

# Town of Manlius Comprehensive Plan

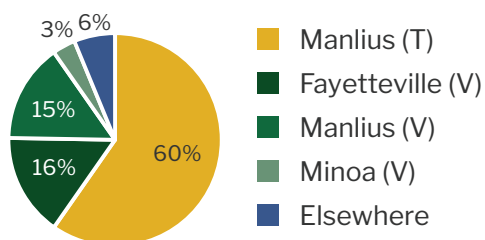
Public Input Summary  
May 4 - June 1, 2021

**DRAFT - August 4, 2021**

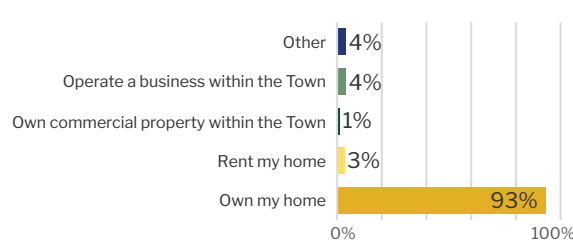
On Tuesday May 4, 2021 at 6:30 PM, the Town of Manlius hosted a virtual Public Workshop to introduce the comprehensive planning process to the greater Manlius community and collect initial feedback. At the Workshop, the Barton & Loguidice consultant team reviewed the benefits and basics of comprehensive planning; outlined the proposed process, timeline, and scope of the planning effort; and launched the Community Survey. The Workshop was recorded and posted online so that all members of the public had the opportunity to view it prior to participating in the Survey.

The Community Survey was open until June 1, 2021. It consisted of three sections in the following order: (1) About You, (2) Envision Manlius, and (3) the Community Preference Survey (CPS). The Survey received 547 responses, with a completion rate of 54%. The About You section of the survey, which asked participants about their residency status, revealed the following demographic information (Figures 1 & 2):

**Figure 1. Participant Residency**



**Figure 2. Participant Tenure**



The Envision Manlius section of the survey encouraged the community to participate in a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) brainstorming exercise. This exercise helps to identify general topics of interest or concern within the Manlius community as well as define the community's vision for the future. The CPS section of the survey focused on community character preferences, asking respondents to rate images of various development styles on a scale of 1 to 5 based on their appropriateness for the Town (1 = inappropriate, 5 = appropriate). The images were categorized into five character areas: Low Density Residential, Mixed Density Residential, Neighborhood Mixed Use/Commercial, Regional Mixed Use/Commercial, and Streetscapes. The CPS helps to identify the community's general development preferences, assessing building, site, and streetscape design preferences. The results from the Envision Manlius and CPS sections are summarized on the following pages.

A comprehensive list of all comments provided through the Community Survey is in the Appendix. Additionally, some comments were submitted via email to the project team during the Community Survey's open period. These emailed comments are also provided in the Appendix.

# Manlius' Strengths

- School district
- Senior center
- Parks and natural resources
- Recreational assets, including festivals, cultural resources, and retail shops
- Quality and proximity of private services and small businesses (groceries, gas, etc.)
- Quality public services (DPW, Police, etc.) and maintenance of public infrastructure
- Sustainable Manlius Program
- Safe, clean, and small community feel
- Community pride and investment
- Friendly and caring residents
- The Town's history and the canal
- Proximity to Syracuse and travel routes
- Walkability of the villages
- Mix of rural, residential, and commercial areas
- Quality of homes and neighborhoods

# Manlius' Weaknesses

- High and increasing tax burden and poor municipal budgeting
- Lack of socioeconomic diversity
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of public recreational resources
- Limited amenities for seniors
- Vacant commercial buildings and slow redevelopment of underutilized sites
- Monotony of existing businesses (e.g. too many banks, pharmacies, and salons) and lack of future development planning
- Limited support for small, local businesses
- Over-commercialization and commercial creep into residential areas
- Lack of a town center/retail district
- Heavy traffic, lack of pedestrian/bicycle amenities, and limited public transportation
- Need for aesthetic and facade improvements
- Lack of coordination and connectivity between the Town and Villages
- NIMBY-ism and fear of change
- Outdated zoning code and unresponsive Town leadership

# Manlius' Opportunities

- Reduce the tax burden
- Attract young adults and telecommuters
- Support senior services and amenities
- Increase housing options, including affordable housing
- Increase number and diversity of local businesses and support the tech industry
- Maintain green spaces and natural resources
- Support redevelopment of vacant properties
- Develop more public spaces, especially recreational and entertainment facilities
- Encourage sustainable building practices and the use of renewable energies
- Expand access to water, sewer, and internet and improve road maintenance
- Improve walkability, bikability, and access to public transportation and reduce traffic
- Leverage the Town's history and cultural/historical resources
- Implement a development strategy
- Develop a downtown/Town center
- Increase collaboration between the Town and Villages

# Manlius' Threats

- High and increasing tax burden and lack of affordable housing limits who can stay in/move to Manlius
- Lack of demographic and business diversity
- Proposal for another quarry
- Over-development and loss of natural spaces
- Slow redevelopment of vacant businesses reducing the commercial tax base
- Lack of planning and direction leading to random, undesirable development
- Overpopulation, over-commercialization, and suburban sprawl resulting in loss of small town character
- Increasing traffic and congestion
- Climate change, flooding, and erosion
- NIMBY-ism and resistance to change
- Experience/responsiveness of Town leadership
- Dependence on Syracuse, which is in decline

# Other Thoughts

- This Comprehensive Plan effort is overdue and much needed
- The Comprehensive Plan needs to be a reflection of the public's desires, not just of a small group
- The Plan should include realistic and measurable goals
- Greater collaboration between the Town and Villages is needed
- Cosmetic upgrades and cohesiveness in building design would support a Town identity
- Redeveloping vacant buildings should be prioritized over building new
- The Town would benefit from enhanced pedestrian and bicycle amenities
- Sustainability should be prioritized
- Existing green spaces should be preserved
- The Town is lacking recreational opportunities
- The Town could encourage greater community involvement and volunteerism



# Low Density Residential

Note: Images ordered from lowest to highest score (min 1.0, max 5.0).



Rank  
**#7**

Mean: 2.8  
Median: 3.0



The Conservation Fund

Rank  
**#9**

Mean: 2.1  
Median: 2.0



Rank  
**#6**

Mean: 2.9  
Median: 3.0



Morgan Properties

Rank  
**#8**

Mean: 2.4  
Median: 2.0



Rank  
**#5**

Mean: 2.9  
Median: 3.0





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**#4** Mean: 3.0  
Median: 3.0



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**#2** Mean: 3.5  
Median: 4.0



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**#3** Mean: 3.1  
Median: 3.0



Rank  
**#1** Mean: 3.8  
Median: 4.0

## Interpretation

The image scoring from the Low Density Residential character area revealed that community members prefer homes that position garages and parking behind or set further back than the housing structure. The image scoring did not reveal a preference for specific architectural styles or landscaping. Rather, participants appreciated a variety of low density housing types ranging from rural agricultural residences to modern, smaller-lot single-family homes. In the Low Density Residential character area, community members did prefer detached single-family homes over attached single-family homes and apartments.



# Mixed Density Residential

Note: Images ordered from lowest to highest score (min 1.0, max 5.0).



Plan Architectural Studio

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**#7**

Mean: 1.0  
Median: 1.8



Rank  
**#9**

Mean: 1.5  
Median: 1.0



WWS Planning

Rank  
**#6**

Mean: 1.8  
Median: 2.0



Rank  
**#8**

Mean: 1.7  
Median: 1.0



Google Streetview

Rank  
**#5**

Mean: 2.3  
Median: 2.0





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Mean: 2.6  
Median: 3.0



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**#2**

Mean: 2.7  
Median: 3.0



Rank  
**#3**

Mean: 2.7  
Median: 3.0



Rank  
**#1**

Mean: 2.9  
Median: 3.0

## Interpretation

The image scoring from the Mixed Density Residential character area revealed that community members prefer housing with interesting architectural features, such as the use of facade articulation, multiple building materials/colors, a variety of window sizes/types, and inclusion of porches or steps. Those that were tripartite in design (having a clearly defined base, midsection, and crown to the building) tended to score higher than those that had little vertical variation. The image scoring also suggested that community members prefer housing with landscaping between the building and the road.



# Neighborhood Mixed Use/ Commercial

Note: Images ordered from lowest to highest score (min 1.0, max 5.0).



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Mean: 2.7  
Median: 3.0



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Mean: 1.5  
Median: 1.0



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Mean: 2.9  
Median: 3.0



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WWS Planning

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**#3** Mean: 3.0  
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**#1** Mean: 3.8  
Median: 4.0

## Interpretation

The image scoring from the Neighborhood Mixed Use/Commercial character area suggest that the majority of community members prefer small-scale commercial uses without drive-throughs, especially those which are highly visible from the public right-of-way. The image scoring also suggested that community members prefer mixed use and commercial buildings that are positioned closer to the street, with no parking provided in the front yard. Finally, the image scoring revealed a preference for sites that include landscaping between the building and road.

# Regional Mixed Use/Commercial

Note: Images ordered from lowest to highest score (min 1.0, max 5.0).



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**#3**

Mean: 3.1  
Median: 3.0



Rank  
**#1**

Mean: 3.7  
Median: 4.0

## Interpretation

The image scoring from the Regional Mixed Use/Commercial character area revealed that community members prefer site designs and layouts where parking is located to the side or rear yard area, instead placing buildings closer to the street and incorporating landscaping between the building and the street where a larger setback exists. The image scoring also suggested a strong preference for buildings with visually interesting facades, including a clearly defined base, midsection, and crown, increased facade transparency, and increased facade transparency, and use more natural building materials.

# Streetscapes

Note: In the Streetscapes character area, participants scored three sets of photo simulations. Images within each set are shown here in order from lowest to highest scoring.

## Photo Sim. 1



Urban Advantage

Rank  
**#7**

Mean: 1.7  
Median: 1.0

## Interpretation

Image scoring from the Streetscapes character area revealed that community members preferred corridors with street trees and landscaping as well as active transportation amenities, such as sidewalks and bicycle lanes. The image scoring also suggested that community members prefer corridors where buildings have smaller setbacks from the street and parking lots are limited to the side or rear yard.



Urban Advantage

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**#3**

Mean: 3.7  
Median: 4.0



Urban Advantage

Rank  
**#2**

Mean: 4.0  
Median: 4.0



## Photo Sim. 2



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**#8** Mean: 1.7  
Median: 1.0

## Photo Sim. 3



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**#9** Mean: 1.4  
Median: 1.0



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# Town of Manlius Comprehensive Plan *Appendix*

## Public Input Summary

**DRAFT - August 4, 2021**

### Sections:

- A: Public Workshop Brainstorming Results
- B: Community Survey SWOT Results
- C: Email Comment Summary

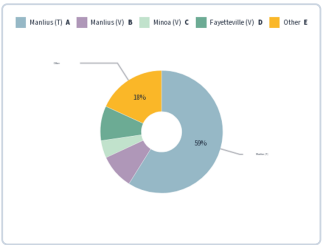


Manlius Workshop Summary 050421

Current run (last updated Jun 28, 2021 11:29am)



Who's in the Zoom? Where do you live?



Response options

- Manlius (T)
- Manlius (V)
- Minoa (V)
- Fayetteville (V)
- Other

| Count | Percentage |
|-------|------------|
| 13    | 59%        |
| 2     | 9%         |
| 1     | 5%         |
| 2     | 9%         |
| 4     | 18%        |



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Responses

## Why did you choose to join us tonight?

" I care about our Town's values. "

" To see how the Villages can be involved "

" Interested in how our organization can play a greater role in supporting community needs "

### Responses

I care about our Town's values.

To see how the Villages can be involved

Interested in how our organization can play a greater role in supporting community needs

To ensure Manlius has a plan!

Mayor of Fayetteville asked to participate, as part of the town its important to be part of the process with our exiting plan exciting process glad to be on

I am interested in the future of the town and how to relates to the environment.

To lend long term knowledge of the Town

I'm working in the area of livability and health across all policies

I am interested in comprehension planning and how it would interface with environmental issues.

Concerned about the impacts of the quarry

Manlius needs to plan for future , perserve open space, and water areas, and confront influx of people

We are in critical need of an inclusive process that charts our future as a Town in a changing region

Interested in being part of the process.

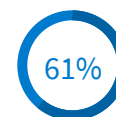
Understand how the planning process works, concerned about development in the area.

Long term sustainability of the natural resources that make my life here so wonderful.

Learning about the quarry project

Future

Concerned about the quarry



Engagement

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Responses



## Responses

Excited to plan for the future and love our community.

I would like to learn about the process.

### What three words best describe Manlius?



## Responses

Beautiful, neighborhood based,

education focused

Affluent

families

beautiful, stunning overall

residential, entitled, safe

## Friendly, Supportive, Family Oriented

white

White

Conservative

disjointed, energetic, desirable

The three words that best describe Manlius are great schools, parks and friendly people

Safe

affluent

Beautiful, friendly, safe

Family friendly

Quality, safe community, great natural resources

Rural

varied , water, residential

Safe, clean, family

## Green, Inviting, Potential

## Commuter traffic

Exclusive eclectic

Not citizen engaged or older adult friendly

Green, affluent, close to Syracuse

Affluent, residential, safe



## Engagement

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## Responses

**What issues facing Manlius should this effort address?**

"Connectivity"

"Less car dependent"

"environmental assets, vehicular  
circulation"

"affordable housing"

**Responses**

We need spaces for older teens. I would like to see more variety in businesses. We need to keep an eye on traffic.

historical preservation

Increases rural access to services/ groceries.

Quarry, seniors, affordable housing, incredibly opportunities to bring people off differences to us

Greening

Non-motorized Connections between the villages

Historic preservation   Future economic development  
Walkability

Multimodal trail connections

environmental stewardship

Consensus

neighborhood traffic, mixed housing vs (affordable housing), open space, walkability

Collaboration with Villages - Village residents are town residents. There are no moats.

Non comprehensive plan for the Manlius village corridor, too many empty buildings, Needs facelift and cohesiveness

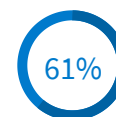
Age in place?

Economic opportunities, town owned buildings, centralized police station

environmental assets, vehicular circulation

How do we use our natural environment moving forward

Need for alternative housing for older adults who want to remain here. One story, affordable



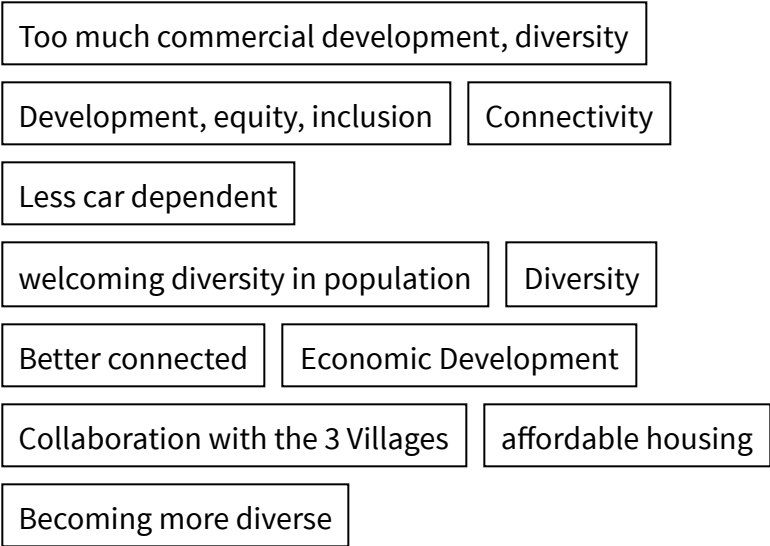
Engagement

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Responses



Responses



**What future opportunities should this plan consider?**

" Honoring the Haudenosaunee  
Heritage "

" Consider connecting the 3 villages  
using non-motorized means "

" Options for downsizing "

" Connecting to plans for Erie "

**Responses**

More services rather than having to leave town to get

Accessibility for the disabled.

Strong neighborhoods

creating more walkable communities

Opportunity to create plan that would allow us to access federal, state or county funding. Engaging new businesses and creating an environment for new businesses.

Better school nutrition

Oh, ebikes.

More green friendly walkable spaces, family friendly

Sidewalks

Monitor new building. Encourage diversity.  
Environment protection

Shared services

unique environmental assets, devoted financial base

connected parks, walkways, water trails (kayaks, canoes,)

Being dog friendly and known for that

Lack of housing stock for lower income residents

Use tax money to pay for Senior Services of all kinds.

sidewalks and bike paths

Ways to increase our economy

new town board

LWRP recommendations

Increase sustainable energy wind, solar and connection for electric cars./

Agriculture, sustainability, history



Engagement

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Responses



Responses

- More recreational spaces.
- Consider connecting the 3 villages using non-motorized means
- housing green technology producers
- Options for downsizjbg      Affordable Housing
- Honoring the Haudenosaunee Heritage
- Connecting to plans for Erie Canal tourism
- Electric cars. Be ready

## Strengths

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Location to major highways, accessibility to cultural events, small town feel, good education thru schools                                                                                                                                             |
| Strong schools, Access to parks, libraries, size of town                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| People are friendly, community minded. There is a sense place, of community and shared experience.                                                                                                                                                     |
| Beautiful parks, tree city, most necessary services provided, great public schools.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| The mix of rural and residential areas in relatively close proximity with commercial facilities (although in another town).                                                                                                                            |
| Natural resources, waterways and forested lands.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Walkable community with schools, small businesses, and parks in close proximity.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Great schools, convenience of local shops and restaurants, lots of open space and clean environment.                                                                                                                                                   |
| safe convenient location in CNY                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| neighborly feel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| plentiful businesses for all shopping needs                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| great schools, libraries, parks                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Great safe community, wonderful parks and events                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Rt 92 brings many people to the area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| peaceful, attractive residential areas                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Safety, Quality of life, schools                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Diverse businesses / buying local, staying local; recreation                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Proximity to services, home values and education                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| The diversity in landscape. Have both agricultural land and neighborhoods close to one another. Quick access to Syracuse, amenities, and a welcoming place for Veterans. Lots of history in the village.                                               |
| Low crime rate, good schools, excellent                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Snow removal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Walkable, safe community with variety of services                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Quality of life.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Access to business and healthcare services                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Short distance to grocery, shops, parks.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| School district,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| It is a nice place to raise children from strong schools. A community with four seasons in abundance of outdoor activity                                                                                                                               |
| The walkable nature of the village of Fayetteville; nearby parks; good neighbors.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| own home free and clear, retired.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Quiet, safe, lots of trees, great schools, walkable, great snowplow service                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Nice part of the county                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| A strong community in a safe environment. Good services, including police, fire, road care.                                                                                                                                                            |
| Beautiful neighborhood, nice neighbors, access to amenities like stores, parks, and commute into Syracuse.                                                                                                                                             |
| lack of violence, good schools and clean areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Relatively safe environs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Decent upkeep of town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| I appreciate the diversity in the school District, The quality of education, the safety of our neighborhoods.                                                                                                                                          |
| Good public services, access to natural areas, focus on quality public education, conveniently located grocery shopping, the Manlius Movie theater, a few good dining options, wonderful library, helpful town hall employees, and concerned citizens. |
| Peaceful village life, community events, beautiful flowers, services like sidewalks plowed, Mill Run Park, small business, restaurants                                                                                                                 |
| Ability to walk and ride a bike safely (although this could be much better); access trails (Erie Canal and feeder canal); proximity to Green Lakes; FFL and Manlius libraries and schools are excellent.                                               |
| Currently, the greatest strengths are the opportunities for kids at the schools, the quality of life, the library, the wonderful restaurants and businesses, and the town celebrations.                                                                |



## Strengths

safe neighborhoods, good schools

Desirable area to live; great schools; historic and safe place to raise a young family

Better communication and relationship with local government and it's services.

School district, close to parks and city

Towne Center shopping Northeast Medical facility

Canal Trail

the many banks

Schools, Green Lakes State Park, Duguid Park, Erie Canal park, Playgrounds.

Trash removal

Safe community

Love the small town, small business focus

quiet neighborhoods, manageable commerce and industry

TOM places a high value on timely services (DPW) and schools are fabulous.

Safety, schools, keeping up with maintenance

Great small businesses, excellent schools & awesome parks.

Our excellent school system

access to amenities, close parks, housing availability, the aesthetic of Fayetteville village and walkability, block parties, ice skating on beard pond, music outside, baseball fields and sno top, sidewalks in the village.

The sense of community! It's such a close knit community with respect for one another.

Good schools, safe neighborhoods, a community with good values

Small town feel. The absolute beauty of the geography of the area, lots of green space, hills, valleys, streams, lakes, parks with forests. The library. The farms.

It is a safe place to live with excellent schools. Close enough to a city to be able to take advantage of what a city offers.

The open space, the village of Manlius, the parks - Perry Springs, Millrun, etc. The Village Library.

Safety , quiet environment and precessional workers living here

Safe and beautiful.

Quaint community strong school system friendly people good infrastructure

schools, community events

Can be very walkable if you work and live within village bounds, the community tends to treat workers with respect, and the area is very beautiful aesthetically

Manlius is a great place to live. It's a great community with a great school district. It's also very safe and clean. The town and villages invest a great deal in maintaining the areas and it shows. There is pride in living here, and that pride is reflected in how the Town of Manlius invests in the community.

The parks and nature in the town.

Safety, education, public services.

Great schools

The strong communities in the neighborhoods. Safe neighborhoods. Proximity to parks: Green Lakes, Pratt's Falls, Three Falls, Mill Run Park. Great small businesses (The Wine House, Yo Burrito, Dazzle, Cross Creek Nursery, Spera's, Side Hill butcher shop, SnoTop, etc.). Excellent schools!!!

Trails, schools, parks

sense of community

Nice suburb. Good schools. Good people.

Low crime rate, proximity to natural resources (parks, open spaces, etc.)

Love my small town feel of Minoa. Close knit families for the most part. Great school district run by a wonderful Superintendent

The maintenance of the town. The strong education system, the amazing sports programs

Access to parks, nature, shopping/restaurants, and downtown. It's a wonderful place to live with great schools and kind people.

## Strengths

Easy access to Syracuse and services in metro. area.

Great school district, beautiful homes

Supporting our community, the schools and organizations that benefit the town, and the people who make this a wonderful place to live.

schools, villlage atmosphere, walkability

A community that is getting younger wish fresh ideas for the future.

Living in a community that is less commercial and congested and has a lot of natural areas remaining. Three villages, good school districts, Green Lakes State park in the Town, Erie Canal.

School District, Good neighborhood

school systems, safety, beauty, community environment

Access to beautiful parks. Great schools. Excellent library. Town is prioritizing sustainability.

small town feel

Services like schools, libraries, Fire Department

Great friendly police department and DPW is phenomenal. Great, well kept parks.

- Close proximity to Syracuse airport, though lousy airline services, i.e., limited limited direct route to destinations.
- Parks : Green Lakes, Fayetteville Village Beard Park, Manlius Village Mills Run, etc.
- No skyscrapers, no buildings higher than seven floors- hear that fire trucks can reach only to 7 floors.
- Enjoy window-shopping at the Towne Center "mall" walking under the nicely designed made-for-pedestrian pavilion.
- Fayetteville Village September Festival
- Can't remember if still being offered: summer movies at Beard Park.
- Town officials councilors who consider, promote, encourage sustainability, renewables, and other practices of the similar ilk. Shout out to Sustainable Manlius - Kudos!!
- Villages have senior centers.
- Farmer's market in Towne Center parking lot. Though prices are a bit high; would love to see more vendors with local seasonal veg/fruit to sell.
- Manlius Historical Museum
- Wonderful not to see cell towers all over. No 5G towers!
- History connected to Erie Canal.

Great neighborhoods with little traffic. Easy commute to Syracuse. Proximity to state parks and other natural resources. Close to shopping areas and banks. Good school district.

Safe, quiet, friendly, nice neighbors, great school systems, near Syracuse, Hancock Field, outstanding police and fire departments, abundant water, lots of trees

Natural resources, close to a city

Safe, good schools, equal distance from city and country

The wonderful neighborhoods and open spaces outside the Village and dark skies.

We have a wonderful community, beautiful parks, outstanding schools and libraries. I love the classical small village feel.

Sense of community, safety, great schools, local shops and restaurants

Bedroom community yet vibrant enough to no be completely boring. Safe. Stable.

It's beauty, people, schools snd safety

Safety

Proximity to shopping, 481, 690, Thruway and cleanliness of the Town.

Senior center

Feels safe, nice community of people, great schools

Excellent schools; low crime; beautiful clean parks; accessible to restaurants, shopping; great public services like snowplowing, libraries, etc

Open green spaces

The people and the community events

Nice communit/ people/ schools

## Strengths

Beautiful location, close to everywhere, safe, low crime environment

School, library, sense of community, natural spaces, easy access to village life such as restaurants, taverns, services, banks, theater, shopping, fitness centers.

Great schools.

I think that the town of Manlius is a safe community with a strong school system. I also think that we should preserve the large amounts of green space, farms and larger lots to prevent overcrowding.

Low crime, good neighborhoods, good parks, solid events (Little League, parades, etc)

School

Schools, safety, value

The great town and how it is up kept.

schools, quality of life, recreation, Green Lakes, bike paths, walking trails, colleges and hospitals ( upstate) nearby, historical canal and homes

Great community with lots to offer. Schools are great, choice of shopping

Small community feel

Safe

Great Schools

Proximity to downtown but suburban quality. Great library services. Love Mill Run Park! The Swan Pond is iconic.

Small town community

Looks nice

Schools, safety, close to many parks, shopping, restaurants. I can walk to some places.

Close to city and other areas of interest

I love the small town feel and feelings of community.

It is a very nice community with great neighbors that care for each other.

Beautiful community both aesthetically and the spirit of the residents. Nicest place that I have ever lived.

Great schools, nice people, easy to get to Syracuse

Our green spaces. I live on this side of the county because of the great access to green spaces like parks, trails, canals, etc.

Nearby natural areas. Healthy balance between, home, retail, nature and history

Proximity to villages

positive environment, great school system, family friendly area, easy driving distance to many spots within the state

Small community feel - you know your neighbor; easy access to highways, health care facilities, and commercial/retail establishment; Erie Canal system

Friendly people and safe community

Strong school district, homes keep their value

Proximity to everything needed, yet a small town feeling. Great schools.

Green Space. We have access to State, County and Village Parks as well as many water ways and falls.

A great sense of community. Local parks.

Residential quality, neither too-close-nor-too-far from downtown, school district

great schools, easy commute to cultural and educational opportunities, rural surroundings

The schools, ease of getting around, Green Lakes and other green spaces in the area.

Great schools, conveniently located and not far from most area in greater Syracuse, parks

Small village appeal: walkable, low traffic (sometimes), community events, safe

Low crime, the village is walkable, housing stock is of good quality, good municipal services

I appreciate the restrictions and limitations of fast food and chain restaurants.

I feel we have a really good police department. With the severe winter weather we have I think the highway department does a wonderful job clearing our streets compared to other places I have lived.

Community. Schools. Safety. Recreation. Small town feel. Friendly.



## Strengths

Able to work and live in the same town with a great educational facility that has consistently ranked one of the highest in the state.

Quality of life:

Easy access to services, shopping, entertainment, parks etc. Friendly vibe - people say hello on the street Generally safe - not afraid to walk my dog at night

Quality of Police and Road Maintenance services

Safe, a true community in Brookside, connection to lots of green space

The country feeling to the area.... trees, parks

Our highway and police department.

The Town of Manlius has some great parks and access to the Canal path and park / NY bike trail. Plus has great access to Green Lakes State park and other smaller trail systems. Also has a good variety of restaurants and stores, including some good locally owned shops. Overall it's a great community and place to live.

Great Senior Centers in F'ville and Manlius.

Great school system, community events

Great, hardworking people. Good schools.

Walkable neighborhoods, good schools, village feel

Decent schools, nice property with homes that are not crammed too close.

School district

it's residents

Beautiful neighborhoods and parks

Good schools, identifiable villages, and easy access to parks and recreation, while also having grocery and restaurants.

Education, green space, close to city

Great schools, safe neighborhoods, and convenient services.

great natural resources, beautiful green areas & water, close to amenities without being urban, neighborhood feel

Manlius is a bedroom community for Syracuse, a town with retail, and industry as well as a town with parks, trails, and creeks.

Convenience to Syracuse, small town feel

Good school district, grocery stores close by, Erie canal access, great libraries, potential for positive growth with the right vision.

Great schools and safe area

great schools, real estate turnover is quick

High quality of life

Availability of quiet village living as well as living in the country. Strong sense of community. Availability of many shops and restaurants nearby. So great that Manlius is investing in a sustainable Manlius program.

The school district

Open Green space - Excellent Public Schools--Reasonable Traffic

none

the environment; not crowded; good schools;

access to shopping, medical facilities, post office/ Town and Village government, strong schools. safe environment

Good schools, police department, relatively light traffic.

The natural environment's beauty and functions (i.e. green space, hiking, biking, etc.), small town and community feeling (less developed/commercial), schools

Safe area to raise a family.

Schools, Safety, Location

Great schools, small town feel great community.

I enjoy my country solitude, space and wildlife. Being in a quiet setting is important to my family.

Vast majority of my Neighbors have jobs and are respectful citizens

## Strengths

I feel safe. There are parks and walking areas. Good schools. Friendly. People I come in contact with seem to be tolerant of each other.

Open spaces. Clean air. Easy to get around IF ONE DRIVES>

Many seniors have given up driving. ... "FISH" is fabulous to get local residents to medical appointments.

School district

Neighborhoods with families

School

Our proximity to awesome natural beauty.

1. A Town Board that welcomes and encourages citizen engagement.

2. Our abundant natural resources: waterways, lush trees & shrubs, green spaces for everyone to share - and the fresh air that comes from those combinations.

3. FM schools

4. Neighborhoods

5. Citizens who care

6. Fascinating history - and the evidence of it if you know where to look

Well educated residents, high-performing public schools, low crime, and very few apartment complexes.

Great shopping and parks.

Safe place to live

Town does a good job with snow removal

Trash district has been a good change

Pretty good balance of businesses, open space/parks/housing

It is a very pretty area, and the school system is great.

I live in a setting that is surrounded by nature but only minutes away from stores and the library and I like the Manlius Cinema.

Being near Syracuse University and downtown Syracuse provides access to cultural events, sporting events, etc. the town and village provide excellent services.

Safe walkable neighborhood

Green spaces

family and friends nearby

We just moved here from a suburb of a large Midwestern city. We chose this community because we could access a large city, a smaller town and live in a low density setting.

small-town feel, libraries, Towne Center

Great schools, well kept neighborhoods, proximity to both rural and urban communities and businesses

Location,

Our environment, being a tree city, the amount of parks around, good schools, local businesses

Low crime, clean area, pleasant people, convenient shopping/food choices, wonderful libraries

DPW. School district ESM.

Its natural beauty, parks, low crime, good communities.

Restaurants and shopping located close by.

It's off the beaten path but still convenient to everything.

Effective zoning, good protection and maintenance of open space and historical preservation.

I like the suburban feel

Schools, easy access to Syracuse, shopping, small town feel, sustainability improvements

Great school district, plenty of neighbors to live and allow you kids to socialize with other kids. Sense of community.

The location near rural areas and lots of parks to enjoy. The town of Manlius does not feel so densely populated. Great schools.

School district, local libraries, low crime

we live in between two libraries, near some parks, have proximity to the canal, green lakes, plus groceries and other amenities. I appreciate (though I don't need them yet) that there's some attention to aging and senior services...

The school district

## Strengths

Proximity to Syracuse, natural beauty, small businesses, school district

Schools, library, Recreation department, community organizations

Love the swan pond

It's a small tight knit community with strong ties to the people in it.

Small town community feel

Good place to live

Everything so need is within 15min drive. There are many public outdoor spaces within reach that are well maintained.

I love working here because it is accessible to a proud customer base due to 481.

The services the town gives are great.

The greenery, like flower pots around town, are really nice. The neighborhoods are nice.

3 great villages, beautiful parks and trails to enjoy

Conservative / constitutional principals applied in governance

A very nice community.

Close access to good things in the City (sports, entertainment, night life) but far enough away from the City problems.

Nice homes, parks, clean, small town feel

The reputation of the school district, and a good police force that actually "protects and serves" the community.

Safe and clean. All services are excellent (roadwork, trash removal, etc).

Pretty scenery

School district and nice libraries

Natural beauty, green space, beautiful houses, good schools, safe.

Safety, community.

Peaceful, quiet, SAFE, suburb.

The schools

Small community, access to necessities like groceries, gas, drug stores while not being on top of everything.

living in a beautiful area with proximity to amenities: parks, recreation, transportation, health care, sports, education.

Community, good schools, kind people, affordable, easy commute

Great people, green space, and opportunity for growth

Good Schools

Schools

The great school system, the proximity to the countryside

a location central to other village centers, yet retaining rural/undeveloped/historic feel - which is something I would like to see protected

Everyone is so friendly, the neighborhoods are well cared for, and the schools & youth sports are top notch.

The school districts.

Quality of the school system, most citizens are community minded, nice neighborhoods.

It did have a small town feel, which we liked very much and would like to keep it that way. Now its just a freeway to other parts of the state.

Community consists of mostly one family residences and has the potential for local type businesses

Community is good, manageable size, is quiet and safe and has good schools

Natural beauty - parks, waterfalls, rolling hills, farmland. Good schools, easy access to stores (if you drive)

Friendly, local businesses with high quality local products, art, and food.

School system, location, climate.

Trees. Plowing services. Parks

The people. Opportunity for growth within the village of Manlius.

School district is considered to be good. Services provided are good.

Safety



## Strengths

Safety, excellent schools, well educated community

FM is a great school district

The great school district. We also love the library.

The convenience of living near Syracuse, while still being out of the city. Proximity to Fayetteville-Manlius Schools and Town services such as garbage pickup.

Quiet neighborhood. Convenient to services. Good schools.

Spaces for kids activities

Convenient to work and business. Walkable, clean.

Small community, not overwhelming.

There are many strengths in the village of Fayetteville. It is more difficult to see the strengths of the town as a whole. I feel the town needs to be more concerned with residents quality of life than developing every available property.

Good schools, low crime, nice people, highly educated population

A nice place to live, quiet, close to syracuse.

Safety, schools, neighbors

Excellent School District

Quiet, peaceful, safe

Schools, access to outdoor activities/spaces

We have an excellent school system.

Great school system; education is a huge priority.

Good, safe, family oriented community

Many people pass through Manlius to get elsewhere so plenty of potential customers, but not enough commerce or walkable events

Access to greenspace, ease of commute, good educational system

Close to work

Safe, clean location to rest of county

Beautiful town that is safe and good schools.

Relatively safe

Away from the city

Conveniently located on the east side of Syracuse.

Great school districts.

Small villages.

Natural resources

Potential in education and community building

Low crime rate

The beautiful environment we live in with open spaces, manageable traffic, friendly neighbors and access to a city as well as transportation access points.

School district.

Parks

Living in a historic neighborhood with ample natural areas. Plenty of walking areas, parks and easy access to waterways.

Safety, small town feel with businesses close by, parks and walk ways near by, pride in community felt throughout the area.

Safe environment, fairly well-kept properties

People look out for one another

Quiet atmosphere, open spaces, lots of children

It's a safe, family oriented community.

Neat, clean, safe and caring social environment. I live with a community that values what i value

Easy to get around, small town feel, Green Lakes State Park and - of course - SnoTop

## Strengths

Access to nature.

Friendly neighbors, natural beauty and small town feel (meaning there are locally owned businesses where I can get to know proprietors and almost always run into people I know)

Great community and location.

Lots of greenery and close proximity to major routes.

Family oriented, easy access to work, play, school, and businesses.

We love the parks and wooded areas. We love our neighborhood. We love seeing wildlife. We love the schools. We love living in a small village but not being too far away from the city of Syracuse.

Public education, safety, educated and friendly residents...

Convenience, environmental beauty

There are great businesses here and a lot of potential.

Local shops, school district, small town feel

It is filled with natural beauty, it is close to Syracuse and close to more rural parts of the area, and the schools and local businesses have a great deal of pride.

Sense of community. Proximity to amenities.

School system

## Weaknesses

High property taxes for senior citizens.

Lack of walkable streets, lack of sidewalks in outer neighborhoods, no biking trails, Manlius Village Center (Burger King, gas station in center, mixed storefront visuals

lack of connection between the villages in the town- attitude of competition instead of working together, not one single town owned park, little encouragement for small businesses

Lack of sidewalks between the two villages; lack of safe berms on many roadways make biking dangerous; Lack of recreational amenities like pickleball courts, tennis courts, an outdoor public pool.

Possible issues with poor planning decisions, encroachment of the types of development which serve mostly to increase traffic loads and create other environmental stresses, while not attracting a diversity of go-to businesses and facilities. Tall order to balance, I get that.

Too much sprawl and the wrong kind of development.

Lack of jobs for people with a college/graduate degree, low paying jobs for people without degrees, lack of sidewalks and bike lanes, lack of neighborhood park planning and places to meet your neighbors, lack of public transportation that is actually usable (long distances to get to stops and terrible schedule), no friendly public space near Target and Tops, lack of diversity.

There needs to be more shared services between the town and the villages.

No universal pre-k, restaurants not open on Sundays, traffic on 92

Solar Arrays are huge right now, and it feels like they are popping up everywhere.

Unaffordable housing (both owning and renting); lack of diverse businesses/services (often have to drive outside of town and village for a lot of things); lack of forward thinking (especially the continued denial of building projects on unused/vacant lots)

Lack of past planning, suburban sprawl, traffic congestion, and the ugly drive through the Village of Manlius with empty storefronts and abandoned buildings.

Not enough activities to include all social age groups.

Won't pass town improvement because a few select people don't want it. Example side walks or walking path on FM road. Many people and children for different neighbor hood walk on that road but the board voted it down because of rock walls.

lack of sidewalks and bike lanes creating full connectivity between the villages; traffic flow/jams; and lack of big-picture thinking connecting our parks/creating more public spaces--e.g., development along canal in Fayetteville--why not make a public walkway/park on the waterfront, even if the roadway is developed, thereby expanding our green spaces? lack of tennis courts, pickle ball courts, and other things for lifelong fitness, like a public pool, also an issue. The taxes are high, and our road hasn't been paved in over 25 years and is crumbling. We get frustrated at bureaucracy with the town sometimes. I also don't understand some planning decisions, like a huge, ugly and loud bus garage right in the village--near neighborhoods and not in tune with an historical look or place. Every decision we make should be with the long-term in mind.

Taxes. Not a lot of independent restaurants.

I wish we would take better care of the town's streets and community places so they looked more appealing. I wish we could provide more ways of creating community through connecting people with interests.

Not good planning, weak downtown, residential, not near commercial operations

Property tax expense, sporadic utilities such as high-speed internet and water.

High property taxes. Uneven development...need for modernization. Too many empty lots.

Hard to travel from Fayetteville to Manlius without a car, lack of public transit, expensive cost of living

Traffic.

Regarding living the town could be more diverse. More housing opportunities could make this possible.

Lack of a town park or parks to increase the sense of community for events, recreation and community sports, etc. Two of the greatest strengths...Green Lakes and Erie Canal are not owned by the Town so we can't use them as easily for Town purposes. Many subdivisions and homes are higher priced and very large. Traffic through and around the villages of Fayetteville and Manlius.

shortage of available housing, small commercial tax base, road constrictions in Fayetteville and Manlius for through traffic

Lack of public pool, poor urban planning, no bike lanes, town is run down



## Weaknesses

The Town does not provide any services such as parks, trash pick-up, community activities.

The Town not encouraging business development and growth. This town and the Villages are incredibly difficult to work with.

More restaurants, bakeries, etc. within walking distance in the village of Fayetteville would be nice.

Lack of pedestrian & bicycle infrastructure, EV charging, mass transit, entertainment options

Not enough to entice new businesses.

Lack of diversity, willingness to ignore or sweep under the rug our areas drug problem, limited public transportation, water/sewer infrastructure

Needs more ethnic diversity

Some issues with flooding in Minoa

Lack of Downtown business area, aesthetics of buildings

Lack of diversity

We could use more sidewalks, bike lanes and focus on small businesses.

Non transparency with our Mayor. Tip toes around major issues that don't personally pertain to him and his family

Limited roads , future building needs to determine best use of areas as how it impacts traffic, air quality, safety , walk ability etc

No restaurants

Not enough side walks

No parking

Need more retail shops, things to do such as roller skating, ice skating, bowling, a rentable indoor turf for soccer lax during winter. A community swimming pool

The Village of Manlius is a drive through, ugly black topped place. We have banks and gas stations and there is nothing for kids to do. Also please do something about the "spas" that are not actually spas. The police are rude and demeaning and have big fish in a small pond attitude.

Lack of walkability in many areas (lack of sidewalks), dearth of locally owned/unique eateries and shops, traffic issues

No town center or retail district.

We seem to develop for the sake of development instead of with a plan/purpose. There are negative impacts on traffic and quality of life for seemingly more banks or coffee shops.

Lack of diversity

Taxes, not much for kids, town needs more businesses.

Ability for investors to execute on their vision without too much interference/input from the town. Limited options for travel through the town.

traffic at the light by Brueggers, plus the length of time it takes to get from 481 to Manlius... one lane by Lyndon Corners can be treacherous

Not enough locally owned businesses

Lack of growing, white collar businesses. There are few opportunities for recent college graduates and mid career professionals to remain in this area with the current focus on warehousing, distribution and tourism. The town should focus more on attracting tech, aviation and drone companies to take advantage of the \$250M NYS has committed to investing in drone technology in CNY as well as the region's existing innovation cluster of sensor and defense companies including Inficon, Sensis, Anaren, and Lockheed Martin.

Poor traffic planning. Poor pedestrian and cycle accessibility

Traffic, continual development eroding parking. Traffic, not enough sidewalks. Lack of mixed income housing , affordable housing for all workers.

Inadequate sidewalks outside of the village of Fayetteville, specifically moving along Genesee St. from Town Center towards Dewitt

High taxes, somewhat congested roads

There are so many businesses that are unoccupied. I also think FM's long-standing belief that business hurts the quaintness of the town is absurd. With proper planning business could bring a vibrancy to our community.

## Weaknesses

Taxes are rather high. Not enough diversity. There isn't really a nice center of town.

Traffic congestion - makes the distance driving to points west seem much longer than it really is. I have friends and coworkers that don't like to come out to Manlius because "it's too far" / "it takes forever"

Most working residents work outside our town and commute to other places - "bedroom community" - so they don't get involved in their own community

SAFE WALKABILITY outside the VILLAGE center.

NO Public transportation running on a schedule basis.. or a 'CALL a Bus' to keep Seniors independent. NO Central town center.. and NO LARGE Supermarket that can arrange for deliveries. Same goes for CVS and Walgreen's on Route 92.. claim to use the regular mail medical service.. - rather than giving individuals the option.. so it is someone has to go and pick up new prescriptions.

Changes at Walgreens are very horrid. The supplies that one could get at one time at RITE AID were far superior.. LACK of staff there is one problem..

Too many people resulting in too much traffic.

The village of Fayetteville is being sold to commercial markets and lost its village charm at the corner of Burdick and Genesee when they allowed Romano to take up residence at the entrance of the village. Having to fight to retain and preserve historic buildings is a disgrace. I was flummoxed when the Wellington House was on the chopping block. The mayor destroying nature and our health by allowing overdevelopment and 5g.

Residents resist any businesses coming to their villages. Its like saying "Not in my backyard". They fear it will change and disturb their villages.

My first observation was the decision making in absence of a comprehensive plan has not served the community well. We live on a county road that has traffic but is also used by walkers/runners and bikers, including the high school CC team. The road isn't conducive to this; any discussions regarding facilities and development should also anticipate increased and type of traffic and plan for pedestrian use. Are there maps of sidewalks in the town or a database that shows them? Is there up to date info on traffic patterns? Are shopping areas easily accessible by car and foot, and signed well? How do you communicate with residents? I just listened to the Councilor talk about steering committee members. Your data shows the largest growth area is people over 65, but they were not mentioned or encouraged to participate. I am excited this process is occurring as the town budget, goal setting and staff time can be better directed and cost effective if there is a plan versus reactive decision making.

What other groups are impacted?

Traffic, The town has become a thruway for everyone living east (Chittenango, Canastota) southeast, (Cazenovia, Pompey, etc) . taxes, lack of safe walking and biking spaces. Lack of parks.

too many parks & rec departments - one for the town, one for F'ville, one for Manlius. Over zealous police. Can't tell you the number of times I have seen 2 or 3 police cars pulling over 1 car for speeding.

bureaucracy, empty storefronts, NIMBY attitudes, lack of retail diversity (too many banks, little lodging)

Not enough walkable or bikable neighborhoods; too many neighborhoods closed off from other areas, too many banks and not enough entertainment businesses

none

Hard to get approval for things the board doesn't agree with personally - they don't always represent their citizens.

Not enough sidewalks. Whole neighborhoods could walk to schools, shops, restaurants, if the town would connect to village sidewalks

Need to drive everywhere

Property assessments and taxes completely ridiculous! My mortgage has gone up almost \$300 in the 4 years I've lived here. We will have to move next year at that rate.

High taxes- my taxes cost the same monthly as my mortgage! I am considering moving out of Minoa for this reason.

Urban sprawl with accompanying rush hour traffic. Downtown area is not walker friendly with limited parking. There are not enough independent businesses or art venues.

Outdated zoning; would be better to have mixed used zoning and bike lanes

I don't see much population diversity in our town. I would love to see more shops and restaurants and businesses within our villages and town.

Very little ethnic diversity. High property taxes. High cost of housing. Aging infrastructure. Few charging options for Electric Vehicles (EVs).

Nimby. It takes too damn long to get anything built in this town, developable parcels are become dilapidated eyesores while everyone opposes anything on personal preference, and other towns are leaving us in the dust for economic development and tax base.

## Weaknesses

No dog park (preferably fenced in); no bike lanes

Traffic. Both Fayetteville and Manlius are bottlenecks on the way between Syracuse and either Chittenango or Cazenovia, respectively. I feel like if 690 had continued east beyond 481 as originally intended, village traffic might not be as bad.

Related: bike access on roads. We have done roads with very narrow shoulders or none at all... Route 92 from 257 to 173 is a great example. No shoulder, but bikes have to ride in traffic because the storm grates at the sides of the road are dangerous to bike over. It's one of the few places I feel so unsafe that I'll occasionally break the law and bike on the sidewalk instead of in the street.

Last but not least, we have a good school system but they tax & spend way too much and seriously botched the way they handled the pandemic.

Taxes.

Lack of cooperation between villages/towns. Separate trash removal

Traffic, high taxes

It has SO MUCH potential it isn't living up to. Loads of infrastructure issues. Bury the in-town electrical wires. You won't believe the difference that makes.

Also... how many "spas" do we want/need?

Lack ethnic diversity, lack younger people who are aware and involved with community.

Too commercial.

Property taxes

Taxes too high

There are always so many empty plazas and commercial buildings. For some reason, businesses can't always seem to be successful within the town. Would be great if it was a more walkable town/village - with multiple businesses accessible. Another weakness - lack of diversity within residents/business clientele

Too much emphasis on banking facilities. Little expansion for new businesses such as retail and non drive thru restaurants

Lack of sound planning regarding commercial creep and zoning

It's too expensive. Taxes are not budgeted well. Fire and Police take way way too much of the budget and, meanwhile, our aging population is left to run bake sales and pay out of pocket in order to have social activities. We have no transportation for the elderly, no consideration for where they will live when, by 2030, one in five people in the US will be over the age of 65. (AARP, 2021) And Manlius could very well best that number. And while I believe that taxes need to be adjusted, the tax burden is too high for most of us already, never mind how it discourages new people to live here.

Too many empty storefronts in the village of Manlius.

The idea of another quarry is appalling.



## Weaknesses

- Onondaga County education system does not offer nor encourage foreign language and culture courses, whether online or in-person.
- No town events, e.g., walk event throughout the town to support local (Onondaga County) nonprofits.
- Community-wide emergency practices or policies not transparent.
- Very little or non-existent arts and cultural goods and services
- No public spaces in the Town. Fayetteville Village has Beard Park.
- Limited alfresco, outdoor, dining:
- Need more local flavor dining, that has outdoor eating: cafés, bistros, diners. (not banks, dental services)
- Restrictive town yard pickup: put yard stuff in a bag, which itself is wasteful.
- No encouragement of community-wide recycling, reuse, or repurpose. especially of plastic.
- Lacks beautification efforts. Village of Fayetteville has been such great salient efforts!
- Needs More safe secure pedestrian and bicycle mobility areas: sidewalks, bike lanes. Love what DeWitt has done with Erie Canal corridor path, in middle of Erie Blvd - Love it! We plan to bike that to/from downtown Syracuse and visit stores along the way this summer! Oops-not spending money in Town of Manlius.
- Permanent farmer's market venue for food.??
- Need more renewable energy, i.e., offer alternative energy to power our homes, power government and community's interconnectivity (Internet, WiFi, etc.)
- Seeing vacant buildings boarded up for months to years.
- Lack of window shopping : Village of Fayetteville is lousy now with that horrendous medical building where a strip of diverse local shops used to be. When people are walking out and about, says a lot about the community. Village of Manlius needs. Towne Center is great for window shopping espec protected from the wonderful pavilion, shop then dine!
- No ice skating at Beard Park.
- The Town has no senior living, housing.

### NYS high taxes

The Village of Manlius needs to be brought into the 21st Century. Being one of the most affluent areas in CNY the village is almost depressing. Other villages are nice towns that people go out of their way to shop, eat and spend time in. Besides parade days and Sno Top there is not much to entice people to spend time in the village.

Overcrowding of developments and constant increases in property assessments, tons of empty store fronts in the village, not much to do

Not enough options for neighborhoods to be able to walk/bike to local business. No safe walkways outside of residential developments.

lack of services, taxes

Town has no character, not many nice businesses or restaurants, too many gas stations and drug stores.

Difficult to safely walk out bike to places in the community, such as the canal, ice cream shop, really anywhere outside our development.

No sense of community--historical character is not celebrated, and there are way too many banks and pharmacies where there should be locally owned business and community spaces. The local governments (town and village levels) can do more to allow for small business owners to get started, as we have very slowly begun to see in the village of manlius. The more chain businesses, the weaker the sense of community. Also, there is very little affordable housing, making it less appealing than it already is for young people to want to move into the area and start families.

Taxes are enormous.

Traffic is increasing, the downtown is so unattractive!

### High taxes

Manlius has too many banks and drugstores. We also have very limited restaurants in both number and variety. We really don't have many options for healthy food and have to drive out of Manlius often for a nice meal out. We also don't really have many shopping opportunities.

Taxes

### bicycle safety

Not enough stores

high tax base, movement toward anti business School taxes are running way too high with large percentage increases. Lack of experienced town leadership. Impact of traffic and commute is the grid replaces rte 81.

## Weaknesses

weather and taxes.

High taxes, no consistency or theme with the look and businesses that line the Route 92 and route 173 corridors. Everything looks like "one off" versus villages like Cazenovia, Fayetteville, Canastota, Skaneateles.

High taxes, increasing traffic issues, increasing reliance on sales taxes and neighboring communities to offset reducing commercial tax contributions, decaying of villages main streets, lack of adequate parking in villages

Buildings could use renovating/sprucing up downtown

Taxes,

High taxes

Few town parks that support kids sports or tennis and pickleball

Lack of stores near by, parks for kids, street lights, higher taxes

Lack of diversity, resistance to inclusivity, strict zoning guidelines, too many banks being allowed and not enough incentives for locally owned businesses

zoning code is outdated and does not provide minimum requirements which leaves to much discretion to the Planning and Town Boards; limited office/commercial/retail establishments; a majority of the tax base is limited to residential uses; poor collaboration with the Villages; lack of sidewalks and public parks/amenities; no vision for undeveloped areas of the Town

Lack of variety with local restaurants - new businesses tend to be banks, pizza shops. Pittsford, NY is a great model for the types of business that could be welcomed in Manlius.

Traffic on Rt. 92 (and now other areas) is getting worse and worse during morning commutes and other busy times. Over development by housing projects threatens to ruin what we have.

We need to have more businesses in our area - more than banks, pharmacies and nail salons

Allowing new businesses to build in concentrated areas. Many of the new businesses are redundant and people only need to drive a short distance for the same service.

High taxes, some areas too commercialized

The inability to get assistance for issues that need to be addressed for example the Sky Ridge Water issue that has been an issue since 2012.

lack of diversity...lack of ethnic restaurants...

The four lane highway straight through the village makes it less alluring to walk and hang out. School taxes are high. Mass transit is non existent.

Over development of commercial properties.

Over development for residences, that is single family homes, apartments etc.

The police seem to have little to do. Traffic is brought to a halt if a person is pulled over, no one seems to think about pulling to a side road. Or parking area space. Its often 3 police cars to one incident. Accidents are not moved efficiently or quickly. Ive noticed police running speed traps constantly. This is good and bad. Ive witnessed folks getting trivial tickets. Perhaps the force is too numerous, i can't understand it.

As for DOT, the roadsides could be cleaner. Ive made calls about items being dumped.

The constant irresponsible development that takes away the original historical community.

Unresponsive and slow to act government leaders.

Not well organized. Not sustainable. Allows development without a long term plan.

very few restaurants, few inviting public spaces, unexciting main street

there are just not that many places to go

not a walkable or bikeable plano place -- no connections between different subdivisions

Diversity and culture

No auto parts store.

Developers unchecked: cramming more housing and businesses in smaller spaces without regard for existing neighborhoods, school capacity or traffic. Green spaces rapidly disappearing.

We need more dining choices. More nice but AFFORDABLE housing would be nice too.

FM school tax is out of control.

Frequent power outages. Fayetteville Center Triangle traffic could use more directional lights and more pedestrian walkways. Empty storefronts in Manlius could get businesses in. It would be nice to see more diversity.

## Weaknesses

Assessments, makes no sense when it goes up year after year. The Villages work hard to maintain their Tax Rate.

It is not walkable, from where we live. School district needs serious change - not all about grades.

Heavy traffic around FM High School. Too many banks and drug stores. Chain stores are boring and ugly. Not enough foot traffic along the storefronts. Vacant stores. Lack of sidewalks along Enders Road.

High taxes.

Over development of housing, high tax rate, street congestion, not enough pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure

High taxes make it hard to live and run a business

High taxes.

Lack of sidewalks

Interruption of electricity, few options for internet services, irregular collection of yard waste

Traffic congestion and no turn lanes for busy intersections.

There are too many banks and pharmacies in the village of Manlius and not enough actually interesting businesses (cafes, restaurants, shopping,...). For everything I need, I have to go to Fayetteville. This is a big concern for people who live closer to the village of Manlius than the village of Fayetteville. Fayetteville's parks are nicer, too. We should have a free, public pool as well.

The town supervisor Ed Theobald is a total liability because of his previous racist remarks at public town meetings

Assessment, plans to place more burdens on property owners

A lack of recreational spaces like a public pool, indoor track (other than the Y) or dog park.

Too white, too little racial diversity in our leadership

There are run down areas that need to be addressed. More parking in the village of Manlius.

It is hard for seniors to age in place or downsize from homes, it is not as walkable and bikeable and dog-friendly as it could be.

I would love to see more arts and entertainment promoted in the town and Villages

lack of sidewalks

new commercial buildings when we already have empty buildings

Village of Manlius is a passthru - has no identity.

Walkability could be improved, particularly from some areas within the village. Also, there is a lot of traffic through our "Main Street" area which makes it harder to enjoy. Sometimes our town just feels like a thoroughfare and not a destination.

High Taxes and No Commercial Growth. Village and Town seem predisposed to change: especially new business and other development

There are no sidewalks, unattractive building fronts, no big draw for people to stay or for people to visit, parking spaces are pretty much non-existent, too many empty/abandoned buildings and finally, lacking an attractive central community-based location/facility.

I think new businesses have a tough time entering Manlius.... we could do more to help spur development. The vacant buildings along Route 92 are awful.

far from major sports facilities

High taxes

Lack of recreational facilities not tied to schools, such as; park with tennis courts, pickleball courts, basketball courts, trails, green space

Traffic.

The way we are represented in the town board needs to be addressed. I am pleased at the current makeup of the board (mainly because there are different faces), but I think that we may have better representation if Councilors represented a specific ward (or zone) rather than having the entire town pick the officials. Hopefully this would lead to a more diverse board and not just a one party machine as we have seen for the last 20 or so years. (I am aware that the board changed parties in the last election, but it still may not represent the different parts of the town as best as it can)



## Weaknesses

Taxes are too high! There is no fenced fog park here and there seems to be places to put one. The new trash and recycling bins are too big! I need to back the car out of the garage to get the bins out. There are some police here that are not supportive of our youth.

Lacks diversity, no certainty that it is safe for people of different races. No adequate transportation to downtown Syracuse

Overdevelopment, or worse unwise development detrimental to the above listed strengths

Manlius needs to change from a pass through village. Please add retail stores or a couple more restaurants. We need more reasons for people to spend money in the village.

Lots of red tape sometimes prevents timely decision making. For at least the 27 years I have lived here, the politics have been dominated by the "good ole boys". It is only recently that there has been some diversity emerging in town and school politics.

Not enough healthy restaurants

Not Senior friendly

High taxes, traffic congestion

Heavy traffic thru the center of town, rte 92

Congested streets, minimal sidewalks and lighting, abandoned storefronts, limited business providing retail and food service (tax revenue) are all of Manlius' weaknesses.

Incessant drive to develop. We enjoy living in a quiet, peaceful and safe suburb. If we wanted stores and businesses in our backyard, we would have chosen to live elsewhere. We do not need the same constellation of stores and fast food that are spit out by developers every 30 miles. These additional stores and fast food are what detract from the peaceful, quiet, and safe home we have chosen. We certainly do not want development that creates more traffic, noise, and unsafe conditions for pedestrians and bikers trying to enjoy our community.

To many vacant houses or commercial lots

Roads not too friendly use. Lots of dead end streets.

The downtown has limited attraction due to the lack of small shops, casual dining, and bars (except the ubiquitous craft brewhouses) that would cause one to park and want to walk around. Village taxes are high.

It would be nice if the town organized a community-wide litter pick up similar to what is done in the Town of DeWitt

Too much traffic with no vision on how to deal with it, poor business planning in Village of Manlius.

It's not walkable. I work within a mile of my house and can't walk because the road isn't safe.

Lack of restaurants, local businesses, capitalizing on Green Lakes and other local parks to attract visitors. Lack of sidewalks, especially in and near Village of Manlius (e.g., Enders Road). Vision for the main strip in Manlius is lacking, it seems haphazard at best which ends up in underutilized new real estate or another pharmacy.

I think that the town has lacked in providing more local businesses to grow. I think that there are a lot of vacant buildings and untapped resources for business growth. I think that the town has become too focused on planting trees and adding solar power than supporting local business and creating a better fiscal plan for how things will be paid for in the future.

We need work on the environmental protection, and sustainability fronts. Eg., some building codes which discourage solar, geothermal etc. Also we need to continue making this a healthy welcoming community for a broader spectrum of society.

Too many abandoned and run down business lots, especially along Fayette St!

School curriculum was behind city of Syracuse when our kids entered FM in math & languages.

Taxes too high

Unrepresentative government is improving

Lack of affordable housing

Poor planning due to leadership in Town prioritizing revenue over improvements

#1 by far are the high taxes and extremely high school taxes. I moved from San Francisco in 2015 and I could have a >\$1.0M home there with lower total taxes than at my

Lack of town services information, a new letter of service and time would be nice.

Congested traffic in and out of Manlius, there needs to be a traffic light only used during the school year at the end of Enders Road coming onto 173 I've witnessed many many many almost accidents.

## Weaknesses

More flexible transportation services, especially for people with limited incomes or unable to drive. More affordable apts to rent.

Taxes, government waste and inefficiency

I think our structure of government (I live in the Village of Fayetteville, in the Town of Manlius, in Onondaga County) makes it difficult to plan individually. All the municipalities need to work together. A lot has changed in 175-200 years when the towns and villages were formed.

Not enough sidewalks - for example it would be nice if there was a safe way to walk from Homewood to Target or the Village of Fayetteville

Could have more local stores

Increasing traffic with faster driving speeds

Lack of diversity. In population and businesses.

expanding consumer business, commerce, and industry

No community feeling, limited recreation, terrible place to live, traffic, high taxes

With some community members, it seems the amount of time your family has been here or the amount of money you have automatically grants you a certain standing in the community. This can make it uncomfortable and difficult when situations arise involving community members do not have that history in the town.

Lack of town planning; seems to be little or no thought given to enhancing the look and feel of the town--whole swaths of both villages are rather ugly with no continuity of design, and some new construction, like the Honda dealership on Rt. 5 near Fayetteville Post Office, further worsens the town's appearance. There is also a lack of diverse places to eat and shop--just banks, drugstores and chain restaurants.

Development restrictions

Closed minded board members

Councils yielding ( granted) to much power

Outdated utilities

A police department not needed and a waste of money. Merge with the county sheriffs

Merge municipalities

Way to high taxes

traffic, diversity, focus on commercial developments, lack of town parks and greenspace, not a walkable community

Not conserving open land for animal habitat or recreational use. Buildings are too close to roads in the village, doesn't lend itself to a hometown feel. Need to bring in new businesses, don't knock down buildings and let the land sit empty.

Expense, getting too populated

Democratic politics.

High school taxes.

Overpriced projects (fire station).

Reduction of services but not tax reduction.

Wholesale increased property assessment (10% in 2021) resulting in increased taxes, but keeping same tax rate.

Taxes, wish village had more restaurants, shops and curb appeal

Congestion on Route 5, especially near Wegmans. There should also be sidewalks in neighborhoods or at least connecting neighborhoods to plazas.

lack of racial and ethnic diversity, social isolation

lack of community (car culture, few community events, non-support for Town parks/ recreation)

taxes

Need more sidewalks for walkability

high cost of living compared to city/other suburbs, has improved but even more sidewalks are needed (frustrating when they cut in and out between village and town)

The town is falling apart along the main streets, buildings in disrepair, too many commercial properties vacant. Driving thru town is reminiscent of Chittenango years ago. Signage at main intersection of town is pathetic, held together with metal clamps.

To stratified by race and class

Needs more renewable energy

Seems it's difficult to get building projects done - the one that was supposed to go next to CVS as an example

## Weaknesses

There are TOO MANY vacant buildings that are unkempt in the village of Manlius. So many eyesores. The codes officer does nothing about the properties that are actually occupied and not cared for (and uses the "I work part time" excuse too much. Hire someone full time. This area needs it.). The village is referred to as "the old section" in village-developed and circulated documents/publications. That's not the best way to attract homebuyers or business owners. The rent is WAY TOO HIGH for a tenant to lease and operate a business. We will continue to have vacant properties and empty "strip malls" for as long as this is the case. The reduction in recycling pick-up means more people are throwing recyclables in the trash because the trash is picked up weekly, however, trash collectors will now take ONLY what's perfectly fitted inside the bin. A huge step backwards.

Incredibly high taxes with little to show for it.

No master plan for development.

Pressure from developers.

Zoning is rather restrictive. The ZBAs usually grant variances, but this is a bureaucratic and time-consuming step for property owners. Zoning may reflect an outdated vision of ideal land use.

It is too white! I'd like more racial and ethnic diversity. Also, there are not many safe ways for walkers/ cyclists to travel from the village of Manlius to Fayetteville. We are not thinking of creative ways to manage traffic, like putting in traffic circles at busy intersections. There are not enough public spaces/ organizations for young people (teens).

The poor business climate, bureaucracy, the politics... The belief that you can tax your constituents continually.

We don't have a cohesive plan for the Towns and Villages. There is little to no walkability and the town is split with heavy used roads that make it dangerous for biking, walking and car usage.

Taxes

Too many of same chain businesses/banks/realtors/drug stores

The store fronts are drab and in need of cosmetic upgrades to be uniform and quaint.

Not easy for small businesses to thrive and succeed here

Too often the unoccupied businesses are left uncared for (ex. Wild Orchid, Wander, Dazzle, gas station, bottle exchange).

TOO MANY NAIL SALONS! Village is not as charming as our neighboring villages such as caz and skaneateles. Many yards and homes are not maintained. The village is looking run down. Seneca street and all who wander have a lovely atmosphere for people to catch up and have been doing a lovely job. The new flower shop looks nice and Mrs. Kelder's always looks cute. We need businesses that keep us in our own village.

Traffic congestion is growing. Village is allowing/considering inappropriate developments not in line with the zoning laws. Comprehensive plan is outdated/ignored. Village Elections held at a time that is not conducive to optimizing turnout. Tax assessments formula is opaque. Lack of racial/ethnic diversity.

Would love to see more sidewalks, ie, on Salt Springs from Huntleigh to FM road.

Really wish something would be done on the property west of the Post Office.

not a lot of restaurant or entertainment venues

No planning or approval of large business to help with tax base, leaving Manlius to shop elsewhere, lack of sidewalks, lack of town centers/mix use, lack of progressive growth, roads, out of date thinking concerning community development

Our economic hubs existing within separate municipalities.

too much traffic and the roads are set up for the through traffic rather than the locals

Height school tax and high property tax.

Lack of diversity (racial, economic status, young adult homeowners), too many large corporate banks and pharmacies, not enough small local businesses (restaurants, shops). We are living on stolen land from Native Americans. It's time we recognize/acknowledge our history OUTWARDLY and pay respects to the previous stewards of this land.

The absence of any residential housing development plan, same for the Town. The tax formulas are very burdensome and a much better management of the school district funds is a priority. 60 buses for students, that are often poorly utilized. (I walked a mile and a half to high school). Increased bus routes with very few users. This is an example of terrible management. Resources are limited. The District needs to be managed.

need electric car charging stations, bike paths connecting villages

Taxes and police force

Hard to walk places, need more options for internet, traffic

Many restaurants have closed in the last 3 years.

## Weaknesses

Population density, high traffic, loud traffic and traffic horseplay, over abundance of construction equipment and tractor-trailers on local roads

Lack of connection - sidewalks, bike trails. Fremont especially feels so remote. No way to connect to other neighborhoods or Fayetteville/town center/canal without driving. Would love some help with maintaining yards. For example - other towns do leaf collection (rake leaves to end of yard and they come suck them up - less money/time spent on bagging) and give away trees to plant. More local businesses in town center. More promotion of local businesses and restaurants.

No activities for families and young people. Traffic is becoming bad. Commercial Development is all concentrated in Fayetteville. Main Street in Village of Manlius looks ugly.

1. Intergovernmental failure to manage increasing traffic east of the Town.
2. Reticence to commit wholeheartedly, over the long term, to increasing collaboration between the Town and villages.
3. Lack of racial diversity; failure to acknowledge historic and current rejection of nonwhite homeowners.
5. Lack of moderate priced housing for young families and seniors.
6. Failure to create a more cohesive architectural appearance in business districts that builds on our heritage.
7. Insufficient planning to protect natural resources.

There's limited fast casual restaurants nearby.

Up keep. The area could look better and have a more cohesive feel. Some buildings, businesses, and parks feel and look run down. There are a lack of sidewalks connecting the schools in some places. More restaurant options would also be a bonus.

Taxes are too high.

Too much pressure to do more housing/business development. Busy traffic, at times.

Too much traffic on Genesee, not enough bike paths (this is different from bike lanes), no entertainment (music, movies, art, bookstore)

lack of a master plan, population density, lack of community resources

The village is an embarrassment. Fayetteville has done a much better job building a village feel, supporting and encouraging small businesses. I'm embarrassed to say I live in Manlius when I look at the village there is not one business or building that is inviting. So many zoning rules, hoops companies need to jump through to get approval. We had a burned out bottle shop on our main road for years, now the CVS will not have another building next to it. The vacant call dealership to welcome guests to our village. The buildings on the other side of the street look great, too bad the pub went out of business for whatever reason. We should be encouraging small businesses.

Lack of affordable housing, poor and cumbersome public transportation, not enough subsidized housing. Too many drug stores, lack of diverse businesses, lack of bike lanes. Manlius could be a destination for boutique shopping, or a night on the town. Property taxes are too high. Need more local daycare. Businesses need easier consumer road access.

Lack of diversity - sooo white

Pedestrian traffic. Cycling, walking, running, etc. is a little challenging in certain areas. I can't go from my neighborhood easily on bike or foot without a stretch down East Genesee and risk getting hit on a very narrow side. (Homewood neighborhood).

Lack of diversity, and nothing to encourage it. Before I moved here, many people I knew in the surrounding area looked at the town of Manlius as a place of privilege and wealth that did not include other socioeconomic groups. The community and the schools seem to bear this out. Are we REALLY a welcoming community?

High taxes .. and no drive though at the Dunkin doughnuts

Taj Mahal of Fire stations that was completely unnecessary

The return on actual fire protection per dollar spent should be measured .

A nondescript suburban character

Our downt

I've always thought the taxes were high, but I guess you get what you pay for.

high taxes, inability to prevent development which has an adverse effect on quality of living here

Lack of hierarchy of density and Village Centers. Traffic. Management of natural resources for public enjoyment. Public recreation.



## Weaknesses

High taxes potentially racially biased police little affordable housing for lower income brackets. Public transportation not convenient

The transition from residential/commercial at village borders.

Revitalization of unoccupied or dilapidated commercial space

Not wanting to make any changes for community development.

Limited public transportation

Manlius and Fayetteville need more bike paths and sidewalks. Extremely High Property Taxes. School district has no ice rink or swimming pool.

There is a lack of charm and businesses to support. There are many building empty due to rent and parking available.

Limited choice for internet. Satellite or Spectrum only choices. There is no Fios on my street.

The unwillingness of people to allow further checked development

Lack of interest in properly developing business areas. Traffic concerns.

Several underdeveloped properties in both the village of Manlius and Fayetteville.

We need more variety in small businesses, especially in the village of Manlius. There are too many shuttered businesses for an area with so many resources.

Weak village shopping and dining

Seems to be a lack of a development plan for the community. There are things that tie things together like the stone signage in Fayetteville, but the village of Manlius seems to be less consistent.

taxes

Lack of commercial growth..we need more restaurants and local businesses

Lack of affordable housing for seniors...we need affordable one story homes..not luxury apartments

Traffic congestion can be an issue at times, as well as the speed of cars/trucks on route 5 through town. Route 5 has very little shoulder for pedestrians and no bike lanes. It's dangerous for anyone who is not in a car, and effectively cuts off cyclists from access to the Canal / NY trail.

Some effort, I know, has been made to make the villages of Fayetteville and Manlius more pedestrian friendly, but people drive right through crosswalks -- and have run over the mid-street marker that indicates pedestrian right of way.

increasing amounts of traffic

Busy traffic at times, too much commercial development

Hard to walk outside the villages, no real plan for development, not attracting younger couples, too expensive for some people to live here, no real plan for climate change, no real plan for homeless people or people who have issues with drug issues

Many parts of the town, particularly the villages of Manlius and Fayetteville, have become drive-through bedroom communities leading to traffic congestion as the populace heads towards Madison County. There is a lack of a sense of community as many residents are transitional--here for only a short period of time--or they just don't care about what is going on unless it impacts them personally. In addition, the property taxes continue to rise because the Town seems to discourage developing a commercial/industrial base that could help ease the tax burden on residents.

Village of Fayetteville mayor is unresponsive to constituent inquiries. More green space needed, not more development.

Village of Manlius is an eyesore.

Movement of town government to dictate long term future

The 3 villages are disconnected, difficult to walk, shop or bike safely as cars are prioritized. Heavy traffic that often exceeds speed limits. Lack of sidewalks connecting Fayetteville and Manlius, lack of trails connecting both to Minoa, lack of community spaces and playgrounds when land is available, lack of affordable housing, limited public transportation,

Taxes. Your assessor is a criminal in his approach to the rate of assessment and the way he conducts assessments. There is nothing fair about it, and it will begin to drive people from the area.

Limited public transportation, not enough variety in businesses, community silos

## Weaknesses

Traffic splitting the town. Ill-advised and underused development. Failure to support small businesses

Tax

A lot of banks and pizza shops, more places to walk to

Over reliance on real estate as a development tool, lack of coordination between the town and the villages, lack of creativity/fear of change in development

No imagination on businesses in the town. The town needs something different, unique and not already there. You have direct competition when there are the same business'. One will close. No more banks!

The town has limited options for dining and entertainment, and while I'd like to support our local economy, I find my family going elsewhere for certain things.

Traffic patterns, too many drug stores, empty spaces, buildings

High taxes and ticks

Lack of restaurants. So many abandoned/vacant buildings

Lack of racial diversity, people use the "easy way" all too often - too much driving, too much fertilizer, too much pesticide/herbicide, not enough bike lanes or paths, limited sidewalks

Roads are congested; poor traffic control. Excessive property taxes.

Traffic; lack of diversity; some rude/arrogant residents.

Rush hour traffic! Need more (non-chain) food options for eating out.

Work on becoming more diverse

Commuter traffic in and out of bottlenecks.

## Opportunities

Applying for grants to build infrastructure. Expanding public parks. It is important to take care of the environment...

Town should become energy self-reliant with solar and wind on for government facilities, schools, libraries. Encourage low/medium income housing opportunities. Preserve natural resources such as Limestone and Butternut Creeks.

Renewable Green Energy program.

Develop the infrastructure to reflect the wants of the younger population moving back to the area.

Bed and breakfasts, the arts, a connection to the Red House or Syracuse Stage, area colleges, local history.

CLEAN UP SENECA STREET! Tell the Ling Ling owner to clean up his dumpy buildings! Get some new tenants in the vacant buildings!

Getting Skyridge and Salt Springs Districts attached to the public water system.

EV charging capabilities, town WIFI services, Community run/based internet. Solar conversion subsidies.

Seek ways to diversify and build a more inclusive community; find ways to introduce new business and spaces into the Town

Preserving agricultural land that in turn could enhance the surrounding neighborhoods. Improve infrastructure. Capture the unique character and diversity within the Town.

Smart growth. Improving traffic flow. Open mind to new businesses & developments. Improve downtown Manlius into a destination for residents not a thoroughfare.

Creating a more walkable community.

preserving greenspace and exploring methods to facilitate its use such as hiking trails, etc.

Better nutrition options in schools. A pool and indoor hockey iceskating rink at highschool to open new opportunities for our children and scholarship opportunities.

sustainable environmental initiatives, fostering a greater sense of community,

I think that Salt Springs Road could be a beautiful corridor of lovely homes and neighborhood friendly businesses.

Sports facility with indoor and outdoor space that prioritizes community programs. Bike lanes, more walking trails connecting outer areas to villages and all 3 villages together, prioritizing small businesses, well planned parks and green spaces, safe, affordable housing for aging community members that considers transportation needs, community space, entertainment and access to nature, community gardens.

Don't build houses on every square inch of space, Parks and CNY Land Trust areas are vital for the quality of life.

I think controlled growth could be great, if traffic is considered.

Clean energy. Infrastructure upgrades. Diversity.

Infrastructure money could be used to fix long neglected streets (our street, Wynnridge Rd, hasn't been paved for 25+ years and the pitch of the street creates pooling of water in our yards and even basement damage in several homes). Transportation that sews the city and the surrounding areas as well as high speed rail to NYC, Rochester, Albany, Binghamton, and Buffalo.

Investments in lifelong recreational needs of citizens: see above, but pickleball courts, tennis courts, outdoor pool--as well as more sidewalks. The new dentist office being built near medical center could have access to the Erie canal and trails, but this wasn't part of the planning. Seems like quality of life is often last on the list when it comes to priorities.

Use existing buildings/ property in the village of Manlius to attract better dining and boutique style stores

Environmental issues.

Drone use for quicker response and observation of questionable incidents.

We are a bedroom community but need to encourage empty nesters and single people. Our historic village centers seem to be able to offer a particular "hipster vibe" which we need to encourage.

Create a co-working space as people work from home or start their own business. Create entertainment opportunities for families - skating rink, pedestrian mall - preferably outdoors which is our strength. This will attract more revenue to the Town.

demand higher architectural style. These recent malls are ugly.

Strategic growth with new building in the villages -- addition of bike lanes and more pedestrian-friendly intersections. Continue to fund parks, Dept of Parks and Rec programs for kids, seniors.

Revitalize the village area with an attractive store fronts with more businesses and pedestrian friendly walkways. Also, create an attractive community space where we can hold concerts, outdoor shows, etc.

## Opportunities

More stores, parks, street lights

Protect Greenspace, create a more vibrant town center

I think since our population will be aging we should concentrate on the senior population.

Increase variety in restaurant options. Collaborate with county to increase internet options besides Spectrum. Improve crosswalk safety (especially the crosswalk near Brueggers). Traffic safety (corn of Enders and 92). Focus on filling empty business buildings while avoiding too much proposed building (I love the coffee chop use of the old Bank of America).

Lowering taxes and assessments to keep the people that live here, here.

Community solar; traffic calming patterns; protecting green spaces and increasing walkable areas.

Need a few more family friendly recreational areas

Develop a residential plan and force use rather the random development of areas that a developer wishes to optimize their financial position. Same for business development. Develop ways to reduce residential taxes by selective appropriate business development to enhance the tax base.

Have businesses connect more with FM High School (let students volunteer and learn about careers in our village)

None. Stop building things. The towns are beginning to be a bit crowded and traffic is becoming a problem in certain spots.

capitalize on the remaining and existing integrity of the historic resources (landscapes, buildings, views etc), while encouraging new development that respects all and is harmonious with existing.

Increased green energy.

Improve infrastructure like a sidewalk on Genesee connecting Tops to Wegmans.

Revitalize brown fields in the village with something we actually need, like a dog park.

Infrastructure

Public services

The need for additional housing, schooling and resources

exactly what this survey intends to do. To manage future land use development that benefits equally the needs of business and the residential community.

More commercial and industrial development, need to make Town more than a bedroom community

attraction for senior living, reduce tax base, develop mixed use buildings, keep police force strong as well as fire. Incentivize volunteers to help with these services.

Continue with park planning and keep community safe via the police department having adequate funding.

Preserve and expand green space. Reduce overdevelopment to Commercial and Industrial usage and promote residential usages.

More activities and events to keep people engaged and draw others here to help our local businesses

Many, many business and development possibilities. For examples take a look at development opportunities that have been rejected over the last 5 years or so

Build a indoor Public pool, health complex for community. Bike lanes and architecture integrity for town.

Reducing the tax burden on citizens.

Solar energy, electric cars, more green spaces, improve walkability

Replacing the "Old Boys" that blindly rule the Manlius Town and Villages within it with a diverse group of open-minded, compassionate, constituent-focused team.

More places to eat and entertainment options. And holding taxes down

Make the town a welcoming area that you would want to shop and play local.

The number of creatives in this town could make it charming and a destination not just a pass through town.

attract businesses in the tech industry

Become more business friendly. We don't need to keep building townhomes in the area that pay at a lower tax rate. Look at the businesses in the area that are contributing to the community and support them. I just learned of the Manlius Chamber of Commerce this year - we should support their work more too. Our businesses bring in revenue and can bring in more people to our area.



## Opportunities

Connect sidewalks parks and and canals

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I don't know.

Continue to have a very good school system, find a way that inter towns traffic does not go through the villages.

Increased commercialization with tax-paying companies

There's a real housing shortage in the area. Would like to see some existing spaces turned into apartments, townhouses or condos

New York could we'll start to increase its population due to climate change. Can manlius be on the forefront of attacking diverse people?

I think that staying up with the times in terms of not being fossil fuel dependent (charging stations for cars, etc) and making it easier for seniors to live, walking and biking for all, and more options for living with your dog here would all be great.

The school system and proximity to universities and hospitals have always drawn people to Manlius. As many around the country are leaving larger cities the opportunity exists to attract residents, only if there is a focus on improving real estate. Currently there is no cohesiveness, old buildings are falling apart and any relatively new ones don't blend in. Hire architects that can design a town landscape that will not only be appealing to look at but one that draws people to town. Add/improve a sidewalk system and safe off-street parking so that people will want to be out and about supporting local small businesses. Consider large parcels of land for community spaces, farmer's markets, art shows, etc.

Infrastructure, we need better road design, calming traffic solutions, sidewalks or walking paths, public broadband, upgrade to electricity grid to underground lines. affordable housing

Adapt to green technologies.

Focus on scalable, walkable communities.

Conserve existing open space.

Develop route 92 so it's a nice looking entrance to the community.

Being proactive, making a plan for future growth and change. Avoiding unsightly development such as windfarms and traffic congestion. Protecting nature, recreation areas and history.

Lowering traffic density, limiting new home construction to enhance livability, expand non-auto traffic

Investing in upgrades and sprucing up common places would be a huge plus, also more decent restaurants side walks

connection all the schools on 173 and Enders rd

More restaurants with healthy food options that provides residents with more variety and provides business opportunities. More shops to bring in visitors.

Preserve the remaining green spaces for future generations to enjoy. Every single inch of space does NOT have to be developed. We have enough of a traffic problem and a failed intersection at the top of the hill in Fayetteville according to the DOT

Making the whole town walkable and setting up good, safe bike lanes. Connecting the whole town (between villages) via sidewalks.

Filling vacant shopping/retail space in the village of Manlius.

Further diversify somehow

Current focus on anti racism can be an opportunity for real change

Using our agricultural land and natural resources wisely. Securing land for a Town park, similar to parks that Dewitt, Clay, Salina have. Redevelopment of some areas instead of always developing new areas. Creating more affordable housing and sustainable development.

Funding for unique branding and prevention of mainstream development.

Focus on villages and historic integrity of new and old building when considering new development. Recreation areas (community pool, pickleball, tennis courts in a public park area)

create more walkable spaces, connecting spaces, such parks, village centers with bike paths, walking paths. In addition

Limestone Creek including West Branch should be protected , magnify / protect open space near these streams.

More green energy choices. More childcare options.

I wish we could get an economic structure that encourages restaurants and shops to locate here.

## Opportunities

More small business development, less real estate development, focus on developing green space. ALLOW KINSELLA'S ZONE CHANGE!!!

Erie Canal use can be expanded, with three villages services can be structured to be easily accessible for seniors and those with limited mobility

Continue support of all the communities that make the Town of Manlius the great place to live

Outdoor recreational facilities. Indoor recreational facilities for sports. Theater for movies and/ or live performances.

Make sure that the architectural design of new buildings whether commercial or housing is creative and consistent with the character of the villages, ensuring easy traffic flow

Wind and solar power harvesting. Reuse of old (and historic, in some cases) buildings/homes along route 5 along with proper walking/biking lanes could make it a bustling thoroughfare.

1. Developing a comprehensive plan that articulates the community's vision of its character and priorities, as well as a clear explanation of what we do NOT want in order to communicate clearly with developers.
  2. Make our history visible in attractive outdoor public spaces. We have important stories. Though our libraries and museums are great, their resources alone cannot do the job. Self-aware communities embrace their history and make it visible - including referencing our past as the homeland of a thriving Haudenosunee people, the role slavery played, and the continuing problem of racial profiling in housing.
  3. Take advantage of the investments all state and regional agencies and bodies have made in developing written plans for the future - there are many excellent and current studies to inform our Town planning.
  4. Create rich opportunities for small business growth and success.
  5. Collaboratively plan with the 3 villages, and neighboring municipalities to develop connections between our natural and historic resources in order to build a tourism industry around the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.
  6. Work very closely with state and national elected officials and civil servants to advocate for transportation plans that protect the villages and towns from ever-increasing traffic. How can we reroute some traffic - especially that of long haul 18 wheelers - off Routes 92 and 5?
  7. Plan for Sustainability - take advantage of all national and state incentives to design a future-oriented infrastructure built on the most current projections for the next 50 years.
- Embrace the end of I-81. Add weed stores.

I'm too old to worry

Growth for housing, tax breaks, new zoning

Expand and support more small/local businesses; increase walkability (install sidewalks throughout the town, not just in the villages); offer more family-friendly events and venues. These things would help create a better sense of community.

Making the village main drag of 92 even more family friendly and attractive for people to visit

Create better biking and walking connections; support economic growth through sustainable design

STOP GIVING TAX BREAKS TO BUSINESSES FOR THE "PRIVILEGE" OF THEIR DOING BUSINESS (this is more a county issue, but its infuriating that NY State caters to big business).

Water on salt springs rd.

Keeping natural spaces and areas open and running for families.

More bike lanes, sidewalks, and safe places for kids to walk/scoot/bike. Also lower speed limits and speed bumps within residential neighborhoods.

Green infrastructure

Preserving natural habitat within the villages and along historic waterways.

traffic flow

Build a village encourage businesses (not banks) to open in our town.

More parks, more walkways, sidewalks for everyone. Summer outdoor entertainment, music, performances. Events for children and families.

Community policing, solar and other green energy opportunities. Protection of our shared villages by controlling traffic. Rt. 5 should not be widened, our Main Streets should not become thruways. Slow traffic rather than speed it up which will force people to find an alternative rt.

alternative power sources, natural resources consolidation of services

Supporting local, small businesses. Maintaining greenspace.

## Opportunities

The Village of Fayetteville has a nice village feel. The Village of Manlius is a four lane busy road and does not make you feel welcome. We need to make the town feel like there is are places for people to come together. More pedestrian friendly or bike friendly. I am not familiar with E Syr.

There are many opportunities for both the villages of Manlius and Fayetteville to get a "facelift". Attract new businesses such as restaurants. Also get ahead on renewable energy sources.

The strict zoning should become smart zoning. The small and closed minded approach has go to go. YouTube exposed everything... it is so embarrassing to watch, I kringe  
Sustainability, local business, outdoor community space.

Create a friendlier system for ALL types of traffic (ped, bike, car )

Embrace our diversity!

1. Keep green spaces as much as possible and use that as our measure of "growth." Sustaining our resources is most important to me.

2. Town water along Salt Springs.

3. No zone change for the quarry.

Increase the industrial base to gain tax income.

Bike paths. Larger shoulders on our road to support runners and bikers. More green space. More family activities. Better parking

Collaboration with the Villages-this Comprehensive Plan absolutely must include the Villages as they are the critical centers to the Town; Grants/Funding for infrastructure improvements; off-shoot development as a result of the Amazon warehouse on Kirkville Rd and CSX intermodal facility; undeveloped lands in the Town provide opportunities for different land uses.

We should invest in sidewalks from Eagleview subdivision up to the high school so the kids could walk or ride their bikes. Kids do it now but there's hardly any shoulder. A traffic light at the end of Enders Road onto 173. No parking on the side streets in town to keep both lanes wide open.

You really need to make the downtown and attractive place to be. You also really need to explain why our taxes are so high in the village, when the town gets the same exact benefits without the extra tax. It creates a negative disparity.

Currently, I like it the way it is! I have concerns that more development will lead to even worse traffic congestion.

Improving our Main Street area- reducing traffic and improving amenities and the variety of businesses

Consolidate with the Villages to save money. Take aggressive actions to reduce traffic congestion. Make tax assessment formula clear and simple. Continue to promote sustainability, especially solar/wind power and increased bus services. Promote mixed income housing. Add more walking trails adjacent to Town streams. Add a tool lending library to the library system. Include Fayetteville elections with county dates in November to increase turnout.

Continue to attract and retain well educated and affluent residents. Expand the region's tech ecosystem.

At my age 2035 is my goal.

Solar energy farm changing town village school vehicles to electric

Whatever development we do should include a hotel/motel - Red Roof for example.

more commercial properties, but tailored to things people would be excited about - making manlius more walkable/bikable, make parks nicer

Village of Manlius; they need Olson as mayor to make it transformative and more inviting for businesses (I.e. near failure of The Madison Row development; little to show under current administration)

More bike paths on main roads to make it bike friendly.

Invest in renewable energy. Make more public spaces both indoors and out

widening route 92, adding a Byrne Dairy at Enders/92

Beautifying the villages, supporting small business, organizing the growth and buildup of the area

More walkability in the villages, more green spaces, more areas for families

Offering opportunities for the homes in non-villages to have more of a village feel, with safe ways to physically access via walking, biking to stores, restaurants, ice cream shops. Open up unused land in these areas for small business opportunities, parks, or otherwise usable spaces.

Continue community/ family events, increased focus on locally owned businesses, more eating/ restaurant options

More stores and restaurants in the village

## Opportunities

### Renewable energy projects

Tap into locally-grown food demand, find ways to cut carbon emissions by encouraging kids/people to walk or ride to school (rather than 1 student per 1 family car), maintain Manlius identity but create real bonds to the city of Syracuse, perhaps focus on mixed high- and low-income housing in same neighborhoods

Rebuild existing, empty commercial space. More restaurants - but not in Fayetteville, in Manlius!

### Green energy

Allow more flexibility in development so that we can improve the area we live with restaurants and retail.

I feel like we should have more energy efficiency projects. Partner with all the schools and make the investment to install solar panel installations for long term power generation and savings.

Developing family friendly areas like parks and youth sports facilities, fill the store fronts to take advantage of the large customer base, stop with the overdevelopment which is crowding our schools

grants for solar and electric, preserving some former farms and existing forested areas and Springs, preserve historical inc. Native Amer areas

Create universal pre-k program for our residents.

We need to get people out of their cars and onto their feet or bikes and connect villages with public transportation.

Attracting and supporting local businesses and restaurants. Leveraging the awesome school district and parks.

senior housing, affordable housing, stabile revenue sources

To continue preserving green spaces and parks as well as investing in renewable energy sources. Also, as the internet has become an essential part of life, it is time to think about it as a utility, instead of an option. I think some kind of municipal internet can and should happen by 2035.

More park space for community gathering/events/festivals.

More green space development. Instead of incessantly looking to bulldoze trees and asphalt over lots, more parks should be developed to enjoy our quiet community.

Maintain our beautiful green spaces and streams. Invest in local restaurants and businesses.

I feel like there are great tourism opportunities - a place to create a rec complex that could draw people to events/activities from all over upstate. There are also opportunities especially in Manlius to develop real downtown spaces with outdoor sidewalk seating for restaurants, boutique shops that could bring more tourist dollars to the area.

I would really like to see the local government represented by a more even split of the parties.

better public spaces where families would enjoy spending time/going out to eat etc.

there are a lot of people with high disposable incomes but they they their money elsewhere to enjoy their free time

Cazenovia, for example, has a much better offering of restaurants, shops, places to walk around

Offer tax incentives to business owners in the Town

We need to look for ways to bring our children back. We have some very entrepreneurial kids that we should look for ways to engage. What can we do to connect with tech based businesses?

Programs to beautify/maintain the smaller villages/communities in town of Manlius

We ned a good land-use plan that supports a better managed physical and economic infrastructure

developers willing to invest in the town, proximity to SU

The beautiful villages of Manlius and Fayetteville to draw more small businesses. Modification to the traffic routes on 173 and 92.

Please capitalize now on the public's desire to live in Manlius by working on and expanding the infrastructure of the town (i.e., create more roads, update current roads, update bridges) and bringing in businesses to fill vacant/run down business spaces so that current and future Manlius residents can stay in Manlius to shop and eat and so that commuters from Cazenovia and Pompey bring income into Manlius instead of just driving through.

The amount of artists living in the community without the opportunity to share wares and experiences (many venues closed in 2007-ish)

Integrating more community space and biodiverse areas, Green infrastructure.

Preserving natural tree and habitat corridors through developed areas, space to provide neighborhood parks, some densely developed historic neighborhoods with private yards for gardens, village centers, Erie Canal, great education, access to Syracuse, space for wetlands to treat storm and wastewater, ability to have chickens, areas that can be connected and safer with sidewalks, the ability to be integrated with natural systems that are still intact.



## Opportunities

Younger generation who grew up here interested in moving back. Looking for more town opportunities for families like restaurants and shops. Incorporating green spaces/fun outdoor recreation. Support for local business owners over chains. Increased diversity. Walkability of downtown as a destination / place to spend an afternoon rather than a commuting drag.

Increase density and walkability

Consolidation of services, efficiency in operations, energy efficiency, tax credits for net zero homes and businesses

Solar energy for homes, businesses, schools and non-profits. Ways to reduce pollution. More recycling.

Unsure at this time

Smart growth with tools like the Arlington, VA form code

Maintaining a village feel while making the area more walkable, enhancing public parks/spaces

Finding ways to maintain strengths while not putting the fiscal responsibility on home owners and families. Looking into grant programs and state/county municipal programs to capitalize on.

We should situate ourselves as a climate-friendly community by promoting green infrastructure and more mixed-use development (NOT in flood zones, though).

Developing affordable senior housing.

Ownership of a building that could be rented out on an ongoing basis for group events, or even weekly dances.

World is ever changing hard to predict 15 years from now. Looking back fifteen years the board did great job with re development of Fayetteville mall. Growth of business is important to offset residential taxes

Attracting more businesses. Lower taxes

Look for alternatives to heavy traffic flow.

Develop more lower cost housing to keep new residents coming to town, improve water and sewer facilities, improve the "look" of the town, develop better small commercial sites.

Sustainability, supporting diversity, making the roads outside of the village more walkable

Solar energy, greater investment on walkable, multi purpose shopping in the villages

Clean fresh waterways.

We have to drive to Fayetteville or Cazenovia for dining and shopping - it would be LOVELY to have a cool block or blocks of our own that people want to come to, or stay for.

Introduce good business opportunities and reduce the tax.

The town needs to tap into the the quaint theme that Fayetteville has established and follow it though to the other villages. We should be providing incentive to businesses to come into our community. We need more family restaurants in the village of Manlius with curb appeal for others to come and visit.

Economic expansion.

Work from home... attract people and businesses. New kinds of business... technology driven. Build on drone center of excellence in Syracuse. Build more leisure activities... restaurants, sports.

Increase job opportunities around green energy and climate concerns

Combining villages to reduce village tax costs

Development of vacant property to enhance tax base and business opportunities.

maintain green space!!!!

extend sidewalks from village lines into Town streets and roads especially along route 5 (Genesee St.) west of Burdick St. to Fayette Manor and continuing to Lyndon Corners and from intersection of Burdick north to intersection with Cedar Bay

Encourage more small, quaint businesses.

Preserve our natural areas and history while created a balanced, diverse community with all economic levels represented.

## Opportunities

- more safe walk/bikeability
- more blending of work & home. People may work from home offices. People will be less likely to commute to Syracuse. We may need some Co-Work and small office places like the White House in Lyndon. Maybe side businesses like AirB&B.
- I would like to attract some industry/commercial businesses to produce Made in America products providing well-paying jobs for residents
- More affordable housing. We are losing our young adults and active seniors of modest means to other communities because they cannot find or afford apartments/condos here. The people employed at our stores and restaurants cannot afford to live in Manlius.
- The whole country will have a crisis in Long-Term Care in 2035. It will be wise for us to consider the needs for caretakers in this planning process. Options such as shared living should be explored.
- Include environmental sustainability components. The future will include lots of solar and wind farms and electric vehicles.

Reduce Reuse Recycle  
Maybe composting?

Turn Mill Run Park into something more. Add a better playground, more parking, more pavilions, a public swimming pool, Develop our village more...add more local businesses...increase foot traffic  
Use the Village Amphitheater for more community events

Programs to develop community. Encourage people to want to stay. Working together.

Expanding and supporting small businesses and restaurants that would keep our community thriving

Preserving some open spaces and discouraging new developments that have a cookie cutter/McMansion character. Keeping an eye on flood protection when granting building permits - drainage is a problem in this town.

Should explore the availability of grants both state and federal to make the town more walkable and fix up the look of buildings as you drive through on rt. 92 going towards Cazenovia.

Land use

Safe water and septic

Protecting natural resources

Prioritizing Seniors and the poorer constituents

limiting commercial growth and expansion

Encourage small businesses, fund senior center improvements, offer a community garden

Bike paths! Incentives for sustainability. Charging station at FFL is a great start!

Preserve open space! Now is the time while it still exists and before developers swoop in and acquire it.

Reassessment of property values.

Our cost of living here is low compared to other parts of the country and we have good schools at FM and ESM. we should work to attract remote workers. Offer incentives for developers to use old dilapidated properties before adding to suburban spread

Don't know.

Being a leader in affordable housing development and leading the way in being remote worker friendly.

Revitalizing and connecting the communities within the town.

Focus on growing and investing in the urban core of each village with mixed use development and housing options between current array of low-cost apartments and single family homes. More townhome-style, and middle income apartments close to the business and shopping areas.

Access to better shopping areas and address resident concerns more expeditiously.

None

Make sure the town is doing its best by the residents

Establish a comprehensive bicycle route throughout the town. Protect remaining green space. Push commercial development towards the three villages. Reduce energy consumption and carbon footprint.

Maintaining it's rural aspect

Cap taxes

Innovation - industries needing future generation to stay in this area.

## Opportunities

Community activities. A sidewalk to connect the villages of Fayetteville and Manlius to make the area more walkable and allow children to walk to school.

Beautifying the village, making parking easier, more restaurants and shops

There are significant opportunities to create unique identities to the communities within the town.

The shuttered dead zone that the center of the Town of Manlius is turning into, the poor mix of commercial opportunities at Towne Center, and that hideous parcel at the old dry cleaners. I don't care what we do, just do SOMETHING for heaven's sake.

Remote work enabled by technology. This requires ubiquitous high-speed internet Gigabit minimum. Electrification of transportation -- there should be at least one Tesla Supercharger Station in Fayetteville (ideally Town Center).

Building livable town centers, limiting sprawl, more affordable/accessible housing options, creating more diversity through jobs/housing options, one story living options, upgrade old stock to universal design, easy public transportation within and to Syracuse, shared services across municipalities

Competitive high speed internet services not limited to one or another.

Consolidation of services within the 3 villages and town of Manlius.

Dog park

Build more affordable housing

We need to think about green energy grid--and why not public utility approach, with solar farms organized and collectively pooled by the Town? We need more mixed use and multigenerational living situations, with networks of sidewalks and berms for safety for all. Our green spaces and water fronts and parklands--expand, protect, and develop connectivity. Maintain excellent, inclusive diverse schools and robust public libraries. Keep an eye on taxes--they are high and it's an issue in this area more broadly.

Such a big opportunity to expand a diverse variety of small businesses to make Manlius unique and attractive to outside residents to visit and support.

Small town vibe

Pass

Protecting and growing green initiatives. Including enhancing pedestrian and cycling travel options, programs to turn "gray" areas into more "green" space (whether planting or tech). Developing true commerce areas in our town and focusing on making it easier for small business to call those commerce centers home.

Going green

Updating water/sewer infrastructure, continue and move forward with green initiatives, promote and welcome a diverse community

Cheap municipal broadband, trying to make sure we get stops on the BRT, making sure we have charging stations for electric vehicles

Renewable energy

develop more community based activities. For example - a look at the Town of Dewitt's summer camps for summer 2021 shows so many more opportunities for folks in that community.

Develop the walkability of our community - more sidewalks.

Affordable housing options

Senior housing

More community events

Preservation of natural resources, getting ahead of changing trends in energy (electric cars, solar power, wind power).

Connect Manlius and Fayetteville with sidewalks, bike paths. Maybe even all the way to Cazenovia (at least bike path). Support stores that move to the center of Manlius and Fayetteville. Shopping is very limited here. Provide more recreational facilities in our villages esp. for winter. Maybe public community center with indoor basketball courts in addition to YMCA. Ice rink that can be shared with the school. Solar panel farms.

Expand rail service from Syracuse to a hub in the town. Keep incoming businesses small, no large industries. We have several strip mall areas, few are fully occupied. Encourage small businesses to come to these. Consider mixed income housing for proposed developments. Build a municipal pool.

Support commercial development which will in turn support the community and help make taxes manageable. Maintain & expand greenspace / parks. Revitalize the villages business districts / main streets

## Opportunities

14 years from now? We need to act now! Act on people maintaining their lawns and homes now. Let's make our village cute and something to be proud of, a place we want to walk around and enjoy.

Attracting business to vacant locations, developing the Erie Canal land across from Towne Centre for public use (restaurants, recreation)

Build separate bike paths to access library, grocery store, shops, neighborhoods. In town farmers market (rather than in parking lot at Target)

I would like to see a business district with shopping, restaurants that was walkable in Manlius, improved parks

Continued access to town meetings via zoom is so advantageous for involving residents in local government.

Install more solar panels, protect existing green space, cull the deer population to cut back on ticks.

Opportunity to pursue green energy infrastructure, initiatives and jobs in Manlius

fixing up eye sore buildings/businesses

Industrial/commercial development north of the railroad on Kirkville road. Jump on opportunity to expand from Amazon. Could have a positive impact on tax base.

The town should leverage the assets our community has to prioritize the development of small businesses and resources that support the people who live here.

Great location. Better use of/expansion of greenspace.

Be business friendly.

None

Support renewable energy industries, like solar farms. Support local agriculture. Make neighborhoods walkable. Support mass transit to Syracuse, Cazenovia, and Fayetteville. Install charging stations for electric vehicles (Tops Plaza, YMCA, Walgreens plaza, True Value, etc.)

We do not have many attractions for outsiders to come to Manlius for a day trip. We have a lot of historic character that we can highlight for tourists (Matilda Joselyn Gage- women's suffrage, Abolition- Underground Railroad, houses listed under the Historic Resource Survey). We could also have more organized festivals (food and music). The Highbridge and 547 East Genesee Street lots present INCREDIBLE opportunities for the Town to achieve its planned development goals. There are MANY funded reports that we can build off of (Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council, DEC Climate Action Council, Statewide Greenway Plan, Reimagine NY Commission). Green Lakes (Old Growth Forest, Bird Conservation Area, Meromictic Lakes) are national treasures that we should expand, connect bike/walking trails to the other surrounding parks in the town.

More comprehensive planning to look at impact of developer proposals on existing neighborhoods, housing, businesses, schools & traffic.

More playgrounds!!

Invest in the downtown area with parking, a welcome/ nature center, attract more independent businesses, art gallery, restaurants, small shops, etc. spruce up the swan pond, introduce lower income housing, treat Limestone Creek like the jewel it is.....develop some picnic areas, or access areas with parking.

Attracting more businesses. People who can actually lead by looking to the future

Attract more retail business and you will attract more people. Good restaurants and shops, and try to transform the Village into a attractive desirable community that you not only want to live, but spend time and money in.

Walkability from village to village would be great. A plan that includes maintaining the "old time" charm of the village of Fayetteville (and presumably the other villages). Policies that are culturally competent and environmentally friendly.

Better shopping to have boutique and even 'pop-up shops for short duration in empty storefronts.. BETTER parking. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.. BIKE LANES. DEMAND street lighting in all the neighborhoods from the builder not just at corners. SAFETY FIRST>> Control coyotes

Become leaders in environmental planning and social justice issues that pertain to our community i.e. BLM, LGBTQIA+ visibility etc. Build more affordable housing to welcome young people and diverse families into the area.



## Opportunities

- Collaborate increasingly with County and State governments
- Offer interconnectivity-free public spaces.
- Encourage World and national jobs and businesses locate in the Town.
- Develop Mixed-use housing neighborhoods allowing residents, tenants to grow small portion of their food, e.g., roof-top, also offering bicycle parking.
- Add in real estate development policies, for all buildings, mandatory sustainability and renewable energy practices, including green spaces.
- Add in real estate development policies, mandatory that owners must demolish, tear down, buildings they cannot sell, so decide to leave vacant.
- Hold events celebrating Erie Canal and other waterways.
- Increase, improve sustainable energy efficiency, purchase / install equipment locally
- Continue with transparency of municipality activities, policies, meetings, and so on.
- Construct diverse buildings—homes, restaurants, park facilities, offices, retail, health clinics, hospitals, schools, factories, municipal centers, hotels / B&Bs, and mini-convention centers
- Locate arts and cultural goods and services in the Town of Manlius and Villages.
- Multiple companies, not just one, offering Town of Manlius and villages consistently strong Internet and or WiFi connectivity
- Airspace above our homes - thinking of drones. Town of Manlius and villages need to pass policies addressing airspace above residential communities, neighborhoods, public spaces, parks, dining establishments, educational institutions, and so on.
- Increase activities for youths and young adults: educational, recreational, learning to grow vegetables, family-oriented, volunteer opportunities, be with senior citizens and elderly, etc. OR...
- Collaborate community-wide with school clubs to get youth and young adults involved.
- Establish mentorship for youth, young adults, and professionals ?
- Improve, increase opportunities to learn trade: electrician, carpenter, plumber, and so on. Such jobs pay well, and we need them!! And ensure training is offered continuously to hone their skills or learn the latest best practices. Apprenticeships availability.

Add bike lanes where there is no shoulder. Make 92 two lanes each way all the way to Lyndon Corners.

Low income Housing , cultural tax breaks and improvements for younger more diverse members to feel welcome

Increase parking and develop restaurant / storefront areas. Try to upgrade the appearance

More recreational activity

## Threats

Too many subdivisions and losing our green spaces.

Too much resistance to change ( new village development) / poor planning and integration of new development. Overcrowding/ traffic

Over-development/traffic/loss of open, natural areas

uncontrolled development, abandoned retail, unappreciated older properties.

Overwhelming tax burden

Urbanization.

Multistory building proposals.

Too many quarries.

Exorbitant taxes for homeownership and again, traffic congestion.

Failure to diversify and create an inclusive, true community. Letting outside developers take over and push for what they want, rather than have this turn into a place where the focus is more about making money than creating community and caring for our environment

Roads. Infrastructure. Climate change.

Too many quarries...great big holes in the ground that mar the landscape and are an environmental disaster to our neighborhoods. We have had enough. If water is brought to Salt Springs Road than housing development can occur with good planning for beautification and to avoid negative environmental impact.

Too much population density too fast - impacting schools, traffic patterns, and quiet quality of life.

Too many people moving in. Loosing the small town feel that people love about the community (and the reason they came here)

Mental health has to be addressed. Bullying is still a big problem and if not managed may result in injuries of young and old, in schools and/or senior living.

Lack of support to local businesses

High taxes, traffic. School district spends too much.

Suburban sprawl.

Town councilors lacking the business knowledge required to make complex decisions. Current board lacks that knowledge and objectivity

Ruining communities and places where neighborhoods can thrive by putting in another quarry.

shrinking business community

Over developing with stores

Above,

Higher taxes and residents spending their entertainment/leisure funds elsewhere. The older part of town is looking haggard/unkept and we'll have more abandoned homes and buildings.

Losing jobs and not adjusting to the economy.

Not thinking ahead. Resting on laurels.

Too much residential development in a small area and overcrowded schools, the village is just a place to drive through, not somewhere to eat, shop, etc.

The strength of the grid, broadband and infrastructure repairs.

Un restricted growth, farms turned into new developments, more sprawl, and more traffic.

Amazon, road and rail traffic.

Socialism and communist is the biggest threats and enemy of this country.

Syracuse is still in decline. Huge threat (but good idea doing a SWOT, whose idea was that?)

Major storm events, housing costs, taxes

Becoming too large, busy, losing the small town feeling

Further restrictions on property rights

## Threats

Bad development with no character and cheap materials that won't last, removal of natural areas where young people to connect with nature, adults can meet, habitat is preserved, and ecosystems can function, widening of roads and no sidewalks, impervious parking lots, chain stores and restaurants putting small businesses out of business, complete dependence on cars and fossil fuels, hostility towards bike users and folks who want to walk, affordable housing with access to private natural space (yards).

Too much indiscriminate development putting stress on our traffic and schools. The planning board has let developers have free reign and it has to stop. Homes should not be built in neighborhoods with massive flooding and erosion problems. We need to combat ignorance and racism so our community is welcoming to everyone. Marijuana sales would disrupt our safety and bring in unsavory elements to our town.

Congestion. Both Fayette Street and Seneca Street carry a lot of traffic - BETTER management.. perhaps lights can work in tandem to maintain a traffic flow from the corner of 92/257 to Seneca Street where one can make a right or left turn.. SAFETY -- position police or cameras at intersections -- permitting persons of a certain age to cross a street - and interrupt traffic -- which in 2021 thinks they have the right of way - not the pedestrian.. Great having flags on SENECA Street to cross.. BUT many cars refuse to permit crossing get license plates on camera to track them better. Recreational outdoor sledding (if there is snow) there are hills -- but how to get to them with children? Indoor ice skating rink..

The success of the town is tied to the success of Syracuse itself. The biggest threat would be if Syracuse itself slows its momentum and people start leaving the area again. If we had more to draw people to our specific town that threat would be lessened.

Empty building and building with no plans to fill them with quality and unique to Manlius businesses.

Overdevelopment. Neighborhoods changing from home ownership to rentals because of cost of housing.

With the lack of an overall plan, the village and Town could lose its character. An example is the Kinnie Drug and CVS buildings built within 1/2 mile. One is now vacant. Property taxes will force some in retirement to move.

Lack of disaster (natural) preparedness. Lack of amenities for building a healthy community.

Limit new development that encroaches on residential areas

Lack of sufficient options for child care, recreation, other entertainment and local (not chain) dining.

A possible QUARRY being built on Rt 5 and Salt Springs. How many quarries does there need to be? How many are there?

Random development absent thoughtful planning and poor town management.

Continued sprawl, continuation of current zoning, not incentivizing developers to re-build (not build out/new) and create accessible/affordable housing options.

Increasing tax rates for both residents and businesses

Climate change, over population

Not sure.

More development that poses a direct threat to the natural environment.

Allow for more businesses to move to the area to help offset some of the costs for your middle-class homeowner. Right now, you're at the risk of pricing out the middle class with the increase in assessments (every year? Really?) and then the increase in taxes. Costs rise, but there needs to be some accountability in how we manage these costs and offset them.

Traffic situation, taxation rates, income disparities, overdevelopment and sprawl -- and maintaining character will be challenges.

Pedestrian safety. Traffic safety (intersection of Enders and 92 is scary and can use some green arrows for left turns). Costly rents are keeping smaller businesses from wanting to start up. Poor internet options for residents and businesses and poor internet quality as the demand for internet speed and bandwidth continues to increase.

Over population.

Overbuilding of homes putting huge burden on schools, roads

Don't want a lot of lower income moving into apartments and other crowded living options

Suburban sprawl - no need to have developments that are way far out and not walkable to villages - keep some of the agricultural land in place.

The village of Manlius becoming a depressed village.

Climate change

## Threats

Poor planning and reckless commercial and residential development, not in accord with long-term sustainability goals.

Development, proposed quarry

Increased development outside the town that increases traffic and congestion within the town.

The fact it will become a drive through community.

Bad development.

Ticks. Noise and air pollution.

Overbuilding, too many commercial projects, increased government spending

Will we draw up the plank and stop change

Poor sprawl planning and the continued building of homes and apartments that place burdens on the schools but no useful businesses. The taxes are untenable. Leadership is poor and there is a lack of planning and thoughtful business development especially in the Village of Manlius.

Developers with "connections" and money pushing past the zoning and planning boards to build up the commercial areas so that our villages don't have a village feel anymore. People live out here because of that "small town" atmosphere -they don't want an Erie Blvd in their backyard. The Town also has to be cognizant of developers who will push through projects inside the village limits that may be in contrast to the land use plans of the Town

Less people can afford to or want to live here. The village is becoming run down and I fear it will only get worse with less young people moving into the area.

Taxes. People could live in neighboring areas with far less taxes

Overcrowding - traffic is already a problem, open space and greenery being reduced. Lack of quality housing for seniors and youth - stock of apartments and town homes is poor.

Aging population- how to support the needs of the elderly

people who are living in yesterday

I don't believe that the strong push for a green community is what we need right now. I think the town should focus more on updating what we have and creating an environment in which businesses want to be a part of. Once this has been created the town can begin to fold in more green values. I believe that the schools are already full and to add more housing to the community would only create a strain on our school system.

The town is in desperate need NOW of major renovation of its buildings and public spaces. Beautify this town and bring it up to par with neighboring towns of Fayetteville, Cazenovia and Chittenango so that families will be proud of where they live and want to stay. The greatest threat is a lack of direction, willingness to admit how far Manlius has fallen and not putting more qualified individuals in place to move the town forward. Enough is enough!

Development, Traffic, too much expensive housing, not enough affordable housing esp within village centers.

If young people cannot find housing, they will take their families to another town, leaving our school population short. If home prices keep rising, we could become a place to live only for the very wealthy.

Overdevelopment

Growing taxes may force lower income families and/or single income people to move out of the town and I feel like that would significantly weaken the town as a whole

The over-taxation and the politicians that have been driving it into the ground.

School population decline.

Increased traffic, inappropriate development, climate change.

Taxes

Developers

Only available for high incomes within diversity

Unimaginative budget : Fire and Police overbudgeted at the expense of most of us.

Suburban sprawl. Higher property taxes. Aging infrastructure. Lack of forward-thinking.

commercialization and industrialization



## Threats

"luxury" housing prioritized over affordable housing, housing developments approved without consideration of school capacity. More shopping plazas, More development without first observing how residents interact with their surroundings and where they struggle, Overlooking basic maintenance that can quickly improve the quality of life for large scale, costly projects eg. fixing broken, uneven side walks, painting crosswalks funding parks, provide lighting where needed so people feel safer walking.

Socialistic approach to governing

Wasteful spending of fire services and the village eating money on all the stone monuments. The school district spending like drunken sailors.

Democrats

ideas lacking vision and creativity, jumping at development options produced without having a structure of standards and guidelines for prospective developers to follow

Overcrowding

Quick construction rather than smart growth and neighborhood development

High real estate prices that push out lower and middle income people and exacerbate the lack of racial diversity in the population. Town/ village budgets that prioritize funding of fire departments above other public amenities. Commercial/ business development that is inappropriate or not needed (e.g. another grocery store).

Over development which will have a negative impact on the environment. See above.

Over expansion of residences, businesses.

overpopulation and increased traffic, even higher taxes

development without a plan, building before alternatives energy sources and utilities implemented , losing natural corridors

Climate change and NIMBYism

High taxes, seniors leaving the area due to high taxes and no affordable housing options, lack of overall growth

Aging population and lower incomes

Gas prices

over development, excessive traffic. Dangerous pedestrian areas. Lack of parks and public spaces.

Stoic thinking. The School has wonderful curriculum but also has a don't change stance that comes from the community at large. While it is important to preserve tradition and history, we are living in exponential times and the Town needs to keep up.

Empty storefronts - we want to feel connected to "downtown" Manlius.

Alteration to I-81

Resistance to change, infrastructure, traffic

The current town board

Some neighborhoods seem to have a lot of run down properties

Too many homes being built which brings traffic

Traffic, taxes

Deadlock, current owners thwarting progress

The prospect of the current town board implementing radical policies that will create thousands of low income, Section 8 apartments throughout the town. One only needs to look at neighboring DeWitt and Syracuse's northern suburbs to see the drastic impact zoning policies have had on the quality of the public school system, property values, neighborhood stability and quality retail.

Over development with little to no consideration for fixing the traffic problems on what previously was the daily commute, but what is becoming everyday, common traffic congestion.

Haphazard development. Quality and cost of education.

Leadership of the town and what we want to look like

Environmental changes, and low population due to people not wanting nor being able to move into the area.

Development that is unchecked. Sprawl. Unchecked traffic congestion.

## Threats

Over population

Racial injustice, lack of openness regarding racial issues

Animals, deers, high taxes

crimes from non-residents.

Too much commercial growth

Missed development opportunities.

Income inequality, lack of diversity

Democrats and closed minded board members

People leaving due to high taxes and lack of things going on, businesses not able to survive due to high rental rates and lack of parking

A closed door to new growth ideas, new business ventures, city-model apartment spaces, drive thru retail, and community spaces are the biggest threats to the town of Manlius thriving and will most likely lead to the village/town not surviving.

Too many high-end housing developments, and traffic.

Too much traffic coming from the east on Rte 5 as growth continued in Chittenango and eastward.

Expenses

Main strip is too congested. Schools need better enter and exits. Sno top is too close to road and dangerous. Side walks too small. Need bike route on Fm road

Allowing increased mining space

More commercial business/ worsening traffic

Aging population: lack of amenities and retirement living options. For younger people, we have beautiful parks and trails, but many don't connect or aren't fully usable. Could focus on ski trails, an outdoor ice skating rink would lure folks to the area. Quality employment. The biggest threat is structural inequality and lack of connection to Syracuse--we can't be a thriving suburb if Syracuse isn't a thriving city.

Commercialization of the remaining open space. Excessive traffic. Increase in crime

Lack of vision for developing new businesses.

Lack of imagination to make things better than they are now. Not being willing to listen to residents' ideas for how to improve our town.

Overcrowding - impacting the schools and traffic; possible poorly planned new development; perceived lack of initiative to find and attract beneficial development projects, especially for languishing areas like the old Precision building/land

Being so caught up in preserving a 'charecter' or 'charm' or 'sense of community' that doesn't exist or is exclusionary; also being unwilling to change and accept/seek out change

Traffic, unplanned building, lost of green areas

I think over- development which would lead to traffic problems and some of the homes being turned into rentals would lead to lower property values.

Lack of diversity on police force

Uncontrolled growth. Taxes.

There a lot of transit people who live here for a short time. That don't care about their surrounding and it develop

Lack of planning, mental health challenges, high taxes

Lack of things to do.

The rapid decline in population.

Climate change & multiple impacts. Building sprawl. People moving away, especially after retiring (includes loss of tax base).

Increased traffic due to neighboring residential expansion, resistance to commercial applications and the thought that some other local community will support them and the Town  
the elimination of schools zones

## Threats

Ridiculously high property taxes will make living here undesirable. In addition, over development and urban sprawl, which is becoming a serious issue that threatens quality of life.

Farm land used unwisely for a limited number of houses, that taxes will become too high for seniors to be able to stay in area

Speeding within the villages. I drive posted limit of 30 and am passed like I am standing still. I fear for kids on the sidewalk especially around SnoTop.

The greatest threat to Town of Manlius is itself. Don't get bogged down in committees, reports, surveys and Village/town meetings, hearing. Take action. Expedite the process to allow the town to prosper.

Overdevelopment, Climate Change.

People will move out of the Village of Manlius and move to areas that are thriving with entertainment like Cazenovia, Fayetteville, DeWitt.

Increase in property taxes

- suburban sprawl. The plan should include Smart Growth principles

- Lack of agriculture. Manlius used to have many fruit, vegetable and livestock farms. The future is looking for more "farm to fork" options. We should look for ways to support small farms - the economies of scale do not favor this model now, but we shouldn't close the opportunity because I think the business model will adapt as Food Security becomes a larger priority for all.

lack of diversity in people living here, drugs, high taxes, nothing fun to do

Commercial development

Too much commercial property build up

traffic, high taxes

Climate change

The tax burden and an exodus of upper class and middle class citizens.

Development that reduces open space, increase in traffic, increase in taxes

Unbridled development and lack of incentives for bringing old developments into progressive, community assets

Need to continue to attract families to offset aging population. Lack of housing...need larger apartments for example.

I feel that society is changing & not for the better

An over active liberal leaning government that gets in the way of expanding healthy development of our community

The greatest threat is the current request to build a quarry immediately adjacent to the Skyridge district neighborhood (Gulf Rd, Horseshoe Ln), which would be extremely detrimental to the environment and to those who live in that area. We all made decisions to live here due to the beauty and quiet of the environment. None of the residents signed up to live near a quarry.

Please strongly consider building a quarry in a location far away from residences.

Agenda of town leadership leading away from the core principals and values that have made this town strong and fiscally stable.

Lack of experience Not good listeners Under influence from people outside of our town

Prohibitive taxes; lack of housing opportunities for lower- and middle-income people and families.

The biggest threat would be if the town of Manlius allows a second quarry to be built on the eastern end of the town.

Increased traffic flow will turn Village of Manlius into a bottleneck. There seems to be a lack of forward-thinking.

Assessments and taxes so high nobody will be able to afford to live here anymore. Except the '1%' and I would hope the people that are in charge of the town are better than that.

No business growth then relying on increased taxes to pay for projects that don't generate revenue. This will drive people away.

Taxes and police force

Overdevelopment that is glaringly out of place with the historic architecture. Destruction of natural spaces (like what is happening on N Burdick across from Medical Center & on Mill Street)

Over building, not creating a walkable town.

Increased taxes, decreased revenues from businesses, tax burden

Poor commercial retail zoning.

Lost business opportunities due to restrictive practices or narrow minded decision makers.

## Threats

Deer populations, traffic congestion, empty storefronts, abandoned buildings, no sense of togetherness for the whole Town.

Over development, adding more banks and drugstores! We have WAY too many

Lack of diversity

Lack of businesses in the area

Siloing of neighborhoods and people.

Lack of vision for economic and community development.

Loss of green space. High taxes forcing out seniors. Pollution from residential use of pesticides and herbicides. Crowded conditions.

Lack of affordable housing!!

Over development

High property taxes

Heavy rain falls, drainage issues, flooding

"Diversification"

Too many mega mansions on large lots that destroy productive farmland. Too many single drivers in cars, especially people driving their kids to school when they could be on the bus. Dependence on chain stores for retail.

Overpopulation. Higher taxes.

People not caring for their properties, businesses not getting support to thrive, town community areas not being kept up nicely.

Taxes are too high for level of service; don't push a fulltime progressive agenda

growth & expansion of commercial enterprise

Getting too big and too congested. Trying to avoid getting like Cicero.

OVERDEVELOPMENT!

Reliance on residential buildings for growth. Jumping in too fast on green options without know full or long term effects

Not investing in infrastructure or bringing in new business residents want

loss of tax base, healthcare costs, county/state/federal mandates

Progressive ideas

NYS high taxes

out of control over development, increased traffic

lack of master planning for future development

Public/Subsidized Housing

Our elderly will suffer for lack of good choices of where to live and enjoy life. And/or to die. Our area nursing homes and assisted living places, and our subsidized housing are mostly all in need of maintenance already. What will be our answer to this issue?



## Threats

- No public spaces, outdoors and indoors (for weather).
- No diverse local newspapers.
- Fake news, disinformation.
- People not taking time to consider pros / cons in local politics and community issues.
- Town becoming a community of skyscrapers, e.g., Northeast Medical Center.
- Water safety and security - both for consumption, bathing, and other needs.
- Lack of education opportunities: training, self-learning courses, Makerspace, etc.
- Becoming too concentrated in one area of businesses, e.g., medical services, banks.
- Develop towards gentrification.
- No diversity of population, demographics, age groups, etc.
- Hard to get Organic, natural, nonGMO Food security: vegetables, fruit, legumes,
- Hard to get Organic, natural, nonGMO Meat and Poultry free of hormones or other bulking (& other reasons) chemicals, feeds, foods
- Water security for consumption, washing, and other needs.
- Surveillance via electronics: computers, phones, cars, home assistant devices (Alexa, Echo, and of same ilk;
- Not enough pedestrian and bicycle paths throughout the Town, including bicycle parking.
- Mandatory design all buildings for appeal and aesthetics, to withstand microbursts and ice storms, and include sustainable energy efficiency best practices; accommodate multi-modal transportation and parking (personal garages, parking lots): electric vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians.
- Allow living spaces above retail shops, NOT above dining establishments of any kind.
- Not having multiple companies that offer interconnectivity services and/or equipment, for internet, WiFi, and whatever in the future.
- Airspace above our homes - thinking of drones. Town of Manlius and villages need to pass policies addressing airspace above residential communities, neighborhoods, public spaces, parks, dining establishments, educational institutions, and so on.

There is a potential to have the villages lose more identity and relevance. If this happens, they will become vacant and run down.

Over population and the associated congestion that comes from it. Over development in terms of business

Over spending by town.

Increase in traffic

Too much development resulting in inability to maintain water and sewage infrastructure, too much traffic and the need for more police/fire department to protect more people.

The outrageously high taxes are a huge turn-off to people moving here.

Overpopulation. Loss of natural resources

1. The current Board is providing long overdue leadership that has gotten us to the early stages of a comprehensive planning process. November 2021 elections could result in a loss of momentum and expertise.
2. Developers intent on their own visions for the future who dismiss the vision articulated by the citizens. Or who use the words of the vision statement but interpret them in ways that make their proposals seem to be in alignment when they are NOT.
3. Unwillingness of state and national elected officials and civil servants to understand what is lost in terms of natural, historic and cultural resources if they do not act to reduce pressure on routes 92 and 5.
4. Climate change
5. Lack of comprehensive planning by surrounding municipalities.
6. A vocal, aggressive minority which will fight the planning process every step of the way and attempt to delegitimize the resulting plan.
7. Lack of true buy-in by the 3 villages.

Overdevelopment and losing out on the natural beauty of the area

Not really sure.

I think it's hilarious that your board members are all about social responsible justice what businesses are closing left and right and the tax base of the community is crumbling. A 5% tax on a home in the village is absolutely crazy it holds back price appreciation for starters.

## Threats

high taxes and too much government intrusion

Avoid large businesses that will draw a lot of traffic, like grocery stores and apartment complexes. The traffic back up at the stoplight by the fire station and DunkinDonuts in Fayetteville is only going to get worse. Can thru traffic be diverted so that only those going to destinations in Fayetteville are driving through there?

Selfishness of people only caring about themselves. Complacency.

Same old businesses and vacant areas.

Overdevelopment! We need to protect our historic and natural resources. We need to prevent our town from becoming "Anywhere USA" ie Erie Blvd. Traffic will only increase. It is already negatively effecting homeowners on the main roads and commuters. But we also need to make room for affordable housing options.

Young people fleeing the area due to lack of opportunities

Backwards, stagnant thinking of small minded people

Over commercialization, too much sprawl.

remaining stagnant and not willing to think outside the box for new types of development; increasing taxes and assessments will drive people out of the Town; the Town has to better manage their budget and reduce their expenditures.

Development for the sake of development, tax breaks for said development.

Taxes and kids growing up leaving this area.

Poor services, zero urban plan, continued lack of walkable, bike plan.

too high tax burden on home owners

Development that could increase traffic. Loss of vibrant local business community

Overly aggressive developers

Excessive development. Building homes without the infrastructure to support them.

Traffic

Climate change, aging population, housing costs too high, population decline, decline of brick and mortar retail effecting sales tax revenue

Taxes driving out people- people can afford more things living in areas close enough to Manlius and still enjoy its parks

If the town is perceived to be all white & consist of an overly privileged population, people may start to leave... property values will decline; also need to be more modern & move beyond the housing development projects that were favored over the last 10-20 years - no more builder tax breaks, no more clear cutting trees, no more "McMansions", we have more than enough already.

Not enough affordable housing

No progress due to restrictive zoning rules.

High cost of living, high taxes, not enough small businesses that can create taxable revenue.

If we don't do something with the undeveloped parcels, by 2035 we will lose business tax base, the schools will become unsupportable on property tax alone, and DeWitt and Camillus will eclipse Manlius as a desirable place to live.

Emphasis on chain stores, restaurants.

Discord among community leaders. Lack of collaboration and connectivity. Lack of identity and inclusion of the whole town (Minoa in particular). Additionally, a lack of connectivity across community organizations. Everyone seems like they are just off trying to do their own thing.

Overcrowding with subdivisions, leading to traffic backups

High taxes. As people have the freedom to live anywhere, work anywhere, and importantly \*learn\* anywhere. They will move away from high tax areas -- they already are, in droves -- and relocate to low cost areas where they can remotely reach almost everything we have in F-M. To counter this we need to dramatically lower taxes and improve on what makes our physical location so appealing including restaurants, activities, culture, etc.

Higher taxes, lack of diversity which makes issues of racism more obvious.

Overdevelopment

Over development/loss of green spaces. Preference for corporations over small business.

## Threats

I worry about the indirect impact of the 81 project. I am a supporter of the community grid option, however I'm unsure whether the increased traffic on 481 could have a positive or negative impact could have on all of the communities on the east side of the city.

Younger generations graduating and moving away. Cost of commercial rent increasing.

Adding too many commercial programs and not any residential program.

People exiting the area

Status-quo, not moving forward....an idea that "that's the way it has always been done". Kicking our problems down the road for others and/or the next generation to deal with.

traffic is not great in certain areas,

Internet shopping killing stores. Bad road conditions. Support more variety of grocery stores in our area.

stagnation- I've lived here for 75 years and nothing has changed

Too much solar

Overpopulation

Careless development.

Unsure.

See real estate comments, fear of change

Unsure.

traffic explosion

I think our town is growing tremendously and we may have to consider adding on to the high school to accommodate families moving in.

Climate change, and a dogged adherence to the "old" way of doing things. Fixation on taxes, rather than how we help our neighbors and make this town a better place to live for us all.

Uncontrolled growth, congestion, bad commercial building,

traffic and commercial build up, sprawl, lack of affordable housing

excessive development that puts pressure on some schools, such as Enders Road

## Emailed Comments

After reading the April 28th article in the Eagle-Bulletin about the Town of Manlius inviting the public to join in the discussion over comprehensive planning, I wanted to attend and see what was going on. I had hoped that it would be a normal face-to-face meeting, but I was disappointed to learn that it was to be held through the Zoom virtual meeting system, for which I lack the technology to attend. So I was unable to find out what the people were talking about.

If I may be so bold I would still like to add some input to your process, and herewith present my comments which I hope the committee will seriously consider along with the input from all other participants.

It is very important to remember that the most fundamental and primary responsibility of civil government, including the local level of town government, is the protection of life, liberty and personal property. This vital role is acknowledged by our nation's birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence, in which the phrase "pursuit of Happiness" is recognized to include the right of private property ownership, especially that of real estate. Private property ownership is also enshrined in the United States Constitution in the Fifth Amendment. The right of private property ownership includes three corresponding principles, for which the negation of even one principle would transform the complete right into a useless shell. These corollary principles are: 1) the right to use and enjoy property as the owner deems fit, 2) the right to exclude others from the use, rental or entrance onto that property, and 3) the right to dispose of that property, including willing that property to descendants or selling to others. In fact the right to own, use, exclude from use, and dispose of privately-owned property is one of the most fundamental of human rights, and only second to that of the right to life itself.

With these unalienable and self-evident truths firmly in mind, I propose that the Manlius Comprehensive Planning Committee incorporate the following fundamental affirmations in its ongoing comprehensive planning process and any final formal document produced by the Committee: (cont. on next page)



## Emailed Comments

- 1) Private property rights means the owner has the exclusive authority to determine how private property is used.
- 2) Private property rights means that the owner retains the peaceful possession, control, and enjoyment of his/her legally purchased/deeded private property.
- 3) Private property rights means that the owner has the unrestricted ability to make contracts to sell, rent, or give away all or part of his/her legally purchased/deeded private property.
- 4) Private property rights means that local, city, county, state, and federal governments are prohibited from exercising eminent domain for the sole purpose of acquiring legally purchased/deeded private property so as to resell it to a private interest or to generate revenues.
- 5) Private property rights means that no local, city, county, state, or federal government has the authority to impose directives, ordinances, regulations, fees, or fines regarding aesthetic landscaping, color selections, tree and plant preservation, or open spaces on legally purchased/deeded private property.
- 6) Private property rights means that no local, city, county, state, or federal government shall implement a land use plan that requires any part of a land owner's legally purchased/deeded private property be set aside for public use, or for a Natural Resource Protection Area, or a National Heritage Area, directing that no construction, development or other disturbance may occur on such land.
- 7) Private property rights means that no local, city, county, state, or federal government shall implement a law or ordinance restricting the number of dwellings that may be placed on legally purchased/deeded private property.
- 8) Private property rights means that no local, city, county, state or federal government shall alter or impose zoning restrictions or regulations that will devalue property or limit the ability to sell legally purchased/deeded private property.
- 9) Private property rights means that no local, city, county, state, or federal government shall limit profitable or productive agricultural activities by mandating and controlling what crops and livestock are grown on legally purchased/deeded private property.
- 10) Private property rights means that no local, city, county, state, or federal government representatives or their assigned agents may enter private property without the express written permission of the property owner, or unless the government representative or agent is in possession of a lawful warrant from a legitimate court of law. Today's technology advances would also include invasion of property rights and privacy by government use of unmanned drone flights.

I hope these principles and concepts are entirely compatible with your comprehensive planning process. Thank you for the opportunity to add my contribution to the process and thank you for your consideration.

Interesting survey. It's close to a Q methodology survey, it would be interesting to do the whole thing as a Q survey. That would ask people to do all 45 pictures at once and arrange them in a grid from Most Representative to Most Unrepresentative. That way, you'd not only find out what were the preferences in each of the five categories, but you'd find out which CATEGORY was the most preferred, i.e., do people think Manlius should be a mostly residential, mixed business, more business zone. And the wonder of Q is that you can then turn the survey around and ask "all the people who preferred X, do they have anything in common?" So are all the people who prefer a more residential character living in a certain area, or are they of a certain income... But they'll get what they need from the five-category Likert scale, too.

I don't know who to reach, but I completed the town planning survey and we forgot to mention an important item—protecting farm and agricultural spaces as part of the mix of our land/planning use. In addition to other factors. I also think protecting historic businesses that bring character (e.g., the lumberyard in Fayetteville) is important.

Pittsford, NY, has done a great job of this—also of developing canalfront/sidewalks, parks, etc. We'd like to suggest that Manlius look to the Town of Pittsford, over in Rochester, for some connections.

Thanks for your time. sorry to bother you—but please share with the planning committee. (cont. on next page)

## Emailed Comments

Interesting to know that the firm also worked for Pittsford.

Honestly, in addition to their greenbelt approach, farm preservation, and mixed-use/retaining historic businesses, I'd love to see a more expansive sidewalk/walking trail system like they have, and a smarter development of our waterfront--for instance, why not imagine how the "other side" of the canal could have a walkway developed, particularly to connect back to the bridge to the town offices and to run along the waterway behind all the new development on Burdick--the parcels should have green/parkway right of way on the canalfront, as part of a plan--and not just turn into one more parking lot/strip development!

I could go on--the 2 villages better connected via trails/berms/bikeways--and ones that link into things like the canal trail paths and more, more lifespan/lifetime and free public fitness options like tennis and pickle ball courts, and traffic mitigation/planning (something Pittsford didn't succeed at in terms of planning, and it's definitely an issue as density grows--).

I think it's very exciting to think about a comprehensive plan--and how everything from water and sewer to buried electric to traffic flow to green space to mixed use/space to parkways/parks and trails all interdepend, as does our greater community.