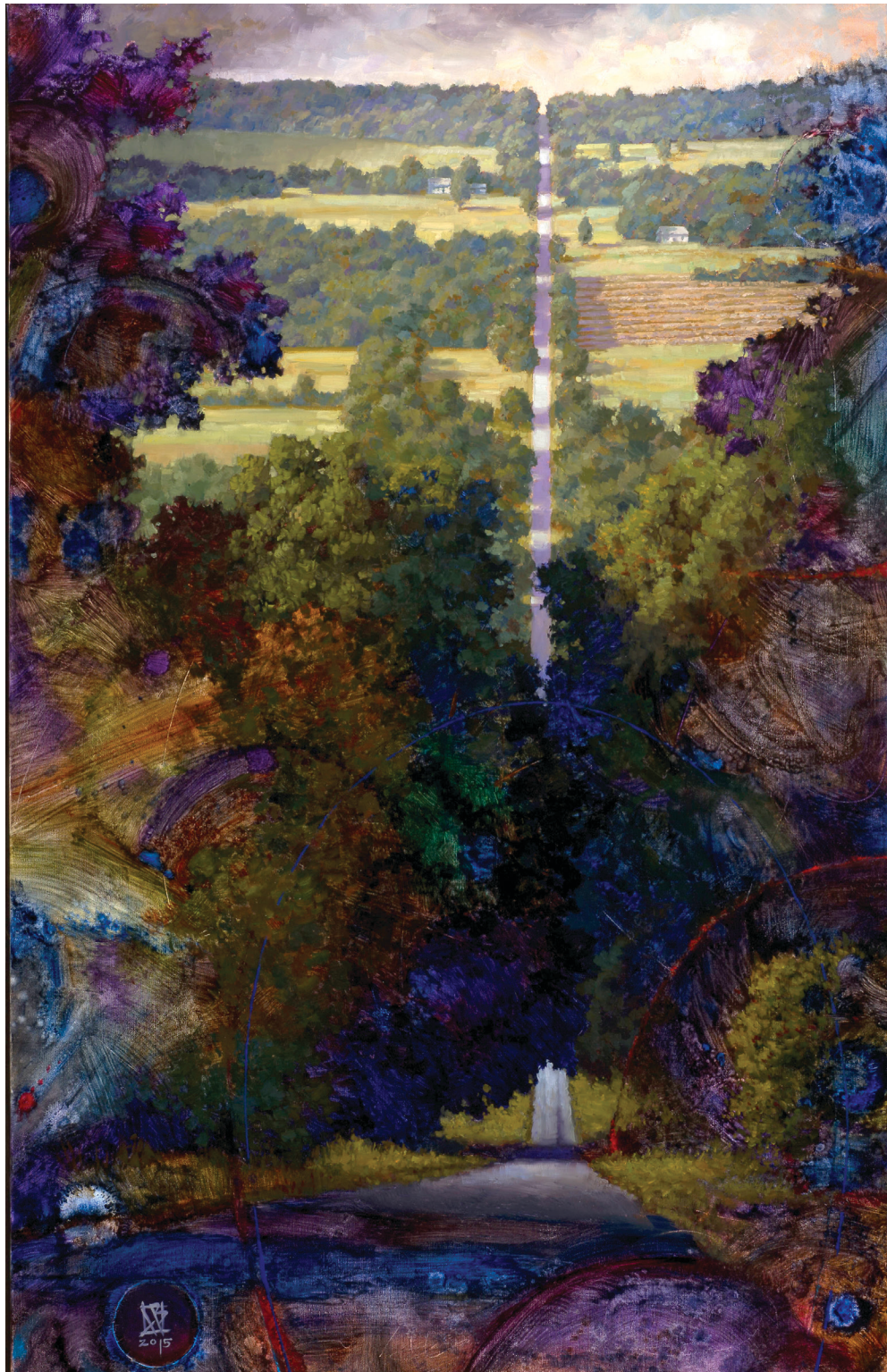


# TOWN OF ENFIELD, NY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



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# INTRODUCTION



## PURPOSE AND PROCESS

A comprehensive plan serves the community by giving residents a voice in the long-range community planning and decision-making process, recognizing the needs of current and future generations. As a working document, the Comprehensive Plan enables the Town to apply for county, state, and federal funding to achieve community-defined goals and objectives. It also facilitates cooperation between Town and other governmental agencies in the planning and implementation of capital projects.

This Comprehensive Plan is the product of The Town of Enfield Town Board, Planning Board, and Enfield residents, who came together in a community effort to define the needs and desires of the Town of Enfield. All Enfield residents were invited to participate in this process.

The Town of Enfield Comprehensive Plan is to be used by all members of the community, as well as any other person or organization interested in the future of the Town. The many citizens and officials who have prepared the plan hope it is a useful, easy-to-read document for all who use it.

Working Groups were organized for each area of interest. Building on The Town of Enfield Comprehensive Plan 2001, the following topics have been determined by the participants:

- Heritage and Historic Preservation
- Municipal Services
- Agriculture
- Land Use
- Environmental and Natural Resources
- Built Environment: Public Utilities, Infrastructure, Transportation
- Housing
- Economy and Community

The Survey of Residents was created for all Town of Enfield residents asking for their opinions on a variety of topics to inform this update of the Comprehensive Plan and gather fundamental demographic information. This survey was distributed to approximately 950 households as an insert to the community newsletter. All members of each household were invited to complete the survey. The survey was made available for completion online. 182 surveys were returned, a nearly 20 percent response rate. The survey data informed many areas of the comprehensive plan.

A draft plan was developed in 2013 for Town Board comment. In 2014, a Comprehensive Plan committee was developed to build on that document and bring a full plan to completion. This plan is the product of the entire process.

The Enfield community treasures the rural qualities of the Town, including its historic buildings, beautiful natural areas, agricultural foundation, and peaceful way of life. Through this Plan, it is our hope to maintain our best features and enhance and improve those areas where these features are lacking.

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## HOW TO READ THIS DOCUMENT

**2050 Vision Statements:** In this Plan, each section begins with a Vision Statement. Each Vision Statement will express what we hope the conditions in the Town of Enfield will be in the future after following the Goals and Actions set forth in this Plan.

The current conditions are described in each Introduction. Each section will conclude with a set of Goals and Actions recommended to achieve the Vision Statements. Goals and Actions are described as follows:

**Goal:** A general end towards which the Town will direct effort.

**Action:** A program, activity, or strategy carried out in response to an adopted policy to achieve a specific goal or objective.

**Quotes:** All quotes were taken from resident comments offered in the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Survey.

# TOWN OF ENFIELD OVERVIEW

## HISTORY

Located in the rural, west central portion of Tompkins County, the Town of Enfield encompasses 36.9 square miles. The Town is bordered on the east by the Town of Ithaca, on the north by the Town of Ulysses, on the west by the Town of Hector in Schuyler County, and on



the south by the Town of Newfield. Enfield Center runs along Enfield Main Road from Route 79 to Harvey Hill Road. Enfield Center is approximately seven miles west of the City of Ithaca. This is a very small residential area that currently holds the Town Hall, Community Building (which includes the Code Enforcement Office and Town Court), a Grange Hall, the Fire Company, and several active and inactive churches.

The first humans entered North America after the last glacial period, approx 14,700 yrs ago. These early inhabitants were highly mobile hunter/gatherers, gradually transforming to a more sedentary lifestyle as settled territories became more defined. The development of settlements marked the domestication of plants thus the beginning of farming. While there is little documented evidence of indigenous populations residing in Enfield, the area likely provided territory for agriculture, hunting and gathering for members of the Cayuga Nation that inhabited the Cayuga Lake territory for over 1,000 years prior to colonialism. Cayugans are members of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, also known as the Iroquois.

*The Enfield Valley Grange No. 295, constructed in 1925 by residents of the Town.*

Haudenosaunee translates into "people of the longhouse" as the settlements were composed of rectangular or oblong houses with a domed, arbor-like roof. Villages remained in place until firewood became scarce, typically relocating every 10–50 yrs. Several longhouse structures have been identified in three sites northwest of Enfield bordering Schuyler county. These settlements, known as Cayuga Indian Fort Road (AD 1525–1550), Parker Farm (AD 1525–1550), and Carman, at the Northwest corner of Buck Hill and Carman roads (AD 1550–1600) appear to have been farmed intensively. Artifacts recovered from these sites include Haudenosaunee pottery, grinding stone, and remains of wooden palisade posts. There were many trails crossing through Enfield. One known as the "Pony Hollow Trail" ran from the Inlet in Ithaca to the area where Newfield Village is now.

The Haudenosaunee sided with the British during the American Revolution. According to the book *Smith Woods* (Allmon, Pritts, Marks, et al., 2017) on June 18th of 1779, George Washington sent Major General John Sullivan and over 4,400 soldiers on a march through what it now upstate New York. In late September of 1779, the soldiers reached the north end of Cayuga Lake. About 200 men, including one of the original colonial settlers, Abner Treman, were led by Colonel Henry Dearborn down the West side of Cayuga Lake, burning Cayugan settlements, stored food, orchards and crops growing in the fields.





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The British transferred all the royal claims Britain had to Haudenosaunee lands to the new United States. A series of treaties from 1784 until 1823 transferred most of the remaining Haudenosaunee lands to New York State. The combination of genocide, loss of land, and epidemic diseases introduced by Europeans caused a collapse of the Cayugan population, decreasing the population to less than half over the course of 200 years.

The first colonial settlers, Judah and Lydia Chase Baker, arrived in 1804. It first registered to become a township in November 1820, and was officially registered with the State of New York on March 16, 1821. The Town was formed from thirty-six lots of the southern portion of Military Township lot No. 22, Ulysses.

Agriculture was a way of life for most residents. By 1865, 80% of the Town's land was used for farming. By 1866, five sawmills operated on Five Mile Creek. After the Civil War, the Federal Government encouraged the establishment of farmers' organizations. Thus, the Enfield Valley Grange No. 295 was founded. In 1925, local residents built a grange hall and meeting space. By 1995, it was the only grange hall still officially functioning in Tompkins County, New York.

Enfield Falls lies in the southeastern part of Enfield, within Robert H. Treman State Park. Named in honor of Robert H. Treman, who presented the land to New York State in 1920, Treman Park is a local natural and recreational area as well as a tourist attraction. The Grist Mill located in the park was constructed in 1838-39 and was in use until 1916. Today, there is a group, The Friends of Robert H. Treman State Park, who support the park by conducting educational and history-related programs and tours of the park and mill.

In 2019, retail establishments located in Enfield include Dandy Mart, a convenience store/gas station, and Dollar General, a location that offers residents needed items without having to travel to outside towns. Both are located at "Millers Corners", the intersection of Mecklenburg (State

Route 79) and Halseyville/Enfield Main (State Route 327) Roads.

Throughout its history, Enfield has enjoyed a dynamic community feeling, rich in the tradition of rural America.

## POPULATION

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**2000 - 2016 Statistics:** The 2010 Census indicate that Enfield's population has increased by 4.2 percent since 2000, to a total of 3,616 people. Population density in Enfield has also increased to 95 persons per square mile.

Families constitute 63.3 percent of Enfield households of which 43.8 percent are married couples. The average household size is 2.43 people, and the average family size is 2.92 people. Almost half of Enfield's population is 25-54 years of age, indicating that most residents are of working-age.

## INCOME

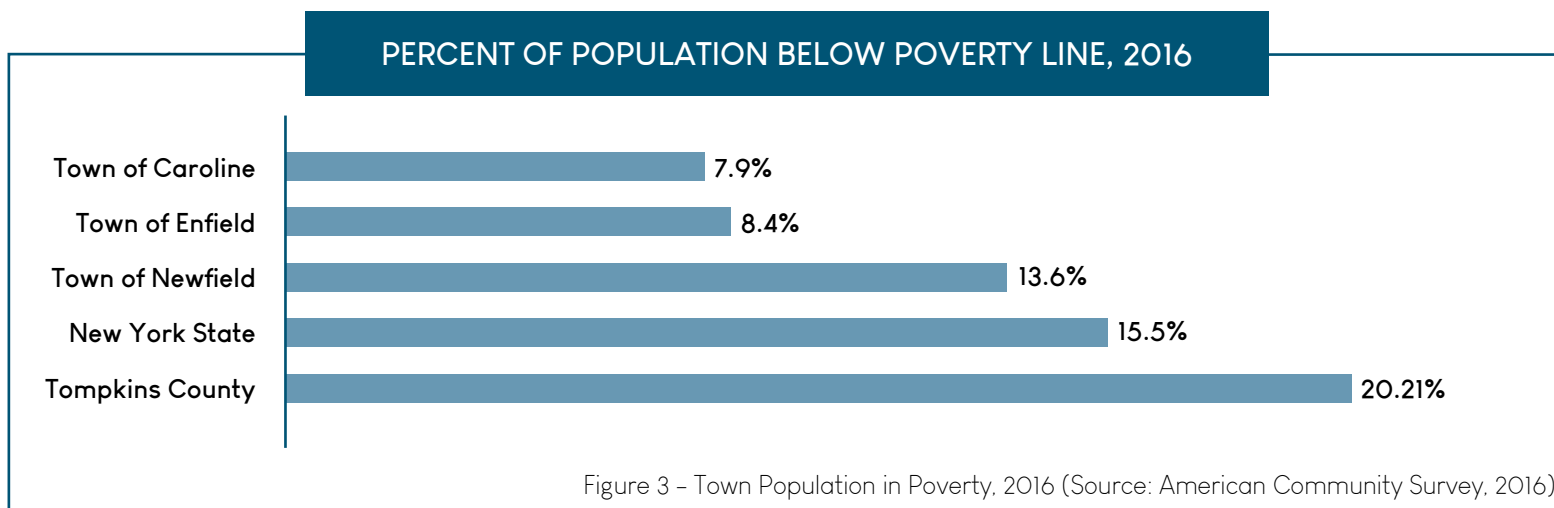
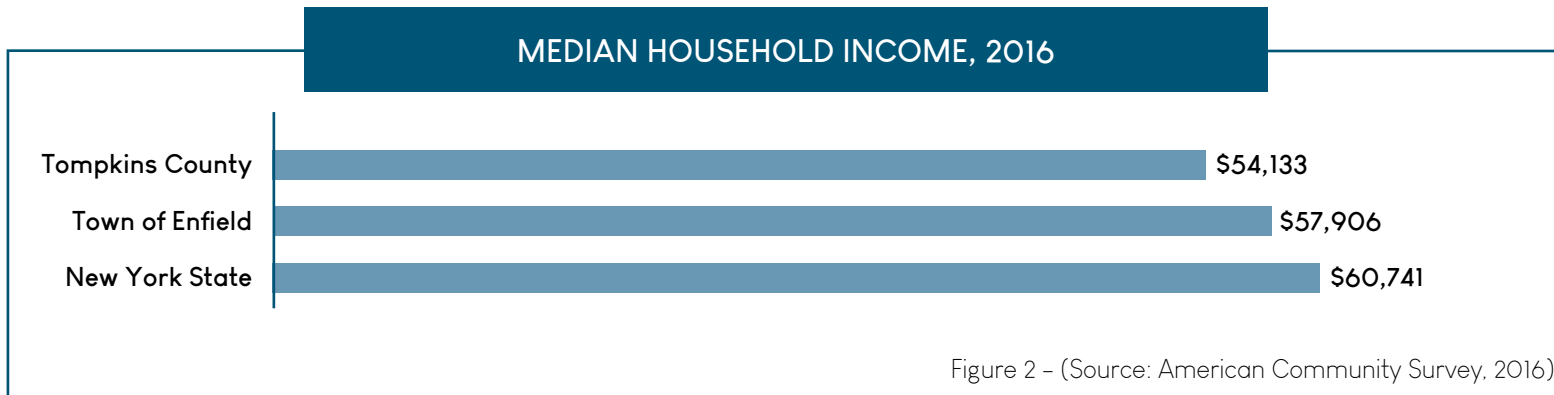
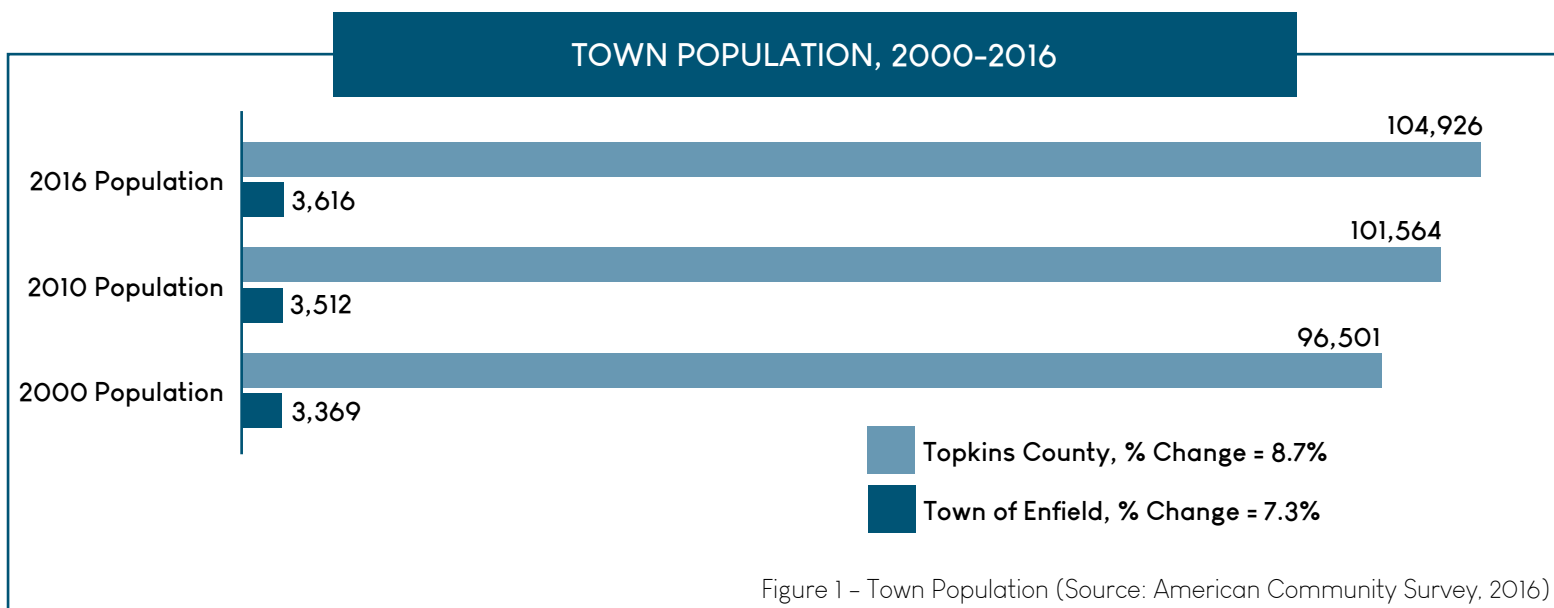
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**2010 Income:** The U.S. Census Bureau defines household income as the sum of income received in a calendar year by all household members 15 years or older, including non-family household members. A total list of income sources can be seen online. A partial list appears below:

- Wages or salary
- Interest and dividends
- Net rental income
- Royalty income
- Income from estates and trusts
- Social Security or Railroad Retirement income
- Supplemental Security income (SSI)
- Public assistance
- Retirement, survivor, or disability pensions

The table on this page shows the estimated 2016 median household income for Enfield and Tompkins County were approximately \$57,906 and \$54,133, respectively, both of which were lower than the \$60,741 median household income

estimate for New York State. It also shows estimates of the percentage of families within each jurisdiction whose income in the prior year was below the poverty level, as defined by New York State.



## PER CAPITA INCOME, 2016



Figure 4 – Town Per Capita Income, 2016 (Source: American Community Survey, 2016)

## TOWN OF ENFIELD COMMUNITY DYNAMICS

This snapshot identifies Town of Enfield strengths and weaknesses as well as some of the opportunities and the threats faced by the municipality in order to help develop a fuller understanding of our community and assist in both strategic planning and decision-making.

### STRENGTHS

- Community activism
- Citizen engagement
- Quality of life
- Small town atmosphere
- Town historian
- Agricultural appreciation
- Farmland preservation support
- Quality croplands
- Natural capital (forests, waterways, parks)
- Enfield elementary school
- Residential growth
- Small business development
- Oldest grange
- Local fire company
- Town recycling center
- Well-managed recordkeeping
- Updated highway facilities
- Compatible renewable energy potential
- Natural gas activities ban

### WEAKNESSES

- Community divided by 4 school districts
- Dispersed residents limits social connection
- Limited housing opportunities
- Aging population
- Low-income households
- Poverty challenges
- Abandoned buildings
- Dangerous transportation network
- Disheveled properties cluttered with junk
- Lack of public water and sewer
- No road use agreements
- Poor municipal facilities
- Treman park swimming area out of Town
- Viability of agricultural land

## OPPORTUNITIES

Establish vision for 'Town Center'  
Plan goals for development types

Affordable and senior housing  
Community center and recreation

Capitalize on town history, appeal for tourism  
Movement in Ag friendly environment  
Recreation in Upper Treman Park, elsewhere  
Signage for Town attractions/destinations  
Update historical records with progress

## THREATS

Few local job opportunities  
Low income rates and wages  
Food insecurity

Crime  
Dangerous traffic  
Unsafe property conditions

Declining economic viability of agriculture  
Environmental hazards from industrial farming  
Environmental degradation and pollution  
Heavy industrial development

Deficient telecommunication infrastructure  
Not many future planning projections

## 2050 COMMUNITY VISION

The Enfield Comprehensive Plan is a community effort to retain the unique qualities of the Town of Enfield, plan for its future growth and improvement, and manage change.

The Town of Enfield preserves its open rural environment and recreational assets, as well as the historic character of its architectural structures, main thoroughfares, and buildings on outlying roads.

The quality of Enfield's water supply and natural resources are protected for sustainable growth in a wholesome, small-town atmosphere. Responsible development oversight in our township has preserved the rural character of our town.

We preserve the welcoming, socially diverse nature of our community and strive to strengthen ties among community groups.

Residents collaborate and cooperate to improve health, safety, and access to care. Safe, affordable housing stock is abundant. Quality of life is enriched for youth and seniors through a balance of community group programs.

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## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS





# SECTION 1 – HERITAGE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

## 2050 VISION

The Town of Enfield values and works to preserve its history through collecting, preserving, and educating the community about its heritage. The Town Historian contributes to this important endeavor by encouraging residents to share their own personal and family history as it relates to the community. The Town supports the Historian by utilizing area resources to fund events and exhibits of interest to visitors as well as for safe preservation of historic items and documents.

### INTRODUCTION

Heritage and historic preservation may include buildings, memorials, and landscapes along with the cultural practices, oral traditions and knowledge of the community.

Many buildings, now private homes, within the town were once used as stores, churches, and schools. This helps preserve the building and makes it important to share and remind the residents of the original usage of these buildings and share the history of residents who were involved. It is also important to recognize the agricultural heritage within the community.

Cemeteries are an important reminder of Enfield's heritage. In addition to marking the final resting places of our ancestors, they yield information about our Town's social, religious, artistic, and cultural heritage. They also contain genealogical information that cannot be found anywhere else.

The only buildings in Enfield with a formal "Historic Designation" are those in Upper Robert H. Treman State Park, which are administered by the federal government's National Register of Historic Places and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation. There are no historic preservation ordinances currently administered by the Town of Enfield.



*"I like that we have history here. I know our family's land like the back of my hand. My head is full of stories from relatives long lost and of my own experiences tromping through a swamp, learning to drive a tractor under the instruction of my granddad."*

2013 Resident Survey

Located in Upper Robert H. Treman State Park (off State Rte 327), this gristmill was built in 1838-1839 by Jared Treman. It is no longer in operation, but open to visitors. It contains a small museum with exhibits about the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp and the early Enfield Falls community.

# MAP 1 - TOWN OF ENFIELD SURVEY MAP, 1866

ENFIELD

Scale 1/4 Inches to the Mile

ENFIELD CENTER

ENFIELD FALLS



# HERITAGE & HISTORIC PRESERVATION – GOALS AND ACTIONS



The following Goals and Actions are recommended based on the current conditions in the Town of Enfield as described above.

## GOAL

1. Support NYS Law 57.07 Local Town Historian appointments – Enfield Town Historian and Deputy Town Historian

2. Encourage efforts that promote the history, culture, and heritage of the town

## ACTIONS

- 1a. Appoint yearly the Enfield Town Historian and Deputy Town Historian
- 1b. Work cooperatively with the Records Management Officer, to protect Town government records and Town Historian's Collection utilizing the services of the Enfield Town Historian, Deputy Town Historian, and the programs and grants available through the New York State Archives program
- 1c. Preserve historic records and important documents

- 2a. Increase public education about and appreciation for local history by utilizing the knowledge of the Town Historian and Deputy Town Historian along with various Historical organizations within the Tompkins County area
- 2b. Work to become aware of community groups within the town to help protect their heritage, specifically the Enfield Valley Grange, Enfield Community Council, and Friends of Robert H. Treman State Park
- 2c. Work specifically and cooperatively with the Tompkins County Municipal Historians group and Tompkins County Historian

## HERITAGE & HISTORIC PRESERVATION – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

### GOAL

3. Identify and encourage preservation of significant historic and cultural lands, sites, and structures that contribute to community identity and character

### ACTIONS

- 3a. Preserve the Town's character and the history of the area by taking advantage of county and state programs
- 3b. Collect and preserve the "historical" heritage of homes and farms, including family history of property owners. This specifically includes the buildings now privately owned and once used as stores, churches and schools
- 3c. Support and encourage the preservation and maintenance of cemeteries within the town
- 3d. Work cooperatively with historic organizations such as Historic Ithaca, NY State Historic Preservation Office, Tompkins County History Center, and Ulysses and Newfield Historical Societies, to identify, record, and protect community features with historical or archaeological significance
- 3e. Encourage interested residents to partner with the current Town Historian and Deputy Town Historian, to learn the documentation and preservation process to encourage continued preservation for future generations

4. Increase tourism through use of historic points of interest within the town

- 4a. Direct visitors to historic sites throughout Enfield through promotion and incorporation into local historic trails and registries
- 4b. Create signage to increase interest and visitors to area sites of historic interest

## SECTION 2 – MUNICIPAL SERVICES

### 2050 VISION

The Town of Enfield maintains a positive civic image. The town cooperates with neighboring communities to provide efficient and prudent services to the residents of Enfield. The governing board appoints and assigns responsibilities to designated boards and committees, as well as collaborates with local residents, businesses and elected or appointed individuals to address the issues facing the residents of Enfield in a timely fashion.

The protection of the health, safety, welfare and property of town residents serves as a guidepost for all development decisions that may impact the rural landscape and quality of life they enjoy.

The municipality functions in a transparent, inclusive, and participatory manner to build community among its residents. Enfield provides services to residents as cost effectively as possible, without sacrificing quality. Enfield seeks opportunities to invest in the future security of the municipality and its residents by exploring innovative methods for providing excellent service efficiently, economically, and with environmental awareness.

### INTRODUCTION

New York State encourages municipalities to identify the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, devices and instruments for their immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development (General City Law section 28a(3)(a); Town Law section 272-a(2)(a)).

Local government plays an integral part in the success of our municipality, as it is charged with carrying out the work of the electorate and all residents who are impacted by the efficiency of its operation.

Providing services that benefit all residents in a rural community, while keeping the tax impact manageable for the population, is challenging for municipalities. The Enfield community has little in the way of infrastructure, including sewer and water systems that would make business or housing development more attractive, and thus its rural residential and agricultural residents bear the bulk of the expense needed to finance operations of the Town.

Results of the 2013 Residents Survey indicated that residents feel Town government in Enfield has become more responsive in recent years, welcoming public input and assistance. The Enfield community has benefited from public participation, open process, and working collaboratively to achieve long-term goals. A shared vision, planned goals, and community participation provide a path forward for a municipality that has long struggled to grow and provide quality services, while building community. As a result, the Town welcomes further resident involvement in such municipal affairs.

The structure of the Town of Enfield Local Government begins with the Citizens of Enfield. As we move forward to achieve the goals of this Comprehensive Plan, there will be many opportunities for Enfield residents to engage on long and short-term committees and projects. The input and participation of local residents is an invaluable resource that helps local elected representatives facilitate the initiatives the community has determined are important.



Finding ways to communicate these opportunities and invite resident involvement will be crucial to meeting the 2050 vision set forth in this plan.

Connecting and communicating with residents has proved challenging with little telecommunications infrastructure or physical spaces where community members can gather socially. The Town's website provides tools for communicating with residents and easy access to many resources. These resources include tax bill payment services, decades of archived minutes, audio meeting recordings, town laws, updates for residents, and much more. Among comparable municipalities in New York State, Enfield provides impressive electronic services.

Municipal facilities in Enfield are aging and inefficient, adding to the cost of operations through high energy bills, maintenance, and repair. Development of a new building to house the town's municipal services could provide savings to residents and ease confusion regarding location of each service such as town court, town

clerk, and code enforcement offices. This is a high priority in order to provide cost-effective services to residents.

Town Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, and Town Clerk serve two-year terms. Each position has a steep learning curve. Much time, often more than a year, is spent learning the law and the obligations of each job.

The Town of Enfield, as a municipality, is organized as follows.

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

The Enfield Town Council (Town Board) consists of five elected officials, including four Councilpersons and one Supervisor. The Town Board serves as the executive, administrative and legislative body of the Town.

The Town Board is transparent and welcomes community input and assistance. The tone of public meetings is one of respect and professionalism. A commitment to a common

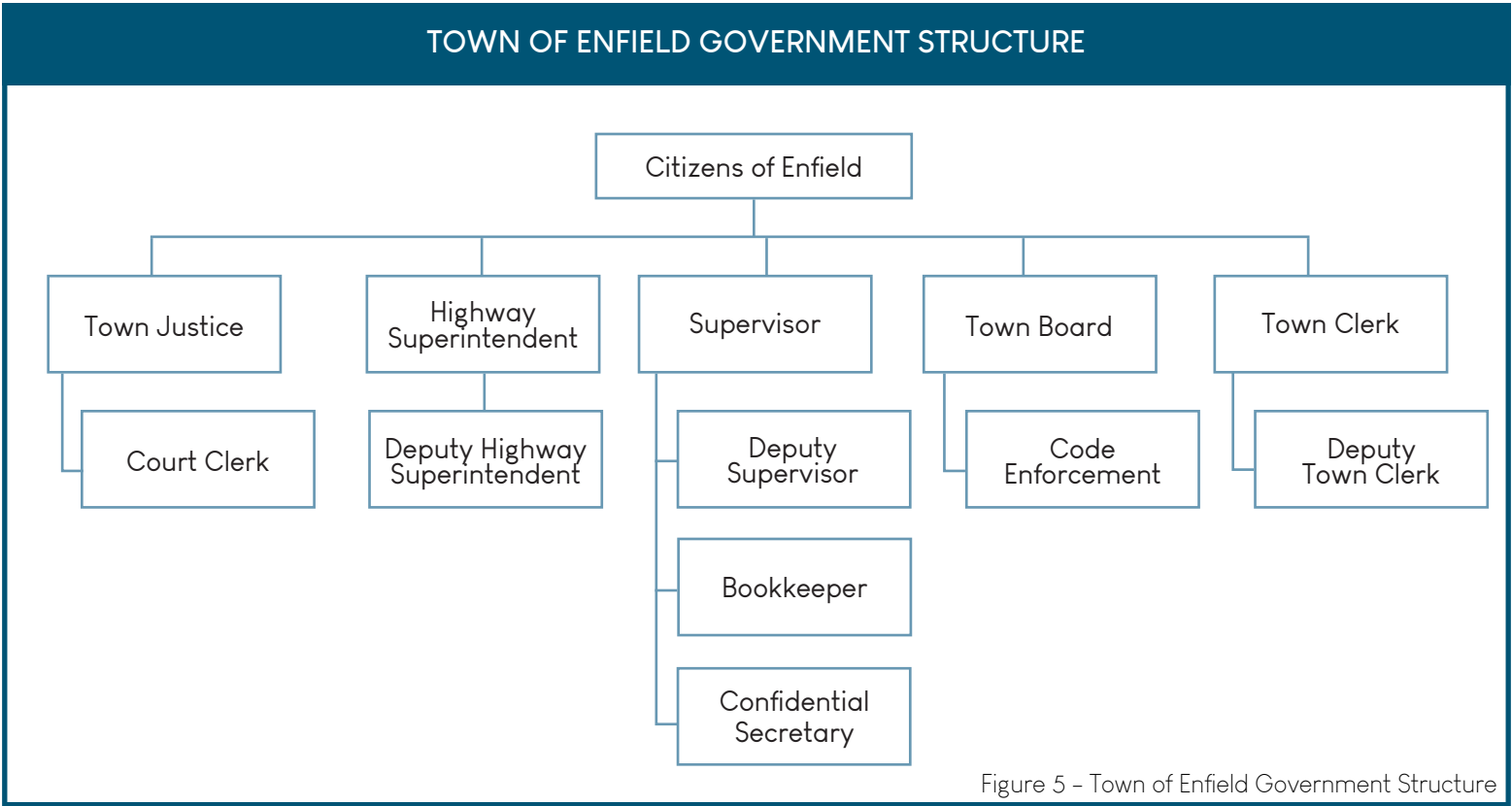


Figure 5 – Town of Enfield Government Structure

vision for the growth and benefit of the Town of Enfield has created an environment where many projects directed at providing quality services responsibly to residents is the priority. These include:

- Increasing public transportation opportunities by cooperating with Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT) to extend routes and enhance mobility options for residents
- Providing Clean Up Days to better manage waste and collection of debris and junk through collaboration with local metal recycling and solid waste collection businesses. The Highway Department staff facilitates this effort at the Highway building for one week each year
- Encouraging programs, such as Solar Tompkins, HeatSmart Tompkins, and Button Up Enfield for reducing energy consumption and increasing the use of renewable energy
- Providing efficient municipal facilities and maintaining them responsibly
- Providing quality infrastructure maintenance and development for a growing community
- Completion of an aquifer study to identify and protect local water resources

Attention to Enfield's growth in housing, as well as renewable energy development (wind and solar), building needs, and equipment replacement for road maintenance have dominated the work of Enfield's municipal government. All of these expenses present challenges to keeping tax rates low while providing expected services. Efforts to consolidate services with neighboring municipalities as well as Tompkins County have become increasingly necessary, as mandated programs and other costs increase and funding from New York State decreases.

*"I enjoy the sense of community and public involvement that appears to be growing in Enfield."*

2013 Resident Survey

## ENFIELD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Enfield Highway Department maintains 86.2 miles of Town-owned roads. Maintenance includes road construction, repair, drainage, and repair of roadways culverts and bridges as well as snow and brush removal.

A Capital Inventory Replacement Plan has not been implemented due to financial constraints, resulting in an aging and heavily burdened stock of machinery to complete the tasks of road and bridge maintenance. Coupled with increasing extreme weather events, such as flooding, severe road damage has occurred, and the Highway Department struggles to keep pace with the demand of the Town's requirements.

In 2015 and 2018, large equipment purchases were approved and completed, providing the Town with much needed equipment for its heaviest maintenance activity. Continued equipment replacement going forward will be necessary to provide continued quality road maintenance service for safety and financial benefit to residents.



A small staff and an elected Superintendent, this group coordinates their many skills to complete much of the necessary equipment maintenance and repair, saving residents money and providing timely service.

The Highway Department building that was completed in 2011 is in need of capital improvements as a result of deficient construction. Fiscal limitations have limited the Town's ability to take corrective action.

Inter-municipal cooperation contributes significantly to the Highway Department's ability to complete many important tasks in the town.

Continued efforts to find ways to collaborate are necessary to provide safe and efficient Highway services to the residents of the Town of Enfield.

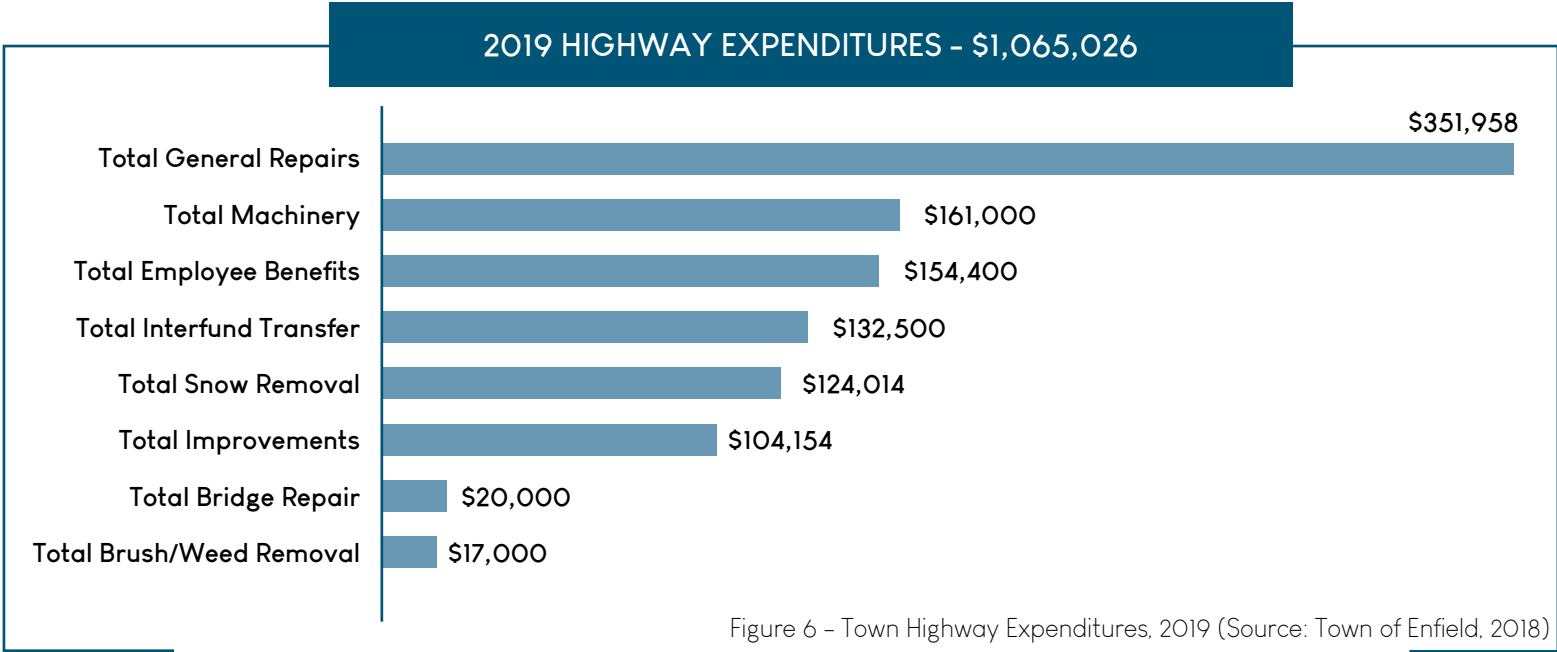


Figure 6 – Town Highway Expenditures, 2019 (Source: Town of Enfield, 2018)

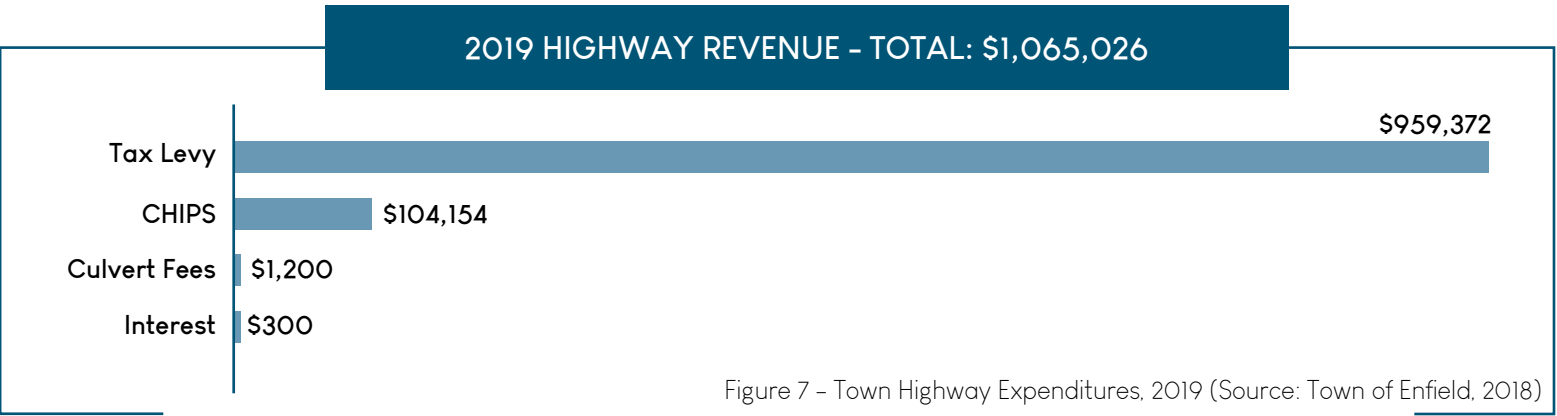


Figure 7 – Town Highway Expenditures, 2019 (Source: Town of Enfield, 2018)

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## ENFIELD TOWN CLERK SERVICES

Enfield Town Clerk is an elected official who serves as manager of all town records and as recording secretary of all Town Board meetings and Public Hearings. The Clerk provides licensing for marriage, hunting, dogs, fishing, and handicap parking and other important communications with residents, including the Town website.

The Town Clerk also serves as the Tax Collector.

The Clerk's duties are affected by several other positions in Town Government. Facilities in varying locations for each service creates challenges for the community and Clerk alike. Outdated and inefficient buildings do not project a professional image to the public. Attempts have been made to maintain current physical assets, however maintaining or renovating such old buildings continues to be an inefficient use of Town funds, and an area of improvement the Town is committed to.

*"I appreciate the responsiveness of the Town Board to community concerns and have faith that it bodes well for Enfield's future."*

2013 Resident Survey

## ENFIELD TOWN COURT

The Enfield Town Court consists of one Justice who hears both civil and criminal matters. The Civil proceedings may not exceed \$3,000 and criminal proceedings include the prosecution of crimes and violations that are committed within the town's boundaries.

Current concerns for the Enfield Town Court include:

1. Inadequate office space
2. Security concerns with office location and public access to the building
3. Lack of conference space, appropriate facility for jury trials and deliberation

4. Concerns about the ability to meet the continually changing court standards required by New York State.

Many of these points could be met with a new facility where all town services are provided efficiently and effectively with adequate space and security. The Enfield Town Court, like all town offices, is faced with new, unfunded mandates that make providing services more demanding each year.

## ENFIELD TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Enfield Office of Code Enforcement provides guidance, inspection, and permitting for land use and development issues such as building, signage, junkyards, mobile home parks, communication towers, wind energy facilities, parcel sub-division, solar installations and facilities, and more. The Enfield Code Enforcement office implements the New York State Building and Fire Codes, as adopted by the Enfield Town Board.

Code enforcement is enhanced through the Town of Enfield Site Plan Review Law, Wind Facilities Law, Subdivision Regulations, Prohibition of Gas and Petroleum Activities, solar installation permitting and solar facilities law.

Communicating information and educating the public regarding building and property maintenance codes is a challenge for the Code Enforcement office. Maintenance and repair may be financially out of range for many residents, making enforcement difficult. However, consolidation of Code Enforcement positions







and expansion of office hours has improved the ability of the Code Enforcement Officer to engage with the community for fire and safety inspections. Town residents are welcome to make an appointment with the Code Officer for information about regulations and compliance.

Town Clean-Up Days, a service administered by the Town Board, has become a popular offering that provides residents a way to get rid of collected junk. This compliments Code Enforcement efforts to keep properties safely maintained and free of unsightly material, debris, and collected junk, a persistent concern of residents.

Wind and solar activity in the Town of Enfield is on the rise, with 67 permitted residential solar installations and 3 commercial solar facilities through 2018. The increase in renewable energy development requires more training and fieldwork for the Code Enforcement office due to permitting and inspection needs. Continued growth in renewable energy development may necessitate increased hours for this office if the pace of such development in the town continues, as is the case across Tompkins County.

## ENFIELD PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board consists of five individuals appointed by the Enfield Town Council to serve five-year terms (with 2 alternate appointees). The regulatory authority specifically delegated to the Planning Board is the power to review

subdivisions and site plan applications that meet thresholds in the Site Plan Review Law. The Planning Board also has advisory power and offers advice on land use regulations, studies, maps and reports, budgets, Comprehensive Plans, area variance requests, and proposed actions by other boards.

The Planning Board meets once monthly with annual rotating volunteer membership appointed by the Town Board. As development in Enfield is encouraged, the responsibilities of the Planning Board will increase.

Local Law # 2 of 2012, Enfield's Site Plan Review Law, has offered the Planning Board a guide to advise development within the boundaries of the town, and residents and developers alike on the standards in building design and construction. The Town of Enfield Subdivision Regulations provide some guidance with regard to development. This set of local laws is enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Public safety in the Town of Enfield is provided by the Tompkins County Sheriff's Department, New York State Police, and New York State Park Police.

Public safety is a priority in the Town of Enfield. A satellite police presence could reduce response times for local law enforcement requests.

The Town of Enfield is legally obligated to provide fire protection services to residents and does so through the Enfield Fire Protection District.

The Town of Enfield contracts with the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company for Fire, EMS, natural disaster response and other emergencies. A tax levy is administered to cover the expenses. The Enfield Volunteer Fire Company is like many others in the State, in that their workforce is aging and there is decreasing volunteer support. Financial constraints and levy limitations may also strain budgets and hamper equipment replacement efforts in the future.



Effective communication between the Town Board and Fire Company is crucial to providing this important service. Enhancing community awareness of the functions of the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company may increase participation and community support. Encouraging open communication and accountability between the Town Board and the Fire Company Board of Directors and volunteers is a priority, as these efforts can ensure the viability of emergency services long into the future.



### LAND USE (PROPERTY CLASS) BY TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE

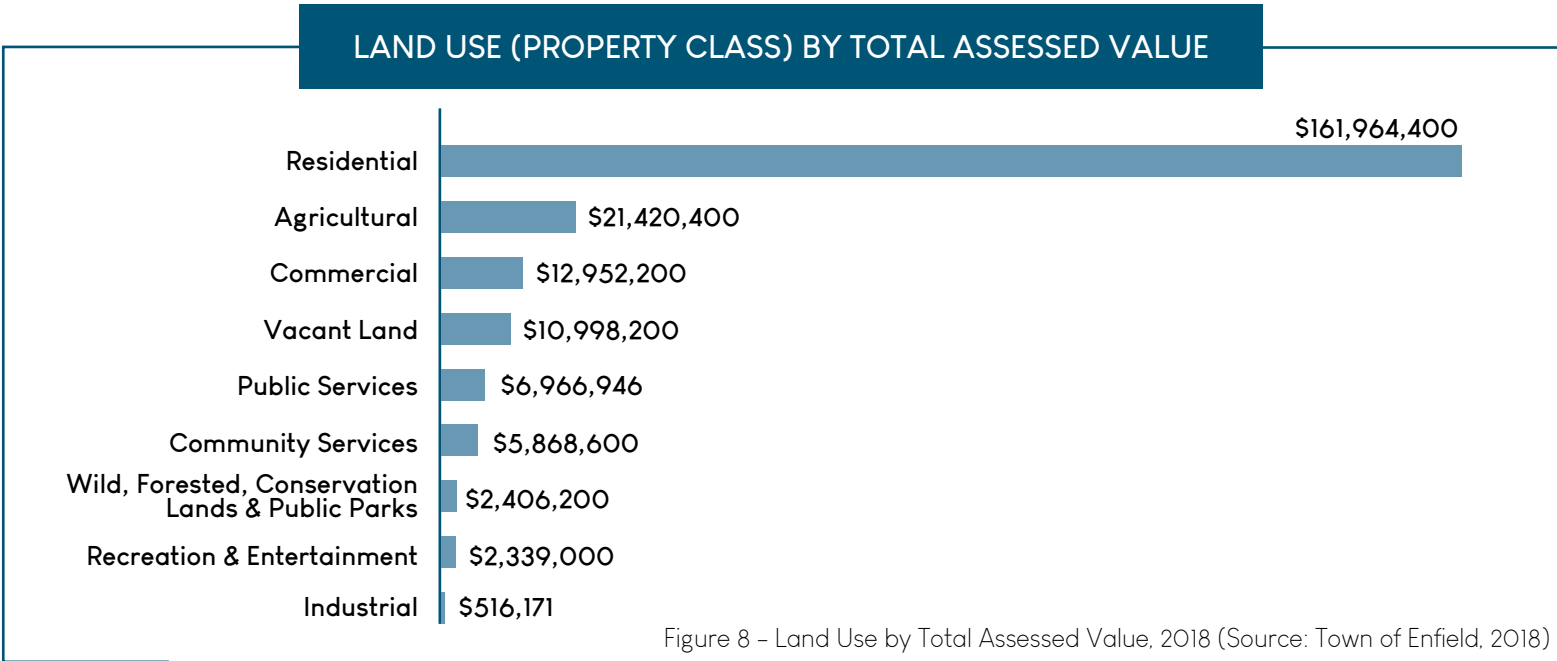


Figure 8 – Land Use by Total Assessed Value, 2018 (Source: Town of Enfield, 2018)

### 2019 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EXPENDITURES - \$349,493

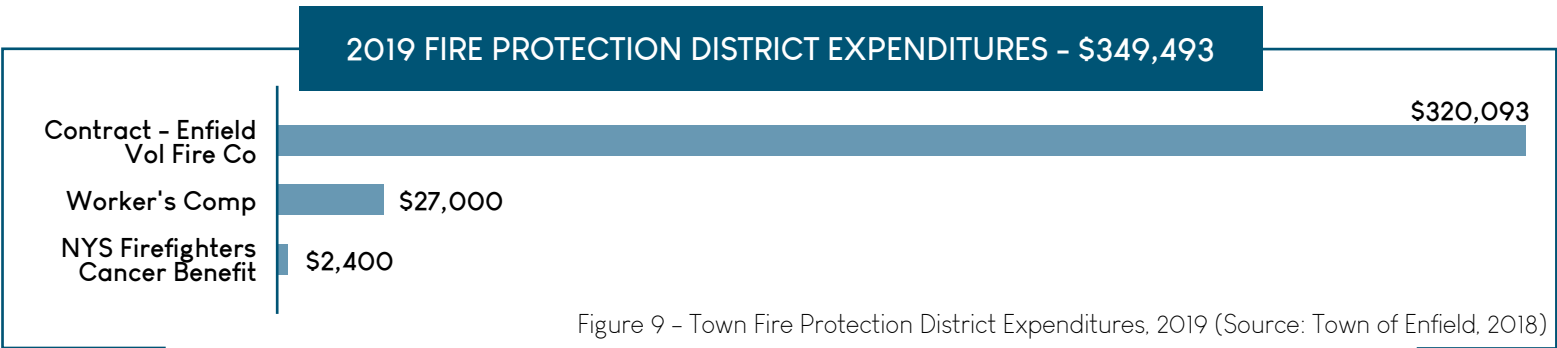


Figure 9 – Town Fire Protection District Expenditures, 2019 (Source: Town of Enfield, 2018)

## HAZARD MITIGATION

Local governing boards face increased challenges in a changing world. Climate change, natural disasters, and political unrest present many dangers for which emergency response has become a necessity. In recent years, Enfield has faced several flood events with extensive financial loss, and predictions indicate severe weather events will likely increase.

The Town of Enfield has participated minimally in the Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation Plan, but has not created a local plan for responding to events such as massive winter storms, flooding, long-term power outages, public health crises, or unexpected threats to our community that could find us unable to manage local services residents expect.

Safety of residents, their homes and property are paramount. Cooperation of local Enfield services to create a Hazard Mitigation Plan, as well as facilitating FEMA Flood Mapping positions a town and its residents to protect themselves not only in the moment of an Emergency, but through mitigation and insurance before an event occurs.

Flood mapping may allow homeowners to insure their property against flooding and affords the municipality the opportunity to apply for funds to mitigate the risks of these events as well as recovering from them.

A Hazard Mitigation Plan prepares a community to respond quickly in an organized fashion to return to the quality of life they have come to expect. Cooperation with other local governments and services is predetermined for effective action. A coordinated effort to complete this Plan will establish a guide the governing board can follow to mobilize emergency services and provide much needed amenities to members of the community in their time of need.

## THREATS AND HAZARDS FACING NEW YORK STATE

Flooding  
Hurricanes/Tropical Storms  
Tornadoes  
Winter/Ice Storms  
Wildfires  
Algae Blooms  
Earthquakes  
Drought  
Infrastructure Failures  
Transportation Accidents  
Hazardous Materials Incidents  
Terrorism  
Active Shooter Situations  
Cyber Attacks  
Pandemics/Public Health Emergencies

## MUNICIPAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

During the 2019 Budget process, much thought was given to the path Enfield is on. A commitment has been made to better understand the long-term needs of the Town and how to develop a more predictable path forward for residents.

Efforts have been made to explore how we procure goods and services to make more responsible choices regarding town funds. The Town Board has committed to creating a long-term plan that will help local government map out, control future spending, and provide a more predictable tax levy each year. With expenses that leave us little control or long-term perspective, this task is difficult, but necessary.

Increases in revenue are harder to capture, as municipalities are very limited in their options for increasing this resource. Mortgage tax,

*“I’m optimistic that increased involvement in local Enfield government by many thoughtful residents can help build a more prosperous and caring community for the 21st century.”*

2013 Resident Survey

Payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreements for development, franchises, and levies are the most common sources of revenue for Towns, and the most reliable way to increase these amounts is through new development and housing improvements.

Energy usage for inefficient, aging buildings is at an all-time high. Finding ways to reduce consumption, while making town spaces safe and comfortable is a priority for both cost and energy savings.

Protecting and upgrading town assets and infrastructure are challenging goals that must continually be met. Finding creative and effective ways to accomplish these goals will be the challenge of the Town going forward.



### AD VALOREM TAXES PAID BY TOWN RESIDENTS, 2019

#### WHO GETS YOUR TAX DOLLARS?

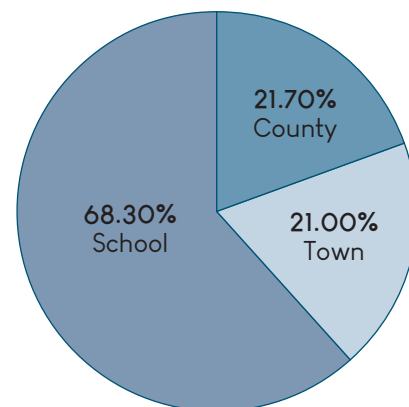


Figure 10 – Ad Valorem Taxes Paid by Town Residents, 2019  
(Source: Town of Enfield, 2018)

### 2019 GENERAL FUND REVENUE – \$573,178

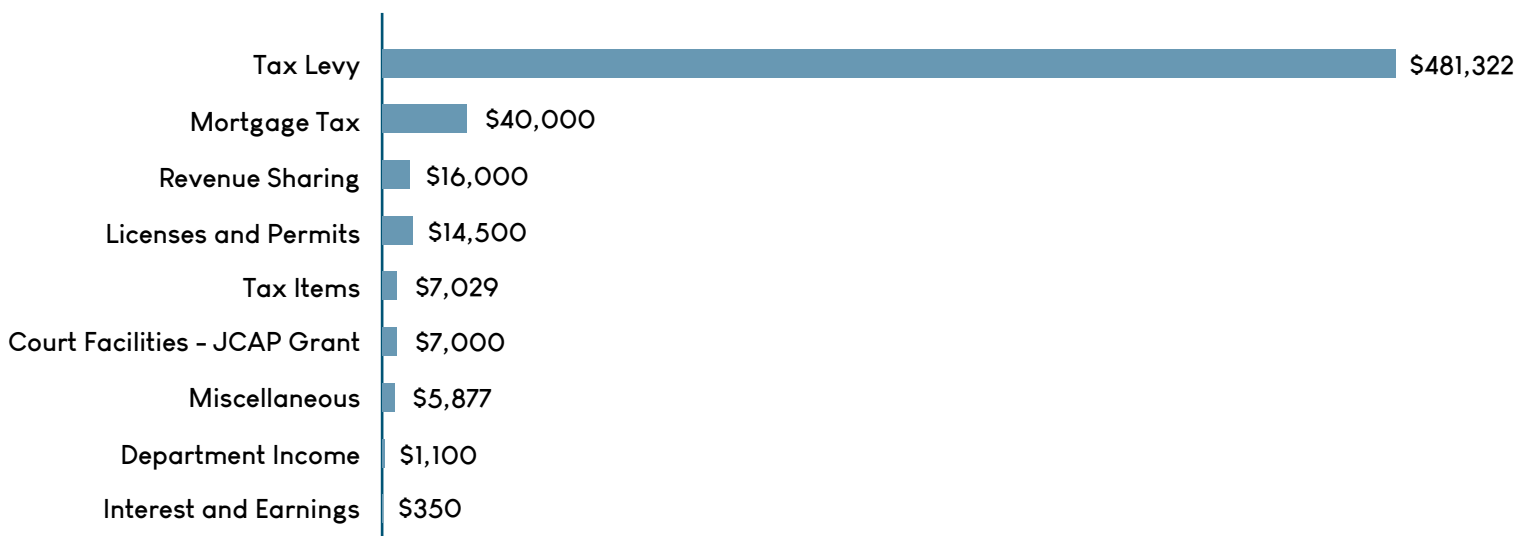


Figure 11 – Town General Fund Revenue, 2019 (Source: Town of Enfield, 2018)

### 2019 GENERAL TOWN EXPENDITURES - \$590,488

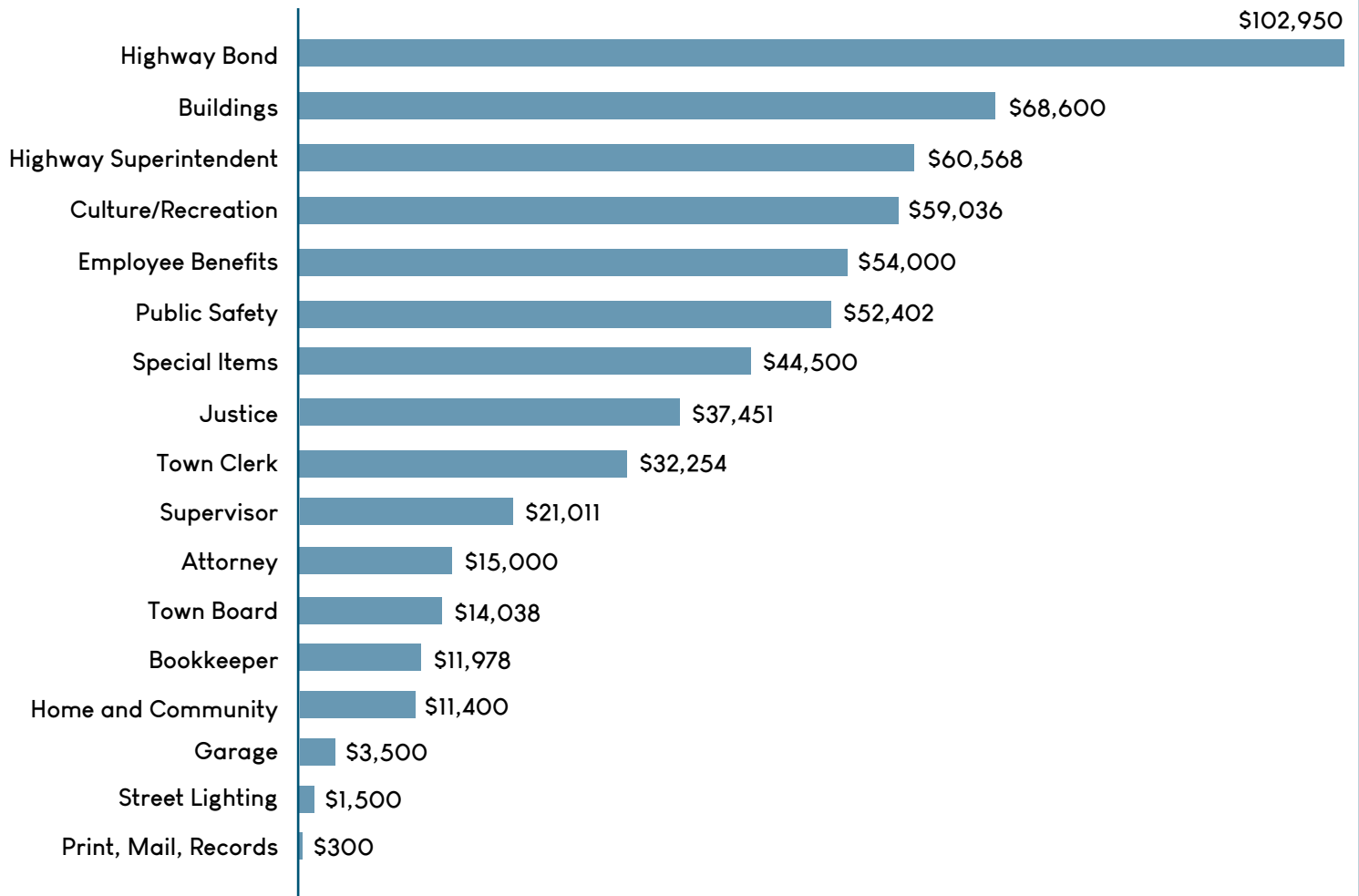


Figure 12 – Town Expenditures, 2019 (Source: Town of Enfield, 2018)

### 2019 EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

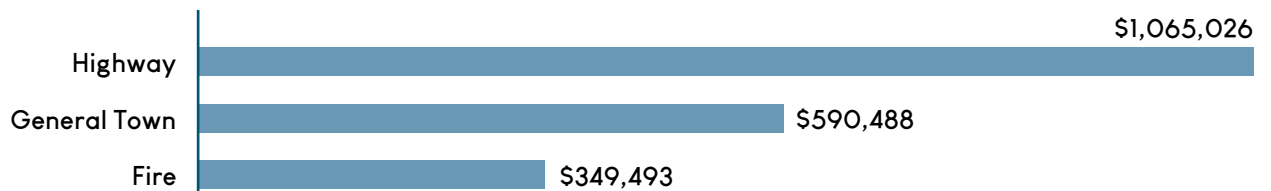


Figure 13 – A-Fund Comparison of Town Expenditures, 2019 (Source: Town of Enfield, 2018)

# MUNICIPAL SERVICES – GOALS AND ACTIONS



The following Goals and Actions are recommended based on the current conditions in the Town of Enfield as described above.

## GOAL

## ACTIONS

1. Decrease risk to management of Town resources

- 1a. Explore a proposal for an increase in length of term for Highway Superintendent, Town Supervisor, Town Clerk
- 1b. Audit Town finances every five years as turnover increases risk of malfeasance
- 1c. Update Town policies bi-annually to reflect new State laws and changes in municipal practice; including Site Plan Review, Road Use Agreement, Personnel Handbook, and others as they become necessary
- 1d. Promote and enhance transparency and documentation of Town business
- 1e. Increase training opportunities for governing board members
- 1f. Consider increasing the frequency of official Town Board meetings to accommodate the amount of new and existing business the board is responsible for

2. Increase public safety

- 2a. Maintain the Emergency Management Plan in cooperation with Tompkins County and New York State
- 2b. Encourage the installation of a law enforcement satellite office within the Town of Enfield
- 2c. Ensure that emergency service providers are equipped and trained to respond safely and effectively to local emergencies
- 2d. Educate the community regarding current and emerging public health issues and resources

3. Address hazard mitigation

- 3a. Develop a Floodplain Management plan or ordinance for the protection of homes and property of residents
- 3b. Develop an Emergency Management Plan to protect the lives and property of residents
- 3c. Identify community resources such as equipment, skillsets, and other resources residents may be willing to contribute in the event of a community emergency

## MUNICIPAL SERVICES – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

GOAL	ACTIONS
4. Increase public involvement in the democratic process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4a. Communicate meeting times and topics of discussion in a more widespread and timely manner</li><li>4b. Provide documentation of board and committee work (minutes) in a timely manner</li><li>4c. Encourage community involvement through volunteer opportunities on long and short-term projects</li><li>4d. Provide efficient systems for residents to respond to safety and environmental concerns</li></ul>
5. Reduce mandated program costs for more control over the budget process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5a. Continue to seek opportunities for consolidation of services with other municipalities to decrease municipal liabilities</li><li>5b. Bolster relationships with other municipalities to communicate ideas for reduction of mandates at the State level</li></ul>
6. Encourage and responsibly manage renewable energy and environmental development in the Town of Enfield in a way that is compatible with our rural way of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>6a. Research development of renewable energy regulations that speak to the concerns residents have expressed with all forms of siting and operation of energy development facilities</li><li>6b. Determine need for management of renewable development planning and construction within the Town</li><li>6c. Insure that regulations are met and appropriate compensation to the Town of Enfield is negotiated for all development</li><li>6d. Update and improve laws and regulations as new information becomes available to protect the health, safety, welfare, environmental resources and property of town residents</li></ul>

## MUNICIPAL SERVICES – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

### GOAL

7. Encourage community organizations for increased resident participation in Town events and programming

### ACTIONS

- 7a. Increase the availability of programs for education, recreation, entertainment, literacy, life skills
- 7b. Encourage the development of a multi-use facility that can function as a meeting space, youth center, senior program space, recreational center, and community room
- 7c. Foster community feeling and connection by expanding existing programs to include more residents and diverse offerings
- 7d. Prepare a resource guide of information for residents to include neighborhood and civic organizations and other topics such as annual events and services, emergency preparedness, agricultural and environmental issues, beautification, and communicating with municipal services
- 7e. Encourage volunteering, including youth and seniors, to assist in providing community services. Recognize volunteers to show appreciation

8. Establish outdoor community areas

- 8a. Define open green spaces to accommodate outdoor activities, playground space, community gardens, and a sports field
- 8b. Explore opportunities for bike paths to provide safe travel to community facilities

9. Commit to maintaining, restoring, or building municipal facilities to provide efficient and accessible services to all residents of Enfield

- 9a. Pursue the development of a new municipal administrative facility that is accessible, energy efficient, and viable for future generations as the Town of Enfield grows in a coordinated, well-planned manner
- 9b. Find suitable uses for unused municipal properties and restore or maintain them for community purposes (ex: gardening, education, recreation)
- 9c. Pursue solutions to Highway facility problems
- 9d. Upgrade existing facilities to comply with building codes and accessibility standards



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## SECTION 3 – AGRICULTURE

### 2050 VISION

The Town of Enfield is a welcoming community where Agriculture can thrive.

Through sustainable farming practices, stewards of the land preserve the soil for future generations in order to grow and nourish the Town's agricultural character.

Preserving farmland, cleared mostly by hand over the course of 200 years, and creating an inviting economy for new and existing agriculture endeavors is a priority for the town and its residents. Small farming operations and the business that support them remain economically viable through community support.

### INTRODUCTION

Since its founding in 1821, agriculture has been the predominant economic activity within the Town of Enfield. Presently, Enfield agriculture is experiencing a period of resurgence. Many of the established farmers are expanding their operations. Simultaneously, beginning farmers are establishing new farming operations and associated local retail enterprises within the Town.

The scope of agricultural production within the Town covers nursery/landscape, forages, small grains, beans, livestock (equine, bovine, ovine, porcine and camelids), produce, nurseries, silviculture and conservation plants. Conventional, all-natural and organic farming techniques are all utilized within the Town and the results are enjoyed throughout the community as well as Tompkins County.

### ENFIELD FARM FACTS

*Source: Compiled by Cornell Cooperative Extension using data from Tompkins County Assessment, Tompkins County Planning, and NYS Certified Agricultural District surveys*

#### FARMS

##### Number of farms:

- Approximately 40 farms receive agricultural assessment, nine of which are based outside of the town in bordering communities

- Numerous small farms (produce, equine, beef and other livestock) are located in Enfield, but are not large enough nor earn enough farm income to qualify for agricultural assessment
- Genex Breeders, a cattle genetics firm, is partially located in the Town, but does not receive agricultural assessment

##### Total acres of farmland:

- 10,658.74 acres (about 45 percent of the town)
- Owned acres: 4144.25 receiving agricultural assessment
- Rented acres: 5895.58 receiving agricultural assessment
- 618.91 Genex acres

##### Average size of farm:

- Enfield farms range from 20 acres to over 1000 acres.
- Because town and county boundaries are artificial constructs, and many farms cross these boundaries. For example, several farms that own land in the town are based outside of the town; their 300 acres in the town could be part of a 1000 acre farm.

### **Cropped acres:**

- There were 2700 acres of farm-associate woodlands in 2013 and remained nearly unchanged.

### **CROPS**

#### **Traditional crops:**

- Most of the farmland in Enfield is used to grow crops, by crop farmers as well as dairy farmers.
- Farmers generally grow hay, soybeans, and corn in rotation. Much of the hay and corn production stays local or regional and is used by dairy and beef farms (all three crops) and other livestock such as horses, sheep, goats, and alpaca (hay).
- Soybeans, and some corn, are also sold on the international market, travelling by tractor trailer and train to the ports in New York and Michigan. At least one farmer in Enfield has a grain roaster, increasing the value of and demand for his harvest.
- Small grains (oats, rye, triticale, etc.) are also grown in different acreage quantities from year to year.

#### **Emerging grains (hops or others):**

- One of the owners of Farmer Ground Flour (located in the Town of Enfield), rents approximately 540 of his 1200 acres for grain production in Enfield. The mill also works with nine associate farms to raise grain for the mill, one of which is in Enfield (two others are nearby – one each in Trumansburg and Ovid). The mill produces 13 types of flour and has close to 150 outlets over six states, and if the mill continues to grow there may be additional production opportunities for interested farmers.

*“I support small to moderate scale, traditional as well as new economy (e.g., organic) agriculture in Enfield.”*

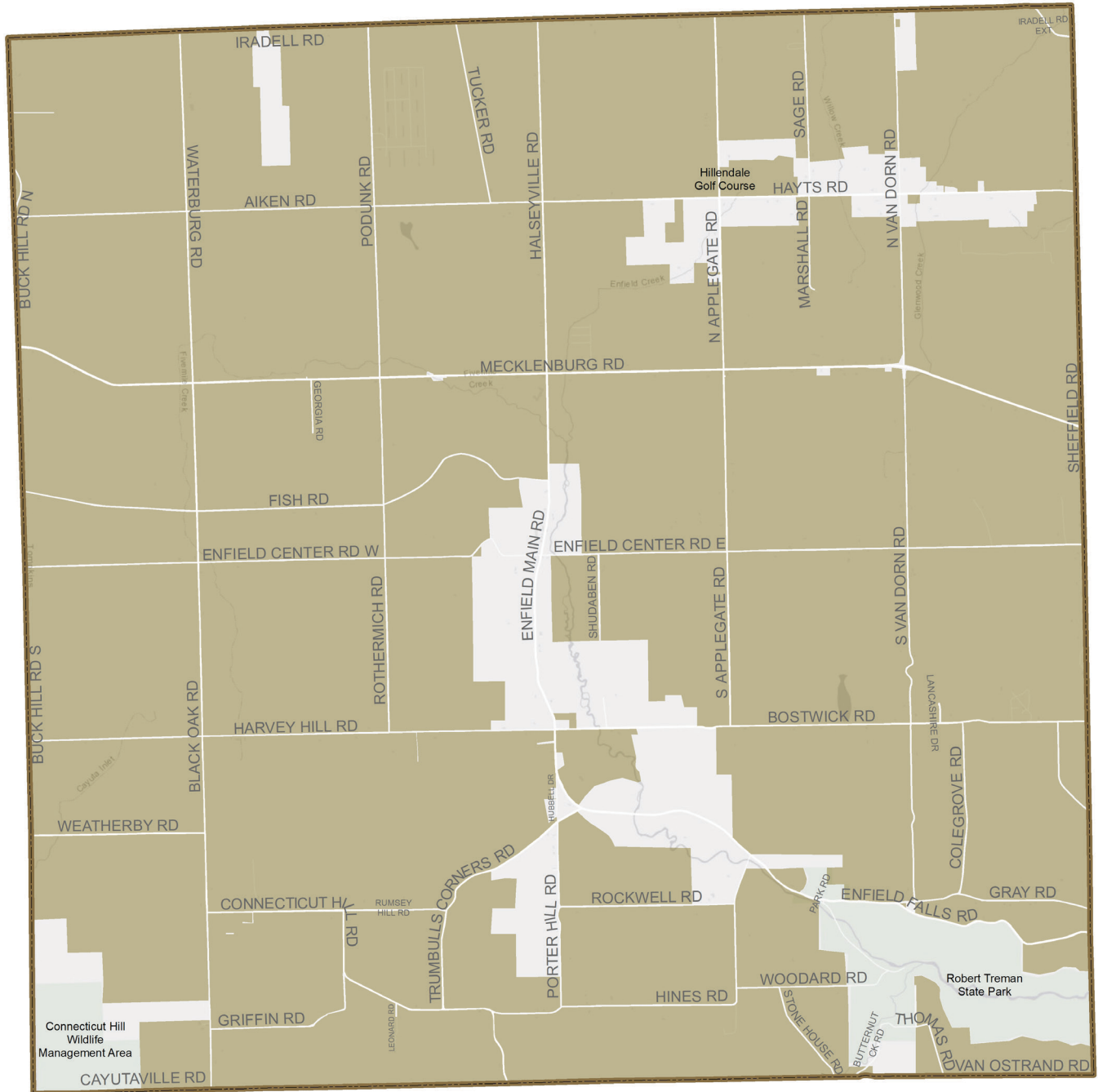
2013 Resident Survey



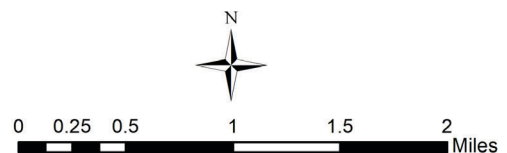
- There is some experimentation with hops in Enfield, although the extensive infrastructure required and the unknown demand for the crop has kept farm investment low.
- Hemp cultivation may be on the horizon, for Enfield as well as state-wide, as the current governor has authorized NYS Ag and Markets to prioritize getting the needed research done and getting farms into production. The governor is aware of the need for processing infrastructure to handle production, and until these are in place scaling up of production is not expected.

## MAP 2 - AGRICULTURE PARCELS

### Town of Enfield Agricultural District



- Agricultural District 2012
- Town of Enfield Municipal Boundary



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## ADVANTAGES OF THE TOWN'S AGRICULTURAL BASE

- Farmers and their business activities can promote land stewardship, maintaining the natural beauty of the rural countryside. Farmlands established through contour farming, no-till, grain-drill and other conservation cultivation practices provide vegetative buffer zones, hedgerows, wetlands, pasture and grasslands; improving watershed and reducing stormwater runoff. Many Enfield farmers have worked with the County Soil and Water Conservation District to establish Best Management Practices (BMP's) including replacement and/or installation of approximately four miles of livestock fence as well as buried water lines, frost free hydrants, wells in livestock pastures, pressure tanks, and watering tubs.
- Farmers ease the tax burden of non-farming landowners when their land is leased to viable farming operations. This relationship provides eligibility for agricultural assessment for the landowner.
- Farmers keep land viable and preserve natural capital for agricultural use both now and in the future.

## DISADVANTAGES OF THE TOWN'S AGRICULTURAL BASE

Despite the Town of Enfield's rich history and committed future, its agricultural community also faces several concerns.

- Large-scale farming operations contribute to low viability of smaller farming operations.
  - Small farms struggle to compete with the volume of large farm operations.
  - Large farming operations increase land holdings of higher quality soil areas
  - Containment and/or disposal of waste presents a risk to the environment
- Difficulty of maintaining farming operations.
  - Working and safety conditions of farm operations
  - Extreme weather events due to a changing climate
  - Regulations that favor other industries
  - Unpredictable economic conditions
- Impact of farming changes on community.
  - Less small farms often equates to less community support and connection
  - Resident farmers face challenges of continuing operations, as industrial sized farming operations dominate the market.
  - Studies show that as land holdings of independent farming operations become acquired by larger farming operations, less local spending and higher crime and poverty rates result. (NY State Comptroller 2010: Bet on the Farm: Farmland Protection as a Strategy for Economic Growth and Renewal)

# AGRICULTURE – GOALS AND ACTIONS



The following Goals and Actions are recommended based on the current conditions in the Town of Enfield as described above.

## GOAL

1. Support the Town's existing agricultural base

## ACTIONS

- 1a. Partner with the Enfield Grange and other local agricultural organizations to offer educational workshops and speakers on agricultural topics relevant to Town farmers and other residents
- 1b. Encourage the development of value-added agricultural enterprises that complement and build on traditional agricultural operations within the Town
- 1c. Ensure that Enfield is represented on County Advisory Boards such as the EMC (Environmental Management Committee) and WRC (Water Resources Council)
- 1d. Appoint a Town Agricultural Advisory Board to provide comment on local proceedings and trends that may impact agriculture
- 1e. Develop a resource whereby the Town can disseminate program information from agricultural agencies to Town farmers
- 1f. Provide annual training opportunities for Town Official(s) in NYS Agricultural District Law to ensure that the Town adheres to NYS Agricultural District Law
- 1g. Educate residents regarding the New York State Right to Farm Law, in particular as it pertains to Towns in designated NYS Agricultural Districts

## AGRICULTURE— GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

GOAL	ACTIONS
2. Cultivate an Agriculture-Friendly community	<p>2a. Educate the non-farming public about the realities of living in an agricultural community by encouraging farming relationships through community events and upon issuance of new building permits, provide copies of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The NYS Agricultural Districts Law</li><li>• The NYS Right-to-Farm Law</li><li>• Relevant documents such as Cornell Cooperative Extension's flyer Living in the Country</li></ul> <p>2b. Publish in the Town newsletter and on the Town web page seasonal reminders about typical farming activities, how to support them and how to stay safe</p> <p>2c. Apply for NYS grant funding to develop a Town Ag &amp; Protection Plan</p>
3. Encourage the consumption of locally produced agricultural goods	<p>3a. Facilitate the development of a local produce market or swap</p> <p>3b. Explore farm-to-school initiatives that can be implemented in the Enfield Elementary School</p> <p>3c. Create a list of active small farm businesses that sell their products on site or at local markets and retailers</p>
4. Foster the use of best management practices for all forms of agriculture	<p>4a. Encourage agriculturalists to utilize the educational resources available from local universities, Cooperative Extension, government agencies, and agricultural professionals</p>



## AGRICULTURE – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

### GOAL

5. Establish an Enfield  
Agricultural Community

### ACTIONS

- 5a. Foster positive interactions among all agriculturalists:
- Create new social media sites to build community interest
  - Promote the existing Enfield Agriculture Facebook page
  - Add resources to the Town of Enfield website
  - Utilize a Town-wide Email list
  - Encourage membership to the Enfield Grange and other relevant local agricultural organizations

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## SECTION 4 – LAND USE



### 2050 VISION

The Town of Enfield is a community residents are proud to call "home". We are a regional leader in environmental preservation, agriculture, and safe and compatible renewable energy development.

Enfield values its farmland and the infrastructure that supports it, recognizing that an agricultural base provides for the rural landscape we so enjoy. Preserving prime farmland is a priority for the town.

Residential renewable energy installations, as well as conservation efforts, show a conscious effort to protect our environmental and resources in the present and for future generations. Commercial renewable energy development is managed to provide a balance between energy needs that safeguard our environment and respect for our rural agriculturally productive landscape.

The Town of Enfield offers opportunities for affordable housing and commercial economic development respective of our rural character and natural beauty, while protecting the property rights of landowners.

The town has adequate resources and infrastructure to support our thriving community. Enfield continues to provide a safe and beautiful environment in which to live and do business. Residents actively work to advance common values and goals to preserve our rural landscape for generations present and future to live with.

### INTRODUCTION

The Town of Enfield is committed to maintaining its rural landscape by ensuring that existing and potential development enhances the safety and quality of life of our residents. Enfield residents wish to maintain a balance between the land entitlements of individual property owners and the goals of the community at-large. The Town aims to provide adequate public services, practice good planning principles, and ensure that growth is thoughtfully incorporated into the existing Enfield community as to enhance a variety of land uses.

The Land Use section reflects a commitment to all aspects of this Plan, informing us as to how our use of the land and what is built therein in the Town of Enfield supports the goals and actions of each section. The Comprehensive Plan serves as a tool for policymakers, citizens, and developers.

This section will serve to inform interested parties of the intentions for development and growth presently and with forward vision.

The Town of Enfield is comprised of 36.9 square miles in Tompkins County, New York. It also includes the unincorporated hamlet of Enfield Center. This is a small residential area in which the Town Hall, Highway Department storage facility, Community Building/Town Court, Grange Hall, Volunteer Fire Company, and existing and former church buildings are located.

In addition to a growing number of single-family homes, farms constitute a large percentage of the land use in the Town of Enfield. Most of the acreage is part of a protected Agricultural District. Enfield is also home to several recreational parks and preserves.

Several large-scale solar PV operations have been constructed by Renovus Solar and Delaware River Solar in the Town of Enfield since 2016.

## NUMBER OF PARCELS BY LAND USE TYPE (PROPERTY CLASS)

TOTAL PARCELS = 1,725

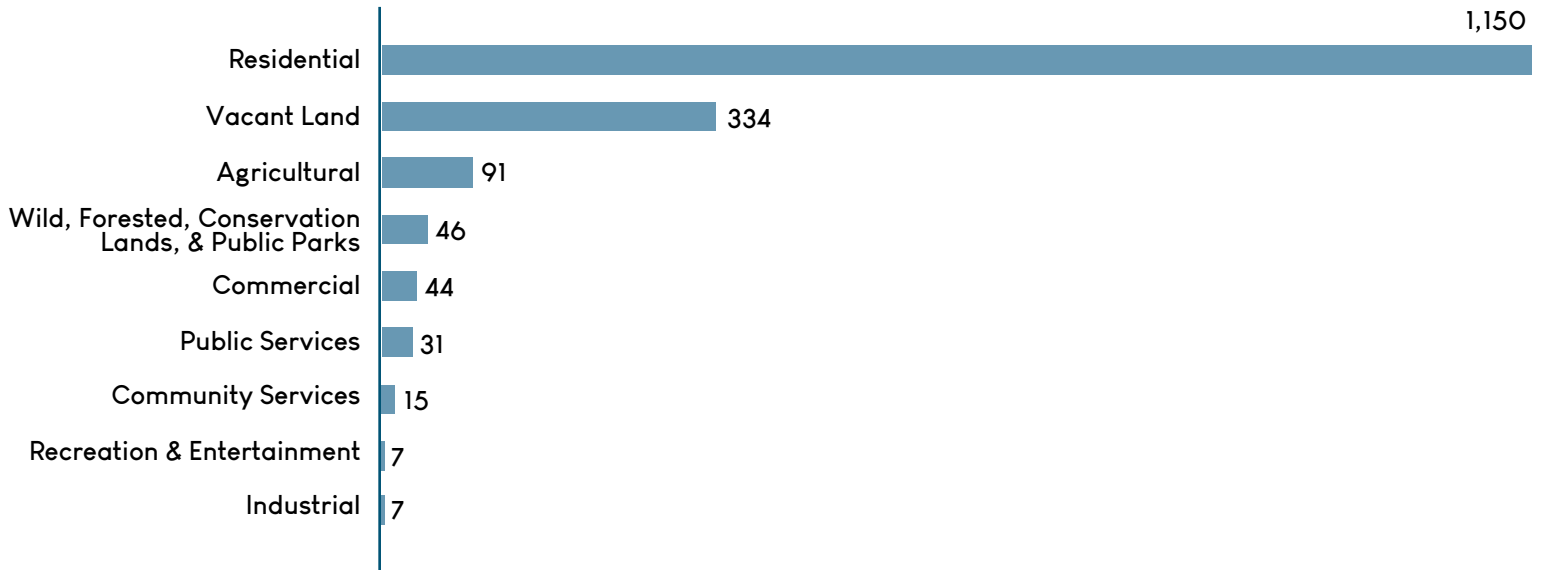


Figure 14 – Land use by type, 2018

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LOCAL LAWS

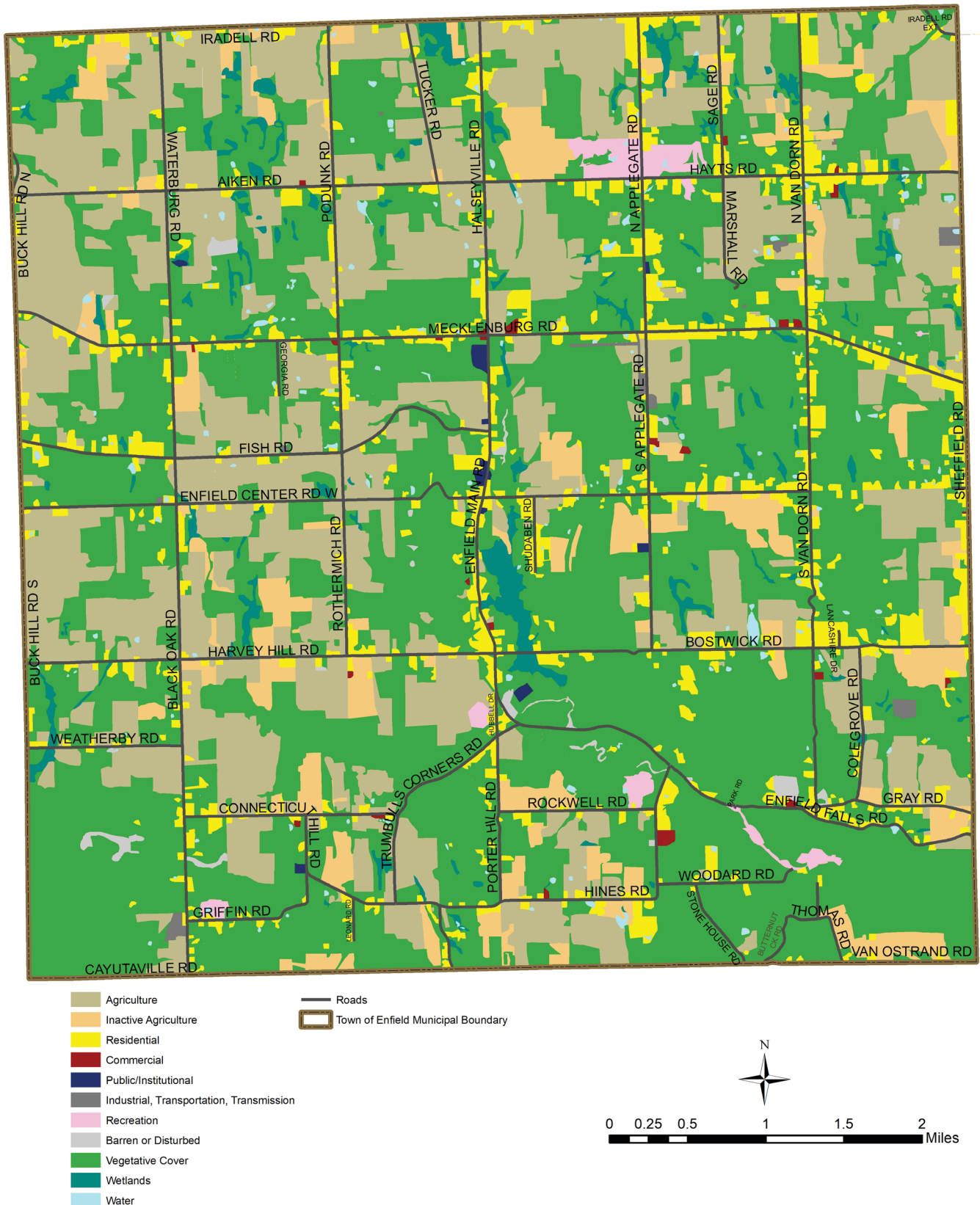
Article 16 of the NY State Town Law states that the purpose of a comprehensive plan is to establish a consensus about a community's future, prepare it for future demographic and economic changes, protect its natural and agricultural resources, and provide direction to the Town and other governmental agencies in the consideration and enactment of future land use policies and regulations. According to the State, enabling statutes and land use regulations must be in accordance with a comprehensive plan. NY State also recommends that municipalities review their Comprehensive Plans every five years to assure their continuing vision and alignment with Town activities.

The Town has enacted four significant laws regarding Land Use since the 2001 Comprehensive Plan. Municipalities may review and update existing laws at regular intervals, and develop new ordinances in accordance with current understanding of impacts to health, safety, welfare and property of the residents of the municipality.

Local Law #1 of 2009, "Wind Energy Facilities Local Law", regulates commercial wind-powered electricity generation facilities as well as the installation of small wind generators for homeowners. Changes to the Wind Energy Facilities Local Law have been proposed, as the current law is being improved for the safety of residents and the environment through the creation of a Renewable Energy Advisory Committee, charged with assessing our renewable energy development regulations.

Local Law # 2 of 2012, "Site Plan Review", protects the value of land throughout the Town; encourages orderly and sensible development of land and its uses; prevents the pollution of air and water; assures the adequacy of proper water management with regard to drainage and runoff; provides for the preservation of open spaces; abates and mitigates nuisances; encourages the preservation of natural features, topography, and resources; and generally protects the health, safety and public welfare of the residents of the Town. This Local Law ultimately promotes conservation, preservation, and guides development in the Town, while also helping to prevent and mitigate certain unwanted

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and deleterious impacts that may arise from the unregulated development of land for certain allowed uses.

Local Law No. 1 of 2013, the "Prohibition Within the Town of Gas And Petroleum Exploration And Extraction Activities, Underground Storage Of Natural Gas, and Disposal Of Natural Gas Or Petroleum Extraction, Exploration, And Production Wastes" is the culmination of a two year effort by an engaged Enfield community to show that heavy industry of this type is not compatible with the preservation of Enfield's rural character.

Local Law No. 1 of 2017, Moratorium on Commercial Wind and Solar Energy Facilities, was passed for one year in response to proposals for an industrial wind farm and several solar operations. Residents asked the Town of Enfield to evaluate the impact of these changing technologies. A Renewable Energy Advisory Committee was developed to make recommendations on guidelines for solar and wind development and this timeframe would allow for the completion of the Comprehensive Plan update, development of commercial solar oversight, and a review of the Wind Facilities Law.

These four laws demonstrate leadership that ensures the residents of the Town of Enfield are both invested in and benefit from the ongoing preservation of the natural resources, land security, rural history, and future of their community.

The Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan states the following: "When we think of places we have visited or lived, some stand out as models of natural beauty and human comfort, supported by thriving local economies. These communities do not grow by accident or without public debate and agreed-upon guidelines. Collaborative planning processes and comprehensive plans are the building blocks of such great communities."

One of the goals of the Enfield Comprehensive Plan is to guide the uses of land by employing planning techniques and practices that encourage responsible growth and respects the

beauty and comfort that residents of Enfield have always enjoyed.

## COMMUNITY PLANNING IN CONTEXT

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According to the Comprehensive Plan Survey (results in appendix), Town residents most appreciate Enfield's open spaces. Land use planning and activity must reflect the desires of the community to maintain these characteristics and safeguard the way of life enjoyed by those who live here.

Agricultural endeavors have been the foundation of economic sustainability for much of Enfield, as approximately 10,000 acres are farmed, representing over 40% of the acreage in the town. It is important to this community to create a friendly environment for sustaining existing, and inviting new, agricultural projects to the Town. Responsible agricultural practices contribute significantly in cultivating the rural character residents appreciate.

Through the Enfield Community Survey of 2013, residents registered concerns about agricultural practices that would diminish Enfield's ability to sustain farming as a viable economic endeavor for generations to come. Among those mentioned are large-scale industrial farming practices and CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) that are not compatible with sustainable preservation of and may threaten land and water resources.

Land uses that preserve and protect land and water resources are important to the residents of Enfield and encouraged in the Town. Climate predictions and economic challenges make this community mindful of the future need for more locally sourced food and renewable energy opportunities. The Enfield community has demonstrated a commitment to reducing the use of fossil fuels and exploring renewable and energy efficient development that is compatible with the rural landscape central to the Town's identity.



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Nearly 70 solar permits have been issued in Enfield since 2014, the bulk of which were installed during years when Tompkins County was participating in cooperative initiatives that incentivized solar installations, such as Solar Tompkins. Residents can, and many are, now taking advantage of community solar and commercial solar opportunities for meeting their energy needs that don't require installing solar arrays on their properties and therefore saving both cost of equipment and having to alter their land or homes with the required infrastructure.

A lack of telecommunication systems in Enfield has historically challenged the Town's efforts to engage and educate residents. However, with new communication technologies reaching more homes in Enfield, informing residents and keeping them connected with municipal programming has improved participation and awareness of local issues. Continuing this trend of engaging our citizenry is a primary goal of the Town as connective technologies and the infrastructure that is necessary for their implementation continues to support and improve Town services.

Through time, residents have struggled to help actively plan for the future of the Town and how it takes shape. This update of our comprehensive plan and local laws now in place are a strong start that we hope will reverse that trend and encourage greater access to and engagement in the planning process that protects and simultaneously enhances our municipality. Having a defined community vision and menu of planning tools will aid the Town in involving residents to participate in decisions involving community development, and spur civic participation that advances the Town's best interests for quality of life.

# LAND USE – GOALS AND ACTIONS



The following Goals and Actions are recommended based on the current conditions in the Town of Enfield as described above.

## GOAL

## ACTIONS

### 1. Respect Enfield's Rural Character

- 1a. Encourage homesteading and farming
- 1b. Limit high-density of development
- 1c. Develop, define, and preserve the Town Center
- 1d. Preserve and provide private and public open spaces by protecting environmentally sensitive areas and scenic vistas, and promoting agricultural and forrestal lands
- 1e. Clearly articulate and communicate the Town's future land use goals, development standards and requirements to the development community and the general public
- 1f. Scrutinize industrial land uses before approval
- 1g. Actively support residents in housing upkeep and maintenance

### 2. Maintain a balance between property rights of individual landowners and the community at large

- 2a. Encourage developers to work with surrounding property owners and tenants to resolve community concerns prior to formalizing development plans
- 2b. Provide oversight for noise, light, and other pollutants produced by land uses to minimize impacts on nearby properties
- 2c. Educate residents about property rights, responsible land use practices, and encourage community input
- 2d. Provide opportunities for concerns to be expressed without legal actions

### 3. Provide adequate public services

- 3a. Protect the integrity and quality of water resources in the Town
- 3b. Support communication--cellular, cable, Internet--access
- 3c. Develop and enforce a road preservation law to establish limitations of our local town roads in order to protect them (Exempted could be agricultural operations, school buses, law enforcement, fire-fighting equipment, military vehicles, and municipal vehicles engaged in road work)

## LAND USE – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

### GOAL

4. Utilize good land development planning principles

### ACTIONS

- 4a. Update and implement responsible subdivision, site design and development oversight to minimize environmental impacts within the Town. Residential, commercial, industrial, or agricultural development or redevelopment should meet or exceed federal, state, or local regulations to minimize impacts of soil erosion, storm water run-off, and pollution
- 4b. Explore programs to encourage energy efficient residential and commercial buildings
- 4c. Have municipal boards use detailed Town map and land-use data to make informed decisions relative to the concerns in this Comprehensive Plan
- 4d. Ensure growth is thoughtfully incorporated into the existing community establishing a priority growth area that supports a Town Center vision
- 4e. Consider the compatibility of development with surrounding uses. Utilize strategies such as landscaping or other buffering techniques along with modification of site design to minimize impacts and facilitate compatibility
- 4f. Update Site-Plan Review Law and subdivision regulations, as necessary, to address future community needs

5. Preserve and support the agricultural resources of the town

- 5a. Inventory vacant land and tax parcels to identify potential sites for future local food production and other agricultural community uses
- 5b. Promote environmentally and economically sustainable agriculture through which the industry of farming is protected, agricultural soils are conserved, and agriculture is maintained as an economically viable land use for this and future generations in the Town of Enfield

# LAND USE – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

GOAL	ACTIONS
6. Encourage land uses that follow sustainability principles	<div>6a. Encourage renewable energy that is compatible with the Enfield community's stated goals and concerns</div> <div>6b. Encourage energy efficiency and conservation</div> <div>6c. Create buffer zones to control air, soil, and water quality</div> <div>6d. Encourage land preservation techniques among the agricultural community</div> <div>6e. Maintain the ban on gas drilling activities</div>

# SECTION 5 – ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES



## 2050 VISION

The Town of Enfield meets the commitments of today without compromising the needs of future generations. Enfield respects and manages its natural resources in a way that is sustainable for the natural environment and protects our rural, scenic beauty.

Enfield continually educates and informs residents regarding the protection of natural resources and environmental concerns and opportunities.

Enfield strives for safe, clean energy opportunities and reduction in energy use to preserve and protect our resources.

Enfield is well prepared to manage its resources in the event of infrastructure and population growth, natural disaster, and environmental preservation.

## INTRODUCTION

As a rural, primarily agricultural town in the popular, tourism-rich Finger Lakes region of New York State, natural beauty is a key feature of what makes Enfield an appealing location to live. Abundant clean water, protected forests, gorges and waterfalls are cherished resources of the Town.

Enfield is committed to the conservation and preservation of our water, air, land, and other natural resources for sustainable use by generations to come.

## HYDROLOGICAL RESOURCES

Most of the town lies within the Cayuga Lake watershed and Great Lakes Basin. The Southwestern corner lies within the Cayuta Creek watershed and Susquehanna River Basin. The St. Lawrence Continental Divide crosses through Enfield to create these watersheds. Designated protected wetlands make up 56 acres of the town.

Enfield has engaged with the USGS to study the aquifer underlying Enfield Creek, which consists of both confined and unconfined sand and gravel aquifers. The rest of the town is made up of till

and/or bedrock aquifers. No municipal water system exists in Enfield and all residents obtain their drinking water from private wells or springs.

Enfield is the only town in Tompkins County that has not identified 100-year floodplains for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which is used to establish flood insurance premiums.

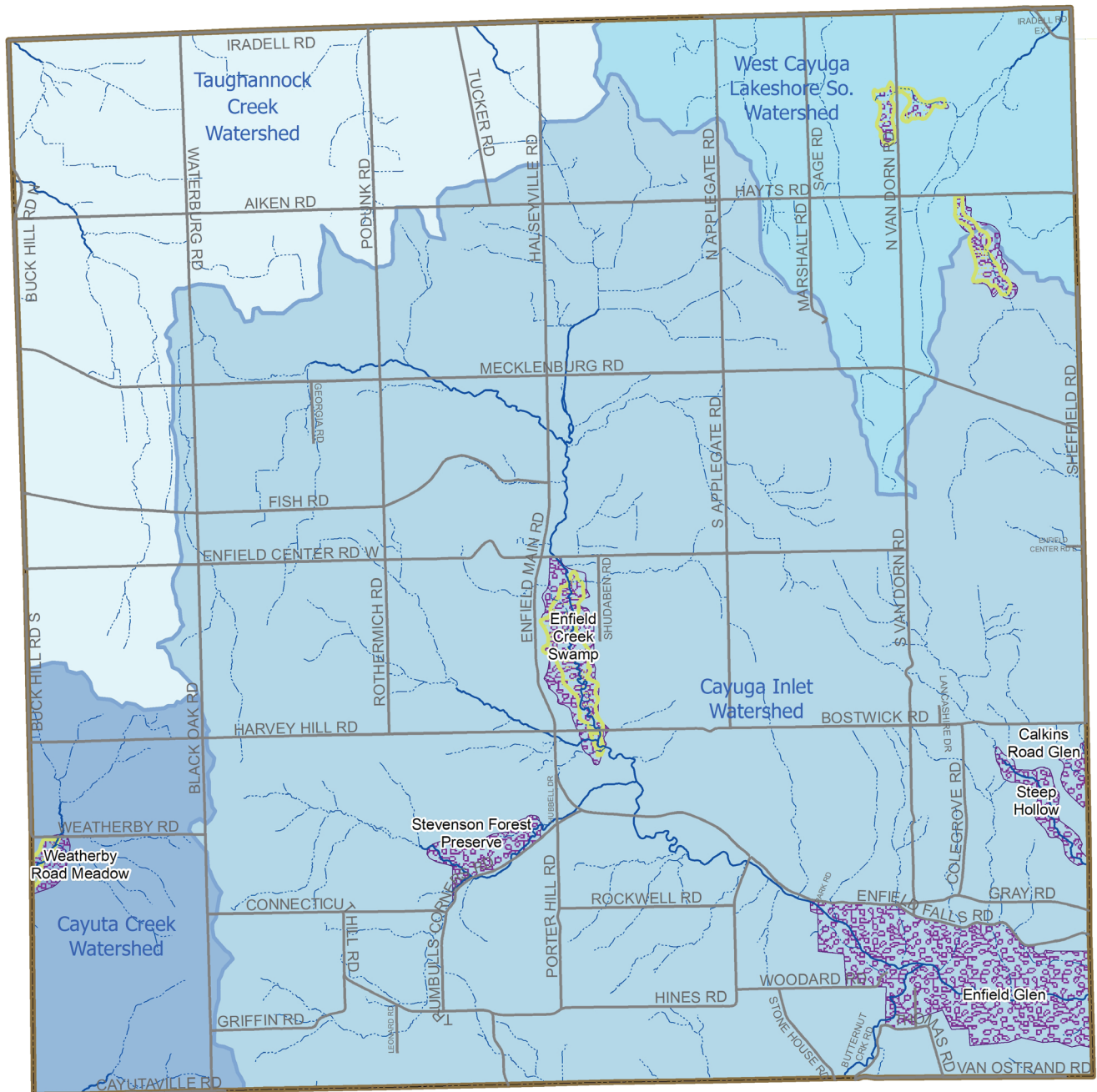
The landform of the Finger Lakes Region in which Enfield lies is a result of the most recent ice age approximately 200 million years ago. Retreating glaciers carved deep gorges and the Finger Lakes, leaving steep hills and valleys throughout southern Tompkins County. Deposits of sedimentary rocks (shale, siltstone, and limestone) make up the bedrock geology of the town. Closer to the surface, deposits of kame, till and till moraine make up the surficial geology.

*“I like that it’s quiet and beautiful, the water is pure and the air clean. I love growing my garden and walking in the woods, seeing the wildlife, flowers and trees.”*

2013 Resident Survey

## MAP 4 - WATERSHEDS, WETLANDS, AND UNIQUE NATURAL AREAS

### Town of Enfield Watersheds, Wetlands and Unique Natural Areas



#### Hydrology

- Intermittent Streams
- Perennial Streams
- NYSDEC Freshwater Wetlands
- Tompkins County Unique Natural Areas\*

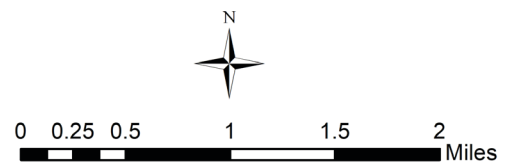
#### Roads

\*Tompkins County Environmental Management Council  
Unique Natural Area Inventory 2018 edition

#### Watersheds

- Cayuga Inlet
- Cayuta Creek
- Taughannock Creek
- West Cayuga Lakeshore So.

Town of Enfield Municipal Boundary





Enfield is home to magnificent natural beauty, most prominently, Enfield Creek as it runs through the Robert H. Treman New York State Park, including the well-known Lucifer Falls. There are 9 Unique Natural Areas (UNAs) in the Town, totaling 923 acres. The Tompkins County Environmental Management Council defines Unique Natural Areas as "an area of outstanding environmental qualities that deserves special attention for preservation in its natural state. UNAs have locally rare plants, animals, or interesting assemblages of plants and animals that are locally uncommon."

The Finger Lakes Land Trust holds conservation easements on two properties totaling 167 acres. The Stevenson Forest Preserve, at 83 acres, and the Lower Nature Preserve, are both open to the public. 786.84 acres of Robert H. Treman New York State Park and a small portion 186.7 acres of the New York State Connecticut Hill Wildlife Management Area lie within the town, and provide recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

The Bock-Harvey Forest Preserve was once part of the military tracts owned by the Harvey family, who settled in southwestern Enfield in 1807. For over 200 years, descendants of Harveys worked the farmland and preserved the family's woodlands. Six generations hence,



the Bock family donated 48 acres to a partnership of the Finger Lakes Trail Conference (FLTC), the Finger Lakes Land Trust (FLLT), and the Cayuga Trails Club (CTC). Crossed by the Finger Lakes Trail, the Bock-Harvey Forest Preserve features a lean-to campsite, views of the Enfield valley, and a walking loop

through 12 acres of old-growth maples estimated to have stood there for 250–400 years. Foresters say this may be the finest virgin maple forest in the state.

The Connecticut Hill Wildlife Management Area is also considered an "Important Bird Area" by the National Audubon Society.

There are 856 acres of nationally or federally designated wetland within the Town. The Robert H. Treman Park attracts thousands of visitors each year, however, residents of Enfield may find the parking fee prohibitive and explore other natural areas instead.



## ENERGY RESOURCES

Enfield holds potential for the production of energy resources and wishes to be careful and deliberate about how these resources are utilized and managed. Decisions regarding energy production, such as the Black Oak Wind Farm and Oil/Gas Ban have taken place with widespread citizen engagement, indicating the importance of energy resource development as well as safety and quality of life for Enfield residents.

Natural gas resources are present in the Town and historically have been exploited by drilling wells. Since the passage of "Local Law No. 1 of 2013 to affect a Prohibition within The town of Natural Gas And Petroleum Exploration And Extraction Activities, Underground Storage Of Natural Gas, And Disposal Of Natural Gas Or Petroleum Extraction, Exploration, And Production Wastes" was passed on June 12, 2013, natural gas drilling activities and exploration ceased permanently.

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Renewable energy resources offer great potential for development in Enfield, including solar, wind, geothermal, micro-hydropower and bioenergy. The town wishes to support residents and businesses in developing renewable energy systems safely at the home and commercial scale.

Solar energy is increasingly affordable and incentives via local entities such as Solar Tompkins and local solar installer programs, as well as NYS tax subsidies, have resulted in a significant increase of solar installations in the Town of Enfield.

In January 2016, New York State's first residential solar facility with separate remote net-metering and a capacity of 190 kilowatts (kW) went online in The Town of Enfield, serving 23 residential customers. Construction of a second facility with an additional capacity of 290 kW serving 30 customers was completed in 2017. Renovus Solar, a local company headquartered in neighboring Town of Ulysses, NY constructed the projects, and Delaware River Solar completed a 2 mega-watt solar facility in 2019. Recognizing the need to reduce energy costs and reliance on fossil fuels, the Enfield Town Board engaged with NYSERDA in their Clean Energy Communities program and received a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 to complete a solar array approximately 24kW in size and capable of providing nearly 30,000 kW per year. It is forecast to save the Town approximately \$70,000.00 in utility cost over 20 years, as well as offset 8.5 million metric tons (MMT) of greenhouse gas emissions. Through this initiative, the Town is demonstrating its present and future commitment to actively conserving energy and utilizing renewable energy resources.

Ongoing innovations in bio-energy and bio-products research will provide future opportunities for grasses and other perennial plants to be grown for fuel. The amount of vacant agricultural land within the town offers promising potential renewable energy development and potential for gains in energy efficiency.

Further, Black Oak Wind Farm LLC proposed

a 7-turbine, 11.9 megawatt wind farm on approximately 33 acres on Black Oak Road. The project is no longer viable as of 2017. This proposal raised many concerns over the compatibility of such heavy industry in the Town of Enfield with regard to setbacks and health and safety concerns.

Finally, three commercial solar developments were permitted over a two-year period, raising questions about the impact of this changing technology on the town.

In June of 2017, Local Law #1, Moratorium on Commercial Wind and Solar Energy Facilities, was enacted to evaluate how best to incorporate renewable energy developments in the Town.

# ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – GOALS AND ACTIONS



The following Goals and Actions are recommended based on the current conditions in the Town of Enfield as described above.

## GOAL

1. Protect land, air, soil, and water resources within the Town through environmental planning and coordination with review and oversight of development activity

## ACTIONS

- 1a. Discourage commercial activities which threaten environmental health, such as oil and gas extraction, associated containment, storage or transfer, and other heavy industries
- 1b. Uphold municipal protections, and add new statutes as it becomes necessary to protect the health, safety, and public welfare
- 1c. Support community organizing efforts that support the protection of natural resources and development of renewable energy and reduction of energy use, such as Solar Tompkins' HeatSmart campaign and the Button-Up Enfield program
- 1d. Engage residents in public visioning and or information sessions to collect input when considering new development
- 1e. Support land conservation through easements with Finger Lakes Land Trust and similar organizations
- 1f. Utilize information generated by the USGS aquifer study to identify the location, quality and quantity of groundwater resources

## ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

GOAL	ACTIONS
2. Protect land, air, soil, and water resources within the town through education and outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2a. Promote environmental education opportunities offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension, Groundswell, and other resources</li><li>2b. Encourage community organizing efforts that support the protection of natural resources and development of renewable energy, such as Solar Tompkins and Cornell Cooperative Extension</li><li>2c. Encourage and educate the community regarding ways to limit the use of fossil fuels and promote the use of renewable energy</li><li>2d. Protect the quality of surface and groundwater resources against degradation, through actions such as formalizing stream corridor protections, supporting the documentation of water quality through volunteer water monitoring partnerships with the Community Science Institute, and encouraging practices that reduce erosion and sedimentation of water bodies, including agricultural practices</li><li>2e. Engage youth through environmental education and employment opportunities</li><li>2f. Increase awareness of household hazardous waste and recycling opportunities</li><li>2g. Increase education and outreach for energy conservation initiatives</li></ul>

## ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

GOAL	ACTIONS
3. Protect land, air, soil, and water resources within the Town through preservation and conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3a. Preserve the quality of surface and ground-water in order to protect against environmental degradation</li><li>3b. Encourage all practices which minimize contamination of the environment</li><li>3c. Encourage all practices which safeguard waterways from excessive erosion and sedimentation</li><li>3d. Decrease drainage of organic and inorganic contaminants into Cayuga Lake and wetlands</li><li>3e. Use data from the USGS aquifer study to determine the quality and quantity of water in Enfield and appropriate measures for preserving the aquifer</li><li>3f. Consider protections recommended for Unique Natural Areas (UNAs) as identified by the Tompkins County Planning Department</li><li>3g. Research and identify other possible UNAs and Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs) for official designation</li><li>3h. Identify and promote state and local programs and opportunities for home and commercial energy efficiency and conservation</li><li>3i. Explore participation in the National Flood insurance Program (NFIP) to mitigate and reduce the impact of flooding on private and public structures within the Town</li></ul>

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# SECTION 6 – BUILT ENVIRONMENT: PUBLIC UTILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TRANSPORTATION

## 2050 VISION

The Town of Enfield enjoys accessible roads, and safe and economical transportation options that meet the needs of residents and others who travel through it, regardless of their method of transportation. Solutions that reduce the need for automobiles, save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions are encouraged.

Residents and businesses have access to modern communications systems necessary to be competitive in today's education and economic environment, be it in the Town or across local borders.

Enfield has a clear understanding of its resources and the potential for growth of infrastructure such as water, wastewater, solid waste, roads, telecommunications and energy needs.

## INTRODUCTION

The major transportation routes through the town are NY State Route 79 (Mecklenburg Road) and NY State Route 327 (Enfield Falls/Enfield Main Road). There are 12 center-line miles of State road and 24.7 center line miles of County road in Enfield. The 44.45 center-line miles (86.2 lane miles) of Town road are laid out in a grid pattern, reflecting the agricultural history of the community. The Enfield Highway Department is responsible for all maintenance of Town roads.

Transportation by residents of the Town is mainly achieved by automobile. However, more and more residents find that public transportation as well as bicycling and walking are becoming attractive options for getting around. Residents are concerned with the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists and look forward to improvements to the environment and additional infrastructure that will make these options safer, easily accessible, more popular, and connected to more destinations.

The Town of Enfield is clear that it values its rural character and natural resources; it does not welcome heavy industry. Nevertheless, it is important for Enfield to implement a Road Use agreement law to protect itself from the

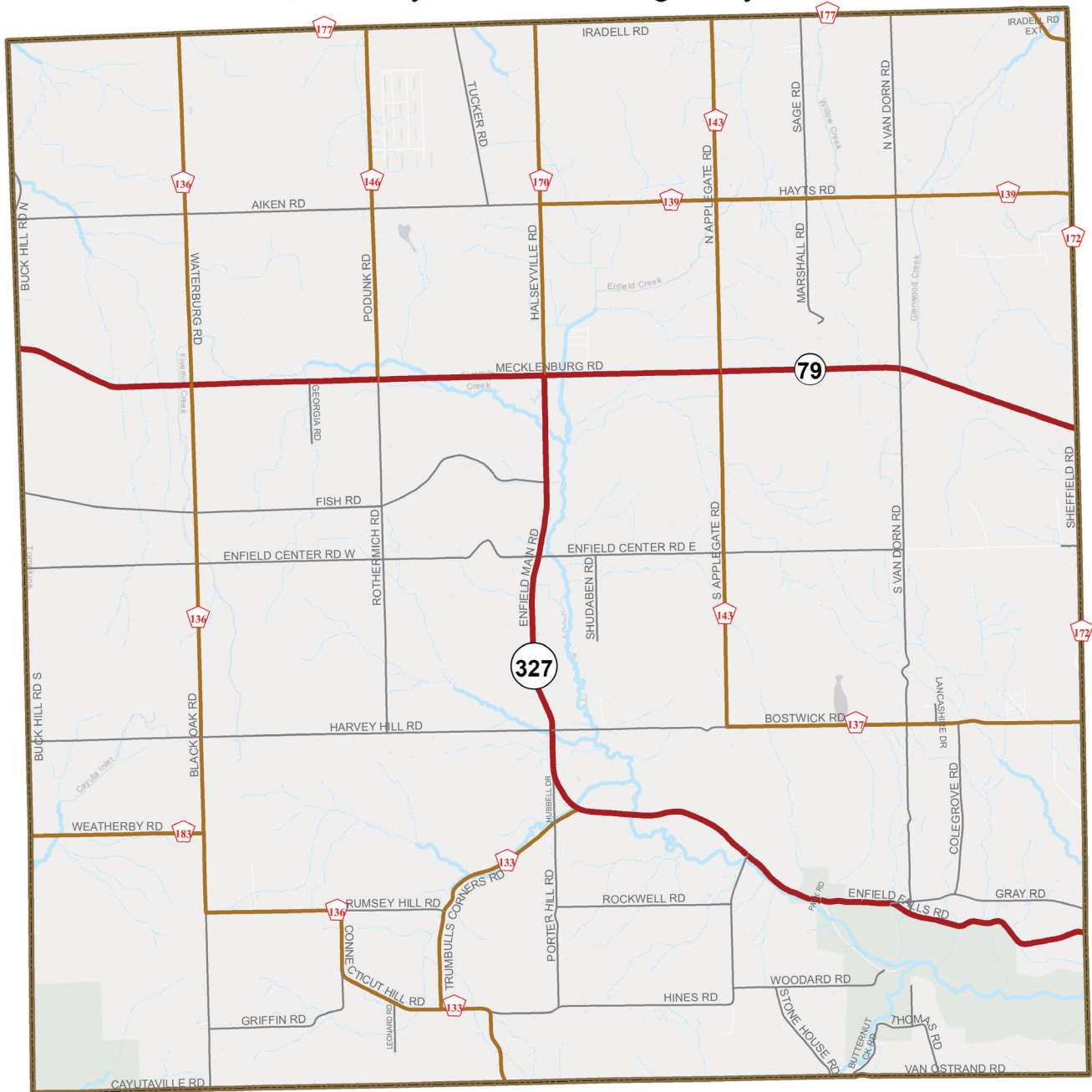
potential of high road repair costs incurred by heavy industrial traffic beyond that for which our roads were built. Such an agreement establishes the amount of compensation and/or repair/reconstruction for which the company causing the damage would be responsible. Heavy industrial use, such as the installation of a commercial renewable energy facility, is one example of additional use of Enfield's roads that would cause such wear. Understanding these challenges and mitigation techniques is imperative to maintaining our roadway infrastructure and keeping our residents safe.

*"We need a sustainable model of development that includes improved Internet access (and) improved public transportation access."*

2013 Resident Survey

## MAP 5 - STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL HIGHWAY ROUTES

### Town of Enfield State, County and Local Highway Routes



- State Highways
- County Roads
- Local Roads
- Town of Enfield Municipal Boundary



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## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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In 2016, the Town of Enfield and TCAT implemented a Park and Ride location on Enfield Main Road, across from the Town Hall, providing residents with an accessible place to park and take public transportation to and from the City of Ithaca as well as a direct route from Enfield to Cayuga Medical Center, with connection to Watkins Glen, Montour Falls and Schuyler Hospital (via Schuyler County Transit). An additional bus stop is provided at the Town of Enfield Highway facility, but without parking. More of these pick-up/drop-off locations are desired by the community.

## COMMUNICATION

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Another hindrance to the Town of Enfield's growth is deficient communication services. Cell phone service both in the center of town as well as in outlying areas is deficient or non-existent. High-speed internet is not available in sections of Enfield. This inhibits the ability of businesses to compete. Lack of adequate communication infrastructure has a negative impact on residents seeking education, employment, or other services, which now heavily rely upon internet connectivity. Low quality internet service makes formal distance learning and self-education nearly impossible. Enfield government and community services communicate important information to residents using online methods and aim to improve connectivity to benefit operations and social, community-based interaction alike.

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## WATER AND SEWER

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The Town of Enfield does not have municipal water or sewer services. Because of the low density of homes and businesses, it would be difficult and costly to provide such services town-wide. However, the lack of municipal water and sewer may be an impediment to economic development as some businesses may find well-water unsuitable, or septic costs prohibitive.

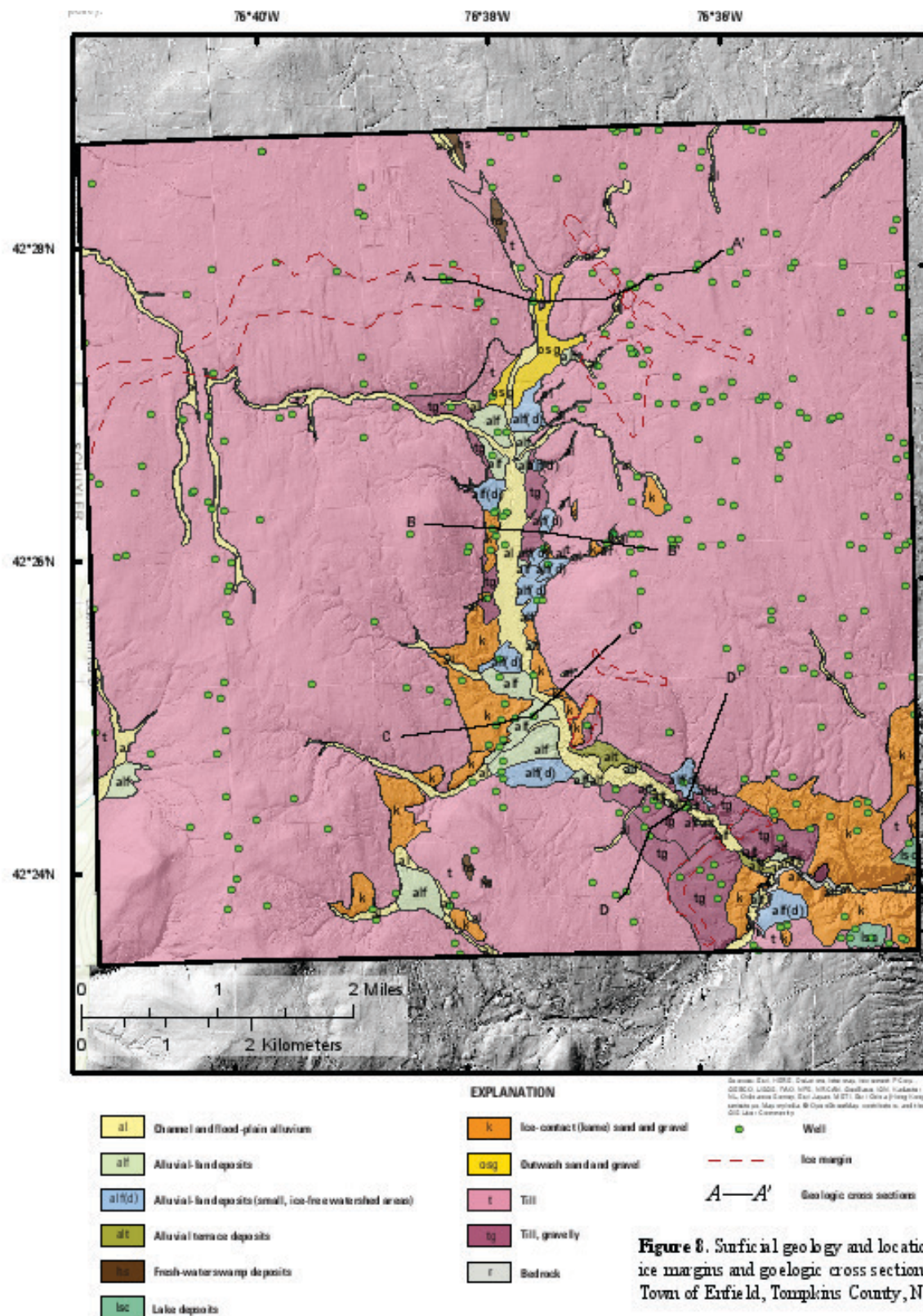
Enfield contracted with the USGS (United States Geologic Survey) to complete an Aquifer study. Four pairs of wells (eight total) were drilled along the Enfield Valley aquifer. Each pair consisted of a shallow (12 – 60 feet) and a deep (61 – 143 foot) well. Wells were monitored for water depth and temperature over a multi-year period. Wells were sampled and tested for inorganic nutrients and metals, some of which have drinking water quality standards, and many do not. In most cases, drinking water quality standards were met, where they exist. The exceedances were primarily found in two deep wells (TM1075) and (TM1077), although other wells also exceeded certain drinking water quality standards. The study also looked at surface water quality in Enfield Creek from five locations during a sampling event in September 2015.



*The Park & Ride location on Enfield Center Road allows commuters to park and take public transportation to multiple destinations throughout Tompkins County.*



## MAP 6 - TOWN OF ENFIELD AQUIFER MAP, 2015



# BUILT ENVIRONMENT: PUBLIC UTILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TRANSPORTATION – GOALS AND ACTIONS



The following Goals and Actions are recommended based on the current conditions in the Town of Enfield as described above.

GOAL	ACTIONS
1. Increase safety of Enfield residents and visitors traveling within the Town of Enfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1a. Determine dangerous areas for all traffic– automobile, pedestrian and cyclists– within the Town of Enfield and explore methods to mitigate these dangers</li><li>1b. Determine appropriate caution signage that will assist in making drivers aware of chronically dangerous road areas and conditions, as well as warnings about pedestrian and bicycle traffic</li><li>1c. Seek ways to improve roadside safety conditions to provide and encourage safe passage of pedestrian and bicycle traffic</li></ul>
2. Increase accessibility to public transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2a. Increase the connectivity and mobility of Enfield community members as well as the Town's accessibility to visitors</li><li>2b. Encourage the use of the Park and Ride locations and other transportation services that would best serve residents and engage TCAT and other regional transportation programs in implementing more options</li></ul>
3. Improve communication services in the Town of Enfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3a. Survey the Enfield community to map areas that lack sufficient cellular, internet, and cable services</li><li>3b. Using information obtained about local deficiencies in services, solicit service providers who can expand their offerings to the Enfield community</li><li>3c. Continue to seek technology grants and other funding that may be available to communities for economic growth and expansion, as well as opportunities for expanding communication technology services to the Town of Enfield</li><li>3d. Establish agreements with providers to the community that maximize benefits to the Town</li></ul>

## BUILT ENVIRONMENT: PUBLIC UTILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TRANSPORTATION – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

GOAL	ACTIONS
4. Improve understanding of, and protect water resources in the Town of Enfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4a. Define the water resources in the Town of Enfield with data obtained by the Aquifer Study in cooperation with Tompkins County and USGS</li><li>4b. Determine what protections are needed for the water resources entrusted to the Town by its residents</li><li>4c. Prepare Enfield for future growth by understanding the resources available and what protections may be necessary for future residential population increases, associated development and changes in water use</li></ul>
5. Prepare the Town of Enfield for the potential of heavy traffic changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5a. Assess the need for a Road Protection Law to guard the Town and residents from liabilities and dangers of these road uses</li><li>5b. Coordinate with other towns that have experienced these changes and learn what dangers and challenges they present</li><li>5c. Encourage training for Highway Department Superintendent and employees to address the changes that may occur in the event of heavy use of the roads in Enfield</li></ul>
6. Provide adequate equipment and services for road maintenance in order to keep town routes safe for travelers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>6a. Prepare and maintain a replacement and maintenance schedule for aging equipment for the Enfield Highway Department. Make inventory replacement a priority for proper care of transportation routes</li><li>6b. Continue to provide training opportunities for Highway Department staff</li><li>6c. Maintain a quality workplace for Highway Department staff in order to draw and keep quality employees committed to the care of our transportation routes</li></ul>



# SECTION 7 – HOUSING

## 2050 VISION

The Town of Enfield welcomes residents of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds and offers a variety of housing opportunities. Enfield encourages affordability in housing types to those who wish to rent or own a home in the community.

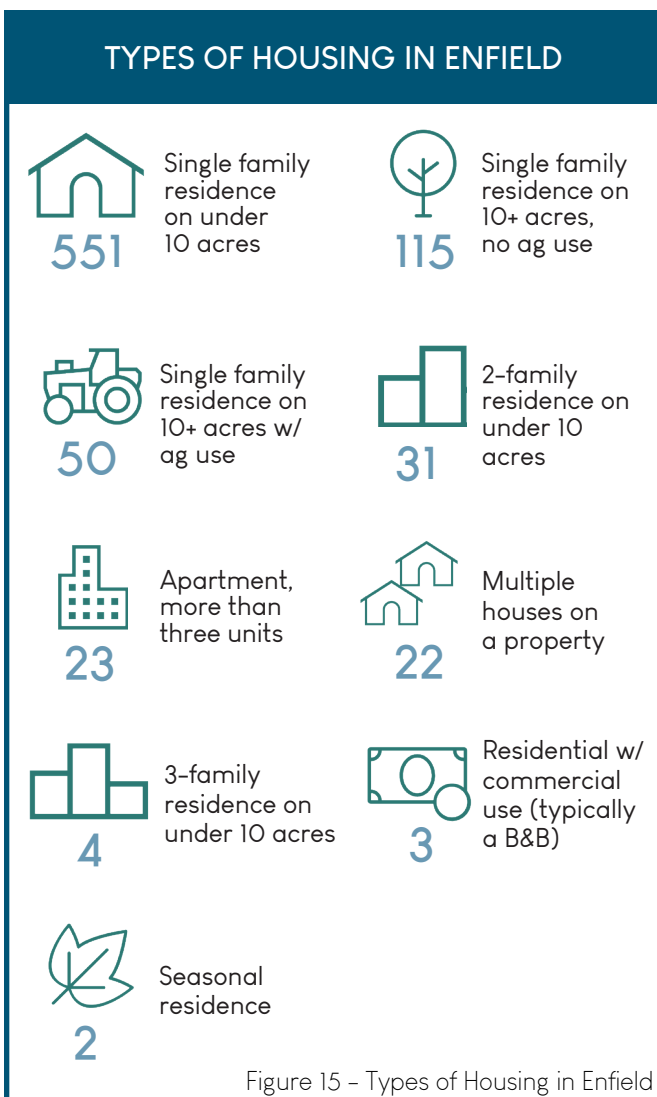
New development, as well as the restoration of older homes are on the rise as newcomers and long-time residents alike foster community and grow economic and social stability here.

The Town of Enfield encourages housing choices and types designed to meet the diverse needs of those residents of generations past, present, and future while encouraging their celebration of all Enfield has to offer.

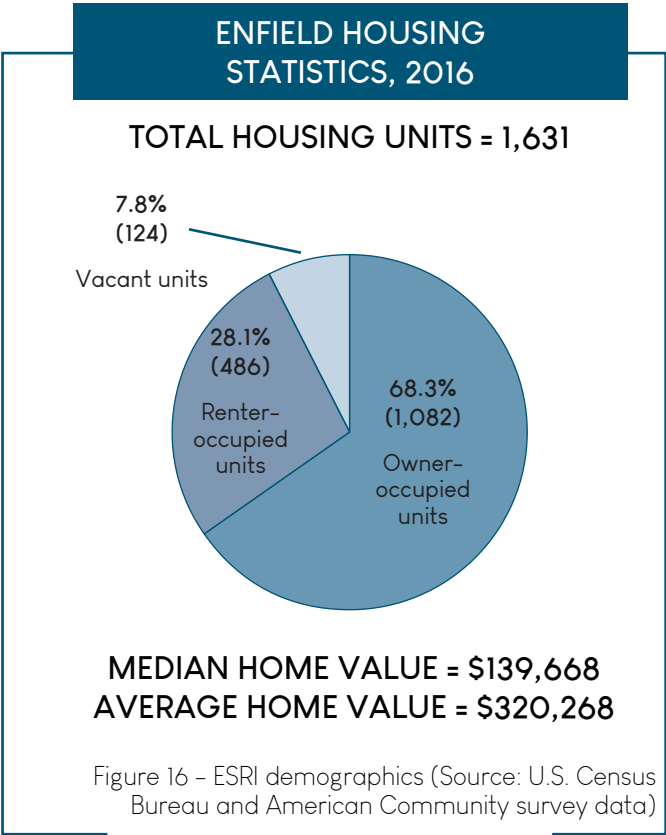
### ENFIELD HOUSING

According to the latest U.S. Census, in 2016, there were 1,631 housing units in Enfield, an 18 percent increase over the year 2000. Of the 1,631 total dwellings, 68.3 percent were owner-occupied, 26.1 were renter-occupied, and 7.8 percent were vacant.

The 2010 U.S. Census also shows that the Town of Enfield has a density of 38.8 homes per square mile, an increase of 3 homes per square mile since 2000, with 124 vacant housing units in Enfield (7.8 percent of the housing stock). The vacancy rate represents an increase of 0.2 percent since 2000. In 2010, there were 580 mobile homes in the Town, or 37 percent of the housing stock, an increase of 3 percent since 2000. The 2016 estimated median home value in Enfield was \$139,668. The estimated median home value in Tompkins County overall is \$201,500.



Historically, the Town of Enfield has struggled with a high poverty rate, diminished investment in infrastructure, and deteriorating municipal facilities. The absence of public water and sewer services as well as limited internet and cellular services are challenges that impede our ability to attract new housing starts and generate business development. As we focus efforts on removing these impediments through the stated goals in this chapter, Enfield can become a strong contender for future endeavors, such as those explored in the Economic Development chapter, that add to the quality of life of current residents as well as serve as a beacon for attractive, affordable community development for residential and business newcomers alike.



# HOUSING – GOALS AND ACTIONS



The following Goals and Actions are recommended based on the current conditions in the Town of Enfield as described above.

GOAL	ACTIONS
1. Improve the standard of housing and the quality of life for Enfield residents, so all Enfield residents may enjoy safe and affordable homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1a. Identify programs to assist in building new or upgrading existing housing options</li><li>1b. Inform residents of state and local programs for first time home buyers that support upgrades and improvements</li><li>1c. Educate residents on low-cost improvements that can make properties safe, accessible and may improve, property values</li><li>1d. Encourage replacement of older, inefficient mobile homes with those meeting current standards</li><li>1e. Educate residents about methods of making their homes energy-efficient and encourage sustainability practices, to reduce utility bills and improve home values</li></ul>
2. Strengthen our tax base by encouraging new residents of diverse personal and professional backgrounds to move into the Town of Enfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2a. Explore opportunities and investors for multi-family and senior housing to provide quality, affordable housing for new and existing residents</li><li>2b. Encourage the creation of a community center that provides support to all residents in Enfield. A socially connected community is attractive not only to existing residents but to potential home buyers and builders</li><li>2c. Promote Enfield to the greater public to encourage new residential, agricultural, and business growth</li></ul>
3. Protect and serve residents through proper management and planning of housing and other development that meets the community goals to maintain its rural character while advancing economic, environmental and social well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3a. Regularly review and update as necessary the Town's Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Review standards to determine changes and trends in housing and development that should be addressed</li><li>3b. Develop a Floodplain Management plan or ordinance for the protection of homes and property of residents</li><li>3c. Develop an Emergency Management Plan to protect the lives and property of residents</li></ul>

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## SECTION 8 – ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY

### 2050 VISION

The Town of Enfield provides an excellent setting for affordable living within an easy distance to several business and employment centers.

Enfield has a great balance of businesses, schools, parks, cultural/artistic centers, and community facilities that make living here convenient and enjoyable.

Development that is compatible with the character of Enfield is actively sought after and encouraged to grow an economic base that supports the needs of the community.

Residents are actively engaged in the community and planning for its future through the economic development process.

### INTRODUCTION

Economic development is key to achieving the goals and objectives defined in this Comprehensive Plan and to improving civic and community activities in Enfield.

Currently there is an intermingling of residences, small businesses and farms throughout the town. Positive support of this diverse mix strengthens the vitality and stability of the town while offering economic opportunity and growth for Enfield residents and business owners. This intermingling can sometimes cause conflict, too. It is important for the Town to recognize and address areas of conflict by working with residents, farms and businesses when necessary.

Enfield residents value and wish to maintain the rural character of the Town. To that end, development should be discouraged that would damage air and water quality, increase noise levels, worsen pollution, create traffic problems, adversely affect Enfield visually, or otherwise degrade the Town's rural nature.

*“Enfield (has a) unique economy, comprised of people who know how to do just about anything.”*

2013 Resident Survey

### CURRENT INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYMENT

Despite the fact that many small-scale or "family" farms have disappeared or been incorporated into larger scale operations -- a trend in many areas of New York State and the country -- farms remain the primary industry in Enfield. There are other small businesses scattered throughout Enfield, many of which are sole-proprietorships or family-owned. The Dollar Store, a national chain, opened a new store Enfield in 2018 and has a regular customer base. Non-agricultural commercial uses of land in Enfield represent 3.1 percent of total parcels. Agricultural use represents 5.8 percent of total parcels. Most Enfield residents earn their primary income in the City or Town of Ithaca, located approximately 8 – 10 miles away, and not within the Town of Enfield.

As shown in the following table, the two sectors that employ the most Enfield residents are educational services, healthcare, social services and retail. These sectors account for the greatest share of County-wide employment, too, with several major employers being our academic institutions, manufacturing, municipal, medical, and retail services.

Enfield has an emerging opportunity to diversify local employment opportunities by building its reputation as a renewable energy leader. By

encouraging the location of businesses and the development of products that are safe and compatible with the goals set forth in this plan.

Further, trends in agri-tourism are consistent with economic development that is compatible with the Enfield Community, such as farms and beautiful natural areas. Activities that bring visitors to the town to build appreciation for farming, farm heritage, food production, nearby vineyards, animal husbandry, gardening, activity trails, parks, outdoor events, and accommodations like bed and breakfast and retreat centers. These are just some of the opportunities Enfield has to capitalize the assets that currently exist here, without having to rely on public services that are not yet available in such rural areas.

There is ample acreage in Enfield that can be considered for development, and an effort to seek and match developers with willing land owners could be beneficial to the future of the Town, and mitigate impacts of undesirable development proposals.

*“There is room in Enfield for industry, commerce, multi-family homes, etc...but we must have a plan that is realistic for keeping traffic reasonable, allowing space for recreation, and not disturbing the existing rural character of Enfield.”*

2013 Resident Survey

#### RESIDENT EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 2016

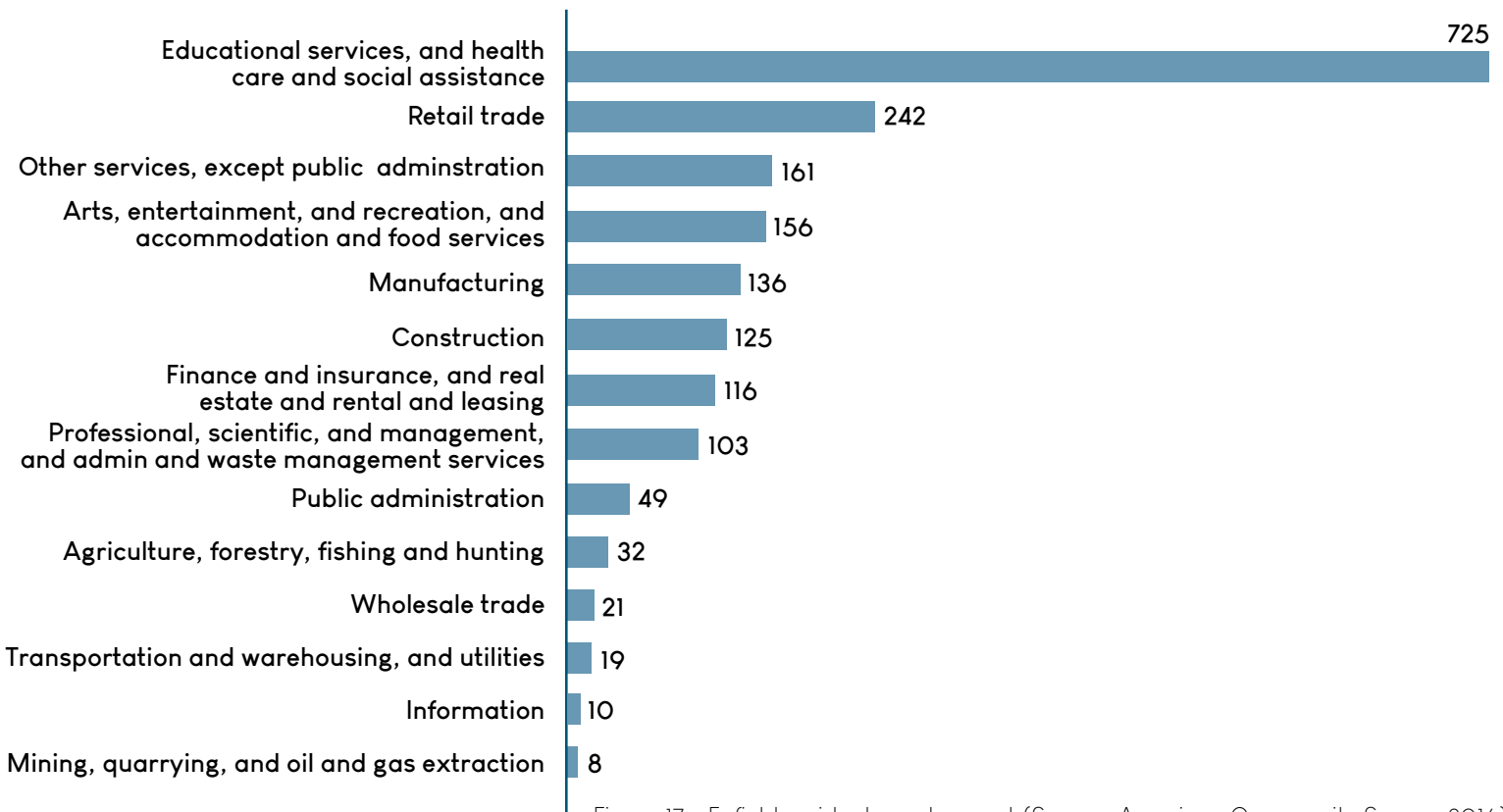


Figure 17 – Enfield resident employment (Source: American Community Survey, 2016)



## COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

The Town of Enfield supports a number of long-standing community events and diverse programs for its residents. While these are not municipal events and programs, they receive significant support from the municipality through funding and facility use. These include summer camps for children, youth and senior programs, a Fall Harvest Festival, a food pantry, a community council, and an active Grange. The 2018 renovation of community space in the lower floor of the Enfield community building was a positive step toward improving facilities for social activities.

The Town of Enfield owns a municipal plot totaling 59 acres that currently houses only the Enfield Highway Department. Expansion of this property for new municipal services buildings and other community uses may be desired to provide better services and more community opportunities to residents of the Town. As per mention in Chapter X, the vision of a Town Center for Enfield would accommodate land and facilities able to host an array of local programs and uses, as well as encourage development in close proximity.

The Enfield Community Council offers a Summer Camp for Enfield children aged 4-13, which provides opportunities for free Summer meals and activities, as well as employment training for Enfield teens. Throughout the year, the support of youth programs serves over one hundred young people, from fifth grade up. Enfield Seniors enjoy connecting through regular meetings and social events, such as sharing meals and traveling together for shows and tours. The Enfield Food Pantry is housed in the Enfield Community Building and serves an average of 370 adults, 250 children 18 and under, and 50 seniors in the Enfield area. In 2018, significant local investment was made to update the Enfield Food Pantry to secure its ability to serve the Enfield Community long into the future.

### NEARBY PROGRAMMING & ACTIVITIES



Fishing and hunting



Hiking trails and camping



Summer camps and programs



Music festivals



Food pantry and senior meals



Seasonal activities

Figure 18 – Nearby Programming & Activities

## YOUTH AND SENIOR PARTICIPATION

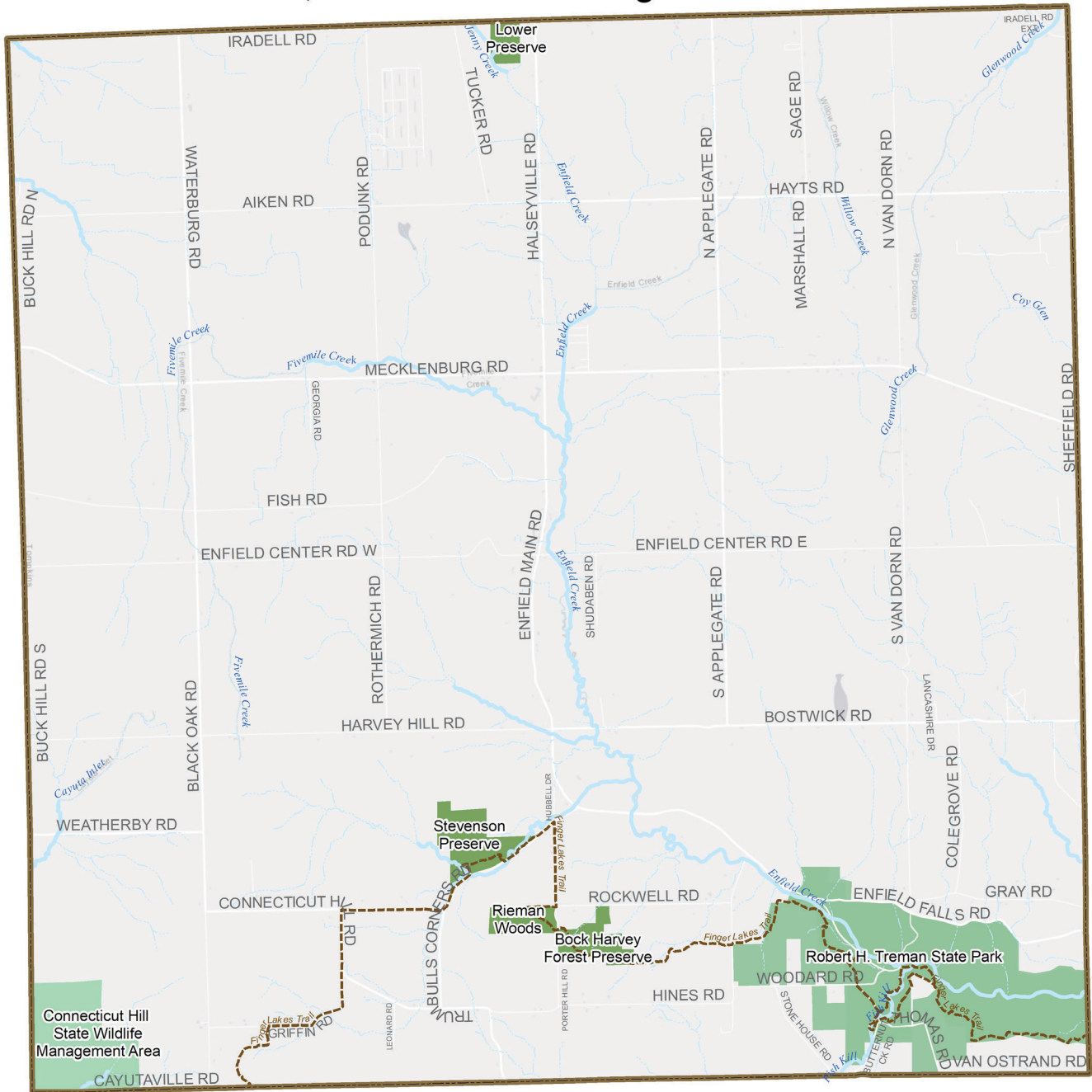
Maintaining a strong youth presence and making "aging in place" affordable is crucial to building community and attracting families to live and thrive in Enfield. Some programming is provided by various area organizations, Tompkins County offices, and the Enfield Community Council, however, the need is still great. Childcare resources are limited, yet imperative for those who wish to make a home or find employment here. Continued support by the Town of Enfield for these types of programming will continue to be necessary for strengthening our resident base.

The construction of fully accessible, multi-function community facilities that ensure educational, cultural, social, and economic opportunities can

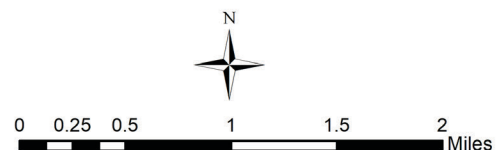


## MAP 7 - PARKS, PRESERVES, FINGER LAKES TRAIL

### Town of Enfield Parks, Preserves and Finger Lakes Trail



- Town of Enfield Municipal Boundary
- Nature Preserve
- State Park
- State Wildlife Management Area
- Finger Lakes Trail
- ~~~~~ Intermittent Streams
- ~~~~~ Perennial Streams



help stimulate growth and provide an appealing environment to attract new residents. A facility such as this may encourage interaction between residents of all ages and physical ability to deepen our community roots and connections to one another.

To remain a viable community for future generations, the success of Enfield's continued economic development will be determined by our ability to broaden the economic base of the town by promoting small businesses that complement the goals in this plan and engage residents of all ages and abilities.

## NATURAL ASSETS

Less than ten miles from Ithaca, Trumansburg and Watkins Glen, the Town of Enfield offers easy access to hiking, hunting, fishing, camping, boating, auto racing, music festivals, wine touring, skiing, ATV sports, snowmobiling, and more. Enfield also includes much of Robert H. Treman State Park and is in close proximity to Cayuga and Seneca Lakes. Golfing in Enfield is enjoyed by the public at Hillendale Golf Course.



Robert H. Treman State Park

*"I have loved getting to know so many people who live here. Really, it's such a small population, it is possible to know nearly everyone here in some capacity sooner or later. The more we know one another, the more committed we are to one another in making our community strong."*

2013 Resident Survey

## CHALLENGES TO BUILDING COMMUNITY

By nature, communities are connected by cultural groups, age, economic status, religious organizations, and other demographics. Often, schools provide a unifying point of contact in communities through sports, parent organizations, and school events. However, Enfield is divided by four school districts, which impedes our ability to maintain and grow these social connections. Families and other residents that may thrive in a single school community lose this positive point of cohesion to neighboring Towns and their communities.

The four school districts dividing Enfield are Ithaca, Trumansburg, Odessa-Montour, and Newfield. Enfield Elementary, located on Enfield Main Road, is the only public school building located in the Town of Enfield, and is part of the Ithaca City School District.

Presently there is no central location or facility that fully accommodates existing and future community programming. While efforts are made to sustain building operations, numerous constraints--ADA accessibility, paved parking areas, potable water---in existing facilities limits their expansion or renovation for hosting a spectrum of community gathering needs.

### ENFIELD STUDENTS IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2018

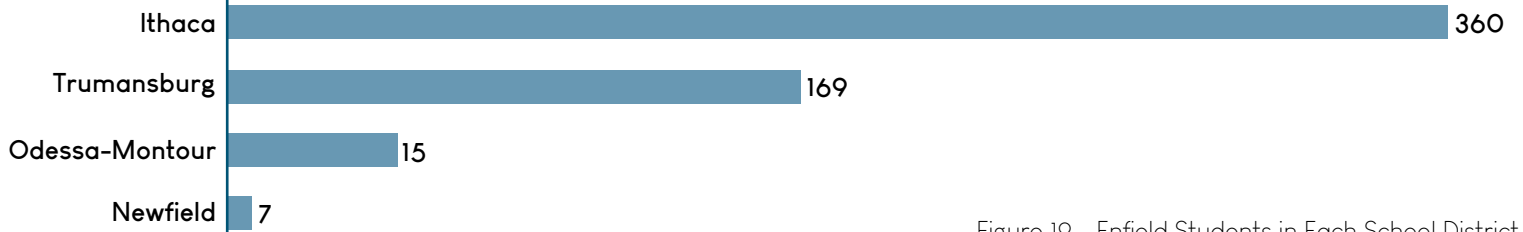


Figure 19 – Enfield Students in Each School District

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Enfield residents are actively involved in their community through various organizations, such as Town Government, Enfield Community Council, Enfield Seniors, Enfield Volunteer Fire Company, the Enfield Grange, and the Food Pantry. These organizations operate independently of each other. Given the limited resources of our community, it may be beneficial to look for ways to work together at times to maximize our impact.

## ECONOMY & COMMUNITY – GOALS AND ACTIONS



The following Goals and Actions are recommended based on the current conditions in the Town of Enfield as described above.

### GOAL

1. Engage the community in economic development

### ACTIONS

- 1a. Form a community-based Economic Development Task Force (ie: "Envision Enfield"), tasked with seeking out economic development in accord with the goals set forth in this plan, encourage municipal cooperation for such endeavors, and actively invite these opportunities to Enfield to encourage community involvement
- 1b. Directly encourage and support community members to start and expand businesses through the following actions:
  - Identify and recruit businesses that would be good for Enfield
  - Create greater networking opportunities through community events
  - Identify residents interested in starting businesses
  - Recruit mentors to help residents start and grow businesses
  - Identify potential business opportunities and encourage residents to start businesses to fill those needs
  - Create a small business survey of existing businesses within the Town
  - Publish a periodic directory of local businesses in and around Enfield



## ECONOMY & COMMUNITY – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

### GOAL

### ACTIONS

2. Utilize external resources to foster economic development

- 2a. Reach out to local and regional development organizations to ask for assistance. These include, but are not limited to:
- Tompkins County Area Development and Chamber of Commerce
  - Small Business Administration
  - Empire State Development Corporation
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - Alternatives Federal Credit Union
  - Groundswell Center for Local Food and Farming
  - Cornell Cooperative Extension, Small Farm Program, and Diverse Supplier Program
- 2b. Educate Enfield residents of all ages of resources available such as:
- Job opportunities
  - Financial assistance
  - Energy efficiency and financing assistance
  - Micro-loan programs
  - Tax breaks
  - Job or vocational training opportunities
  - Education opportunities
  - Internet training opportunities
- 2c. Provide direct assistance to residents trying to utilize resources by providing help with:
- Grant writing
  - Job applications
  - Business plan coaching

3. Work to improve infrastructure which would enable greater economic opportunity for Enfield residents

- 3a. Foster greater access to public transportation
- 3b. Work to ensure better access to high speed internet
- 3c. Research whether it would help to provide space for office, light manufacturing, or other business activities
- 3d. Work to establish a recognizable "Town Center" to encourage a new economic growth area that meets the goals of this Plan



## ECONOMY & COMMUNITY – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

### GOAL

### ACTIONS

4. Foster greater sharing of resources between Enfield residents

4a. Encourage the development of a community center or common area where information can be centralized and accessed easily by residents

4b. Expand the library of resources available at the Town Hall

5. Discourage development that would negatively impact air and water quality, traffic density and noise levels

6. Discourage development that challenges local, state, and federal laws designed to protect our community and quality of life

7. Preserve recreational and natural areas

7a. Attract more people to Enfield by publicizing its convenience to natural and recreational sites.

7b. Encourage Eco- and Agro-Tourism through County and State programs

7c. Pursue additional opportunities for public open space and recreational amenities

## ECONOMY & COMMUNITY – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

### GOAL

### ACTIONS

8. Increase the use of recreational areas within the Town

- 8a. Work with state and county agencies to increase the availability of recreational areas. For example: reinstate camping at Upper Treman Park, offer free admittance to Town of Enfield residents, and/or provide shuttle service from Enfield Center to Lower Treman swimming area
- 8b. Increase the usage of and extend Finger Lakes Trails by:
  - Documenting current usage (Cayuga Trails Club)
  - Researching issues of private property easements
  - Encouraging State Park funding for camping and swimming areas
  - Exploring the possibility of free entry for Enfield residents to encourage local ownership and pride in the upper Robert Treman Park, located in the Town of Enfield.

9. Engage the community

- 9a. Encourage more community-wide events
- 9b. Utilize the proposed Enfield Economic Development Task Force for community event development and promotion
- 9c. Post Enfield Elementary School playground hours and provide better signage. Encourage use for community activities
- 9d. Explore events opportunities that bring multiple community organizations together for greater impact in achieving goals

## ECONOMY & COMMUNITY – GOALS AND ACTIONS CONTINUED >>>

### GOAL

10. Increase the membership and impact of the Enfield Community Council with existing organizations' mutual support and cooperation, to strengthen the sense of belonging, support, and community to all of Enfield's residents

### ACTIONS

- 10a. Share with the community the objectives and workings of the Enfield Community Council
- 10b. Engage a representative from each of the following groups:
  - Enfield Volunteer Fire Company
  - Grange
  - Food Bank
  - Churches
  - PTA -- Schools
  - Teens (middle school to high school) and young adults
  - Senior Citizens
  - Environmental and other local organizations
- 10c. Provide, encourage and participate in programs for residents of all ages
- 10d. Publicize and hold Enfield Community Council meetings in a public space to allow for more residents to attend meetings
- 10e. Encourage ECC participation in the implementation of the goals of the Economy and Community section of the Comprehensive Plan

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# PLANNING OUR FUTURE



**THE ENFIELD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** is designed to serve as a road map to the future for our Town. It was created with a common vision in mind. A vision is not a binding goal, and may not be achievable in the lifetime of those who have participated in drafting this Comprehensive Plan, or even the next generation. However, the long-term thinking embodied in this plan is a hopeful look at how Enfield can grow into the future while maintaining all of the characteristics the Community treasures.

The Comprehensive Plan may be implemented through the actions of the Enfield Town Board, Planning Board, and other boards and councils, as well as community members. Implementation may occur through adoption and revision of ordinances and regulations, annual budgeting and capital improvement, and empowerment of community groups. While it is important to work toward the vision in this Plan, it is intended to be a living document and may grow and change as local conditions change.

This Plan may, at times, be amended as circumstances change. Amendments are subject to Public Hearings and assessment of impact of changes. In addition, it is recommended that periodic evaluation of the Plan be conducted involving the Enfield Town and Planning boards, as well as the greater community. A review of the data herein is advised after the completion of the 2020 Census, to project the most accurate view of conditions in Enfield. Through continued reference and evaluation, the Vision set forth here may be realized for the betterment of our future as a community.



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# A Survey About the Town of Enfield Comprehensive Plan

*Your voice matters!*

*Let's work together to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan  
represents the wishes and needs of the Enfield community!*

*Thank you for completing this survey.*

## WHAT THIS IS ABOUT AND WHY YOU SHOULD COMPLETE IT

The Town of Enfield is beginning the job of updating its Comprehensive Plan. A Comprehensive Plan is a document that describes the history, current state, and future vision for the community. It acts as a road map to guide future growth and development while promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the people.

The Planning Board is overseeing this process and hopes to submit a draft of the revised Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board by the end of February 2013.

If you are interested in reading Enfield's current Comprehensive Plan, which was written in 2001, you can find it online at <http://townofenfield.org> (click on Comprehensive Plan on the right side of the web page). Or you may request a paper copy from the Enfield Town Hall, 168 Enfield Main Road, 607-273-8256.

## WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THE SURVEY

The Comprehensive Plan should reflect the ideas and opinions of the community's residents. **EVERY Enfield resident and/or property owner is invited to complete this survey.** Each person may submit the survey to the Town once.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

Your survey responses will be kept confidential. When your survey is received, this front sheet will be separated from the rest of the survey. If you submit the survey online, your personal data will be separated from the rest of the survey.

## WHEN TO SUBMIT YOUR SURVEY

Please submit your completed survey by November 10. Estimated time to complete the survey: 15 minutes.

## HOW AND WHERE TO SUBMIT THE SURVEY

### ON PAPER

Drop it off at the Town Hall or send it by U.S. mail to: Comprehensive Plan Survey, Enfield Town Hall, 168 Enfield Main Road. If you need additional paper copies of the survey so that each member of your household may participate, feel free to photocopy it. Or you can download it and print it from <http://townofenfield.org> (click on Comprehensive Plan on the right side of the web page). You can also pick up additional copies free of charge at Enfield Town Hall, 168 Enfield Main Road (open Monday through Thursday, 3:00-6:00 pm). If you want to write additional comments on your survey, feel free to extra paper.

### ON-LINE

To complete the survey on-line, go to <http://townofenfield.org> (click on Comprehensive Plan on the right side of the web page).

Do you still have questions about how to complete or submit this survey? Write to [enfield.comp.plan@gmail.com](mailto:enfield.comp.plan@gmail.com) or call 607-273-8256.

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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Resident of Enfield \_\_\_ Non-resident Enfield land owner

Would you like to serve on a committee to help with the Enfield Comprehensive Plan? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do you want to be included in the Town of Enfield's e-mail list? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do you want to receive the Town of Enfield's paper newsletter? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

# Town of Enfield Comprehensive Plan Survey

Please answer as completely as you can.

**1. Current employment status:**

- ☐ Full-time
- ☐ Part-time
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Unemployed and looking for work
- ☐ Unable to work
- ☐ Full-time homemaker
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ College/university student
- ☐ Grade/middle/high school student

**2. Where do you work/attend school?**

- ☐ Town of Enfield
- ☐ Town or City of Ithaca
- ☐ Elsewhere in Tompkins County
- ☐ Outside Tompkins County
- ☐ Not applicable

**3. What mode of transportation do you most often use to get to work/school?**

- ☐ Walk
- ☐ Personal vehicle
- ☐ Carpool/rideshare
- ☐ TCAT bus
- ☐ School bus
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ N/A (work at home/not employed/retired)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. How many people live in your household?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Your age bracket:**

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-25
- ☐ 25-44
- ☐ 45-64
- ☐ 65 or older

**6. How long have you lived in Enfield?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Do you rent or own your home/land?**

- ☐ Own home, live in Enfield
- ☐ Rent home, live in Enfield
- ☐ Own property in Enfield, live elsewhere
- ☐ Rent property in Enfield, live elsewhere

**8. Do you consider your housing to be:**

- ☐ Above average
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Below average
- ☐ Poor

**9. Do you have any problems with your private drinking water well?**

- ☐ No problems
- ☐ Quantity
- ☐ Quality
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. If you own land, how many acres?**

- ☐ <1
- ☐ 1-4
- ☐ 5-49
- ☐ 50-99
- ☐ 100 or more

**11. What type of structure is your home?**

- ☐ Single-family
- ☐ House/building with 2 units
- ☐ House/building with 3-4 units
- ☐ House/building with 5 or more units

**12. Where is your home?**

- ☐ Rural residential (including single-family and apartments)
- ☐ Residential park
- ☐ Working farm

**13. How do you use your home or property?**

*(check all that apply)*

- ☐ Residence
- ☐ Business (non-agricultural)
- ☐ Business (agricultural)
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**14. What school district are you in?**

- ☐ Ithaca ☐ Trumansburg ☐ Newfield
- ☐ Odessa/Montour

**15. If you have children in school, what school(s) do they attend?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**16. Household income (optional):**

☐ Under \$25,000      ☐ \$50,000-\$75,000      ☐ Over \$100,000  
☐ \$25,000-\$50,000      ☐ \$75,000-\$100,000

**17. Do you participate in outdoor recreation? (check all that apply)**

☐ Hunting      ☐ Jogging/walking  
☐ Fishing      ☐ Snow mobile/ATV  
☐ Hiking      ☐ Biking

**18. How would you prefer to get information about community news/events, Board meetings, etc.? Please number your top 3 preferences:**

☐ Town of Enfield website (<http://townofenfield.org>)  
☐ Direct paper mailings  
☐ Town of Enfield e-mail list  
☐ Town of Enfield newsletter  
☐ Newspaper  
☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**19. Please check one box for each reason why you choose to live in Enfield and what you value about it.**

REASON YOU LIVE IN ENFIELD	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT VERY IMPORTANT	NOT APPLICABLE
Rural character				
Natural beauty				
Public transportation				
Grew up here				
Housing cost				
Proximity to Ithaca				
School district				
Businesses				
Sense of community				
Town size				
Lack of zoning/reduced regulation				
Investment opportunity				
Proximity to State Parks				
Other (specify):				

**20. For each of the services below, please indicate whether you think the level of service is appropriate, should be increased, or should be decreased. (Please check only one for each service.)**

SERVICE	APPROPRIATE	INCREASE	DECREASE	NO OPINION
Road maintenance				
Snow plowing				
Police protection				
Fire protection/rescue				
Town hall services/hours				
Building code enforcement				
Junk code enforcement				
Dog control				
Internet connectivity				

SERVICE ( <i>continued</i> )	APPROPRIATE	INCREASE	DECREASE	NO OPINION
Cell service				
Street lights				
Public transportation				
Pedestrian/bike lanes				
Hiking trails/bike paths				
Community events				
Services/activities for youth (e.g. recreational, job placement, gathering place)				
Services/activities for senior citizens				
Recycling				
Notification about proposed development in your neighborhood				
Availability of buildings (school, firehouse, etc.) for public use				
Public recreational opportunities				
Other ( <i>Specify</i> )				

**21. Would you encourage or discourage the following land uses in ENFIELD? Check one for each.**

LAND USE	ENCOURAGE	DISCOURAGE	NO CHANGE	NO OPINION
Residential development: single family homes				
Residential development: multiple unit dwellings				
Townhouses/condominiums				
Mobile home parks				
“Green” building construction				
Affordable housing				
Senior/assisted living				
Organic agriculture				
Conventional agriculture				
Public green space				
Town park for recreation				
Commercial development				
Sidewalks				
Bike paths/lanes				
Protection of natural areas/open space				
Protection of air, soil, and water (streams and groundwater) quality				
Large-scale solar installation (commercial)				
Wind farm				
High volume drilling for natural gas (fracking)				



**22. What type of business/municipal development would you like to encourage or avoid in Enfield?** *Check one for each.*

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BUSINESS/MUNICIPAL	ENCOURAGE OR INCREASE	DISCOURAGE	NO OPINION
Community Center			
Library			
Additional gas station/convenience store			
Grocery/retail stores			
Businesses centered on tourism (e.g. bed & breakfasts, restaurants, gift shops, eco-tourism)			
Professional offices (medical/dental/legal/technology)			
Service businesses			
Business offering “green” energy services (weatherization, solar, wind, geothermal)			
Home-based businesses			
Day care			
Elder care			
Organic farming			
Conventional farming			
Farmers market			
Light industrial/manufacturing			
Other ( <i>specify</i> )			

**23. What do you like most about Enfield?**

**24. What is your biggest concern about the future of Enfield?**

**25. What would you change in Enfield?**

**26. On a scale of 1-5, do you believe Enfield is changing for the better or worse?** (*Circle one number*)

BETTER		NOT CHANGING		WORSE
1	2	3	4	5

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Feel free to write additional comments below. You may attach additional paper, if you like.**

## TOWN OF ENFIELD, NY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY 2013 RESULTS

### 182 Surveys returned

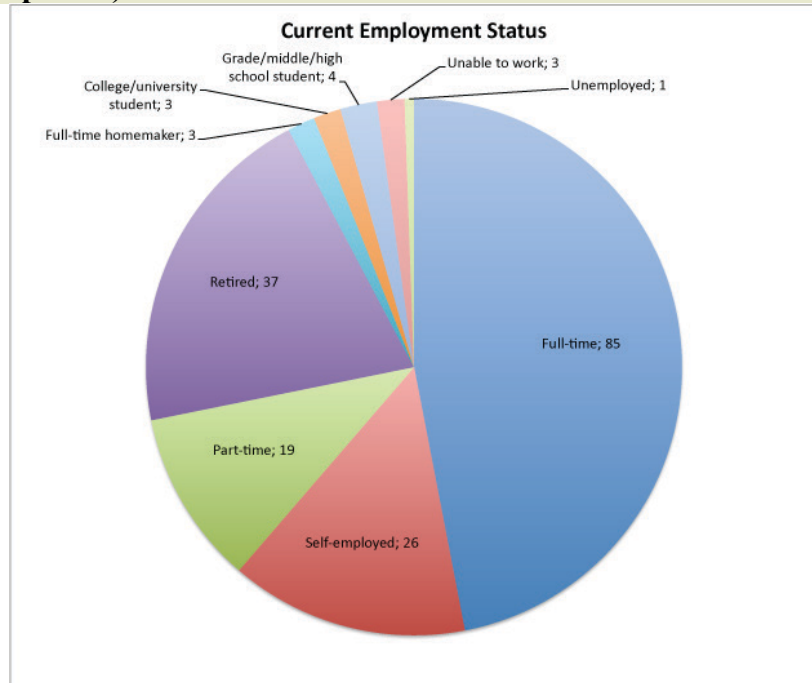
The Comprehensive Plan Survey was made available to all residents of Enfield and non-resident land-owners. A paper copy was inserted in the Enfield Community Currents/Town of Enfield Newsletter, which is mailed to approximately 950 residences. It was made available on paper at the Enfield Town Hall. It was also available for either printing or completion on-line at the Town of Enfield web site.

The survey was developed by a committee of residents using elements from comparable surveys from the towns of Freeville, Hector, Newfield, Caroline, and Ulysses.

A summary of the data collected follows.

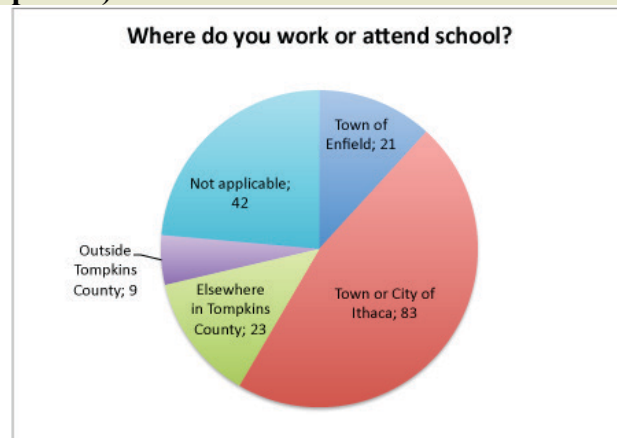
#### 1. Current employment status (181 responses)

<i><b>Status</b></i>	<i><b>Count</b></i>	<i><b>%</b></i>
Full-time	85	47.0
Self-employed	26	14.4
Part-time	19	10.5
Retired	37	20.4
Full-time homemaker	3	1.7
College/university student	3	1.7
Grade/middle/high school student	4	2.2
Unable to work	3	1.7
Unemployed	1	0.6



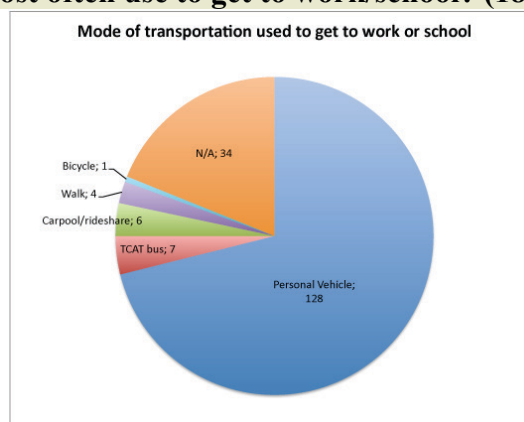
#### 2. Where do you work or attend school? (178 responses)

<i><b>Location</b></i>	<i><b>Count</b></i>	<i><b>%</b></i>
Town of Enfield	21	11.8
Town or City of Ithaca	83	46.6
Elsewhere in Tompkins County	23	12.9
Outside Tompkins County	9	5.1
Not applicable	42	23.6



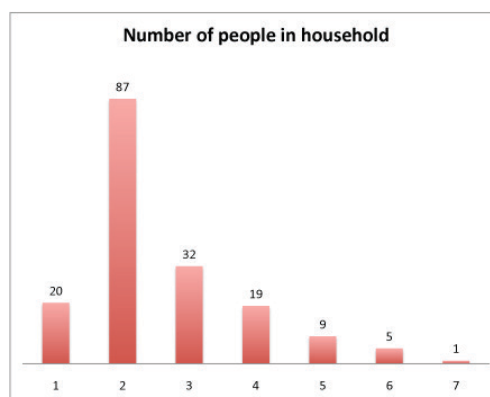
### 3. What mode of transportation do you most often use to get to work/school? (180 responses)

<i>Mode of transportation</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Personal Vehicle	128	71.1
TCAT bus	7	3.9
Carpool/rideshare	6	3.3
Walk	4	2.2
Bicycle	1	0.6
N/A	34	18.9



### 4. How many people live in your household? (173 responses)

<i># of people</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
1	20	11.6
2	87	50.3
3	32	18.5
4	19	11.0
5	9	5.2
6	5	2.9
8	1	0.6

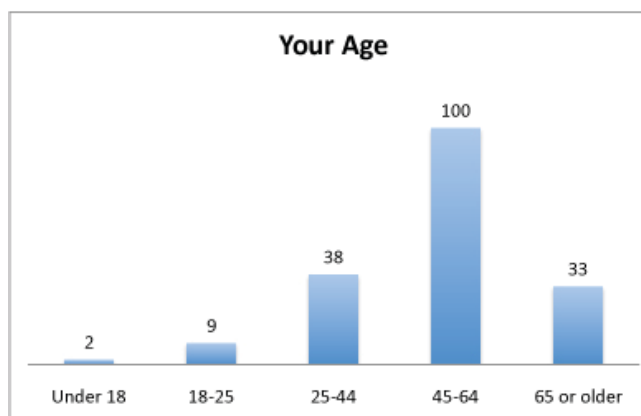


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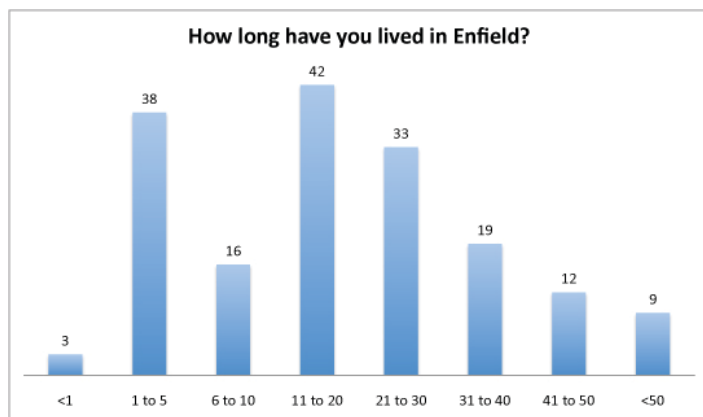
**Median:**  
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### 5. Your age bracket (182 responses)

<i>Age bracket</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Under 18	2	1.1
18-25	9	4.9
25-44	38	20.9
45-64	100	54.9
65 or older	33	18.1



## 6. How long have you lived in Enfield (177 responses)

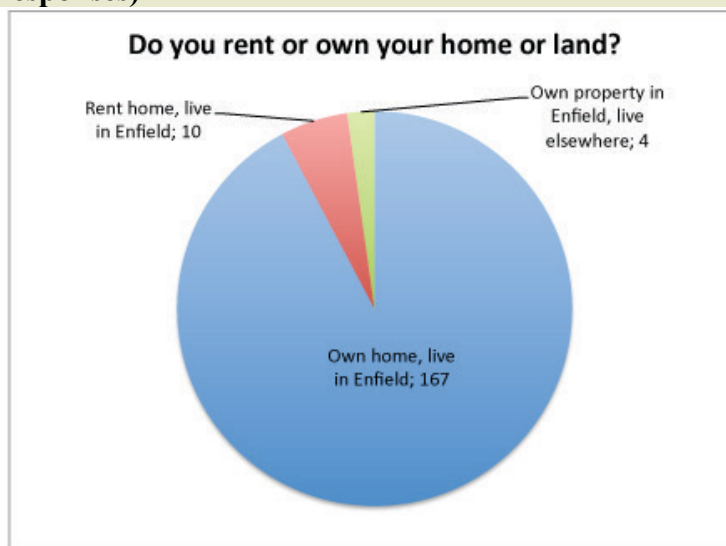


Five respondents answered “All my life”. These were excluded from the chart as it was not possible to determine how many years they had lived in Enfield. These five answered question 5 “Age bracket” as follows:

45-64	1
25-44	2
18-25	1
Under 18	1

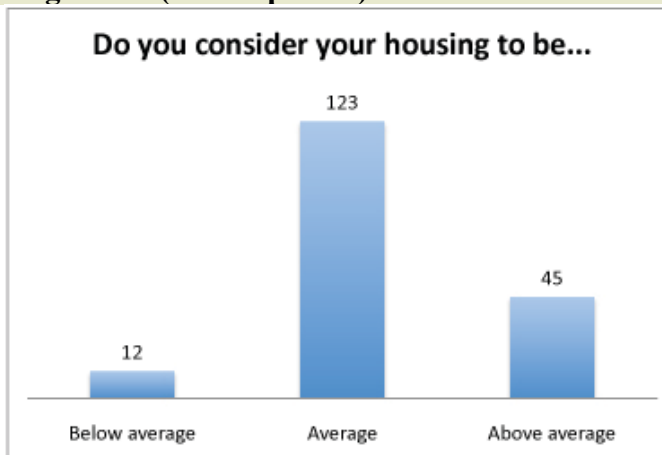
## 7. Do you rent or own your home/land (181 responses)

<i><b>Rent or own</b></i>	<i><b>Count</b></i>	<i><b>%</b></i>
Own home, live in Enfield	167	92
Rent home, live in Enfield	10	6
Own property in Enfield, live elsewhere	4	2



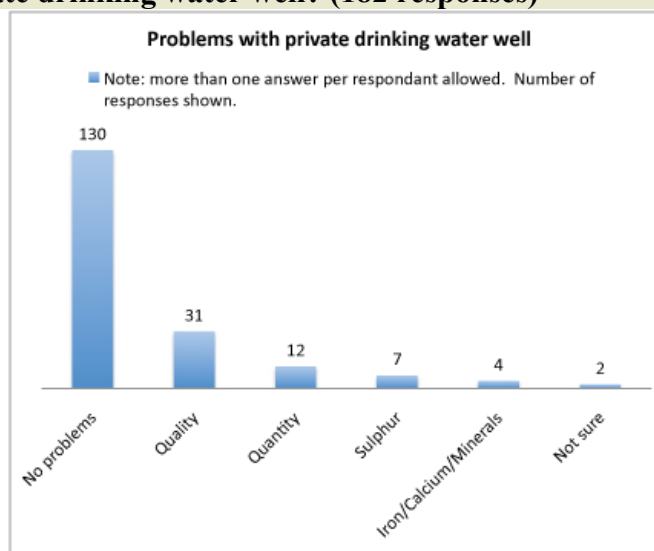
## 8. Do you consider the quality of your housing to be? (180 responses)

<i><b>Housing</b></i>	<i><b>Count</b></i>	<i><b>%</b></i>
Below average	12	6.7
Average	123	68.3
Above average	45	25.0



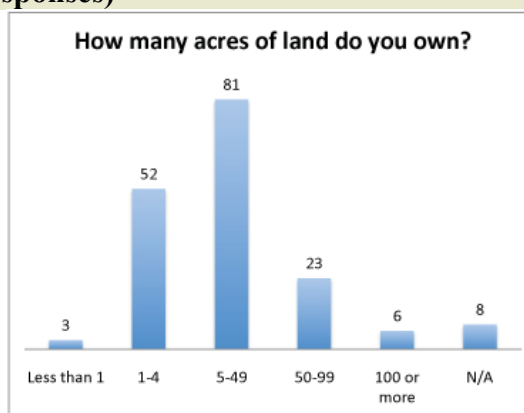
## 9. Do you have any problems with your private drinking water well? (182 responses)

<i>Water well issues</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Quality	30	16.5
Quantity	10	5.5
Quality/Quantity	1	0.5
Sulphur/Quantity	1	0.5
Sulphur/ Iron	2	1.1
Sulphur	4	2.2
High calcium	1	0.5
Minerals	1	0.5
No problems	130	71.4
Not sure	2	1.1



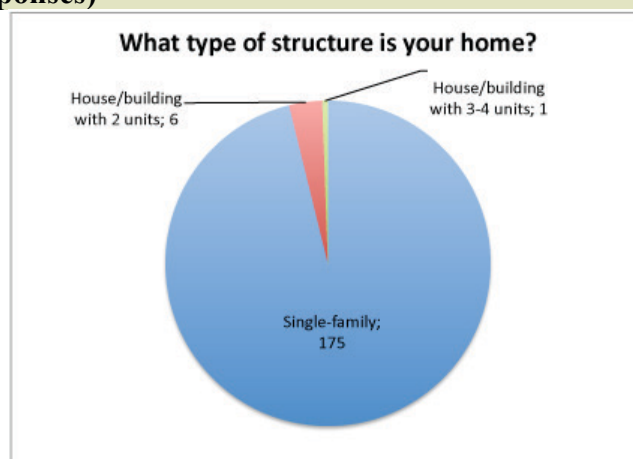
## 10. If you own land, how many acres? (173 responses)

<i>Acres</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Less than 1	3	1.7
1-4	52	30.1
5-49	81	46.8
50-99	23	13.3
100 or more	6	3.5
N/A	8	4.6



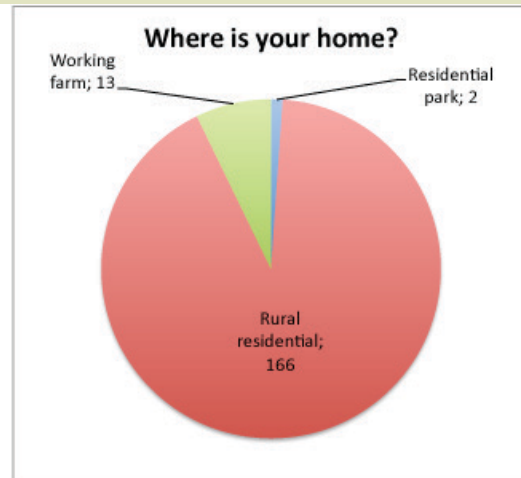
## 11. What type of structure is your home? (182 responses)

<i>Type of Structure</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Single-family	175	96.2
House/building with 2 units	6	3.3
House/building with 3-4 units	1	0.5



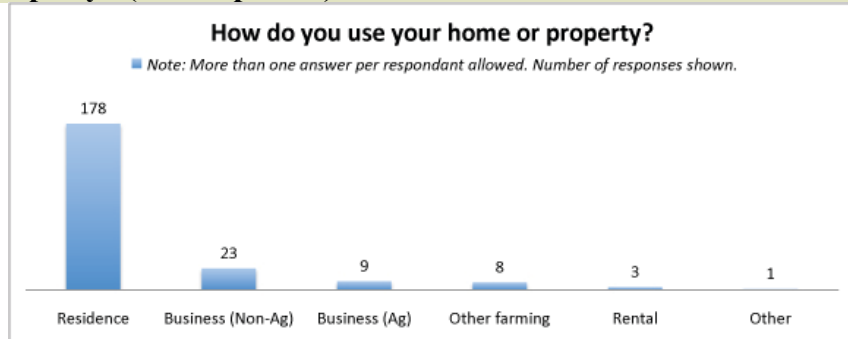
## 12. Where is your home? (181 responses)

<i>Type of location</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Residential park	2	1.105
Rural residential	166	91.713
Working farm	13	7.182



## 13. How do you use your home or property? (180 responses)

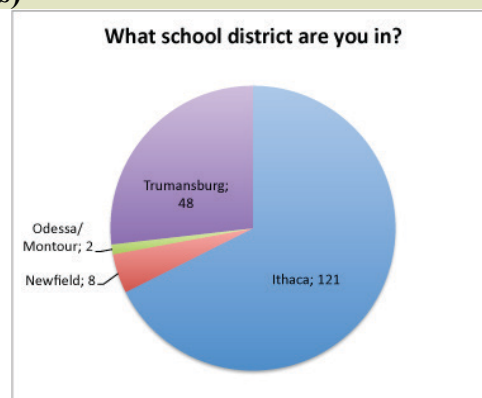
<i>Type of use</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Residence	178	98.9%
Business (Non-Ag)	23	12.8%
Business (Ag)	9	5.0%
Other farming	8	4.4%
Rental	3	1.7%
Other	1	0.6%



“Other farming” included subsistence growing, homesteading, wood lot, hay fields, tree farm. A decision was made to place these in the category “Other farming” because the respondents had declined to categorize them as “Business (Ag)” though there is probably overlap.

## 14. What school district are you in? (179 responses)

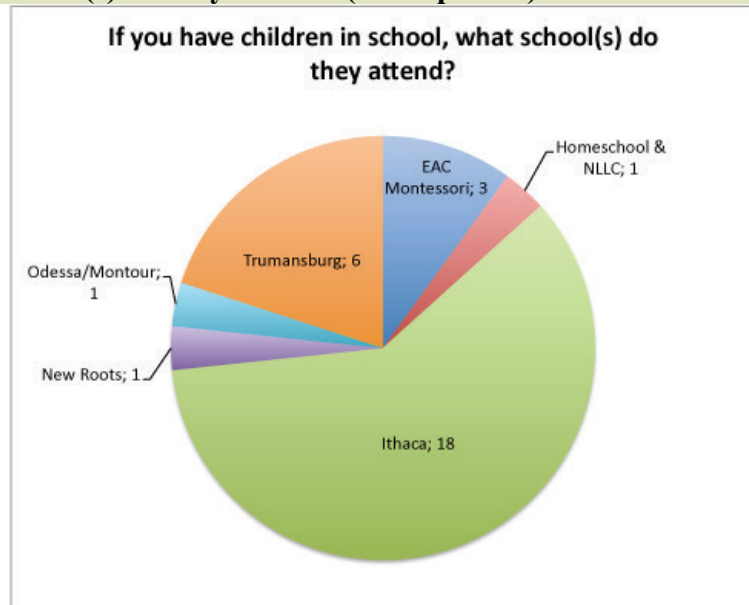
<i>School district</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>%</i>
Ithaca	121	67.6
Newfield	8	4.5
Odessa/Montour	2	1.1
Trumansburg	48	26.8





### 15. If you have children in school, what school(s) do they attend? (39 responses)

<i>School</i>	<i>Count</i>
EAC Montessori	3
Home school & Northern Light Learning Center	1
Ithaca	18
New Roots	1
Odessa/Montour	1
Trumansburg	6

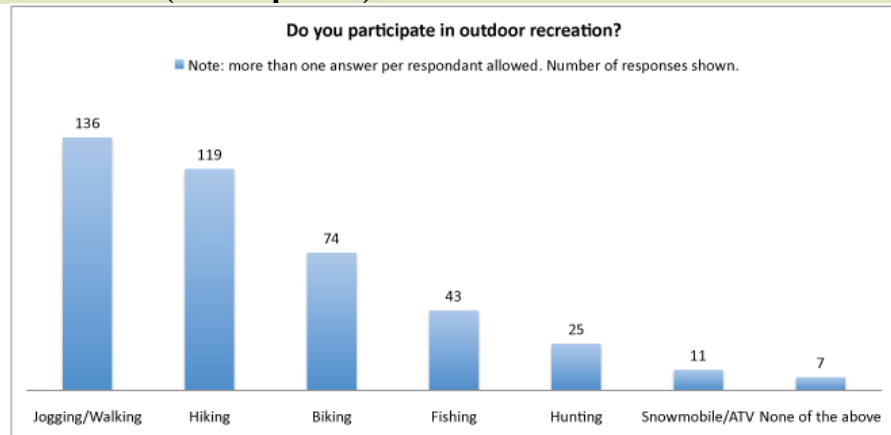


### 16. Household income (147 responses)

*The data for this question is invalid. An error was made on the on-line version of the survey such that one of the income ranges was not represented.*

### 17. Do you participate in outdoor recreation (171 responses)

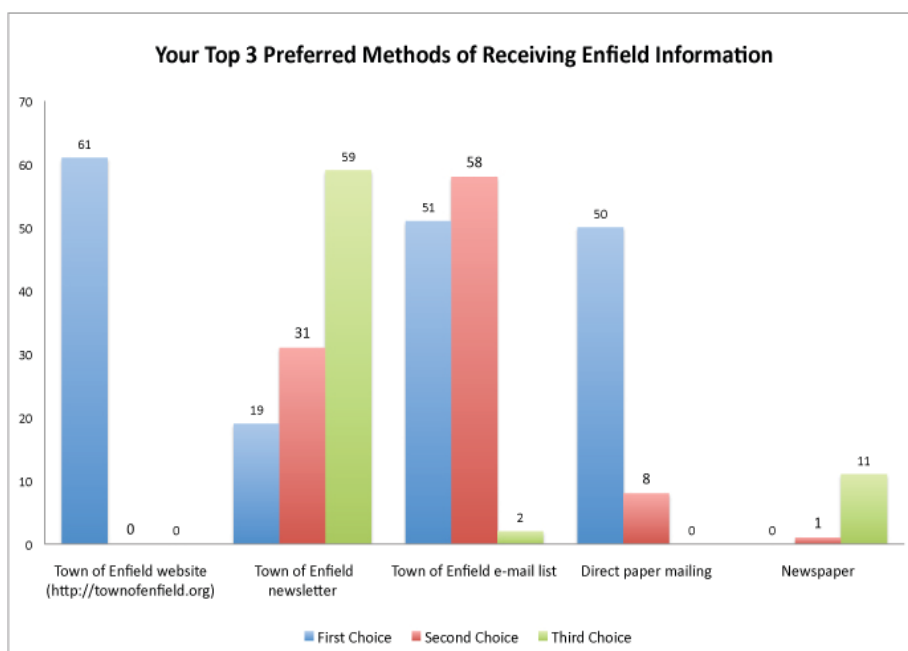
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Count</i>
Jogging/Walking	136
Hiking	119
Biking	74
Fishing	43
Hunting	25
Snowmobile/ATV	11
None of the above	7



### 18. How would you prefer to get information about community news/events, Board meetings, etc.? (181 responses)

*Data represents overall number of first, second, and third choices.*

	<i>First Choice</i>	<i>Second Choice</i>	<i>Third Choice</i>
Town of Enfield website	61	0	0
Town of Enfield newsletter	19	31	59
Town of Enfield e-mail list	51	58	2
Direct paper mailing	50	8	0
Newspaper	0	1	11



## 19. Reason you live in Enfield

### Very important reasons (in descending order):

<i>Reasons</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Not very important</i>	<i>Somewhat Impt</i>	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Total</i>
Natural beauty	4	1	15	<b>157</b>	177
	2.26%	0.565%	8.47%	<b>88.7%</b>	
Rural character	3	4	31	<b>138</b>	176
	1.70%	2.27%	17.6%	<b>78.4%</b>	
Proximity to Ithaca	4	7	50	<b>115</b>	176
	2.27%	3.98%	28.4%	<b>65.3%</b>	
Proximity to State Parks	7	18	66	<b>82</b>	173
	4.05%	10.4%	38.2%	<b>47.4%</b>	
Housing cost	21	15	64	<b>76</b>	176
	11.9%	8.52%	36.4%	<b>43.2%</b>	
School district	40	44	37	<b>53</b>	174
	23.0%	25.3%	21.3%	<b>30.5%</b>	

### Somewhat important reasons (in descending order):

<i>Reasons</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Not very important</i>	<i>Somewhat Impt</i>	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sense of community	11	32	<b>86</b>	44	173
	6.36%	18.5%	<b>49.7%</b>	25.4%	
Town size	12	39	<b>79</b>	43	173
	6.94%	22.5%	<b>45.7%</b>	24.9%	

**Not very important reasons (in descending order):**

<i>Reasons</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Not very important</i>	<i>Somewhat Impt</i>	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Total</i>
Businesses	40	<b>96</b>	25	9	170
	23.5%	<b>56.5%</b>	14.7%	5.29%	
Lack of zoning/ reduced regulation	23	<b>80</b>	41	27	171
	13.5%	<b>46.8%</b>	24.0%	15.8%	
Investment opportunity	59	<b>75</b>	29	8	171
	34.5%	<b>43.9%</b>	17.0%	4.68%	
Public transportation	41	<b>55</b>	47	28	171
	24.0%	<b>32.2%</b>	27.5%	16.4%	

**Not applicable reasons:**

<i>Reasons</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Not very important</i>	<i>Somewhat Impt</i>	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Total</i>
Grew up here	<b>121</b>	8	10	31	170
	<b>71.2%</b>	4.71%	5.88%	18.2%	

**20. Level of service****Services to Increase (in decreasing order):**

<i>Service</i>	<i>Appropriate</i>	<i>Decrease</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>No opinion</i>	<i>Total</i>
Internet connectivity	38	0	<b>128</b>	12	178
	21.3%	0%	<b>71.9%</b>	6.74%	
Cell service	59	0	<b>115</b>	4	178
	33.1%	0%	<b>64.6%</b>	2.25%	
Public transportation	58	2	<b>102</b>	18	180
	32.2%	1.11%	<b>56.7%</b>	10%	
Notification of proposed development	55	1	<b>98</b>	24	178
	30.9%	0.562%	<b>55.1%</b>	13.5%	
Pedestrian/bike lanes	49	6	<b>95</b>	30	180
	27.2%	3.33%	<b>52.8%</b>	16.7%	
Junk code enforcement	69	4	<b>82</b>	23	178
	38.8%	2.25%	<b>46.1%</b>	12.9%	
Hiking trails/bike paths	73	2	<b>77</b>	25	177
	41.2%	1.13%	<b>43.5%</b>	14.1%	
Services/activities for youth	47	1	<b>75</b>	56	179
	26.3%	0.559%	<b>41.9%</b>	31.3%	

### Services at an appropriate level:

<i>Service</i>	<i>Appropriate</i>	<i>Decrease</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>No opinion</i>	<i>Total</i>
Fire protection/rescue	<b>158</b>	2	6	12	178
	88.8%	1.12%	3.37%	6.74%	
Recycling	<b>146</b>	1	28	3	178
	82.0%	0.562%	15.7%	1.69%	
Snow plowing	<b>140</b>	5	30	5	180
	77.8%	2.78%	16.7%	2.78%	
Town hall services/hours	<b>135</b>	0	13	31	179
	75.4%	0%	7.26%	17.3%	
Road maintenance	<b>131</b>	4	42	3	180
	72.8%	2.22%	23.3%	1.67%	
Police protection	<b>127</b>	3	33	17	180
	70.6%	1.67%	18.3%	9.44%	
Building code enforcement	<b>117</b>	3	27	30	177
	66.1%	1.69%	15.3%	16.9%	
Street lights	<b>116</b>	15	21	26	178
	65.2%	8.43%	11.8%	14.6%	
Dog control	<b>112</b>	2	29	34	177
	63.3%	1.13%	16.4%	19.2%	
Community events	<b>95</b>	0	60	22	177
	53.7%	0%	33.9%%	12.4	
Public recreational opportunities	<b>95</b>	0	52	32	179
	53.1%	0%	29.1%	17.9%	
Availability of buildings for public use	<b>94</b>	1	44	38	177
	53.1%	0.565%	24.9%	21.5%	

### Services with no opinion:

<i>Service</i>	<i>Appropriate</i>	<i>Decrease</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>No opinion</i>	<i>Total</i>
Services/activities for seniors	53	2	59	<b>65</b>	179
	29.6	1.12	33.0	36.3	

## 21. Land Use Development

### Development to Encourage:

<i>Types of development</i>	<i>Discourage</i>	<i>Encourage</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Total</i>
Protection of air, soil, and water quality	1 0.6%	<b>173</b> <b>97.2%</b>	3 1.7%	1 0.7%	178
Protection of natural areas/open space	3 1.7%	<b>168</b> <b>96.0%</b>	4 2.3%	0 0.0%	175
“Green” building construction	1 0.6%	<b>158</b> <b>88.8%</b>	10 5.6%	9 5.1%	178
Organic agriculture	2 1.1%	<b>155</b> <b>87.1%</b>	8 4.5%	13 7.3%	178
Public green space	8 4.5%	<b>137</b> <b>77.0%</b>	19 10.7%	14 7.9%	178
Wind farm	15 8.5%	<b>137</b> <b>77.8%</b>	11 6.3%	13 7.4%	176
Town park for recreation	14 7.9%	<b>129</b> <b>72.5%</b>	20 11.2%	15 8.4%	178
Large-scale solar installation (commercial)	17 9.7%	<b>127</b> <b>72.6%</b>	15 8.6%	16 9.1%	175
Affordable housing	5 2.8%	<b>121</b> <b>68.4%</b>	45 25.4%	6 3.4%	177
Senior/assisted living	8 4.6%	<b>121</b> <b>68.8%</b>	29 16.5%	18 10.2%	176
Bike paths/lanes	12 6.7%	<b>116</b> <b>64.8%</b>	29 16.2%	22 12.3%	179
Residential development: single family homes	21 11.9%	<b>98</b> <b>55.4%</b>	52 29.4%	6 3.4%	177
Sidewalks	25 14.3%	<b>69</b> <b>39.4%</b>	49 28.0%	32 18.3%	175
Conventional agriculture	11 11.1%	<b>49</b> <b>49.5%</b>	33 33.3%	6 6.1%	99

### Development to Discourage:

<i>Types of development</i>	<i>Discourage</i>	<i>Encourage</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Total</i>
High volume drilling for natural gas (fracking)	<b>161</b> <b>89.4%</b>	8 4.4%	8 4.4%	3 1.7%	180
Mobile home parks	<b>120</b> <b>67.0%</b>	2 1.1%	50 27.9%	7 3.9%	179
Townhouses/condominiums	<b>66</b> <b>37.7%</b>	40 22.9%	58 33.1%	11 6.3%	175
Commercial development	<b>65</b> <b>38.0%</b>	51 29.8%	40 23.4%	15 8.8%	171

**Development to keep the same:**

<i>Types of development</i>	<i>Discourage</i>	<i>Encourage</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>Total</i>
Residential development: multiple unit	64	36	<b>68</b>	8	176
	36.4%	20.5%	<b>38.6%</b>	4.6%	

**22. Type of Development: Business/Municipal**

**Development to increase (in decreasing order):**

<i>Type of development</i>	<i>Discourage</i>	<i>Encourage or Increase</i>	<i>No Opinion</i>	<i>total</i>
Organic farming	0	<b>160</b>	17	177
	0%	<b>90.4%</b>	9.60%	
Businesses offering “green” energy services	5	<b>150</b>	20	175
	2.86%	<b>85.7%</b>	11.4%	
Farmers market	5	<b>149</b>	22	176
	2.84%	<b>84.7%</b>	12.5%	
Home-based businesses	5	<b>148</b>	23	176
	2.84%	<b>84.1%</b>	13.1%	
Community center	9	<b>136</b>	32	177
	5.08%	<b>76.8%</b>	18.1%	
Business centered on tourism	11	<b>135</b>	28	174
	6.32%	<b>77.6%</b>	16.1%	
Elder care	3	<b>131</b>	40	174
	1.72%	<b>75.3%</b>	23.0%	
Day care	1	<b>124</b>	48	173
	0.578%	<b>71.7%</b>	27.7%	
Library	23	<b>114</b>	40	177
	13.0%	<b>64.4%</b>	22.6%	
Service businesses	22	<b>98</b>	50	170
	12.9%	<b>57.6%</b>	29.4%	
Professional offices	28	<b>92</b>	54	174
	16.1%	<b>52.9%</b>	31.0%	
Conventional farming	30	<b>91</b>	48	169
	17.8%	<b>53.8%</b>	28.4%	
Grocery/retail stores	40	<b>89</b>	45	174
	23.0%	<b>51.1%</b>	25.9%	
Additional gas station/convenience store	53	<b>66</b>	57	176
	30.1%	<b>37.5%</b>	32.4%	
Light industrial/manufacturing	58	<b>64</b>	46	168
	34.5%	<b>38.1%</b>	27.4	



## Summary of Question 23:

### What do you like most about Enfield?

163 people responded to this question. Their responses have been grouped by category. In cases where more than one topic was addressed by a respondent, that person's response was split as appropriate where possible. There were some cases, however, where it was not possible to split the response and so a judgment was made as to which category to include the comment. No comment was repeated for the sake of having it represented in more than one category.

The complete comments can be found at: <http://townofenfield.org/content/Generic/View/15>

Categories and topics	# of people
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#### Natural Environment

Natural beauty	73
It is rural	72
Peaceful/quiet	43
Parks, trails, national forest	25
Clean water	17
There is open, undeveloped space and it is not crowded	13
Clean air	11

#### Outdoor Recreation

Hiking/walking	7
General outdoor recreation	4
Swimming	2
Cycling	2
Cross country skiing	2
Hunting	1
Fishing	1

#### Farming/Agriculture

Farming (general)	8
Gardening, growing own food	3
Organic agriculture	1

#### Lack of heavy industry

No fracking	4
No heavy industry	2
No heavy industrial farming	1

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**Proximity to other places**

Proximity to Ithaca	38
Proximity to Trumansburg	3
Proximity to Watkins Glen	2
Proximity to Elmira/Corning	1

**The People**

Sense of community	11
The people (general)	5
Good neighbors	4
Friendly	2
Less greed than in city	1
Laid back	1
Resourceful	1

**Regulation**

Affordable/low taxes	6
No zoning/minimal government interference	2

**Services**

Excellent fire protection	2
Roads	1
Excellent police protection	1
On TCAT bus line	1

**Buildings**

Historic structures	1
New highway building	1

**Quality of life**

Small town	15
Low traffic density	6
Privacy	5
Healthy living	2
Ithaca City school district	2
Nice place to raise children	1

**Progress**

It is now coming into the 21st century	1
Wind farm coming	1

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**General**

Grew up here/family land here	8
My home	1
Being steward of my land	1
Best place to live	1

**Summary of Question 24:****What is your biggest concern about the future of Enfield?**

166 people responded to this question. Many people wrote comments addressing more than one topic. The text responses were organized by category. Within each category items are in order by the number of responses from high to low.

The complete comments can be found at: <http://townofenfield.org/content/Generic/View/15>

**Categories and Topics****# of people****Agriculture**

Industrial farming	4
Loss of farmlands	1
Restrictions on farming	1
Use of chemicals on the soil	1

**Environment & Health**

Fracking	114
Quality of water	2
Losing access to parks/lakes	1
Pollution	1

**Governance**

Too many family members in town government	1
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**Growth & Development**

Over-population/overbuilding/no safe pedestrian spaces	7
Increasing taxes	4
Increased commercial development	2
Takeover by oil companies	2
Too much growth	2
Deteriorating housing stock	2
Commercialization of natural resources	1
Concerned that Enfield might not welcome industry	1
Large landowners making money-driven decisions bad for community	1

No plan for infrastructure	1
Overexpansion of public buildings	1
Sprawl, strip malls, etc.	1
Too many Indians and not enough chiefs	1
Traffic on 79 and back roads	1
Too much section 8 housing	1
Junk vehicles and trash	1

### **Lack of Services**

Lack of high-speed internet	2
Better gas station	1
Lack of cell service	1
Lack of public transportation	1

### **Rights & Restrictions**

No zoning, regulation	7
Loss of property owner's rights/ increase of restrictions	2
Large landowners getting unfair advantages	1
Nosy neighbors pushing their agendas on others	1
Rights of the minority being trampled by the majority	1

### **Threats & Nuisances**

Drugs	3
Flophouses, dumpy surroundings	2
Break-ins to rural homes	1
Lack of dog control	1
Road racing	1
Transients	1
Welfare will be primary employer	1

## **Summary of Question 25:**

### **What would you change in Enfield?**

145 people responded this question. Many people's comments addressed more than one topic. The text responses were organized by category. Within each category items are in order by the number of responses from high to low. The second column shows how many people commented on each item.

The complete comments can be found at: <http://townofenfield.org/content/Generic/View/15>

<b>Categories and topics</b>	<b># of people</b>
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### **Town Government**

Town management needs improvement	4
Acknowledge contributions of people who run the town	1
Improve the town-wide e-mail list	1
More inclusiveness in policy and planning	1
Land owners should have more input on major financial decisions	1
Greater transparency of fire company	1

### **Community**

Work toward increased/stronger community and mutual respect	16
More recreational opportunities	4
Use fire hall for community events	2
Too much Ithaca influence	1
Don't split us into so many school districts	1

### **New or Improved Infrastructure desired**

Stronger, more developed town center	13
Improve internet	12
Bike paths/lanes	6
Community center building	5
Sidewalks	3
Grocery store	2
Improve cell service	2
Town water/sewer	2
Park/playground	1
Improve town hall and meeting facilities	1
Designate a place for lawn clippings, leaves, Christmas trees	1
Replace Kuma's with a regular tavern	1
Movie theater	1

### **Cleanup encouraged**

Clean up town center	2
Move gravel piles out of center of town	1
Demolish old store	1
Develop a shooting range	1

### **Energy**

Anti-frack	24
Encourage wind power	6
Embrace renewable energy	4
Energy independence	1
Open to "safe" gas drilling	1
Increase energy efficiency of all buildings	1

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**Agriculture**

Encourage organic farming and related businesses	5
Encourage farmland protection	2
Discourage CAFOs	1

**Housing**

Limit manufactured housing	1
Improve substandard housing	1
More housing	1

**Roads and Transportation**

Improved public transportation	10
Better road maintenance/repair	2
Improved plowing	1

**Regulations/policies**

Better code enforcement	7
Zoning to maintain rural, agricultural character	6
More planning/controls/zoning	5
Control speeding	3
Noise ordinance	3
Stop open trash burning	2
Control farm and animal run-off	1
Less recreational gun usage	1
More law enforcement	1
Fewer restrictions on commercial farmland use	1
No road racing	1
Zoning to improve properties	1
Discourage ATV or dirtbike track	1
Limit growth	1
Don't tax disabled vets	1
Discourage road racing	1

**Business/Services**

Encourage small, low impact business	1
Elder care	1
More food pantry times	1
More educational resources	1

**Environment**

Encourage open space	3
Encourage public green space	3
Encourage nature/wildlife	2
Protect the water	1



### About change in Enfield

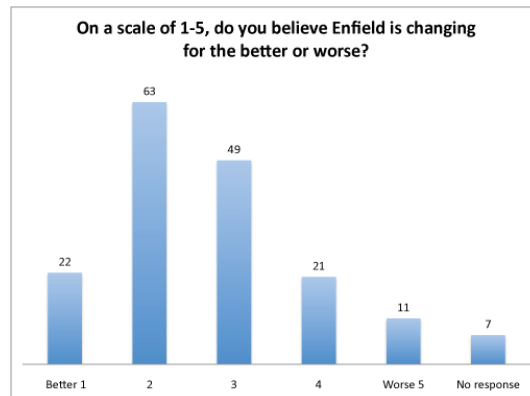
In favor of no change	7
Unsure	2

### Summary of Question 26:

#### Do you believe Enfield is changing for the better or worse and why?

166 people responded to the numeric portion of this question which asked for a numeric assessment on scale of 1-5 whether Enfield was changing for the better or worse.

<i><b>Response</b></i>	<i><b>Count</b></i>	<i><b>%</b></i>
Better 1	22	12.7%
2	63	36.4%
3	49	28.3%
4	21	12.1%
Worse 5	11	6.4%
No response	7	4.0%



126 of these also included written comments. Many people who wrote comments addressed more than one topic.

The text responses were organized by category. Within each category items are in order by the number of responses from high to low. In some cases seeing whether the comment was coming from a negative or positive point of view is helpful for understanding the intention. The second column shows this. The third column shows how many people commented on each item.

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<b>Categories and topics</b>	<b><i>Positive or negative</i></b>	<b><i># of people</i></b>
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### **Town Government**

Town Board and its meetings have improved	P	16
Planning Board issues need to be addressed	N	5

### **Community**

Better community in Enfield	P	25
Appreciative of community events	P	4
Enfield is becoming polarized/political	N	4
Supportive of “new blood” in Enfield	P	3
Enfield has no sense of community	N	1
Large land-owners’ agendas are not good for the community	N	1
Non-permanent residents should have no say about land use	N	1

### **Physical environment**

Appreciative of beautification effort, parks, overall improved overall cleanup, environmental considerations, recycling	P	14
Love Enfield the way it is	P	3
Appreciative of new highway building	P	1
Old “Greggs” building is an eyesore	N	1
Need improved junk cleanup including removal of old town barn	N	1
Truck traffic has increased	N	1

### **Energy**

Anti-fracking	-	34
Supportive of wind farm	-	6
Supportive of solar energy	-	3
Opposed to large scale wind/solar because of current technology limitations	-	1

### **Agriculture**

Enfield should continue to enhance conditions that support increasing organic agriculture and related businesses	-	6
Enfield should continue support both conventional and organic agriculture	-	1

### **Housing**

Too much section 8 and low quality housing (along with influx of crime)	N	4
Too much sprawl	N	3
People are taking pride in their homes	P	1

### **Roads and Transportation**

Appreciative of current road maintenance	P	2
Would like to see improved TCAT service	-	1

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**Regulations**

Enfield needs zoning	-	2
Enfield needs improved code enforcement	N	1
Enfield has too many rules and regulations	N	1
Appreciative of leash law and junk car law	P	1

**Taxes**

Opposed to tax increases	N	2
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**About change in Enfield**

No change perceived	-	11
Not here long enough to have an opinion	-	7
Change has been too slow	N	4
Too many people looking for easy fixes	-	1

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**TOWN OF ENFIELD, NY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2013**  
**COMPLETE COMMENTS**  
**182 Surveys returned**

The Comprehensive Plan survey was made available to all residents of Enfield and non-resident land-owners. A paper copy was inserted in the Enfield Community Currents/Town of Enfield Newsletter, which is mailed to approximately 950 residences. It was made available on paper at the Enfield Town Hall. It was also available for either printing or completion on-line at the Town of Enfield web site.

The survey was developed by a committee of residents using elements from comparable surveys from the towns of Freeville, Hector, Newfield, Caroline, and Ulysses.

See the document *Comprehensive Plan Survey Results Report 2013* for the survey results, including summaries of the comments submitted.

See below for the complete comments.

**OVERVIEW:**

The complete free-form comments for questions 23 to the end follow. The text responses to each question have been grouped by category. In cases where more than one topic was addressed by a respondent, that person's response was split as appropriate where possible (sometimes resulting from a comma at the end of the comment below). There were some cases, however, where it was not possible to split the response and so a judgment was made as to which category to include the comment even though it applies to more than one category. No comment was repeated for the sake of having it represented in more than one category. Thus these categories are only meant to facilitate a general understanding of the comments.

These comments appear exactly as people submitted them (no spelling, grammar, or punctuation was changed or corrected) except in a handful of instances where references to a specific name or address was masked with asterisks or, in 2 cases, removed from the text to maintain confidentiality or eliminate personal attack from the final document. The Planning Board has seen the unedited document.

**Question 23 comments: What do you like most about Enfield?**

**Natural Environment**

- Rural, open spaces
- The beauty and peacefulness.
- The rural atmosphere, with plenty of open space for agriculture, recreation, hunting, etc.
- like that it's rural and quiet
- There is lots of space.
- I like that it's quiet and beautiful, the water is pure and the air clean. I love growing my garden and walking in the woods, seeing the wildlife, flowers and trees.
- Rural environment, clean water
- Rural residential areas. Natural Beauty. Quiet.
- Rural setting
- Rural living with clean air and water
- Quiet rural atmosphere
- Rural character;
- The natural beauty, tranquility,

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- The beauty of the natural surroundings
  - Rural character;
  - natural beauty
  - the land and the amazing quality of water
  - Rural settings.
  - I like the rural agricultural character, natural beauty and views.
  - SMALL SIZE
  - Its rural landscape, the size, the beauty,
  - Rural character and that I have cows for neighbors
  - what the country has to offer - natural beautiful setting!!
  - It is quiet, still retains a lot of undeveloped areas,
  - rural landscape, clean water and air
  - Natural beauty, quiet
  - The rural character and natural beauty;
  - The water. We have the best water in the area. Wildlife.
  - Natural Beauty and privacy. It's quite and peaceful most of the time. The waterways and state park are also jewels.
  - Rural environment, amount of forest
  - The natural beauty, uncrowded spaces, clean water and air
  - Open space
  - Rural character, landscape, hills
  - Rural, tranquil, clean air and water
  - Farms, parks, historic structures,
  - rural
  - Rural, peace and quiet, natural beauty,
  - Rural character, natural beauty,
  - The open spaces
  - the rural nature of the town
  - The rolling green hills, frame and open land
  - The rural environment,
  - Living in the country. Quiet, beautiful vistas throughout the town. The mix of farms, and forests.
  - rural character, birds, and wildlife
  - open space
  - Scenery
  - I like the rural characteristic of Enfield and its state parks and natural beauty.
  - I love the rural aspect of our community.
  - Rural Beauty, peace and quiet, parks, trails.
  - The rural character
  - its rural setting
  - The natural beauty
  - The falls
  - quiet, rural, peaceful character; natural beauty;
  - Small Town rural area
  - I like it alot, it is quite, beautiful colors in the fall, some snow, nice breeze in the summer.
  - natural diversity of native plants and animals on our land
  - Quiet, rural living, our great water that is now in jeopardy
  - Beauty, relative quiet, lots of open space
  - natural beauty/rural
  - Natural beauty; hills, fields, forests, streams; Treman park, especially Upper Enfield.
  - Rural character,
  - Open Space
  - Natural beauty

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- Rural character
  - Natural beauty.
  - Open space & natural beauty.
  - Rural character.
  - very scenic
  - Natural beauty.
  - Beautiful, quiet countryside.
  - Natural beauty and rural character
  - The quiet country setting
  - Rural natural beauty
  - The rural feel
  - That I was born/raised here and it's still as beautiful.
  - The beauty,
  - Natural environment small town feel with close proximity to Ithaca.
  - Natural areas, beauty
  - Small size, open spaces, serenity
  - Rural setting
  - Quiet, rural character & natural beauty.
  - Quiet, beauty, privacy.
  - The natural beauty, rural character, clean air, clean water,
  - The fall leaves
  - The beautiful farm scenery.
  - Every beautiful rock that catches my eye in the sunlight as I walk the fields with our dogs, the different places berries pop up each year to our surprise. I love this place for its beauty and for the feeling of 'being rooted' that it gives me.
  - Rural, close to nature, peaceful
  - Stunning beauty, air and water quality
  - Rural character, scenery,
  - Beauty, water , rural nature,
  - Rural setting, parks,

### **Outdoor Recreation**

- lots of great places to hike
- fishing, swimming, hiking
- recreational opportunities nearby;
- The access to the outdoors for recreation, Treman State Park, the Finger Lakes Trail, etc.
- good cycling, great access to parks,
- hilly terrain with some relative wilderness to hike and bike and cross country ski in,
- Access to trails for cross country skiing and hiking,

### **Farming/Agriculture**

- Room for farming
- Farming
- opportunities for organic agriculture,
- , farming community.

### **Lack of heavy industry**

- It's small and there's no heavy industry,
- and no fracking or heavy industrial farming,
- The environmental concerns re. No hydrofracking or green industry
- fracking moratorium.
- Small size, rural, no industry.
- It's a great rural town, but I'm worried about fracking. Otherwise, there's no place I'd rather be.

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### Proximity to other places

- Rural location, but close to Ithaca.
- it's people, close enough to city, but far away enough to enjoy the peace and quiet( but that's changing due to slum lord rentals. bad for peace and quiet and land values.
- proximity to Ithaca, the natural beauty of the area
- close to Ithaca.
- close commute to Ithaca
- The fact it's close to Ithaca, but still far enough away to be rural.
- proximity to Ithaca
- Proximity to Ithaca and surrounding parks,
- close to state parks
- Rural country living near to Ithaca.
- When purchasing our home, it was very important that we are in the Ithaca City School district and near a TCAT bus line.
- It's rural atmosphere with proximity to Ithaca;
- the proximity to Ithaca, Treman Park.
- I like that it's rural and close to Ithaca.
- and is a nice proximity to Ithaca, Trumansburg, etc.
- State parks
- I like being close to T-burg and Ithaca but the feel of being out in the country.
- closeness to Ithaca, Watkins Glen, and state parks.
- The proximity to Ithaca.  
proximity to Ithaca/Elmira/Corning,
- close to Ithaca,
- distance from Ithaca and Watkins Glen. Robert Treman State Park.
- Closeness to Ithaca and parks
- I can get to Ithaca in 20 minutes,
- It's beauty and proximity to parks and Ithaca.
- and proximity to Ithaca and state parks.
- We are close to Ithaca, part of the Ithaca City School District, but have a lot of access to land for gardening, hiking, and other outdoor activities.
- nearby parks, lakes
- The abundance of natural landscapes, the clean water & air, the rural character,
- I like the rural nature of the town and that it is close to the state parks, the national forest and close to Ithaca and Trumansburg.
- proximity to Ithaca and Treman park.
- Its rural nature as well as its proximity to the cultural offerings of the Ithaca area.
- Its rural character, yet it is very close to Ithaca.
- home price and proximity to Ithaca combo,
- Proximity to parks.
- proximity to Ithaca
- close to Ithaca
- & proximity to Ithaca
- It's small and rural but close enough to Ithaca for convenience.
- proximity to parks, the lake.
- The countryside is what brought me here along with the close proximity to Ithaca
- Beautiful rural setting close to services in Ithaca
- proximity to Ithaca.
- It's rural natural setting and its proximity to Ithaca for work.
- close to Ithaca



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## **The People/Community**

- and sense of community.
- it's sense of community.
- FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS, LAID BACK RURAL CHARACTER
- Great community.
- people
- & the sense of community
- community involvement and good neighbors
- Enfield's unique economy comprised of people who know how to do just about anything.
- I also enjoy the sense of community and public involvement that appears to be growing in Enfield.
- Quirky nature loving residents,
- the growing sense of community.
- the community mindedness of so many people.
- & concerned neighbors
- Peaceful atmosphere, neighbors.
- Rural community
- Sense of community
- friendly community,
- the people.
- Lived here since a baby, sense of community.

## **Regulation**

- Lack of zoning
- Low taxes, minimal government interference
- but the countryside is getting too junky. There are a lot of homeowners who do not care about their properties and a code enforcement officer who does not enforce NYS code etc.

## **Services**

- and the excellent police and fire protection services.
- fire protections, roads

## **Quality of life**

- The low density of traffic on Enfield's roads is a real bonus.
- Its quiet for the most part.
- My home and the sense of community Events, activities and planning should support the live-ability of Enfield balancing the cost benefit ratio. No more "Shudaben" development where the taxpayers have to pay to bail out residents from greedy developers.
- peace and quiet
- quiet;
- low impact/volume of traffic;
- lack of traffic
- The peaceful setting.
- Small, quiet
- Relaxing atmosphere primarily. Room to breathe, quiet to think. Privacy
- Beautiful, good quality water, quiet, not much traffic,
- peace and quiet, privacy, clean air, clean water, I can walk for recreation and exercise and not get run over by trucks or (in general) chased by unleashed dogs.
- being able to live in close to nature and grow my own food, being the steward of my land and live in a healthy way, while also being in close proximity to Ithaca.
- That you can swim in a local spring-fed pond and know that water is about as clean as it can get. More affordable than most towns in Tompkins County.
- dark and quiet nights out here.
- That it's a small town
- I like the privacy we get in other rural towns it doesn't seem the same as here.

- PEACE AND QUIET
- low population density,
- There is not a lot of traffic and noise, except on 79,
- Good quality of life, fresh air and water.
- The fresh air and natural beauty, the peace and quiet,
- Rural, clean and
- Sleepy; pretty, mostly quiet, nature around me.
- affordable living
- I can afford to live here. Would move outside Tompkins county if that changed.
- Rural, small community
- Nice place to live & raise children.
- not expensive.
- It is a small quiet little community that should remain so.
- I love that it is a small town full of natural beauty and seems to be less tainted by greed than many of the big cities.
- Country setting, away from city, quiet
- Quiet rural setting
- Small, quiet
- Small town.
- Quiet,

### **Progress**

- that a wind farm is opening up! That's so exciting! I will cry for joy when it happens.
- That it is now coming into the 21st century.
- I've seen some new improvement like new Enfield Highway Building.

### **General**

- It's where my families land is located.
- I know everybody because i grew up here.
- I grew up here its my home I love it. My family lives next door to me. I really like that we can share this space together and be so close.
- Best place to live.
- Always home
- I like that we have history here. It feels right to be here and to consider this the place we will always be. I know our family's land like the back of my hand. My head is full of stories from relatives long lost and of my own experience...tromping through the swamp, learning to drive a Ford 9N on my own under the instruction of my granddad.

## **Question 24: What is your biggest concern about the future of Enfield?**

### **Agriculture**

- I am strongly opposed to industrial farming/"right-to-farm policies" that produce toxic air and can contaminate water.
- Recent so-called "conventional" farming that destroys hedgerows, lovely woods, creek valleys.
- My biggest concern is for the possible commercialization of the town. Many remember the "Pig Farm" years ago. I certainly do, as I lived downwind of it. This type of commercial farming, as in the Town of Lansing, can downgrade the environment of the town and should be discouraged.
- I would not support CAFOs as they are essentially agriculture fracking.
- Loss of farmlands
- Restrictions on Farming

- It is extremely important to protect the environment by enacting regulations which prevent practices such as spraying of chemicals on the soil. We need to encourage green energy, organic farming, and preserving the land for future generations to enjoy.

## **Environment & Health**

- I am very concerned that heavy industrialization associated with fracking or other heavy industries will ruin our roads, pollute our aquifer and deplete our clean water resources.
- I am strongly opposed to hydrofracking that produces toxic air and can contaminate water.
- I am very concerned about the possible effects of natural gas development (fracking) on our community. The effects on water quality and the increase in truck traffic and noise are of particular concern. I believe it would so degrade the quality of life here that we would be forced to move.
- Hydro-fracking ruining the water & roads
- Fracking
- My biggest concern is that our community and water will be destroyed by hydrofracturing.
- fracking could wreck everything
- I am very concerned that fracking will ruin not only my well water but also the air and noise quality of my home. I moved here for the natural beauty and quiet. I don't want these taken away because of fracking.
- fracking
- fracking would change everything and could destroy my land and water
- That they allow Fracking in Enfield or any were else. Because Fracking will ruin the land and destroy everything. I dont want to have to live with all the spills, loudness and most improtantly traffic. I also dont want my water to catch on fire.
- The potential negative consequences of hydro-fracking.
- The possibility of fracking. I am part owner of a lake property in PA and we worry greatly about the quality of both our lake and our well water. There have been many instances of contaminated well water in neighboring communities. I can't take a drink from the tap and not wonder if it's safe to do so. I can't say how comforting it is to know that my water here is safe for myself and my dogs. It seems as though people take clean well water for granted, particularly those who have never experienced the fear of contamination.
- Hydrofracking, polluted water and air, unsafe deteriorating roads, homes surrounded with trash, junk, garbage and vehicles.
- That fracking will destroy the water supply and general health of the area.
- Fracking
- The threat of fracking.
- Changes that will occur if hydrofracking comes to town
- That frackers come! I will hit them over the head with a baseball bat if they come on my land! Maybe we should frack their land how would they like that! I don't want my land and water contaminated!!!!!!
- protect Enfield lands from activities such as hydraulic fracturing and other such damaging activities
- Worried about fracking & wall water, fracking & beauty, fracking & incoming of rough necks.
- Gas drilling
- Hydrofracking's impact on environment
- being overrun by oil and gas exploration companies.
- The effects of fracking, including traffic and water quality.
- Fracking
- Industrial development/hydrofracking
- Fracking
- High volume slick water hydrofracking is a danger to the community and could easily destroy our wonderful community.
- Nothing is even remotely more important than to ban fracking
- RIGHT NOW WE MUST BAN HIGH VOLUME SLICK WATER HORIZONTAL HYDROFRACTURING
- Fracking
- impact of fracking either in or nearby Enfield
- concerned that fracking will be allowed
- Allowing an irrevesable hyrofracking in our community

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- Fracking
  - hydrofracking
  - That fracking will destroy the area.
  - Hydrofracking
  - The risks and side effects of fracking
  - Fracking! Don't let it happen!
  - economic pressures to exploit resources of water, land, natural gas will lead to environmental degradation and contamination.
  - My biggest concern is that Enfield will be negatively impacted, environmentally and economically by fracking.
  - Hydrofracking
  - NO FRACKING!!
  - The occurrence of fracking.
  - I'm most concerned about gas drilling. It would be a fatal mistake to allow gas corporations to come in and run roughshod over all of us just for a few residents to benefit financially. Please no gas drilling!!
  - The possibility of high volume drilling for natural gas. I am not opposed to other forms of natural gas development.
  - The possible industrial development of hydraulic fracturing for natural gas. I have deep concerns about the negative effects of that industry on the Enfield community (as well as other rural towns), especially relating to air and water quality, road maintenance and overall quality of life.
  - being "run over" by gas drilling companies
  - I do not want to see ANY fracking or oil drilling.
  - I'm very concerned about the possibility of fracking. I see no positive gains and only a multitude of headaches and problems if that type of gas drilling is allowed to go forward. The residents of Enfield stand to gain nothing but only to lose our health, and wealth of natural beauty.
  - It is extremely important to protect the environment by enacting regulations which prevent practices such as hydrofracking.
  - I believe that fracking would decrease property values, drive people and healthy business/agriculture away from Enfield, and degrade the environment and health of the people who live here.
  - I believe that industrial scale agriculture is also harmful to the environment. Also, concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) should not be encouraged in Enfield. Large-scale farms should be held to high standards in relation to air, water, and noise pollution. Small scale organic operations should be encouraged in Enfield.
  - The consequences of hydro-fracking on our land and water.
  - Fracking. If it happens we will move. We have our first child on the way and we aren't raising her in a gas field.
  - My biggest concern currently is that fracking will NOT be banned. I would like to see a comprehensive ban on fracking in the town of Enfield.
  - I believe that industrial scale agriculture is also harmful to the environment. Also, concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) should not be encouraged in Enfield. Large-scale farms should be held to high standards in relation to air, water, and noise pollution. Small scale organic operations should be encouraged in Enfield.
  - Fracking spoiling the town & our water
  - My biggest concern is the potential for water contamination due to hydrofracking.
  - My biggest concern at this point is that we protect our community from the big gas corporation's plan to frack our community and that our water will be poisoned for generations to come. I have children, we drink from our well. They need not to be exposed to cancer cause chemicals. I love where we live. Everyday when I go for a run in the morning, I am in awe of the beauty that surrounds us. Please protect this beautiful community.
  - fracking would ruin the town for me
  - Hydrofracking
  - Destruction of natural resources, e.g. fracking

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- that hydrofracking will come and poison everything
  - Fracking will change the entire rural nature of the town, destroy natural beauty, destroy water, air and community.
  - Fracking for natural gas and its impact on the environment, especially water quality
  - do not want gas drilling here
  - Hydraulic fracturing for natural gas and the pollution that will ensue.
  - I'm most concerned that gas drilling will be allowed in the area, placing a hazard on our water table, air quality and rural nature of the town. I'm concerned that we will lose the agricultural nature of the town and would like to encourage more farming and less industrial development.
  - hydrofracking will turn the town into an industrialized zone for years and i'll be forced to sell my home at a reduced value and leave..
  - The possibility of fracking. Leave the gas in the ground.
  - I dread extraction of natural resources of any sort without long term considerations of sustainability. Right now it is fracking. Global warming is coming to all of us and that is actually my largest concern. We need to get off fossil fuels.
  - Hydrofracking
  - Fracking would destroy enfield and must be avoided at all costs.
  - The possibility of fracking makes me hesitant to buy a home or start a business as I do not believe that in the event of water and land contamination that anyone will be held responsible in a reasonable amount of time which means there is no deterrent for those seeking profit.
  - I am concerned that Enfield could become industrialized due to natural gas extraction techniques and other large scale commercial agriculture or industrial ventures. I want to continue to live in a healthy , quiet rural environment. We need to protect our air, land and water and the overall quality of our rural life.
  - I really do not want to see it become a fracking town I know of people that live in Pennsylvania in a tracking town before they came in it was great another wonderful rural town in the United States one four corner stop sign with a small town store the fracking company's came in the roads are thrashed they have to wait at a stop light for sometimes up to fifteen minutes for a long line of gas trucks. They were invaded they can't sell there land because no one wants to buy it in a town over run by fracking company's they are concerned about there children's health.
  - The most awful future I can imagine is an Enfield dotted with gas drilling rigs pounding 24/7, spewing diesel fumes into the air & turning clean water into chemical stew. We have such a treasure of beautiful woods & streams, farmland & meadows--how can we even consider turning such an environment into a dirty industrial zone?
  - hydrofracking and wind farms changing the landscape and noise levels
  - That hydrofracking will ruin the water supply and cause many homes to be worthless.
  - That the town become home to increased heavy-industrial activity and accompanying pollution that goes along with fossil fuel extraction. It's really important to protect our valuable and thus far plentiful water supply through an aquifer study and local laws.
  - My home is my biggest investment and if hydrofracking is allowed its diminished value is assured. Lower land values will lead to diminished tax base for town maintenance and repair of the destructive nature of the drilling practices so apparent in Pennsylvania. The noise air and water pollution will prompt many to leave, it is a slippery slope that has left many communities in desperation. I do not want to leave Enfield but am not willing to live in the midst of these installations.
  - That hydro fracking will be allowed and a spill will contaminate our water. Even if there is no spill the industrial development of Enfield would most likely drive us away at great cost to us.
  - That we won't adequately protect our community against high volume natural gas drilling- Ban fracking in Enfield!
  - Possibility of fracking, at this time.
  - Messing up the place with fracking.
  - I am very concern about fracking. We are on a well and I would really HATE to loose our water supply.
  - That hydrofracking or other heavy industrial development will destroy the clean air, water, peacefulness and quality of life that we have here.

- 1. That hydrofracking NOT be allowed here, and that we have the right to determine that as a town.
- Possibility of hydrofracking
- No Fracking! No fracking! No drilling! No, No, No!
- Fracking
- Fracking- Don't Want!
- Fracking and what it could do to our water and air, especially 2 years down the line when the chemicals have had time to disperse and seals have had time to break.
- High volume drilling for natural gas (fracking)
- Allowing fracking for gas wells
- Don't want to see hydro-fracking and the heavy industrial look that accompanies it.
- Fracking coming here
- Although I am not necessarily opposed to developing natural gas, I am none the less concerned about the effect it will have.
- The big businesses and gas drilling will come here. We NEED to encourage solar and wind energy.
- Hydrofracking will render homes uninhabitable, destroy property values, increase taxes by destroying tax base and increase infrastructure maintenance cost.
- Stop fracking!
- I'm very concerned about fracking.
- Threat of hydrofracking
- Eventual approval of hydrofracking and resulting environmental and traffic impacts
- Fracking
- Pollution of air and water. Industrialization through natural gas development or CAFOs.
- Hydrofracking. We will leave town if it comes.
- Fracking
- Fracking is a huge threat to our quality of life. I strongly oppose drilling and hydrofracking in the Town of Enfield.
- I'm concerned that our community will change...it's way too small of an area to invite huge industrial operations like gas drillers in to disrupt and pollute this beautiful landscape. I'm saddened that people who claim to be the most concerned about the land have more regard for making money at the expense of their neighbors than really, and seriously considering the damage that will occur to the land if high volume slick water hydraulic fracturing is allowed to commence. Even if there was never to be a spill, the toll that this type of activity will take on the surface, the landscape, the terrain...it will change it forever. This type of mindset is disappearing. It isn't realistic in today's society and it isn't sustainable in a community the size of ours.
- losing access to parks and lakes
- Increased pollution
- Water well protection.
- Pollution of ground water and bodies of water.

## **Governance**

- EVFC Members should not serve on the Town Board. The Town employs too many family members. Town clerk, code officer, brother and sister, councilperson married to code officer, etc. Conflicts!

## **Growth & Development**

- Commercialization of natural resources
- That decisions being made now are based on fear and speculation. This town could use an economic boost and writing an entire industry out of a plan is short-sighted. This town should welcome ANY industry into our tax base. So my biggest fear is creating a plan that prohibits the growth of this community.
- Development
- That it is not over-developed, or the countryside ruined for someone's profit
- Currently I would be most concerned about property taxes continuing to go up
- Taxes will become so high that residents will sell and move because of affordability. We need to think long and hard before spending beyond our basic needs. We cannot continue to increase taxes at the expense of our residents.



- Cost of services and taxes for unfunded state and federal mandates
- Increasing Property taxes- especially for residents on fixed incomes.
- I'm concerned about what the large landowners will do with their land to make money. I can only hope that they will consider the community when making decisions.
- No plan for the infrastructure to meet the future needs of the town. No in town housing for the elderly, no community center or recreational space (ball fields, basketball courts, etc.)for our young. We don't even have a decent Town Hall and the center of our town in distened for slum lord city!
- Commercial development
- Development with no safe pedestrian spaces.
- Increased population
- over population
- Lack of proper land use, ie small home/lot sizes. Min size 3 ars.
- It will lose its rural charm.
- Over development of industry.
- Over expansion of public buildings
- Sprawl development ruining the rural area. I grew up outside Philadelphia in a rural area where farms were replaced completely by strip malls and housing developments, each uglier than the last. Result is no community identity, no way to walk or use public transport to services. No beautiful landscape. Just endless, characterless sprawl and crowded roads and everyone living atomized lives. I think fostering community and stewardship of land and resources should be the top priorities.
- Take over by "oil companies"
- Big brother (oil co) taking over
- too many indians and not enough chiefs.
- Growth.
- I'd hate to see it become like Ithaca, over run by students with no respect for those who live and work here.
- traffic on t. 79 and back roads

## **Housing Quality & Maintenance**

- Come look at the properties on either side of me! Deteriorating buildings. The "newest" buildings made out of scrap.
- Deteriorating housing stock.
- too many welfare section 8 housing opportunities. attracting bad acting and scary people to our area.

## **Lack of Services**

- That we get a better gas station and for the TCAT to come out here more and for the town to get a program for people that need help with services and food and the children.
- Lack of good cell service.
- 2. The lack of affordable high-speed internet service, except for those who have Haefele TV, which provides internet services.
- Lack of choices of Internet providers.
- Lack of public transportation.

## **Rights & Restrictions**

- Planning should not change the character of Enfield so large landowners can make a buck on the backs of hardworking middle class residents as has happened in past.
- Losing its free rural lifestyle.
- loss of property owner's rights through poor planning
- Lack of zoning will lead to undesirable uses establishing businesses near my home or my neighbors.
- Lack of zoning, lack of code enforcement.
- Unregulated buildings.
- Lack of building/zoning regulations
- unplanned growth
- Unregulated housing development, esp. mobile homes.



- Lack of zoning
- NOSY NEIGHBORS PUSHING THEIR AGENDAS ON OTHERS
- Rights of the minority are being trampled by the majority.

### **Threats & Nuisances**

- Break-ins to rural homes
- Drugs.
- Road racing.
- Drugs.
- Lower class people making it a dumpy area.
- Slum landlords w/flop houses.
- Dogs across the road left out all the time, barking and whining (SPCA will not do anything unless formal charges are pressed).
- Drugs.
- Continued transient, low or no income people wandering around.
- Welfare will be the primary employer

## **Question 25 Comments: What would you change in Enfield?**

### **Town Government**

- More planning, controls
- Some consistency in our Town management would be a plus
- I would hold more referendums to encourage inclusiveness in Town of Enfield policy & planning.
- I would like to see more of the kind of community involvement in Town events and governance we've seen over the last couple of years.
- I'd like to see the Town make a greater effort to create and maintain a town-wide e-mail list so that announcements about meetings and laws are more readily available. People could be encouraged to stay in touch with the Town website more than they do. We'd become a more cohesive community.
- Find a way to acknowledge the contributions of the few residents that keep the town running and safe (elected officials, employees, fire company personnel -- all volunteer far more time than most residents realize).
- the town board, too many conflicts of interest
- Transparency of the Fire Company
- focus of town government
- New people in town Gov.
- Land owners should have more input on major financial decisions.

### **Community**

- To see everyone work for the common good of our community. We have a lovely firehouse but no community events can be held there, why? Would like to see more community involvement and support with our Grange.
- I would like to see more community socializing. While it would be great to have an actual community center building to meet in, I think we could be creative as a community until the time that's possible. Perhaps some open houses a few times a year or once a month...open our homes for snacks and meeting new people. Maybe a progressive dinner a couple times a year. I have loved getting to know so many people who live here. Really, it's such a small population, it is possible to know nearly everyone here in some capacity sooner or later. The more we know one another, the more committed we are to one another in making our community strong.
- more recreational opportunities
- too much influence from Ithaca

- I wish there was more of a community here - more gatherings or a place to gather (cafe?). Would be nice to have some small businesses here or kid-orientated activities for families to come together.
- Enhancing sense of community
- Idealistically, I would work on changing the attitude that "what I do on/with my land is nobody else's business". Fostering an attitude of "I care that what I do on/with my land affects my neighbors" could be a worthwhile goal.
- More community events to bring residents together and to "get to know" some of our neighbors
- There seem to be a lot of people living in very marginal-looking structures. Info and connections - perhaps via the website - about how residents could help neighbors in need would be nice.
- feed the hungry, encourage our young people, and have more of a sense of a caring community
- More activities for children.
- Get people to get to know each other better. Have more opportunities to meet your neighbors.
- repurpose fire hall to a community facility,
- increase communication and cooperation of citizens on individual and community projects.
- I would like to see more opportunities for the kids- a bigger space for them to gather in, more resources for after school activities and programming.
- Less sense of "I can do whatever I want to my property" and greater awareness of the public good.
- Encourage more community learning opportunities and use of facilities for adult classes and education.
- That more to be done to encourage the community to stay small.
- People like me who are not involved enough. I/we should be. More engaged with neighbors. Can we start a community cafe like Dryden? Need better relationships between new comers & old timers. Less arrogance from new-comers towards rural families. More mutual respect.
- I would build a community center for all to use.
- Need a community center so people have a place to run into each other.
- I would increase the sense of community by not splitting us into so many different school districts.

### **New or Improved Infrastructure desired**

- We need a sustainable model of development that includes improved internet access, improved public transportation access
- I would also really LOVE to have high speed internet!
- High speed internet availability.
- I would improve cell service and internet options to invite small, home-based businesses into our community.
- Develop high speed internet access
- We need improved internet access that is more affordable- we don't have cable or DSL. Satellite internet access is expensive and not always reliable.
- I've only lived in Enfield for 6 months, but I am very happy with everything so far and glad to have bought property here. If I had to pick one thing, access to high-speed internet would be really nice. I am only able to access that at work.
- Modernize ie Internet - High speed
- Poor cell phone coverage and no legitimate Internet access. Needs to be addressed as soon as possible.
- I'd bring in affordable high-speed internet service. The state broadband map has been wrong. It shows Time Warner Cable serving Enfield, and also shows other internet services that are not available. I have been in touch with the state Broadband Commission on numerous occasions to help them correct the errors on the map, because they need to know that there is little to no high-speed internet service in Enfield.
- Bike paths on major roads. So it will be safer for the people who are biking.
- make the busy roads safer by creating bike paths.
- More safe pedestrian spaces -- sidewalks and walking/bike trails.
- a town water system, sewer system, connection to the world due to cable, telephone cables, maybe a small movie theater, etc. for residents to enjoy.
- More commercial activity and urban landscaping in Enfield town center.
- I would bring on the farms/restaurants/parks/bike lanes/ all the other good ideas mentioned above.
- More public green space, perhaps more local businesses in the center of Enfield

- Make a real town center (see below). Add sidewalks and more street lights so pedestrians stop walking in the road, especially on Enfield Main. Encourage \*small\* business development and better quality affordable housing, and elder care. Elder care would need to come with proper public transportation and a small grocery store in the center of town. Above I indicated that I wanted to increase certain types of housing, but I would not want to see massive housing developments with identical houses on postage-stamp sized plots of land. If housing is increased I would want it to be done thoughtfully, and with priority placed on keeping the rural nature of our community.
- maybe start a park to encourage some sort of visiting to the area. Start small and grow.
- It would be wonderful to have our roads more pedestrian and cyclist friendly. It would also be great to have a recreational park nearby with a playground.
- I would love to see some storefronts in downtown Enfield.
- The town area needs a little renovation.
- Historic preservation and re-purposing of existing structures in a planned focused way to build a community center.
- A restaurant or two would be nice, but maybe unrealistic.
- I would like to see sidewalks along Enfield main road and a proper bus stop across from the town hall.
- develop bike paths
- I would build a stronger town center area
- Build a bus shelter for riders.
- Better internet service,
- Replace Kuma's with a regular tavern.
- Make a nice center of town. People associate Valley Korner as the center and that doesn't promote the gentle character of Enfield.
- Make the village center more attractive.
- Shooting range-
- The establishment of a traditional general store would serve as a community "watering hole", community center, grocery and retail store, while fitting with the character of the community.
- A place to bring lawn clippings, leaves, Christmas trees, etc.

### **Cleanup encouraged**

- Improve condition of buildings and maintenance of green areas,
- I'd also like to see the gravel piles moved out of the center of town to the new highway department site.
- get ride of junk sites near the roads
- Improve the town hall and meeting Facilities
- Demolish the corner store- bring in new store with a paved parking lot and affordable prices.

### **Energy**

- people shouldn't be wishy washy about this -- just ban it before it's too late
- the weather, but if you can't do that at least stop the frackers!
- I'd definately want to leave if fracking were allowed.
- Pass a ban on gas drilling to protect us from fracking and other high volume industrial drilling techniques which will ruin our way of life here in Enfield.
- Ban Fracking forever.
- And I would like to see a ban on high volume hydrofracking in the town.
- Change the moratorium to a ban on hydrofracking.
- I would like to see Enfield focus on green energy, like the wind farm that is going to be built on Black Oak Rd and
- Introduce a moratorium on fracking.
- A ban on fracking until it can be done safely.
- the moritorium on fracking to a complete ban on fracking
- I would change the fracking moratorium to a fracking ban
- make the moratorium into a ban on fracking
- I would enact a ban on high volume hydraulic fracturing.

- Institute a Ban on Hydrofracking
- Slowness of reactivity (?) to ban fracking
- ban hydrofracking,
- Put a ban on Hydro Fracking in place.
- The slow move to ban fracking. It needs to be done NOW!
- Natural Gas drilling when safer forms would be Ok
- ban tracking.
- Town should adopt a BAN on Hydrofracking.
- Ban hydrofracking
- Reduced cost electrical power through wind energy and a ban on hydro-fracking would make me very proud.
- Also, if farmers are allowed to "frack" their land, the environment of the town will be so adversely affected that it becomes beyond repair.
- I would institute a ban on fracking as soon as possible.
- also green renewable energy sources in more abundance I think it's great the outside lights in the parking lot at the school are solar powered cudos that's great
- more emphasis on energy conservation, development of renewable energy technologies.
- I do think that every effort should be made to incorporate green energy wherever possible. A wind farm would only be an asset. Any other moves toward green energy would be welcome.
- increase energy efficiencies of all buildings.
- Build/approve wind farm and solar generation. Energy independence without toxic waste.
- The addition of a wind farm.
- Complete wind farm

## **Agriculture**

- and "new agriculture" ventures that do not contaminate the land or air, and that have genuine respect for the well being of neighbors in what is becoming a more residential area.
- I would encourage farmland protection laws and any programs that would encourage farmers to keep large tracts of farmland intact.
- Explore ways to enable land to stay open space so that it's available for current and future (green) agriculture.
- Farmers used to be the primary protectors of the land. Ever increasingly, they use and abuse the land to maximize profits. The increasing use of herbicides and pesticides will eventually adversely affect all aspects of the environment,
- I would love to see huge embrace of development of renewable energy and organic farming. We are in the perfect place for it with Ithaca so close by.
- Not much it would be nice to see more organic farmers in the area
- fostering of small-scale agriculture,
- NO MORE CAFOS!

## **Housing**

- More housing
- improve substandard housing
- Limit manufactured housing

## **Roads and Transportation**

- More bus service.
- Better public transportation to more areas of Enfield. For example, the Enfield Falls area is not served at all. A small feeder bus along Rt.327 four times a day to connect to the lines at the Enfield Town Hall or on Route 13 would be nice. Could be served by some 8 passenger van. There is a need, but there may not be enough folks using the service in the beginning, thus a relatively small public transport vehicle would suffice.
- I don't understand the resistance to having a bus stop at the new highway facility. I think it would be very useful to have a bus stop there.
- public transportation options,

- reroute TCAT to a loop that runs to the new highway barn crosses over to Bostwick Rd. and over Sheffield to Meck Rd. ;
- Stop digging such huge trenches on the sides of the roads. Drainage is one thing but standing water (now a problem in front of my place) leads to more mosquitoes (West Nile virus problem) and big problems for minor skids in the winter.
- Bus service to all of Enfield
- Better Winter plowing.
- Better road repair
- Small TCAT buses or vans operating more frequently and coming out to S. Buck Hill Rd. (County/Town line)

## Regulations/policies

- Enforcement of junk yard code / dog licensing.
- More zoning and more enforcement of property code requirements; it's embarrassing to drive visitors around certain areas of Enfield, the way some of the properties look
- stricter codes and enforcement regarding property maintenance.
- Develop a long term plan for sustainable development. Countryside residents across the country have realized too late that zoning would have protected them from big trucks running over their dogs, or that loud noise that keeps them up at night, and the traffic that doubles their commute. There is room in Enfield for industry, commerce, multifamily homes, etc... but we must have a plan that is realistic for keeping traffic reasonable, allowing space for recreation, and not disturbing the existing rural character of Enfield.
- I would encourage stronger land use planning/ zoning to maintain the rural and agricultural nature of the community. I am concerned about the effect of substandard housing on the nature of the community and the schools.
- Realistically, I would like the town to explore the idea of land use zoning to see if some form of it would work for Enfield.
- Put in place a noise ordinance.
- Get farm/animal run-off under control.
- stricter rules to prevent industrial development
- At least enforce building codes and maybe have some zoning regulations
- I would love to see zoning in Enfield, like you see in every other town in the country.
- I would like to see the sheriff's dept. out here more often setting up speed traps.
- I also have some concerns about recreational gun usage.
- I am very glad that the ATV track on Shudaben Rd. closed. That was quite a noise nuisance and is a concern. I would discourage the development of another ATV or dirtbike track.
- I would like to see some sort of code to help people learn to keep junk cars and junk trailers and general level of extremely unsightly waste limited, behind fences and NOT right along our beautiful creeks. I hike at night and smell burn barrels all the time. I don't know how to locate exactly where they are coming from.
- I'd like more zoning, more protective ordinances, as an example no single-wides. Would like noise ordinances on dirt bikes and four wheelers.
- Much less illegal shooting on properties adjacent to mine.
- Well, we need zoning...
- consider zoning and get some law enforcement protection full time. I think the town could provide free housing to a young police officer willing to make this area their home for their family.
- It would be nice if junk laws were enforced- Clean up our town- get rid of junk cars-
- To enforce the speed by the school and
- Impose fewer restrictions on commercial farm land use.
- get rid of road racing, loud car stereos.
- Disabled veterans in most of the United States pay no school tax and no land tax. Why not here, please tell me why. Cornell is tax free.
- Now that Bostwick between Applegate and 327 has been so improved, speeding (esp. vehicles w. little or no mufflers) and littering is out of control...speed bumps, signage? Enforcement.

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## **Business/Services**

- incubator for small businesses to get started and employ more Enfield residents.
- I would encourage small, low impact businesses
- encouragement for small businesses and definitely another grocery/gas station store
- more education, better access to educational resources
- more food pantry times in this town.

## **Environment**

- Enfield's pure air and water, its natural beauty , its organic gardening and maple syrup industries are very important to me.
- Not sure how, but more encouragement of nature and wildlife.
- Control water use and contamination from all sources, including agriculture, industry and residents. Control outdoor burning to minimize environmental impact.
- As little as possible about the natural environment.
- Encourage responsible land use regulating to preserve open space and view sheds.
- The water is extremely hard.

## **About change in Enfield**

- Nothing
- Nothing. What's wrong with a small town? Evrything doesn't have to change. If it works, leave it alone.
- Nothing special at this time.
- Peoples stubbornness to change
- not sure
- Not much.
- nothing at the moment
- Not sure
- Nothing- Leave it alone!
- Not much.
- More of what is suggested

## **Question 26 Comments: Do you believe Enfield is changing for the better or worse and why?**

### **Town Government**

- it's taken awhile to get away from the families that usually ran the town "residents are slowly getting things done by vote, better local government leaders, etc.
- For reasons stated above. No plan and the lack of caring out a plan if there was one. We have a huge turnover rate with our elected officials which adds to this problem.
- When I grew up politicians and political appointees looked out for those who they represented versus their personal interest. Can you folks who are charged with planning really tell me you are looking out for the concerns of all residents or positioning yourselves to make more money at the expense of the rest of us, You call it capitalism and it's okay when in fact you've benefited from tax breaks and government subsidies which is socialism.
- I appreciate the responsiveness of the Town Board to community concerns and have faith that it bodes well for Enfield's future
- Town is attempting to make improvements for a better Enfield.
- I am concerned that the planning board may not represent the wishes of the majority of the Town who would welcome some reasonable land use regulation.
- The Town Board listens to the concerns of the people and neighbors help each other through the fire department , the churches and the school.
- same kind of problems, no matter who is "in charge"



- I believe that the town of Enfield Board is thoughtful and caring about this community.
- don't know...maybe better as the town board meetings are now so open and inviting?
- I think the effectiveness of our Planning Board & Town Board is also on the rise. Their effectiveness will certainly be put to the test during the next year as the issue of a hydrofracking ban comes front & center!
- town government is becoming more responsive to the voice of the citizens-including the newcomers,
- Environmental concerns are being addressed appropriately by the Town.
- The Town Board meetings have become very respectful, and more welcoming of input from residents.
- I am glad the Planning Board is inviting community participation on their committees for updating the Comprehensive Plan.
- there is some forward thinking, planning, but not enough and not fast enough.
- Finally a town board that works in relative harmony for the betterment of the town.
- The town leaders are asking the right questions and seeking input from town residents.
- it's thinking carefully about its future and trying to do what's best for most of us.
- Lots of great new/old board members
- Town board seems to have forgotten the fact that they are charged with protecting our town and posterity (?), new small business, the board needs to be more pro-active instead of re active - protect our land and water.
- The Board seems less concerned about water/environmental issues and appears to be preparing to let "oil companies" do damage.
- Town board that works together. More town info available through website, ENSAW mailings, etc.
- I am so pleased to see a new mindset on the Town Board. Including the constituents in the process is the American way.

## Community

- Lots of new people taking an interest in the town
- If we can continue that success with a complete ban on fracking, the community can come together to continue this model of engagement and development that meets the needs of more of Enfield's citizens.
- People are getting involved more and more, and that's a good thing.
- I'm optimistic that increased involvement in local Enfield government by many thoughtful residents can help build a more prosperous and caring community for the 21st Century.
- Enfield appears at a cross roads with large old time resident land owners wanting to making a financial wind fall at the expense of folks who enjoy living here.
- i guess this is what its like to live in a growing community
- Sense of investment and real care for the place amongst the community.
- This is how community is built.
- I live in the area and hear nothing, ever, about anything. There is no sense of community involvement that I have felt in 18 years.
- Being new to Enfield, I am heartened by the number of people who actively care about the town and want to
- Involved community members.
- more community involvement
- I think youth are the life-blood of a community. They bring energy and fresh ideas.
- I like Enfield's community events like the chicken barbecues and fall harvest festival.
- However, I do want you to know I appreciate the attempt to build community with chicken bbq's, fall harvest festivals, and the like, and the yearly (spring) dumpster in the center of town has been hugely beneficial for us. Please continue these efforts.
- The continuing harvest Festival & ECC programs
- I am feeling more sense of community among the residents here.
- too many political agendas of large land owners
- People care and are willing to work hard to keep each other safe and healthy.
- Far too political
- becoming polarized
- Perhaps because of the hydrofracking threat, Enfield's citizens seem to be getting more involved in the political process.



- Also ENSAW and this survey are good indicators of positive change because they indicate community activity.
- There have been more opportunities for community gatherings like movies and dances, and more public information presentations.
- Citizens are paying attention to things that affect their lifestyle..
- Just a gut feeling. Seeing lots of people get involved in ENSAW (including my wife and mother in law) give me hope that things can change.
- More people are becoming involved/taking action to protect the town and quality of life here.
- A few landowners want to become oil tycoons and the expense of everyone else.
- Only permanent residents should have say regarding land use.
- Residents are becoming more progressive minded & want to plan for the future.
- Not enough co-operation by political opposites.
- I think people are trying hard to build bridges and increase communication and respect in the community.
- Organization & community awareness.
- Seems to be more citizen input, more intellectual discourse. More of a community feel to the town.
- Relatively new (10-20 yrs) residents are becoming involved in community events
- It's a blessing to work with our fellow neighbors to make our community better and to keep it safe.

## **Physical environment**

- seems like the large truck travel is getting worse
- I like the new lamp posts along Enfield main road and I am looking forward to all the gravel piles being moved out of the center of town. The recycling / dump program that Enfield conducted every spring for the last few years was also a great service.
- When we paid taxes to have the new highway building built, I expected the eyesore of the old town highway building to be addressed - preferably torn down. Especially the piles of road materials need to be relocated to the new building. The center of town needs to be improved now that that new highway facility exists; instead it continues to languish unattended. Please finish what we paid you to start!
- Junk has been getting cleaned up in general but I think there is still a little ways to go.
- The beautification of Enfield Center.
- Nice treatment of Enfield Center with the plantings, signs, streetlights
- town remains rural
- Because I love this place.
- Its being cleaned up.
- New highway dept. building,
- It seems there is an effort to keep Enfield looking good.
- Enfield center is more attractive than it used to be. The Enfield is top-notch. could something be done with the old "Gregg's Market"? It's a eye-sore.
- Recycling, road maint., parks
- I would like to create a natural world healing and education center and have Enfield be its home. As a small town that has not yet been taken over by big business and greed/selfishness, we have a rare opportunity to be a model town that thrives while still existing in harmony with our earth and each other!

## **Energy**

- The passing of a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing is a very positive first step toward protecting the natural resources on which this community will thrive. The people that have worked together to bring this about have helped create a new sense of community that was lacking in the past.
- It depends on whether or not fracking is banned
- don't know, it depends on whether or not they allow fracking
- better to have a wind farm but it'll be a nightmare if they allow fracking
- That depends on whether or not Enfield bans fracking
- Fracking
- Hydrofracking is even a possibility

- The culture of non-education leads to carelessness regarding protection of natural resources. Acceptance of hydrofracking will quickly lead to wholesale destruction of those resources. Poisoning the water will make agriculture impossible. Affluent citizens, including those who make money from frackin leases, will leave, and rising food costs means that low income residents will be in worse trouble than ever. In short, fracking will drive the local economy into the ground.
- amazing turnout by residents to speak from their hearts against fracking
- Ban on hydrofracking.
- I am pleased with the sense of community that has developed in opposition to the possibility of fracking. I was pleasantly surprised to see so many people in our community stepping forward to protect the Town. I hope to see further action towards a full ban and an aquifer study and aquifer protection law.
- Because our little community is under the direct threat of HVSWH hydrofracking, it forces us to get out there, meet & talk to each other & start thinking about questions 23-26.
- The community involvement around hydro-fracking has been very positive. I am also excited about the potential of the wind farm.
- Until a ban on fracking is put in place, and until there is some good zoning, I can only give this a 3 instead of a 1.
- Moratorium on Hydrofracking
- I can't say that we are changing for the better until the board finally agrees to a ban on hydro-fracturing in the Town of Enfield. We have fought long and hard to be heard, now it is time for the Town Board to take a stand on behalf of its residents.
- Better because the fracking moratorium was passed. If a permanent ban isn't passed then things will be worse.
- We're making progress toward banning hydrofracking, and a wind farm is going to be built.
- They are committed to stopping the oil companies from destroying our way of life and the health of our children.
- The time and energy that the Board has dedicated to learning about the issue of fracking is heartening and I am grateful that the Board passed the moratorium and am very hopeful that the Board will pass a ban on Fracking
- Well that's to be determined. I now that the majority of the land is owned a few people and most a pro fracking I hope that the town doesn't get ruined by the greed of a few
- I've seen the outpouring of concern for Enfield as far as the fracking issue is concerned. Many residents have devoted time and effort and study and outreach with the belief that the possibility of going forward with that kind of gas drilling could have dire effects not only for us who live in Enfield, but for many future generations. I've heard the many perspectives of those who oppose fracking and it's only reminded me to appreciate what we have and also what we stand to lose.
- alternative energy is being explored,
- The major change I have seen in my time here is the election of town board representatives that worked to move the wind farm project ahead instead of holding it back. Green energy is good for the world, and I would rather look at and hear a wind tower than look at the coal fired plum across the lake.
- Regarding Wind farm and large scale solar- with current technology, not cost effective for Enfield area.
- Because people are getting together and fighting against the gas companies.
- I'm impressed by the large number of citizens who oppose and are willing to fight hydrofracking.
- I like the wind farm and similar green projects.
- Well we were told a wind farm was coming to Enfield. Where is it? The high cost of electricity through NYSEG is over the top. Why aren't there a solar energy here in Enfield encouraging everyone to use it and or wind.
- Decrease in organic farmers moving in to the town/ starting agricultural businesses as they fear that gas drilling may be permitted. Documented cases of farmers refusing to purchase until the matter is settled. Decrease in real estate purchases for the same reason.
- Against fracking
- Interested buyers waiting to see how fracking issue is resolved. Problems for real estate agents selling in Enfield.
- No complaints now but am concerned about future development, especially hydrofracking.

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## **Agriculture**

- growth of organic farming
- We are a community small enough to be self-sufficient in a whole host of categories including food & energy.
- I think that Enfield is attracting young people with a strong interest in the environment and new agriculture.
- We have at least one successful organic farmer in the town.
- I see many people moving here who are starting organic farming activities and other healthy environmental activities who care about Enfield and want to participate to make it a better place.
- smaller scale agriculture is on the rise,
- encouraging farming
- Also, a lot of contemporary agricultural endeavors are making their home Enfield. From seedling businesses to organic grain growers and millers...they give me hope that there will be a sweeping change in the way we treat our land for the purposes of growing.

## **Housing**

- Too much section 8 housing with sex offenders and drug users; residents allowed to build ugly and probably dangerous buildings that are an eyesore and lower property values;
- increased influx of homeless and drug court people being moved out of Ithaca city and into Enfield multi-unit houses, apartments and the trailer parks contribute to unsafe feeling of long time residents. Enfield has 3 unsolved murders over the past few years.
- There has been a lot of housing development in our neighborhood, and some of the rural character has been lost.
- Too much low quality housing being built that doesn't generate enough of a tax revenue increase to balance increased services and drains resources--especially groundwater
- home improvement.
- Increase in poorly constructed apts.
- People taking pride in their homes.
- Development-sprawl from Ithaca for cheap housing

## **Roads and Transportation**

- A real bus stop in the center of town would help a lot of people who use public transportation - just to let people get out of the rain, snow, and wind while they're waiting.
- I see that Enfield has gotten so populated now with people it seems good. But the TCAT don't.
- Also, kudos to Buddy and his crew for doing such a good job on our public thoroughfares.

## **Regulations**

- Again, the community needs to better support the organizations that it has. We also need zoning so that we can clean up the "junk", makes the town look trashy, or maybe code enforcement can help accomplish this.
- Since we bought property in Enfield, the Town has adopted a leash law and junk car law.
- Even though planning has emerged in the town, and a junk code has been put in place, many areas of the town are essentially trash heaps, which are not only unsightly, but tend to degrade the environment and lower property values. However, county assessment does not believe so. These "trash heaps" are also unsightly. I speak from experience, as several years ago the property was purchased next to my beautiful home, and has been allowed to become a disgusting junk yard. Too bad there is not a real and enforceable junk law on the books.
- Too many rules & regulations.

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## **Taxes**

- I haven't seen any changes except tax increase.
- I also think that the increasing residential population is good for the tax base.
- I have not seen any growth nor anything being done to correct its present situation. It's all about money and doing
- less but yet take the money, increase taxes for less services.

## **About change in Enfield**

- Haven't noticed much changing.
- I haven't lived here long enough to know
- N/A Have only been here 3 years...not sure at this time if things are better, not changing, worse.
- I see great if not unlimited potential in Enfield. Let's make it heaven on Earth.
- I have lived here from the age of 5 and I have not noticed that Enfield has changed that much.
- Haven't lived here long enough to identify how things have changed.
- I haven't lived here long enough to answer.
- To slow of a process to get things done
- HAVEN'T BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH TO TELL
- can't tell
- It doesn't seem like it is changing too much and I think that that is good. I would like to accentuate the good qualities of the town.
- In the year I have lived in enfield I have seen no development of any kind. Once I did witness two road workers slap some tar into pot holes on my road. Beyond that I have not seen or heard any mention of progress or growth.
- I have not noticed any major or rapid changes. Growth has been steady and within the natural capacity of the environment.
- I don't do much with the town of Enfield.
- We do not see any changes, so we can not answer this.
- Too many people looking for easy fixes.
- Since I've been here, I haven't seen a lot of change.
- Quickly enough
- Same as it was years ago.

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## **FEEL FREE TO WRITE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BELOW (organized by topic)**

### **About the Survey (14 Comments)**

- THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAILING ME THAT LITTLE POSTCARD!
- I HAD NO IDEA THERE EVEN WAS A [townofenfield.org](http://townofenfield.org)!
- I GENUINELY FEEL THAT MY INPUT IS IMPORTANT.
- THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME.
- WHOEVER HAD THE IDEA FOR THIS ECP SURVEY NEEDS A PROMOTION!"
- Thank you for considering my comments! ....
- This survey is a sign by itself, that we are on the right path.
- Thank you for offering this survey.
- Thank you for your work and consideration.
- Thank you so much for creating this way for all of us in Enfield to have a voice.
- Thank you for doing this survey and for the public service that you are providing.
- Thank you for all your time and hard work on this very important document!
- Congratulations to the Planning Board for the care in constructing this survey.
- Thank you, neighbors, for working on this plan.

### **Town Government (9 Comments)**

- ....The town board is proving to be a great asset in the furtherance of democracy.
- ....I am also happy with the current supervisor and town board.
- Town clerk and deputy clerk do not have to be at the Town Hall the same time-this is an area that can be cut back on!
- The process of putting new members on the planning board should be more democratic. Either have our elected officials nominate and put them in or have them run in an election, voted on by the public.
- Question #20- Checked "Increase" for Town Hall svcs/hours- also commented: or at least install a drop box outside
- For the last couple of years the town board has been more open to listen to residents and I applaud them.....Let's keep it that way. If we all work together for a common goal we will accomplish so much more.
- Page 1 Comment- I would love to be on the committee, but as a single mom, would need to bring my kids to meetings. Would this be OK?
- I love this town. I am proud of the Town Board and the way it has become a professional group of individuals with the goals of a whole community in mind. I would like to see the behavior of the Planning Board members checked. It is often very unpleasant, and not impressive at all, to see the way a select couple of Planning Board members obstruct processes that benefit our community and don't take their charge seriously. I'm disappointed to say the least. It shows a lack of respect to the community and is a shameful way to conduct themselves.
- People are in office for their own personal gain....

### **Roads (7 Comments)**

- Roads are very hazardous for joggers and cyclists. 70 mph with no shoulder and lots of dips in the road means the fairly late number of joggers, cyclists and walkers are constantly in danger. The desire of residents to use roads for recreation is quite clear. They should be made safe for this use because I don't think you can disallow it. Bike lanes are expensive. But in the meanwhile we could work on the culture so that drivers and pedestrians and cyclists can more safely share the roads. there could be info campaigns about safe speeds, reflective lights and clothing, etc.
- Please complete the road use agreement.
- #20. Re: Snowplowing. We have been plowed in with 4 feet of densely packed snow, more than once, when the plow turns right from \*\*\*\* Rd onto \*\*\*\* Rd.
- Too much unnecessary and destructive work being done- road maintenance- ruining the small roads with huge equipment, damaging trees, unnecessary road widening, can this be stopped? Snow plowing seems too frequent.... Pave the dirt roads.
- Snow plowing is excellent.

- No selections in #20 but comments as follows: Under the “decrease” column for Snow Plowing was the comment : poor
- .... I love the Highway Department! They are professional, thorough, conscientious & responsive. I'm very impressed with the quality of service. Thank you Highway Dept!

### **Fire Protection (3 Comments)**

- The taxpayers pay too much for nothing (Fire protection)
- Not many fires now, more of a rescue service. Fire company has too much equipment that never gets used at tax payer's expense. Town board needs to get a back bone and cut back the EVFC!
- No selections in #20 but comments as follows: Under the “appropriate” column for Fire Protection/rescue was the comment: good

### **Police Protection (2 Comments)**

- No selections in #20 but comments as follows:
- Under the “decrease” column for Police Protection was the comment: very poor
- Look at the roads where people are road racing, spinning tires. 1. Motorcycles 2. race cars 3. Spinning tires (late at night) boom boxes in cars 4. garbage burning

### **Zoning – Housing (8 Comments)**

- I'd be glad to share "before" pictures of our property--the code enforcement officer has already seen them. We've worked hard to make our place look nice, only to have our neighbors make us wish for 12-foot fences.
- The major trailer park in the town should also be seriously looked at by town officials, It is an eyesore and a magnet for crime, especially domestic violence. The owners of the park should be required to enhance the aesthetics of the park and take steps to work with local law enforcement agencies to reduce the crime rate in the park. The owners are simply taking money in from the park and giving nothing back to the community. How about a tree or two?
- 5 because I am concerned about the increase in sub standard housing. Residential development, multiple unit dwellings, mobile home parks, townhouses/condominiums, and affordable housing should only be encouraged if kept up and looking nice.
- There are some “dumps” in the town of Enfield, one being the trailer on right of road just before Waterburg Rd coming from Enfield."
- More residential/townhouse/condo/mobile home parks can be developed if public transportation improved. Building code enforcement- Need better enforcement- junk code same, too much junk in Enfield and getting worse all the time
- Years ago it was worth living here. Now there is too much junk and people running the town for their personal gain.
- Residential multiple unit dwellings- The ones we have now are dumps especially if owned by \*\*\*\*\* and/or \*\*\*\*\*.
- Also am concerned about large houses in poor repair being turned into multi-person housing, landlords need to be held accountable for extra burdens these properties put on Town services.

### **Zoning – Business (3 Comments)**

- Grocery/retail stores should be clustered within village. Light industrial/manufacturing depends on specific impacts: noise, energy, water-use, waste management, etc. needs regulation.
- #22 next to Encourage Light Industrial/manufacturing was the comment: if aesthetically appropriate
- Commercial development can be encouraged depending upon the type.

### **Zoning – General (5 Comments)**

- #19 – some of the criteria listed seem biased; why not have the opposite of lack of zoning/lack of regulation? It would be very important to me to have more zoning
- Rd: #19. We do not like a LACK of zoning/reduced regulation. It leads to slovenliness and makes the town look run down.
- There is no zoning, wish there was, or at least better enforcement with NYS Regs.



- ....we need some basic zoning- campers parked in yards for extended periods, etc. ...
- We really do need to face the fact that we NEED zoning, very badly. I don't care that the "old-timers" say about having the right to do anything they want; the world doesn't work that way. We all need to take others into account, and that will mean zoning, if we want to make it into the 21<sup>st</sup> (or maybe 20<sup>th</sup>....) century!

### **Zoning – Signs (1 Comment)**

- I feel shame for our neighborhood every time I drive by \*\*\*\*\*'s property with those huge political signs. I know it's freedom of speech, but that's how I feel.

### **Zoning – Dogs (1 Comment)**

Just about everyone has a dog- courts need to be stricter

### **Site Plan Review (1 Comment)**

Thank you for the Site Plan Review. I hope it's being honored.....

I would like to suggest and see included in the plan:

1. Support for an aquifer study, the determination of aquifer and re-charge locations and appropriate protection areas, and support for the adoption of protection regulations
2. Floodplain and stream buffer protections
3. Protections for Unique Natural Areas, such as conservation zones
4. Protections against fragmenting agricultural lands and intact forest
5. Industrial land use definitions
6. Differentiation between heavy and light industry, and buffers between industrial land uses and other uses
7. Priorities that would support a ban on high volume hydrofracking in Enfield
8. Identification of local Critical Environmental Areas to ensure protection from harm
9. Prevention of any heavy industry that could potentially:
  - pollute the local air and water
  - create disturbing noise or light pollution
  - risk damage to our roads and natural resources
  - put at risk the health and well being of the local residents
  - risk the lowering of our property values
  - interfere with the viability of other already established businesses that depend on clean air, water, and soil and/or tourism
  - interfere with the integrity of, use and enjoyment of Treman State Park
10. Limit uses that might impact the quantity or quality of water in our principal aquifers, streams, and wetlands
11. Define the range of illicit discharges from construction activities or industrial development to be covered by local law, and specify the enforcement mechanism. Establishment of a reporting and tracking system for those discharges.
12. If industry attempts to put gathering lines in Enfield (pipelines with smaller diameter and lower pressure that fall below the thresholds for which the Public Service Commission regulates, and are not regulated by any agency –except where lines go through environmentally sensitive areas), then regulate gathering lines by adopting a local law that specifies the conditions and requirements for building and inspecting those gathering lines.

### **Fracking (21 Comments)**

- I am very against fracking. Thank you for all of the public hearings on the Town Board about this issue.
- The town board, even after multiple meetings still doesn't get it. NO FRACKING . Any board member having a gas lease should recuse themselves from any voting on the issue because of conflict of interest. HEY! BAN FRACKING!!!!!!
- I think we have an opportunity to build a very desirable community with a more solid and stable tax base, long term, by rejecting fracking and industrial farming as part of our comprehensive plan. .... I also think we need to be very clear that hydrofracturing someone's land is NOT farming/agriculture, or, as some would like to suggest, "harvesting" the gas! The community is clearly and substantially opposed to the toxicity and



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industrial nature and impact of fracking, and I think that should be reflected in our discussion of agriculture in the comprehensive plan.

- The things that attract me to Enfield are threatened by the natural gas industry. If it comes, even to Tompkins County, The things that make this area what it is will slowly disappear even if we get lucky and our water does not get polluted. Rather than a bucolic rural place, it will become an industrial place. That is not why I live here. Ban hydrofracking now.
- Fracking may be seen by some as a way to get rich, but after the damage to the environment, those citizens will not want to stay. The money that they make will likely not be returned to the community. Enfield can not bear the cost of hydrofracking.
- I like the fact that Enfield “seems” like a laid-back sleepy town, but everyone got together to try and stop fracking. It shows that everybody does care a great deal about the quality of life in this town.
- Please enact a ban on fracking before the current moratorium expires.
- If fracking is allowed in Enfield we will move to a town with a ban.
- If fracking is permitted in Enfield my answer to the above question (#26) will change to a 5. What bothers me is how will I live here if I can no longer drink the water? Fracking is safe right up to the point where it isn't and then it's too late.
- ..... Most of all, PLEASE BAN FRACKING!!!
- I really want there to be info about the bad aspects of fracking to be distributed to Enfield residents. ....
- Hydrofracking would bring many negative side effects, in addition to pollution. It would have a boom town aspect to it. The workers coming in would be a wild bunch bringing in drug and alcohol use, prostitution, domestic violence, and criminal behavior.
- Please protect our environment from hydrofracking. It will ruin our water and ruin the tourist industry in the Finger Lakes.
- Without safe water we have nothing. No Fracking!
- because I am pleased with the growing community involvement around the fracking issue and protection of watershed and natural beauty of the area.
- Have not heard anything positive or safe about hydro-fracking
- Talk of a water treatment plant to add costs to the residents so they don't fight against “fracking”? Most of us have fine water, why would we want to pay for something extra unless the “board” has already decided to put our water at risk.
- The implications for damage to our lands and water supply by fracking is terrific. I am so personally proud of my town of Enfield for its leadership in proceeding with such caution about a decision that could impact our town and our lives forever.
- I have really appreciated the careful cautious approach town officials have taken to date on fracking. I'm just concerned that they will come under increased pressure to allow it in the future, possibly lawsuits. I hope they will remain resolute. Fracking is easily the biggest risk we face to our environment, safety, our whole way of life.
- Question #21- Discourage High Volume drilling for natural gas (fracking) then commented: “I think the dangers of hydrofracking go way beyond poisoning our water. We need to look at the big picture of what this will do to our planet.”
- Encourage any natural gas development (future technologies beyond fracking). The person who owns the land and pays the taxes should protect it. Anyone with common sense isn't going to harm their land, air, or water. Personally I don't need a plan to tell me how to protect what I own.

## **Wind Farm (1 Comment)**

- Question #21. Next to Wind Farm- Chose “No Opinion” but also commented: ”not enough info”

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### **Water Quality (3 Comments)**

- #9 - I have arsenic in my well water at levels above drinking water standards; I wonder how many other people have tested for arsenic and whether it is generally a problem?
- I'm concerned about what may be leaching out of the old Enfield town dump on Waterburg Road, that was buried. This could be quite a liability for the community should there be problems with contamination from the site down the road, or should someone want to develop this piece of property.
- Water quality should be paramount....

### **Aquifer Study (2 Comments)**

- I would like to support an aquifer study. I thought there was going to be a public hearing about it, but don't see any information....?
- Thank you for moving forward with the aquifer study.

### **Organic Farming (6 Comments)**

- ....I want to encourage organic farming. I don't want to discourage conventional farming. Can conventional farming exist along side organic farming? If the answer to this is yes, then I wish to encourage conventional farming. If the answer is no, then I wish to discourage conventional farming.
- ....I would like to encourage organic and small scale farming. I would like to discourage CAFOs. I don't know quite what is meant by conventional farming.
- I'd rather encourage organic agriculture. but if that isn't happening, then keep the farmland and the farming going
- I'm happy to see us encourage organic agriculture.
- #22 next to Discourage Conventional Farming was the comment: "encourage change to organic"
- Organic farming is not as good as some people think.

### **Conventional Farming (5 Comments)**

- ....I support small to moderate scale, traditional as well as new economy (e.g., organic) agriculture in Enfield,....
- .... I think conventional agriculture at the levels we have it is fine.
- I wrote "no opinion" on light manufacturing and conventional farming. These are fine if they do not harm the environment....
- ....I would encourage small scale manufacturing and farming businesses.
- ....but it just isn't clear that discouraging conventional agriculture is what we need. Conventional agriculture is better than a lot of other things that could happen

### **Large or Industrial Farming (7 Comments)**

- .....and no industrial zones including operations such as the pig farm as they are incompatible with quality residential living.
- I think we have an opportunity to build a very desirable community with a more solid and stable tax base, long term, by rejecting fracking and industrial farming as part of our comprehensive plan. but I do not NOT support farming operations that include and/or create potentially significant/toxic air, water or noise pollution that puts neighbors' lives and/or lifestyles at risk -- E.g., I'm strongly opposed to allowing the collection and distribution of large pools of liquid manure, often connected to certain kinds of larger scale livestock operations. I also think we need to be very clear that hydrofracturing someone's land is NOT farming/agriculture, or, as some would like to suggest, "harvesting" the gas! The community is clearly and substantially opposed to the toxicity and industrial nature and impact of fracking, and I think that should be reflected in our discussion of agriculture in the comprehensive plan.
- I'm opposed to increasing large-scale agriculture if increased use of pesticides, manure lagoons, and other practices that pollute the air and ground come with it."
- I would not want to see Enfield become a center for industrialization, a treeless expanse of large-scale housing developments, a place full of large tour buses in the summer, or a place for large-scale commercial farming, which can pollute our air and water also.

- I do not want to see large scale industrial farms, such as the big manure type, or manufacturing which is noisy and pollutes the air/land/water.
- I have a great reluctance about chemical agriculture
- I am concerned about (and hope the plan will address):
  - preventing nutrient and pesticide runoff from contaminating our freshwater sources
  - preventing the storage and spreading of large quantities of manure produced by large scale dairy or swine farms
  - I don't want natural gas to be considered a harvest-able crop

### **Public Transportation (9 Comments)**

- Rather than adding strip malls, add transport to Ithaca and Tburg.
- TCAT goes up 79, but with no park 'n' ride and no night service, it is impractical for me."
- See that like me I can drive so that's how I go places during the week.
- More park & ride space at old hwy dept or existing site.
- Bus service as far as Mecklenburg during commute hours at their park & ride- carpool
- Restore van ride service
- (Agenda: I walk 1.4 miles to the Park & Ride. I am 67 and don't know how much longer I can do that, especially in bad weather)
- I use bicycle for primary transportation until the snow flies, then use TCAT.
- Taking the TCAT costs the same as driving!

## **\*\*\*\*\* Enfield's Future \*\*\*\*\***

### **Sidewalks & Streetlights (3 Comments)**

- Sidewalks along Rt. 79 and to the school. Very dangerous currently between Sandy Creek & the store/gas station.
- The main road could have sidewalks put in in certain areas.
- Street lights- a few benefit at the tax payer's expense.

### **Community Events & Facilities (9 Comments)**

- A community center for all, Young and mature residents. Center would have, court, town offices, youth center and gathering space for adults and community gatherings-like family reunions and weddings
- I wish \*\*\*\*\* would donate the old fairgrounds for a youth center.
- Community events should be increased- but not under the Community council.
- Youth svcs- parents should be more responsible, very few benefit or use this service now.
- Seniors have a good program now.
- Availability of buildings- Increase- especially the Fire company. We are paying but can't use the facility.
- Community Center- not a lot would benefit only a certain few would.
- Library-not needed.
- A great community center with lots of activities.

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## **Community Development (13 Comments)**

- The town of Enfield needs to develop revenue from other sources than just property taxes.
- I would like to see small shops in the center, especially if they are attractive and inviting. They would give it more of a community feel.
- Would like to see municipal water on 79 for more businesses to come to Enfield.
- Restaurant and banking.
- I'd like to see Enfield redevelop some of its economic and social independence from Ithaca. More small businesses clustered in the village, more multi-family units, affordable with good transportation.
- .... You should look to the future and make Enfield self-sufficient, gas banking, restaurant, store, sr. housing, municipal park, farmer's market, businesses on main street, etc. Make it so medium and higher income residents would want to live here and quit catering to low income residents and what they will bring to a small town.
- In #22, a check mark was in both Encourage and No Opinion under the row for "Service business" so no choice was entered as it was unclear which it would be.
- Question #22- Grocery/retail stores- Possibly a natural food store
- Question #22-Professional offices, etc...Safe natural healing and Western medicine
- Should continue to contract with Tompkins County SPCA in order to ensure appropriate animal care & emphasis on adoption/reuniting with families. No kill policy
- Green energy will be the future. We should get involved as soon as possible.
- Internet connectivity is a major problem for us
- In order to have our students on an equal footing with those from other towns, we need better internet and cell phone service. Also, why not make town hall part of the town- put up decorations along street like rest of town.

## **General Comments about Enfield (3 Comments)**

- If it isn't broken, don't fix it.
- hopefully, i'll live long enough to see some of these changes come to fruition.
- We live in a beautiful place with great opportunities for the future.

## **Miscellaneous (6 Comments)**

- Enjoy Kayaking
- Student who works part time.
- "Question #1 answered Full time AND self-employed.
- In Question #1- Part time AND Retired were selected.
- Question #2- Chose Town of Enfield and Town or City of Ithaca
- Question #14- Trumansburg school district- would really like this to change!