

VILLAGE OF FAYETTEVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

(in no particular order)

Over the years I have lived in Dewitt, Lafayette and Cazenovia as well as Fayetteville (by-far) has the most to offer. Its residents are polite, intelligent and civic minded. (For the most part.)

Do something about McIntyre Paper property – an eyesore still. Go ahead with the Syracuse Plastics plan- much better than an empty decaying factory. Update meetings with minutes page on website more frequently.

Communication through the mayor's letter is very good!

The village needs to enforce the law on speeding on E. Genesee (most drivers are going well over 30 mph (40-45) and on Burdick St. Also 75% and up do not stop at 4-way stops in my area (southwest). Another "how to" reinforce is dog-owners needing to "pick up" after their dogs. Sidewalks, lawns, are a "mess"! Lastly, I feel that street cleaner's noise level is way above what it should be and doesn't need to be used at all, much less up and down the street 4-6 times. It's a waste of gas and peace and quiet!

Fayetteville is, in my opinion an attractive, comfortable village to live in. Public Works Dept. does a good job, especially in the winter with snow removal.

Need more code enforcement of rented properties year round, pedestrian crossing walks, noise pollution control (loud music in summer), "shuttle Bus" in village needed.

I think the Village of Fayetteville is one of the nicest places to live in the whole country.

I would like to see a blending of services among the small villages of the Manlius Township in order to save social security, equipment and over-lapping of "municipal services". "Cheaper by the Dozen" to save money, time and personal requirements.

See attached copies of my letters of concern from August 2004 and January 2005. Not much has improved here since then. In fact, when the local schools dismiss for the day around 3:00-4:00 pm, the traffic at the Friendly's intersection is now also a nightmare for drivers/motorists. I hope our comprehensive plan will include a sincere desire to maintain the peaceful character of our village by actively and aggressively looking at various options for traffic patterns through the village and perhaps enlisting the expertise of the DOT and the political clout of our villagers.

The part of the village I live in is safe and convenient for walkers because we have sidewalks – this is not true village wide. The appearance of the village, especially the triangle porch area, would be enhanced if a way could be found to place the utility lines underground. DPW does an excellent job. *Please* protect the character of our village by drawing a comprehensive plan that will not allow NYSDOT to widen Genesee or Manlius Street. This is a good questionnaire. I commend your work.

We feel that for the amount of taxes we are paying, the quality of life is deteriorating. Tired of seeing junk, unkept properties, main homes on Rt 5 falling apart, etc. The harder we try to maintain our property, the worse this area seems to get, especially on the east side of Rt. 5 (Library Side) There is no enforcement, Why bother to have codes or laws at all? We are tired of looking out our backyard at unkept properties; we should not have to put up a fence in order not to see other peoples crap. All the Fayetteville Villages dept's do a fantastic job. The DPW is wonderful! But the Town of Manlius assessor and codes seem to be lost forever. We pay taxes to Manlius, but don't receive the services and are tired of having to try so hard to be heard. Great survey.

### Ideas:

1. No yard parking signs: Why can't the village homeowners have some abilities in helping to enforce codes? Could residents be given a certain amount of say, "flyers" with village logo etc...and when one sees yard parking, can leave the flyer on the windshield. The resident then documents which houses were in violation. Every time a flyer is given they must do that in order to receive more flyers. Just a thought. There has to be a way a resident can help with this process other than complaining to codes.
2. Police enforcement: can police instead of zoning enforce yard parking? Should people, after repeat violations be ticketed? They are for illegal street parking.
3. Speed bumps: Some streets, even with stop signs, are fast. Washington Street is one, among many, as people use it as a "cut-through" from the school. There are times when nobody even stops at the stop sign at Washington and Orchard. Could some heavily driven "cut through" roads have some sort of speed bumps removable for plowing? Something to slow people down? A lot of side streets are used so people can avoid driving through the village during rush hour.

Property and schools are forcing me to move. My street has been torn up by The Village of Fayetteville snowplows. DPW has not come to repair anything. My street would turn away any new homebuyer, it is a disgrace! We have called

DPW 2 years ago; they said they would get around to it. So far, nothing has been done. I refer to Whispering Stream Way. Where is my tax money going?

All the new beer/cigarette signs in the window of Hullers, Hess and Kirby's scream "prohibited signs" per our code and should be removed. They detract from the millions of dollars spent on the village hall and park. Accordingly, no variances should be granted for art of these neon signs, as they serve no purpose other than advertising products. Please enforce sign ordinance!

Residential Guidelines can be very restrictive or only suggested guidelines. I would have to know more precisely what you mean. I think the police, fire and medical services are very adequate but I don't really know any facts to back up my feeling. I will walk or use my automobile, depending on the weather, load and time.

Can anything further be done to make Beard Pond fresh and useful for fishing etc. as in the days past?

Late last fall, last winter, then spring, 40 plus cars line up on Franklin Street going west and east around 3:20 pm waiting to pick up kids and sometimes causing traffic to back up on the FM Road. Franklin became so congested that this spring that cars began to gather on Lincoln Ave parking between "No parking signs" and continually using our driveway at 505 Lincoln Ave to turn around. If this is the case at Wellwood what is happening at Enders Rd and Mott Rd and what kind of a message is this bringing to kids about energy usage, pollution etc? Also I notice it's the same parents that do this on a daily basis.

I was unable to attend the meeting this evening, as I cannot find a babysitter, I really wanted to be there. I thought I would like to share my concerns, as if I was able to attend the meeting

1. Fayetteville needs its own codes/nuisance officer. I have repeatedly banged my head against a wall waiting for, at times weeks, if not a month, for violations to be corrected by the Towns Officer. Their office is stretched way too thinly, and their ability to enforce even the smallest code violation, once notified, is terrible. I never can get a straight answer from that office, so I am getting to the point of "why bother at all, nobody cares." I would gladly pay for our own code enforcer.
2. Lawn parking, junk in backyards, blue tarps on roofs for years, etc.... Again, code issues.
3. People refusing to pick up after their pets, who litter the sidewalks,.
4. Buildings, such as rentals on Chapel, across from the village nursery school, in such despair. I cannot believe tenants are allowed to live there. Some of these rentals look as if they belong in downtown Syracuse.
5. Condemned Buildings, i.e....Washington Street, near the park. This house has been condemned for almost a year, the roof is collapsing, and yet it continues to stand. The one next to it has been abandoned for almost one year. That house is starting to fall apart as well.
6. Street parking, specifically persons parking directly behind driveways on narrow roads. At times, especially during the winter, it is IMPOSSIBLE to maneuver out of ones' driveway. If the street is only 20 feet wide, and you have a 16-foot pick up truck, well, you can do the math. We have already backed into a vehicle parked behind us.
7. The number of parked cars in a driveway, and makeshift "mud" driveways. There are times when we look out our windows, and all we see is metal.
8. Zoning of two families residential. There seem to be many homes that are zoned two family, even though the homes are 2000 Sq. feet or less. Our neighborhood not only rents out the basement and the bedrooms, but also runs a beauty shop out of the house where cars come and go. How is it possible to be zoned R4 in the village, live in your home while renting it out, run a shop from your home and park 7 cars in a makeshift driveway??? Is that the future of Fayetteville? I seem to see more and more village home rentals all the time. I have no problems with renting or businesses, but there has to be a limit as to how much ONE house can be used for. It destroys the quality of life for others.
9. Going after landlords who do not maintain their properties. The fines should be high enough that it would deter slumlords. There are several rental properties in the village that need exterior repair, i.e.; rock walls crumbling, siding falling off, shutters ripped in half, etc.
10. Enforcing completion of exterior remodel jobs. There are homes in the village who have ripped off window trim, soffets, etc., and never completed the job. These homes have looked like this since I have moved in.
11. Junk piles of stuff, covered with tarps. Do we really need to keep that used toilet, old plow or broken chairs in our backyards for all to see, or better yet, in our side yards under a giant blue tarp, or no tarp? When you ask the codes office about this, they tell you, "as long as it's contained, "but are not able to give you the uniform standard definition of what contained is.
12. It is almost pointless to file a complaint to the town codes, for nothing ever gets done. The process is AGONIZING. The village of Fayetteville is a wonderful place to love, and we enjoy it for the most part. I am still glad we live here. It frustrates us, however, to see many properties so junked up. I understand not having the financial ability to take care of some items, but it's frustrating, and I feel, takes away from the potential this village has to really become unique, and very, very quaint.

I would like to see a NEW Fayetteville Hotel where the old one used to be. What an asset that would be for the village! I had many great times at that old hotel. I would also like sidewalks on every street.

Sidewalks need to be extended the full length of Brooklea Dr. There are many pedestrians (of all ages, but many kids) and it's dangerous to walk in the street. If Fayetteville is serious about environmental awareness and water cleanliness, it should not have pesticides sprayed on village properties. The village needs to lead a movement away from pesticide use on village lawns

If you planned to move from the village within the next ten years please explain why: TAXES! Also the village of Fayetteville is not pedestrian friendly

Not much available to walk to, use to be you didn't need a car. You had grocery store, pharmacy, and general store, now village has nothing but restraints unless you travel down to Towne Center (to far a walk in bad weather) Thankfully there is the library. DPW does an excellent job.

Traffic light at Salt Springs and Fayetteville Manlius road should be adjusted for shorter wait time after rush hour. As afore mentioned traffic taking left turns off Salt Spring Street at bank holds as long line of traffic up. I would appreciate this not be allowed. In summer especially, too much pollution from sitting cars.

I wish there were more umbrellas, tables, fountains and beautiful tulips etc. I was very disappointed when **THE ROCK** was put in the center of the park in the village. I had hoped for a beautiful fountain.

Corner of Salt Springs and 257 should be enhanced significantly. Antique store is somewhat of an eyesore as is the property opposite corner (Pool Store?) Something should be done with Salt Springs houses at very beginning of road. Two in particular are rundown and are unsightly. There should be a left hand turn on Salt Springs at 257. It is a tough intersection with heavy back ups at rush hour in Am and PM. Need traffic engineer study?

Fayetteville is a very kind and offers a homelike feeling that is great and very comforting. Keep up the good work and many thanks to all the village workers too for keeping it looking nice during each season. Would like they're to be a community pool on Park Street.

Fayetteville is one more unremarkable village among many. A more distinctive identity should involve contributions from local businesses since they would sand to profit from it. Are you sure the village business center isn't really Towne Centre?

Handicap parking is not enough and usually others are parked in the spaces.

The village needs to lower taxes through consolidation of services i.e.: EMS should be merged Town wide

Heard the green space next to American Express is going to be a public park with a bridge over creek to connect to canal path. Hope this is true! I'd use the space.

Enforce codes/laws about parked cars blocking sidewalks. The sidewalk repair program has been noticeable, looks much better now.

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Lack of adequate light controls to make a left turn from turning lanes at major intersections, e.g. Rts 5 and 257 inter., and rt. 5 – High Bridge St intersection!! (If Walgreen's comes in – It will be disastrous!) Thanks for doing this. Hope something good comes of it.

I love Fayetteville! I have lived in Japan and north of Boston. I have lived here now for 19 years on Clinton Street and now cannot leave. One of the things that truly is remarkable about the village is being able to walk to ethnic restaurants (Kyoko's is my favorite!!) and the wonderful library, hardware store (great!!!), coffee shops (Freedom of Espresso) All Top Notch! Biking/walking on the canal is a wonderful Green Spaces attribute. A connecting path from the canal to the village could be very interesting, perhaps with a neighborhood garden project along the way (bulbs, perennials, community gardens). We just go behind the Little League Baseball Field now) I am aware of the proposed park near Limestone Plaza. New lighting at the corner off Rt.5 and 257 is historically in keeping Stickley style- lovely!! Also, lovely new lights and plantings/fountain at Beard Park, wonderful. Keep up the good work!!

Something should be done to Bird Sanctuary on Highbridge st. Many trees have fallen, could this be a fire hazard? I am generally pleased with services in the village.

Very concerned about possible Walgreens (traffic, eye sore, etc) at Rt. 5 Highbridge. Why can't it go in Towne Center? Just imagine the traffic problems. We are taxed to death. "Brick" sidewalks on Elm St are already a mess. What happened to park next to freedom of Espresso? Left turns off Rt 5 between Burdick and Brooklea should be prohibited and re-routed around Brooklea traffic circle. Need enforcement of no left turns into Towne Center east of Key Bank

I attended the meeting at the Fayetteville Village Hall, and there was something that I didn't want to mention in front of some individuals that were there. One of the really big issues that has a huge impact on the quality of life in Fayetteville is not just the Code Enforcement, which was brought up, but also the enforcement of the ZONING. Our village had many acres rezoned after careful planning, such as this, to prevent overcrowding (and a huge influx of

traffic). Some of the very people in that room that night ignored, or changed, that zoning, and stuffed a ton of houses and townhouses in, and these same people complain about neighboring towns' traffic?! A village can be a village and still have large yards and areas of green space -- it need not be urban. So, the bottom line is: The village needs to set up defined rules and adhere to them -- not let developers make up the rules! Also, we REALLY need to address the new flight patterns that bring loud airplanes directly over Fayetteville in the early morning and late night hours. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Great place to live. I trust Mark!!

Village should go to multi-zoning so that area are treated individually. Past efforts have caused much of "old" village to be non-conforming. Lots undersized; lack of setbacks, etc. My experience on planning board are fire dept. is that the more rules or enforcement of rules that there is the more home owners resist and try to avoid the issue. In several cases projects were given up on and opportunities lost cases projects were given up on and opportunities lost. Village lacks affordable starter housing. Young people do not rent or buy here. Sidewalk money should be spent for better quality, they are not long lasting. Village should enforce keeping sidewalks passable. Several places blocked by shrub growth. Village should be active in eliminating outside storage-eyesores

When we were looking for a house 11 years ago we chose Fayetteville because it was quiet and a bit sleepy. It had its own identity. Now, with the hosing developments, outrageous property assessments, and strip mall/chain store proliferation. Fayetteville is only one stoplight away from becoming a twin to its ugly neighbor Dewitt. You are actively discouraging home improvement and civic pride. Why make minor improvements if they create a major tax increase? Why take pride in local wonder business if you build Target and Kohl's and (future) Walgreen's at every opportunity? Maybe consider a 10-year moratorium on new construction. It might help.

Except for talk, nothing is done about the continued expensive destruction of property by the deer!

I would like to see:

1. A program of grants/low interest loans to encourage owners like Fortino, Little hair Shop and Fettas to keep their property maintained so there is no excuse not to do so. Also, require weed pulling and mowing, it's easy to do.
2. More public parking
3. A park along Limestone creek near Freedom Of Espresso
4. More Public trash receptacles along walkways
5. Allow street vendors uptown and downtown – i.e. Sausage, sandwich, kites, etc.

I feel the present administration has done more to improve the village than ever. I most certainly include the DPW! Other than traffic, which is a nearly impossible problem to solve, the village is a great place to work and live.

I live in a 1300 Sq ft home and it's gone from 90,000 in 2001 when I bought it to 143,000 now just 6 yrs later. I just feel that I can no longer live in the Town of Manlius. I have no time and can't miss work to try and file grievance. It would be beneficial to extend the hours the assessors office is open this time of year. Thank You

Keep up the great work.

We love our area in Central New York and hope to live here for many many years to come. Our neighborhood is heavily taxed and we feel removed from the village simply because of the distance out. We don't have the village feel as we did when living on Hermheigh Ave.

Sidewalks extended From Southfield to Signal Hill and Briar Brook on Rt. 5. Another red light on Burdick St by Carrabas.

We appreciate all our village officials continue to do. Please consider the many senior citizens on limited incomes who would like to remain in their homes.

Protection for residents that Burdick St. remains residential. Not allowing businesses to encroach little by little. Also that building would be prohibited in Burdick St. and surrounding neighborhood flood plan.

I would like to see businesses improve the facades to reflect the historic character of the village, stronger zoning? Financial incentives?

Develop a footpath from Aladdin Dr. to the Green Lakes State Park Trail system. The current footpath at end of Brookside Lane would allow for a circular route through the State Park. We are happy to pay our annual village taxes. The village provides numerous and high quality services from our tax dollars. We say this as senior citizens on a fixed income. That's for a job well done.

I absolutely love living in the village. I bike to the canal trail, walk to Green Lakes and the Village shopping and library. I will happily retire here. My main concern is raising property taxes particularly when I reach a fixed income. I am always happy to come home to Fayetteville.

East Franklin Street corner that holds the street sign (across from Wellwood): At this corner the soil has eroded and always has standing water. The sign may eventually fall as the ground around it has eroded.

Please do not expand Fayetteville Towne Square. It has increased traffic and pollution in this area we have enough shopping options on the national chain variety. It does not add anything to the beauty of our village.

Most of us learned to deal with the mess at the Friendly's corner for the daily commute. But the village should develop an emergency plan to deal with unexpected traffic IE. Flooding to the North that has extraordinary traffic back to Brookside in the AM, or the thruway closed that has thousands of cars coming thru Fayetteville. Emergency personnel should make the Salt Springs side of the park 2-way traffic to clear the rt. 257 and Salt Springs traffic on that side and Genesee St flowing better.

As a senior citizen with a fixed income it becomes more difficult to keep pace with the costs. It seems that our assessment, and that of others seniors that we have seen when checking comparables, are increased more than our neighbors. Perhaps because we are less able to prepare for the grievance process and have to just accept it. We have lived here for 37 years.

#### Problems:

1. Taxes too high – Need to work on ways to decrease takes/increase efficiencies without diminishing quality of services. Merging services throughout F-M should be explored. Why not have a Town of Manlius services instead of separate village services?
2. Inadequate walking paths. I live off E Genesee St. and cannot take long walks, too dangerous, no sidewalks on E. Genesee (east side of village).
3. Traffic is terrible on E Genesee St. Sometimes difficult to get to work in Syracuse.
4. Inadequate public transportation. Cannot easily get to food, shopping or work (downtown Syracuse) without driving.

One benefit of a village business is to patronize an establishment with a sense of community/connection but this is not the case with many village businesses. Some businesses feel we, as a village, owe them just because they exist but if they were offering a good product/service and were friendly, they would be successful. The board could review the recommendation of the Saratoga Planning group: find services/businesses your village wants to attract them and protect your assets (Erie canal, Limestone) also: trails, trails, trails! Imagine if we had implemented the Ledyard Trail. How many people would use it? Hundreds, no thousands! Biking, walking, X- country skiing. Also connection from Erie to Green Lakes, Aladdin to Green Lakes!! The lots at Erie Canal are packed on weekends.

The impact of suburban sprawl in the village is a concern. How to work with or around something outside village parameter is a challenge. Traffic is a big issue within sprawl impacting negatively the quality of village life. We need small independent business and retail to help support the self-sustaining feature of the village. I'm very wary of box retailers and too much growth. I think its important to maintain the sense of community Fayetteville has as the town continues to talk about consolidation. We CHOOSE to live in the village precisely for the services and sense of community a sprawled town cannot offer!

Be Proactive, not reactive. Code enforcement! Fayetteville needs its own Code Enforcement Officer.

Traffic from Manlius prevents us from properly connecting our village spaces. The vacant lot between Freedom of Espresso and limestone creek should be turned into a park accentuating the creek and old Fayetteville village. The fishing in Limestone is top notch and would benefit from being designated "catch and release". The old F'ville area really needs attention; we need to right businesses down there to properly energize it. I think there are good businesses down there just some of the buildings need major maintenance and fixing. Farmers market!!?? The building that houses the businesses behind Kirby's needs to rid of that huge thing on the roof. It use to be a sign. The light at Rt. 5 timing is bad during rush hour and returning home as well. I think there are good businesses down there just some of the buildings need major maintenance and fixing.