



**Village of
Kinderhook**

**Comprehensive Plan
Update**

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Introduction and Planning Process

A. Introduction

A comprehensive plan is a written document that identifies the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, and strategies for the growth and development of the community. Components of a comprehensive plan are suggested by the New York State law that authorizes local governments to prepare a comprehensive plan. Full definition of a comprehensive plan and the suggested elements that it may contain, as well as all procedural requirements are found in Village Law §7-722. Village law §7-704 requires that zoning laws conform to the comprehensive plan.

The Village of Kinderhook has long recognized that the comprehensive plan is an important document not only as the legal base for its land use regulations, but as a long range guide for both public and private decisions that influence the community in the future. In 1999, the Village adopted its first Comprehensive Plan. Subsequently, that plan won national acclaim by the American Planning Association. The original plan included 99 different recommendations and since 1999, 51 have been implemented or are in the process of being implemented. The 1999 Plan included a recommendation that the Village update it every five years.

In 2006, the Village appointed a Comprehensive Plan Review Committee and provided a consultant, Community Planning & Environmental Associates, to assist in the review and update of the 1999 Comprehensive Plan. Like the 1999 Plan, the Comprehensive Plan Update is based on the values and concerns of residents, business owners, and landowners. Public participation in the review process was very important. Overall it confirmed conclusions, opinions and values from past planning efforts. It also identified current concerns and new ideas to help the Village attain its vision. In addition to new goals and actions, this Plan Update includes those goals and actions from the 1999 Plan which remain valid and important. The Plan Update should be used in conjunction with the 1999 Comprehensive Plan which includes all background information used to characterize and understand the unique qualities of the Village of Kinderhook.

B. The 2007 Update Planning Process

The following Comprehensive Plan Update events have taken place or are scheduled:

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1. Acquired Grant for plan update from the Hudson River Valley Greenway and hired planning consultant to assist (Fall 2005 and January 2006)
 2. Planning Workshop (April 26, 2006)
 3. Business Interviews and Focus Groups (May and June 2006)
 4. Mapping and Data Collection (April 2006 through September 2007)
 5. Review of Accomplishments from 1999 Plan (April 2006)
 6. Resident Survey (October 2006)
 7. Analysis of Information (November 2006 through February 2007)
 8. Identification of Trends and Issues to be addressed in 2007 Update (May 2006 through March 2007)
 9. Development of Vision and Goals (March through May 2007)
 10. Development of Action Plan (May 2007 through September 2007)
 11. Public Information Meeting by Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (November 27, 2007)
 12. First Public Hearing hosted by Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (Estimated January, 2008)
 13. Recommendation of the Updated Comprehensive Plan to the Village Board (Estimated March, 2008)
 14. Final Public Hearing hosted by Village Board (Estimated April, 2008)
 15. SEQRA Determination and adoption of the Updated Comprehensive Plan by the Village Board (Estimated May, 2008)

C. Description of the Plan

The Plan Update includes the following six elements. Each element of the Plan Update contains a focused vision statement that defines the long-range direction related to the topic followed by a set of goals and recommended actions. Although some elements of the 1999 Plan have been combined for efficiency, all recommendations from the 1999 Plan that are still relevant are included in the Plan Update and appear in the Action Table (See pp 26). The 1999 Plan should be consulted as a companion document to the Plan Update.

1. Environment and Open Space

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2. Community Character
 3. Historic Resources
 4. Municipal Resources, Community Services, Infrastructure and Transportation
 5. Cultural and Recreational Resources
 6. Economic Development

D. 1999 Plan Accomplishments

Since the 1999 Plan was adopted, the Village Board has been working to implement it and much progress has been made. The following is a list of action items from the 1999 Plan that have been implemented:

Environment, Open Space and Land Use

The Village Board has amended village land use laws and practices that

- ✓ Restricted development in the 100 year floodplain to agriculture, open space or recreation
- ✓ Created an agricultural/residential district (A/R) with reduced density to 1 family/3 acres and require conservation subdivisions in the AR district
- ✓ Required street tree planting and, in some cases, encourage sidewalks in new developments
- ✓ Controlled cell towers and require co-location of cell towers
- ✓ Ensure full SEQRA review of projects by the Zoning and Planning Boards
- ✓ Narrowed pavement and discourage dead-end streets in new developments
- ✓ Better allow for townhouse development
- ✓ Clarified the boundary line at the south end of the Village

Village Services/Public Safety

The Village Board has...

- ✓ Made an ongoing effort to maintain State Police and County Sheriff presence in the Village.
- ✓ Amended Village laws to require 911 addresses and approved street names in all new developments
- ✓ Amended policy for the village to own and maintain street lighting in new developments to reduce village costs
- ✓ Repaired and replaced existing sidewalks

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- ✓ Developed a rational program to address street surface improvements
 - ✓ Maintained and upgraded the Village water supply facilities and developed a water resource protection plan
 - ✓ Made the second floor of the Village Hall accessible in accordance to the American with Disabilities Act
 - ✓ Mandated assignment of E911 addresses
 - ✓ Required training for all Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members consistent with a new State law.
 - ✓ Reduced the perception of speeding problems
 - ✓ Promoted inter-municipal communication and training between the Village of Kinderhook, Town of Kinderhook, and the Village of Valatie

Parks/Recreation

The Village Board has...

- ✓ Partnered with the Village of Valatie to begin development of a sidewalk connecting the villages
- ✓ Maintained and improved Rothermel Park
- ✓ Participated in KPBA meetings
- ✓ Funded activities planned by the Village of Kinderhook Recreation Commission
- ✓ Partnered with the Town of Kinderhook and Village of Valatie in development of a trail system study (Recreational Trail Design and Feasibility Study for the Town and Village of Kinderhook, August 2003)

Historic Preservation District

The Village Board has...

- ✓ Separated historic review from the zoning code with a Landmarks and Historic Districts law
- ✓ Appointed an Historic Preservation Commission charged with administering the law
- ✓ Amended the boundaries of the historic district to reflect property lines

E. Ongoing or Partially Implemented Actions from 1999 Plan

In addition to the actions that have been completed as detailed above, the Village has initiated or has partially completed many other actions recommended in the 1999 Plan They remain important actions and are thus carried over as ongoing recommendations in the Plan Update. (See the Action Table, pp. 26 for a list of actions that are ongoing.)

F. 1999 Strategies and Actions yet to be Implemented

Other actions recommended in the 1999 Plan have not yet been implemented. Those which remain valid and consistent with the vision and

goals in the Plan Update, should be implemented by the Village (See Action Table pp. 26 for a list of valid actions yet to be implemented)

Current Conditions: New Trends and Issues

To evaluate current conditions in the Village and identify trends or issues that have arisen since 1999, the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee established a public participation program. All information gathered through public participation was analyzed and discussed over the course of the planning process. (See Appendix B for detailed results)

A. Workshop

The workshop was held at the McNary Center on April 26, 2006 to hear from residents, landowners and business owners about issues and concerns that have arisen since the 1999 Plan was adopted. About 35 people attended and a list of issues, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats were identified. The greatest concerns related to the lack of commercial diversity in the business district and the problems associated with economic development in the Village. Participants also discussed preservation of historic character, taxes, sidewalks, and drainage issues.

B. Survey

In October 2006, the Comprehensive Plan Committee sent a survey to each household in the Village. About 550 were mailed with the Village water bills and 189 responses were received.

Demographics of Participants

Like the 1999 Plan survey, the 2006 survey included slightly more female participants than males, had few participants under the age of 25, and represented more households without young children. Almost all participants were resident homeowners (only 11 were renters, non-resident owner or second-home owners). Thirteen participants had home occupations while 53 people indicated they were not employed (28% were retired and 13% were homemakers). Twenty-eight percent were employed outside the Village.

Input on Vision Statement

There was a great deal of support for continuing the 1999 Plan's vision for the Village of Kinderhook. Seventy-one percent agreed with that vision statement while 10% did not agree.

Summary of Input Related to Environment and Open Space

Survey participants favored further controls on development to preserve open space and supported actively pursuing the purchase of land or conservation easements to preserve open space. There was strong support for increasing public access to and protection of the Kinderhook Creek.

Summary of Input Related to Community Character

Slightly more than half the participants favored requiring architectural and design standards for all residential uses. The community continues to support street tree programs. There was support for providing incentives for senior housing.

About 43% said incentives should be provided for commercial building façade improvement, compared to 38% who did not support provision of incentives.

Summary of Input Related to Historic Resources

The survey confirmed a high degree of support for the historic resources of the Village. 85% said that the historic nature of the Village is very important or important. Seventy-seven percent favored requiring homeowners and businesses located in the historic district to maintain the historic features of the exterior of their buildings.

There was less support for expanding the historic district. Forty-two percent did not want to see the district expanded while 25% favored expansion and 28% did not know. However, 52% did support the designation of historic properties outside of the historic district as historic landmarks covered by the historic preservation law.

Summary of Input Related to Municipal Resources, Community Services, Infrastructure, and Transportation

Overall, the participants felt that Village services were excellent or good. Some problems were indicated in the areas of street lighting, enforcement of speed limits, garbage and trash collection, and Village officials' response to citizen concerns. Each of these services had about 20 to 25% of participant's rate them as fair or poor.

Summary of Input Related to Cultural and Recreational Resources

About 30% said that there are not enough cultural activities in the Village, but 41% said that they would not support Village-funding of cultural events or programs. There was much support for the Library overall and there were slightly more of the participants felt that the Library should expand its book collections, computer access, and adult programs. However, 24% to 29% of participants did not think the Library should expand. Forty percent supported increased programs for children and teens at the Library while 19% did not. Fifty-three percent supported a referendum to increase funding for the Library. [Note: The Kinderhook Memorial Library does not receive Village funding. Funding is provided by the Towns of Kinderhook and Stuyvesant through a 414 Referendum.]

Forty-seven percent felt that village street projects could better accommodate pedestrians and bikes, but almost half indicated that no additional sidewalks were needed in the Village. Half of the participants supported use of the power line right-of-way for a pedestrian/bike trail and 51% would support Village involvement in development of a pedestrian/bike trail from Kinderhook to Lindenwald. Overall, 63% were satisfied with the recreational programs offered by the Village.

Summary of Input Related to Economic Development

Most people (72%) were dissatisfied with the current mix of businesses in the Village and 87% said they would support new businesses. Favored businesses included restaurants, retail shops, and a grocery store. There was less support for health care, personal services and professional services. About half said the Village should amend local codes to encourage business development and 60% said the Village should establish a business attraction/retention program.

Sixty-nine percent of participants said they had no problem finding parking when shopping or doing business in the Village. Only 30% felt that the Village should provide additional parking, but 46% felt that businesses should provide off-street parking if they expand. More than half (52%) approved of the Village regulations which do not require off-street parking for retail and restaurant use in the Village Square.

C. Business Interviews/Focus Groups

To gauge support for Village actions aimed at supporting existing businesses and attracting desired new businesses, Camoin Associates held a focus group session with local business owners and conducted a number of one-on-one interviews with property owners and business owners. In addition, Camoin Associates conducted interviews with Columbia County tourism and economic development officials and the Chamber of Commerce. (See Appendix B for a list of businesses consulted).

Based on this research, Village residents and officials alike want more balance in the mix of businesses present in the Village, particularly unique retail shops and restaurants, but job creation and a major increase in the level of business activity in the Village is not highly desired. In addition, residents and business owners alike seem to want the Village to be more involved in organizing and promoting events which assist existing businesses.

D. Wastewater Disposal Report

In February 2007, a final report was submitted to the Village of Kinderhook from Clark Engineering entitled ***Wastewater Disposal Preliminary Engineering Report***. *The report was prepared with the assistance of a grant from the Governor's Office of Small Cities.* This report included a review of background information, assessment of current wastewater disposal systems, evaluation of the need for improvements, development and evaluation of wastewater disposal alternatives, estimation of costs for alternatives, and recommendations. The report indicated that the Village Square area has the highest reported percentage of problems with wastewater and that occurred mostly on lots less than ¼ acre in size. Groundwater problems were encountered in some other locations within the Village. The study ranked the areas based on wastewater problems, small lots, high groundwater and village goals of open space, water supply and economic development.

Upgrades to individual septic systems alone are not expected to be sufficient for the Village Square area, and therefore other wastewater treatment systems were considered. Sites within the Village were reviewed for potential locations for alternative treatment systems. Two preferred sites were determined, the Kinderhook Fire Department site and the Village Playground/Samascott Orchard site. The study also evaluated a connection to Valatie's waste water treatment plant, including needed upgrading of Valatie's treatment system to receive wastewater from Kinderhook. Based on the analysis conducted, Clark Engineering recommended continuation of on-site systems for the remainder of the Village of Kinderhook.

The recommended alternative for wastewater disposal for the Village Square area is to pursue an inter-municipal agreement with Valatie to send wastewater to the Valatie wastewater treatment plant via a pump station at the Kinderhook Fire Department site. This alternative should be eligible for a NYS Shared Municipal Services Grant of \$200,000 to each village. The application for this grant is now being prepared by Clark Engineering.

E. Summary of Demographic Characteristics

Population. There have been some changes in the demographic character of the Village of Kinderhook since the 1990 United States Census and as accounted for in the 1999 Plan. Between 1990 and 2000, the Village continued to lose population, but at a lower rate than the previous decade. Valatie grew 15% while the Village of Kinderhook decreased by 1.4%. Between 1980 and 1990, the population decreased by 6.5%. Although population decreased, the number of households increased by about 10%.

When coupled with an increase in the number of housing units it indicates that fewer people are dwelling in more houses. This is a common occurrence in many New York communities.

Educational Attainment and Employment. According to the 2000 Census data, the Village continues to have a well- educated population. In 2000, 47% had received bachelors or higher degrees and this figure is up 10% over the previous decade. The Village of Kinderhook had a much higher percentage of workers in executive, management and professional occupations than the Town, Village of Valatie, Columbia County, New York State, or the United States as a whole. Other occupations of Village residents are similar to other nearby places except fewer people were employed in construction, extraction, maintenance, production and transportation.

In 1990 the unemployment rate was 3% and in 2000 it was 4%. There were significantly more people in the labor force in 2000 than in 1990 (54% in 2000 compared to 38% in 1990). In 2000, there was about the same percentages of people working within Columbia County as in 1990. Slightly fewer were working out of the county in 2000 than in 1990 but more were working out of state. In 1990, 1.8% of those in the labor force worked out of state and in 2000, this figure was 4%.

Income Levels. The number of both people and families living below the poverty level decreased in the Village between 1990 and 2000 and 2.3% of the population was considered living in poverty at the time of the 2000 census. This is the lowest poverty level in the region and is lower than the County, State or United States. During the past decade, the per capita income level, family median income and household income all increased substantially.

Housing Characteristics. The number of housing units increased by about 8.7% (46 units) during the 1990s and correlates to an increase in the number of households. Eighty-one percent of all dwelling units were owner-occupied. This figure is similar to that of the Town, but higher than other places compared (See Appendix B, Section 4). In 2000, 5.2% of all units were vacant. The Village had the lowest vacancy rate of housing units compared to other places. Eighty-six percent of the Village's dwellings were one-unit structures and this figure was slightly lower than that in 1990 (89%). There are 27 two-unit dwellings, and 41 dwellings with three or more units or 4.7% and 7.1% respectively. Since 1990, the percentage of dwellings that have three or more units have increased slightly from 6.4% to 7.1%.

The Village of Kinderhook had a higher median value of housing than the Town, Valatie, Columbia County and the United States, but was not higher than the median value for New York State. The median home value however, was 4.1 times the median household income in 2000, compared to

3.2 in 1990. A value of 2 is considered affordable when a household does not spend more than two times its annual income on a house. Figures over the past 20 years indicate that housing affordability is an issue in the Village of Kinderhook and that conditions have worsened.

Future Direction: Vision for the Village of Kinderhook

The Village of Kinderhook preserves and enhances the residential, commercial and agricultural features of the community in a manner consistent with the Village's historic character and aesthetic qualities that make Kinderhook unique in the Hudson River Valley.

Based on public input, the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee determined that the Vision statement of the 1999 Comprehensive Plan remains valid and desirable. The Plan Update builds upon the 1999 Plan by providing focused vision statements for each element. The focused vision statements provide more specific direction for policy development and community planning. Each focused vision statement is followed by a set of goals and recommended actions.

Accomplishing the Vision: Goals and Actions

Environment and Open Space

Vision

Our community respects and protects the natural environment and sensitive lands of the Village and recognizes that these features contribute to maintaining the character of our Village and our quality of life. The Kinderhook Creek is clean and is maintained as an important resource to wildlife and people. Open spaces such as agricultural lands, green spaces, parks, and greenways exist. Our village promotes environmental sustainability.

Goals

- ❖ Conserve and enhance the natural environment and sensitive lands of the Village of Kinderhook by placing a high priority on environmental protection, health and safety, landscaping, and green space when reviewing development permits and proposals.
- ❖ Encourage site design that protects the existing terrain, preserves significant vegetation and scenic views, manages stormwater and drainage, and incorporates native trees and shrubbery into landscape plans.
- ❖ Manage and protect sensitive environmental areas in order to prevent development which would endanger the environment or the development itself.
- ❖ Ensure that the Village serves as a model for environmental sustainability.
- ❖ Inventory and conserve those areas in the Village that warrant protection as open space.
- ❖ Link open space planning to recreational needs through the use of greenways and "recreationways."
- ❖ Seek funding for open space protection programs.

Actions

1. Work cooperatively with the Town of Kinderhook and the Village of Valatie to initiate a water quality protection program for Village wells and water sources outside the Village.
2. Amend zoning to establish best management practices for stormwater removal.

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3. Develop and implement a storm water management plan that minimizes the impact of new development on ground water levels and reduces slope erosion. The Village should consider a drainage study to identify problem locations and amend zoning and subdivision regulations to raise standards for storm water management.
 4. Ensure that the Planning Board, ZBA, and Code Enforcement Officer follow stormwater control requirements of New York State and the Federal government and incorporate these standards into review procedures.
 5. Work with the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency Energy Efficiency Program to explore ways Village buildings can be improved for energy efficiency.
 6. Reference "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" (LEEDS) program standards, and the New York State Green Building Standards in the Village's zoning and/or building codes.
 7. Establish outdoor lighting standards which provide for safety while controlling light pollution.
 8. Adopt regulations that control outdoor furnaces in the Village.

Community Character

Vision

Our community respects our heritage and is committed to preserving our uniqueness. We take creative steps to protect our historic buildings, our traditional village streets and business districts, our community services, and our cultural and recreational opportunities. New residential and commercial development is consistent with our historic, architectural and small village character while meeting the modern demands of businesses and providing safe and affordable housing for our residents.

Goals

- ❖ Preserve and enhance the many scenic resources within the Village including natural and agricultural areas, parks and landscaped public areas, and scenic views.
- ❖ Retain the purposes of current zoning and other land use regulations to provide for orderly growth within the Village.
- ❖ Preserve the rural atmosphere of the Village by conserving open space and protecting agricultural lands.

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- ❖ Enhance the visual character of Village streets, the Route 9 corridor, and Village entryways.
 - ❖ Encourage new residential development for diverse family patterns while maintaining the character and integrity of existing residential neighborhoods.
 - ❖ Encourage variety in arrangement, design, and types of development compatible with traditional Village neighborhoods.
 - ❖ Conserve and enhance sites and structures of architectural or historic significance.
 - ❖ Establish economic development initiatives which support, retain, and encourage a mix of businesses compatible with the character of the community.

Actions

1. Amend zoning and subdivision regulations to clarify definitions, provide for expanded special use and site plan review, and streamline the permitting process.
2. Continue to work with Columbia County to review state required procedures under General Municipal Law 239-m and update agreements between the Village and the County.
3. Review Density Control Standards in the zoning regulations to ensure that lot size, right of way, road standards, and set-backs are consistent with traditional Village neighborhoods.
4. Establish design standards for new construction in major subdivisions.
5. Amend code to address property maintenance, demolition and restoration.
6. Amend regulations to prevent top-soil removal from building sites.

(See Appendix A for specific recommendations for amendments to zoning and subdivision regulations and procedures.)

Historic Resources

Vision

Historic resources including buildings, streets, and neighborhoods continue to play a vital role in our village. We protect these resources by encouraging restoration, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse, and ensure that new construction and additions in the Village

are compatible with existing historic character, architecture, scale, and layout.

Goals

- ❖ Encourage protection and restoration of existing structures to maintain the historic character of the Village.
- ❖ Ensure that new construction and additions in the Village historic district are compatible with the existing architecture and layout. Modern materials in new construction are compatible with traditional, historic features.
- ❖ Participate in programs which promote historic preservation such as the Certified Local Government program.

Actions

1. Establish local incentives for historic preservation. Consider property tax rebate incentives to encourage private property owners to stabilize, rehabilitate, and improve historic structures. Create incentives including an historic preservation recognition program and façade easement and improvement programs.
2. Educate property owners, residents, and local real estate agencies about regulations that pertain to local historic districts.
3. Inform property owners of historic restoration incentives, grants, low-interest loan sources and other resources available at the local, state and federal level Use newsletters, direct mailings, brochures, web site and other means to communicate these benefits.
4. Develop a façade restoration plan. Seek funding for technical assistance from the Governor's Office for Small Cities, NY State Office of Historic Preservation, the New York Preservation League or the County Main Street Revitalization Program. Provide building façade improvement grants and tax incentives.
5. Encourage adaptive reuse of historic buildings by establishing a Revolving Restoration Loan Fund to assist owners in improving historic properties, Consider using the Business Development and Promotions Committee to administer programs
6. Consider applying for Certified Local Government status.
7. Review the Historic District design guidelines and illustrations with the Historic Review Commission and update as necessary.
8. Work to maintain lighting fixtures on Village streets that are energy efficient , aesthetically pleasing, and historically appropriate.

Municipal Resources, Community Services, Infrastructure, and Transportation

Vision

Our community enjoys effective, efficient municipal and community services. Village officials communicate effectively with residents, business owners and other municipalities. Tax revenues are used efficiently and invested wisely to provide safe, well-maintained streets and sidewalks, a healthy and sufficient water supply, dependable refuse removal, effective emergency services, and well-maintained and accessible municipal buildings. Village infrastructure and services enhance the quality of life for all residents and support economic stability for businesses and property owners. Periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan is an important tool for maintaining our quality of life.

Goals

- ❖ Strengthen the liaisons that foster communication and coordination among residents, the business community, the Town of Kinderhook, the Village of Valatie, and other governmental entities in Columbia County.
- ❖ Ensure that the various appointed boards and personnel that administer local laws are trained and supported.
- ❖ Encourage types and patterns of development that minimize the need for services and infrastructure.
- ❖ Coordinate Village and Town planning efforts to the greatest extent possible.
- ❖ Ensure transportation improvement plans are compatible with our residential community.
- ❖ Provide effective emergency services
- ❖ Maintain and improve Village buildings .
- ❖ Maintain the level and quality of refuse disposal services
- ❖ Provide sewage disposal to protect water supplies and the environment from contamination and to support economic development.
- ❖ Ensure that the Village maintains a safe and sufficient water supply and cost-effective distribution system
- ❖ Provide adequate, energy-efficient, street lighting that complements the aesthetics of the Village.
- ❖ Maintain and enhance services provided by the Department of Public Works

Actions

1. Continue current ad hoc committee to assess traffic concerns, road maintenance, and speeding controls.
2. Continue to work with the local business community to optimize parking.
3. Explore with NYS DOT the feasibility of establishing Route 9H as a truck route.
4. Continue to work towards high fire department insurance ratings.
5. Continue to work with the State Police and County Sheriff's Department to provide adequate law enforcement without the expense of a local constabulary.
6. Provide a Village liaison to the Valatie Rescue Squad.
7. Ensure that adequate funds are allocated to the maintenance and improvement of Village buildings.
8. Add or change refuse disposal services as required by population growth.
9. Continue to explore options for sewage disposal in the Village Square area.
10. Allocate sufficient funds to maintain the water supply and distribution system.
11. Establish lighting design standards for Village streets.
12. Allocate sufficient funds for equipment, materials and supplies for the Department of Public Works.

Cultural and Recreational Resource Goals

Vision

Our village is a culturally rich community and offers residents, businesses, and visitors many opportunities to experience the arts. Citizens of all ages take advantage of passive and active recreational activities within the Village. These include walking or biking along our Village streets, along greenways or other paths,

and having access to parks, playgrounds and natural areas such as the Kinderhook Creek.

Goals

- ❖ Enhance advertising and promotion of art and cultural opportunities in the Village.
- ❖ Seek ways to capitalize on these opportunities for economic benefit of other businesses and the Village as a whole.
- ❖ Improve recreational opportunities for all citizens through public and private efforts.
- ❖ Enhance the Village's environment as a "walking village."
- ❖ Improve access to and opportunities for passive recreational use of natural areas such as the Kinderhook Creek.

Actions

1. Promote art and cultural activities and organizations by adding a community calendar on the website and in water bill mailings.
2. Encourage additional use of Village facilities, including 2nd floor of Village Hall, for cultural events.
3. Coordinate events and activities with other Village cultural organizations, such as Columbia County Historical Society, Kinderhook Memorial Library, Kinderhook Business & Professional Association (KBPA), etc.
4. Continue to implement recommendations of the *Recreational Trail Design & Feasibility Study for the Town and Village of Kinderhook*, of August 2003, by Saratoga & Associates.
5. Develop boat access to Kinderhook Creek.
6. Consider installing bike racks in the Village Square and establishing a public bikes program to promote bike-riding.

Economic Development

Vision

The Village includes vibrant, walk-able commercial areas with a balanced mix of small and unique retail shops, restaurants and professional offices and agricultural and home-based businesses. The economy is supported by both Village residents and visitors.

Goals

- ❖ Establish an organizational structure to promote economic development.
- ❖ Promote balance in the business mix and more diversity in the Village Square.
- ❖ Retain and support existing businesses.
- ❖ Establish economic development initiatives that build on the Village's unique design and historic characteristics.
- ❖ Provide for adequate facilities and infrastructure to support businesses.

Actions

1. Establish a Business Development & Promotions Committee (BDPC) with responsibilities that include:
 - a. Designing and implementing the Business Retention Program (see recommendations in item 4 below);
 - b. Creating, organizing and promoting quarterly events in the Village that incorporate and support local businesses in partnership with the KBPA;
 - c. Coordinating joint marketing opportunities for Village businesses;
 - d. Assisting Village business owners in accessing County business development and financing programs;
 - e. Serving as a liaison between Village businesses, the KBPA and Village government to resolve issues that may arise.
 - f. Coordinating with the Town of Kinderhook, Village of Valatie, Village of Chatham, and Town of Stuyvesant on scheduling of events and other joint activities
2. Build strong working relationships with the KBPA, Columbia County Tourism Department, Columbia Hudson Partnership, and local Main Street programs. Consider appointing a liaison with these departments to enable the Village to more fully participate in County-level programs.

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3. Explore creation of a Business Development & Promotions Coordinator staff position. To ensure that enough time is devoted to these activities to have the desired impact consider approaching neighboring communities to explore the possibility of sharing staff for this purpose.
 4. Develop a Formal Business Retention Program Develop partnerships with existing business owners to help them address problems, capitalize on market opportunities, and develop programs, initiatives and/or policies that work toward the long-term retention of businesses. Actions that should be included in a retention and expansion program include:
 - a. Regular meetings between local business owners and local officials. This should occur at least annually and should include a formal business survey to document business plans, challenges and needs that will inform local planning and policy making processes.
 - b. Presentations by organizations such as the Columbia Hudson Partnership, Small Business Development Center and Capital District Community Loan Fund that provide technical assistance and financing to small businesses.
 - c. Periodic review of local policies and regulations to ensure a clear and streamlined permitting and signage approval process.
 - d. Referral of business owners to county or regional economic and community development entities for technical assistance and financing.
 - e. Referrals to Columbia County Chamber of Commerce for promotional support.
 5. Plan ahead to fill vacant spaces with desired businesses. As part of the annual business retention survey ,ask local business owners if they own or lease their property, and if they lease, when their lease is up for renewal and what their plans might be at that point. Use this information to identify space that may become available for lease in the Village Square or B-2 business district. Coordinate efforts with the property owners to market available space to desired businesses.
 6. Identify regional retail shops and restaurants and target owners for attraction in the future. The BDPC should build a list of preferred retailers and restaurants in the Capital District and Hudson Valley area with contact information and coordinate known available space with these business owners to see if they would consider opening another location in the Village. Field trips by BDPC members to attractive

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- villages in the region would help identify retailers and restaurant owners to include in the list.
7. Provide a coordination mechanism for local businesses to purchase joint advertising such as joint ads in local and regional papers, signage on 9H that advertises all the offerings in the Village, and a sign post in the Village Square that is consistent with Historic District design guidelines and points the way to the various retail businesses and local attractions.
 8. Streamline the signage approval process. Consider making the signage approval process more business friendly by more clearly describing preferred signage design in the zoning code and guaranteeing that the approval process will be completed in a timely manner.
 9. Coordinate with the KBPA to organize additional events to complement the Village's historic attractions. Compile calendar of annual events and identify additional events to increase the level of activity in the Village. Make use of the County's free promotional venues, such as its website and its print and on-line calendars of events.
 10. Incorporate local businesses into Village sponsored events. Businesses could participate and contribute to the event, either by selling their product or service during the event, helping to promote the event by marketing it to their customers, or extending their store hours during the event to attract attendees.
 11. Continue to evaluate the feasibility of a sewer system for the B-1 business district. Reach out to property owners in the business district, and determine the costs versus the benefits of pursuing a sewer system for the entire B-1 business district. (See Waste Water Disposal Report in Current Conditions, part D).
 12. Obtain funding for streetscape improvements to maintain Kinderhook's attractive village character. Additional improvements such as trees, flags, new street lamps and the back-lotting of electrical wires would all create more of a sense of place in the Village that would enhance property values and support visitor attraction, which would in turn help support existing businesses. Potential funding sources include the Transportation Enhancement Program (NYS Department of Transportation) and the NYS Council on the Arts' Architecture, Planning and Design Program. Consider using a grants consultant to pursue this and other funding if desired. The Columbia Hudson Partnership can assist in identifying appropriate funding for specific projects and also with grant administration.

Action and Implementation Plan

This chapter presents the actions that have been recommended in the Comprehensive Plan Update as well as those action items from the 1999 Plan that have yet to be implemented or completed by the Village. The actions are listed in a table showing the type of action, board or body responsible for the action, the time frame for implementation, the page reference to the Update or the 1999 Comprehensive Plan, and the current status of implementation. Policy actions require the Village to state a specific policy Administrative actions refer to those that require administrative procedures to be implemented. Program actions are specific programs, activities or tasks to be accomplished. Legal amendments are those actions that require legislative action such as amendments to the zoning, subdivision, highway, or other local laws.

Time Frame Codes

S= Actions to be implemented in the Short Term of 0-3 years after adoption

I=Actions to be implemented in the Intermediate Term of 4-8 years after adoption

O= Actions that are ongoing throughout the life of the Comprehensive Plan

S/O= Actions that should be implemented in the Short Term but then maintained on an ongoing basis

S/I= Actions to be implemented 3 to 5 years after adoption

Status Codes

1= from 1999 Plan, not implemented yet

2= from 1999 Plan, ongoing and should continue to be implemented

3= new action item to be implemented

Responsibility Codes

BDPC= Business Development & Promotions Committee

HPC= Historic Preservation Commission

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
Environment and Open Space						
	Ensure that the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals fully implement SEQRA	Policy and Administrative	Village Board	O	65 (1999)	2
	Provide for the passive recreational use of Mills Park through development of an environmentally sound recreation trail	Program	Village Board, Recreation Commission	S/I	65 (1999)	1
	Develop and adopt an open space plan	Program	Village Board	S	69 (1999)	1
	Coordinate open space planning that outlines feasible methods of open space acquisition. Coordinate with Valatie and the Town to ensure public participation in planning.	Program	Village Board, Town Board	S	69 (1999)	1
	Coordinate open space planning efforts with the Hudson Valley Greenway, the Columbia Land Conservancy, Scenic Hudson and adjacent municipalities	Program and Administrative	Village Boards, Town Boards	S	69 (1999)	1
	Set up local mechanisms to protect open space by acquiring open space lands through purchases, donations, or leasing of conservation easements	Program and Administrative	Village Board	I/O	69 (1999)	1
	Explore all tools to protect and enhance open space and agriculture including amending zoning and subdivision	Program	Village Board	I/O	69 (1999)	2

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
	regulations					
	Coordinate review of projects with adjacent towns and villages	Policy and Administrative	Town and Village Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeals	0	69 (1999)	2
	Work cooperatively with adjacent municipalities to initiate water quality protection programs for village wells and water sources outside of the Village	Program	Village Board	S/O	16 (2007)	3
	Amend zoning to establish best management practices for stormwater removal	Legal Amendment	Village Board	I	16 (2007)	3
	Develop and implement a village storm water management plan that minimizes the impact of new development on ground water levels and prevents slope erosion	Program and Policy	Village Board	S/I	17 (2007)	3
	Work with NYSERDA to explore ways village buildings can be improved for energy efficiency spell out agency	Program and Policy	Village Board	S/O	17 (2007)	3
	Reference LEEDS and NYS Green Building Standards in village zoning and building codes spell out agency	Legal Amendment, Policy	Village Board	S/I	17 (2007)	3
	Establish outdoor lighting standards to control light pollution	Legal Amendment	Village Board	S/I	17 (2007)	3
	Adopt regulations to control outdoor	Legal	Village Board	S/I	17	3

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
	furnaces	Amendment			(2007)	
Community Character						
	Initiate a village or public/private program for street tree planting and maintenance	Legal Amendment and/or Program	Village Board	S/I	71 (1999)	2
	Inventory scenic views and consider developing a scenic overlay zone with requirements or guidelines to protect scenic areas in the village	Program Policy, Administrative and Legal Amendment	Village Board	S/I	71 (1999)	1
	Pursue burying existing or back-lotting utility lines when road work permits it	Policy	Village Board	O	72 and 81 (1999)	1
	Provide new signs that are consistent in design at the village entrances and on village property that are consistent with the historic character of the village	Policy and Program	Village Board	O	72 (1999)	2
	Amend site plan review and special use permit regulations to require review of all exterior lighting in accordance with established standards	Policy and Legal Amendment	Village Board	S	81 (1999)	1
	Establish outdoor lighting design standards for the Village Square	Policy	Village Board and HPC	O	81 (1999)	2
	Amend zoning to regulate demolition of buildings	Legal Amendment	Village Board	S	93 (1999), 18	1

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
					(2007)	
	Amend zoning and subdivision regulations to clarify definitions, provide for expanded special use and site plan review and streamline permitting process	Legal Amendment	Village Board	S	18 (2007)	3
	Work with Columbia County to review procedures and agreements related to NYS Law 239-m	Legal Amendment	Village Board	O	18 (2007)	2
	Review density control standards in the zoning regulations to ensure lot size, right of way, road standards and setbacks are consistent with traditional neighborhoods	Legal Amendment	Village Board	I	18 (2007)	1
	Establish design standards for new construction in major subdivisions to promote traditional neighborhoods and limit monotony of houses and lots	Legal Amendment	Village Board	S	18 (2007)	3
	Amend code to address property maintenance, demolition, and restoration	Legal Amendment	Village Board	S	18 (2007)	3
	Amend regulations to prevent top soil removal from building sites	Legal Amendment	Village Board	S	18 (2007)	3
Historic Resources						
	Apply for Certified Local Government status, and if accepted, take full advantage of training, funding and technical assistance	Program	Village Board and HPC	S	73 (1999), 19 (2007)	2
	Participate with County and State DOT with road and bridge planning to ensure	Policy	Village Board	O	73 (1999)	1

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
	road and bridge improvements fit the historic character of the area					
	Maintain original and historic luminaires in local historic district	Policy	Village Board and HPC	O	81 (1999)	2
	Establish incentives for historic preservation	Policy and Program	Village Board And HPC	O	197 (2007)	3
	Educate landowners about historic property incentives, loans, resources, and regulations that pertain to the local historic district	Program	Village Board and HPC	O	19 (2007)	3
	Develop a façade restoration plan	Program	Village Board and HPC	I	19 (2007)	3
	Encourage adaptive reuse of historic buildings	Program	Village Board, Economic Development Committee(s) such as the BDPC, HPC	S/I	19 (2007)	3
	Review Historic District design guidelines and illustrations and update as necessary	Program and Legal Amendment	Village Board and HPC	O	19 (2007)	3
	Work to maintain lighting fixtures that are energy efficient, aesthetically pleasing, and historically appropriate	Program	Village Board and HPC	I	19 (2007)	3
Municipal Resources, Community Service, Infrastructure, and Transportation						
	Develop a five and ten year capital	Program	Village Board	O	75	2

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
	improvement plan for streets, including funding sources				(1999)	
	Maintain a rating system for street conditions and prioritize resurfacing and other street maintenance work	Program	Village Board	0	75 (1999)	2
	Explore strategies to reduce speeds of vehicle traffic and implement traffic calming measures to make traffic operation more compatible with pedestrians and bicyclists	Program and Policy	Village Board and Planning Board	0	75 (1999), 18 (2007)	2
	Seek to place a weight limit on village streets to reduce truck traffic through the village	Program	Village Board	0	75 (1999)	2
	Connect sidewalks between Kinderhook and Valatie, extend the sidewalk on Rt. 9 south to the Village line, and on Albany Avenue to James Lane	Program	Village Board	S/I	75 (1999)	2
	Seek to improve pedestrian access between Rothermel Lane Park and the Rt. 9/Village Square area	Program	Village Board	S/I	75 (1999)	1
	Assess parking needs in the Village Square area and institute new parking strategies to alleviate the problems as needed	Program and Administrative	Village Board	0	75 (1999)	2
	Work with the Town of Kinderhook and Village of Valatie and seek ways to provide transportation to local	Program and Administrative	Village Board	0	75 (1999)	2

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
	destinations					
	Develop an official street map showing existing and future streets and all rights-of-way.	Legal and Administrative	Village Board, Planning Board	S/I	75 (1999)	1
	Consider code amendments for access management requirements such as interconnections of parking lots in B2 to decrease traffic on Route 9 and other locations	Legal Amendment	Village Board	S	76 (1999),	1
	Work to increase communication, sharing of information, and on-going review of projects with the Town of Kinderhook and Village of Valatie. Consider an inter-municipal agreement to formalize it	Program and Administrative	Town and Village Boards	O	76 (1999)	2
	Provide a Village liaison to the Valatie Rescue Squad	Administrative	Village Board	O	18 (2007)	3
	Continue investments in the fire department and work toward high insurance ratings	Policy and Administrative	Village Board	O	78 (1999), 18 (2007)	2
	Continue to maintain the Kinderhook substation of the State Police and coordinate with the County Sheriff's Department to provide adequate law enforcement.	Program and Administrative	Village Board and NYS Police County Sheriff	O	78 (1999), 18 (2007)	2
	Mandate assignment of E911 addresses prior to issuance of a building permit	Program and Policy	Village Board and CEO	O	78 (1999)	2

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
	Follow state mandates for training of all Planning Board and Zoning Board members	Policy	Village Board	0	77 (1999)	2
	Continue refuse services as a shared program with the Village of Valatie	Policy	Village and Town Boards	0	79 (1999), 18 (2007)	2
	Continue monitoring of the quality of water in the public system and allocate funds for maintenance	Program	Village Board, County Health Department	S/O	79 (1999), 18 (2007)	2
	Continue to study feasibility of a sewer system for the Village square.	Program	Village Board	S/O	79, 105 (1999) 21 (2007)	2
	Allocate funds to maintain and upgrade existing water physical plant	Program	Village Board	S/O	80 (1999)	2
	Modify Street Specifications to Comply with Comprehensive Plan and Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.	Policy	Village Board	0	20 (2007)	3
	Consider impacts to municipal water supplies of proposed major subdivisions or commercial developments	Policy	Village Board	0	81 (1999)	1
	Prioritize water supply needs and develop a five or ten year capital improvement plan	Policy and Administrative	Village Board	0	81 (1999)	2

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
	Allocate funds to maintain a regular servicing program for all village equipment	Program	Department of Public Works	O	82 (1999)	2
	Develop and implement an equipment replacement policy for the Department of Public Works	Program	Village Board and Department of Public Works	S/I	82 (1999)	1
	Continue current ad hoc committee to assess traffic, road maintenance and address speeding	Program	Village Board	O	21 (2007)	3
	Continue working with business community to optimize parking	Program	Village Board	S	21 (2007)	3
	Explore with NYS DOT the feasibility of establishing Route 9H as a truck route	Program	Village Board	I	21 (2007)	3
	Fund maintenance and improvement of Village buildings	Program	Village Board	O	21 (2007)	3
	Add or change refuse disposal as required by population growth	Program	Village Board	O	21 (2007)	3
	Continue to explore options for sewage disposal in Village Square area	Program	Village Board	S	21 (2007)	3
	Establish lighting standards for Village Streets	Administrative, policy	Village Board	S	21 (2007)	3
	Allocate sufficient funds for Department of Public Works	Program	Village Board	O	21 (2007)	3
Cultural and Recreational Resources						
	Coordinate promotion of events and activities throughout the Town and Villages	Program	Chamber of Village Board, KBPA, BDPC,,	O	83 (1999), 22	2

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
			Adjoining municipalities		(2007)	
	Promote local art and cultural opportunities	Program	Chamber of Commerce, Cultural Organizations, Town and Village Boards, KBPA, BDPC,	O	83 (1999) 22 (2007)	1, 3
	Participate in and support development of a trail along the utility right-of-way	Program	Village Board and Recreation Committee	O	83 (1999), 22 (2007)	2
	Work with Hudson River Valley Greenway to designate local trails in the Village	Program	Village Board and Recreation Committee	S/O	83 (1999)	2
	Participate in and support development of heritage trail from the Village to Lindenwald	Program	Village Board and Recreation Committee	S/I	84 (1999)	2
	Develop passive recreation opportunities in Mills Park	Program	Village Board, Recreation Committee	S/I	84 (1999)	1
	Develop boat access to the Kinderhook Creek	Program	Village Board and Recreation Committee	I	84 (1999), 22 (2007)	2
	Evaluate and provide as needed additional	Program	Village Board	O	84	2

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
	active recreational facilities at the playground		and Recreation Committee		(1999)	
	Acquire areas, by easements or purchase, along the Kinderhook Creek to provide passive recreation	Program and Policy	Village Board and Recreation Committee	O	84 (1999)	1
	Consider placing bike racks in Village Square and developing a public bikes program.	Program	Village Board, Recreation Committee	I	84 (1999), 22 (2007)	1
	Coordinate recreational planning with the Town and Village of Valatie to enhance funding and implementation of programs	Program	Village and Town Boards, Recreation Committee	O	84 (1999)	2
	Maintain current recreational programs including the Village's summer recreation program	Program	Village Board and Recreation Committee	O	84 (1999)	2
	Maintain a community calendar on the village website and in water bill mailings	Program	Village Board	O	19 (2007)	1
	Encourage additional use of Village facilities, including 2nd floor of Village Hall for cultural events	Program	Village Board	O	19 (2007)	2
Economic Development						
	Establish a Business Development & Promotions Committee (BDPC) to carry out business retention, business attraction, event coordination and marketing activities.	Policy	Village Board	S	23 (2007)	3

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
	Initiate a Main Street Program for the Village Square area	Program	Village Board, BDPC, KBPA	S/O	86 (1999)	1
	Work with the Kinderhook Business and Professional Association and Columbia County economic development officials to maintain and improve business in the village	Program	Village Board, BDPC, KBPA, Columbia County	O	87 (1999)	2
	Develop incentives such as low interest loans to help in façade improvement, updating signage, property acquisition or business start-ups	Policy and Program	Village Board, BDPC KBPA	I/O	87 (1999)	1
	Work with Columbia County Tourism Department to promote Kinderhook as a tourist destination	Program	Village Board, BDPC, KBPA, Columbia County	O	87 (1999)	1
	Build strong working relationships with the Columbia County Tourism Department and the Columbia Hudson Partnership	Policy	Village Board and BDPC	O	23 (2007)	3
	Explore the creation of a Business Development & Events Coordinator staff position	Policy	Village Board and BDPC	S	24 (2007)	3

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
	Plan to fill vacant with desired businesses by compiling a database of lease terms in the B-1 and B-2 business districts and initiating discussions with property owners when a lease is up for renewal.	Program	Village Board and BDPC	S	24 (2007)	3
	Identify regional retail shops and restaurants and target those owners in business attraction efforts.	Program	Village Board and BDPC	O	24 (2007)	3
	Develop a Business Retention Program that establishes formal and regular communication between the Village and business owners to identify and address economic challenges	Program	Village Board and BDPC	S	25 (2007)	3
	Provide a means for local businesses to purchase advertising, such as ads in local and regional papers and signage.	Program	Village Board and BDPC	S	25 (2007)	3
	Streamline the signage approval process by clearly describing preferred signage design in objective terms in the zoning code and guaranteeing that the approval process will be completed in a timely manner.	Legal Amendment	Village Board, and BDPC, Planning Board, Historic Preservation Commission	S	25 (2007)	3

Date	Action	Type	Responsibility	Time Frame	Page #, 1999 or 2007 Plan	Status
	Organize additional events to complement the Village's historic attractions and increase activity in the Village.	Program	Village Board and BDPC	0	25 (2007)	3
	Encourage local businesses to participate in Village sponsored events by selling their product or service, helping to promote the event or extending their business hours.	Policy	Village Board and BDPC	0	25 (2007)	3
	Continue to evaluate the feasibility of a sewer system for the B-1 business district.	Policy	Village Board and BDPC	0	25 (2007)	3
	Obtain funding for ongoing streetscape improvements, such as trees, flags, new street lamps and the back-lotting or burial of electrical wires to enhance the Village.	Policy	Village Board and BDPC	0	25 (2007)	3

Appendices

Appendix A: Recommended Amendments to Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and Procedures

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- Percent Slope
- Farmland Soils
- County Ag Districts
- Current Zoning
- National Register Historic District
- Traffic and Sidewalks
- Land Use

Appendix A: Recommended Amendments to Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and Procedures

1. Amend Section 130-24 to grant authority to the Planning Board to approve all special use permits so that site-plan review and special use review are concurrent. Limit the Zoning Board of Appeals to appellate decisions.
2. Amend Special Use Standards.
 - a. Section 130-18 (gas station): Impose additional design standards on use to address signage, canopy, parking, traffic flow, lighting, and gas tank safety and environmental issues.
 - b. Section 130-19 (signs): Clarify signage regulations to control dimension, height, location, and lighting. Establish time-frames for sign removal
 - c. Section 130-24(Multi-family, bed and breakfast, boarding house): Separate multi-family dwelling standards from bed and breakfast standards.
 - d. Section 130-24(Nursing home): Distinguish nursing home from assisted living and establish review standards for assisted living.
 - e. Section 130-16 (Home Occupation): Clarify distinction between Class I home occupations, which are permitted by right, and Class II home occupations which require a special use permit.
 - f. Reorganize Article V so that all uses requiring a special use permit appear in Section 130-24.
 - g. Section 130-24: (Basis of deliberation) Consider the impact on community character in the special use permitting process.
 - i. Compatibility of the proposed use with adjoining properties and uses
 - ii. Suitability of the proposed use to the topography, vegetation, and hydrology of the site.
 - iii. Protection of adjacent properties from harmful or unsightly features such as traffic, noise, dust, glare, odors, toxic substances, solid waste or other nuisances through screening and/ or other means of mitigation.
 - iv. Adequacy of usable open space for recreation for multi-family dwellings.
 - v. Adequacy of water supply and sewage disposal
 - vi. Preservation of historic and natural resources
 - vii. Appropriateness in size, scale and intensity of use.
 - viii. Compatibility with normal patterns of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and adequacy of required parking
3. Amend Site Plan Review (Section 130-36) to expand site-plan review and clarify procedures and time-frames.

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- a. Require site-plan review for more uses in the Use Table.
 - b. Allow modified site plan review for existing structures.
 - c. Define “complete application” and establish time frames for review, hearing, preliminary site plan and final site plan.
 - d. Expand criteria for site-plan review to include:
 - i. Compatibility of size, design, and appearance with existing properties and the natural environment
 - ii. Appropriateness of parking location, adequacy, and appearance where off-street parking or loading is required. Rear or side lot placement and screening should be required.
 - iii. Consistency with Village Highway Specifications with regard to vehicular access and circulation, road width, pavement surface, and pedestrian safety.
 - iv. Provision for cross access between properties to reduce curb cuts and limit traffic on residential collector streets, and provision for future cross access in anticipation of adjacent development
 - v. Adequacy of water supply and sewage disposal.
 - vi. Adequacy of utility service with underground or back lot placement where feasible.
 - vii. Retention of existing natural vegetation where possible and landscaping which preserves community character, creates boundaries and pedestrian- scale spaces , and provides buffers between residential and non-residential uses.
 - viii. Prohibition of outdoor waste storage and provision for screening of solid waste storage facilities.
 - ix. Screening of mechanicals from public view.
 - x. Provision for emergency vehicle access.
 - xi. Control of flooding , erosion and the impact of structures on ground water
 - xii. Protection of environmentally sensitive areas and compatibility with agricultural uses.
 - xiii. Compatibility of structures with each other and with traditional structures in adjoining areas
 - xiv. Appropriateness of design of side and rear facades of new structures and additions to existing structures
 - xv. Consistency with the Greenway Compact
4. Define senior housing and assisted living.
 5. Consider allowing accessory apartments to provide senior housing in residential districts with conditions imposed through site-plan review.
 6. Allow for mixed commercial/residential use in the B1 and B2 districts.

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7. Review Density Control Schedule to establish:
 - a. Maximum block length
 - b. Variations in lot sizes and widths to eliminate standardization
 - c. Right-of-way width and road surface width
 - d. Front, side and rear yard setbacks
 - e. Building lot coverage
 - f. Build to line which establishes location of the majority of facades

 8. Establish design standards for new major subdivisions to promote traditional neighborhood design.
 - a. Require roof overhang on residential units
 - b. Require 360 degree architecture with no blank walls
 - c. Promote building variety by requiring variety in size and scale, façade treatment and color, roof lines and orientation
 - d. Require garage placement to ensure the garage is not a major façade feature
 - e. Incorporate landscaping strategies including street trees, front yard landscaping, pocket parks, and the use of screening and buffers.

 9. Amend the subdivision regulations to prohibit topsoil removal.

 10. Clarify code language on property maintenance, demolition and site restoration following demolition.

Appendix B: Results of Workshop, Survey, Business Interviews, Demographics and Other Supporting Data

1. Public Workshop (April 2006)

Issues identified at the workshop

- Groundwater – drainage
- Sewer development
- Taxes, tax assessments, village sales
- Too many variances given out at the Planning Board and ZBA level
- Economic Development

Strengths of Village Identified

- Historic character of village is unique and contributes to quality of life
- Sidewalks
- There is a Route 9 Corridor study being done at the Town level and this will have an ED component.

Weaknesses of Village Identified

- No restaurants
- Lack of incentives (financial) by village to support businesses to come in
- Limited capital to invest
- No improvements of facades and buildings looking not well maintained.
- Apartment rents can not support façade improvements
- Historic preservation requirements may be disincentive to business development
- Can't expand businesses due to water limitations and size of parcels that limit expansion of septic tanks.
- Local population does not support local businesses
- Too much competition
- Lack of parking, zoning parking requirements not clear
- Lack of aggressive planning to know what kind of retail can be supported
- Easy use of buildings for offices instead of retail

Opportunities for Village Identified

- Be more self-sustaining
- Take advantage of the money coming in for studying the Route 9 corridor.
- Do a study that includes the identification of niches needed
- Develop a business program that brings in people who are experienced in Kinderhook to help
- Attract businesses that would work and are desired by the local population.

- Slow traffic via street design – need to stop Kinderhook from being a “drive through village”
- Enforce trucks to go to the 9H corridor – explore why they don’t go there now.
- Lots of young children in area but not a lot of activities for them.

Threats to Village Identified

- Not taking advantage of our historic character
- Increasing tax assessments

Other Comments/Questions

- Restore some of the services previously in village (especially retail)
- How can we gain retail here?
- People are interested in the neighborhoods, not the retail character of downtown. – that is not important.
- What is missing in Kinderhook that prevents us from being vital?
- Businesses should reflect needs of residents. – concentrate on taking care of local needs.
- How do we attract businesses with rents as high as they are?
- Create a gathering place and use the downtown as a community building location.

2. Survey Results (February 2007)

VILLAGE OF KINDERHOOK SURVEY

The Village of Kinderhook Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 1999, is now being updated. The Comprehensive Plan Review Committee must now determine if the recommendations in the 1999 plan are still valid and also identify additional concerns which need to be addressed. This survey provides an opportunity for residents, non-resident property owners, and business people to review the actions that have been implemented to date and to identify the current needs of our community. Our Comprehensive Plan is an effective guide for decision-making only if it accurately reflects community consensus. **Please read the list of actions taken since 2000, and then answer the questions that follow. At the end of each section, please add other concerns or comments**

The survey should then be mailed or returned to the Village Hall. Mail to: Comprehensive Plan Committee, Village of Kinderhook, PO Box 325, Kinderhook, NY 12106.

Environment, Open Space and Land Use

The Village Board has amended village land use laws and practices to

- ✓ restrict development in the 100 year floodplain to agriculture, open space or recreation
- ✓ create an agricultural/residential district (A/R) with reduced density to 1 family/3 acres and require conservation subdivisions in the AR district
- ✓ require street tree planting and, in some cases, encourage sidewalks in new developments
- ✓ control cell towers and require co-location of cell towers
- ✓ better assure full SEQRA review of projects by the Zoning and Planning Boards
- ✓ narrow pavement and discourage dead-end streets in new developments
- ✓ better allow for townhouse development

Pease place an “X” in the column to answer questions (tally/percentage E=tabulation error)

Environment, Open Space and Land Use	Yes	No	Don't Know/ No Opinion
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1. Should further controls on development be instituted to preserve open space?	129/68%	39/21%	21/11%
2. Should the village actively pursue the purchase of open land or the purchase of conservation easements on open land to preserve open space?	107/57	56/32	26/14
3. Should provisions be made to encourage building smaller houses?	86/46	64/34	31/16
4. Should the Village re-activate the Conservation Advisory Council to work on environmental and open space issues?	98/52	46/24	37/20
5. Should the Village seek public access to and protection of the Kinderhook Creek?	151/80	16/8	14/7
6. Should the Village establish architectural or design standards for all new residential development in the Village?	97/51	70/37	11/6
7. Should the Village provide incentives for senior housing?	121/64	36/19	30/16
8. Are the zoning laws properly enforced?	60/32	36/9	83/44
9. Should the Village develop a street tree program that includes tree planting and maintenance?	125/66	40/21	20/11

Village Services/Public Safety

The Village Board has

- ✓ made an ongoing effort to maintain State Police presence in the Village.
- ✓ amended Village laws to require 911 addresses and approved street names in all new developments
- ✓ amended policy for the village to own and maintain street lighting in new developments to reduce village costs (how does this reduce cost? Does it mean maintaining licensed electrician?)
- ✓ repaired and replaced existing sidewalks
- ✓ instituted a street surface improvement plan
- ✓ maintained and upgraded the Village water supply facilities

Village Services/Public Safety	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know/ No Opinion
10. How do you rate the village as a safe place to live?	135/72	48/25	1/1	0/0	4/2
11. How do you rate the police protection in the village?	74/39	73/39	18/10	4/2	17/9
12. How do you rate the service provided by the fire department?	115/61	41/22	3/2	0/0	28/15
13. How do you rate the service provided by the Valatie Rescue Squad?	121/64	39/21	2/1	0/0	23/12
14. How do you rate village officials' responses to citizens' concerns?	27/14	70/39	31/16	11/6	46/24
15. How do you rate street lighting in the village?	30/16	106/56	37/20	10/5	7/4
16. How do you rate the enforcement of speed limits in the village?	22/12	70/37	43/23	35/19	9/5
17. How do you rate maintenance of streets in the village?	67/36	88/47	25/13	4/2	4/2
18. How do you rate snow removal and ice control on village streets?	86/46	80/42	13/7	2/1	8/4
19. How do you rate the improvement made last year to Hudson Street?	46/24	81/43	20/11	5/3	27/14
20. How do you rate the village garbage collection service?	29/15	97/51	38/20	9/5	16/8

For questions 20 to 24, please indicate if you agree or disagree with these statements:

Village Services/Public Safety	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know/No
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			Opinion
21. One day trash pickup in May is enough.	75/40	94/50	13/7
22. Garbage sticker availability is adequate.	160/85	14/7	15/8
23. Fall leaf pickup is a valuable service.	170/90	4/2	13/7
24. Space is needed in the town or village to dispose of compost and brush.	161/85	4/2	22/12
25. Water supply and pressure are adequate.	179/95	2/1	3/2

Art and Culture

Art and Culture	Yes	No	Don't Know/No Opinion
26. Are there enough cultural activities in the Village?	100/53	56/30	22/12
27. Should the Village work with the Library, Columbia County Historical Society and other non-profit organizations to better publicize cultural events?	120/64	35/19	31/16
28. Should the Village provide funding for cultural events and programs?	60/32	79/41	35/19
29. Does the Kinderhook Memorial Library provide appropriate services to the community?	149/79	6/3	22/12
30. Should the library increase the collection of books and other media?	70/37	45/24	62/33
31. Should the library increase computer access?	56/30	54/29	70/37
32. Should the library increase programs for adults?	62/33	46/24	73/39
33. Should the library increase programs for children and teens?	75/40	36/19	63/33
34. Would you support a referendum for increased funding for the library?	100/53	53/28	28/15

Parks/Recreation

The Village Board has

- ✓ partnered with the Town and Village of Valatie to begin development of a sidewalk connecting the villages
- ✓ maintained and improved Rothermel Park
- ✓ planned to make the Village Hall handicapped accessible
- ✓ participated in KPBA meetings
- ✓ funded activities planned by the Village of Kinderhook Recreation Commission

Parks/Recreation	Yes	No	Don't Know/No Opinion
35. Are you satisfied with the recreational programs offered by the village?	119/63	20/11	50/27
36. Does the village need more sidewalks? If yes, where? (2) Albany Ave near cemeteries to James Lane; (3) Rothermel; (2) Broad; Rothermel from Broad to Park; Rothermel; along US 9 from Gaffney on South; Rothermel, Eichybush	44/23	92/49	48/25
37. Should village street projects better accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists?	88/47	46/24	37/20
38. Should the village pursue the use of the power line right-of-way for a pedestrian and bicycle trail?	94/50	36/19	45/24
39. Should the village pursue a Kinderhook to Lindenwald pedestrian and bicycle trail?	97/51	49/26	35/19
40. Are there other recreational facilities or activities that you would like to see provided in the village? If yes, describe in comments below.	21/11	52/28	68/36

Economic Development/Commerce

41. Do you shop or seek services in the Village Square?

156 Yes 25 No If Yes, please check services you use:

- a. 116 banking services
 b. 78 retail
 c. 15 real estate
 d. 42 professional services
 e. 122 food/restaurant

Economic Development/Commerce/Parking	Yes	No	Don't Know/ No Opinion
42. Do you encounter parking problems when you shop or conduct business in the Village?	48/25	131/69	2/1
43. Should the village provide additional municipal parking spaces?	56/30	84/44	33/17
44. Should the village require businesses that expand to provide off-street parking?	86/46	58/31	31/16
45. Should the Village retain the current regulations that do not require retail and restaurant uses in the Village Square business area to provide off-street parking?	98/52	41/22	42/22
46. Should incentives be provided to improve the facades of businesses?	81/43	71/38	28/15
47. Is the current mix of professional offices, retail shops and eating establishments in the Village appropriate? If no, please explain why in the space below.	32/17	132/70	7/4

48. If other businesses were to locate in the Village, would you use them on a regular basis?
164/87 Yes 15/8 No If Yes, please check businesses you would use on a regular basis:

- a. 156/83 restaurant
 b. 126/67 retail
 c. 39/21 health care
 d. 97/51 grocery
 e. 29/15 professional services
 f. 37/20 personal services
 g. other _____

49. Should the Village amend codes to encourage business development? 94/50 Yes 42/22 No
 If Yes, please check the actions below that you would support:
 a. 49/26 remove or relax restrictions on signage
 b. 36/19 relax restrictions on banners and other promotional devices
 c. 48/25 expand the existing B1 district or create an additional business district
 d. 40/21 restrict uses of first floor space to retail use in the business district

50. Should the Village establish a business attraction/retention program?
112/60 Yes 41/22 No If yes, please check the actions below that you support:
 a. 87/46 provide tax incentives to attract and retain retail businesses
 b. 91/48 provide technical, business planning and marketing assistance to attract and retain businesses
 c. 93/49 take an active role in promoting tourism to increase sales

Historic Preservation District

The Village Board

- ✓ separated historic review from the zoning code with a Landmarks and Historic Districts law
- ✓ appointed an Historic Preservation Commission charged with administering the law
- ✓ amended the boundaries of the historic district to reflect property lines

51. How important is it to preserve the historic nature of our Village?
98/52 Very Important 61/32 Important 19/10 Not a priority 3/2 Don't Know/No Opinion : More history here than people realize

Historic Preservation	Yes	No	Don't Know/ No Opinion
52. Should home owners and businesses in the historic district be required to maintain the historic character of the exterior of their structures?	146/77	20/11	12/6
53. Should more latitude be given to the use of modern styles and building materials during historic review?	95/50	64/34	24/13
54. Are the current historic review standards reasonable?	57/30	36/19	77/41
55. The current local Historic Preservation Law district comprises approximately 25% of the National Register District. Should the local historic district be expanded to include more properties?	47/25	80/42	52/28
56. Should properties with historic significance that are outside of the Historic Preservation Law district be designated as historic landmarks and be covered by the Historic Preservation Law?	99/52	38/20	40/21

Vision Statement in the 1999 Comprehensive Plan...

"The Village of Kinderhook preserves and enhances the residential, commercial and agricultural features of the community in a manner consistent with the Village's historic character and aesthetic qualities that make Kinderhook unique in the Hudson River Valley

57. Do you agree with this vision statement for the village?

133/71 Yes 19/10 No 22/12 Don't Know/No Opinion

If No, how would you modify the vision statement?

Please complete the following respondent profile: (Please Circle Appropriate Response)

1. Gender Male or Female Male = 73/39 Female = 82/43
Both = 11

2. Age group 18-35 36-54 55-65 over 65 18-25 = 5/3 36-54 = 59/31
55-65 = 55/29 over 65 = 52/28

3. Number of people in your household? One = 39/21 Two = 73/39 Three = 33/17 Four =
18/10 Five or more = 4/2

4. Does anyone under the age of 18 reside in your home? Yes No Yes = 42/22 No = 115/61

5. Circle the words or phrases which best describe you:

resident (legal voting residence) homeowner = 155/82

resident renter = 3/2

non-resident owner of residential property = 4/2

second-home (voting residence elsewhere) or part-time resident = 4/2

village business operator = 11/6

commercial property owner/landlord = 5/3

home occupation operator = 13/7

retired = 53/28

homemaker = 24/13

employed outside the Village = 52/28

unemployed or student = 1/1

Note: Additional written comments were received with survey and due to volume are not included in this appendix. They are available at Village Hall for review.

3. Business Focus Group Meetings and Interviews

Summary of Business Focus Group

In June 2006, Camoin Associates conducted a focus group with eight members of the Kinderhook Business and Professional Association (KBPA) (see appendix for a list of attendees).

The following issues were identified during the focus group:

- Businesses represented would like to see more eating establishments and retail shops in the business district “like there used to be.”
- There is a lack of available space for retail in the business district – only 2 vacancies at the time the focus group was held. It was noted that a previous discussion of expanding the business district elicited vehement opposition from residents.
- Rents in the business district are considered prohibitive for owners of retail/eating & drinking establishments and, as a result, a good deal of space is taken up by realtors and other professional services businesses.
- The rules governing non-conforming uses in the Village’s zoning laws have had unintended consequences, such as making it difficult for Pi to decorate the outside of its previous building and not allowing a business to occupy the old, abandoned gas station.
- Businesses perceive historic district regulations as restrictive in terms of signage and sidewalk displays, making it difficult for them to increase the visibility of their establishment.

Summary of Economic Development Section of Resident Survey

In general, it appears that residents are not satisfied with the current business mix in the Village Square, but they are also hesitant for the Village to be too aggressive in changing the situation by amending codes in a significant way. A preference for business development and promotional activities was expressed instead. Following is a list of the main findings from the survey:

- 156 of 181 respondents indicated that they patronize businesses in the Village Square. The most common were food/restaurant (122 of 156) and banking (116 of 156). However, the vast majority of respondents (132 of 164) feel that the existing business mix is not appropriate. 164 of 179 respondents said that they would patronize additional

businesses, especially restaurants (156) and retail shops (126), if they were to locate in the Village.

- 131 of 179 respondents said that they do not encounter parking problems. 84 of 140 respondents said that the Village should *not* provide additional municipal parking, but 86 of 144 people said that businesses that expand should be required to provide off-street parking.
- 81 of 152 respondents said that incentives should be provided to improve the facades of business properties.
- 94 of 136 people said that the Village should amend codes to encourage business development. However, not many people were amenable to examples of actions listed in the survey that are options for the Village:
 - Removing or relaxing restrictions on signage (49 respondents)
 - Relaxing restrictions on banners and other promotional devices (36)
 - Expanding the B1 district or creating an additional business district (48)
 - Restricting first floor use to retail in the business district (40)
- There appears to be more support from residents for a business retention and attraction program; 112 of 153 respondents said they would support this. Actions listed as examples under this question were more highly supported by residents and were ranked in the following order:
 - Take an active role in promoting tourism to increase sales (93 respondents)
 - Provide technical, business planning and marketing assistance to attract and retain businesses (91)
 - Provide tax incentives to attract and retain retail businesses (87)

Summary of Interviews: Business & Property Owner Interviews

In general, business and property owners interviewed feel the Village can and should do more to coordinate and market events. They recognize the difficulty in rectifying the existing imbalance in the business mix because there is little vacancy in the Village and that will probably remain the same for some time due to long-term leases. Many felt that organizing more events in the Village Square would be one way to make residents feel that sense of community that many long for and would also bring in visitors that could help boost sales at existing retail shops. They claim that the few events

that do take place each year, including the farmers' market, do not do very much to bring people in to Village businesses.

Some were skeptical that the business mix could be "fixed" because although people say they would like more cute shops and restaurants, not as many people actually patronize those businesses when they are there. Others felt that a very long-term plan would have to be undertaken to make the business mix what people want, and that such a plan would have to include considerable communication and cooperation between property owners and the Village.

The two business owners interviewed expressed a desire for someone to provide a forum for joint advertising. They both mentioned ads in print media and a billboard on Route 9H with a listing of all Kinderhook businesses as two things they would like to participate in and would be willing to contribute money to. They said they just do not have the time to coordinate something like that.

One of the business owners expressed a great deal of frustration over the process for getting a sign approved and felt it was far too subjective and that the review board that approves signage applications did not complete its work in a timely manner.

The two property owners that were interviewed felt that the Village should not spend resources on installing Village-wide sewer and water. They admitted that sewer for restaurants is difficult, but that it can be accommodated with a little creativity and cooperation. According to Bill Better, who owns the mortgage on the Dutch Inn, since he owns the adjacent property he is willing to allow the proper size sewer tanks to be installed to make the building marketable if need be. Kathy Thorsey expressed the opinion that it is much less expensive to install a few private systems large enough to accommodate one or two restaurants than it would be to install Village-wide sewer, so if the Village is going to put money into fixing sewer problems, they should only address the one or two buildings that have a problem instead of spending money on a Village-wide system.

Research: County and Regional Resources

Columbia County provides a number of tools to aid local governments in tourism promotion and business development.

County Tourism Department

- Website: The County posts tourism-related events, attractions and shopping on its website at no charge. The Tourism Department needs a point person to send them the information that should be posted. See www.bestcountryroads.com for more information.

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- **Print Calendar:** The Tourism Department sends out a paper calendar of events covering April through October, through which local businesses, tourism attractions and events can be advertised to visitors. This is also free of charge. It requires more planning and advance notice to include listings in the print calendar than on the website, but communities may do both.
 - **Community Support Funds:** Each spring the Tourism Department awards small grants to communities to assist in marketing tourism-related events. Maximum awards are \$200 and the funds are strictly limited for use in marketing events. However, if the Village has a great idea for a tourism project, there may be additional funding available to help with marketing so they should contact the Department to discuss the project as soon as they begin planning to learn what kind of assistance the County may be able to provide.
 - In addition, the County Tourism Department noted that the most popular type of activity that it receives regular inquiries about are walking tours.

Columbia Hudson Partnership

The Partnership is the economic development arm of the County. They offer the following kinds of assistance that may be helpful for the Village of Kinderhook:

- **Microenterprise training and technical assistance** – the Partnership offers a course for new small business owners. Once the course is completed, business owners can also get one-on-one consulting to help with specific needs, such as development of marketing or business plans, website development, and Quickbooks or other training in bookkeeping and accounting.
- **Small Business Administration loan program** – At present, this loan fund, which is more flexible than the Partnership's Community Development Block Grant funding, is running low. However, when the fund is replenished it could provide loans of between \$2,000 and \$35,000 for business expansion needs that are not construction-related.
- The Partnership also teams up with local banks to leverage private investment. In some instances, the Partnership can match up to twice the amount of a loan, with a maximum limit of \$105,000.
- The Partnership also offers help to municipalities in identifying grant funding sources for specific projects and often helps administer grants for municipalities that do not have the staff capacity to do so.

Columbia County Chamber of Commerce

The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce is another potential resource for Kinderhook businesses. The Chamber's services include:

- Provides access to group benefits such as reduced energy rates, health insurance and cafeteria plans for members.
- Provides networking and sponsorship opportunities such as breakfast programs, after hours business receptions, networking luncheons, awards dinners, seminars and other events.
- Coordinates promotional opportunities for members, such as ribbon cuttings, referrals from Chamber Staff, quarterly mailing inserts, mailing labels for businesses to use to send out their own promotional materials, advertising in the Chamber's membership directory and promotions in the Chamber's newsletters.
- Provides a limited amount of free advertising as a benefit for joining the Chamber – ads run on various local radio stations, cable TV, *The Independent* newspaper, and include a listing on the chamber's website and in its quarterly newsletter.

Capital District Community Loan Fund

The Capital District Community Loan Fund, Inc. (CDCLF) is a non-profit community development organization that provides small business financing and training services throughout the Capital Region (Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington Counties). CDCLF's focus is on assisting businesses that are locally owned by low to moderate-income individuals (below 80% of the area median income as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development), minorities or women.

- CDCLF makes loans of up to \$10,000 for start-up businesses and up to \$35,000 for existing expanding businesses for real property acquisition or improvement, equipment or inventory, cash flow or working capital, and energy efficiency improvements.
- CDCLF also provides an eight week business planning training course in partnership with the College of Saint Rose School of Business

Focus Group Attendees:

- Karen Sheffer, Certified Reports
- Donna Leiser, National Union Bank of Kinderhook

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- John Balli, National Union Bank of Kinderhook
 - Bill Laraway, Kinderhook Bed & Breakfast
 - Barry Herbold, ESAC Appraisers
 - Tom VerGow, Pi (florist)
 - Maria Ruggiero, Pi (florist)
 - Jean Brower, Blackwood Brouwer Booksellers

Interviews Conducted:

- Ann Cooper, Director, Columbia County Tourism
- James Galvin, Executive Director, Columbia Hudson Partnership
- Bonnie Link, Membership Director, Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
- Bill Better, local attorney and property owner
- Esther Anderson, local realtor
- Kathy Thorsey, local property owner
- Jody Kittle, Essentials
- Maria Ruggiero, Pi

All studies, reports, maps, and other supporting material, including the 1999 Plan are available to the public at the Village Hall.

4. Updated Demographic Information

This section updates the Village inventory and description of resources and public services contained in the 1999 Plan on pages 30 through 62. Please refer to the original 1999 Plan for all other relevant information.

Table 1: Population Changes from 1980 to 2000

Area	1980	1990	2000	1990 – 2000 % Change
United States	226,546,000	248,710,000	281,421,906	14%
New York State	17,558,165	17,990,455	18,976,457	6%
Valatie Village	1,492	1,487	1,712	15%
Kinderhook Village	1,377	1,293	1,275	-1.4%
Town of Kinderhook Outside Villages	4,767	5,340	5,309	-0.6%

Source: United States Census Bureau

Table 2: Comparison of Population Data for Village of Kinderhook

Description	1980	1990	2000
Total Population	1377	1293	1275
No. of Households	307	496	546
Total No. of Families	217	372	362
No. Married-Couple Families	357	297	308
No. Female Head of Households	20	52	37

Source: United States Census Bureau

Table 3: Comparison of Educational Attainment for those 25 Years and Older for Village of Kinderhook

Description	1980	1990	2000
Less than High School Diploma	137 (15.6%)	119 (13%)	53(5.8%)
High School Diploma Only	291 (33.1%)	212 (23.5%)	213 (23.5%)
College 1-3 years	195 (22.2%)	241 (26.7%)	215 (23.6)
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	256 (29.2%)	339 (37.2%)	427 (47%)
Source: United States Census Bureau			

Table 4: Comparison of Income Data for Village of Kinderhook

Description	1980	1990	2000
Family Median Income	\$24,327	\$48, 889	\$69,115
Per Capita Income	\$8,137	\$19,507	\$29,047
Families Below Poverty Level	19 (5%)	11 (3%)	1
Female Householders Below Poverty Level	4 (14%)	7 (5%)	1
Median Social Security Income	\$4,902	\$9,727	\$11,965
Total No. People Below Poverty Level	81	45	29 (2.3%)
Source: United States Census Bureau			

Table 5: Comparison of Housing Units for Village of Kinderhook

Description	1980	1990	2000
Total Number of Units	518	530	576
Owner Occupied Units	409	401	443
Renter Occupied Units	75	95	103
Vacant Units	34	34	30
# 1-unit dwellings	455	470	497
# 2-unit dwellings	11	13	27
# 3+ unit	52	34	41

Description	1980	1990	2000
dwelling			
# Mobile Homes	0	0	8

Source: United States Census Bureau

Table 6: Occupations by Percent of Employed Persons 16 Years or older, 2000 Data

Description	New York State	Columbia County	Town of Kinderhook	Village of Kinderhook	Village of Valatie
Executive, Manager, Professional, Technical	36.7%	9953 (33.6%)	1666 (39.8%)	359 (50.6%)	240 (35.2)
Sales and Other Office	27.1%	6951 (23.5%)	1117 (26.7%)	166 (23.4%)	172 (25.3)
Service	16.6%	4957 (16.8%)	474 (11.3%)	86 (12.1%)	110 (16.2)
Farming and Forestry	0.3%	450 (1.5%)	43 (1%)	2 (0.3%)	14 (2.1)
Construction, Extraction and Maintenance	7.63%	3198 (10.8%)	463 (11.1%)	51 (7.2%)	83 (12.2)
Production, Transportation and Material Moving	11.7%	4078 (13.8%)	423 (10.1%)	45 (6.3%)	62 (9.1)

Source: United States Census Bureau

Table 8: Comparison of Employment Data for Village of Kinderhook (People 16 Years and Older).

Description	1980	1990	2000
In Labor Force	663	659	739
Unemployed	32	20	30
Not in Labor Force	358	358	283
Place of Work			
In County	309	306	358
Out of County	256	309	310
Out of State	14	12	29
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.8 minutes	27 minutes	*

Source: United States Census Bureau

*2000 data NA as mean; 16% of workers traveled 5 to 9 minutes to work and 20% of workers traveled 30 to 34 minutes to work. 75% of all workers traveled 34 minutes or less to work.

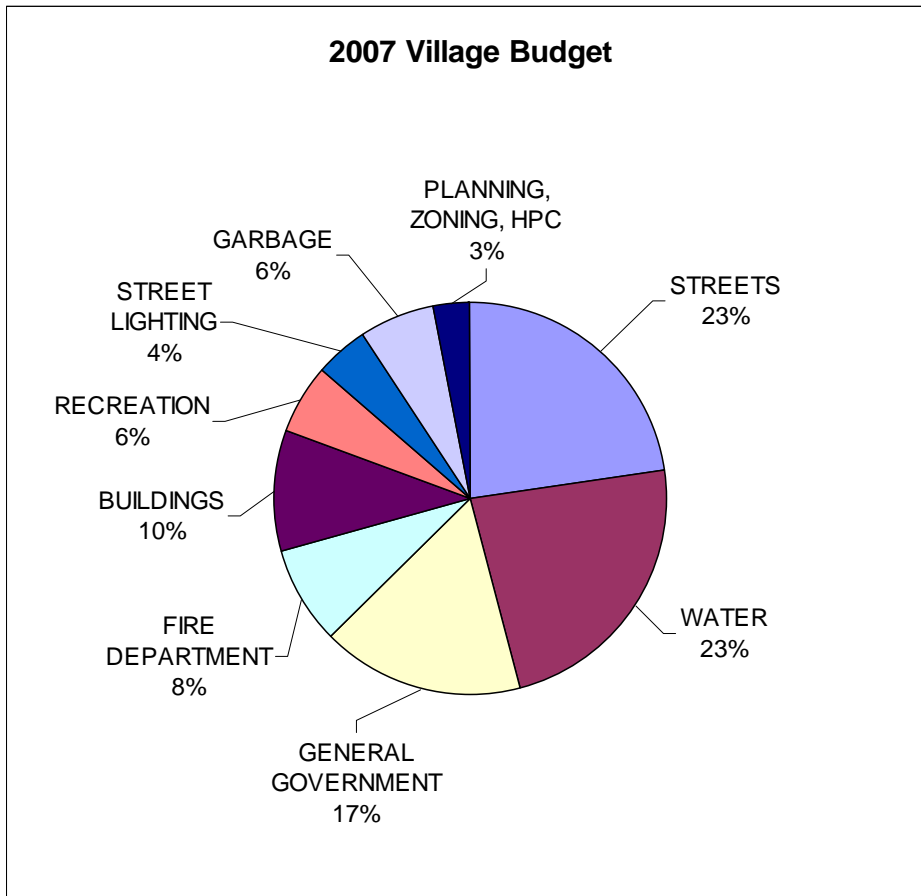
Table 5: Comparison of Demographics of Region and United States (2000 Data)

Demographics	United States	New York State	Town of Kinderhook	Village of Kinderhook	Village of Valatie	Columbia County
% Married Couple Families	54.4%	50.1%	58.5%	56.4%	49%	52%
% Female Householder Families	13%	15%	8.9%	6.8%	12.3%	10.3%
% Owner Occupied Units	66.2%	53.0%	82%	81%	59%	71%
Median Value of Housing Unit	\$119,600	\$148,700	\$125,600	\$141,800	107,800	111,800
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.3%	133 (2%)	30 (2.9%)	27 (2.1%)	1329 (2.7%)
Median Family Income	\$50,046	\$51,691	\$61,074	\$69,115	\$51,563	\$49,357
% of all persons below Poverty Level	12.4%	14.6%	4.6%	2.3%	10.5%	9.0%
% of all Families below Poverty Level	9.2%	11.5%	2.8%	0.3%	8.0%	6.4%
Vacant Housing Units	9.6%	9.0%	269 (7.8%)	30 (5.2%)	43 (6.9%)	5411 (17.9%)
Source: United States Census Bureau						

Appendix C. Municipal Budget

The fiscal year runs from June 1-May 31. The tentative budget is presented no later than March 20 and includes all proposed expenditures for the coming year, as well as proposed means of financing all expenditures. Public hearings are conducted not later than April 15 for public input. The Trustees must adopt the budget by May 1. The 1999 Plan included data for the 1999-2000 budget which had a total fiscal budget of \$671,891.00. The most recent budget (2007) had a total budget of \$903,842.00. This represents a 35% increase. The chart below shows the breakdown of the 2007 Village Budget. A comparison of some of the budget categories and funding levels between 1999 and 2007 is as follows:

Category	1999-2000 Budget	2007 Budget
Garbage	5.87	6.1
Street Lights	4.95	4.48
Streets	20.94	22.6
Planning	2.04	3
General Government	19.85	16.8
Recreation	5.58	5.89



Appendix D. Maps