



# Kick-off Meeting Comments

January 12, 2017 - Henrietta Town Hall

**The following comments were received in person and via email following the Town of Henrietta Ag & Farmland Protection Planning Kick-off Meeting**

1. It is important to collect detailed data from farmland owners.
2. Establish zoning that consolidates land uses.
3. Consider keeping industrial, multifamily and commercial north of thruway and preserve open land areas south of the thruway.
4. Address the issue of potential high-density greenhouses (or other future “ag-industrial” structures) and the potential problem of covering valuable prime soil lands and presenting issues associated with impervious surfaces and runoff problems.
5. Consider what kinds of structures and activities belong in agricultural/residential zones and which are more compatible with an industrial or commercial zone—see if there is a logical balance of ag.-related uses to support an ongoing farm operation and at what point does the commercial-type of activity become a commercial use.
6. Can we create zoning restrictions that allow high-density, impervious surface agricultural practices to occur only in industrially or commercially zoned areas, which are more in keeping with the nature of those districts?
7. Can we create zoning code that states that any building density resulting in impervious surfaces of more than X% must be located in industrial or commercial zones (not residential).
8. Survey residents to determine interest in funding a capital reserve fund for land protection as Town of Gorham did.
9. Seek creative ideas for other sources of income to fund a capital reserve fund for land protection.
10. Invite large landholders to attend a seminar held by Genesee Land Trust to inform them about the 2018 Farmland Protection Grant Process. (A similar seminar was held in the neighboring Town of Rush a month ago as a result of their farmland protection planning process.) Call GLT Executive Director Gay Mills or Lorna Wright, Director of Conservation Programs, at 585-256-2130 to schedule a seminar.



11. Is it feasible to zone parcels “Agricultural” rather than Residential or Industrial preserving use, taking place of easement and keeping tax breaks? It would put action in hands of Town and be seen as a positive action by residents.
12. Residents in 2011 surveys view open space and agricultural protection as keeping our open green spaces and farmland as such and protected from development.
13. Keep development north of thruway as residents have planned and requested. There are plenty of opportunities for commercial and industrial development north of the thruway, residents south of thruway want open space and a rural setting. Henrietta offers both.
14. Consider the “strong towns” organization advocated by Chuck Marohn [www.strongtowns.org](http://www.strongtowns.org)
15. Stakeholders Contacts: Be sure that the farms on Brooks Road are represented and contacted:
  - Kyanne Yost, Irish Rose Stables 208 Brooks Road, 14586 West Henrietta 585-202-2895
  - Bobbi Rockow, Rockow Equestrian Center 534 Brooks Rd, W Henrietta, 14586, 585-880-5282
  - Denny (Dennis) and Linda Holm 239 Brooks Road
  - George Miller (Farm at West Henrietta Road and Brooks Road)
  - Jeremy Paris, Soil & Water Planning Technician [Jeremyparis@monroecounty.gov](mailto:Jeremyparis@monroecounty.gov)
  - Kelly Emerick, CPESC, CPSWQ, CMS4s, [kellyemerick@monroecounty.gov](mailto:kellyemerick@monroecounty.gov)