

# Village of Fair Haven

## Goals & Objectives

## Natural Environmental Quality & Aesthetics

Embrace policies and programs that preserve and enhance the Village’s natural resources, environment, water quality, open space and scenic views

	SHORT TERM	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM	Opportunities for Collaboration
1. Form beautification committee and continue efforts to beautify the Village	X			Dept. of Public Works, Fair Haven Area Chamber of Commerce, Fair Haven Beautification Committee
2. Continue the efforts to clean up West Barrier Bar and to explore and support opportunities to develop joint Town/Village ownership of West Barrier Bar.		X		West Barrier Bar Tenders, Town Board
3. Explore and support opportunities to connect and integrate existing local, County, State and Federal trails and connect trails to the Sterling Nature Center		X		Sterling Nature Center, Town Board, Cayuga County Parks & Trails
4. Conserve Bay and Lakefront public access, identify appropriate improvements and guide waterfront development	X	ongoing	→	Planning Board, Bay Betterment Association

## Natural Environmental Quality & Aesthetics (continued)

	SHORT TERM	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM	Opportunities for Collaboration
5. Take full advantage of opportunities to protect the shoreline, drinking water supply, aquifers and wells	X	ongoing →		Bay Betterment Association
6. Encourage the State to maximize beach areas within State Park			X	
7. Encourage Cayuga County and/or private organizations to maintain and patrol County trails	X	ongoing →		Cayuga County Parks & Trails, Trail Tamers Snowmobile Club, Poor Folks Snowmobile Club, Sterling Nature Center
8. Continue to support land use policies that support and promote clean, renewable, alternative energy development within the Town and Village in keeping with the stated goal to preserve farmland, water quality, open space and scenic views	X	ongoing →		Planning Board
9. Recognize the joint responsibility with the Town of Sterling for the water quality in the Little Sodus Bay and Lake Ontario	X	ongoing →		Cayuga County Sewer & Water Authority, NYS Dept. of Envi. Conservation

## Culture & Recreation

Support and promote cultural and recreational activities within the Village of Fair Haven and the Town of Sterling

	SHORT TERM	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM	Opportunities for Collaboration
1. Encourage the arts community, arts education and development of art galleries within the Village	<b>X</b>			Fair Haven Area Chamber of Commerce
2. Develop a designated bike path on seaway trail and connected byways.		<b>X</b>		Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development
3. Encourage waterfront development that provides boater amenities such as restaurants, accommodations and marine services.	<b>X</b>	ongoing →		Fair Haven Area Chamber of Commerce, Cayuga County Sewer & Water Authority, Planning Board, Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development
4. Support the revival of historic boat tours on Little Sodus Bay.			<b>X</b>	Fair Haven Area Chamber of Commerce, Sterling Historical Society
5. Support the development of water-related activities such as kayak, canoe, bicycle, kite boarding and recreational fishing.	<b>X</b>	ongoing →		Fair Haven Area Chamber of Commerce, Local Entrepreneurs
6. Support the development and maintenance of sports and recreational infrastructure such as tennis courts, parcource trail and others for all age groups.	<b>X</b>	ongoing →		Cayuga County Parks & Trails, Dept. of Public Works
7. Encourage ATV and snowmobile use in appropriate, designated areas.	<b>X</b>	ongoing →		Cayuga County Parks & Trails, Trail Tamers Snowmobile Club, Poor Folks Snowmobile Club
8. Encourage seasonal festivals including 4th of July celebration, Fall Food Festival and Winter Carnival.	<b>X</b>	ongoing →		Fair Haven Area Chamber of Commerce

## Sustainable Economic Development & Tourism

Encouraging responsible growth utilizing existing assets to further develop tourism, commercial and service industries

	SHORT TERM	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM	Opportunities for Collaboration
1. Update zoning and strengthen code enforcement		X <small>ongoing</small> →		Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Board
2. Promote special events such as a “Sound and Light Program” at Sabin Point in Fair Haven State Park			X	Sterling Historical Society, NYS Parks, Recreation and Historical Resources
3. Encourage the development of a variety of new local businesses that serve tourists and residents including, but not limited to, commercial laundry facilities, grocery stores, boat repairs, general markets and a bakery through partnership and service.	X			Fair Haven Area Chamber of Commerce, Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development, Cayuga County Tourism Board
4. Support and promote the existing local business community through partnership and service.	X			Fair Haven Area Chamber of Commerce, Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development

Sustainable Economic Development & Tourism  
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	SHORT TERM	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM	Opportunities for Collaboration
5. Support existing restaurant and food service facilities while encouraging the development of new seasonal and year round food service uses.	X			Fair Haven Area Chamber of Commerce
6. Petition for the development of a VISTA Video Phone from US Customs.	X	ongoing →		
7. Look for opportunities for the Village of Fair Haven and the Town of Sterling to coordinate delivery of services.	X			Town Board
8. Explore opportunities to share best practices and expand information sharing between the Town and Village governments and their boards and agencies.	X	ongoing →		Town Board
9. Continue to support and promote charter fishing industry and fishing tournaments	X	ongoing →		

## Infrastructure & Historic Preservation

Work cooperatively with public and private actors to develop public policy and infrastructure to serve residents and businesses in keeping with the Village’s historic and architectural character.

	SHORT TERM	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM	Opportunities for Collaboration
1. Encourage the continuation of ADA improvements in the Village.	X	ongoing	→	Planning Board, Fair Haven Beautification Committee
2. Continue to modernize telecommunication infrastructure including access to Wi-Fi Internet.	X	ongoing	→	Planning Board, Fair Haven Beautification Committee
3. Continue to support and expand Sewer District #2.	X	ongoing	→	Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority
4. Support the development of strategies and/or regulations to address the issue of storm water for point and non-point sources.	X	ongoing	→	Cayuga County Soil & Water
5. Continue collaboration with State Police and County Sheriff’s Department.	X	ongoing	→	Cayuga County Soil & Water
6. Continue collaboration with NYSDOT on highway projects.			X	Department of Public Works
7. Explore opportunities to expand and integrate public parking where needed.	X	ongoing	→	Planning Board
8. Improve paving on secondary streets in the Village.	X	ongoing	→	NYS Consolidated Local Road and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), Department of Public Works

## Infrastructure & Historic Preservation (continued)

	SHORT TERM	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM	Opportunities for Collaboration
9. Support efforts to maintain and enhance the historical character of Main Street and its immediate environs.	X	ongoing	→	Fair Haven Beautification Committee, Planning Board
10. Improve lighting, signage and gateways to the village in keeping with historic character.		X		
11. Create a beautification committee to develop a landscape plan.	X			
12. Continue to support sidewalk maintenance and installation consistent with Main Street landscape plan.	X	ongoing	→	Department of Public Works, Homeowners
13. Explore and support efforts to renovate and restore historic structures and storefronts in the village.	X	ongoing	→	Community Development Block Grants, Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development
14. Continue with streetscape improvements in conjunction with a town beautification committee (as per objective eleven).	X			Fair Haven Beautification Committee
15. Support the further development of Village Central Park.	X			Department of Public Works
16. Establish an architectural review board to draft voluntary architectural design guidelines.	X			
17. Ensure that drinking water infrastructure is appropriately maintained to ensure and adequate quantity of safe & high quality drinking water.	X	ongoing	→	

## Housing & Affordable Living

Promote and preserve affordable housing, improved quality of life and lower costs of living within the Village

# GOAL OBJECTIVES

	SHORT TERM	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM	Opportunities for Collaboration
1. Support youth programming.	X	ongoing →		Fair Haven Youth Baseball
2. Identify programs and resources, and educate residents about programs and resources to address affordable housing, to access improvements and for maintenance of existing housing stock.		X		Community Development Block Grant, CCHS, USDA Rural Development Community Development Block Grant, CCHS, USDA Rural Development
3. Seek public resources to renovate housing structures within the Village.	X	ongoing →		
4. Regulate and control new housing development in a manner which maintains the Village's character.	X	ongoing →		Planning Board
5. Promote a variety of housing options in the Village.	X	ongoing →		Planning Board

## Future Land Use in the Village of Fair Haven

The village's current form developed over time as the Village transitioned from a Lake Ontario deep water port to the quaint and markedly less industrial character of today. Most of the land in Fair Haven has already been developed into the residential neighborhoods, commercial district and parks that the village currently enjoys. This plan proposes modest adjustments to the land use scheme, choosing to focus more on maintaining and enhancing the existing character. The joint comprehensive planning committee noted that the "off-the-beaten-path" feel that the village currently offers should not be sacrificed for changes that would result in a less authentic and less affordable village aesthetic.

### *Residential Development*

The Village's residential districts are oriented towards Little Sodus Bay and radiate away from the water with decreasing density. The shore is ringed by a variety of residential and recreational properties on parcels ranging from one-tenth of an acre in size to some that exceed an acre. The Village proposes to maintain the residential character by encouraging infill redevelopment projects to complement the existing neighborhood. Any new residential development should also be appropriate in scale and design.

### *Commercial Development*

The village is the largest commercial center in the Town of Sterling, and a node within which future growth in restaurant, grocery, marine-based services and appropriately-scaled retail markets will be oriented. The village is also part of a regional economy which includes the City of Oswego and Blind Sodus Bay. Commercial development in the village will inevitably cater

to this market region as well as to local needs. To this end, the village will make an effort to focus its retail and service-based commercial development activities on Main Street, while continuing to encourage business development centered on marine activities and hospitality related services in the bayfront district. The village envisions its pedestrian-oriented Main Street commercial district to connect the heart of the village - near the intersection of Fair Haven Road and Main Street - with the Little Sodus Bay. A second, ancillary commercial development area is envisioned on Main Street from Bell Avenue southwestward to the village boundary.

A set of voluntary architectural and landscape design guidelines should be developed to describe the aesthetic qualities that the Village would like to see in the Main Street commercial district. The purpose of this document would be to promote positive and enriching development along Main Street by encouraging such development to aspire to a fitting level of architecture and urban design. Voluntary design 'guidelines' should not be confused with mandatory design 'standards'. A village architectural review board should be established to draft the guidelines.

In order to promote a viable commercial center, businesses should be encouraged to maintain regular hours of operation. The Chamber of Commerce will be instrumental in coordinating these commercial endeavours.

## ***Conservation Areas***

The Village is fortunate to have many high-quality parks and trails within its boundaries including Fair Haven Beach State Park, West Barrier Bar Park, and the terminus of the Cato-Fair Haven Trail. No changes in future land use should degrade or otherwise serve as a detriment to the Village, County and State parks, trails and recreational areas. The Village has two particular land use goals for its conserved areas: (1) the Village would like to encourage the transfer of the West Barrier Bar Park from the County to the Village & Town and (2) parks and other conserved land should be connected with a trail system.

## ***Waterfront Development***

Little Sodus Bay is the village's most unique feature. The village will continue to be a good steward of the bay while making sure that the infrastructure necessary for a thriving Great Lakes destination meets the needs of residents and visitors and remains in good repair. Looking to the future, the Village will encourage the development of mooring buoys or other appropriate anchorage in the Bay in appropriate locations. To the extent possible, the Village will encourage development of infrastructure to support a water taxi service connecting the Bay's marinas and public docks with the Cottage Street Dock and Main Street.

## ***Civic Center***

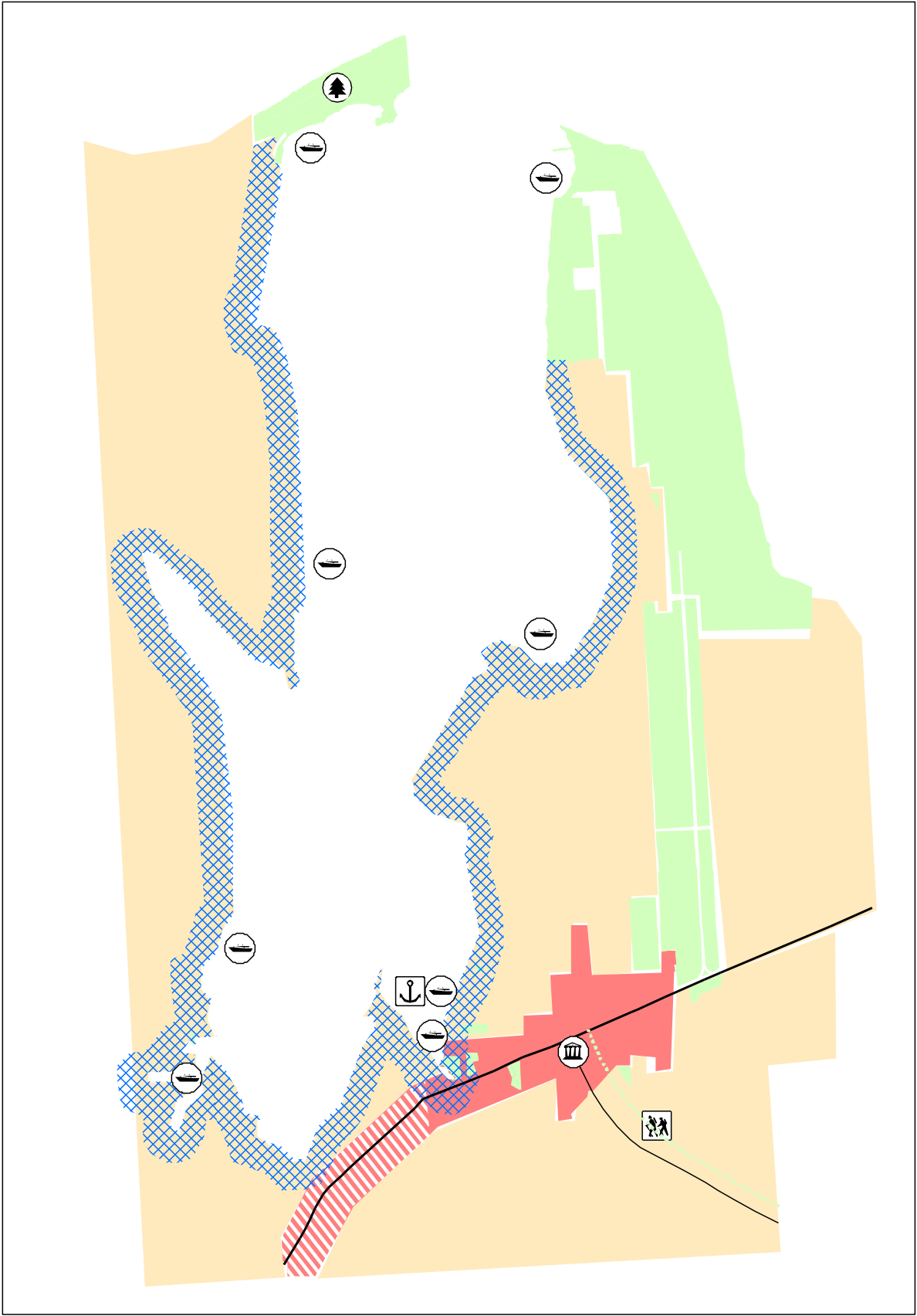
Currently, the village municipal offices are located on Cayuga Street, away from the heart of the village. In time, the village would like to relocate its municipal offices to create a Civic Center in the heart of downtown.

## ***Annexation***

The town and village will review the advantages or disadvantages of potential village annexation of town land.

## ***Industrial Development***

At this time, no industrial development is envisioned in the village.



<p><b>Village of Fair Haven</b>  <i>Cayuga County, New York</i>                  Concept Map: Future Land Use</p>	Residential Districts	Conserved Land	West Barrier Bar
	Business District	Cato-Fair Haven Trail	Proposed Water Taxi Stand
	Ancillary Commercial Development Area	Civic Center	Improved Anchorage
	Bayfront District		
			Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development July 2009