to widen and improve the roads to provide better access for emergency vehicles. Establish minimum standards for the future construction of private access roads.  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards, Town Planning and Zoning Officer to encourage property owners Highway Superintendent with assistance of consulting engineer to develop minimum standards
- CFS 11     Work with Seneca County Department of Information Technology to arrange for the posting of periodic Town newsletters on the County’s Internet website and publicize the website to town residents. *(Also Immediate (within 1 year))*  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Board designee
- CFS 12     Designate a Town official or employee to have responsibility for periodically publishing a Town newsletter. Such responsibilities will include obtaining articles from department heads and other Town officials for incorporation into the newsletter, editing the newsletter, making arrangements for printing and distributing the newsletter and for placing the newsletter on the Town link of the Seneca County website. *(Also Short-term (1-3 years))*  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards responsible to designate Town official Town official responsible for preparing newsletters
- CFS 15     Provide educational materials and training to elected and appointed officials to assist them in executing their duties.  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards
- HR 1      Continue to support the Town Historians and the work of local historical societies.  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards; local foundations; local historical societies
- HR 2      Establish a recognition program for privately owned historic buildings that retain their historic character. *(Also Ongoing)*  
*Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards

## **Recommended Actions by Time Frame**

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### **Ongoing (continued)**

- HR 3      Distribute pamphlets and sponsor workshops that provide suggestions for appropriate exterior treatments of historical buildings and appropriate landscaping. (*Also Medium-term 4-5 years*)
- Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards, Town Planning Boards and Zoning Officer to pamphlets; Town Planning Boards to sponsor workshops in collaboration with historical societies
- HR 4      Provide information to owners of historic buildings and properties regarding grant programs. (*Also Medium-term (4-5 years)*)
- Responsible Agency:*    Youth sports organizations with encouragement of Town and Village Boards
- HR 5      Provide information and training to the Town Code Enforcement Officers and the Planning Boards in the recognition and preservation of historic resources in the Towns. (*Also Medium-term 4-5 years*)
- Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards
- H 3        Extend public water service to the Hamlet of Fayette and surrounding areas and to the Boody's Hill area.
- Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards with assistance of grant writing consultant
- H 5        Work with government agencies and farm support businesses to encourage farmers to site intensive livestock operations away from concentrations of residences and to consider the input of the County Agricultural Enhancement Board before developing location and site plans. (*See also AG-7*) (*Also Immediate*)
- Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards, Town Planning Boards, Seneca County Agricultural Enhancement Board, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Seneca County Farm Bureau, Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation District
- H 6        Encourage farm managers and their consultants to address odors and consider potential impacts on residential neighbors when making decisions about the siting and management of intensive livestock operations. (*See also AG-8*)
- Responsible Agency:*    Town Boards, Town Planning Boards, Seneca County Agricultural Enhancement Board, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Seneca County Farm Bureau, Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation District