

FOR CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES APPLICATION

Support alternative modes of transportation (including strategies for bicycles, pedestrians, public transit, and electric vehicles)

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Recommendation A3: Irvington should continue to cooperate with the other Rivertowns to support improvements that promote traffic calming, where appropriate, and safety, especially for pedestrians and bicyclists. (P 26)

Recommendation C8: Electric vehicle charging stations should be installed at various locations in the Village (P 35)

Recommendation C12: Bike racks should be installed at various locations in the Village. (P 35)

Recommendation C14: Continue to support Westchester County's RiverWalk project. (P 35)

Goal/Action Item D3: Appoint a working group to study the creation of a transit-oriented zoning district that would include all of the properties fronting on South and North Astor Street. (P 38)

Recommendation D4: Prioritize pedestrian access to Scenic Hudson Park and Bridge Street with pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks. (P 40)

Action item E3: Continue implementation of the Main Street Streetscape Master Plan. (P 41)

Action item E5: Consider a marina and boat docking at the waterfront to provide non-vehicular access to restaurants and encourage further use of West Main Street. (P 41)

Action item F3: Test out a jitney van service on Main Street, from the train station to Broadway. (P 42)

Promote smart growth principles in land-use policies

Goal/Action Item A1: Amend zoning on North Broadway from single-family to include multi-family residences and assisted living facilities. (PP 24-25) [Create a range of housing opportunities and choices]

Goal/Action Item A2: New development on Broadway should require the provision of sidewalks. (P 26) [Create walkable neighborhoods]

Recommendation A3: Irvington should continue to cooperate with the other Rivertowns to support improvements that promote traffic calming, where appropriate, and safety, especially for

pedestrians and bicyclists. (P 26) [Create walkable neighborhoods]

Goal/Action Item B2: Enact a law to permit and regulate short term rentals in residences. (P 28)
[Create a range of housing opportunities and choices]

Goal/Action Item B3: Modernize the Zoning Code's provisions on home occupations in residential districts. (P 29) [Mix land uses]

Goal/Action Item C3: The cluster provisions of the Zoning Code should be amended to reduce the minimum lot sizes for clustered developments, so as to permit more flexibility. (P 33)
[Preserve open space]

Recommendation C13: Consider legislation protecting ridgelines. (P 35) [Preserve natural beauty]

Goal/Action Item D2: Move DPW facility to another location in the Village and sell the site for development of a combination residential/professional/limited retail building, with community enhancements and with residential entrances on Buckhout Street and access to commercial spaces on South Astor. (P 37) [Mix land uses]

Goal/Action Item D3: Study the creation of a transit-oriented zoning district for the properties on South and North Astor Streets. (P 38-39) [Mix land uses; create walkable neighborhoods]

Action item E1: Continue to preserve the character and built scale of the Main Street area. (P 41)
[Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place]

Action item E2: Continue to protect views of the Hudson River from Main Street. (P 41)
[Preserve natural beauty and critical environmental areas]

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[Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place]

Goal/Action Item G1: Historically or architecturally significant properties should be permitted to include two use categories, museum and one-family residence. (P 43) [Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place; mix land uses; create a range of housing opportunities and choices]

Recommendation G3: The Village should support efforts of neighborhoods or areas considering applications for historic district designation. (P 43) [Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place]

Recommendation G6: The Board of Trustees should encourage and support Village regional events that highlight historic sites and points of interest. (P 43) [Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place]

Conserve natural areas (including strategies to designate open space and protect it from development)

Goal/Action Item A1: The recommendation to rezone North Broadway is based in large measure on the goal of preserving the open space and existing topography along that stretch of Broadway. (P 24)

Goal/Action Item C2: The Zoning Code should be amended to limit development on steep slopes. (P 32)

Goal/Action Item C3: The cluster provisions of the Zoning Code should be amended to reduce the minimum lot sizes for clustered developments, so as to permit more flexibility. (P 33) [“Smaller lots and further reduced setbacks might result in a more environmentally sensitive arrangement of lots.”]

Goal/Action Item C5: The Village should educate property owners on how to maintain watercourses and wetlands. (P 34)

Recommendation C6: The Planning Board should encourage swales, rain gardens and similar measures for stormwater management. (P 35)

Promote a healthy and safe community

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Recommendation D5: Evaluate opportunities to use the Village Reservoir for active recreation uses. (P 40)

Foster equity (including strategies for housing, schools, transportation, recreation, food, and environmental exposures)

CPU, p18: “The creation of affordable housing in the Village continues to be a priority of the Village Board.” [housing]

Goal/Action Item A1: in rezoning North Broadway, “The zoning should include incentives for ... providing affordable housing, and furnishing other public amenities.” (P 25) [housing]

Goal/Action Item B2: Enact a law to permit and regulate short term rentals in residences. (P 28) (a goal is to “help homeowners with financial burden of house”) [housing]

Goal/Action Item B4: Amend the Zoning Code to permit garages to be used for more than the storage of automobiles. (P 30) (“an accessory apartment should be permitted in a garage”) [housing]

Goal/Action Item B5: Amend the Zoning Code to permit beekeeping on properties large enough to insulate neighboring residents from hives. (P 31) [food]

Recommendation C12: Bike racks should be installed at various locations in the Village. (P 35) [transportation, recreation]

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Also, all of the transportation items in the first set of requirements.

Foster green economic development

CP incorporates the provisions of the Village’s Environmental Action Plan (EAP) (P 19) and Recommendation C11 (P35). The EAP includes the following provisions that foster green economic development:

- Utilize fuel-efficient and/or zero-emissions vehicles for the government fleet (EAP 2)
- Promote “green” building, local/renewable energy creation, limited barriers to “green” building projects. (EAP P2)

Decrease dependence on fossil fuels

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Foster the efficient use of natural resources

CP incorporates the provisions of the Village's Environmental Action Plan (EAP) (P 19) and Recommendation C11 (P35). The EAP includes the following provisions that promote the decrease in dependence on fossil fuels:

- Determine which specific technologies and actions are feasible and most cost effective for reduced usage of water, electricity and fossil fuels, and to lower overall emissions and solid waste.

- Prioritize facilities for changes, with specific target reductions (for each category power, water, waste).
- With guidance from volunteer experts and village committees, develop a range of public initiatives relating to water use, stormwater management, waste reduction, recycling, energy savings, walkable communities, safe streets, benefits of urban forest etc.

Promote the development of local food systems

- Downtown Working Group Recommendation: Support for Farmers Markets (P 3)
- Code Modernization Working Group Recommendation: Allow chickens, bees, goats and rabbits in the residential districts where appropriate (P4).

Minimize Solid Waste

CP incorporates the provisions of the Village’s Environmental Action Plan (EAP) (P 19) and Recommendation C11 (P35). The EAP includes the following provisions that promote minimizing solid waste:

- Strategies for Village Buildings: Determine which specific technologies and actions are feasible and most cost-effective for reduced usage of water, electricity and fossil fuels, and to lower overall emissions and solid waste AND prioritize facilities for changes, with specific target reductions (for each category power, water, waste).
- Strategies for Village government operations: Develop a 2-year plan for sustained implementation of energy- and/or emissions-reducing measures for vehicles, street lights, trash, organic waste and recycling collection services and other relevant aspects of operations.
- Community and staff education: With guidance from volunteer experts and village committees, develop a range of public initiatives relating to water use, stormwater management, waste reduction, recycling, energy savings, walkable communities, safe streets, benefits of urban forest etc.
- Leaf mulching: Continue outreach and training for the “Love ‘Em and Leave ‘Em” program. Develop specific waste reduction / cost savings targets for LELE.

The Village’s Main Street Streetscape Master Plan, prepared in 2014, provides numerous strategies for the deployment of recycling and trash receptacles throughout the Village’s downtown business district. The Streetscape Plan can be found on the Village’s website at www.irvingtonny.gov/documentcenter/view/7266.

Protect drinking water sources from pollution

Although there are no primary drinking sources located within the Village, the Irvington Reservoir and tributaries serve as a backup, emergency drinking water source. There are a number of provisions in the Comprehensive Plan that serve to protect that backup water source.

Goal/Action Item C1: The Zoning Code should be amended to encourage the use of pervious materials for patios, walkways and driveways (P32).

Goal/Action Item C5: The Village should educate property owners on how to maintain watercourses and wetlands (P34).

C6: The Planning Board should encourage swales, rain gardens and similar measures for stormwater management (P35).

CP incorporates the provisions of the Village's Environmental Action Plan (EAP) (P 19) and Recommendation C11 (P35). The EAP includes the following provisions that help protect drinking water sources from pollution:

- Community and staff education: With guidance from volunteer experts and village committees, develop a range of public initiatives relating to water use, stormwater management, waste reduction, recycling, energy savings, walkable communities, safe streets, benefits of urban forest etc.
- Limited funding should be available on a project basis to “prime the pump” for, and/or encourage, specific initiatives as they arise – e.g., the promotion of composting, stormwater reduction, and environmental education.

Promote adaptation to climate change

The CP contains specific and deliberate statements about the need to adapt to climate change, most notably in Paragraph B of Page 19.

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- Ensure emergency operating capabilities of key village facilities, services and public shelters.
- Periodically review and update emergency preparedness procedures in response to an expected increase in the frequency and severity of severe storms.
- Develop alternatives to email and the Village website for communication during widespread power outages or catastrophic situations.
- Assess climate-change exposures – e.g., storm management, waterfront flooding - with professional assistance, based on current scientific consensus.
- Develop and continually review a plan of action with priorities addressing the greatest exposures first. Inter-municipal response will need to be explored.