

# Community Conversations



## VILLAGE OF GENESEO

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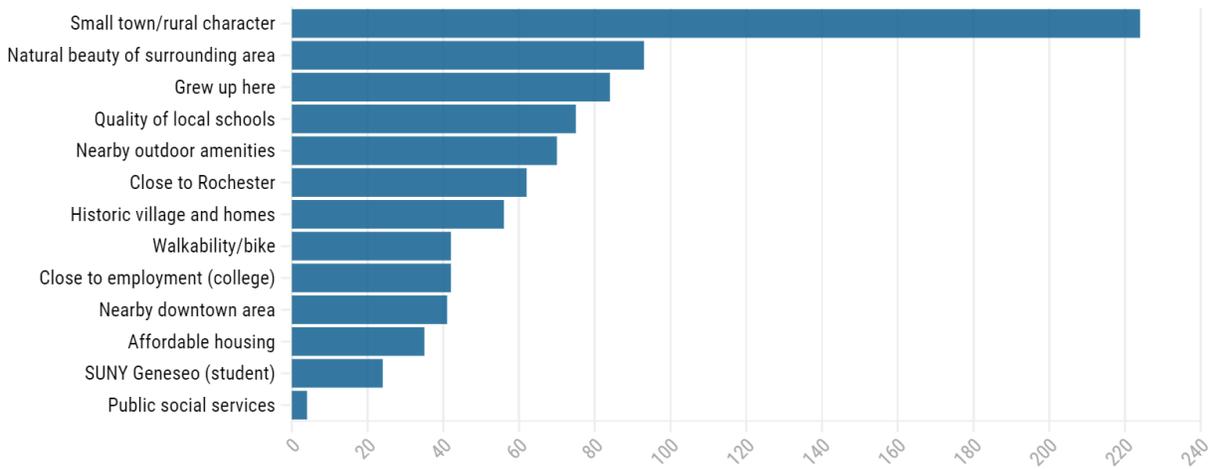
Village of Geneseo Comprehensive Plan

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## Why Geneseo?

"Mark up to three reasons why you and your family choose to live in the Village of Geneseo ."



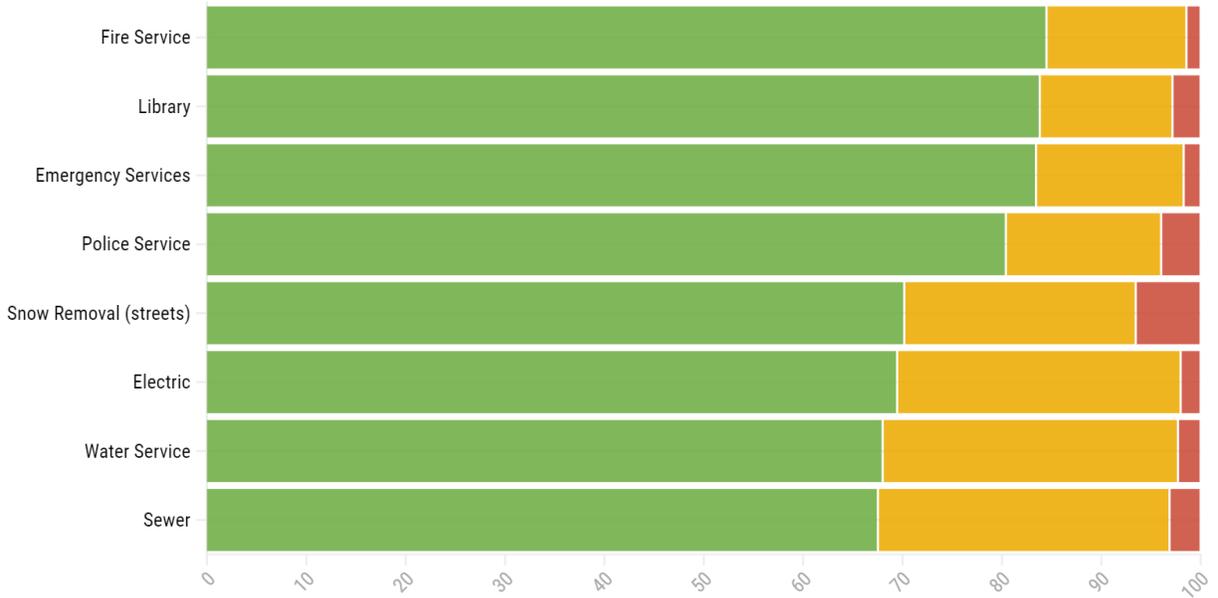
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“Other”: Non-student but I love living here; wife grew up in area; family nearby; Geneseo alumni; has a Wegmans; vibrant downtown; college town a plus; there isn’t affordable housing in Geneseo, needs better bike paths; was a SUNY Geneseo student; Village living; nice being close to everyday amenities; I completed all of my undergraduate at the college and I also worked at Wadsworth Library; winter milder than East Aurora/Orchard Park; school is very mediocre, wish we had better walkability/bike; SUNY Geneseo (non-student); my mom married someone in Geneseo; Grandchildren; moved here to be closer to children/grandchildren

## Community Facilities and Services

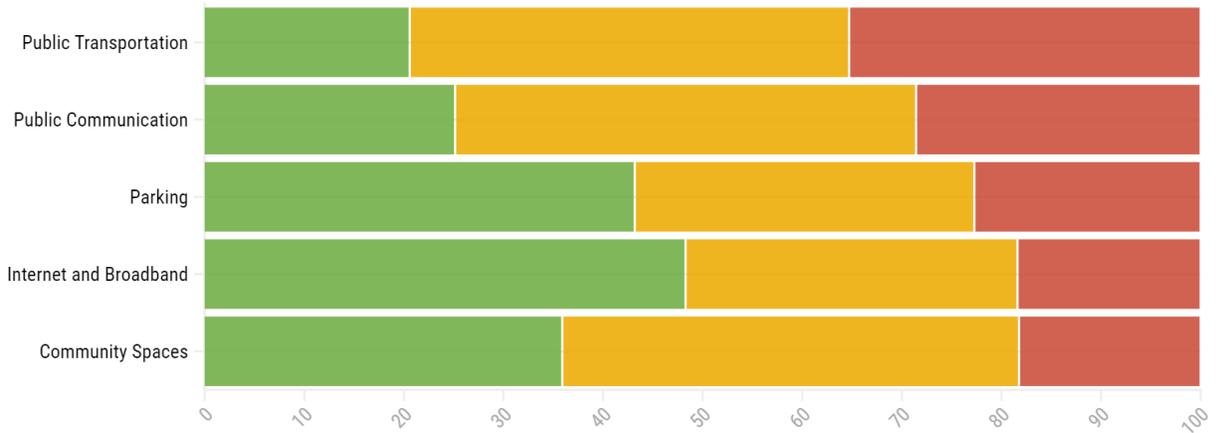
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**Please provide additional comment:**

**Not enough internet provider options outside of Spectrum, not enough support for new local businesses alongside too many chains.**

**I live on nations road. No water, no garage pick up, no internet.**

**Traffic along 20A needs to be addressed.**

Lack of good outdoor programming for families. Highland Park is old, rusty and has playground features that are unsafe and/or non-ADA. Needs a total overhaul to be the community hub it should be. Would never bring visitors there.

We need to do better.

Would love to see Main Street businesses continue to grow. Having the recent smoke shop move into the largest space there was upsetting. Would love to see more businesses be encouraged that permanent residents will make use of. Parks are nice but not somewhere I utilize without a specific event taking place.

As I am a town resident, I am not as knowledgeable about some of these categories

Parking has been a kick-the-can-down-the-road issue forever. Time to get the college involved in a solution because they are the major cause of parking shortages.

Good and average are just fine for most. However, THE ONE THING that needs to be improved is ENFORCEMENT of SIDEWALK SNOW/ICE REMOVAL. This is a walkable community, and snow/ice covered sidewalks forces many to stay home, and others to be in jeopardy. Especially elderly, children, and those with no vehicles. One idea is to send a direct mailing to residents, reminding us of our responsibility and the law. Via the water bill, a Facebook post, e-mail, cell phone text, etc. A public announcement is ineffective, if it is sent via means people simply don't see, or if it is lost in the noise of the PennySaver or the official village website. When we have a law, for good reason, we should enforce it for the public good. Relying on our neighbors to make complaints forces us to be snitches and risk retaliation. Code Enforcement is very busy, however, maybe after the first snow, a warning notice, with advice for those who may be incapable of clearing the sidewalk will be helpful. Advice like "be a good neighbor, and clear your elderly or disabled neighbor's sidewalk," or, "call the village and we can contract a service for qualified people," or, "here is a list of folks who volunteer or get paid to clear sidewalks." Maybe the people, who get paid, will volunteer to help some in need, even as a marketing effort. Just a few ideas, all better than passivity.

Police harassing Club 41 owner to closure was a poor move for local patrons.

Village does a fantastic job clearing roads and sidewalks of snow. Wish village would enforce codes that require homeowners to KEEP sidewalks clear

I live in the village on Seneca Ave and our neighborhood usually doesn't have cell service at all in or out of our homes.

It would be much safer if the town would salt sidewalks during the winter. just plowing them leaves them incredibly icy when the snow gets packed.

From this list of services, my biggest concerns are parking issues, no community building to allow groups to meet, and internet/broadband access/mobile phone service. 1. Parking: I understand the Village's need to control parking on Main Street during college breaks, but feel it should be relaxed during college breaks. Our current system discourages residents from shopping on Main Street; and, as a consequence, hurts businesses! 2. Our village has been loooooong overdue to have a Community Center where groups (Garden Club, Monday Evening Class, Kiwanis, Rotary, etc. can meet. A place where activities can be held for kids and adults (Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, family reunions/gatherings, adult education classes, etc). The Goodwill community area (room + kitchen) is a good example (but on a larger scale). 3. Internet/Mobile Phone: Maybe more of a service provider problem, but mobile service in Indian Meadows is very inadequate and internet service is very slow.

The ratings are in relation to nearby Villages, not what is inherently satisfying for this community. For example, understanding of what Village government does is generally very limited.

Brush removal from the village should be every month not every other.

AT&T cellular is weak

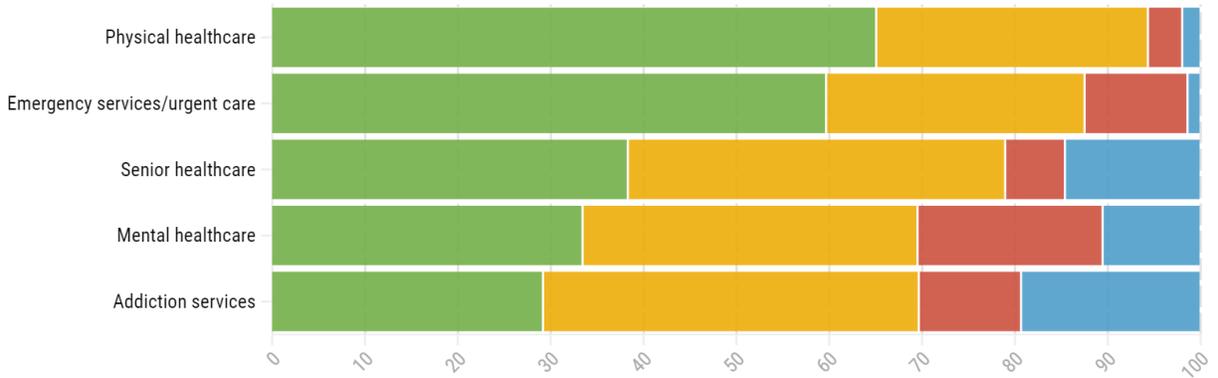
Having free broadband internet access would bring Geneseo into the 21C.
Road Maintenance: North half of 2nd St has been horrendous for an astonishingly long time.
Parking in the village is an issue. I think residents and guests should be able to park on the streets. It's my opinion that the problems stem from the college not having enough convenient parking options for the students. The village bears the brunt of this college issue.
There should be an NA option. Parking is a problem. Meters need to be either removed or brought into 21st century with cell phone/CC options. Many times I have not gone to Main St businesses for want of a quarter. If it is about not having overnight/long parking, just mark tires. Re. Electricity, RGE is terrible to deal with, but not sure if there are other options. Water and sewer seem pretty expensive to me. I don't know why garbage pick up is on this survey, none is provided, we pay for that personally on top of taxes.
Please no more subsidized housing
Highland Park is unsafe and needs updating
I'd like to see more outdoor events on main street.
We need to be more willing to have businesses move into Geneseo to keep it growing
No competition for Internet and mobile and poor coverage
Paying for parking on Main St deters people from going there and supporting the Main St shops. Some areas in the village do NOT have curbs! This has been an issue for many years. We need to repair all streets and curbs within the village. Highland park playground is in serious need of an upgrade. As a resident living in the village, I do not receive much communication from our board.
Highland park is a wonderful space, but the small toddler playground needs to be updated and the rock climbing area on the older child playground should be repaired. Splash pads are also becoming quiet popular and would be a wonderful addition to our park. With the recreation program housed there, it would get a lot of use in the warm weather months.
mobile phone service spotty
Should invest in light rail.
Parks are lacking for younger children. Additional community resources for children with special needs would be helpful.
A YMCA would be a great addition to the parks and rec. Also, I love the refurbishing of the Wadsworth wall. It would be fantastic to have a walking trail along the wall. Additionally, sidewalks/bike trail from the village to the lake on Reservoir Road would be a great boon to the community.
Sidewalk plowing is one of my favorite things, truly.
North Street should be shaved down and resurfaced. The height of the road has increased by more than 1.5 feet in the 25 years we have lived here. I believe that this fact contributes to basement flooding all along the street.
Government Center
I wish there was a "I don't know" option for the questions I just answered because I have no way to judge many of them. Also, I wish there were better parks for walking. We could use more trails.
there is room for improvement
Over all it's nothing to write home about
Difficult to contact police we were told to email police to notify police about leaving village & watch our home
Town recreation and activity space is very poor. YMCA would be great.
Wish there was better playgrounds. Poor cell phone reception often with Verizon.
support for local businesses is almost non existant

<b>Metered Parking is ridiculous in 2022</b>
There was talk years ago about a community center or YMCA - there are not a lot of resources for the community - example: classes, fitness, childrens programs (other than the library)
Mobile phone services could be poor because of the carrier I use.
can not rate public transportation - don't use it. Garbage removal, internet & cell phone are through homeowners contract & private pay. The village does a very poor job cleaning & salting roads. There is a noticeable difference coming into the village from the town. The town does a great job. By the time the village cleans sidewalks, they've already been walked on. The sidewalks are icy and very slippery. We often choose to walk in the road.
Question above: Electric- NA; public transportation- Unsure; Garbage removal - have standard pickup day, require covered trash & recycle bins; Support for local busines - unsure; Internet & mobile phone aren't village's responsibility.
Don't think electric, garbage removal & mobile phone service are services of the village I don't know if the village supports local businesses or not. Not sure how the village can be "rated" on electric, garbage or mobile phone. I own property in Perry as well. The garbage removal is added to the tax bill and contracted with one waste removal company. The nice thing about this is that ALL the garbage is picked up on one day. There must be 5 (at least) different companies all on different days in Geneseo. There's always garbage at the curb somewhere..
Village communication not good & often impatient, rude & deferred
I live in the town, so cannot comment on many of these services as accurately as I'd like. I do find that getting information out about meetings/notices is very difficult these days. The town and village website feels difficult to use, however, and meeting minutes do not see to be promptly uploaded.
The Village does one sweep on sidewalks as a courtesy. The residences an dbusinesses are responsible for clearing the rest. The businesses do a great job. the residents are 50/50.
Not sure about communication from the Village to residents. I have not received communications yet.
Don't know about public transportation. I go to the transfer station for garbage removal. The parking meters should be removed on Main St. Parking on Main St. should be free. Parking meters are not user friendly.
I find it odd that the sewer is billed a long with water. I thought that was included in property taxes? - I recently moved from Monroe County so it may be different between counties.
Communication from village to residents is non existent! Very poor support of Main St. businesses.
1. No need to pay for parking. Small business customers should not have to pay to park if you want people to shop here. 2. Highland Park needs renovation for our children. A spray park would be wonderful and new playground equipment. All other small communities have great areas for children to play. Ours is an embarassment & not safe! 3. We need a YMCA to give our children & adults somewhere to exercise and have recreation.
The baseball fields need some upgrades. A couple of the fields have bases that are in terrible shape. Need to have bases that don't move.
In terms of parks and recreation, I feel that a skate park should be available for public use. An ideal location would be Highland Park. There is enough space to install a few ramps, quarter pipes, small half pipe, etc. I feel that this would benefit the community, especially those who are interested in skate boarding, BMX, scootering, roller blading, etc.
Would like to see a splash park at highland for my daughter during the summer.
Would love to see a safer more inviting park for our kids.

Highland park needs updated play structures for kids. A splash park would be wonderful addition as well.
Geneseo has many wonderful attributes but the public park really needs updated play structures for families.
Would like to see a splash pad and updated playgrounds at Highland Park. Space is great!
Does the village offer garbage removal services?
Ever since I went to college here (1963-1967) I have been in love with Geneseo
<b>SIDEWALK PLOW IS TERRIBLE</b>
We need to have more downtown dining and the park to have a new playground/ splash pad.
Indian Meadows does not have sidewalks. Garbage pick up is not a village service. We have drainage issues.
Sidewalk snow removal leaves a lot of snow on the sidewalk
Take more active role in encouraging businesses to come to Geneseo & support their early development. Need more rooms for village groups to meet. Improve communication!
Need to provide more regular, effective communication with village residents, EG., mothly newsletter, newspaper and/or Facebook column.
Road surfacing - poor quality because of materials, snow removal sometimes slow, wish library was open longer on weekends especially Sundays, police are great!
I live at Fox Run Apts and am very tired of our building getting flooded! Do something to correct this. I understand that the people on Court St don't want their yards messed up?? Really. Maybe they would like to put up with their homes backing up with sewage.
Re: community spaces, I'm not sure what you mean since Library and Parks & Rec have their own lines. Also, re: communication, i found out about this survey the day after it closed. Flyers mailed home, signage near the library, Wegmans, Walmart, or GCS would probably get my attention.
<b>10165 LDF</b>
I don't experience parking issues but I know some people do. The College creates issues at times. I do feel that some of the home owners who are using their property for renters, need to do a much better job of taking care of homes and grounds and parking. Much more strict guidelines are needed to be presented the renters.
Highway department is subpar
We need 5G service, stat.
Garbage removal for Village residents should be included in their village taxes
having moved here just 9 months ago, I haven't used the majority of services listed above. The same is true for other parts of the survey.

"How would you rate access to the following healthcare services?"

■ Excellent/Good 
 ■ Average 
 ■ Poor/Very Poor 
 ■ No Opinion

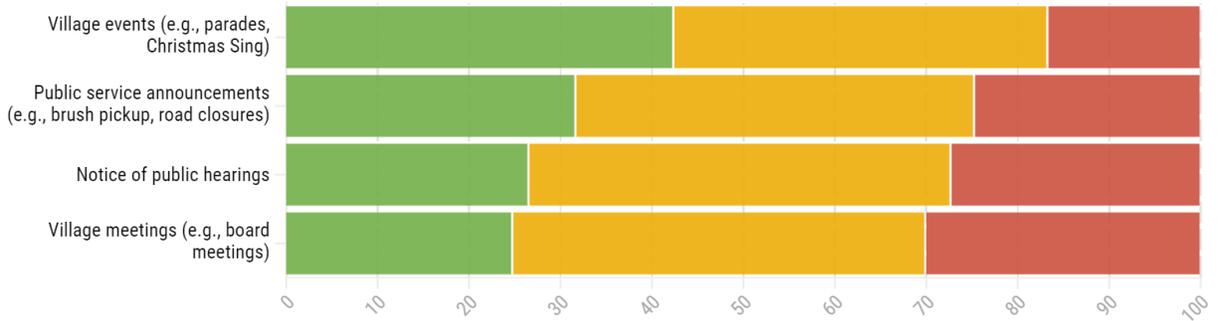


Please provide additional comment:
Many if these items i have no experience with so its hard for me to say.
I have really no idea about the quality ofmental health or addiction services
I go to Rochester for my primary care services
I have only utilized urgent care. The Theresa House is the only senior care I know of.
Don't have a lot of experience in most of these areas "no experience" should be a choice
Being a small town, there seems to be limited options. Have to go towards Rochester
Local community has numerous options
usually extremely long waits
Most of our physical healthcare needs are met in Rochester, but feel with that Geneseo is well-covered now with U of R and Regional Health services. I am not familiar with Mental and Addition services offered, but, with the increased need for help, hope these are being addressed as well., that
I think the services we have fit our village.
I travel to Rochester for helathcare
Please no more subsidized housing
Urgent care hours need expanding
URMC Urgent care is unhelpful like you are bothering them
We need more support with our mental health care and addiction services within the village and town.
Should invest in mental health and senior services
Urgent care in Geneseo takes hours to be seen. I can go to Henrietta and be seen instantly and be back home before the time it's taken to be seen in Geneseo.
My primary doctor is in Brighton
Really struggling to find mental health care for my kids
we should have 14/7 Urgent Care Services
Sadly lacking in quality
I don't know what addiction services are provided or how people would access them
U of R urgent care is always too busy, long waits.

<b>Area medical (Strong &amp; RGH) are excellent</b>
<b>no need to access mental healthcare, addiction services or senior healthcare - unable to rate.</b>
<b>The emergency services are always timely, understanding &amp; caring. Several times senior citizen friends of mine required this and the emergency services did a great job.</b>
<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>question above - Unsure on Mental Healthcare, Addiction Services &amp; Senior Healthcare</b>
<b>Urgent care is horrible!</b>
<b>I have had little experience with these areas of healthcare, but Geneseo has more options and services than most rural areas.</b>
<b>Public transportation is the limiting factor</b>
<b>Don't know how to rate mental healthcare &amp; addiction services.</b>
<b>most of healthcare questions don't apply to me.</b>
<b>I have not interacted with medical services. Glad there's urgent care.</b>
<b>Great ambulance</b>
<b>EMS &amp; Fire Dept. were excellent when I had an accident. - Urgent care was rude when I called when my dad was sick.</b>
<b>We do not have enough experience to provide opinions on these subjects.</b>
<b>need more availability of mental healthcare &amp; addiction services</b>
<b>Hopefully the urgent care at RRH will be better than Noyes</b>
<b>FEW PCP'S ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS</b>
<b>Police Department is outstanding.</b>
<b>I have been fortunate not to have experience with many of the services.</b>
<b>Limited hours at urgent care.</b>
<b>Urgent care is terrible, have had to go a few times. Never satisfactory service.</b>
<b>Access to mental healthcare is sorely lacking &amp; need is high and real.</b>
<b>It's not the village that provides these services, ie. Noyes/URMC</b>
<b>Do not have sufficient experience to evaluate all of the services listed above.</b>
<b>I'm a kid and don't know about healthcare services</b>
<b>I do not know much about the healthcare in Geneseo</b>
<b>Good for the most part</b>
<b>Village is good.</b>
<b>I don't live in Geneseo</b>
<b>Don't know a lot about that</b>
<b>Most of the things are fine</b>
<b>addition of regional health care services a real benefit for community</b>

"How would you rate the following types of communication from the Village?"

■ Excellent/Good 
 ■ Average 
 ■ Poor/Very Poor



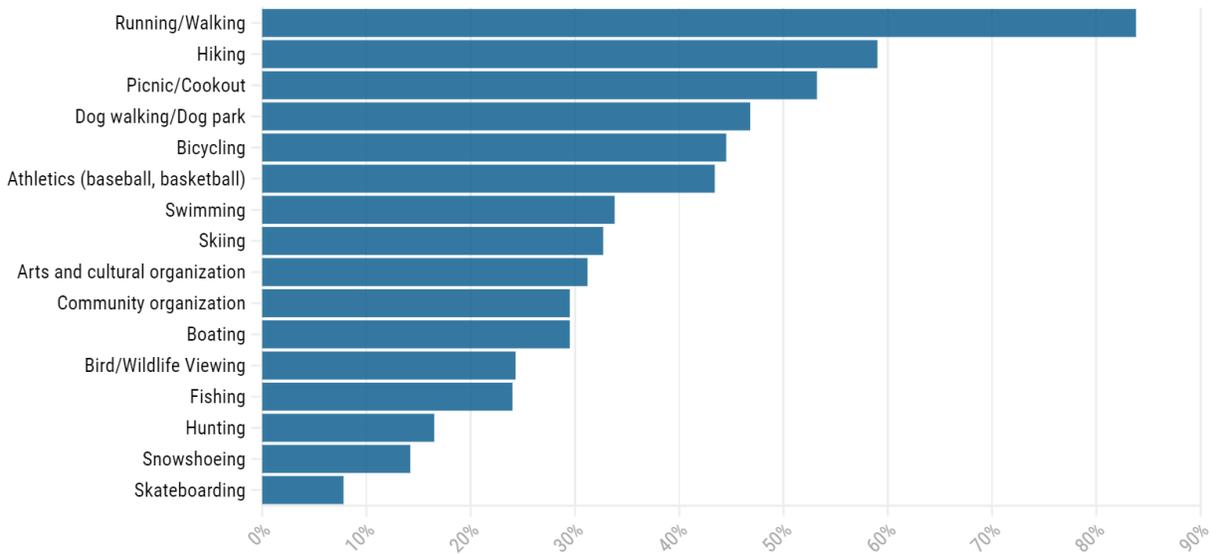
<b>Please provide additional comment:</b>
<b>Set up an email distribution list that people can opt into.</b>
<b>The Village is behind the curve when it comes to social media outreach. The village's aging population is becoming more and more Facebook literate. It would benefit the Village to proactively post Village Board meeting minutes or recordings to social media.</b>
<b>I havent signed up for any newsletters so that might be my own fault.</b>
<b>You really have to be in the know and actively pursue this knowledge</b>
<b>The Village fulfills legal requirements for advertising but the community may not know where to look</b>
<b>Some of the events listed are not village events-I am more well informed of these non-village events and happenings than any of the items specifically hosted by the village. If there is a specific place to sign up for notices like use of the Nextdoor website, I have not been told. Sometimes I check the Rotary Club website for event info, but the Geneseo website doesn't seem to get updated.</b>
<b>Community members have to proactively seek items out on the village website. I could not find a link to this survey on the village website.</b>
<b>These examples, and communication in general should be improved. With today's technology, we really ought to do better. With today's concerns, I think better communication is necessary, even if simply to maintain our community spirit.</b>
<b>Politically active town and village is good</b>
<b>There is much room for improvement in this area</b>
<b>Maybe radiobroadcasting meeting days and times to reach a wider audience compared to just looking at the planning website for meeting times.</b>
<b>students never hear much about this</b>
<b>"Hunt Races" and "Blue Bell" are not village events...each takes place in the town only...</b>
<b>Meets minimum Open meeting law requirements, and sometimes in violation. Website difficult to navigate, no search engine.</b>
<b>I oftrn see things after they have happened. We report what has happened but not always notified by what's coming up.</b>
<b>Unless you use Facebook, get the Penny Saver or local newspaper, not sure how people get any information. Democrat &amp; Chronicle have stopped serving Geneseo</b>

I worry that the Boards are exposing us to litigation risk by digging in on issues that could be solved in alternate ways. I don't think we are getting very good legal advice.
The Blue Bell Hike and the Hunt Races are not Village sponsored events.
Webpage should provide a list of public hearings and upcoming meetings. If already there, should be more clearly marked.
Please no more subsidized housing
Making village events larger with more food and drink may attract more visitors. Wine walks, bands, closing streets for larger events.
what is blue bell? the flower walk? that's not in the village? nor is the hunt races..
We have taken part in many village events. We missed having the Christmas cookie walk and elf hunt this year.
Minutes of Board/Planning Board not posted online in a timely manner
really not stop throwing money at enough problem - which is the dramatic rise of cost of living - primarily high property school taxes that supply little benefit for the huge individual cost
When is brush pickup?
I haven't figured out how people know about these things. A community facebook group would help.
please try harder
Not everybody is a zoomie
I find out if I'm lucky enough to see it on Facebook
The Village should use online platforms like their website and social media to reach a vastly greater number of people with village board minutes, notices of public hearings, etc.
How do relatively new residents receive this information?
We never know when meetings, announcements or events happen
I think if you could send a mail flyer to point people to the direction of the Village website it would be good because the website itself does a good job providing notices, but many people might not be aware of that.
I found out about Comp. Plan update through word of mouth & hand delivered survey
I marked average because you may communicate - but I don't know where.
Not sure what communication system is in place currently
I almost never hear of these events/meetings, sometimes only learning about them after they've occurred. Like I said above, it can be very difficult to make sure residents hear PSAs etc. so I wish I had advice about improvements.
They are easily found if you know where to look.
Village events have decreased
I have not received communication, yet.
If I want to know, I have to search to find events, a yearly flyer would be nice to refer to throughout the year.
I have not heard any communications since I moved here in Jan 2020. However, I have also not looked for them.
Part of the poor marks above is the LCN is providing lousy coverage to Geneseo now that they've closed the Geneseo office.
Rotary Club does more than village. Recreation is for little kids only. Need adult recreation center
I have had no communication of these events/announcements. I hear word of mouth from neighbors.

As a life long resident I am sad to see the state of our Summer Festival. It used to be a whole Main Street event, and now it is bately in existence. There should be more family community events.
I often find out about events after they've happened. Some sort of community email list might help.
I am not on any social media; could residents sign up for e-mails about village communication?
I don't even know how public hearings are announced.
I like to be able to use the website.
I tend to have to seek out info (re: public service announcements), and find out about village events via word of mouth.
I never hear anything from the village
How am I supposed to know?
I do not know much about the village communication
Very fun with village events
Sometimes they don't announce things
I dont' remember seeing an announcement on this stuff.
A bi-weekly on monthly report (Mayor's report) summarizing village board activity and actions would greatly enhance communication with local residents. Weekly report on village police activity in local new is effective. Mayor should provide a similar report to LC news since local newspaper coverage of board activities is lacking.

## Recreation and Community Life

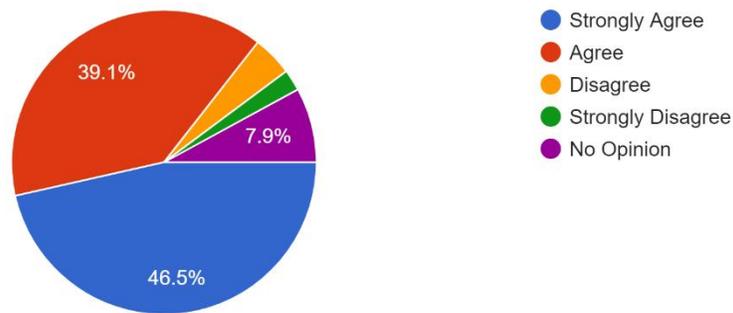
"In which of the following recreation activities do members of your household participate?"



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"The Village should consider expanding the bike/pedestrian network within the Village."

353 responses



**Please provide additional comment:**

**Enhancing the bike/pedestrian network within the village, and connectivity between the village and town business district is absolutely essential to make Geneseo a more equitable place to live. Not everyone owns a car, and you can't walk or bike safely everywhere as it currently stands.**

**Moreso an issue in the areas surrounding the village/within the town**

**Pickleball courts PLEASE!!!!**

**Traffic is bad enough at peak times that adding the complication of bicycle accommodations would be a nightmare.**

<b>YES with all of the college students, alumni/parents, Letchworth tourists and young families, more bikeability is a must. Right now it feels very unsafe to bike around and I want my kids to be able to get around safely.</b>
<b>We should have public bikes people can access for a fee</b>
<b>Is there a bike network? Cannot walk loops everywhere in the village for walking.</b>
<b>Thoughtful connectivity is key; it will open up access especially for elderly and kids to move more independent and be more active members of the community.</b>
<b>Would love to see a trail along the Wadsworth stone wall to help with trail connectivity and utilizing this unique feature that the community has helped rebuild.</b>
<b>Sidewalks need improvements and some areas within village don't have any</b>
<b>GV Conservancy is a good partner for land / park planning</b>
<b>This is a must</b>
<b>Sidewalks should be expanded along all developed areas of the village, and at marked crosswalks.</b>
<b>Need the infrastructure to do this.</b>
<b>Bike lanes could make it easier for people to get around, help to increase commerce with local businesses.</b>
<b>Safe running route to make loop: Country Club rd, Lima Rd, North st, Route 39/Avon road</b>
<b>Existing network is important, but already sufficient.</b>
<b>Crossing 20A on foot or bike is a nightmare</b>
<b>Should be extended in Volunteer (out of village, just putting here anyway)</b>
<b>Love being outside walking/running thru the village and outskirts-drivers are not friendly and would love safer options to stay active</b>
<b>Please no more subsidized housing</b>
<b>I would love to see us as a community become more bike and pedestrian friendly</b>
<b>Trails and better lighting main street is dangerous because lighting is too low and doesn't light the street. Pedestrians dart out</b>
<b>Work with the town to expand sidewalks and bike paths. Country club road loop to the HS and Reservoir Road to the lake.</b>
<b>stop wasting tax dollars on things that do not benefit everyone....stop trying to be everything to everyone and let the private sector make a living</b>
<b>Please complete sidewalks to Wegmans on 20A and Volunteer Road</b>
<b>This NEEDS to be a priority. We need a way for all members of the community to safely walk from the Wegmans/Walmart area, to Main Street and the surrounding/connecting neighborhoods. The lack of sidewalk connections is a huge issue.</b>
<b>It would be nice if sidewalks could extend to the school</b>
<b>Main street could be safer with lines, efforts to make clear multiple use</b>
<b>there are limited places to walk/hike. more connectivity would be beneficial. its not safe to bike here. I would more likely take my bike in my car to a location with bike paths</b>
<b>Finding safe cycling areas for families within the village is a challenge right now. Walking/running can be difficult too, especially when trying to cross 20A. None of the crossings feel very safe.</b>
<b>This is the something we feel is strongly lacking In our community</b>
<b>sidewalks from Lima to Lakeville Rd. and on Avon-Geneseo rd for runners</b>
<b>Would love side walk from Walmart to lima. Would love cross walks from Melody lane to lima Rd</b>
<b>Bike paths in town also</b>
<b>Resources could be better used</b>

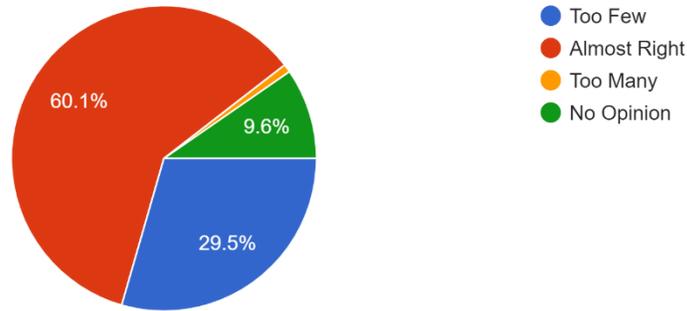
Not sure where you would be able to - but biking, walking, running paths would be nice.
I would love to see more trail connectivity and bike paths. Letchworth Gateway Villages has done some research in Geneseo and the region and found bikeability/walkability areas that could be improved. I have long thought that a pedestrian path along the Wadsworth stone wall would be a good way to help connect community members with the historic preservation project and provide more options for walking/running. Also, outside of the scope of this question, I wish that the Wadsworths could donate a strip of land along the stone wall and right of way to the village, it could go a long way in smoothing over grumbles and the suggestion of conflicts of interest (even if completely imagined) between APOG and the Wadsworths.
Need to connect with town
bike/pedestrian network is sufficient as is
No parking now. Don't narrow the streets.
the road is dangerous for bikers - especially young children
It would be great to have the sidewalk continue north on Avon Geneseo Rd. from Westview Crescent (on the East side) to the Island Preserve walking trail.
LOVE THE GREENWAY AND ISLAND PRESERVE
More sidewalks, and better maintenance of them. Crosswalk systems for visually impaired pedestrians.
As more people walk or run it is important that there are safe walk ways on the southside of 20A (Wendy's, McDonald's, movies)
There are no bike paths!
This would be a huge quality of life improvement
More plays and concerts, amateur community groups need venues for rehearsals/performances.
Dog park too small, hiking trails too small or not maintained
Highland Park walking trails need to be tended and kept up with gravel or paving
I'd love to see sidewalk all the way to Wegmans and also all the way to GCS.
Just make sure people bike in sidewalk
I like to bike
Again, I live in Groveland. I don't know.
Kids who cannot drive usually ride bikes.
It would be cool to have more paths
Need more bike paths
It would be nice to have a bigger path
Bike lane would ensure safe travels support 'green initiative'
How do you feel about the number of parks and open spaces
Please provide additional comment:
We really need to prioritize public spaces over cars in the village, especially close to Main Street. The amount of space wasted on car infrastructure is detrimental to the business district. Cars do not shop, people do, and there are multiple studies showing how streets that are designed for people > cars have a more vibrant business and livable downtown.
Benches are very nice, and it would benefit visitors to have more places to sit and people watch. Enclaves, picnic areas with a view of downtown would be even better.
The number of parks is fine. There was not an option for "appropriate amount".

We could use space more inventively downtown to encourage people to linger, dine outdoors - would love to see a splash pad like in Perry and some outdoor gathering space with tables, a fire pit and a big game like giant jenga or chess to encourage people to socialize safely all year round.
So many fields and open space and not enough to do
Like the rural feel
I would definitely not oppose more park and open spaces, but we have more than some for a small village. Mostly I'd like to see what we have better promoted and funded. Kelsey field is a missed opportunity because most wouldn't know it exists. I have lived here for years, and just found out we have a park somewhere with kayak access. Let's make what we have live up to what it can be before expanding-and put an emphasis on native plantings to New York State when we have the opportunity to plant.
There can always be more! Highland Park is a great asset, and even Temple Hill Cemetery adds the feeling of green space. Even pocket parks can be destinations.
Takes money to keep open spaces and parks - I do not want our property taxes to rise.
Current playgrounds need updating and more kid friendly activities made available
Let's be careful to ensure we have a variety of parks/open spaces, and be able to properly maintain them.
4 great village owned parks, and a private owned natural area, and public owned arboretum give plenty of options and geographic areas for open space.
need a bigger dog park where they can run
Highland Park needs updating
Village does not have a plan, just talks.
Highland park needs a facelift! The dog area is very poorly kept and the general park area is below average for what it could be given our tax rate and number of young families/student activities that could use the space
Please no more subsidized housing
They just aren't great.. need better playgrounds.
Needs updating!
Long Point Park or other parks need upgraded equipment for kids. Long Point Park could be so much more.
skate park would be greatly appreciated
I am always in favor of more green space for the public
We need to be less strict on facilities usage
Suggest Wadsworth plantation be donated to become public park.
Work with conservancy to make those lands more public use. Also, the River access could be developed more for public use with amenities. How about a walking trail along the river?
Highland Park playground needs an update. Very few offerings for activities for kids in general in Geneseo
again stop wasting money by trying to solve a longstanding problem - by throwing money at it
Highland park is land locked by neighborhoods- There's no space to expand it which I believe we need. On weekends when there is sports at Highland park it becomes inaccessible and crowded.
I would love to see additional green space near lower Court Street, including indoor swimming and gymnasium space for inclement weather.
Please update and upgrade the dog park.
More open spaces and parks, always.

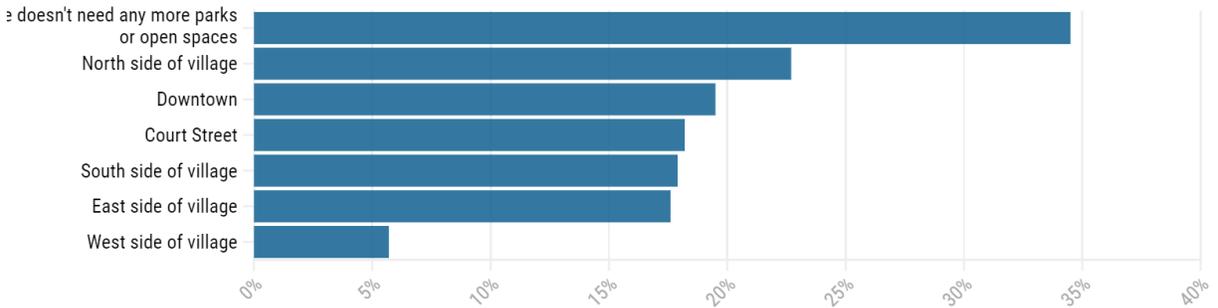
Love the Conservancy
It would be great if the playground equipment (specifically the younger age set) could be updated
Highland Park is a great space, but the actual playgrounds are severely outdated and not kept up well. Especially the toddler area.
Hard to expand but I use/enjoy public space. Thanks to GVC for Island Preserve.
they are too concentrated in the downtown area
more trails
An additional park space with more facilities for events would be welcome.
When I use Main St. Business such as the spa, hair salons or dentist offices there needs to be a specific place for parking.
Wish there were better facilities to enjoy outdoor spaces as a family. For example, bike paths, bike parks/pump tracks. Soccer fields and baseball fields.
We need more transitional spaces. For example, space to eat and play near Main Street that could also be used for festivals and gatherings
Expansion of Highland Park was/is good.
I think given the size of our village and the surrounding areas, we do have a good recreational area for our residents between Highland Park, Long Point Park & the Village Park
current parks and open spaces are nice
Open space is overrated. Density is what makes small towns feel comfortable. Open space keeps things far apart and makes people more likely to drive instead of walk. This creates demand for parking which creates more open space spreads things out further.
Can always use more! The tree-lined streets help.
Just right and there is no more green space to add to the number. Condition of might have been a better question.
No skateboard parks
I travel to other parks for my grandchildren to play. Ours is an embarrassment & the playground is not safe.
It would be nice to have a park with a water spray area like Perry has.
We need to have more kid friendly safe parks! Maybe even a splash water park
Would like to see a splash park and one additional full size baseball field
The ones we have are nice but need updating. Especially Highland Park. Our family drives to Mount Morris or Perry to use their splash pad
Highland Park is in desperate need of a makeover. My children love going to the park, but most of the equipment is well worn and not taken care of. We would love additional playground spaces as well as even a splash pad!
The spaces are adequate, the amenities within those spaces need a lot of attention.
<b>BETTER ACCESS TO GENESEE RIVER</b>
The one park we have is not maintained well enough and there needs to be updated facilities.
Just not attractive - they should be beautiful
Not really anything to do.
I don't really care. I can't drive.
Other than Highland and the school playground, I don't know any more areas
where are they?
Maintaining Highland Park and Village Park is important and appreciated by village residents

How do you feel about the number of parks and open spaces in the Village?

353 responses

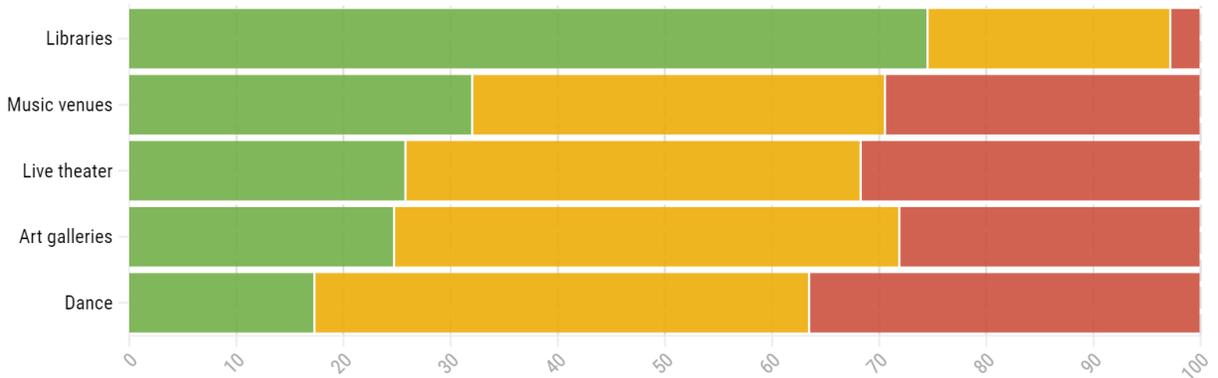


"In your opinion, what areas of the Village, if any, need more parks and open spaces?"

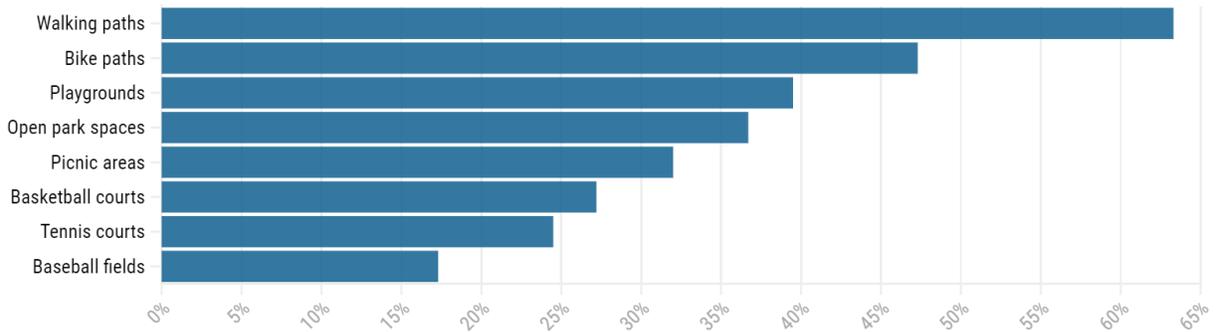


"How would you rate the following cultural offerings in the village?"

Excellent/Good Average Poor/Very Poor

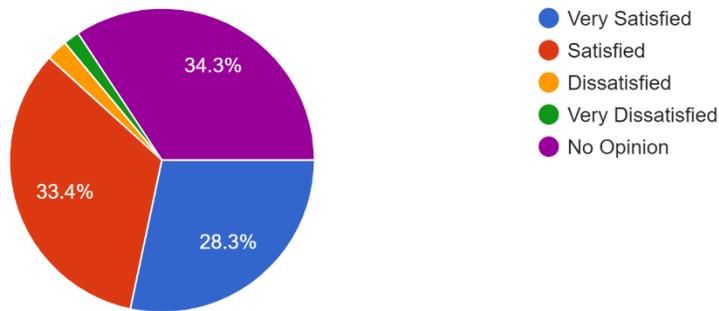


"Which of the following types of facilities need improvement?"



How satisfied are you with the opportunities in the Village to worship according to your preferred religious tradition?

353 responses



**Please provide additional comment:**

**There are definitely more than enough churches.**

**I do not attend public worship, but I recognize the difficulty congregations have in maintaining large buildings. I'm open to seeing adaptive reuse to preserve old religious buildings to be used by multiple groups where possible to cost-share.**

**I can worship an invisible friend as much as I want, which is never**

**Having no religious affiliation, I am concerned at the untaxed religious properties**

**Cultural: I wish there had been a "not interested" choice. Worship: It would be nice if Unitarian Universalist were represented.**

**Please no more subsidized housing**

**So many that they are poorly attended, but that is a choice. We stopped attending ours due to poor COVID safety. Others are better at this.**

**Would love a more inclusive universal church**

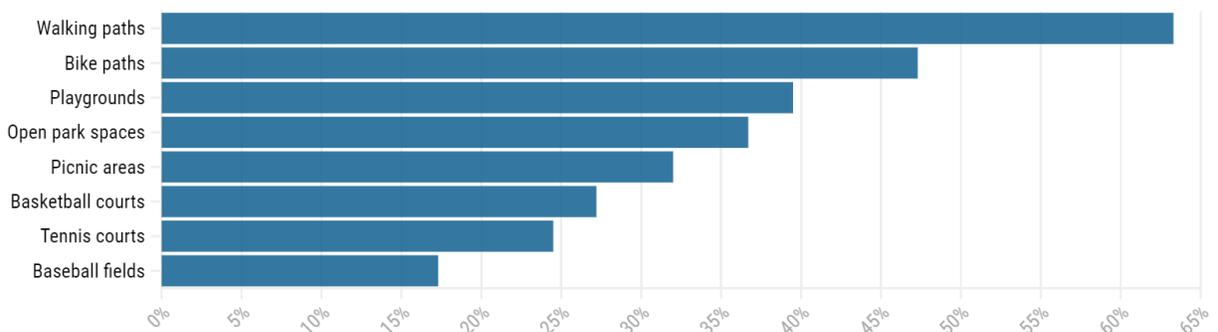
**Again, I don't know about all the above. No idea how much live theater is here (not a big fan). I wish the dance studio were still here for my kids!**

**any cultural opportunities that are offered are not adequately promoted**

**As a Catholic, St. Mary's is available**

<b>We prefer nondenominational worship and the options in the village are very traditional.</b>
<b>We have a wide variety of cultural/ religious opportunities. Again - maybe sending a flyer with various weblinks (ie (college art displays, museums, parish websites) so people are aware.</b>
<b>Much of the live theater, art galleries &amp; dance offerings come through SUNY</b>
<b>Marked Average for Live theater, Art Galleries &amp; Dance - but actually have no opinion (not an available option in question # 14))</b>
<b>I am not religious, but there are several denominations in the village as well as the college interfaith center. There is no specific Spanish-language church or services offered, and that could be improved.</b>
<b>I worship in Canandaigua</b>
<b>Would like to see more variety of food and artisan vendors at summer festival</b>
<b>cultural offerings are mostly thanks to SUNY</b>
<b>Wish more times were available for Sunday mass</b>
<b>Christ Community Church has been so open and welcoming. I highly encourage others to attend a Sunday sermon. You may find it educational!</b>
<b>I'm agnostic.</b>
<b>There are cultural offerings because of the college</b>
<b>WE HAVE ENOUGH CHURCHES</b>
<b>There is no synagogue anywhere in Geneseo or the near by towns.</b>
<b>Big loss with VSD closing - (related to rating Dance offerings in the Village)</b>
<b>Only concerned that we jump in and do</b>
<b>The diocese has ignored the needs of the parish.</b>

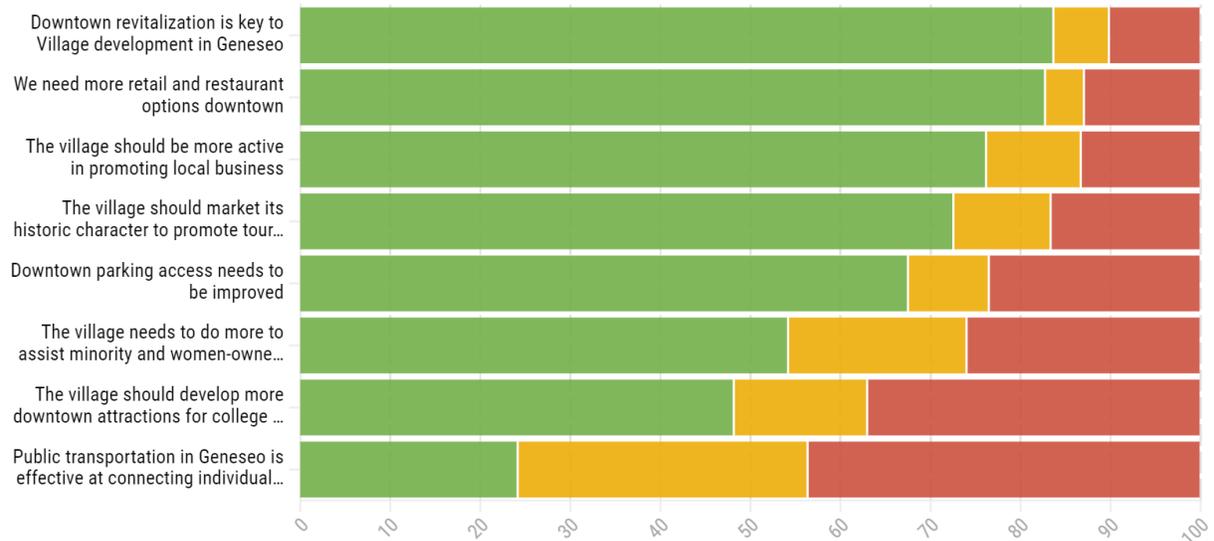
"Which of the following types of facilities need improvement?"



## Economic Development

"Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements."

■ Strongly agree/agree 
 ■ No opinion 
 ■ Disagree/strongly disagree



### Please provide additional comment:

**The lack of connectivity between the village and especially the town is concerning for both low-income households that do not have access to cars, and to the elderly population who are reliant on public transit to access the business district. College students also do not have adequate access to walking/biking/public transport that connects them with businesses in both the village and town.**

**More creative bars, restaurants, and retail will be key to catching and retaining interest in the village.**

**The village does a fine job of promoting local business. Please dear Lord, do not inject the identity political non-sense into Geneseo.**

**More diversity in restaurants and hair styling venues - fewer bars, cannabis dispensaries**

**Loving the businesses that have gotten established in the last few years on Main Street! There is always room for more, especially for more diversity.**

**Police harassment of alcohol licensees needs to be curtailed for a more positive restaurant, music, and entertainment environment**

**1- SUNY students use all the parking downtown and 2- municipal lot does not have enough permits available and not enough 1- 2 hours freespots**

**I would like to see the Big Tree reopen. We lost a great historic restaurant.**

**I think the historic character of the Village is a major pull in attracting residents and students to the area. Revitalizing downtown would go a long way to promote economic and physical growth to the Village.**

**Geneseo has a thriving downtown with limited and short-lived vacancies.**

<b>The college is a cause of most of the parking issues and should be addressing the needs of students for convenient parking on campus</b>
<b>The philosophy of current Village government is economic development is not its direct role. It delegates this to county and private sector. That's wrong and narrow thinking.</b>
<b>Need a public market open when people are not at work and with much better parking.</b>
<b>Downtown stores need to not just cater to college students. Example€ closing when school is not in session</b>
<b>Downtown revitalization should include an upscale restaurant, antiquing, food purveyors highlighting the Valley's rich agricultural resource, as well as attractions that cater to the college students. The historic designation can be used in marketing. Vacation rentals should be encouraged including multi family.</b>
<b>I don't know what "attractions for college students" are.</b>
<b>If revitalization means improving upon the derelict buildings in the village, then I agree.</b>
<b>Downtown businesses, especially restaurants, need to be OPEN regularly, not take breaks every time the students are gone for a few weeks.</b>
<b>I do not know what is meant by downtown revitalization to answer accurately</b>
<b>Please no more subsidized housing</b>
<b>Big Tree needs private ownership and development</b>
<b>As a village resident I understand the need for meters, but am frustrated when I'm trying to support a local business and run in for a coffee and have to pay to park for 3 minutes.</b>
<b>lower property taxes and people would have money to spend at these business - just get out of the way</b>
<b>Not enough public transport</b>
<b>there are already state programs that promote minority businesses, and I don't see a barrier to this in Geneseo</b>
<b>While Main Street does have a variety of businesses, I think this area could be strengthened with additional restaurants and shopping that would attract both college students and local residents.</b>
<b>Bike paths would allow residents and visitors to enjoy the beauty of the area and draw them to the local businesses.</b>
<b>Bring back the Big Tree Inn</b>
<b>Aren't most businesses on main owned by women? Additionally, who cares who owns them? Stupid to add that. We want successful and useful businesses. Who owns them is irrelevant.</b>
<b>It feels to me like Geneseo, county seat and state college, has so much potential. I wish we could maintain historic downtown while adding more conveniences to Lakeville Rd.</b>
<b>We need restaurants of quality that people will want to come for</b>
<b>Metered Parking needs to go</b>
<b>Would like to see more locally owned &amp; run retail * restaurants in Geneseo. NOT interested in more fast food or chain restaurants</b>
<b>don't need more retail &amp; restaurant options downtown</b>
<b>Merchants should be more active in promoting local businesses. Unsure about public transportation being effective.</b>
<b>Stop charging or giving parking tickets - not very welcoming (but otherwise hard to monitor- so I get it!) Where would money come from for more minority &amp; wonen-owned businesses? More taxes.</b>
<b>They types of businesses in not something the Village can control. The Village does not tell landlords who they can rent to. As for promoting local businesses, that is what LGV and now Digital MAin Street is for. The village is a founding community in this initiative. It is up to the businesses</b>

to participate. It is free to the busionesses. the Village contributes and annual amount to insure continuation. With the number of hits, nationally to Exploregeneseevalley.com, this is a really good free marketing tool for local businesses

need more restaurant options downtown

Don't know about public transportation in question 18

The village should develop more downtown attractions for Everyone. We need a YMCA

The closure of the big tree's tavern means that there is nowhere decent for an adult to sit and have a drink and a meal with

Historic character is not a draw. The Town/Village needs to look more in the times! Not so antiquated - Needs to be greener - more progressive - Better food!

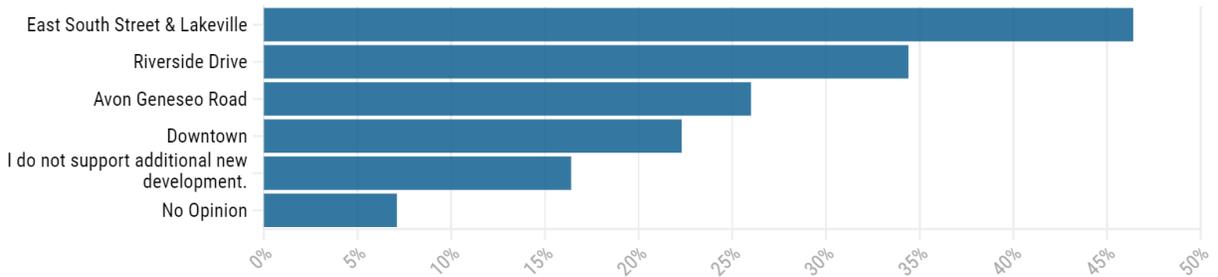
Small businesses please! Ethnic food please!

No more pizza places or fast food.

A+ NGO: Community Services

Village board should invite representative of main street and other local businesses to discuss their concerns and ideas for cooperation

"Where should additional non-residential (industrial/commercial) development be located?"



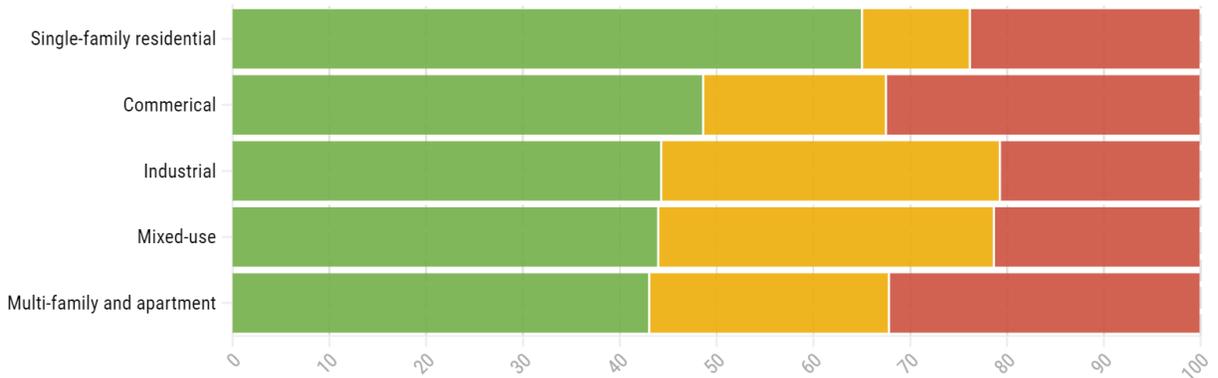
<b>Please provide additional comment:</b>
<b>Downtown needs more restaurants and retail.</b>
<b>Area around Goodwill and behind; not right on East South St and Lakeville Rd.</b>
<b>I'm not opposed to non-residential development. The Village of Avon enjoys an increased tax base from Barilla and Kraft-Heinz.</b>
<b>I love Wegmans but we have too many fast food places.</b>
<b>I live here because I love the feel of a small village and town-no more industrial/commercial building please! It's starting to feel like we all live on Jefferson Road in Henrietta. I plan to live here and raise my family here, but not if the Village charm completely changes. The view sheds and natural areas being taken down to add things like the U of R Lab across from Wegmans are starting to make me feel like I don't live in Geneseo anymore. Small businesses in existing, remodeled buildings would be perfect. There is so much space going unused while industry paves over Geneseo.</b>
<b>Can zoning laws be changed to have mixed residential/commercial spaces? Restaurants and retail work well with residential areas as long as walking is prioritized over cars.</b>
<b>I despise the sprawl that is occurring up Lakeville Road, especially the new proposed Goodwill area. I support infill and adaptive reuse all the way. We don't want to be another Henrietta.</b>
<b>More efficient use of previously-developed and now abandoned or under-utilised sites must be prioritised over sprawl and the development of greenfield sites. Development should be efficient and undertaken with an eye to walkability/cycleability.</b>
<b>Industrial/commercial development should not occur downtown without a parking solution FIRST</b>
<b>20A is already so congested - need to add lanes - if more chain stores are built the flavor &amp; feeling of our historic town. will be obliterated.</b>
<b>Keep it away from downtown and Rt 63</b>
<b>I only support development if it involves renewable energy</b>
<b>I think industrial businesses should be on Riverside Dr. because it's out of the way of residential and commercial development.</b>
<b>Keep it clustered in existing areas and focus on re-use first.</b>
<b>We have enough crappy chains and traffic is a huge problem</b>
<b>Current zoning provides adequate space for these enterprises for current and future (10+ years) and other adjustment can be considered later</b>
<b>Geneseo could use a drug store and GOOD, UPERSCALE restaurant!!</b>
<b>Industrial / commercial should be close to 390, NOT IN THE VILLAGE. Village needs more restaurants and A GAS STATION THAT DOESN'T GOUGE CUSTOMERS</b>

<b>We need to be more business friendly.</b>
<b>Shops and restaurants in downtown. With the loss of the Big Tree there is no fine dining option in the downtown. A fine dining anchor would enhance the downtown experience.</b>
<b>I believe the historic village should be protected.</b>
<b>There are enough commercial enterprises in town already. We don't need more.</b>
<b>Do not have a preference of location</b>
<b>Please no more subsidized housing</b>
<b>Village should limit development and push towards town</b>
<b>As a historical village, we need to enforce or promote this. Student rentals need to fit into this historic village. Large commercial growth should not occur outside the historic village area. We need more restaurants on Main Street and up on 20A.</b>
<b>More business requires more traffic lights South st</b>
<b>Riverside drive should get a restaurant with waterfront dining.</b>
<b>we have a huge traffic problem.....don't make it any denser</b>
<b>Would love to see more retail/restaurants near the new medical campus</b>
<b>It's already way over built</b>
<b>I would welcome additional commercial development in all areas of the village.</b>
<b>I support non residential development on lakeville rd. The area is developed anyway, why not add conveniences that would decrease the need for trips to the city.</b>
<b>The college needs to provide more parking for students . Student parking is NOT a village problem.</b>
<b>At times the traffic can get very clogged at the Volunteer Drive end of Lima Rd.</b>
<b>Only more development if better traffic flow is addressed at the same time.</b>
<b>In-fill only - if the industrial/commercial development expands farther east, it will start feeling like Henrietta (out of scope here, I know, but a concern of mine)</b>
<b>This is a Village plan, not Town</b>
<b>I'm not a big fan of development. Land needs to be preserved for ecological reasons</b>
<b>Home Improvement store, Lowes or Home Depot would be nice</b>
<b>Volunteer Road was already planned for future growth</b>
<b>A YMCA whenever you can find land. Promote downtown revitalization first!</b>
<b>Because we've adjusted to traffic that way</b>
<b>OFF OF 20A, maybe volunteer road</b>
<b>It depends on what kind of commercial development. If it's of a type that people can walk into or use"stores, restaurants, etc"then that should absolutely be anywhere in the village.</b>
<b>We need more clean businesses. Salt mine is dirty &amp; noisy - can hear it on Crossett Rd!</b>
<b>I think that Geneseo has enough industrial dev. Lets retain the rural flavor of the village.</b>
<b>Hard to answer because comm and ind are lumped together</b>
<b>Wherever industrial/commercial development goes, the roads should be built to accomodate it (eg, widen roads and/or add traffic lights)</b>
<b>We need to fill the vacant buildings</b>
<b>YMCA near new medical center</b>
<b>Basically just renovate and rent out the business spaces that are already there but unused</b>
<b>more business will bring families, younger residents that will start families here</b>

## Housing

"How satisfied are you with the following types of growth in the village?"

■ Very satisfied/satisfied 
 ■ No Opinion 
 ■ Dissatisfied/very dissatisfied



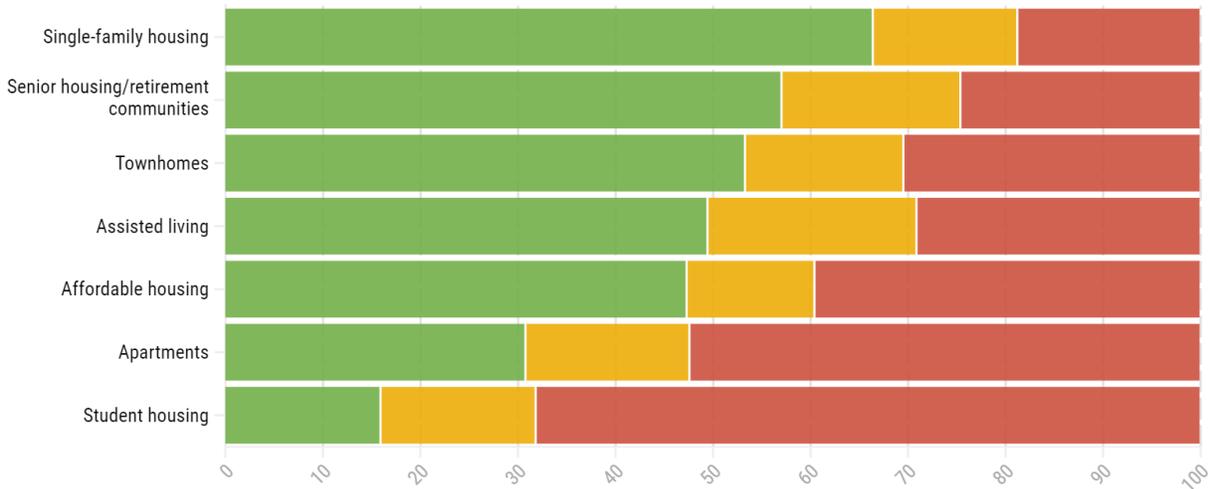
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Too many restrictions from Village for student housing. ie: limiting number of non-related people living together is a direct obstacle, and not necessary
Not clear to me how to answer this question: Am I satisfied with the amount or the lack of the type?
The current multi-family units are a cesspool *due to the clientele, not because of a lack of any infrastructure.
The low income apartments utilize a lot of police resources but they are isolated from transportation services and mental health services
The less sprawl the better. Using the mixed use spaces on Main Street for housing is far better than new complexes. Want to see expansion of small business in existing spaces, not expanding industry and commercial by tearing down the natural areas that made me want to move here.
We have too many apartment complexes in the Village and do not need anymore.
There is an unbalanced relationship between multi-family/rental units and single family owner-occupied-- distressing how few options there are for first time homebuyers. Do not see much industrial within village, but need something for employment growth in appropriately zoned areas.
too many new commercial & mixed use - town is losing the feeling of small town and turning into a "Henrietta"
Wish more single family units in village center, especially east of downtown would remain single family, non- rentals
More student housing
Not sure if the question is meaning "historical growth" or prospect of future growth...very different answers.
The types of growth in the village should be limited to some commercial but most residential. No reason for industrial to be within the village.
there is not enough housing for families
No industrial growth is needed. We need more small owned business' and shopping/ eating options.

Too much single family housing has become owned by non-resident owners, diminishing quality of life in the village
need more apartment options that are not low income
Our village does NOT need any more subsidized apartments or apartments in general!! What is NEEDED is patio-type homes or condos like those on Thorn Apple. Currently, there is a large retirement population wanting to down-size and stay in Geneseo, but wanting to continue to own their housing with little up-keep or maintenance.
Housing patterns much recognize future living needs of a growing senior demographic balanced with younger residents.
This question is confusing. Does "Very Satisfied" mean we would be happy with more growth of this area? Or does it mean we are satisfied that enough growth in that area has already occurred? I believe that the Village should make best use of the building stock that exists, including allowing use as single and multi family, and encouraging business growth in downtown - we need an upscale restaurant as an anchor. I believe single and multi family properties should co-exist in the Village historic district. I don't believe student housing is our biggest issue. I also believe vacation rentals can help draw people to our beautiful historic downtown.
We need more ranch homes and a 55+ townhouse community
When any reasonable residential property is offered for sale in the village, it is immediately snatched up by landlords hoping to cash in on students living off campus, even though the number of students attending SUNY is at best staying the same and at worst shrinking. Vacant commercial buildings or mixed use buildings are not attractive to new businesses because the ticket price is too high when factoring in renovation costs to bring buildings up to current code standards.
It would be great to find some reasonable incentives to reclaim student housing and try to return our historic village to a more family friendly, 12 month occupied community.
We don't need additional commercial or industrial development.
Please no more subsidized housing
We need no more multifamily/apartments in the village. Rather, we should aim to reduce..
Too much college housing in the village
Senior citizen housing is needed. There is very little/limited available.
More business requires more traffic lights rt 20a at groveland rd and/Resevior rd
No more subsidized housing!!!!
We need upscale condos or doubles or small single story houses for empty nesters. Why aren't college rentals penalized for perpetual trash in yards and few outside improvements such as porch repairs and fresh paint?
I worry about how many low income housing complexes there are at this point.
What is mixed use? The we don't know what the hell it is use?
More mixed use would be good
I would appreciate additional commercial opportunities for dining and shopping in the village as we raise our two young kids here.
There is a rapidly growing need for seniors living apartments.
More single family homes and less low income apartments
Need more single family homes
I am dissatisfied with the type of businesses that continue to pop up! I.e.. cheap clothing and merchandise and hardware retailers. Would love a Lowe's, Starbucks and/or Target.
Would like to see more restaurants and shops near the new Rochester regional building across wegmans.

<b>We need to better use the spaces we already have instead of developing more</b>
<b>"Commercial" is spelled wrong</b>
<b>Additional townhouse/condo needed</b>
<b>question 22 (above) was not answered</b>
<b>question above left unanswered</b>
<b>Let's worry about maintaining and not "Growing"</b>
<b># 22 is not a clear question. We have enough apartments. The village has allowed lot size for single family homes to be reduced so that more houses can fit into a development. For example, at Cedarwood Estates, the original plan was to have a circular loop road with open spaces in the center but now the plan approved has no open space &amp; crams in 72 houses with only 1 road in and out. This seems to be more in the interest of the builders &amp; their pocketbooks than keeping the village's character.</b>
<b>tooo many aparments, we need owner occupied condos and housing for wor working people, too many single family homes are rentals</b>
<b>Trying to add too many houses/buildings - negative impact on traffic</b>
<b>Too much multi-family. Not enough single family. Controlled growth is always needed for commercial, industrial &amp; mixed-use.</b>
<b>The amount of space available for new single family is all gone - but it is what it is.</b>
<b>Promote missing middle housing and incremental development</b>
<b>Mixed-use is great!</b>
<b>There are already too many apartment complexes</b>
<b>apartments have overwhelmed our village straining services</b>
<b>New apartments are drawing people away from smaller single-family homes currently in place, perhaps.</b>
<b>Too much low income housing</b>
<b>keep more open space - deer friendly, etc.</b>
<b>Wish there were more single family residential</b>
<b>Need more townhomes as people get older and want less maintenance to do.</b>
<b>No more multi-family &amp; apartment</b>
<b>No more rentals! or stricter rules.</b>
<b>Stop putting low income housing here</b>
<b>I believe the apartment market has more more than met. There is a market for more condos.</b>
<b>There's been quite a lot of new residential develeopment in the last 10 years or so, and it doesn't always seem to be well thought out.</b>
<b>Need more retail options and DIY store options</b>
<b>Prefer local, small businesses. Enough (too many) chains</b>
<b>I would like to not see any more old/historic houses converted into multiple family residences.</b>
<b>Need more senior housing/retirement</b>
<b>Wording of this question is tricky, we need more commercial development that brings rich cultural experiences to the residents.</b>
<b>It is too expensive to own/buy a house in Geneseo</b>
<b>too much low income housing</b>

"More of the following types of housing are needed in the Village of Geneseo:"

■ Strongly agree/agree 
 ■ No Opinion 
 ■ Disagree/strongly disagree



Please provide additional comment:
Minimally-maintained student apartments are plenty available. Well-kept apartments attractive to young professionals are needed.
I would discourage more building, but encourage rehabilitation of existing homes and conversion from college rentals to single family homes as many of the college rentals seem to sit vacant if half-filled.
SUNY needs to do a better job of making campus residency more attractive-- owner-occupant housing provides more benefits to the community as a whole than renters. That's where we get the volunteer base that supports the fire and ambulance squads, library, youth sports and other programs. Landlords are driving out owner occupants at a higher rate than during the 1970s and 1980s'
too many student housing already
Student rentals seem to have a high vacancy rates, we need more non-student rentals.
We have more than our share of subsidized housing! Just read the GPD daily calls!! I strongly believe in public support of those in need, but every community should share in this effort.
Housing was a very difficult section to answer because I don't believe what I have in mind fits in any of these categorie: Our need is less on single family homes, we DON'T need any more rental type housing (Townhouses or Apartments), Senior Housing would be great if it is independent housing community with patio-type homes or Thorn Apple condos (not Fox Run type!), Assisted??? Living would be great if modeled after Morgan Estates, but NOT ANY MORE LOW INCOME ASSISTED!!!; Affordable housing.?? not sure who that would attract?; Student Housing...a DEFINITE NO!
This question can be answered "emotionally" or based on data. What is the turnover in these types of housing versus the future trends?
Why is duplex conversion not in this list? Make better use of the existing housing stock including single and multi family near downtown. This is a better approach then creating new apartment complexes on the outer reaches of the Village which will have outsized police and emergency needs typically. I wouldn't think we should build necessarily more student housing from the ground up, however I do believe some of the existing housing stock is suitable for that purpose and a certain

amount of student housing is needed in the downtown area to maintain the relevance of Main St to the students. The Village should create a dialogue with landlords to maintain good conditions. The stock of student housing will self regulate. Also vacation rentals may be useful to draw people to the downtown, especially for events - hotels are always sold out for major events, limiting the amount of visitors and therefore the revenue driven to our local businesses.
See my previous comments.
We have a lot of subsidized housing already. We desperately need graduated care settings for seniors.
I am not in favor of adding any low income housing to Geneseo village or town-I also do not have the knowledge to know what the needs are & what housing gaps exist. It would be nice if we had more supportive programs to raise up people in need to work towards owning/renting affordable housing if that is something they desire
Please no more subsidized housing
Too much student housing presently available in the village. Push them back to campus.
Geneseo needs to provide more affordable housing to its growing families and residents. There are already too many homes that have been transformed into student housing which is has caused it to become very unaffordable to the average family.
fixed cost living for seniors - that can't afford to keep their home because of taxes
Would love to see more new single family housing options
Stop being anti-student housing
We got too much already, time to boot some out
I would welcome additional housing of all varieties.
The one area we can continue to strive to grow in is an affordable assisted living center.
Once again, too much in a small space has a negative impact on the flow of traffic as well as the natural attractions the town has.
Too many landlords do not keep up/invest in their properties. Court St & Orchard St are a mess. Code officer should fine landlords & students for trash/litter.
More multi-unit housing like duplexes quad plexus and condos. They blend in well with single family housing while increasing density.
There is sufficient housing balanced withthe level of services. There needs to be better connectivity to and inclusion of the people living in the apartments.
Don't know about affordable housing & student housing in question 24 above
I feel they have enough low income housing
We have plenty of low income housing
Housing is a major problem in Geneseo, in my opinion. There are simply way, way too few single family homes. It makes buying a house and raising a family unaffordable. I do not prefer apartments because it encourages transient residents. Single family homes encourage people to stay and integrate with & care for the community. \$300,000+ for a 1400 square foot house is outrageous for Western NY.
Questions #24 and 26 were left blank
I think much of the Village has become student housing to the overall detriment of the Village's neighborhoods
Uncontrolled student rentals are endangering the character of the historic district and having a negative effect on quality of life in the village.
We need a stronger tax base
Again - no opinion as it doesn't affect me.

No opinion

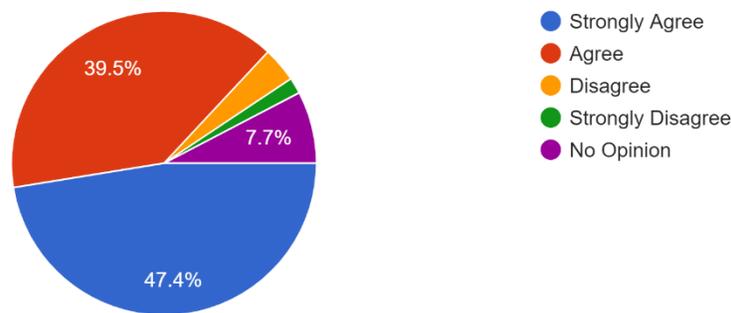
There are a lot of apartments and there are a few houses that help people, but there should be more.

need quality concerned developers

Townhomes and senior living community would be a real attraction for retirees looking to downsize and college emeriti and alumni

"The Village of Geneseo has long been designated as a Historical District and it is important that this designation is maintained."

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\*The Village of Geneseo is a designated National Historic Landmark

Please provide additional comment:

I agree, but it cannot hinder progress to making the village a more productive and friendly place to shop, and get around.

The historical character is absolutely vital to the village and town, and is one of the reasons I live here. Respecting and celebrating our history, including our built environment, is a huge asset and draw. The designation is just that, a designation, but reminds us all about what we're building on today.

Historic villages are nice to market, but when people get here and the streets are empty in the summer and the houses look abandoned because the students are gone, we don't have much to offer

Should be expanded to include North St, and the main 'square' of the village core.

It would be a tragedy to lose what makes Geneseo unique and special. Our historic district and distinction is a large part of that uniqueness. We need to pay attention that that gets preserved and preserved and maintained for our future generations.

We're not doing enough with this designation. If more historic homes were available as vacation rentals it would give visitors more of an ability to interact with these historic homes.

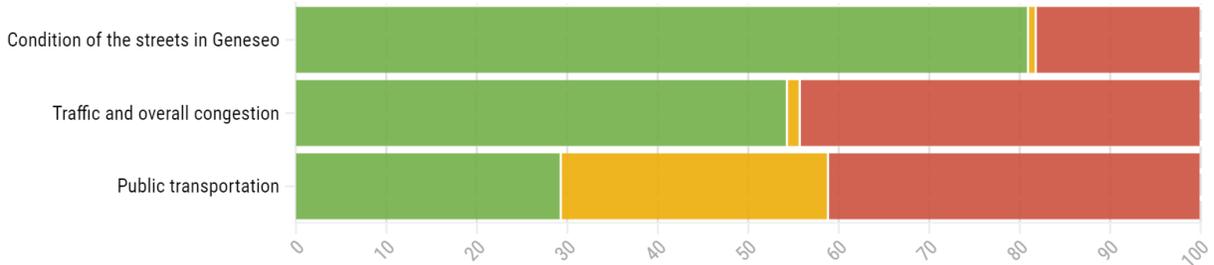
What exactly does being designated as a Historical District get Geneseo? Funding for improvements to Historic buildings? I see that the street signs changed color and if your street doesn't have the bear on it then you are one of the "have nots." It seems more divisive than inclusive to me.

<b>Bert Lederer, who tirelessly worked on attaining the designation for our village, used to say: “What people don’t realize is how very difficult it is to attain this designation, and how easy it is for them to take it away. We have been very poor stewards of our historic village since. If you walk around the village and really take a deep look, we’ve allowed it to crumble. It’s not too late!</b>
<b>Please no more subsidized housing</b>
<b>We should expose/highlight the brick under main street, like East Aurora. What a waste to ignore it.</b>
<b>The lack agreement on any additional restrictions will eventually lead to the loss of this designation. Longterm geneseo residents rarely agree on anything to advance the historic nature of the village.</b>
<b>I think there's the potential for a lot more tourism here. I lived in Buffalo for ten years and no one ever mentioned what a gem this town is. I think improving lake access for the public might really help.</b>
<b>Maintaining the historical district while adjusting with the times to promote tourism and economic draw is a fine yet important line to walk.</b>
<b>We need to keep the charm of Geneseo</b>
<b>The explosion of student housing in the village puts the village's Historical District status in serious jeopardy.</b>
<b>Historical district designation is both positive &amp; negative. Positive: it prevents/protects changes to beauty &amp; character of older houses &amp; buildings. Negative: restricts updates &amp; improvements.</b>
<b>I feel we need to continue to promote &amp; educate WHY we are designated as an Historical District (our local history).</b>
<b>The designation is good. However it does limit opportunity and it brings arrogance.</b>
<b>The historical character of the village is what people love about Geneseo. The historic district designation is just a designation, but I feel it draws attention to the preservation and pride values of the community</b>
<b>The designation ios being on the National Register of Historic Places, that is different from Historic District.</b>
<b>This Designation has been used as a tool to prevent growth. It should be used to promote our village</b>
<b>More attention needs to be paid to the destruction of historic homes by greedy landlords who slice them up and rent them to students at exhorbitant rates.</b>
<b>Same reasons as above</b>
<b>no opinion</b>
<b>People should know how historic the place they live is.</b>
<b>Promoting Geneseo as a historic village with a good mix of store and restaurants add vitality to main street</b>

## Transportation

"How would you rate the following?"

■ Very satisfactory/satisfactory 
 ■ No opinion 
 ■ Unsatisfactory/very unsatisfactory



**Please provide additional comment:**

**The traffic is abysmal because people feel forced to use cars to make their trips that are often less than 3 miles in distance. Give people the infrastructure for alternative methods of transport (walking, biking(protected bike lanes) and public transport) so there are less people feeling the need to use their cars.**

**North end of Second Street needs help**

**Traffic light needed near Byrne Dairy intersection. I see a near-accident almost every day, and am stuck at the stop sign an average of 5 minutes during congested times.**

**Public transportation to Letchworth State Park would be a massive benefit to the community.**

**Answered #2 as Satisfactory but Rt20 morning and afternoon congestion is bad**

**20A needs to be expanded to alleviate traffic congestion.**

**Streets were recently paved when answering this.**

**There's no note for the following question, but this assumes one mode of transportation to work. I regularly take more than one which changes the length of commute. Mileage may be a better indicator.**

**I have never taken a bus in Livingston County.**

**Traffic on 20A is an issue at times.**

**20A is very problematic to cross or turn left.**

**Traffic congestion in Geneseo (20A specifically) has increased over the last several years and is now busy just about ALL times of day. Getting out onto 20A from Groveland Road is a nightmare! The Village paid to have a survey done a few years ago regarding the traffic congestion and areas of concern in Geneseo. Groveland Rd./Crossett Rd./Temple Hill entrances were the #1 major concern reported! It was found that, in fact, there is enough space to put a round about in this area. To date, we have heard nothing from the Village regarding any possible remedy. It seems we have to wait until there are deaths before any action is taken (hence traffic circle on Route 63/Court Street).**

**Traffic on 20 A is an increasing issue.**

**Need traffic light at Center / South intersection by Noyes**

**The intersection of Groveland Rd, Crossett Rd, South St/20A, Temple Hill St is a mess. There needs to be a light or roudabout**

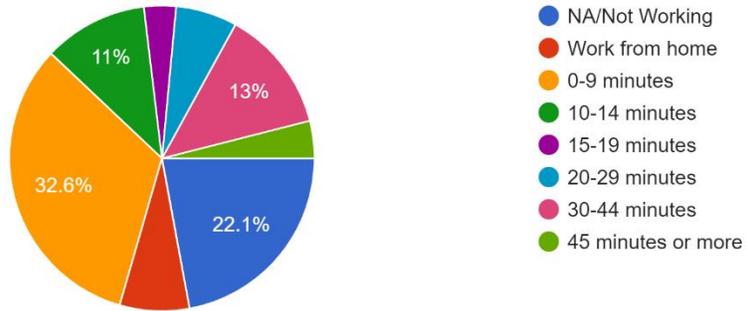
**It would be great if there were better public transport to Rochester for example**

<b>Please use roundabout signage around the Bear Fountain so people understand</b>
<b>Traffic on 20A is ridiculous.</b>
<b>There are times when it's hard to drive down 20A because there's just too much traffic.</b>
<b>20A near the tavern/Byrne dairy is in need of a traffic light as well something different near the Walmart exit facing 20A</b>
<b>Please no more subsidized housing</b>
<b>I am not even fully aware of what public transportation options are available in the village.</b>
<b>We need a light in front of Noyes Med Center</b>
<b>Pot holes need to be fixed within an appropriate time frame. Curbs on ALL village streets need to be established. There is a major water issue at the end of Oak Street due to the drainage problems. This needs to be reconfigured as it is damaging basements in homes in that area.</b>
<b>Second street is not in good condition</b>
<b>more busses and traffic lanes is a 1950s idea. We need investment in rail.</b>
<b>Need lights on south st groveland rd</b>
<b>Traffic congestion on 20A becoming a problem as more goes in there. From Byrne Dairy up to Wegmans.</b>
<b>Crossett and South intersection is problem</b>
<b>too much traffic with poor control</b>
<b>The Temple Hill and 20a corner and the Center St and 20a corners are horribly dangerous.</b>
<b>need bus service connecting to Town and beyond</b>
<b>The intersections on south near the Byrne dairy and Groveland road are too congested.</b>
<b>Many village streets are in need of improvement! Melody Lane and Second Street for two!</b>
<b>Route 20 A is often quite congested.</b>
<b>The intersection near the tavern/ U of R medical building is dangerous. Intersection at Crossett and Lima is also terrible.</b>
<b>Turning left onto Lakeville rd. Is nearly impossible</b>
<b>20A gets very congested at peak times</b>
<b>Room for improvement</b>
<b>Sidewalks iin the village definitely need maintenance.</b>
<b>The area near Temple Hill needs to be evaluated. ? Consider a traffic circle?</b>
<b>poor drainage, and for some, drains put on the wrong side of the road.</b>
<b>20A is way too congested</b>
<b>I have never used public transportation</b>
<b>Getting out on Rt. 20A &amp; needing to cross traffic to do so is terrible mid-day, on Fridays, and after school.</b>
<b>Overall satisfactory, but continue to study traffic patterns on upper South St.</b>
<b>question above: condition of streets is both satisfactory &amp; unsatisfactory. Enforce speed limits. Traffic control South St. &amp; Crossett &amp; 20A, Center St. &amp; 20A, By Town Offices on 20A. Unsure about public transportation services.</b>
<b>I don't use public transportation, so it's probably not fair input.</b>
<b>Second st in terrible shape, chip seal in Indian meadows is bad for bikes</b>
<b>Steeplechase is not finished! Has been this way for over 3 years - Disgusting!</b>
<b>I know too little about the college shuttles/schedules, but I have never used public transportation in the village as it never seemed convenient.</b>

Traffic is seasonal - SUNY in session or not.
Don't know about public transportation services in question 28 above. There are unsafe intersections - Temple Hill & Rt. 20A, Center St. @ Rt. 20A. These areas are heavily trafficked during rush hours. Stop lights needed.
South St. up past Wegmans etc. We need more lights ie: Temple Hill & Noyes bldg.
What village transportation?
traffic and overall congestion depends on the time of year.
Traffic congestion from Wegmans to village is bad especially during rush hour. I think a traffic circle where Groveland Rd., Crossett Rd & Highland Dr. are would be very beneficial.
Pave the roads instead of oil and stone.
Congestion on 20A near Tavern and medical facilities. Very dangerous left turn onto 20A
It would be great to have a 4-way stop at South St. and Groveland Rd.
The intersection at temple hill HAS to be addressed.
Can be difficult to pull out onto 20A from Center St., Temple Hill & Groveland Rd.
Traffic when students move in is ridiculous. Could they be staggered?
turning left on 20A is horrible
The traffic lights outside of Wegmans need left arrow turning options.
It would be nice if the bus service ran during the summer and not just when students are in town.
Streets are not bike or pedestrian friendly
College-related congestion on 20A is tough
20A/South St. is often horrible. Otherwise traffic is ok
We need a round-about at 20A, Crossett & Groveland Rds.
2nd Street desperately needs repaving. People passing on the right on Lakeville Road is a common problem that a middle turn lane might solve.
20A is way too congested
It's fine I guess, no real problem
Streets could use some TLC
No public busses
20 A is very unsatisfactory
Depending on time of day and if students are here Big Tree Road/20A is miserable
Lima road needs sidewalk, bike lane, turn lanes needed on major roads
Village crew does an outstanding job

How many minutes, one-way, is it normally from your home to your primary work place?

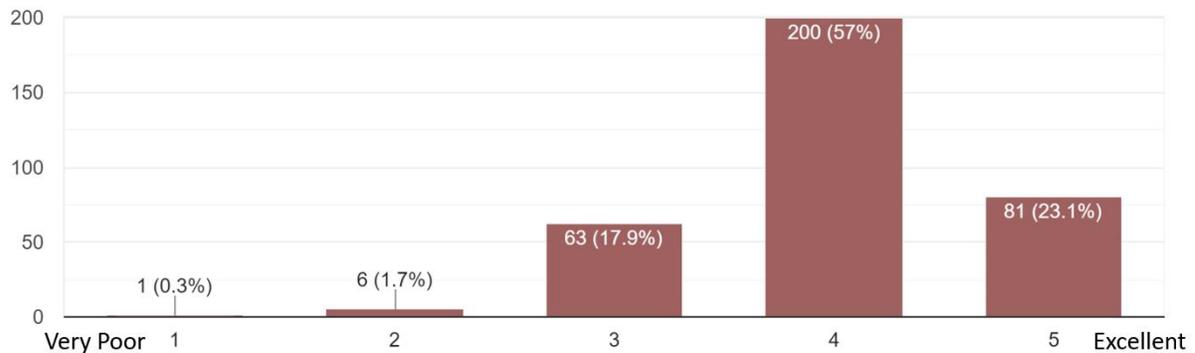
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## Conclusion

How would you rate the overall quality of life in the Village of Geneseo?

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Please use this space to add additional comments on those things which you feel are working well for the residents of the Village of Geneseo:

Small town charm mixed very well with liberal arts school culture. Very unique environment resulting from this mix, and it is impressive how tolerant both sides act toward the other in such a politically charged time.

Business owners are creative, motivated, and capable. There is community interest in membership to public service organizations.

Most everything is working well.

Quality of life is so good that my wife refused to relocate for a job opportunity I received that would have nearly doubled my salary. Amenities are plentiful and the gaps can be filled by a trip to Henrietta.

Affordability/ cost of living.

I appreciate all of the hard work the water & sewage, department of public works & snow removal departments do for us.

Friendly neighbors and country charm, village traditions (Running of the hounds, Christmas Sing, Halloween parade, etc)

I love living here for its access to nature and small town and village charm. Having our own farmer's market is key to making access to the local farms for anyone wanting to walk the village instead of drive and is a wonderful way to promote mixing of the students and year-round community. Our community events are lovely, I really enjoy them and will even more once I'm familiar with when they all take place. I use the coffee shops, retail, and restaurants on Main Street frequently.

The village streets feel quiet and safe, and walking to destinations in the village/downtown is comfortable. Recent additions of new dining options and recreation/cultural storefronts expands the diversity of offerings to residents and visitors alike. The historic character is respected and generally preserved where possible, which helps the village stand out.

Geneseo is generally a safe and pleasant environment with a basically resilient economy

The cost of living is so amazingly low here with proximity to quality grocery stores and many outdoors activities.

Historic character; fabulous houses; nice parks for kids;

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Walkability, while it can be improved, is critical to quality of life, accessibility, and the character of a small historical place. Maintaining beautiful places that work well with and highlight nature are important

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Village staff do a great job supplying clean drinking water, managing sewer, and providing personal service to residents.

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I feel we have done well overall but we have started to cut back on spending for our public school which is a terrible shame. We need to support the teachers and make sure that the children of our community receive an excellent education.

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Keep the historic aspect of our village. We don't need any more chains, support small local business owners.

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Keep downtown Geneseo the same and offer incentives for more small business!

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Overall public safety and municipal services seem to work predictably well

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#### Safety

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Geneseo is a wonderful, safe place in which to raise a family. Our children received an excellent education and had wonderful experiences enjoying Highland Park, Wadsworth Library and sooo much more. Our Geneseo village crew is hard working and takes pride in it's appearance and care.

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Neighbor to neighbor relationships are very good. SUNY Geneseo is a positive presence.

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Our sense of pride in our community is still here and a strength for this village but the quality of life in this village is changing rapidly and not for the better.

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Great sidewalk access

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Low crime, good relationship with college

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Schools, parks, services.

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The surrounding area is beautiful, and the fact that we have the college here gives us opportunities we wouldn't otherwise have.

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Great town. Some of the issues are likely not fixable, e.g. RGE. Should work to get Greenlight in the village

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Unfortunately aside from Wegmans I find myself needing to travel to Henrietta, Pittsford, or Victor for day to day needs, recreation, and class exercise opportunities

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Please no more subsidized housing

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Sense of community

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I love Geneseo and the Village is fantastic. I do believe it could be enhanced with outdoor events with live music and vendors. It gets people out and networking and enhances business.

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Jason Frazier was working well for a very long time...until the Mayor encouraged his termination.

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We need a YMCA, Lowes/ home depot, splash park and updated playgrounds

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Moved to Geneseo just in time to experience some excellent holiday events pre-pandemic. Loved getting back into the small town events with my son at the summer festival! I also love how safe I feel going for walks around town.

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Geneseo village is a beautiful area to live in. However, we need to keep up with the historical appearances within the village and take care of our infrastructure (roads, curbs,). Another suggestion: when redoing a street, place the electrical & phone wires underground.

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We enjoy the local events and activities that occurred pre-pandemic. I like the businesses that are currently available on Main Street and make an effort to support as many as I can. We like the brush/Christmas tree/truck availability. Geneseo is a beautiful town to live in that has a lot to offer. A YMCA or business like that would be a nice addition. Access to more activities such as swimming, gymnastics, soccer, etc. for young children would be nice to have.

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parks, dog park.

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I love the community for my kids- teddy bear parade, halloween parade, variety of shops on main street.

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Room for improvement

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Very family friendly and safe

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We just came here and are really happy with our choice!

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It's a lovely place to live. I feel safe and that public services (fire, police, DPW) are outstanding. The relationship with the college is good but can always be improved. Wadsworth Library is so awesome but seems to be the most underappreciated resource by Village/Town residents.

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low crime rate

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beautiful downtown district, historic homes, proximity to college, the view of the valley

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Small-town character, Highland Park, variety of shops and businesses on Main Street and on 20A. Nice, affordable housing. Fun events for families such as the summer Rotary festival, air show, and Halloween parade.

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Establish entities work well such as the Wadsworth library, the Livingston County Museum, the churches, the Interfaith Center, and airplane Museum.

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I love living here. With four children I appreciate the maintenance of Highland Park, the ice rink there, and the conveniences of local as well as chain restaurants and stores. I appreciate the holiday decor in the village and the care for the fountain.

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Walkability near downtown, would love this extended. Good shops downtown.

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Safety, sense of community

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The close-knit sense of community in the village makes residents feel welcomed and supported by one another.

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Relationship with college - living in a college town is of real value

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Conrad's Appliance Store

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We have a strong sense of community. The historic character of the village is important as is keeping the quaint charm. It is important to appreciate and promote the historic aspect and promote locally run businesses.

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schools, food shopping, sunsets, too many services businesses on main street, rents too high

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Able to walk to most places

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Brush/leaf pick up; use of Lend a Truck for disposal of brush

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We are close to a lot of essential services, medical, dental, also close to food stores, which is good because it isn't a commute to shop.

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Great village - but room for and need for continued improvements. General satisfaction with life & village.

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By & large a very nice community. Police, Fire, Main St. are all nice. I like having SUNY students as part of our community (the messiness & poor quality... looking housing should be a higher standard put on the landlords). I like the diversity of Main St. I love the retail available ie. Wegmans, Walmart, etc.

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Walkability and density in downtown, mixed use on main st, parking is reasonable, visually attractive place.

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see other comments

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Recreation / nature trails, parks, culture, small town - people know each other

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With recent downtown development work, sign/facade program, and new business owners on Main Street, the downtown is improving and has a variety of interesting amenities. With services in the town as well, Geneseo is a great place to live. As a town resident, I cannot adequately comment on some services in the village.

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I think Geneseo is a welcoming community with limited resources. Considering 50% of the property is tax exempt, we have an excellent police force, water quality is excellent, streets department does a lot with a limited crew, court is efficient and our Volunteer Fire and Ambulance are always responsive. All areas of the Village are very walk-able. The parks provide space for most activities for kite flying to baseball, dog park, concerts, etc. Bike lanes and racks need to be improved. Public transportation is essential and missing.

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Enough entertainment, health services and food options. Small town feel with opportunities available. Close to Rochester. Main Street businesses.

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It's a nice mix of cultural events alongside rural living. I like having a SUNY college here. I like the college students. Community is supportive of intellectual growth. Good grocery stores, nice farmer's market.

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Able to use the village brush dump

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Love the residents (People make homes)

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Overall, very nice village. I am happy to be a part of it.

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It's safe but there is not much to do for recreation. Things working well include: Firemen, police & emergency services, public works, school.

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Public works. Police

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I have absolutely loved living in Geneseo! I feel that I am setting down roots and can definitely see myself living here long term.

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The village is safe and generally well-kept with a strong community presence.

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Need to focus on community and not just on college students.

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A rec center or way to get people moving and out since it is so cold would be nice

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County Seat. College

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SUNY

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Wonderful charm and overall village appeal. The festivals are great and main Street businesses when college is in session.

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Main Street is nice and has a number of great places to eat and very upstanding businesses. Sidewalks and streets are well maintained.

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Having opportunities to develop a sense of community.

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Despite economic and educational growth, the Village maintains its historic charm.

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great schools, nice Main St, but needs more businesses

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The Village is a wonderful place to live and work.

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Better park for kids and more downtown restaurants. Lowes or Home Depot and a target!

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I think that the village should spend time touring and talking to residents in each section of the town. Oak Street has different needs than Indian Meadows. I think we should also give priority to safety issues. Can the village take calls and report lights not working? Do we have lead pipes? Can we better control costs to make the village more affordable?

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Snow removal is always excellent. (The sidewalk plow is especially appreciated!) Main street decorations at Christmas and flowers in the summer. Farmers Market. Summer Festival. Parks are well maintained. Brush pickup and Lend-a-Truck are much appreciated!

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The community is good - just needs to be more diversified. It has been too white bread. I like the students in town.

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Thank you for organizing the survey. I have lived here for 11 years and have never been asked to participate in this conversation. I appreciate having the opportunity.

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Being in a college town with lots of sports, music, theater- and same for Geneseo Central School.

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Snow plowing. Trash/Leaf Pickup

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Snow plowing, trash pick-up

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Thank you for keeping the leaf/brush dumping site open 24/7.

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The transportation offered is great. We have a cute town with a lot to offer.

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I appreciate the park. The dog park could be better maintained and bigger

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N/A

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I feel like the restaurants are working pretty well

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I don't know

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Small businesses

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I think the Police Dept, Fire Dept and Village crew do a great job. Lucky to have such hard working men and women

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YWCA

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Overall a great place to live walkable in most places

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small knit community, positive relationship with college

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Travel to Henrietta is not awful but more businesses invest would support families staying and spending in Geneseo, not elsewhere. Also, a mixed-use gym space with families events would encourage families to make residence here

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Geneseo offers an exceptional quality of life as a college town and center of government. Access to health care, active service clubs and non-profit organizations, convenient shopping options, volunteer fire department, solid law enforcement and excellent village crew

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Please use this space to add additional comments on those things which you feel are NOT working well for the residents of the Village of Geneseo:

The downtown district is suffering from a lack of retail and diverse restaurant experiences. The village is also lacking safe and protected bike lanes and an overall connectivity with the town. The simple fact of the matter is that if you want to walk or bike to Wegmans the sidewalks end, and you are forced to put yourself in an unsafe environment, competing for space with distracted drivers.

Need traffic lights in some places in place of stop signs, not enough support for local businesses while chains continue to dominate the economy, too many restrictions on apartment living/student housing  
Promotional organizations (APOG, Promote Geneseo, Livingston County Chamber of Commerce, Livingston County Tourism) should pool their resources and talent for more organized, coordinated promotion projects. At the very least, the Village could fill a communications role by inviting these organizations to meet at the Village Building once a quarter or once a year and work on a common project.

I feel like there needs to be a better relationship fostered between residents and SUNY students. Students fund the local economy in a BIG way. They are not some nuisance.

Rental housing spread increases cost of SFH due to rental options.

The correlation between the increase of low income housing and the amount of sirens heard on a daily basis is rather disconcerting.

Need of long term plan to address growing through traffic on South St Bypass??

Need to step up the progressive quality-of-life offerings for younger generations considering moving here or staying here after college - nothing to make it stand out from any other small town (yet!) - but better parks, better bike/pedestrian access and access to nearby trails and waterways, a community garden, community composting, and way better dining/nightlife on Main Street, more emphasis on diversity, arts and music. Eau Claire, Wisconsin is a great college town example.

Inclusion, progression, recycling, downtown parking

Water/Drainage issues, need a community center, new sidewalks that aren't connected to anywhere, parking meters, communication

Having more Main Street businesses and restaurants as well as encouraging the farmer's market more would give me every reason not to drive out to Rochester and instead spend in my hometown. Please save the natural spaces around the village by not promoting further building in industry/commercial but also limiting housing sprawl while we have so many places that would be ideal if rehabilitated. Streets lined with huge buildings and parking lots is not progress. I am more aware of village elections than any other news from the village-please pick a single method to communicate and put time into it. I love our access to parks but am still not sure I am aware of all the public spaces I can use. More promotion to young families for moving into the village would be really nice.

More people out of their cars, spending more time in public spaces and engaging with each other

Bikeability is poor and we can always use more connectivity with trails/paths/park spaces. Need more diversity of businesses and can always infill with more unique places to eat and recreate. Business owners (current and prospective) don't have a strong network as there are several similar organizations/groups with overlapping goals (Liv Co Tourism office, chamber of commerce, Geneseo Community Main Street, Letchworth Gateway Villages).

There are too many student rentals expanding into owner-occupied areas of the village and, long-term, that will erode the quality of life. SUNY needs to address the negative impact it has on the village which include, but are not limited to, the parking situation and failing to provide an attractive campus residence situation to reduce off-campus rentals.

Traffic patterns and congestion need to be addressed. Our Sewer system and drainage need to be address for village residents before adding more commercial or townhouse/apartments to system

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I would like to see any vacant downtown buildings be filled with tenants, including the Big Tree Inn.

Technical STEM non-medical job growth not at SUNY campus should be a focus for industry growth.

The speeding and truck traffic in the village isn't ideal for pedestrians or bicyclists. I understand the police try their best with limited officers on duty and their time spent on calls in the low-income housing areas (words from the police chief, not mine). The Main Street downtown area leaves much to be desired. It would certainly be nice to have more restaurants along Main Street - something to bring more people to town and a business that pays taxes to the town, not a college-owned business.

there needs to be more stores and restaurants right outside of main street.

Public transportation could be much better, many students don't have cars and live off campus

I feel a disconnect between SUNY students and residents/the village. As a student, I often do not hear about events or services that are offered and it took a long time to become more aware of the businesses on Main Street.

Large box store and parking lots need to be filled, and work on re-use of these areas before converting undeveloped lands. Drainage issues are in a few areas of the village and will continue to worsen with climate change. Village should work to reduce carbon footprint and annual costs through solar or other renewable energy. Fire Department needs more volunteers for EMS calls, there seems to be a noticeable uptick in county responses to calls and it would be nice to make sure our department and equipment is put to use with increased help. Merging services with the Town would help save on admin costs and redundancies on some Admin management.

Traffic on south st is a mess. Large trucks coming thru town on Main St take away from outdoor dining enjoyment.

The drunken college kids who throw house parties and are loud at 2 am. In the spring they are outside sitting on rooftops and screaming at the top of their lungs. They drink on front lawns doing beer pong. They damage the homes their in. I get that they fuel local economy but so do the actual residents who live here permanently.

The village is not conducive to a reasonable hospitality industry or cultural events for evening activities---

Playgrounds are outdated and possible safety concerns. Highland Park really needs a facelift. A splash park or pool for the summer would be amazing. The dog park is nice to have, but not very appealing. Village events are not well publicized other than sometimes on Facebook.

Not covered under questionnaire, but a definite concern:

Now with more climate issues, occasional occurrences previously, (heavy, persistent rains) very concerned about flooding issues in Indian Meadows. Two major occurrences this summer. Dregging of Jay Cox Creek is a necessity to keep water flowing. Also, it now seems that drainage from ALL the farm fields across from Haley Avenue (Town area) are now draining into Jay Cox Creek which is not meant to handle this flow increase!!

Village government is detached from most residents. Pedestrian safety is increasing problem. Village has no long term infrastructure planning; it is reactive.

There is too much student housing in the village and every time a single family house becomes available someone thinks that they should buy it to be a student rental.

There needs to be some control on the amount of rentals we have as many single family homes are not an option for people to buy because they go so quickly to be a student rental.

Something needs to be done to incentivize people buying homes in the village so that our population in the village is year round residents.

The college students are a part of this village and they should and always will be but it cannot be the majority of the housing in our village.

Traffic control, gas prices, lack of commercial development, more dining options

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Being so anti business. We need to do whatever it takes to keep restaurants and shops here. Our designation as a historical town should never be the driving factor for why a decision is made. It should be something that is considered and taken into account.

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Need more dining options downtown

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Food options- we need more support for restaurants that have a diversity of food options.

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Zoning too restrictive relative to what's best for the whole community, allow for duplexes in large historic homes for example and vacation and other rentals to groups greater than 4. Boards seem ineffective and poorly advised.

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Not enough for students to do. Main Street closes up too early. Need more restaurants/places to hang out

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There is too much emphasis on growth and development. Many of us live here because we like the way it is.

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Street lights need attention/maintenance, parking signs should be up " here to corner on side streets with stop signs or they should be ticketing to deter in the meantime, communicate to residents to know when brush pick up is & what services are available

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Please no more subsidized housing. Seriously. You are killing our school and community.

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We need better playgrounds and play areas for young children. Larger library and community resources for families with small children

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Traffic light needed on 20A near Tavern, Byrne Dairy and Medical Facilities. Dangerous left turn!

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Geneseo is fantastic. Just more creativity and ongoing development to continue to improve.

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Transient college students should not be allowed to run for the village board. there should be a minimum time living in the village requirement prior to being eligible to join the board.

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I do think we are lacking a quality playground for families. Perry has done a nice job incorporating at splash park into their town parks that brings lots of people together and is a great way to get families outside. The accessibility of our playgrounds both in town and at school are lacking.

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We need to focus on revitalizing Main Street -- adding restaurants, specifically -- to attract more people/tourism/patronage to our businesses. We can't afford to lose anything else on Main Street and opening up to more restaurants versus shops, will help to bring more people to the area. We need more outside dining options -- for example, not having The Big Tree and Club 41 have made a huge impact on the life (or lack thereof) in our village.

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I feel very strongly that Highland Park needs attention. The toddler playground is not safe for the children it was designed for long ago. The slides don't have a sit spot at the top, the stairs and railings aren't safe and it's not one whole piece; you have to get on and off. The newer playground for the older children should be repaired as well. When the rock climbing wall broke, it wasn't fixed, but rather just removed. That piece of the structure was a favorite for many kids. I also would like to suggest consideration for a splash pad. Many villages are beginning to add these to their parks. My family often travels to neighboring villages in the summer (Perry) to use theirs. LeRoy found funding to add one this spring, so I would like to make that a topic of consideration moving forward. Thank you.

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high taxes

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I live in Indian Meadows. Very difficult making left turn to get out. Need light

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Would love the opportunity for more non chain restaurants to go in. Need more kid friendly activities and recreation

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Need a community center! Recreation facility like a Y. Livingston county is only county with no community recreation facility.

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The village and/or town needs more opportunities for kids and adults for things to do. We NEED a rec center like Henrietta has. It is long overdue!

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We really need some sort of water park for the kids. Splash pad like Perry or a pool like Warsaw

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We frequently have to leave Geneseo to find activities for younger kids- Wyoming Y, Goldfish swim school, Bright Raven Gymnastics, Perry splash pad. We'd like to have classes and activities like these available in our town. We have a whole college of bodies that could work at these places

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The college generally excludes the Village from the decision making process in matters which greatly impact the village and its residents

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Single story housing, patio homes, townhouses would help keep longtime residents in the village.

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Would love to see updates to the playground, additional walking paths, and a splash pad for the kids.

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Too much law enforcement presence - tickets seem to be revenue stream for village

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My biggest wish would be to feel more connected with the community. I'm guessing people find out about events and similar through word of mouth, which is tough for new people and tourists. I seriously have no idea how people learn about things like that.

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Storm drainage on Highland Street and along Oak Street to Second Street needs to be fixed. Also, the elevated power lines all over the village need to be buried. Oak Street has lines on both sides as well as crossing connections across the street.

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Are becoming a white affluent suburb of Rochester

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Need a Lowes or Home Depot so don't need to drive to Roc for household needs.

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we need more access to nature, opportunities to hike/bike, walk. more access to cultural and community events-bring back more events in the downtown! and in the Park!. We seem to lack positive community spirit. Also, Geneseo is seen as unfriendly to business, which is a problem for recruiting new businesses. Businesses closing when students are not here make it seem like a part time community that is not business friendly to the residents. College-community communication is at an all time low. Would like to see the students have an opportunity to be integrated into the community more.

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Not enough safe walking and bicycling space. Would very much like to see a community center of some kind with event space, swimming pool, athletic space, etc.

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No affordable public transportation or income based housing

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What is not working well is the parking, the congestion on 20a, and the lack of an area to display and create Arts and Music.

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Storm sewers around the village

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Parking on Second St & Main Street

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I wish the parking situation on Main could be figured out. As a daily runner, I wish there were more sidewalks on volunteer/39. I feel I would rarely leave Geneseo if we had more businesses/restaurants to choose from.

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Need more park space for kids. Expand sidewalks.

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We need more recreation and draws to Geneseo. Geneseo is fine, but i'm not sure there is enough to keep us long term/ bring new young people here.

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There is way too much college housing. Not only is the market over saturated, but beautiful historic homes are being turned into gross college housing.

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The amount of student housing in the historic district of the Village of Geneseo is unacceptable and not conducive to residents of the village.

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Ice on the sidewalks is a huge problem

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Not much in the way of restaurants other than fast food , chain or low end.

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This village could not be any more anti business

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Communication between Village Govt and community. Who got this survey for example? Not widely circulated! I got this from a friend.

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Parking meters are a ridiculous notion in 2022 and you're way to stubborn about them. Too many alcohol based businesses and not enough family stuff. Let college problems be college problems: stop pandering to them, they are not going anywhere.

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We do not have enough locally owned, quality sit-down restaurants. There are a lot of pizza/sub type places that are fine - especially for college students & a quick meal, but I'd like to see more places like Euro Cafe or Strange Design- especially an Italian restaurant. Places couples, families and students can all appreciate.

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Too many students living in residential areas. Noise and garbage (broken glass) is always a problem  
There seems to be no plan for preserving and replanting trees in the village of Geneseo. Street that used to have a nice canopy of leaves no longer do. I see lots of tree stumps but little evidence of new trees to replace the destroyed trees. The village should have an arborist or landscape architect to develop a long range plan to plant and preserve trees within the village.

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lack of restaurants, bike racks, more crosswalks needed,

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No opinion

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sidewalks cleared & not slippery in the winter; unsightly homes occupied by students (trash, furniture at the curb)

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I feel the quality of student housing & apartments, especially on Court St. is troublesome. People commuting from Buffalo are exposed to this area when they first arrive in Geneseo, and it doesn't give off a good initial impression of the village.

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Parking. Understand the need for available spaces & limiting time. Mark tires (?) or transition meters to give timed tickets/stubs to be displayed while parking.

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See note above regarding student housing

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Food and shops have bad hours, especially when school is out. Over-restrictive zoning and regulations. Police have killed bars and night-life. Walkability and density on 20A.

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see other comments

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Traffic flow on 20A near Groveland Rd.

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Need more retail & restaurants on Main street...Street... offices..lower rents.. need to give customer training to office staff (clerk). Should have answers or get them, not be rude, difficult & off putting

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Transportation is difficult if one does not own a car. Walking paths/sidewalks are pretty good in the village, but they end before a person can get to all the town services on Lakeville Road (ie Wegmans). If that last stretch was more pedestrian/bike friendly, it would be safer and more accessible. At the moment, walkers have to walk in swampy brush areas or the shoulder, and cross unsafely at Volunteer Road. More coordination with the town would be very beneficial to address this issue.

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I believe the people in the affordable housing complexes have been largely ignored and marginalized. Consideration needs to be given to them in respect to informing and inviting to events, considering lack of transportation and potentially internet access, they are not included., I know people complain about parking but it is a quarter for an hour. the fine is \$15.00. Compare that to other places and as someone pointed out once, if that is what people are upset about, they live in a pretty good place.

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Our main st is pathetic! Time to work with businesses and property owners. Soon there will be no more small business. The regulation and cost for these business is insane.

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County government. They do not want any big box stores in the Town of Geneseo nor any new businesses, other than t-shirt stores, in the Village.

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traffic

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How you ruined the summer festival

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Housing for single family units is critically low. I hope more developments are planned.

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Do NOT agree with "No" overnight parking on streets after 2 AM outside of college district housing. Should be seasonal like most jurisdictions for snow removal purposes.

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Need to revitalize downtown - promote local businesses & eliminate parking fees. Need to overhaul Highland Park. We need a YMCA. Residents need better communication from village leaders. Student housing/rentals poor condition.

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With parking restrictions, it hinders some business. I had a \$5 breakfast and came outside to a parking ticket; I don't feel we need parking meters; most villages have got rid of their meters.

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Definitely need a skate park!

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There are not enough activities and businesses to serve families. We need more outdoor and indoor activities for a variety of ages and weather.

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More opportunities for the kids, YMCA or other organized activities, more park improvements that are safer for our littler kids, growing the park (splash pad, areas for littles)

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Playgrounds

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Parking along residential side streets such as Second Street. Traffic on 20A, for side street residents. Indoor activities for children locally, have to travel to other towns or counties to do things with children, especially winter months.

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Traffic in village, especially 20A.

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Improved playground and activities for kids and families

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There is very little focus on adding things to our village for young families. No YMCA, no great playground, no places for family fun. We need to start investing in the future of Geneseo, which means putting money towards things that will attract young families.

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Traffic issues

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Traffic patterns especially when college is in session need to be addressed. South Main, Crossett and temple Hill are a nightmare.

Not many offerings ie. Music, art, dance, childcare for the 0-5 age group.

Too many low-income and subsidized housing systems are changing the demographic of our school system.

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Village park playground, rec and picnic areas need to be updated.

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Condition of playground (especially "small" playground) lack of updates, not friendly for kids with disabilities), having to travel to nearby towns as there are no outdoor water options in the warmer months. (Ex: Perry Splash Park, Warsaw Community pool)

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Do not build any more low income housing. Also, please stop turning historic homes into college housing. Use Kelsey field and highland park for school/sport use for community members. College students have their own space. We need a traffic light by the tavern and urgent care. It is unsafe for pedestrians to cross over 20A as it stands.

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Geneseo Summer Festival - when I first moved here, it was a wonderful event that I would invite family from out of town to come to. It is sad to see what it has become.

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The all-too-frequent destructive behavior of drunk (I assume) students destroying and vandalizing property.

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vacant shops like Big Tree. Too many police stopping folks for stop signs and such, 20A traffic is too congested.

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Would like to see less student housing in the upper village.

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There needs to sidewalk the entire oength of Lakeville Road. Baaicly from the little plaza that Rent-a-center is in. As far down as it will go. And then at least one crossing point that is equipped to signal the visually impaired that it is safe to cross the street. There also needs to be some sort of convenient public tranait bus syatem for all to use .. something ao you can at least tranaiton from the Lakeville Road area to the downtown and back again conveniently. The sidewalks that are available need to be kept vlean and salted. Aa much as possible BECAUSE people do use them as a means of getting from point A to point B.

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We need more affordable housing which creates a bridge to homeownership in the Village.

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There isn't a lot to do with young kids in Geneseo, which is a shame. We find ourselves often having to drive to Rochester or other places for activities to do with our toddler. As also noted before, it's really unfortunate that there is nowhere in the main village for folks to have a drink and a meal now that the tavern at the big tree is closed.

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More kid friendly park amenities and downtown restaurants.lowes/ Home Depot and target!

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In Indian Meadows we have water and street surface issues. In the spring there is standing water great for mosquitos.

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20A Corridor, should have interconnected parking lots, so one doesn't need to keep going in and out onto 20A.

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The unwillingness of the village to enforce existing housing laws that would better control student landlords. People threw a fit about the possibility of a Lowes across from Wegmans, which wouldn't actually have affected the historic core of the village at all, but \*nothing\* is done to rein in bad behavior by student landlords. Every time a house goes up for sale on my street, we hold our breath until it sells, hoping against hope it won't be bought by someone hoping to rent to students. It's not really student behavior that's the problem--it's the destruction of historic housing stock by greedy landlords. On a totally unrelated topic, garbage pickup is chaotic and frustrating. I use the transfer station because it's much cheaper, but it's annoying to have multiple companies trundling down the street picking up trash on multiple days of the week.

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Improvement areas - Road & sidewalk maintenance; Park & public spaces; Public transportation; Communication from Village leadership

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Traffic on 20A East of town. Require residents to shovel their walks with a fine for those who don't. Walking is very dangerous around Geneseo after a snowfall.

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Communication from Village to residents

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Communication with village residents - for example, how many residents know of this survey?

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Having to drive to Henrietta for basic necessities because the "traditionalists" don't want to allow development in Geneseo is a MAJOR pain. Having a Lowes her would be amazing. The few local options don't carry anywhere near the variety or even some of the products a place like Lowes or Home Depot does.

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High taxes for minimal services

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Too many low income facilities being built in the Village. I live in one so I probably shouldn't complain but the quality of the housing and the populations are questionable.

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It is expensive to buy/own a home in Geneseo. We need to stop prioritizing SUNY Geneseo and focus on our residents first. I'm tired of everything being categorized around college kids.

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No apartments available if your aren't a student

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Not a lot of stuff to do. Gets really boring. Have to leave town for good stuff.

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N/A

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The roads and the recreational areas need work

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The over pricing of student householding

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I don't know

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The North end of Second St.

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Not sure

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20 A traffic, Crossic Rd, Temple Hill, Graveland Road

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Virtually no public transportation

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Public transportation, sidewalks, stoplights

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Would be great to have a YMCA or the likes

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Too much low income housing, too much student off campus housing, need restaurants and shops -  
not smoke, vape, tatoo on main street

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sidewalks

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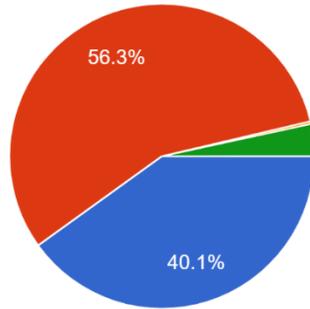
Village Board needs to improve communications with residents about issues that impact our  
community and seek to encourage greater by the college to promote partnerships on programs and  
activities that benefit local residents

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# Survey Demographics

## Gender

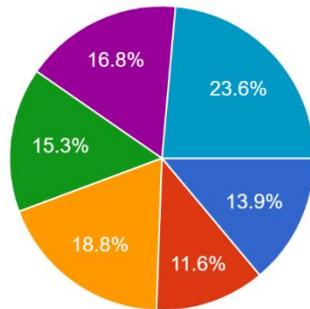
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- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer Not to Answer

## Age

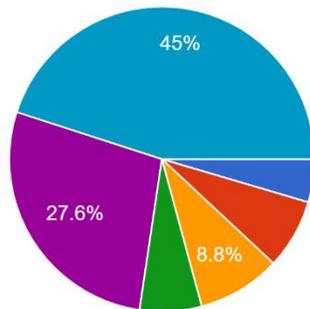
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- Under 25
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 64+

## Highest level of education

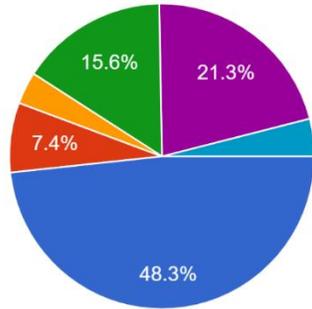
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- Less than High School degree
- High School/GED
- Some college/technical or trade school
- 2-year college/technical or trade school
- 4-year college degree (BA, BS)
- Graduate or Professional Degree

### Employment status

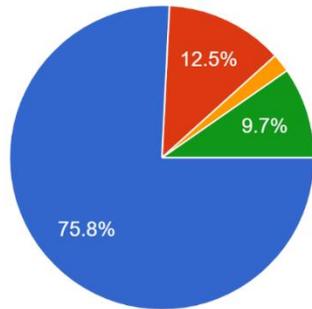
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- Employed full-time
- Self-employed
- Unemployed
- Employed part-time
- Retired
- Other

### Residential status

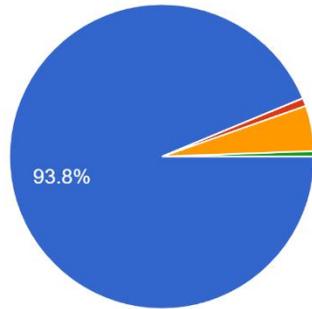
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- Resident landowner
- Renter
- Non-resident landowner
- Other

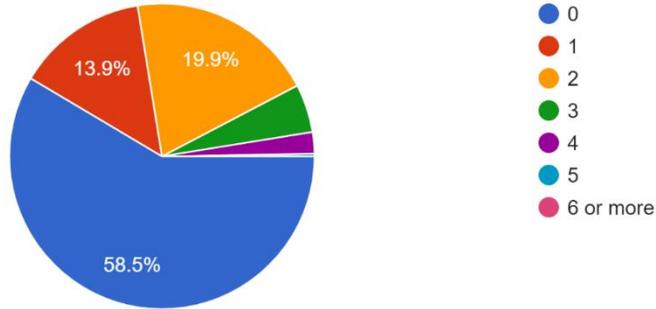
### College student residential status

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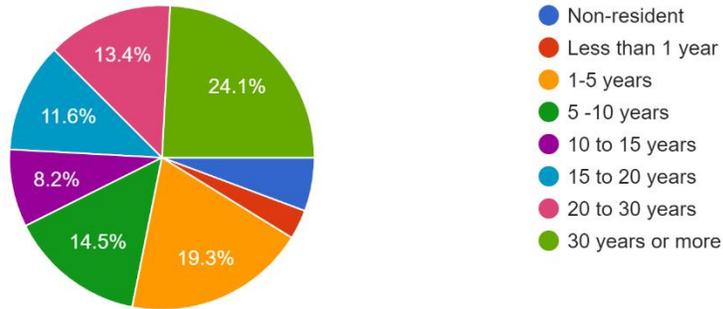


- Non-student
- SUNY Geneseo (on-campus)
- SUNY Geneseo (off-campus)
- College student (other)

Number of Children under 18 in household  
352 responses



Length of residency in Village of Geneseo  
352 responses



Household Income  
352 responses

