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## **Appendix A**

### **Community Survey Summary**

# Town of Hague Community Survey Summary: April 6, 2025

## **GENERAL SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESULTS**

The Town of Hague is working with the community to update the 2017 Comprehensive Plan.

Town of Hague Community Survey: Summary of 248 Responses

This summary represents feedback from approximately 200 respondents across multiple survey questions, revealing a community that values its natural assets, seeks balanced economic development, and desires practical improvements to enhance quality of life for all residents.

### Key Places to Protect and Preserve

- Lake George and waterfront areas are overwhelmingly the most valued community assets
- Hague Beach and Town Park considered community "gems" needing regular maintenance
- Peggy's Point consistently highlighted as a special place needing protection
- Boat launch and docks important for resident and visitor lake access
- Natural areas including Hague Brook, wetlands, trails, and forested areas
- Historic and community buildings including the Hague Market, Fire Department, and historic structures

### Top Community Concerns

1. Tax Issues
  - School taxes identified as disproportionately high
  - Many residents feel burdened by the Ticonderoga school district arrangement
  - Concerns about tax impacts on affordability for families and seniors
2. Economic Vitality
  - Lack of year-round businesses, particularly restaurants
  - Limited retail options and essential services
  - Need for a more vibrant town center
  - Desire for economic opportunities to attract younger residents and families
3. Infrastructure Needs
  - Sewer system expansion is the highest municipal investment priority
  - Safety concerns about Route 9N for pedestrians and cyclists
  - Need for improved sidewalks and bike paths
  - Boat docking facilities and waterfront access need enhancement
  - Cell service and utility reliability concerns
4. Recreation and Community
  - Desire for more diverse recreational facilities (pickleball courts, trails, etc.)
  - Need for year-round gathering spaces and activities
  - Better maintenance of beach and waterfront areas
  - Division between seasonal and year-round residents

### Desired Municipal Investments

1. Infrastructure Improvements
  - Expanded sewer service (particularly to lakefront properties)
  - Improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities
  - Better maintenance of public facilities
  - Highway Department/Town Shed improvements
2. Economic Development Support
  - Tax incentives for new businesses
  - Support for restaurants and year-round businesses
  - Downtown revitalization efforts
  - Strategies to attract younger families

3. Recreational Enhancements
  - Beach and waterfront improvements
  - Expanded boat docking facilities
  - Trail development and maintenance
  - Sports courts and facilities updates
4. Essential Services
  - Improved EMS/ambulance services
  - Medical care access
  - Better communication systems
  - Transportation options, especially for seniors

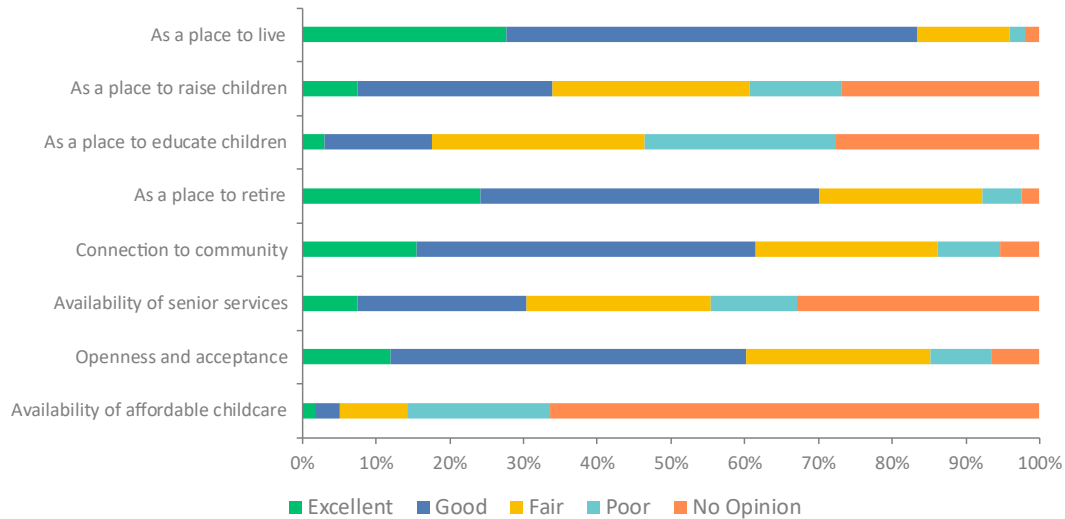
#### Resident Suggestions for Improvement

1. Government Operations
  - More consistent code enforcement
  - Better communication with residents
  - Increased transparency
  - Inclusive governance involving both seasonal and year-round residents
2. Community Development
  - Balance growth with preservation of town character
  - Support for small businesses, especially in town center
  - Programs to attract younger families
  - Address affordable housing needs
3. Transportation and Safety
  - Creative solutions for pedestrian and cyclist safety on Route 9N
  - Alternative trail systems connecting key community areas
  - Better maintenance of road shoulders
  - Improved crosswalks and signage
4. Environmental Protection
  - Lake water quality protection
  - Hague Brook delta cleanup
  - Responsible development practices
  - Preservation of natural areas

## ACTUAL SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARIZED

### Q1: Please rate Hague as a community on each of the items listed below:

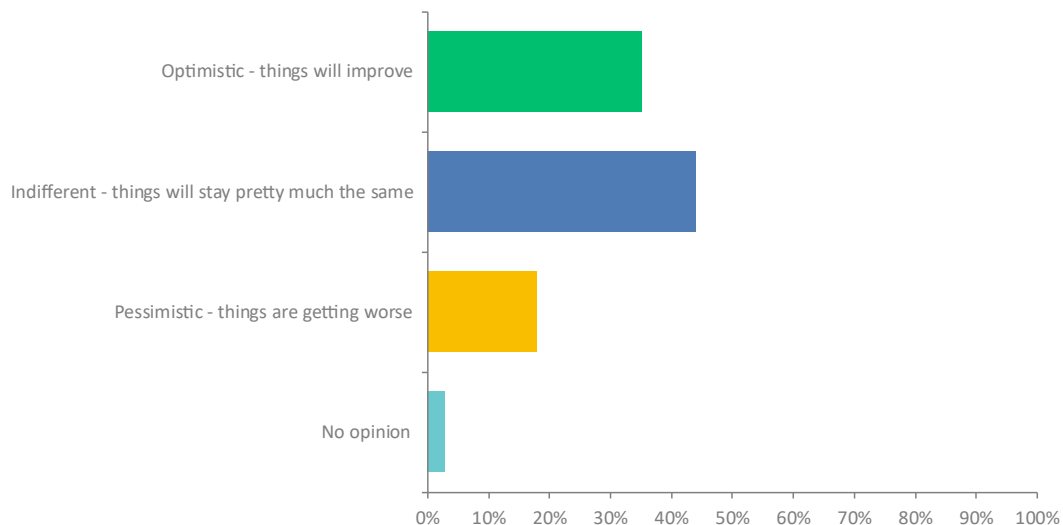
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### Q2: Thinking broadly, how do you feel about the future of the Hague over the next five to ten years?

Answered: 245 Skipped: 3



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### **Q3: Please identify any special places in the community that need long term protection or preservation**

Based on the 166 responses to question. The survey shows a strong community attachment to the lake and public spaces, with particular emphasis on maintaining environmental quality while balancing the need for economic vitality and essential services. Many responses reflect concern about maintaining the town's character while addressing infrastructure needs.

#### **Top Areas of Concern**

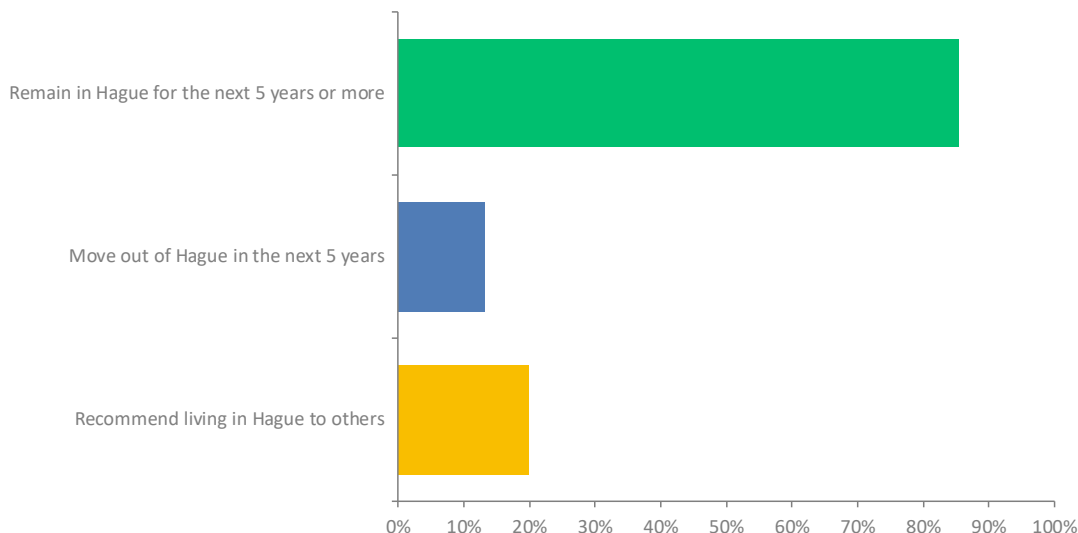
1. **The Lake and Waterfront** (mentioned in ~70 responses)
  - Lake George was the most frequently cited area needing protection
  - Specific concern for water quality and shoreline preservation
  - Several mentions of preventing erosion and managing invasive species
2. **Hague Beach and Town Park** (~40 mentions)
  - Many residents consider this a community "gem"
  - Concerns about cleanliness and maintenance
  - Several mentions of debris and silt from Hague Brook affecting the beach
3. **Peggy's Point** (~15 mentions)
  - Described as a "gem" of the community
  - Concerns about preservation and maintenance
4. **Boat Launch and Docks** (~15 mentions)
  - Access concerns for residents
  - Maintenance issues (one mention that "boat launch entry is too shallow")
5. **Natural Areas and Recreation**
  - Hague Brook and its wetlands (~10 mentions)
  - Jabe's Pond and hiking trails
  - Rogers Rock Campground
  - Forest land and wildlife habitats
6. **Local Businesses and Town Center**
  - The Hague Market (~5 mentions)
  - Firehouse/Firehouse Restaurant
  - Concerns about lack of year-round businesses
  - Requests for retail revitalization
7. **Historic and Community Buildings**
  - Town Cemetery maintenance
  - Highway Department Building (needs repair)
  - Community Center
  - Silver Bay YMCA

#### **Other Notable Concerns**

- **Development Issues:** Several comments about limiting variances for large homes and preventing over-development
- **Affordability:** Mentions of high taxes and need for affordable/low-income housing
- **Essential Services:** Fire Department, EMS, and public infrastructure
- **Community Character:** Preserving the quiet, small-town feel unlike more developed areas

## Q4: Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:

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## Q5: "If you could change one thing about Hague, what would it be?"

The responses reveal a community concerned with balancing economic vitality and essential services while maintaining Hague's character. There's a strong desire for more year-round amenities that would serve both permanent residents and seasonal visitors, with restaurants being the most frequently mentioned need. School tax reform appears to be a unifying concern across various demographic groups in the community. The feedback suggests that residents want Hague to be more self-sufficient with basic services while still maintaining its distinct identity from more developed areas like Bolton Landing. Based on the 186 responses to this question, there are several clear priorities that emerge from the community:

### Top Desired Changes

- 1. More Year-Round Businesses** (mentioned in ~70 responses)
  - Restaurants were overwhelmingly the most requested business type (50+ mentions)
  - Grocery/market services that operate year-round (15+ mentions)
  - General desire for a more vibrant downtown with diverse shops
- 2. Tax Concerns** (~40 mentions)
  - School taxes were specifically cited as too high in many responses
  - Many residents feel the tax burden is disproportionate to services received
  - Several mentioned the inequity of Hague's contribution to Ticonderoga schools
  - One resident noted paying "\$19,200 per year" with "\$13.4k in school" taxes
- 3. Community Services and Infrastructure**
  - Medical services/urgent care access (10+ mentions)
  - Better EMS/ambulance services (mentioned as needing to be 24/7)
  - Transportation services, especially for seniors
  - Sidewalks on Route 9N for pedestrian safety
  - Improved cell service and utilities

#### 4. Community Cohesion

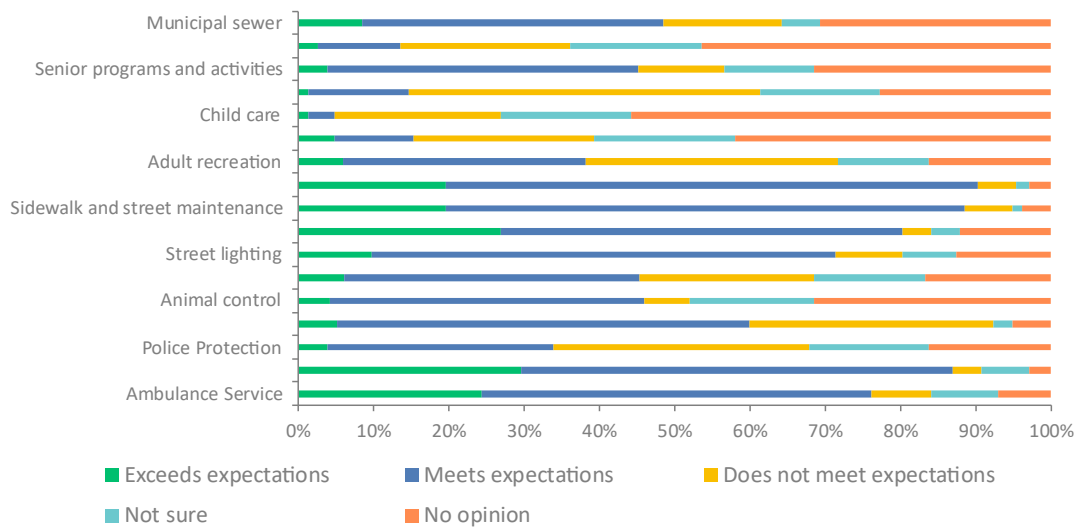
- Reducing division between "summer people" and year-round residents
- More community events and gathering spaces
- Addressing perceived negativity in town politics
- More opportunities for younger families to afford living in the area

#### 5. Improved Access and Amenities

- Extended hours for town facilities (boat launch, transfer station)
- More parking at beach and launch areas
- Better lake access and maintenance of waterfront areas
- More public docking

### Q6: Please rate each of the following services offered by the Town:

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### Q7: Please identify what municipal investment would have the greatest impact on the Town.

Many of the suggested investments align closely with the "changes" mentioned in Q5, particularly around supporting year-round businesses and creating a more vibrant community space in the town center. The recurring mentions of the Darrin parking lot acquisition suggest this is viewed as a critical piece of infrastructure for community events and town vitality.

Based on the 140 responses to the question, the following responses are summarized.

#### Top Investment Priorities

##### 1. Infrastructure Improvements (~45 mentions)

- Sewer System Expansion (20+ mentions) - Particularly extending to Silver Bay, Route 9N, and lakefront properties
- Utilities Improvements - Several mentions of burying power lines to reduce outages



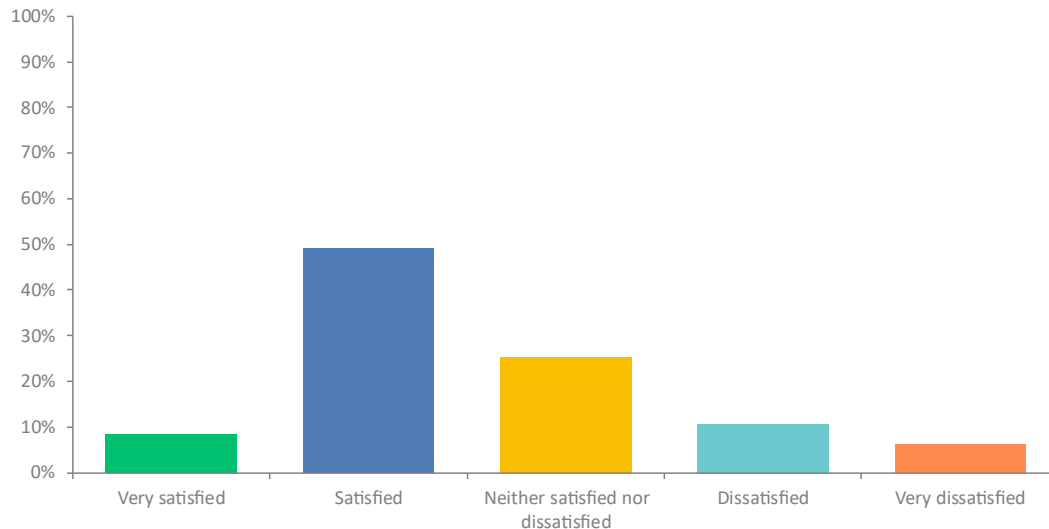
- Highway Department/Town Shed (10+ mentions) - Many respondents noted the need for improvements
- Town Park/Beach Facilities - Including a new town building at the park, playground renovations
- 2. **Business Development** (~25 mentions)
  - Tax incentives/breaks for new businesses
  - Support programs for restaurants and year-round businesses
  - "Pilot program to encourage new business"
  - Downtown revitalization efforts
- 3. **Transportation and Accessibility** (~20 mentions)
  - Parking - Particularly acquiring the Darrin parking lot across from the beach (multiple mentions)
  - Sidewalks on Route 9N - For pedestrian safety
  - Bike/pedestrian paths - Including "off 9N pedestrian/bike route"
  - Transportation services for seniors and medical appointments
- 4. **Recreational Amenities** (~15 mentions)
  - Public Docking - Expanded boat docking facilities
  - Dog Park (mentioned several times)
  - Year-round activities - Similar to the summer concert series
  - Youth/family activities
- 5. **Essential Services** (~10 mentions)
  - EMS/Ambulance Services - Including creating an EMS district
  - Fire Department support
  - Medical services/urgent care

**Other Notable Mentions**

- School Tax Reform - Multiple respondents suggesting legal efforts to address tax inequity
- Lake Protection - Maintaining water quality, milfoil removal, Hague Brook delta cleanup
- Cell Service improvements
- Code Enforcement - Better enforcement of regulations, particularly for rentals and property maintenance

## Q8: Are you satisfied with the overall performance of Town government?

Answered: 225 Skipped: 23



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## Q9: Areas for Improvement in Town Government

The responses reveal a community at a transition point, with mixed opinions about its leadership and direction. There appears to be tension between:

1. **Growth vs. Preservation:** Some residents want more business development and tourism, while others are concerned about over-development.
2. **Resident Types:** There are ongoing tensions between year-round residents and seasonal property owners.
3. **Governance Style:** Some appreciate the current leadership's approach, while others feel improvements are needed in communication and collaboration.

A unifying concern across many responses is the school tax situation, which continues to be a major issue for residents regardless of their other views on town governance.

The comments suggest a need for stronger community-wide dialogue about Hague's future vision, balancing growth with preservation of the town's character, and creating opportunities for families and businesses to thrive year-round. Based on the 58 responses, several key themes emerge regarding areas that need improvement:

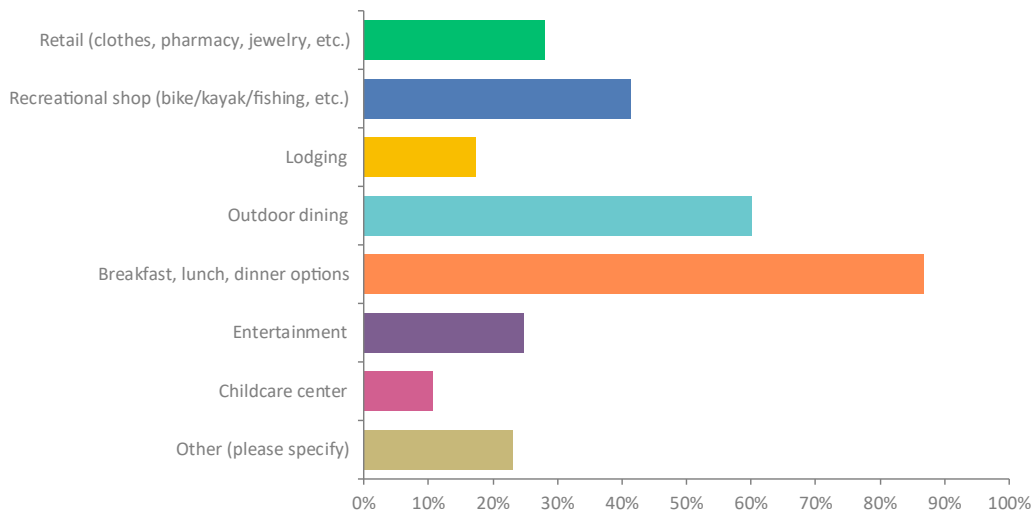
### Primary Areas of Concern

1. **Tax Issues** (10+ mentions)
  - School taxes remain a dominant concern
  - "Outrageous school taxes need to be more aggressively addressed"
  - Multiple suggestions to leave Ticonderoga school district
  - Concerns about property tax assessments
2. **Business Development Support** (10+ mentions)
  - Need for more "business friendly" governance
  - Incentives for restaurants and year-round businesses
  - "Zoning laws maybe too Strick-prohibits growth"

- Perception that government discourages tourism/visitors
- 3. **Governance and Leadership** (10+ mentions)
  - Mixed opinions on current leadership
  - Some praise for the new administration
  - Concerns about divisiveness and lack of collaboration
  - "Work better together & listen to residents more"
- 4. **Zoning and Code Enforcement** (8+ mentions)
  - Inconsistent enforcement
  - Concerns about timeliness of applications
  - "Zoning Board of Appeals has been too lenient in approving variances"
  - Mixed desires (some want stricter enforcement, others less)
- 5. **Community Vision and Growth** (5+ mentions)
  - Need for strategies to address "declining population"
  - Support for "year-round employment"
  - Making Hague "more accessible for year-round residents"
  - "We need more families and a younger generation"

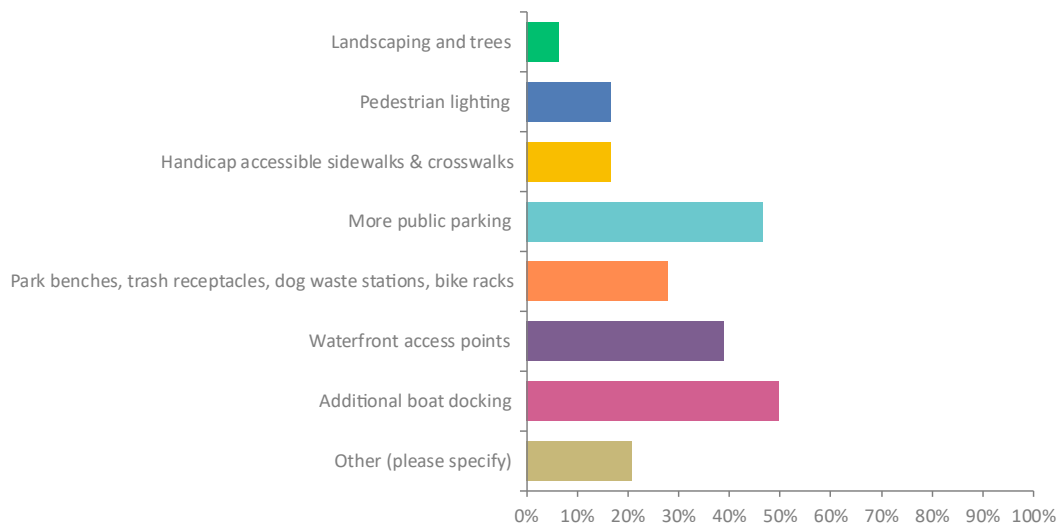
## Q10: Please identify what kind of businesses you would like to see in Hague. (check all that apply)

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## Q11: What specific improvements are needed in Hague? (check all that apply)

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## Q12: What specific recreational facilities need improvement in Hague?

The responses demonstrate a community that values outdoor recreation, particularly water-related activities, while also recognizing the need for year-round options. There's a strong desire for better maintenance of existing facilities along with strategic enhancements that would serve both residents and visitors. The feedback shows particular concern about beach and waterfront facilities, which aligns with the community's identification of the lake as a key asset in previous questions. There's also significant interest in trails and paths that would improve connectivity and safety, especially along busy roadways. Many responses also suggest greater integration with and support of the Silver Bay YMCA to maximize existing resources rather than duplicating facilities.

Based on the 103 responses, several clear priorities emerge:

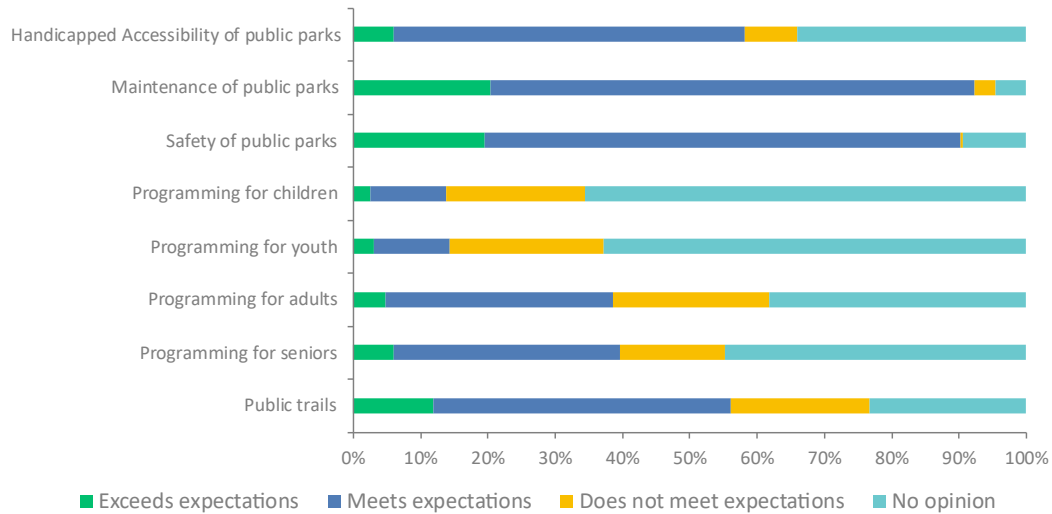
### Top Priorities for Recreational Improvements

- 1. Beach and Waterfront Enhancements (35+ mentions)**
  - Beach Cleanup/Maintenance - Multiple concerns about cleanliness
    - "Clean up black mud at water's edge at Hague Beach"
    - "The beach is very poorly cleaned"
  - Swimming Area Improvements - Including dredging for better swimming
    - "Dredging at the beach to improve quality of swimming"
    - "It would also be great if Hague beach had a deeper area for adult swimmers"
- 2. Boating Facilities (30+ mentions)**
  - Expanded Boat Docking - Many requests for more docks
  - Boat Launch Improvements
    - "Dredge access to boat launch"
    - "Town launch ramp. Need sole access, like Mossy Point & Rogers Rock Campground ramps"

- Non-motorized Boat Support
    - "Install public kayak racks on shores of lake"
    - "Kayak rentals"
- 3. **Trails and Paths** (20+ mentions)
  - Walking/Hiking Trails - More development and maintenance
  - Bike Paths - Particularly for safety along Route 9N
  - Multi-use Trail Networks
    - "Cross country & hiking trails & maps maintained for safety"
    - "A relatively flat and safe walking, biking, and running path"
- 4. **Sports Courts and Facilities** (15+ mentions)
  - Pickleball Courts - Multiple requests (8+ mentions)
  - Tennis Courts
  - Basketball Court Improvements - "Basketball court is uneven, needs lighting"
  - Softball Field
- 5. **Park Amenities** (10+ mentions)
  - Playground Updates
  - Pavilion for Events
    - "Covered pavilion in town park for events"
    - "Pavilion for the summer concert series"
- 6. **Indoor Recreation** (10+ mentions)
  - Winter activity options
  - "Indoor - there are no indoor places to exercise or play a sport during the long winter"
  - "An indoor location that offers activities such as pool, ping pong, etc."
  - Indoor options for winter months
- **Community Gathering Spaces**
  - Summer farmers market
  - Concert areas
  - Event spaces

### Q13: Please rate the parks and recreational opportunities in Hague.

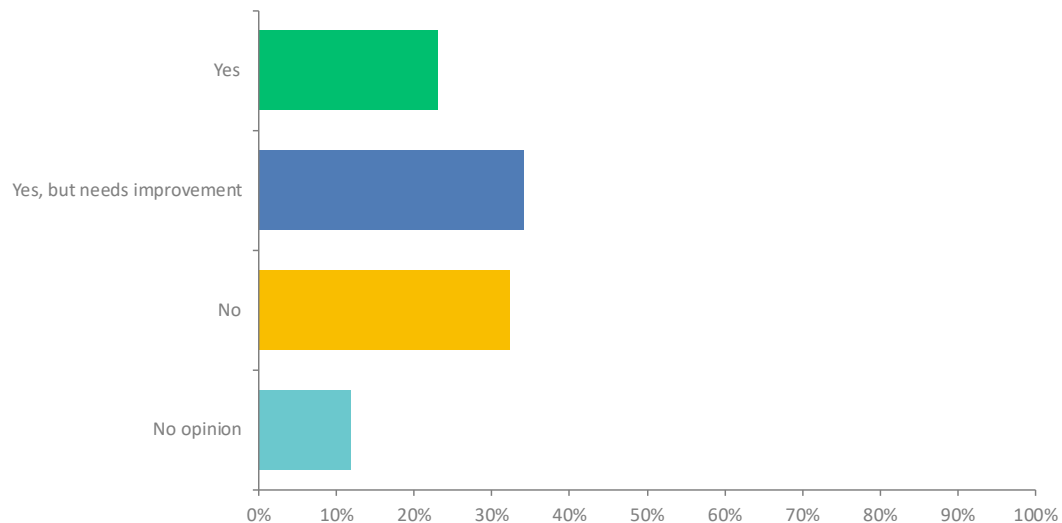
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### Q14: Do you find Hague to be user-friendly for pedestrians and bicyclists?

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### Q15: What specific improvements are needed for pedestrians and bicyclists?

Based on the 148 responses, a strong consensus that current road conditions pose significant safety risks to pedestrians and cyclists. While many acknowledge the physical constraints of the existing roads, there's a clear desire for solutions that would improve safety and access.

Most residents prioritize:

1. Creating dedicated, separate spaces for pedestrians and cyclists where possible
2. Improving signage and crosswalks in high-traffic areas
3. Exploring alternative routes that avoid the main roads
4. Addressing speed and traffic issues

Given the physical constraints of the existing roads, a comprehensive approach that combines targeted infrastructure improvements, traffic management, and development of alternative routes would likely be most effective in addressing community concerns.

### **Major Concerns and Improvement Needs**

1. **Road Safety on Route 9N** (80+ mentions)
  - "Roads narrow-no real sidewalks, no shoulder"
  - "9N is dangerous for runners/bikers!"
  - "9N is pretty dangerous!"
  - "Walking on 9N is a death wish!"
  - Many mentions of the dangerous curves and narrow shoulders
2. **Bike Lanes and Paths** (60+ mentions)
  - Dedicated lanes on main roads where possible
  - Separate bike paths away from traffic
  - "Bike lanes, sidewalks on 9N & 8 and more hiking trails"
  - "Bike trails and safe use of roads"
3. **Sidewalks and Pedestrian Paths** (50+ mentions)
  - Extension of existing sidewalks
  - New sidewalks along dangerous sections
  - "Extend sidewalks past Trout House"
  - "Sidewalks in hamlet"
4. **Alternative Routes** (15+ mentions)
  - Off-road trails connecting key areas
  - "Off 9N pedestrian and bicyclist route"
  - "The 'Friendship Trail' is an example: current path from Pine Cove, Arcady, Pudding Island. Onida Bay, Silver Bay=2.6 miles avoiding 9N."
5. **Crosswalks and Signage** (15+ mentions)
  - "Crosswalk across Rt.8"
  - "Clearly marked pedestrian crossing at beach"
  - "Smart pedestrian crossing warning signs with flashing lights"
  - "Needs signs for pedestrian crossing"
6. **Traffic Calming Measures** (10+ mentions)
  - "Monitor speed of cars through town"
  - "Change speed limit to 40mph from town to Rogers Rock Campground"
  - "Lower speed limit for motor vehicles"

### **Notable Insights**

- **Physical Constraints Recognized:** Many residents acknowledged the challenges presented by the narrow, winding roads
  - "Bicycle lanes but not feasible on 9N"
  - "I'm not sure where that could be, but we really need it" (regarding safe trails)
  - "Not sure if this could be improved due to narrowness of 9n would be major road overhaul"
- **Creative Solutions Proposed:**

- "Putting a third lane in on 9N from Route 8 to Sabbath Day Point and putting in some kind of bollards to block it off"
- "Disallow large trucks on 9N in order to increase road safety"
- Working with YMCA on trail development
- **High-Risk Areas Identified:**
  - S-curves on Route 8 north of village
  - Area near Dockside Landing Marina
  - Curves near "the Ruah"
  - Section from town to Rogers Rock Campground

## **Q16: Please identify the special places in Hague that should be protected or preserved**

The responses to this question strongly reinforce the findings from Question 3, highlighting the community's deep connection to its waterfront areas (especially the town beach and Peggy's Point) and natural landscapes. The consistency between responses to Questions 3 and 16 demonstrates a clear community consensus about Hague's most valued assets. There's also a strong sentiment about preserving the town's character against over-development, while maintaining access to these special places for residents and visitors. The multiple mentions of the "elephant" (presumably a local landmark) and specific locations like the old steamship dock suggest that these places have cultural and historical significance that contribute to the community's identity and sense of place. Based on the 137 responses, several locations consistently emerge as valued community assets:

### **Top Places to Protect and Preserve**

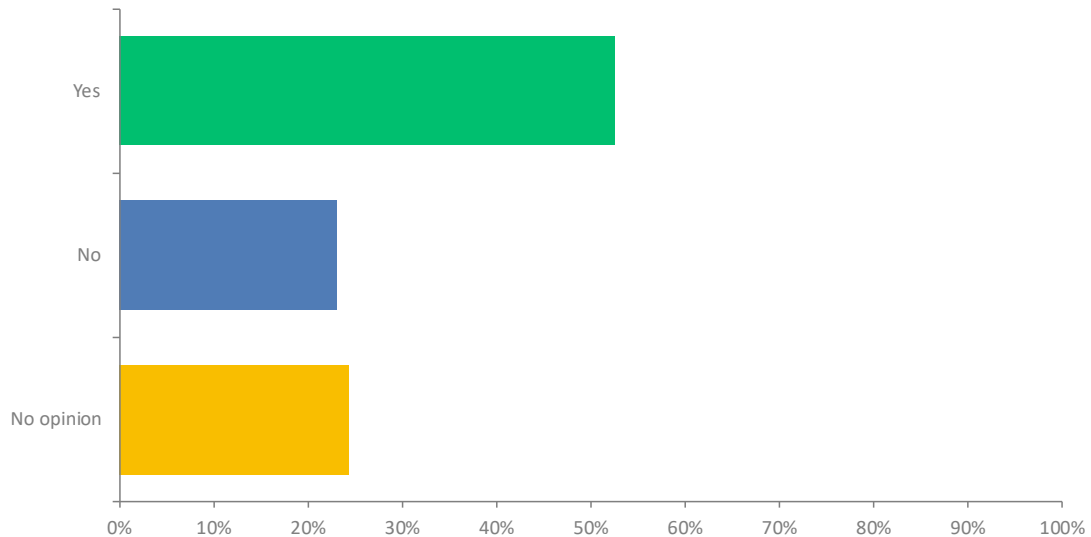
1. **Waterfront Areas** (70+ mentions)
  - Town Beach/Hague Beach (40+ mentions) - Consistently rated as a top priority
  - Lake George (general mentions of "the lake") - A foundational community asset
  - Peggy's Point (30+ mentions) - Repeatedly described as a "gem" of the community
  - Hague Brook and its delta area (15+ mentions)
  - Boat launch and docks (10+ mentions)
2. **Natural Areas and Trails** (25+ mentions)
  - Jabe's Pond (mentioned several times)
  - Rock & Rye Trail
  - Lookout Trail
  - Waltonian Islands
  - North Pond
  - Swede Mountain
  - The old fish hatchery trail ("a hidden gem")
3. **Town Center and Historic Areas** (20+ mentions)
  - Downtown buildings
  - The Hague Market
  - Firehouse/Firehouse Restaurant
  - Post Office
  - Graphite mill and mines (historic areas)
  - "The elephant" (mentioned several times)
  - Old steamship dock
4. **Other Community Assets** (15+ mentions)
  - Silver Bay YMCA (several mentions)
  - Cemeteries
  - Veterans Park



○ Community Center

### Q17: Would you like to see the Town invest in improvements that would offset potential impacts from climate change?

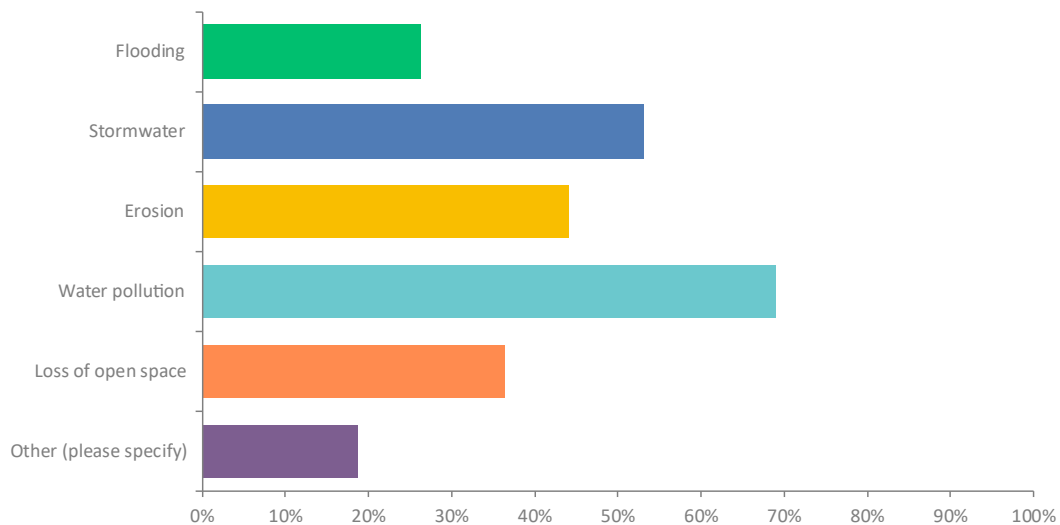
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### Q18: Please identify any specific environmental concerns you have in the community. (check all that apply)

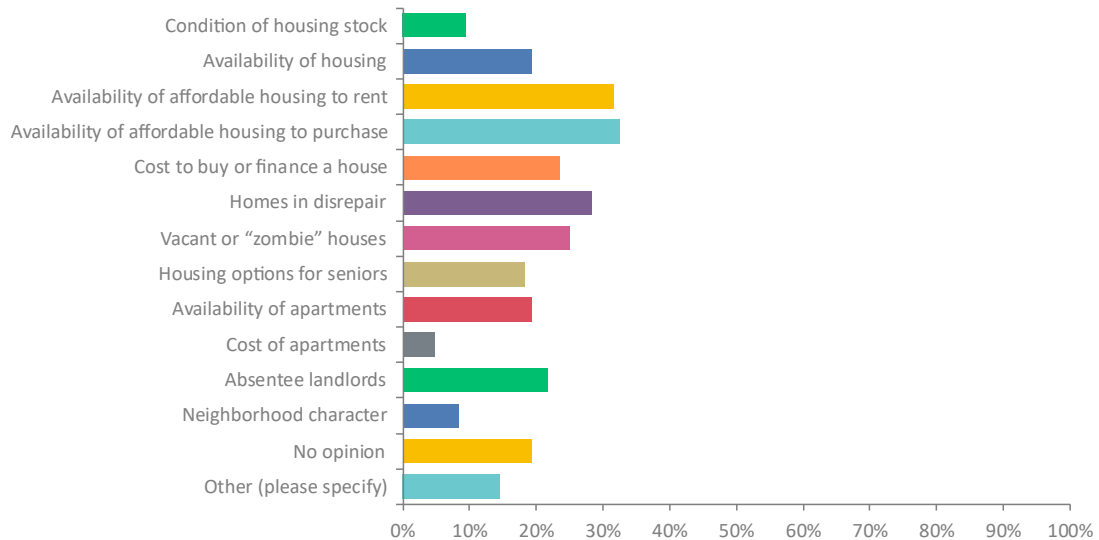
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## Q19: Please identify housing issues in the Town of Hague: (check all that apply)

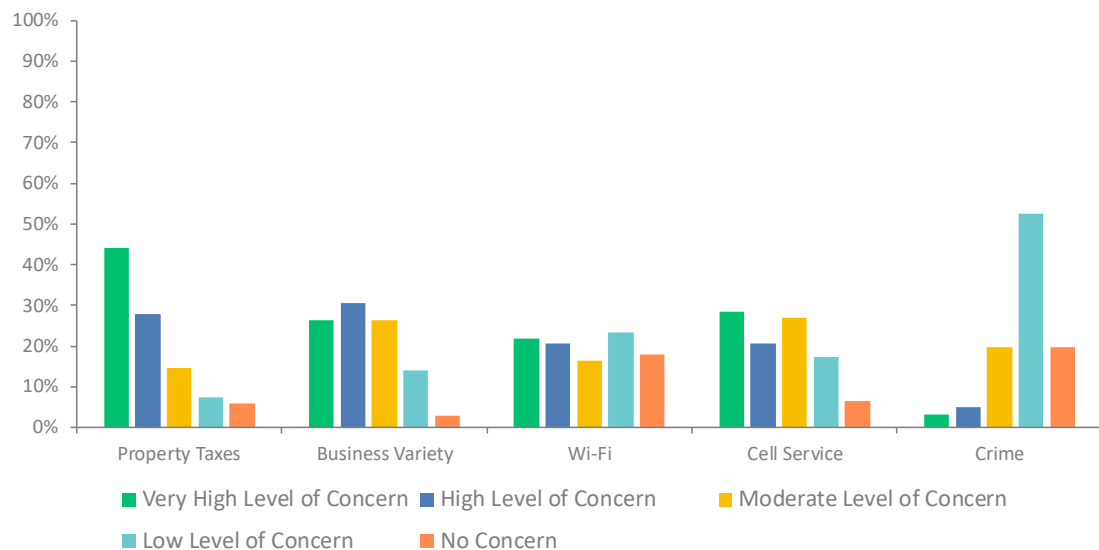
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## Q20: Please indicate your level of concern on the following issues.

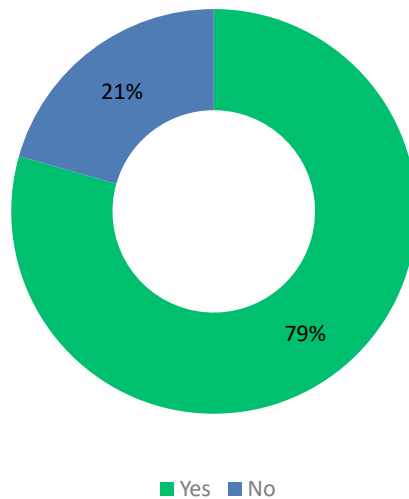
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## Q21: Are you currently a resident of Hague?

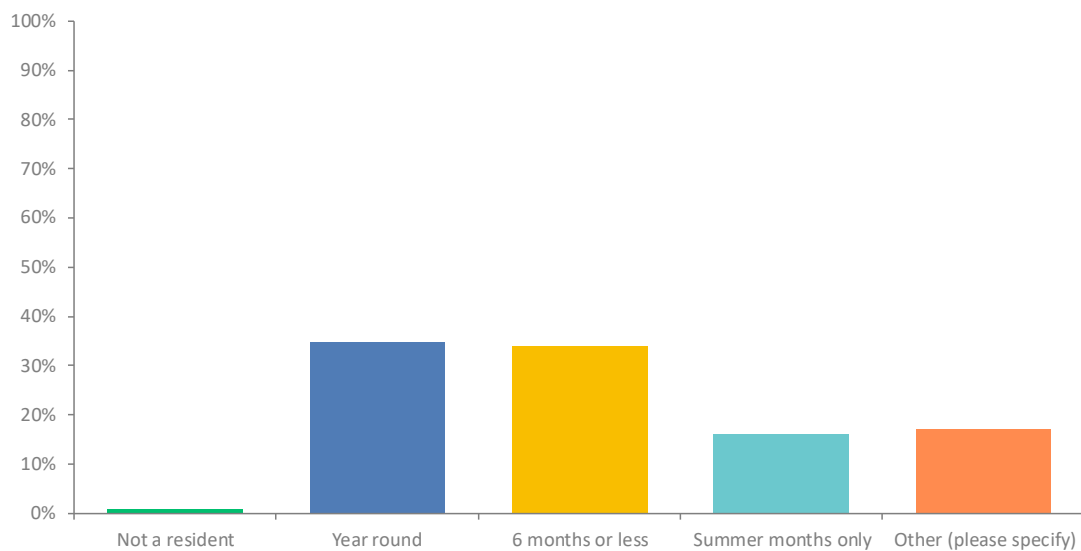
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## Q22: Please indicate how much time you live in Hague over the entire year.

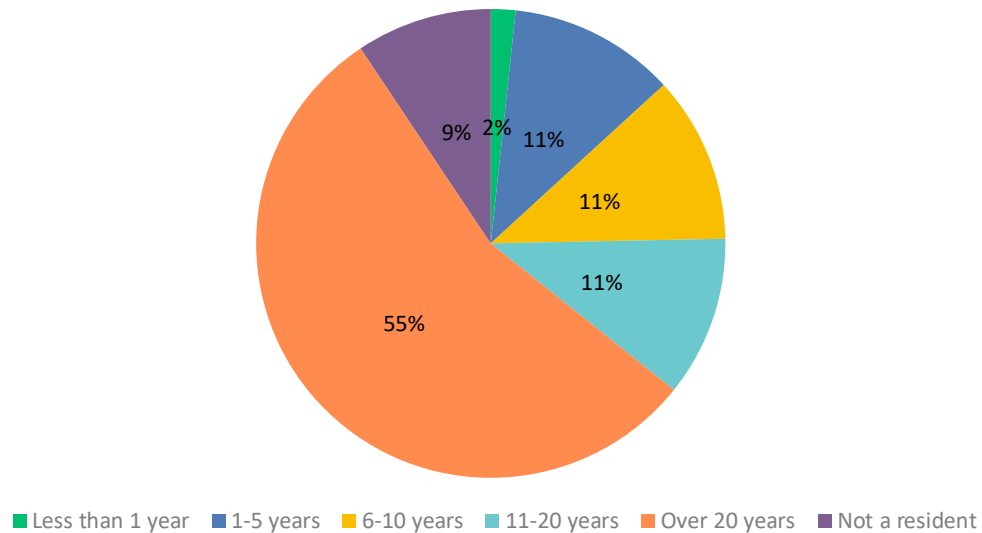
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## Q23: How long have you been a resident of Hague?

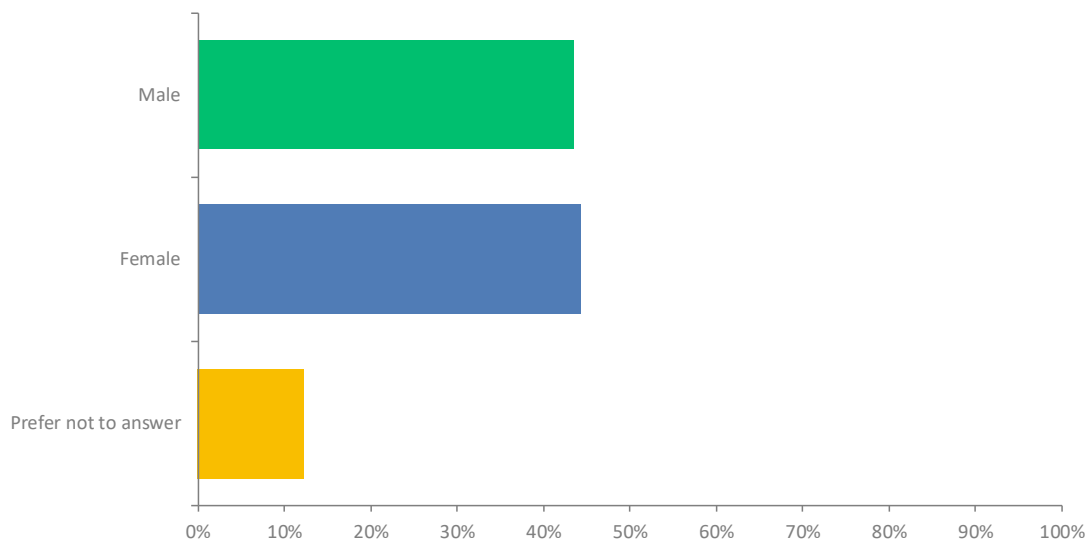
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## Q24: What is your gender?

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## Q25: What is your age?

Answered: 237 Skipped: 11

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.42%	1
18-24	0.42%	1
25-34	0.84%	2
35-44	5.49%	13
45-54	6.33%	15
55-64	20.68%	49
65-74	35.86%	85
75-84	24.89%	59
85 and older	5.06%	12
TOTAL		237

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## Q26: How many children under the age of 18 currently live in your household?

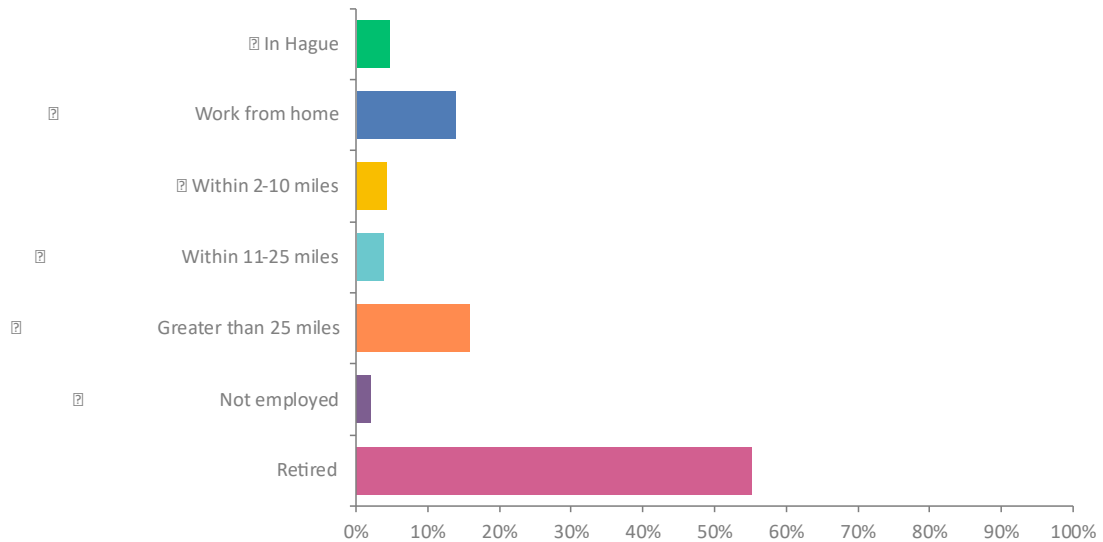
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	86.50%	205
1	6.33%	15
2	4.22%	10
3	0.42%	1
4	1.69%	4
5	0.00%	0
6	0.42%	1
7+	0.42%	1
TOTAL		237

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## Q27: Where do you work in relation to your residence?

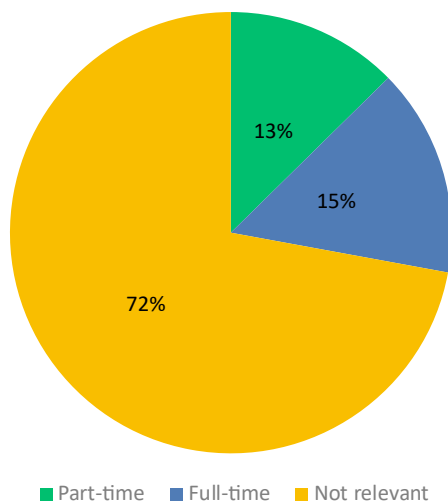
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## Q28: If you work from home is it part-time or full-time?

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## Q29 Please share any other suggestions or feedback for local officials.

## **Comprehensive Analysis of Hague Community Survey**

Based on the extensive survey responses reviewed, the community's feedback is organized into key themes, priorities, and recommendations.

### **Community Priorities and Assets**

1. **Lake George and Waterfront**
  - Consistently identified as Hague's most valuable asset
  - Beach and public access areas need maintenance and protection
  - Concerns about water quality, silt accumulation, and Hague Brook delta
  - Peggy's Point repeatedly described as a "gem" needing preservation
2. **Economic Revitalization**
  - Strong desire for year-round businesses, especially restaurants
  - Need for more diverse retail options
  - Support for incentives to attract and retain businesses
  - Balance desired between development and preserving town character
3. **Tax Issues**
  - School taxes consistently cited as excessive and inequitable
  - Many suggestions to renegotiate with Ticonderoga or explore other districts
  - High taxes identified as barrier to affordability and year-round residency
  - "Hague pays about \$80k for each Hague child educated in Ti schools"
4. **Infrastructure Improvements**
  - Sewer system expansion (highest municipal investment priority)
  - Better transportation infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists
  - More public docking facilities
  - Enhanced recreational amenities

### **Safety and Accessibility Concerns**

1. **Road Safety**
  - Route 9N repeatedly identified as dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists
  - Need for bike lanes, wider shoulders, or alternative pathways
  - Safety concerns limit community mobility and recreation
  - Recognition of physical constraints requiring creative solutions
2. **Recreational Facilities**
  - Beach facilities need maintenance and improvements
  - Desire for more diverse recreation options (pickleball, trails, etc.)
  - Need for year-round and indoor recreational options
  - Better maintenance of existing facilities
3. **Community Cohesion**
  - Divide between seasonal and year-round residents
  - Need for more community gathering places and events
  - Desire for more inclusive governance and communication
  - Concerns about affordability driving out long-term residents

### **Recommendations and Community Vision**

The survey reveals a community at a crossroads, balancing:

1. **Preservation vs. Development**
  - Protect natural assets while enabling economic vitality
  - Maintain small-town character while attracting necessary services
  - Address seasonal fluctuations with year-round solutions
2. **Short-term Actions**
  - Address school tax issues through legal/negotiation strategies
  - Implement targeted infrastructure improvements (particularly pedestrian safety)

- Develop business incentive programs
- Improve beach/waterfront maintenance

### **3. Long-term Vision**

- Create a sustainable year-round economy
- Develop comprehensive infrastructure plan including alternative transportation routes
- Balance growth with environmental protection
- Foster a more diverse, multi-generational community

### **Conclusion**

Hague residents clearly value their community's natural beauty, lakefront access, and small-town atmosphere. However, they see significant challenges in economic vitality, infrastructure, and tax equity that threaten long-term sustainability. The community appears ready for thoughtful, balanced development that preserves Hague's character while creating more opportunities for businesses, year-round residents, and diverse recreational activities.



**Appendix B**  
**Public Meeting Summary**

## TOWN OF HAGUE 7.10.25 PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY ON 2025 COMPREHNSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Hague Community Center hosted a public meeting on July 10, 2025, attracting approximately 100 residents. Supervisor Josh Patchette opened the session by welcoming attendees and introducing planning consultant Tracey Clothier and architect Emily Gasperetti.

Clothier presented an overview of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update, highlighting findings from this year's public survey and outlining the signature projects selected for inclusion in the plan. Gasperetti then shared several design concepts for a proposed Welcome Center intended to replace the current Visitor Center at Hague Town Park.

During the question-and-answer session that followed, residents focused primarily on the Welcome Center proposal and concerns about the beach and swimming area conditions. The feedback was largely critical, with participants expressing that the town should prioritize initiatives more directly relevant to residents' needs rather than pursuing the new building.

The meeting concluded with a poster session where attendees reviewed displays throughout the room and submitted written comments, which are summarized in the responses below.

### Developing a Vision for Hague's Future

Which Vision do you favor the most?	
Vision A: Strong Growth with Substantial Improvements	3
Vision B: Incremental Growth with Small Targeted Improvements	26
Vision C: Status Quo with Minimal Growth	4
<b>Comments:</b> We can barely maintain what we have There is nowhere to build commercial business Stop trying to make Hague resemble where you came from Agree with above We need a store that is open year round not just for a few summer people Buy the old firehouse and make it into a sensible place to eat (pizza?)	

### Redevelop the Hague Visitor Center

*Replace with a new multi-purpose year-round building to serve as a hybrid space for greeting and informing visitors, a meeting venue for community gatherings and small events, and new public handicap accessible restrooms.*

Residents overwhelmingly opposed the proposed Welcome Center, with multiple comments stating it is "not needed," "redundant," and "a waste of money and resources." Many emphasized that the existing Community Center already serves event needs and questioned the necessity of additional community space.

**Focus on Existing Infrastructure** The strongest consensus emerged around prioritizing improvements to current facilities, particularly:

- Beach restoration and maintenance
- Bathroom upgrades and ADA compliance
- Dock repairs and dredging
- Renovating the existing Visitor Center within its current footprint

**Community Character Concerns** Several residents expressed desire to preserve Hague's small-town character, describing it as a "bedroom community" that should remain "quiet," "family-oriented," and free from "big crowds." Comments emphasized keeping Hague "untarnished" and maintaining its current scale.

#### **Practical Concerns**

- Insufficient parking for additional facilities
- Limited commercial base to support tourism initiatives
- Shallow lakefront described as "wading pool" unsuitable for adult swimming
- Preference for private rather than public investment in restaurants

#### **Alternative Suggestions**

- Add a year-round store for residents
- Build a pavilion in the northeast corner of the park
- Attract private restaurant development
- Focus resources on essential infrastructure needs

Are you in favor?	
YES	7
NO	18
If Yes, what Priority?	
Low	3
Medium	6
High	0
<b>GENERAL COMMENTS:</b> Fix the beach Refurbish center We need another restaurant-private not public money. That is what will attract more people We need to take care of the needs of the community first before thinking of tourists Not enough parking or commercial businesses to begin with Updating bathrooms; add additions later on; make docks and dredging a priority Take care of what we already have in place – beach area! You already have the Community Center for events Get a store that all the people can use year round Too big x2 Not needed x2 Not needed, improve existing Improve existing building; build pavilion in northeast corner Improve/fix beachfront New building is redundant and not necessary Improve existing center, improve bathrooms, and extend pavilion Nix community center, slightly expand facility, no walkway across park Not needed Keep Hague the same (untarnished). It is beautiful as is.	

New visitor center is not necessary; existing one is fine  
Hague lakefront is a wading pool and not appropriate for adult swimming  
No, fix what is there; spend money where it is needed  
Community Center is where events can happen  
Not needed  
Hague is a bedroom community, keep it that way. Quiet life, no big crowds, family oriented, improve existing structures  
Renovate and update current footprint; who would need an additional community space?  
Not needed, we already have the community center already. Update to ADA bathrooms; care for what we have; not enough parking;  
Most prior commercial properties have been sold and turned into residential; we could have preserved them as commercial and now there is no business; we should promote what we have  
No, keep what we have, keep small. We are only one small town and small beach. If you want “big” move to a “big” town  
Not needed and a waste of money and resources can be used elsewhere  
No, take care of what we have; improve the bathrooms; we already have a community center  
For all the big events

## Hague Community Center Improvements

*Conduct a series of improvements; Construct an addition to the Community Center; Upgrade the building's interior; Prepare a Grounds Master Plan*

<b>Are you in favor?</b>	
YES	16
NO	1
<b>If Yes, what Priority?</b>	
Low	0
Medium	3
High	3
<b>Comments</b>	Consider the lake The lake will be ruined Like the idea of expanding the year round recreation use Make this space the town epicenter Too many uses lumped together Bring back ability to get fishing licenses Maintain kitchen space so that it is usable for all New space for museum and vault for town records Bring back ability to get fishing licenses

## Hague Town Park Enhancements

*Build improvements as recommended in the 2022 Hague Town Park Master Plan:*

*Redevelop the Visitor Center; Performance Stage; Picnic Dock; New Playground; Boat Launch Dredging; Beach Improvements; Accessible Pathway Network; Stormwater Improvements; Expand Public Docks*

<b>Are you in favor?</b>	
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YES	8
NO	12
<b>If Yes, what Priority?</b>	
Low	0
Medium	5
High	5
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Need to expand so can weigh in on individual bullets</p> <p>Follow needs assessment for parking and boat spaces</p> <p>Another community space is redundant-it is not for "locals"</p> <p>All that is needed is to improve bathrooms</p> <p>Bathrooms</p> <p>We do not have enough parking</p> <p>Current community center room is underutilized in the winter so why do we need another?</p> <p>We are trying to combat high school taxes so why would we want to spend more money and raise taxes?</p> <p>Clean up beach area, update bathrooms, we are not a small Bolton!!!</p> <p>Just update what we have</p> <p>No public docks. Clean the beach!</p>

## Trails Master Plan

*Appoint Trails Committee; Comprehensive System of Trails; Trail Challenge Program; Route 9N Off-Road Trail; Snowmobile Trails; Cross Country Skiing; Incorporate Silver Bay Trails*

<b>Are you in favor?</b>	
YES	19
NO	5
<b>If Yes, what Priority?</b>	
Low	6
Medium	3
High	7
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Too many items under yes or no (to respond to)</p> <p>Welcome Center: please incorporate nature and do not remove any trees.</p> <p>Utilize the benefit of habitat and shade</p>

## Hamlet Enhancement Plan

*Streetscape improvements; Parking Assessment Study; Develop a Hamlet Signage Plan*

<b>Are you in favor?</b>	
YES	7
NO	7
<b>If Yes, what Priority?</b>	
Low	2
Medium	4
High	0
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Parking needs to be top priority; no sense in developing lakefront without it</p> <p>Streetscape-clean up all. Sometimes less is more</p> <p>Parking, but how?</p> <p>Not too much signage</p>

	Not enough room for additional parking for trailers
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## Town Marketing Strategy

*Marketing Plan: Travel Itineraries; Community Building Needs and Opportunity Assessment; Participate in Warren County's Thriving Hamlets study*

<b>Are you in favor?</b>	
YES	5
NO	13
<b>If Yes, what Priority?</b>	
Low	1
Medium	0
High	1
<b>Comments</b>	Again, not just a yes or no No to marketing company x2 Yes to marketing what we have x2 We should not seek to attract visitors until infrastructure issues are addressed

## Townwide Telecommunication Services Assessment and Upgrades

*Assign a committee to research and update the existing inventory of available telecommunication services and mapping that indicates gaps in coverage. Work with the NY Broadband Program and local utilities to identify ways to improve the underserved areas.*

<b>Are you in favor?</b>	
YES	17
NO	2
<b>If Yes, what Priority?</b>	
Low	2
Medium	13
High	0
<b>Comments</b>	If you have cell phone (service) I will come to the town and hang out and spend

## Capital Improvements

*Town Highway Garage Renovation; Create a Capital Improvement and Funding Strategy; Transfer Station Improvements; Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades; Stormwater Resiliency Upgrades*

<b>Are you in favor?</b>	
YES	22
NO	0
<b>If Yes, what Priority?</b>	
Low	0
Medium	2
High	14
<b>Comments</b>	Highway garage is a priority (x4)

## Steamboat Dock Improvements

*Repair or rebuild the seawall along the entrance road; Construct a sidewalk between the Steamboat Dock the Town Park; Consider adding public docks.*

<b>Are you in favor?</b>	
YES	12
NO	1
<b>If Yes, what Priority?</b>	
Low	1
Medium	11
High	1
<b>Comments</b>	<p>If the docks are fixed I will come and swim and spend \$</p> <p>No public docks</p> <p>Leave boat dock alone</p> <p>Yes to seawall repair and rebuild</p> <p>Yes to sidewalk construction and cleanup</p> <p>No public docks at steamboat dock (x1)</p> <p>Take care what is there now</p> <p>High priority because there is potential to lose the wall in heavy rains. There are already potholes that need fixing</p>

## Emergency and Fire Services Sustainability Plan

*Continue to investigate the potential and feasibility for shared emergency services with the towns of Bolton, Horicon, and Ticonderoga.*

<b>Are you in favor?</b>	
YES	17
NO	0
<b>If Yes, what Priority?</b>	
Low	0
Medium	1
High	12
<b>Comments</b>	None

## Update Land Use Standards and Zoning Regulations

*Appoint a committee to identify and address the current issues with the zoning code and subdivision regulations.*

<b>Are you in favor?</b>	
YES	8
NO	3
<b>If Yes, what Priority?</b>	
Low	2
Medium	5
High	0
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Why committee? Shouldn't zoning office cover this? Yes!</p> <p>Isn't this what zoning guy should be doing. Isn't this his job?</p>

## Community Housing

*Conduct Housing Needs Assessment; Identify Housing Information Sources; Identify land*

<b>Are you in favor?</b>	
YES	12
NO	3
<b>If Yes, what Priority?</b>	
Low	0
Medium	1
High	8
<b>Comments</b>	Low income, elderly and families Yes, yes, yes! We don't need housing we need businesses Young families can't afford to live here City people building million dollar houses are driving up taxes The population is declining. Restore their residences Contact Homeshare and bring in apartment buildings will change our atmosphere and culture

## SEPARATE COMMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE PUBLIC MEETING



Hague 2025 Comprehensive Plan  
COMMENT SHEET

Town Beach: This should be a strategic priority. The beach is our crowning glory and should be immaculately maintained. I am not clear on why appropriate town employees cannot keep the beach clear of any & all debris & muck but it should be done regardless by employees out outside help. This is NOT a job for volunteers.

I am not sure about the Redeveloped Visitor Center. By whom would it be used, when? How would it be maintained off season, etc.?

Add more public dock space!!  
Make Hague a destination by boat.

Love the Trail Master Plan! Yes

Emergency & Fire Services - This is not so sexy but may be essential. Other towns have struggled with their EMS services and caught short. Let's stay ahead of this one.

Keep development up in the character of the hamlet.

Please return to the Town Supervisor by July 31, 2025

Hague 2025 Comprehensive Plan  
COMMENT SHEET

I am opposed to Redevelopment AND enhancements to the Visitor's Center + Community Center
We live in the northern part of Lake George to escape the chaos of the southern part of the lake
We enjoy the peace & tranquility of Hague.
We love the wild life & relatively small community.
By doing all of this development, you are drawing people to our area who <del>don't</del> don't live here. We are paying very high taxes & we don't want to see them increased.
We also don't want an increase in traffic.
Will this redevelopment create revenue for our community + decrease taxes?
Increased activity will negatively impact our environment & wild life & quality of life.
Hague is a beautiful area - I hope that this doesn't change!
How will the ongoing maintenance + upkeep be paid for?
Who will have access to basketball + pickleball courts?
Records should be digital Not stored in boxes + files

Please return to the Town Supervisor by July 31, 2025

7/13/25

# Hague 2025 Comprehensive Plan COMMENT SHEET

I attended the Town meeting on 7/10, but had to leave early due to a commitment. I had attended the first CP meeting a few years ago. I did not see much (if any) difference in the consultant's presentation. How much work was done in those years on this plan?

I believe our priorities in our small town in the Adirondacks should be to preserve and conserve. Preserving our natural beauty and quiet, keeping the lake clean is top on my list. Building larger structures and drawing more people, I feel, will not help keep the natural beauty of this special place. I understand we must upgrade and maintain our existing facilities. Our services for safety and sanitation and highway maintenance must be high priority in our funding. (Is new playground equipment necessary? The children seem to be having fun on the old.)

I believe Hague has a special atmosphere of its own. We do not need to be another Saratoga.

I hope we can continue to promote the natural aspects of our town, outdoor events (like concerts, swimming), a "quiet" vacation spot, instead of building and spending too much money.

Please return to the Town Supervisor by July 31, 2025

Karen Costello<sup>s</sup>  
+ Tim Costello

Dear Josh,

Joel and I were at the meeting on July 10th. We agree with so many of the comments that evening that were not in favor of the Welcome Center upgrade proposal. We really don't need to duplicate what we already have available in our Hague Community Center. The meeting/multi-purpose room at the Community Center is beautiful and can be utilized for large groups and is just up the road from the beach anyway. Therefore there is no need to build a large meeting room in the Visitor Center. Similarly, the current visitor center is inviting for people looking for information and the staff is friendly and helpful. Yes, we must have ADA compliant restrooms for us to be a welcoming community and that is where the effort and funding should go.

With regard to the park and beach: An updated playground would be an excellent goal. We agree that it is not welcoming when there is so much silt and debris in our lake. We are in agreement and very willing to volunteer to spend an hour or at a time clearing the debris along with other fellow Hague residents just as your mom described that she does at Trout House Village's beach.

A real take away from the meeting that we want to add our voice to is that we do not want Hague to become another Bolton Landing! We primarily should aim to serve the people of Hague while welcoming all people who come to visit or stop by. To that end, having a restaurant would certainly be an improvement that we think everyone could agree with. The Hague Creek Cafe and the Firehouse are sorely missed!

Thanks for all the work you do along with the committees of the Town of Hague,

Sincerely,

Janet and Joel Karp

43 Pine Cove"

## “It’s the Lake”

- Hague’s economic future is tied to the Lake. Not history, not art, not lunch, not Silver Bay. **It’s the Lake.**
- Hague needs full-time residents **to thrive** in order to make Hague attractive to part-time residents and short-term visitors.
  - **Full-time** residents will tell Hague what they need, not me. I think daycare looks very important. (But what do I know?) Jobs are key, so education is key.
  - **Part-time** residents need happy and productive full-time residents to make Hague viable. Many part-time residents could become full-time residents.
  - **Short-term** visitors are a key part of the economy, too. They could become part-time residents. They will bring revenue if they enjoy and spend time here, and return.

So, a top issue is:

- What would make Short-term visitors stay longer and come back?

## What would make Short-term visitors stay longer?

### It’s the Lake!

- Hague needs to get short-term visitors to:
    - See the Lake and hike along it
    - Swim in the Lake
    - Get on a boat: paddle, motor, or sail on the Lake
    - Fish the Lake
- EVEN:
- Drink the Lake (Lake-water brewed coffee?)
  - Ski on and near the Lake
  - Snowshoe on and near the Lake

## What would make Short-term visitors stay longer?

### Make Lake Access EASY:

- More public parking
  - Invite them to LEAD them to:
    - Hike
    - Swim
    - Boat
    - Fish
- EVEN:
- Winter Sports

**Park here for footpaths to  
Jabes Pond, Uncas Cliff  
(Day use only, please)**

**Park here for Hague Beach  
swimming and boating  
(Day use only, please)**

**Park here for path from  
Hague Beach to Sabbath  
Day Point, avoiding 9N.  
Bikes and walkers.  
(Day use only, please)**

City people **need to be told** they can park and hike, swim, boat, etc.  
Show them there are places to do so. Put the parking map on-line.

## How to make Hague's Lake easy to enjoy?

Activity	What's Needed in Hague's Plan?
<b>Hike</b>	Integrated Trails: Sabbath Day Point to Hague OFF 9N Route for walkers, bikes, XC Skiing Map <b>parking availability at trail heads</b> . Full update of all trails on "alltrails.com". Manage this actively. Consider a trailhead shuttle during peak seasons
<b>Swim</b>	Promote "Free Swim" at Hague Beach. Provide a swimming changing area at Visitor Center / Beach, maybe offer lockers. <i>"No Shower needed: it's as clean as drinking water."</i> <b>Needs adequate parking.</b>
<b>Boat</b>	Consider leasing new dock rights to a private company that will offer "by the week" leases to non-residents. Revenues split between installer-owner & town. 10-year initial license.
<b>Fish</b>	Offer fishing licenses in Hague! Promote shore fishing locations where it is easy to stop, fish, relax: Jabes, Steamboat Dock, Marinas, Swede Pond.
<b>Winter Sports</b>	Something like Garnet Hill. Rent equipment, maintain trails, have lessons, out of a trailer at the beach at first. "On the Ice" weeks as a special. 9N parallel trail becomes a XC trail in deep winter, tie-in to State Campground.

## Visitor Center

Avoid	Do
Don't build as a "Greeting & Inform" center. <b>Information discovery is online:</b> No one wants to ask! Staffing is idle 98% of time.	Provide free Wi-Fi with Hague activity landing page: Hike, Swim, Boat, etc... Staff time is keeping it fresh online.
Only restrooms for passers-by	Changing room for swimming, boating. Maybe lockers. Boating maps.
Meeting and event space for local events seems unlikely to be used w/o food service.	Daycare Center off-season? Meeting place for Contractor community? Small business lunches?
Create indoor space	Create 'outdoor' or 'near outdoor' space (I really like the Performance Stage idea)
Public service space: show up and <i>then what?</i> <b>Need to provoke action!</b>	Public meets <b>action</b> : Take orders for guides, boat use, lodging, show to trailheads, offer bike rentals. <i>[Paid for by commissions??]</i>

**t action:** "Gets back in car and drives off" OR "Suits up and goes for a swim"

## Capital Planning

- Housing for local growth is essential: NY State has capital for this, but it is long, hard work. **Create a fund to option housing parcels** as they come available.
- Assess opportunities for local power generation: Solar and hydro
- Public / private partnerships for tourism enhancement:
  - **For-rent boat dock franchise:** Let winning bidder build 20-30 boat slips, under 24', accessible from Town of Hague property, weekly rentals, base rent + % of revenue. 10-15 year contract.
  - **Promote human guides:** fishing, hiking, biking, kayaking, etc. These are salespeople, facilitators and 'get them confident' agents. Give them space to self-promote, get a commission for referrals. Positive part-time work.
  - **Winter sports:** High value sales as it is almost all incremental revenue. Cross country skiing is low cost, high value and can help justify a 9N parallel track trail.
- Acquire key parcels: for parking across from Boat Launch, otherwise unbuildable, and old garage property on 9N, north of 8.

**Appendix C**  
**List of Funding Opportunities**



## **Funding Opportunities**

The following provides a listing of the grant programs that would support the implementation of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update. Most grants must be applied for through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) typically due annually on the last Friday in July.

### **Local Grant Programs**

#### **Warren County Climate Smart Communities Grant**

Hague will partner in Warren County's Climate Smart Communities grant that will inventory and assess town-owned culverts in high-risk areas throughout the county. The resulting study would help position Hague for future funding.

#### **Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District's Rural Roads Grant**

A current grant issued through the Champlain Basin program is inventorying and assessing municipally owned roadside culverts in Hague's high-risk areas. The resulting study would help position towns for future funding and help kick start a more strategic culvert replacement and upgrade program.

#### **Hague Brook In Waterbody Controls for Nutrients Planning**

Warren County is filing a DEC Non-Point Source Grant that will conduct a study to inform dredging options to remove sediment that has formed where Hague Brook drains to Lake George. The study will help implement practices to reduce phosphorus and sediment in Lake George.

#### **Warren County's *Thriving Hamlets* study**

This initiative through the Adirondack Park Agency is assesses buildable land, infrastructure, and environmental constraints to identify development potential in all hamlets in Warren County. Legislation was introduced to the NYS Legislature by Assemblyman Matt Simpson for the NYS Designation of Hague Brook as an Inland Waterway. Unfortunately no action was taken in the session to date.

### **Non-Governmental Grants for Playgrounds**

There are many grant opportunities that will provide supplemental funds for small projects for signage, playground equipment, etc. These resources can be explored as the need arises. There are also many programs and sources of grant funds available specifically for playground and physical fitness equipment with most grants in the range of \$3,000-\$15,000. Playcore's Play and Recreation Funding Guide is a great resource for these small grant opportunities, and can be found online at:

[https://www.playandpark.com/uploads/pdf-files/PlayCore\\_2017\\_FUNDING\\_GUIDE-Q3.pdf](https://www.playandpark.com/uploads/pdf-files/PlayCore_2017_FUNDING_GUIDE-Q3.pdf)

### **Elected Official Grants**

#### **CREST - Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program Program (originally SAM grant program)**

Funding assistance through from elected legislative officials administered through the Dormitory Authority (DASNY).

### **Community Project Grants (Federal Earmark Program)**

Infrastructure and other high impact grants available annually from Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand. Applications are open on the individual websites in February with recommendations made to the various Congress Committees at the end of April.

### **Regional, State and Federal Grants**

#### **Empire State Development**

*Economic Development Purposes Grant Program* – Funds for economic development initiatives and projects that create or retain jobs, generate increased economic activity, and improve the economic and social viability and vitality of local communities.

*Excelsior Jobs Tax Credit Program* – Provides job creation and investment incentives to firms in such targeted industries such as biotechnology, pharmaceutical, high-tech, clean-technology, green technology, financial services, agriculture, and manufacturing. Firms in these industries that create and maintain new jobs or make significant financial investment are eligible to apply for up to four new tax credits. The benefit-cost threshold is at least \$10 of investment and new wages for every \$1 of tax credit.

*Market NY* – Supports regionally themed marketing projects that promote tourism destinations, attractions, and special events, as well as tourism facility capital improvement projects. Additionally, eligible projects include the hosting, coordination, and execution of special events new to New York State, and the promotion of agritourism and craft beverage tourism.

*Regional Council Capital Fund Program* – Funds for capital-based economic development projects intended to create or retain jobs; prevent, reduce, or eliminate unemployment and underemployment; and/or increase business or economic activity in a community or region.

*Start-Up NY Program* – Offers new and expanding businesses the opportunity to operate tax-free for 10 years on or near eligible university or college campuses in New York State.

*Strategic Planning and Feasibility Study Project Grants* – Funds for strategic development plans for a city, county, or municipality or a significant part thereof and feasibility studies for site(s) or facility assessment and planning. Projects should focus on economic development purposes, and preference shall be given to projects located in highly distressed communities.

#### **NYS Council on the Arts (NYSCA)**

*Architecture, Planning, and Design Program* – Grants for the advancement of the arts in 15 discipline-based funding areas. Within each of the 15 discipline-based funding categories NYSCA provides the ability to request funds in a range of varying subcategories, including but not limited to General Operating Support, Project Support and Regrants and Partnerships.

*Preserve NY Program* – Grants for historic structure reports, building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys.

**NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)**

*Adirondack Community Smart Growth Grant Program* – Up to \$100,000 with no match required. Can be used for any revitalization project.

*Environmental Restoration Grant Program* – Rolling grants that are meant for environment improvement and protection. The grants specifically focus on areas that include water protection, environmental justice, and solid waste.

*Water Quality Improvement Project Program (WQIP)* – Reimbursement grant program for implementation projects that directly address documented water quality impairments or protect a drinking water source. Eligible projects are identified by priority level and scoring rubric. Funding amounts are dependent on project type.

*Climate Smart Communities Program* - Provides 50/50 matching grants for eligible climate mitigation and adaptation projects. Funds are available for two broad project categories - implementation and certification. The first project category supports implementation projects related to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions outside the power sector (transportation, methane, and refrigerants) and climate change adaptation (e.g., reducing flood-risk, increasing natural resiliency, extreme-event preparation, relocation or retrofit of critical infrastructure, and improving emergency preparedness).

**NYS Department of State (DOS)**

*Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)* – Matching funds for local governments to participate in the State's Coastal Management Program (CMP) by preparing and adopting a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). A Local Waterfront Revitalization Program consists of a planning document prepared by a community, and the program established to implement the plan. A LWRP may be comprehensive and address all issues that affect a community's entire waterfront, or it may focus on a critical component. After completing the report, the grantee is eligible to receive funding to implement the entire LWRP or a component.

Applications must be made through the CFA. *There is no minimum or maximum for this grant and the match requirement is 25%.*

*State Smart Growth Grant Program* - The Department of State (DOS) administers a portion of the State Smart Growth grant program, which is funded annually through the Environmental Protection Fund. DOS and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) designate Smart Growth funding for a variety of purposes. DEC applies funds exclusively to Smart Growth planning and projects in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks; DOS uses funds for a variety of purposes related to community planning and development.

**NYS Department of Transportation (DOT)**

*Transportation Enhancement Projects Program (TEP)* – Funding for transportation projects of cultural, aesthetic, historic and environmental significance. Eligible projects must fall into one or more categories established by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and must have a total project cost of at least \$200,000.

**NYS Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA)**

*Clean Energy Communities Program* – Grants offered for clean energy projects after completing four of the ten NYSERDA high-impact actions designed to save money, create jobs, and improve the environment. Also provides tools, resources, and technical assistance.

**NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)**

*Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP)* – Competitive grants to projects that improve water quality and demonstrate green stormwater infrastructure. Selected projects maximize opportunities to leverage the multiple benefits of green infrastructure, spur innovation in the field of stormwater management, build capacity to construct and maintain green infrastructure, and/or facilitate the transfer of new technologies and practices to other areas across the state.

*Clean Water State Revolving Fund* – Interest-free or low-interest rate short-term and long-term financing for wastewater and water quality improvement projects. Eligible projects include any traditional, “non-traditional”, point source, or land acquisition projects clearly related to the preservation, improvement, or protection of water quality.

**NYS Office of Housing and Community Renewal (HCR)**

*Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)* – A federal program funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administered in the State of New York through Homes and Community Renewal (HCR). The program provides financial assistance to eligible cities, towns, and villages with populations under 50,000 and counties with an area population under 200,000. Eligible communities can apply through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for any three programs: “Microenterprise”; “Public Facilities & Public Infrastructure”; and “Community Planning”. Funding for “Economic Development” and “Small Business” grants are available in open round applications. Projects that benefit low- and moderate-income families and are supported by the relevant regional economic development council (REDC) will be given priority.

*NY Main Street Program* – A comprehensive grant program that provides funds and technical assistance for façade renovations, interior renovations, and streetscape enhancements for properties located in established mixed-use (commercial, civic, and residential) “Main Street” or downtown retail districts that are pedestrian-oriented and comprised of traditional mixed-use buildings. Funds cannot be used for demolition or new construction. The program has four components:

1. **Downtown Anchor** – Funds to support a standalone, single site, “shovel ready” renovation project.
2. **Target Area Building Renovations** – Matching grants for exterior facade and storefront renovations or interior renovations for commercial or residential units.
3. **Streetscape Enhancement** – Funds to complement a Target Area Building Renovation. May be used for activities such as: planting trees; installing street furniture and trash receptacles; providing appropriate signs; and performing other activities to enhance the Target Area.

4. Technical Assistance – Funds to assist projects that will directly improve a community’s capacity or readiness to administer a future New York Main Street building renovation program.

### **NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)**

#### *Municipal Parks & Recreation Grant Program (MPR)*

MPR funding is available for the construction of recreational facilities and other improvements to municipally owned recreational sites and parks including playgrounds, courts, playing fields, and facilities for swimming, biking, boating, picnicking, hiking, fishing, camping or other recreational activities. Grants will primarily fund construction costs. The MPR grant opportunity can fund up to 90% of the total eligible project costs, with a matching share requirement of 10%. The maximum grant award is \$1,000,000. The 2025 application deadline is May 2, 2025, at 4 p.m.

*Boating Infrastructure Grant Program* – Grants to construct, renovate, and maintain either publicly or privately-owned boating infrastructure with public access. May apply funds to grant administration, preliminary costs, and information and education materials as well.

*Certified Local Government (CLG)* – Funds for training for municipal officials; public education programs, surveys and designations undertaken as part of a comprehensive plan; correction of deficiencies in CLG performance; and demonstration projects on critical issues, such as compliance with state building and fire codes.

*Parks Grant Program* – Matching grant for the acquisition, development and planning of parks and recreational facilities to preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structures for park, recreation, or conservation purposes and for structural assessments and/or planning for such projects.

*Recreational Trails Grant Program* – Grants for the maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails, purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment, construction of new recreational trails, acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors, and assessment of trail conditions for accessibility and maintenance.

*Historic Preservation Grant Program* – Grant to improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate, restore, or acquire properties listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places and for structural assessments and/or planning for such projects.

### **Northern Border Regional Commission**

*State Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment Program (SEID)* - The maximum grant amount for 2022 was \$1,000,000 for construction in support of “infrastructure” as it relates directly to job creation and economic development. Congress requires NBRC to award 40% of all funds to public infrastructure projects. For all other non-infrastructure applications such as

business and workforce development; basic health care; resource conservation, tourism, and recreation, the maximum amount is \$350,000.

### **USDA Rural Development**

*Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program* – grants and low interest direct loans to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment, and pay related project expenses. Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities.
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
- Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouse

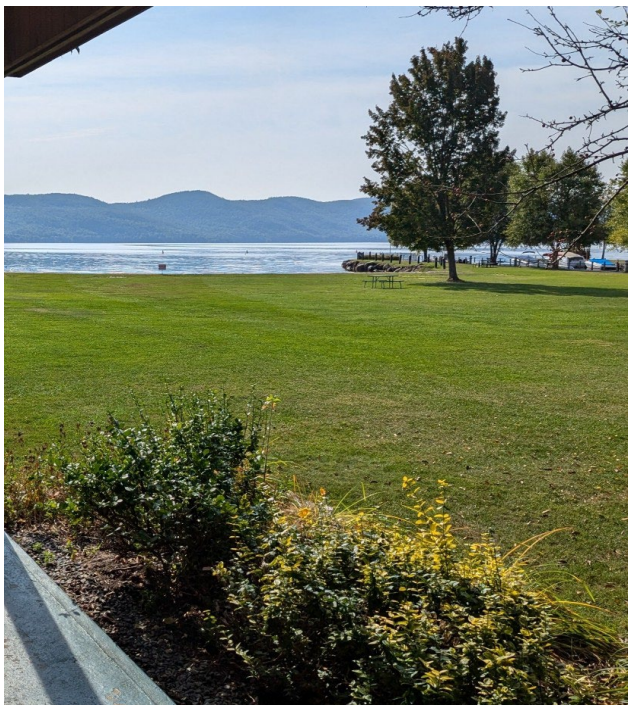
## **Appendix D**

### **Visitor Center Concepts**



## Welcome Center: Site Considerations

- Locate new building close to existing structure
- Site is partially in the flood plain
- Maintain as much parking as possible
  - Improve accessible parking
- Boat launch to remain
- Negotiate grade change

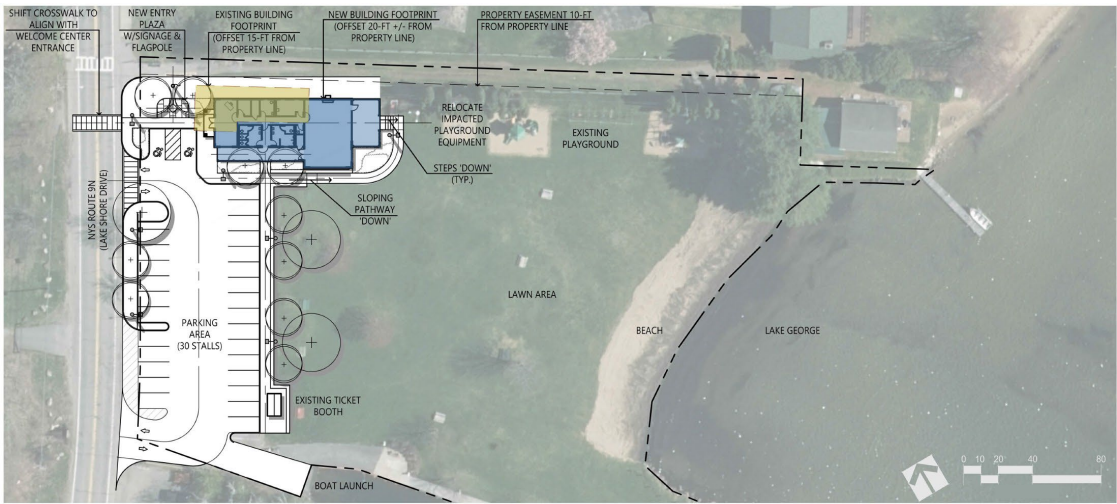


## Welcome Center: Building Considerations

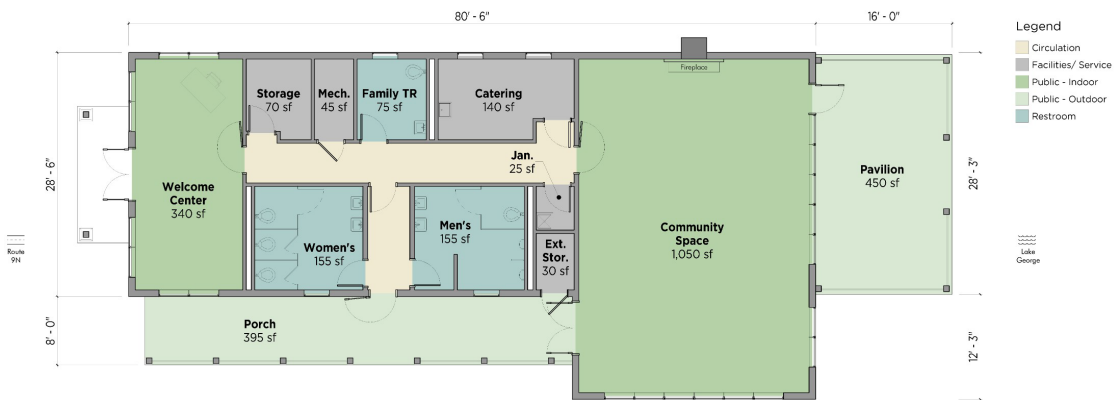
- Lake views are paramount
- Building will function year-round
- Single story
- Community Space envisioned as "Hague's Living Room"
  - Fit tables & chairs for 50
- Accessible public restrooms
- Pavilion for summer concerts
- Adirondack style



# Welcome Center: Preferred Concept Site Plan



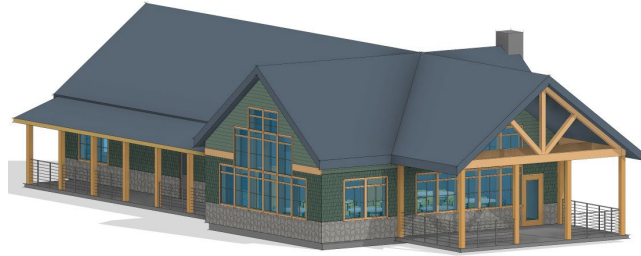
# Welcome Center: Preferred Concept Floor Plan



## Welcome Center: Conceptual Renderings



View from Route 9N



View from Lake George