History

- 1996 Comprehensive Plan
- Comprehensive Plan Update Committee
- Consultant (LaBella Associates): December 2014
- Residents survey
- Public Workshops
Comprehensive Plan Components

- Community Vision and Priorities
- Document Existing Conditions
- Analyze Issues and Opportunities
- Evaluate Alternative Approaches
- Recommend Strategies and Actions
Comprehensive Plan Committee

- Town Representatives
  - Gary Fink
  - David Henry
  - Norm Pawlak
  - Bill Waldruff

- Village Representatives
  - Anna Marie Barclay
  - Vickie Almquist
  - Kevin Donovan

- Genesee County Planning
  - Felipe Oltramari
Public Input Opportunities

- Community Survey
- Public Informational Meeting/Open House – April 2015
- Public Workshops
  - Environmental Resources/Agriculture - April 6
  - Residential/Parks & Recreation – May 4
  - Village Downtown (walking tour) – June 1
  - Industrial & Economic Development/Infrastructure & Utilities – July 13
- 2nd Public Informational Meeting – April 2016
- Town and Village Board Public Hearings
Plan Overview

- Land Use and Zoning
- Natural Resources
- Farmland & Agriculture
- Housing & Residential Neighborhoods
- Downtown & Economic Development
- Transportation & Utilities
- Parks, Recreation & Culture
- Government & Community Services
Land Use Overview

- Residential, business, community service, conservation, other land uses and how they inter-relate
- Town and Village zoning regulations
Land Use Overview

Goals

**GENERAL**

- Balance development with natural, agricultural, scenic and historic resources
- Concentrate new development where infrastructure is in place
Land Use Overview

Goals

**TOWN**

- Maintain rural and agricultural character
- Accommodate new residential, commercial and industrial development
- Retain the development patterns of historic hamlets
Land Use Overview

Goals

**VILLAGE**

- Maintain the current pattern of development
- Retain the Village’s historic and small town character
- Balance of residential, business, industrial and civic land uses
Future Land Use - Town

Future Land Use Categories
- Agricultural/ Rural Residential
- Industrial
- Interchange Industrial
- Land Conservation
- Multi-Family/ Manufactured Home Park
- Planned Unit Development
- Residential
- Community Service
- Public Park

Environmental Protection Overlay
- NYSDECWetlands_Bergen
- Federal Wetlands (NWI)
- 100-Year Flood

Smart Growth Development Areas
Future Land Use - Village

Future Land Use Categories
- Residential (R1)
- Residential (R2,R3)
- Commercial
- Downtown Business District
- Industrial
- Planned Development
- Public Park
- Conservation; Drainage
- Government/ Public Service
- Community Service

Environmental Protection Overlay
- NYS DEC Wetlands
- Federal Wetlands (NWI)
- 100-Year Flood Zone

Other Features
- Village Boundary
- Cemetery
Land Use

Recommendations

- Modify zoning regulations
- Extend utilities to areas designated for development
- Revise site plan review standards
- Review and revise development standards and construction specifications
- Prepare architectural design guidelines (Village)
Natural Resources

- Waterways
- Black Creek & Oakta Creek Watersheds
- Bergen Swamp
- Regulated wetlands
- Flood hazard areas
- Aquifers
Natural Resources

Goals

- Maintain and enhance natural resources
- Protect water quality
Natural Resources

Recommendations

- Collaborate with other organizations
- Implement recommendations from the Black Creek Watershed Protection Plan
- Manage development within stream corridors
- Apply State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)
- Encourage recreational use of natural lands
- Manage development on flood-prone land
- Address drainage
- Refine the Genesee County Green Infrastructure Road Map
Agriculture & Farmland

- Predominant land use in Town
- Diverse products – dairy, vegetables, grains, field crops, livestock
- Major industry in Genesee County
  - > $230 million sales of agricultural products
Agriculture & Farmland

Goals

- Maintain agricultural character
- Protect agricultural soils
- Support the agricultural economy
Agriculture & Farmland

Recommendations

- Designate a liaison to the agricultural community
- Limit water hookups within agricultural areas
- Delineate priority agricultural areas
- Revise zoning to support agri-businesses
- Encourage protection of high quality farmland
- Avoid and mitigate conflicts between farmers and non-farming neighbors
- Site house lots to minimize conflict with agriculture
- Encourage best management practices
- Support agricultural economic development
Housing & Residential Neighborhoods

- Village neighborhoods
- Residential development in Town
  - Hamlets of North Bergen and Stone Church
  - Hidden Meadows PUD
  - Rural residences
Housing & Residential Neighborhoods

Goals

- High quality dwellings in neighborhoods supported by infrastructure and services
- Maintain and improve the condition of housing stock
- Encourage future development in and near the Village
Housing & Residential Neighborhoods

Recommendations

- Revise zoning and manage infrastructure
- Prepare architectural and design guidelines (Village)
- Expand senior and affordable housing
- Obtain grants for homeownership and housing rehabilitation
- Maintain and enforce existing codes
- Encourage participation in civic and neighborhood improvement activities
- Manage siting and design
Downtown & Economic Development

- Town
  - Apple Tree Acres
  - Highway-oriented commercial
  - Small businesses in Stone Church
Downtown & Economic Development

- Village
  - Downtown business district
  - Bonduelle USA - vegetable processing
  - Commercial, industrial

Bonduelle
North America
World leader in processed vegetable
Downtown & Economic Development

GOALS

- Redevelop Downtown Bergen
- Niche businesses downtown
- Light manufacturing and offices adjacent to the Village
- Attract more business to Apple Tree Business Park and other areas
Downtown Recommendations

- Renovate buildings
- Improve streetscape and gateways
- Connect neighborhoods & parks
- Encourage niche retail, restaurants, offices and other small businesses
- Improve Village parking lot
- Enforce traffic laws
Economic Development

Recommendations

- Retain and attract light industrial and office
- Attract businesses to Apple Tree Acres
- Support GCEDC initiatives
- Incentives for small businesses
Transportation & Utilities

- State, County and local roads
- Sidewalks
- Bicycle facilities
- Rail
- Bergen Electric/ National Grid
- Natural gas from RG&E
- Water through Monroe County Water Authority

- Sewer
  - Village sewer treatment plant
  - Bonduelle – own plant
  - Town – Sewer district
Transportation & Utilities

Goals

- Maintain existing infrastructure
- Continue inter-municipal cooperation and sharing of equipment
- Improve transportation connections that accommodate all modes of transport
- Extend utilities to promote future development
Transportation & Infrastructure

Recommendations

- Transportation
  - Adopt “Complete Streets” policies
  - Construct bicycle lanes and walking paths
  - Maintain sidewalks, fill gaps and install signage
Transportation & Infrastructure

Recommendations

- Sewer, Water & Drainage
  - Eliminate infiltration and inflow into sewer system
  - Improve and expand the wastewater treatment plant
  - Provide public water
  - Install green infrastructure to manage stormwater
Transportation & Infrastructure

Recommendations (continued)

- **Electricity and Other Utilities**
  - Reduce the cost of electricity
  - Maintain Bergen Electric facilities
  - Support renewable energy
  - Install energy efficiency and renewable energy in municipal facilities
Parks & Recreation

- Village Parks
  - Hickory Park
  - Carpenter, Zuber, Ward, and Hartland Parks
- Town
  - Drews Nature Center
  - Robins Brook Park
  - Linear Park
- Private
  - Gillam Grant
  - Bergen Swamp
  - Rod & Gun Club
Parks & Recreation

Goals

- Maintain parks and recreational facilities
- Promote health and fitness
- Connect parks with bikeways and trails
Parks & Recreation

Recommendations

- Implement the Village and Town Parks Master Plans
- Acquire additional land for recreational use
- Develop walkways, sidewalks, trails, and bicycle paths
- Identify appropriate uses of Linear Park. Construct a multi-use trail with suitable trailhead access
Government & Community Services

- Bergen Fire Department
- Byron Bergen Central School District Campus
- Public Library
- Gillam Grant
- Post Office
- Town & Village offices, DPW
- Town museum
Government & Community Services

Goals

- Maintain services
- Coordinate and collaborate
- Promote responsible waste management and recycling
- Evaluate impacts of developments on schools
- Support educational and cultural facilities
Government & Community Services

Recommendations

- Monitor and update the Comprehensive Plan
- Share equipment and facilities and coordinate services
- Collaborate with Byron Bergen School District and Gillam Grant
- Support the Bergen Volunteer Fire Department
- Maintain the Town's Fire Insurance rating
- Support the Byron-Bergen Library
Historic Resources

Goals

- Retain historic character
- Promote tourism and economic development that utilizes historic resources
Historic Resources

Recommendations

- Support Town Historian and Historical Society
- Distribute information to building owners
- Promote the historic character in downtown economic development
- Prepare and apply standards for building renovations
Plan Adoption Process

- CPC Public Hearing (April 21)
- Public Comment Period (through April 29)
- CPC Approves Draft Plan Document (May 2)
- Environmental Review
- County Planning Board Review
- Town and Village Board Public Hearings
- Adoption by Town and Village Boards
Thank you!

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