

# Vision, Goals & Objectives, Town of Ledyard

We've taken the vision and goal statements and have added short-term objectives, or ACTION STEPS. These objectives provide a few suggestions the Town may implement to accomplish its long-range goals and broader vision. Some of the objectives may be accomplished within a short time period. Others are more involved and may take significant coordination, community input, and capital investment to accomplish.

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## **VISION:**

Residents of the Town of Ledyard seek to protect the integrity and value of their natural and cultural environment; support compatible economic and residential development; foster community participation in policy development; maintain an affordable cost of living; and preserve the scenic and rural quality that is enjoyed by residents.

**GOAL:** Encourage agricultural land uses and farming practices that preserve, protect and enhance the natural environment and promote local economic development.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- Host a meeting for Agricultural lenders.
- Protection of property rights.
- Invite people to speak about water quality protection.
- Encourage installation of buffer strips and hedgerows perpendicular to the roads with tax benefits and by having trimmers available to maintain the hedges.
- Have siltation basins for ag lands and road ditches.
- Improve air quality
- Circulate information to farmers about available grants and subsidies.
- Study immigrant worker populations and their impacts on the local school system.
- Obtain more information on Agricultural Industrial Empire Zone on the potential impacts of it on Ledyard.

**GOAL:** Embracing policies and programs that preserve the environment, water quality, open space, and scenic views.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- Plant Trees Along Roadways
- Purchase Conservation Easements Along Gullies, Streams, Waterfalls, Scenic Views
- Meet with Fingerlakes Land Trust or similar organization to learn more about conservation easements.
- Inventory scenic views.
- Inventory birds, historic and open spaces. This may have already been, if so obtain a copy.
- Inventory and preserve unique natural areas.
- Increase education about the Town's natural resources.
- Wise stewardship of the watershed including both surface and groundwaters.
- Recognize outstanding conservationists and farmers

**GOAL:** Recognizing the special relationship of the Town of Ledyard and its responsibility to the water quality of Cayuga Lake.

**OBJECTIVES:**

Invite people to speak about water quality protection.

Research studies on boat traffic on the lake.

Work with County Health to reduce septage and sewer discharges into the lake.

Enhance cooperation between the Town and the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization.

Look at the recommendations in the Cayuga Lake Watershed Plan

Study well water quality

Network with Jeff Carmichael from Skaneateles Watershed.

**GOAL:** Expanding opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the Town's historic resources as well as beautiful Cayuga Lake, flowing streams, unique gullies and other natural resources.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Develop Town Park & Nature Trails
- Develop Lakefront Dockage
- Take advantage of the I Love NY Program and partner with Cayuga County Tourism
- Investigate attracting bus tours from other areas and locally
- Create rest stops and scenic overlook areas along Route 90

**GOAL:** Preserving and promoting the Town's historic and architectural resources.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Develop Historic Barn Survey
- Foster Town and Village programs and cooperation
- Develop Historic Home tours
- Conduct Historical Site Inventory
- Rebuild Old Stone Mill behind the Aurora Inn

**GOAL:** Supporting and promoting educational and cultural activity within the Town, the Village of Aurora and Wells College.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Investigate current outreach from College
- Investigate how the Town can participate in Aurora Fest and Christmas in Aurora
- Improve advertisements of local performances
- Develop a community newsletter or brochure to advertise meetings, events and community interest items.
- Work with local papers to advertise community events more effectively.

**GOAL: Encouraging responsible growth that builds on existing assets, including development of the Town's tourism base.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Develop More Wine Trail Related Sites
- Develop Water Recreation Services (Marina, Public Access)
- Investigate grant opportunities for building parking lots on farms to support agri-tourism.
- Encourage agri-tourism and niche farming
- Create a farmer's/artisan's market in the Town.
- Encourage targeted business within the Town such as a gas station, restaurant and a laundromat.
- Develop new festivals or events such as a fireman's field days.
- Look to develop a Scenic Route 90 Visitor's Center in the Town.
- Investigate if there are any opportunities through the NYS Canal Corporation to improve waterfront opportunities.

**GOAL: Developing public policy & infrastructure to serve residents, businesses, and to work cooperatively with local, state and federal agencies.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Develop Comprehensive Plan for Town
- Maintain Community Medical Center, Schools, Libraries, Fire Departments
- Develop a brochure display for information to serve as a clearinghouse of information related to local issues of concern.
- Work to set up a series of speakers to talk on topics of community concern.
- Improve local law enforcement and look for opportunities to share services with neighboring municipalities.
- Create and distribute a survey to residents to identify concerns.
- Update Zoning and other land use regulations.
- Investigate if County Highways can have restrictions for Truck traffic and weight limits.

**GOAL: Promoting and preserving an affordable cost of living and affordable housing within the Town.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Investigate opportunities for Sr. Citizen Housing.
- Maintain current tax levels and lower taxes when possible.
- Investigate opportunities to share services with neighboring municipalities, including local law enforcement.