

# Key Issues from the Community Survey

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## Demographics:

### Total

157 responses

### Responders' ages

- 0% are 18-24
- 5% are 25-34
- 23% are 35-44
- 23% are 45-54
- 20% are 55-64
- 15% are 65-74
- 14% are 75 +

### The responders' gender

- 50% are women
- 50% are men

### Number of people in the household

- 15% have one
- 41% have two
- 13% have three
- 18% have four
- 11% have five
- 2% have six or more

### Ages in households

- 12% are 0-5
- 33% are 6-17
- 9% are 18-24
- 32% are 25-44
- 31% are 45-54
- 25% are 55-64
- 17% are 65-74
- 14% are 75 +

### Years living in the Village

- 26% have lived in the Village for 0-5 years
- 17% have lived in the Village for 6-10 years
- 23% have lived in the Village for 11-20 years
- 34% have lived in the Village for 21 years or more

### The responders are

- 89% Homeowner
- 6% Renter
- 6% Landlord
- 25% Retired Person

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- 11% Local Business owner
- 13% Syracuse commuter

### **Key Issues**

#### **Responders View of Village or local services**

- All services are seen as meeting the needs for the community
- The area in need of better services include
  - Village internet services
  - Senior citizen activities
  - Activities for youth and teenagers

#### **Quality of Life**

- 63% of the responders see a good quality of life in the Village
- 33% see room for improvements
- 2% do not see a good quality of life in the Village
- 2% do not have an opinion

#### **What is detracting from the quality of life:**

- Hit-or-miss business area, and the product of years of inadequate forward-looking planning
- Economic development just outside the village, but it is not occurring within the village.
- Many buildings are run down and could be converted to give smaller businesses a presence in the downtown area. There are lots of people that work out of their homes...and if the downtown area had a more service oriented feeling (office supplies, restaurants, coffee shops) and shared office space, you would get more traffic.
- Vocal minority

#### **The responders believe that the top priorities for the Village should be (top three)**

- 91% business district and traffic circulation
- 77% appearance of business district
- 76% appearance of public spaces

#### **Not a priority for the Village include**

- 48% development of new recreational fields

#### **The most important priority for the Village include (ranked 1 or 2 for importance)**

- Business district and traffic circulation
- Expansion of commercial/industrial tax base

#### **Community appearance improvements (top three)**

- 79% Guidelines and standards for building design renovation and maintenance for residents
- 71% General guidelines for retail signs and building facades
- 70% Programs for adding trees planning and landscaping

#### **Top priorities for community appearance (ranked 1 or 2 for importance)**

- Guidelines and standards for building design renovation and maintenance for residents

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### **Least Priority for community appearance (ranked 4 or 5 for importance)**

- Improved seating for Village amphitheater
- Gathering Spots

### **What special events in Village should participate or improve**

Every item over 50%, except for residents willing to volunteer

- 73% Farmers Market
- 52% Art/Craft Show
- 60% Community Cultural Event (plays recitals lectures)
- 77% 4th of July Celebration
- 71% Memorial day parade
- 65% Concerts from local bands
- 42% Would you be willing to volunteer?

### **Type of Development in the Village (Top two)**

- **Encourage:**
  - 60% Small scale neighborhood commercial
  - 60% Mixed use development with residential
- **Do not encourage:**
  - 5% Large industrial
  - 7% multifamily residential
- 18% do not want any new development

### **Economic/commercial business encouraged**

#### **Strongly support**

- 41% Additional restaurants (no drive through)
- 35% Bakery
- 29% Coffee Shop

#### **Some support**

- 38% Bakery
- 38% Home Improvement Center
- 37% Medical/Dental Offices
- 36% Additional Restaurants (no drive through)
- 28% Coffee Shop

#### **No need**

- 58% Additional Restaurants (with drive through)
- 58% Drug Store (with drive through)
- 57% Drug Store (no drive through)
- 55% Home Improvement Center
- 53% Dry Cleaner

### **Other businesses that would be supported.**

- Another grocery store, shoe repair shop
- Create a coffee shop that is a joint venture between business and the community. Model it after the one in Cazenovia (Common Grounds and Project Cafe) and get CLIC involved.
- Health food oriented restaurants, both cafe style and upscale.
- P&C with more products

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- Special-interest ventures such as model railroading, collections, etc
- Starbucks, Panera Bread, a wine/cheese/gourmet store/bakery. An adult piano bar/club...for jazz and other musicians.

### **How should the Village preserve open space (Top three)**

#### **What should the Village do,**

- 85% Pursue grants
- 82% Create bicycle and pedestrian linkages between open space recreation areas and parks in the area
- 59% Permanently protect its undeveloped land from development

#### **What should the Village not do,**

- 72% Restrict the expansion or renovation of existing homes
- 60% Levy an annual assessment to fund open space acquisition
- 46% Adopt a property transfer tax to fund open space acquisition

### **Top Priority (ranked 1 or 2 for importance)**

- Pursue grants

### **Least Priority (ranked 4 or 5 for importance)**

- Create bicycle and pedestrian linkages between open space recreation areas and parks in the area

### **Housing Types encouraged in Village**

#### **Yes**

- 53% Single Family Homes on larger lots
- 50% Moderate-income housing

#### **No**

- 73% Low-income housing
- 71% Apartment-style rental units
- 50% Cluster Type development

### **Intersections/Roads in need of improvements**

#### **Yes**

- 43% The Intersection of Route 92 (Fayette St.) and Route 173 (Seneca St.)
- 40% The Intersection of Route 92 (Washington St.) and Route 173 (Seneca St.)
- 38% The Intersection of Route 92 (Highbridge Rd.) and Route 257 (Fayetteville Manlius Rd)

#### **No**

- 55% E Seneca Turnpike (Route 173)
- 56% W Seneca Turnpike (Route 173)

### **Any other roads/intersections in need of improvement**

- Brickyard Falls and Route 173 could use a stoplight at rush hours reverting to a blinking signal light (red for Brickyard/yellow for Route 173) during off peak. Left and right turn lanes coming down Brickyard onto Route 173 would also be a great facilitator of traffic.
- Adjust the speed limit on Route 92 to be a 'village' speed limit starting when the village starts on Yeaworth Lane.

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- Make Washington Street one way.

### What would cause the responders to move from the Village of Manlius

#### A cause to move from the Village

- 80% Increase in taxes
- 56% Area is becoming overdeveloped
- 53% Loss of community character

#### Reasons that would not cause a resident to move from the Village

- 52% Lack of housing alternatives
- 49% Not enough parks and recreational opportunities

#### How often do the responders go to the Village's downtown

- 45% more than 10 times a month
- 26% 7-10 times a month
- 19% 3-6 times a month
- 5% 1-2 times a month
- 4% less than once a month

#### Where the responders visit when they go to the Village's downtown

P&C,	Church,	119 Café,	Mario's Hair Salon,
Gas station,	Sno-top,	Medical offices,	Rest,
Post office,	MSC,	Limestone creek,	All,
True value,	Dry cleaner (both),	Kings Kids Day Care,	Buy Rite,
Mill Run Park,	Bank,	Art shops,	Drycleaners of Manlius,
D&D for coffee,	Swan Pond,	Bike shop,	UPS Store,
Library,	What's Your Beef,	Number 1 Kitchen,	Valvoline,
Soccer games,	Donut shop,	Bank of America,	Das Blumen Haus,
Concerts,	Legion,	F-M Bottle Return,	Feats of Clay,
Baseball games,	Penny's,	Manlius Village Centre,	4 Paws,
Eckerd's,	Chase,	Arctic Island,	A-Plus Mini-Mart,
Dollar General,	Manlius Motor,	Express Computer	Insurance,
Restaurants,	Theater,	Services,	Phone service,
\$ Store,	Karate,	Chamber Of Commerce,	Heckled Hen,
CVS,	Sr. Center,	State Farm,	Laundromat,
Burger King,	Pavone's Pizza,	BOA,	Work,
M&T Bank,	#1Kitchen,	Village smithy,	Service Station,
Manlius Jewelry,	Marks Pizza,	Accents,	Tarn's Place,
Ling-lings,	Beauty shop,	Parades and community	St. Ann's Church,
Subway,	liquor store,	events,	Polish Pottery,
Manlius Barber Shop,	Little Caesar,	Car Wash,	Beat Street,
Brueggers Bagels,	Doctor's,	Video store,	Dragonfly Beads,
Robbins Rarities,	Village offices,	Old Harvey's plaza,	The Dance Studio,
Encore	Eastside Racquet Club,	Manlius liquors,	CLIC,
New Dimensions,	Dave's Diner,	Beachfront tanning salon,	Museum,
Sports fields,	LaVallee's Karate,	University Health Center,	Elegant Reflections,
Limestone Liquors,	Centre pond,		Kinsley diner,
	Shopping plaza,		Bead Store,
	Chiropractics,		
	J.P. Morgan/Chase,		
	Farmer's market,		

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### **Any additional comments**

- Residents and commuters who drive do not know how hazardous the traffic is in the Village's downtown. I did not realize it until I sold my car.
- Get rid of green stickers
- The Village should focus on lowering taxes. What is the cost of buying undeveloped land? What does adopt a property transfer tax to fund open space acquisition involve? Retirement is a problem with such high taxes. Whatever happened to the Mayor's campaign promise to eliminate his job and consolidate Village services and lower taxes?? Local government needs to tighten its belt.
- The present cat nuisance ordinance is inadequate. We are overrun with cats from other streets so we cannot ascertain their owners to register a complaint
- We do need some other businesses to help with the tax base because those of us that live here and raise their family should not have to move because of the tax burden in this Village.
- I do not support spending tax money to buy additional green space.
- I don't think a drive through at a pharmacy would cause a traffic problem
- Manlius could distinguish itself by GOING GREEN! With ESF and SU we have access to some of the best technical support. And, with the new environmental conscience of the upper-middle class, this could be another area in which we could be in the vanguard!
- I do not believe the Village provides any useful services that could not be met by the Town of Manlius at a lower cost. It would be more beneficial for the Village to merge with the Town and save the taxpayers the additional expense of another municipal tax.
- When I first moved into the village 28 years ago, I felt good about the village tax bill vs the services I received. My perspective today is that this village has to have the best of everything and 'do it all', but that the benefits being realized by the residents are not commensurate with the cost and that there are much more efficient ways of achieving a comparable result.