

Exercise #2: Goal Statements Individual Results

Economic Development

- Eco-tourism
- You must attract more light/heavy industry to gain a better tax base (think Goshen). This will open jobs for your high school grads and college grads
- Target retail growth toward small and medium sized companies who are interested in the community and who offer a living wage and products people need and want. Same with office development, medical and clean light industry
- Light industry on the 17 corridor
- Restaurants
- Beef up and revitalize Main Street
- Hotel and resort corridors*
- Cultivate B & B industry*
- Conference centers
- Green industry
- Waste removal
- Provide incentives for businesses that provide jobs.
- Renewable energy plant established in Liberty
- Expanded public transit within Sullivan County and between Liberty and Middletown (and transit there into NYC)
- Development of internet related businesses like databases that could maintain and sell information or subscriptions to information bases.
- No retail, low paying, no health insurance jobs
- Create blue-collar jobs by providing light industry jobs which are reasonably reimbursed and offer decent benefits
- Create employment - Keep our most valuable asset (our children) in this area. Give them the incentive they need to stay
- We need blue collar jobs
- Essential to survival of Liberty
- Retail stores on Main Street Liberty*

Housing

- Mixed senior and young families near hamlets and towns
- A modern hotel for Bethel Woods complex; Open hotel oriented jobs and off-shoot for gambling casino at Monticello
- Affordable and decent housing for locally employed.
- New developments scrutinized carefully because of school burden
- Senior housing near groceries, bank, post office so everything gets done on one trip.
- Make more rooms and closets for people so they don't have to get rid of all their possessions
- Assessment of tax free senior housing
- Strict zoning for any new development
- Code enforcement and strict zoning
- Affordable housing (back-bone of tax structure)***
- Reevaluate all tax free property
- Second homes pay full tax

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- Green laws re: fertilizers etc. for lawns to preserve our waters
- Encourage people to come to different types of communities (low income, middle income)
- Refurbishment of existing vacant housing rather than building new buildings
- Place new developments around/close to existing housing*
- Maintain rural character by providing incentives for redevelopment of dilapidated or unused structures
- No big developments/Restrict size of building sites*
- A moratorium on section 8 housing - Keep undesirables from being attracted downtown

Open Space

- Conservation areas: Create conservation zones in each hamlet and parks
- You have enough parks, etc.; however, an "O. & W." trail system might be nice.
- Preserve open space
- Wildlife park for families to go; organized with animals (zoo).
- Open spaces should possess places for youth to go
- To ensure that youth voices are considered when planning and building on open space
- Try to preserve as much of our existing open space, because that is what makes us who we are as a community. Protect wildlife and water. Arbor day
- Have the youth in mind when planning for open space
- Preserve beauty
- Maintain, enhance and add to existing parklands - Parks should be open year round
- Encourage nature environmental programs
- Keep open what's open and allow as little development as feasible on open sites
- Keep open space because this is the charm of this area. It will attract the people you want to come here.
- Leave as is

Youth

- Integrate young people into larger community projects
- Need career oriented jobs, not burger flipping
- Youth interests should be considered with organizations. An example is Team Skate building the skate park at Walnut Mountain.
- Youth interest should be considered, such as a skate park for the youth and/or other youth centers and/or parks (at Walnut Mountain perhaps)**
- Should be required to participate in more activities with their parents
- Kids should have more than 15 minutes for lunch
- Develop our major resource; our history in the performing arts should be developed for our youth as a format for education. Develop more space for soccer, baseball, tennis, basketball
- Have a youth center so kids have somewhere to go
- Encourage young people to work and play by providing opportunities
- Start school-based programs. Find out what kids would like and help them to create and achieve these programs
- Reopen the youth center and keep it open as much as possible

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- Children must be able to grow up in an environment that is free of drugs. Dope pushers must be hunted down and destroyed. Drugs are blight on our young people.
- Convert areas of Walnut Mountain into winterized X sports and activities (snowboarding), and summer half-pipe skate board facility operated under Town of Liberty parks and recreation funding; by year 2012 cover X winter games funding.
- No reason to stay after school as economy is too weak.
- Create something for kids to do in the village

Government Issues

- Better use of tax money so that we are not constantly borrowing for limited services
- Tax developers for use of roads
- Stop tax free property giveaway, which lowers the tax base for the County
- Cut down on food stamps for junk foods but include toilet paper, soap, detergents
- Full time grant writer
- Have the police be more supportive; police are making laws against skateboarding
- Local officials must be more dynamic and aggressive
- Require recycling whether garbage is picked up by private contractors or city services
- Restrictions on “Big Box” retail outlets
- Efforts (like this one) for open government where all who want to can have input
- Consolidate town and village units as much as possible
- County executive sorely needed
- Government must be more responsive to the people. What we see is only their concern for their own interests.
- Augmented by service conservation
- Identify places to be sold for lumber while reducing fire danger at the same time
- More accountable to the public
- Taxes are too high; have cut if do not increase economy being light industry or more tax base