Cattaraugus County Comp Plan



1. Where do you live?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Town of Allegany	18.7%	54
Village of Allegany	6.9%	20
Ashford	4.2%	12
Carrollton	3.5%	10
Village of Cattaraugus	2.1%	6
Coldspring	0.0%	0
Conewango	1.0%	3
Dayton	0.7%	2
Delevan	0.7%	2
East Otto	0.7%	2
Town of Ellicottville	0.3%	1
Village of Ellicottville	1.0%	3
Farmersville	1.7%	5
Town of Franklinville	0.7%	2
Village of Franklinville	1.4%	4
Freedom	0.3%	1
Gowanda	0.7%	2
Great Valley	6.6%	19
Hinsdale	6.9%	20
Humphrey	1.7%	5
Ischua	0.0%	0

on 14	skipped question	
on 289	answered question	
fy) 16	Other (please specify)	
7% 2	0.7%	Yorkshire
3% 1	0.3%	South Valley
3% 1	0.3%	South Dayton
7% 2	0.7%	Town of Salamanca
5% 10	3.5%	City of Salamanca
3% 1	0.3%	Red House
3% 21	7.3%	Randolph
3% 1	0.3%	Village of Portville
7% 5	1.7%	Town of Portville
	1.0%	Persia
	0.0%	Perrysburg
	1.4%	Otto
	4.2%	Town of Olean
	9.3%	City of Olean
	1.0%	Napoli New Albion
	1.0%	Mansfield
	1.0%	Machias
	0.0%	Lyndon
	1.7%	Village of Little Valley
4% 4	1.4%	Town of Little Valley
0%	0.0%	Leon

2. What is your age group?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18	13.1%	39
18 to 30	28.6%	85
31 to 45	22.6%	67
46 to 64	28.6%	85
65 or older	7.1%	21
	answered question	297

3. How long have you lived in Cattaraugus County?				
	Response Percent	Response Count		
Less than 5 years	10.2%	30		
6 to 20 years	45.2%	133		
More than 20 years	44.6%	131		
	answered question	294		
	skipped question	9		

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4. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Some high school	15.9%	47
High school graduate	24.0%	71
Some college, no degree	16.6%	49
College degree	24.0%	71
Graduate degree	19.6%	58
	answered question	296
	skipped question	7

5. Please rank the following topics based on their importance to Cattaraugus County.

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Not Important	Rating Average	Rating Count
Agriculture	51.5% (139)	36.3% (98)	11.5% (31)	0.7% (2)	1.61	270
Access to locally produced foods	41.5% (112)	41.1% (111)	15.6% (42)	1.9% (5)	1.78	270
City, Village and Town renewal	32.7% (87)	42.1% (112)	21.8% (58)	3.4% (9)	1.96	266
Protection of natural features (forests, water, hillsides, etc.)	53.5% (144)	34.6% (93)	10.4% (28)	1.5% (4)	1.60	269
Utilization of natural resources (gravel, oil & gas, timber, water, wind, solar, etc.)	43.7% (118)	35.9% (97)	17.4% (47)	3.0% (8)	1.80	270
Economic development (bringing in new businesses, retaining existing businesses, etc.)	60.3% (164)	27.9% (76)	10.3% (28)	1.5% (4)	1.53	272
Tourism	28.1% (76)	28.5% (77)	30.0% (81)	13.3% (36)	2.29	270
Arts (local arts organizations, museums, music, plays, etc.)	19.4% (52)	39.2% (105)	29.1% (78)	12.3% (33)	2.34	268
Culture and History (Seneca Nation of Indians, Amish, County and local history, etc.)	19.9% (54)	37.9% (103)	31.6% (86)	10.7% (29)	2.33	272
Infrastructure (upgrading and repairing roads and bridges, water lines, sewer lines, other public facilities, etc.)	63.5% (172)	24.0% (65)	8.9% (24)	3.7% (10)	1.53	271
Planning for an aging population (housing, accessibility, transportation, etc.)	25.8% (70)	46.9% (127)	23.6% (64)	3.7% (10)	2.05	271
Public transportation (buses, van service, other rural transportation services)	17.5% (47)	32.0% (86)	34.2% (92)	16.4% (44)	2.49	269
Pedestrian/bicyclist transportation improvements (sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, etc. for walkers, hikers and bicyclists)	24.4% (66)	35.1% (95)	32.5% (88)	8.1% (22)	2.24	271
				answered	I question	272

6. Please pick the sentence that best matches your preference.

	Response	Response
	Percent	Count
Cattaraugus County should strive to stay rural in character and limit new growth.	13.0%	35
Cattaraugus County needs to grow, but growth should be concentrated in and around our existing cities, villages and hamlets, and not in areas not served by existing infrastructure.	62.2%	168
Growth is progress and Cattaraugus County should not try to limit growth and development in any way.	24.8%	67
	answered question	270
	skipped question	33

7. Which of the following elements of Cattaraugus County are most important to you? (Please select only the top three)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Rural Character	30.8%	84
Agriculture	26.7%	73
Forests and open space	37.7%	103
Outdoor recreation	34.1%	93
Local shops and business districts (being able to shop nearby)	33.3%	91
Local employment opportunities (being able to find a job within the County)	59.0%	161
Quality schools	49.1%	134
Quality health care facilities	28.2%	77
Small town character	22.7%	62
Completion of Route 219 Expressway	22.0%	60
Timbering	4.4%	12
Oil and gas extraction	11.0%	30
	answered question	273
	skipped question	30

8. Please list what you feel are the top three issues facing Cattaraugus County.		
	Response Count	
	207	
answered question	207	
skipped question	96	
9. Is there anything else you would like to share?		
	Response Count	
	95	
answered question	95	
skipped question	208	

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1	joshspitzermacbookpro	Aug 5, 2014 2:08 PM
2	Kill Buck	Jul 3, 2014 7:02 PM
3	Hamburg	Jul 3, 2014 3:24 PM
4	West Valley	Jul 3, 2014 9:56 AM
5	Albany, NY	Jun 16, 2014 12:02 PM
6	town of Cuba	Jun 5, 2014 2:07 PM
7	hamlet of east randolph	Jun 4, 2014 3:51 PM
8	Erie County (raised in Catt. County)	Jun 4, 2014 9:18 AM
9	Sinclairville, Chautauqua County	Jun 3, 2014 6:43 AM
10	Adams Center	May 31, 2014 12:46 PM
11	forestville	May 30, 2014 6:45 PM
12	Town of Arcade	May 29, 2014 8:49 AM
13	Limestone	May 27, 2014 2:17 PM
14	Seneca Allegany Territory	May 21, 2014 9:21 AM
15	Cuba	May 5, 2014 10:42 AM
16	Bradfrod PA	May 2, 2014 4:43 PM

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1	A few people in Otto trying to limit agriculture and development of local Amish and other businesses. This is going to be addressed at the 8/19/14 7pm meeting. I am a business owner and feel these few people will ruin agri-tourism in our community. This needs to be watched and addressed.	Aug 7, 2014 9:52 P
2	joshspitzermacbookprojoshspitzermacbookprojoshspitzermacbookprojoshspitzer macbookprojoshspitzermacbookprojoshspit	Aug 5, 2014 2:09 P
3	Maintaining and improving existing infrastructure. Attracting new business. Retaining existing businesses and helping them grow.	Aug 2, 2014 4:41 Pl
4	1)Mosquito population 2)Building more businesses 3)Saving Wildlife and keeping everyone interested in outdoor activities	Jul 29, 2014 7:57 P
5	poor job possibilities poor roads low pay scale	Jul 28, 2014 9:51 A
6	Unemployment Mental Health Drug Use	Jul 26, 2014 12:26 A
7	Jobs,so family stays here to fill them. Small town life.Farming	Jul 25, 2014 10:31 F
8	increasing welfare population high taxes degrading infrastructure	Jul 23, 2014 12:51 F
9	Limited Jobs Oil and Gas Extraction Windmills	Jul 15, 2014 10:40 A
10	Global Warming Pollution Ruining Ecosystems	Jul 15, 2014 9:57 A
11	Not a Lot to Do More Job Opportunities	Jul 15, 2014 9:52 A
12	Employment School Funding Not Enough Local Stores	Jul 15, 2014 9:38 A
13	Need Newer Roads Better School Systems More Job Opportunities	Jul 15, 2014 9:30 A
14	Employment, Shopping Nearby, Quality Schools	Jul 15, 2014 9:19 A
15	Repairing Roads	Jul 15, 2014 9:15 A
16	Fracking(against) Comprehensive plan without political influence Healthcare	Jul 12, 2014 9:59 A
17	I see Catt. County as being a progressive County but also a place to call home and a place for PEACEfulness. Green Energy keeping pollution down.	Jul 10, 2014 10:47 F
18	219 highway completion, and bike/trail way connecting Great Valley and Ellicottville	Jul 5, 2014 2:40 PM
19	Lack of quality employment, extremely high cost of homes thanks to Holiday Valley, Decreasing population because of the first two reason I just wrote.	Jul 4, 2014 9:55 AN

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20	Infrastructure, job opportunities, declining population.	Jul 3, 2014 11:21 PM
21	Poverty Roads and infrastructure Availability of jobs above min wage	Jul 3, 2014 10:56 PM
22	No job and people moving away, house looking like crap and need to be fixed up, we need something to do with these kids in the town and village to keep them out of trouble	Jul 3, 2014 9:36 PM
23	High taxes, no jobs, road and bridge quality.	Jul 3, 2014 8:47 PM
24	Politicians /roads/crime	Jul 3, 2014 7:25 PM
25	Unemployment Poverty Wefare	Jul 3, 2014 3:21 PM
26	Lack of jobs, lack of affordable housing, lack of transportation	Jul 3, 2014 2:02 PM
27	Taxes lack of good jobs and no where for kids to play ball in the winter	Jul 3, 2014 1:42 PM
28	Poor school systems, local businesses shutting down, not enough youth programs.	Jul 3, 2014 12:15 PM
29	local jobs with livable pay 1,2 and 3	Jul 3, 2014 11:34 AM
30	Aging population, less residents, access to EMS in rural areas	Jul 3, 2014 11:16 AM
31	Career opportunities School Finances Limited family friendly activities	Jul 3, 2014 10:55 AM
32	Road and bridge repair and increase in employment opportunities Increase in Educational classes in high school ie more learning opportunities	Jul 3, 2014 10:25 AM
33	Roads, jobs schools	Jul 3, 2014 10:22 AM
34	1. Young people leaving to find jobs and better opportunities 2. Mental health services not easy accessible to those outside the cities or larger communities 3. Lack of new business/ job growth	Jul 3, 2014 10:17 AM
35	1. Property taxes too high. Property owners have no incentive to improve their property since all improvements are over taxed. 2: Business needs to know they won't be over regulated by county and state agencies or they won't come. They need incentives to bring jobs to the county. Without jobs, the schools don't matter. Because a top notch education for our local children means nothing to the future of our county if they only have to move away to work after graduation. We have to work to retain our talent. 3: The county needs a draw. Something huge that atracts regional attention (Enchanted Mountains doesn't cut it). The draw needs to be revisited. If anything deserves serious attention; perhaps serious investment, maybe serious tax breaks; A new more serious progressive draw is it.	Jul 3, 2014 10:11 AM
36	Jobs Taxes Roads	Jul 3, 2014 10:01 AM
37	Roads need repair, schools need help, towns need more people who are willing to help better them.	Jul 3, 2014 9:58 AM
38	lack of employment	Jul 3, 2014 9:11 AM

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39	Fracking; infrastructure; quality of life	Jul 3, 2014 7:54 AM
40	Gov. Cuomo, B. Obama, C. Schumer	Jul 2, 2014 2:29 PM
41	No Jobs	Jun 29, 2014 1:10 PM
42	Internet access, water & sewer access, great leadership.	Jun 29, 2014 8:43 AM
43	Population loss decaying housing stock drug adiction	Jun 27, 2014 10:28 PM
44	Lack of adequate emergency care facilities in the Gowanda, Perrysburg, Persia, Cattaraugus, Dayton, New Albion Areas!	Jun 27, 2014 3:28 PM
45	People fighting windmills. Fear of large corporations. Bigotry.	Jun 26, 2014 3:18 PN
46	Repairing roads.	Jun 26, 2014 2:48 PN
47	Roads. School. Taxes.	Jun 26, 2014 2:36 PN
48	Young people leaving. Money. Construction.	Jun 26, 2014 2:23 PN
49	Bad roads. Rural area. Far away from bigger cities	Jun 26, 2014 2:01 PM
50	Bullying. Money.	Jun 26, 2014 1:36 PN
51	Drugs. Pollution. Money	Jun 26, 2014 1:31 PM
52	Politics. Size is to small. Health care is terrible.	Jun 26, 2014 1:17 PM
53	Not many things to do. Expensive.	Jun 26, 2014 1:14 PM
54	Deteriorating Infrastructure, Unemployment, Lack of Effective Internet Service	Jun 24, 2014 4:17 PM
55	Employment Education	Jun 24, 2014 3:11 PN
56	Taxes Community government Relations	Jun 20, 2014 3:19 PM
57	Jobs The people Weather	Jun 20, 2014 3:16 PM
58	Roads No jobs Low quality schools	Jun 20, 2014 3:14 PM
59	The county needs more good employment opportunities for our youth. The county needs to fix the roads.	Jun 20, 2014 3:05 PM
60	Quality of roadways No jobs	Jun 20, 2014 2:12 PM
61	Need more local jobs Drugs	Jun 20, 2014 1:38 PM
62	Roads, Crime, Employment	Jun 19, 2014 2:27 PM
63	Fix the roads	Jun 19, 2014 2:11 PM
64	Roads	Jun 19, 2014 2:05 PM

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65	Roads Police Department	Jun 19, 2014 1:59 PM
66	Roadways are bad	Jun 19, 2014 1:56 PM
67	Roads Businesses Jobs	Jun 19, 2014 1:52 PM
68	Local employment opportunities Quality schools Local shops and business districts	Jun 19, 2014 1:48 PM
69	Apathy	Jun 19, 2014 1:45 PM
70	rough roads, taxes, criminal activities (drugs, violence)	Jun 19, 2014 1:39 PM
71	Roads, Activities, No tourist locatioons	Jun 19, 2014 1:28 PM
72	retaining our youth,	Jun 19, 2014 10:09 AM
73	roadways, poor growth	Jun 19, 2014 8:37 AM
74	High Taxes New Business Opportunity Multiple layers of Government	Jun 18, 2014 8:14 AM
75	Population decline, vulnerability to companies leaving the county, sprawl that diminishes the value of the clusters of population in villages and hamlets.	Jun 16, 2014 12:07 PI
76	We are not loving and honoring God to the degree we should be. We must follow God's 10 Commandments in all that we try to accomplish. When we love and obey God and our fellow man we prosper in abundant graces.	Jun 14, 2014 12:07 PI
77	Lack of good paying jobs. Protection of farmland. Aging population.	Jun 11, 2014 8:51 AM
78	Need to plan for climate change 2. Need to plan for shrinkage of county population and economy 3. Lack of individual responsibility	Jun 10, 2014 8:21 AN
79	roads	Jun 9, 2014 3:22 PM
80	Lack of appeal to visitors beyond the scenery	Jun 7, 2014 6:08 PM
81	With jobs come people. With people come children. With children comes the need for quality education	Jun 6, 2014 7:20 AN
82	generational welfare and the fallout from it (lack of some work ethic, lack of self reliance)	Jun 5, 2014 6:33 PN
83	1. An aging population and the exodus of many of our young people 2. Lack of attraction for young peole to stay 3. Pessimistic attitude towards change.	Jun 5, 2014 3:09 PM
84	Poor roads, lack of good jobs (careers), and education	Jun 5, 2014 2:31 PM
85	pollution radioactive waste poverty	Jun 5, 2014 2:12 PM
86	maintaing quality schools, not larger schools, but quality education in small school settings.	Jun 5, 2014 1:44 PN
87	ROADS,jobs, too many on welfare	Jun 5, 2014 1:39 PM

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88	Hardships on small schools due to state ed's mandates and cost cutting. Keeping families here. Keeping businesses here.	Jun 5, 2014 1:14 PM
89	loosing our youth to other cities loss of job opportunities Lack of common sense in olean when spending money	Jun 5, 2014 12:25 PM
90	Most of the Pols in LV only care about their pay check and their ego's and playing political games along with the state and federal bungholes they just keep dragging us down	Jun 4, 2014 9:55 PM
91	219 expressway, jobs, local shops	Jun 4, 2014 6:30 PM
92	Completion of 219, Jobs, Infrastructure	Jun 4, 2014 4:27 PM
93	1. Loss of employers, even small business. 2. Loss of youth to Quality youth. 3. High tax rates.	Jun 4, 2014 1:57 PN
94	road work, jobs and transportation	Jun 4, 2014 1:49 PM
95	Pot holes lack of businesses lack of jobs	Jun 4, 2014 1:46 PM
96	Gun laws, taxes are getting high, and potholes and horrible roads.	Jun 4, 2014 1:46 PN
97	Gun laws and budget	Jun 4, 2014 1:46 PN
98	roads, businesses, health care	Jun 4, 2014 1:45 PN
99	lack of buisnesses lack of employment opportunities roads	Jun 4, 2014 1:45 PN
100	Potholes Poverty Job Shortages	Jun 4, 2014 1:44 PN
101	The environment is more important than expanding our already developing surrounding areas. We don't need another major city system. we need to preserve our natural environment to preserve our future.	Jun 4, 2014 1:44 PN
102	Need new business housing community	Jun 4, 2014 1:43 PN
103	poverty health care job shortages	Jun 4, 2014 1:43 PN
104	I don't know	Jun 4, 2014 1:42 PN
105	not enough job opportunities.	Jun 4, 2014 10:54 Al
106	1) High taxes in relation to low median household income (I know people that literally can not afford their property taxes on average incomes here) 2) The need to divest in fossil fuels and invest in sustainable resources / making sustainable options affordable for average households, 3) The need to encourage and support more local, privately owned business, vs. large chain businesses.	Jun 4, 2014 10:51 Al
107	Taxes, Gas prices, low variety of job opportunities.	Jun 4, 2014 10:50 Al
108	High taxes Road conditions Local businesses	Jun 4, 2014 10:49 Al

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109	High Taxes. Extremely High Electric bills. With no reason for the bills being so high. Bad roads in Cattaraugus County.	Jun 4, 2014 10:49 AM
110	High Taxes, Not a lot of jobs available, Not a lot to do in terms of shopping and museums	Jun 4, 2014 10:45 AM
111	bad roads not a lot of jobs and very little privecy	Jun 4, 2014 10:45 AM
112	the roads	Jun 4, 2014 10:45 AM
113	Little Job Opportunities Not a Clean Environment Little Privacy	Jun 4, 2014 10:44 AM
114	1. Taxes 2. Gas Prices 3. Rough roads	Jun 4, 2014 10:43 AM
115	Lack of well-paying jobs, lack of strong educational systems, persistent poverty	Jun 4, 2014 10:20 AM
116	Aging/deteriorating Infrastructure Declining population Unemployment	Jun 4, 2014 10:10 AM
117	Brain drain Retaining/Growing Businesses because of NYS Government does not practice project management and needs to improve transparency.	Jun 4, 2014 10:00 AM
118	decreasing population to sustain tax base decrease in healthcare providers for aging population lack of concern by telephone companies to maintain old phone lines in rural communities with aging population and individuals living alone	Jun 4, 2014 9:23 AM
119	TO DECREASE our social service population to increase our awareness to young people here and elsewhere this is a quality place to live.	Jun 3, 2014 6:42 PM
120	Need for devotion of funding for incentivizing technology-based and knowledge-based economic development; need for development of skilled labor force with skills relating to technology-based and knowledge-based businesses (e.g., enhanced STEAM education at all levels, entrepreneurial development, etc.); need for funding to maintain and improve (in some cases, where there is none, construct) infrastructure servicing residents and current and prospective businesses	Jun 3, 2014 4:29 PM
121	Hospitals Schools Improve infrastructure.	May 30, 2014 12:11 PI
122	Bad roads, no jobs, things are falling apart	May 29, 2014 2:13 PM
123	Roads are bad - pot holes	May 29, 2014 8:37 AM
124	Decrease in population Not enough local businesses Not enough jobs	May 29, 2014 8:35 AM
125	1. Public sector job to private sector job ratio is too high, too few private sector jobs 2. poor cell service and broadband availability 3. Need to more strategically use the natural resources we have	May 28, 2014 3:22 PM
126	Not enough jobs, lack of economic growth.	May 28, 2014 1:14 PM
127	Poor road conditions. poor service coverage (cable, high speed internet). Taxes hurting local businesses and communities.	May 28, 2014 1:12 PM
128	Roads need to be fixed.	May 28, 2014 1:08 PM

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129	1) poverty. 2) companies have a hard time getting people to move to this area.	May 28, 2014 1:06 PM
130	Windmills, jobs, road upkeep.	May 28, 2014 1:01 PM
131	Job opportunities. Taxes. Roads/bridges condition.	May 28, 2014 12:58 PM
132	Potholes.	May 28, 2014 12:56 PM
133	Cutting trees down is taking away the beauty. It looks bad.	May 28, 2014 12:54 PM
134	Finding jobs nearby that aren't minimum wage. Pollution. Quality schools.	May 28, 2014 9:42 AM
135	drugs to much gun control to many officials	May 28, 2014 9:21 AM
136	1. Flooding of homes near poor filtration areas during small storms 2. Emerald Ashborer 3. Drugs	May 28, 2014 9:17 AM
137	I think that local shops of Randolph especially are important because they provide jobs and variety to the members of the county. Also, if we live in small towns, we need to have access to quality schools with numerous opportunities in order to compete with other, bigger schools.	May 28, 2014 9:17 AM
138	1. Road Management (potholes, and dead deer) 2. Recreational activities for kids	May 28, 2014 9:16 AM
139	fixing the roads up (back roads) more rec. centers fixing up the town/homes to make it more lively	May 28, 2014 9:16 AM
140	1. fixing up potholes and backroads 2. providing more recreational activities for teens to keep them safe and out of trouble 3. update the town and make it more visually appealing	May 28, 2014 9:16 AM
141	roads are absolutly horrible.	May 28, 2014 9:15 AM
142	1. roads 2.run down buildings 3. no jobs	May 28, 2014 9:15 AM
143	1. Better Fields for sports 2. fix the roads 3. More businesses	May 28, 2014 9:14 AM
144	better road repair, better village/ school communication, better money management	May 28, 2014 9:14 AM
145	1. fixing backroads 2. fixing old buildings or getting rid of them 3. more recreational activities to keep kids out of trouble	May 28, 2014 9:14 AM
146	1.	May 28, 2014 9:13 AM
147	Aging population and aging infrastructure. Rural poverty with little access to help.	May 27, 2014 5:40 PM
148	not enough job opportunities not enough places for teens to go.	May 27, 2014 2:19 PM
149	not a lot of jobs not many high paying jobs not many things to do (entertainment/night life)	May 27, 2014 2:04 PM
150	lack of events, lack of stores and roads need to be repaired.	May 27, 2014 1:37 PM

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151	poor roads, no jobs.	May 27, 2014 1:35 PM
152	lack of quality jobs/work	May 25, 2014 11:02 AM
153	Roads Quality schools Employment	May 23, 2014 3:07 PM
154	over taxed declining population (lack of jobs) neighborhood decay	May 22, 2014 12:19 PM
155	Deteriorating job base Deteriorating infrastructures Political overspending	May 22, 2014 10:54 AM
156	jobs destruction of natural resources by oil, gas and solar lack of support from state government	May 22, 2014 9:48 AM
157	lack of employment, high taxes on all levels, no trust in State Government	May 21, 2014 9:52 PM
158	Rural transportation system, funding to deal with our aging infrastructure, access FOR ALL to high speed internet services	May 21, 2014 7:10 PM
159	Lack of jobs Road disrepair Attraction for new and expanding business	May 21, 2014 8:48 AM
160	Lack of visionary leadership at top levels, lack of Internet access in areas around the county, ridiculous taxes.	May 21, 2014 7:07 AM
161	Lack of development Lack of business High taxes	May 20, 2014 11:52 PM
162	Economy, Employment, and Budgeting (County and Town/Village levels)	May 16, 2014 10:57 AM
163	industry moving out of the area, IDA giving so much help to tourism and not trying to fill existing buildings with manufacturing jobs that pay a living wage, people want to be able to live and WORK here not work 2 jobs to just exist and live here.	May 15, 2014 4:15 PM
164	Employment Infrastructure, (water & sewer) Veterans Issues	May 14, 2014 7:22 PM
165	1. Poor leadership 2. Capacity 3. A long term strategy and process for success	May 14, 2014 12:57 PM
166	Preservation of unique natural features and areas Stabilization of villages Controlling local tax rates	May 14, 2014 12:13 PM
167	We are over taxed. We have grown a sheriffs department into a monster. Allegany Co. saves millions with no road patrols. Troopers and local police handle everything with no cost to the county. Turn more county roads oner to the towns. The town plows travel from town road to town road on county roads with their plows up. Why not just turn them over to the towns.	May 14, 2014 10:52 AM
168	There are not enough shopping choices. There are too many decaying vacant structures There are not enough job opportunites	May 14, 2014 9:01 AM
169	1. Too high property taxes - in rural areas we pay and get nothing 2. Not enough business (which relates to high taxes) 3. Fraud in medicare (or any government assistance)	May 13, 2014 12:50 PM
170	Population loss, lack of urban renewal, and major lack of economic development	May 12, 2014 12:47 PM

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171	unreasonable housing prices for middle class year-round residents in and around the Ellicottville / Great Valley Areamaintaining quality schools that have art, music, and library programs without exorbitant taxesquality of roads	May 12, 2014 10:49 AM
172	better roads, better telecomm, high taxes	May 8, 2014 3:18 PM
173	1. Farmers are struggling. They need help. 2. We need more jobs. 3. We need to keep our youth from leaving. Give them a reason to stay here.	May 8, 2014 11:49 AM
174	The healthcare workers seem to make dangerous and sometimes life- threatening mistakes. Also, the amount of employment opportunities in the area are virtually non-existent. The national parks and other outdoor facilities seem to be on the backburner when it comes to importance.	May 8, 2014 9:24 AM
175	1. Economic development, ie., bringing in new jobs, retaining jobs. 2. Jobs. 3. Jobs.	May 8, 2014 9:23 AM
176	Infrastructure Property taxes Employment opportunities	May 7, 2014 7:43 PM
177	Lack of a tax base. Lack of small business in the villages.	May 7, 2014 3:07 PM
178	a) Not enough involvement of our younger generation to guide us for the future. (too much say by our "older" generation and not allowing for younger input) b) Public Transportation Coordination. (Utilize systems that exist along with redeveloping the rail system.) c) STOP WASTING DOLLARS ON 219! We want travelers to drive through our communities, not bypass them.	May 7, 2014 9:41 AM
179	job market high taxes nothing for our youth consider asking nys to reopen the youth facility on mutton hollow as a rec center	May 6, 2014 6:50 PM
180	Jobs, economy, infrastructure.	May 6, 2014 6:31 PM
181	Public School enrollment- decreasing Lack of above wage jobs Roads not level for safe driving (example Rt 240 and Cole Road both north and south directions force you into opposite lanes, possibly causing accidents)	May 6, 2014 6:19 PM
182	Jobs jobs & jobs - better paying jobs. Quality Day care so parents can have jobs.	May 6, 2014 5:53 PM
183	Declining population School consolodation - 1 -3 regional high schools with elementary/middle schools staying local	May 6, 2014 4:08 PM
184	1). Small town political cronyism. 2) Lack of loyalty to tax payers.	May 6, 2014 3:55 PM
185	lack of good jobs. too much government regulation. need more job training and education.	May 6, 2014 3:33 PM
186	population loss, too many layers of gov, lack of local employment	May 6, 2014 3:12 PM
187	aging population, need to open up outdoor recreation for motorized oof-road vehicles	May 6, 2014 2:55 PM
188	1. Decline in population. 2. Number of unemployed. 3. Infrastructure.	May 6, 2014 2:47 PM
189	Economic Development Access to human services Employment	May 5, 2014 4:46 PM

age 3,	Q8. Please list what you feel are the top three issues facing Cattaraugus County.	
190	Poverty Loss of jobs	May 5, 2014 11:32 A
191	Lack of employment opportunities, lack of businesses staying in the area, possible over development	May 5, 2014 10:51 A
192	Schools. Roads. Recreation areas.	May 5, 2014 10:24 A
193	Lack of employment opportunities especially for professionals High taxes and regulatory requirements stifle growth Eroding infrastructure	May 5, 2014 9:18 Al
194	Economic Development Infrastructure Development	May 5, 2014 9:08 Al
195	1. Employment 2. Environment 3. Maintaining Infrastructure	May 3, 2014 2:57 PI
196	Budget control to keep tax base acceptable. Ability to address the aging population needs Ability to receive the planned casino revenue regulary	May 3, 2014 8:42 Al
197	Young people graduating and never coming back to work here. Need more physician specialists so there is less need to drive to Buffalo or other cities. High taxes.	May 2, 2014 4:57 PI
198	Development of airports for general aviation and passenger travel.	May 2, 2014 4:31 PI
199	Employment opportunity Education Health care	May 2, 2014 2:50 Pl
200	Keep this County rural and keep it's natural resources, Encourage business to the brownstone areas, Expand on tourism with the beautiful area with multi use trails and natural tourist attractions, Help agriculture to survive	Apr 30, 2014 8:27 P
201	(1) Need more aggressive econ devel efforts (2) Need more creative theme. Enchanted Mountains is growing old. (3) Need property tax relief.	Apr 30, 2014 4:14 P
202	Do not lose the Rural and Small town character it makes the county a nice place to move and live in	Apr 30, 2014 2:10 P
203	work for everyone able, health care, drugs.	Apr 30, 2014 9:43 A
204	County roads & bridges Health care-access to local doctors Property taxes	Apr 30, 2014 8:37 A
205	Taxes, Loss of quality employment for young people, More Taxes	Apr 30, 2014 8:29 A
206	#1 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION (SCHOOLS & 4-H), #2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & EMPLOYMENT, #3 REBUILDING INFASTRUCTURE.	Apr 30, 2014 8:27 A
207	Employment opportunities Broadband availability Dwindling population base	Apr 29, 2014 9:39 P

1	Please see #8 and pass on to pertinent departments so that they may become aware of this newly developing issue. Thank you!	Aug 7, 2014 9:52 Pf
2	joshspitzermacbookprojoshspitz	Aug 5, 2014 2:09 Pf
3	I love Cattaraugus County, but I do believe the Cattaraugus county fair needs to expand "ride-wise". The selection of rides seems to be depleting and the fairgrounds should consider an increase in ride capacity, and maybe run longer.	Jul 29, 2014 7:57 PI
4	I definitely like the idea of bike paths because I now travel to Erie County to ride on the beautiful paved trails that they have. The Pat McGee trail was a great idea but after a few years it wasn't maintained.	Jul 28, 2014 9:51 Al
5	We need to be strong as a county and take a stand against the state in issues that are detrimental to our small town environment.	Jul 26, 2014 12:26 A
6	We should have more windmills	Jul 25, 2014 10:31 P
7	More Employment Opprtunities	Jul 15, 2014 9:38 Al
8	Repair Your Roads	Jul 15, 2014 9:15 Al
9	Taxes in New York State	Jul 12, 2014 9:59 Al
10	Bring in Windmills. They are NOT ugly when you see what they can do for us in Energy Savingsand if worried about killing birds, don't drive a car. They kill 2.	Jul 10, 2014 10:47 P
11	Most of us parents encourage our children to get good educations and leave the area so that they can make a better living for themselves and better their own futures.	Jul 4, 2014 9:55 AN
12	I predict taxes associated with living in New York will eventually push me out of the state I've lived in my entire life.	Jul 3, 2014 10:56 Pl
13	Cops and fire Dept's need to do work program with the kids in this town so they know they care and can trust them	Jul 3, 2014 9:36 PN
14	Everyone should take time and clean up their community .	Jul 3, 2014 7:25 PM
15	Higher wages are needed if housing options are going to remain at present levels. Minimum wage workers cannot afford to live here, and that is the majority of jobs available.	Jul 3, 2014 2:02 PN
	I also feel teachers in school should be allowed to conceal carry provided with a	Jul 3, 2014 11:34 Al

Page 3,	Q9. Is there anything else you would like to share?	
17	I have heard the Village of Little Valley has refused more than one large business that wanted to come in because they don't want to make it a business community but instead a retirement community. I am sure this is not the only community in the county with this attitude and I fear those decisions are negatively affecting our entire community. It would be nice if the county could give incentives to communities that make the positive decision to welcome new or expanding businesses that will bring much needed jobs to our area.	Jul 3, 2014 10:17 AM
18	No	Jul 3, 2014 10:01 AM
19	government needs to be downsized and allow people to live their lives without dictating every move people make	Jul 2, 2014 2:29 PM
20	The county and cities within are spending far too much money studying things when the funds could be put to immediate use showing actual improvements.	Jun 29, 2014 8:43 AM
21	We need affordable access to high speed internet.	Jun 27, 2014 10:28 PM
22	Cattaraugus County is a beautiful county with many natural resources that need to be wisely utilized. Bring back the Gowanda Psychiatric Center (those people need assistance in a modern facility) and bring back Tri-County Memorial Hospital!!! The State of New Needs to take a lesson from the Pennsylvania and get rid of the antiquated Certificate of Need or CON process and look at the market to determine what health care should be provided in Cattaraugus County. PA rid itself of a bureacratic CON process in the early 90's. Can we now see the difference in rural health in PA? Yes, a positive one at that with the Allegany Health System funded by the Federal Government in part because they looked at actual needs in this area and saw a legitimate market for them. Not some bureacrat in Albany who doesn't know Persia from Great Valley and doesn't care!!!!	Jun 27, 2014 3:28 PM
23	Don't limit growth at the expense of the silent majority.	Jun 26, 2014 3:18 PM
24	Repairing roads.	Jun 26, 2014 2:48 PM
25	Infrastructure (Roads, Bridges, Culverts, Water, Sewer, Etc.) is critical and should be the top priority.	Jun 24, 2014 4:17 PM
26	It's boring	Jun 20, 2014 3:16 PM
27	Legalize marijuana	Jun 20, 2014 3:14 PM
28	Please fix the roads	Jun 19, 2014 2:05 PM
29	Nothing to do for kids	Jun 19, 2014 1:28 PM
30	DO NOT EVER ALLOW FRACKING.	Jun 18, 2014 8:14 AM
31	Strive to become a tourism destination, leveraging the region's outdoor assets and commercial centers.	Jun 16, 2014 12:07 PM
32	I AM SO TIRED OF SLUMLORDS MAKING PEOPLE LIVE IN DERELICT HOUSING. YOU NEED TO WAGE A FULLSCALE DEMOLITION ON HOUSES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, ESPECIALLY OLEAN, NY; TO REMOVE	Jun 14, 2014 12:07 PM

Page 3,	Q9. Is there anything else you would like to share?	
	HOUSES THAT ARE BEING SOLD TO homesbycornerstone.com of Corning, NY and all of the other people who are taking advantage of others. Look at the GIS listings and you will see multiple derelict homes owned by slumlords. Sincerely, Mrs. Craig	
33	The stark reality is that the county is on the periphery of the global economy and has a dependency relationship with global economic centers. This has its benefits, we have an opportunity to forge a sustainable future utilizing local resources and renewable energy. Much stands in our way, including a lack of enlightened leadership, adequate knowledge, skills and abilities (KSAs) among our population and the structures of dependency that radiate through our government and economic institutions. However, our world is changing quickly and our best hope is educating our children and giving them the KSAs to survive and the creativity to sustain.	Jun 10, 2014 8:21 AM
34	Yes but it would be inappropriate.	Jun 4, 2014 9:55 PM
35	There is too much of a disconnect between agencies around the county to work together to solve problems.	Jun 4, 2014 1:57 PM
36	no	Jun 4, 2014 1:49 PM
37	no	Jun 4, 2014 1:46 PM
38	potholes need fixed badly and we need a president.	Jun 4, 2014 1:46 PM
39	Change the Gov. Coumos gun laws back to what they were previous to his tenure in office	Jun 4, 2014 1:46 PM
40	no	Jun 4, 2014 1:43 PM
41	No	Jun 4, 2014 1:42 PM
42	for more jobs, increase the timber work and especially increase the gas and oil extraction. out door jobs only. no factories. no inside jobs except could use one more gas station in hinsdale. no big stores or restaurants.	Jun 4, 2014 10:54 AM
43	unless you are in a trade, the job opportunities here are very scarce	Jun 4, 2014 10:50 AM
44	Local businesses are great for the economy and should get tax breaks to keep them here. Road conditions aren't the greatest and when they are fixed they don't last very long. Construction workers take longer than they should making detours even more horrible. I suggest using a different company. Since new houses are being developed, maybe take down the old dilapidated ones and create something with landscaping, so try to clean up the county. Also, there's nothing really exciting all year round. In the summer there's racing and the fair, but what about fall, winter and spring? If there was more community based things like the fair, it would make more money for the county and citizens would have fun	Jun 4, 2014 10:49 AM
45	More roads should be fixed in Catt county. Small towns are great. Lots of hunting land, great area, Lots of state lands:) great recreation places:)	Jun 4, 2014 10:49 AM
46	I like how there is state land and parks for recreation. The county is rural and not overpopulated	Jun 4, 2014 10:45 AM

47	how they can fix the roads and things that the county needs as a whole	Jun 4, 2014 10:45 AM
48	no, thank you.	Jun 4, 2014 10:43 AM
49	We love living here and raising our children here, but are disappointed in knowing that in order for our children to succeed and prosper, they will most certainly HAVE TO LEAVE the area to seek jobs and education. It's a real shame, and the lack of good opportunity will be leave the area in a shambles of the elderly, poor, and uneducated.	Jun 4, 2014 10:20 AN
50	I believe that the word quality should be a noun and not an adjective. Cattaraugus County needs to invest in their communities equally.	Jun 4, 2014 10:00 Al
51	city of olean should improve code enforcement look on side roads of houses of absentee landlords. brings down values of city and surrounding areas	Jun 3, 2014 6:42 PN
52	I feel that there should be a focus on devoting significant resources to proactive economic development initiatives (e.g., STEAM and infrastructure and site readiness and building readiness, etc.) that will lead in the future to technology-based and knowledge-based economic development, as opposed to a reactive, deal-based or transaction-based approach to economic development.	Jun 3, 2014 4:29 PN
53	no	May 30, 2014 12:11 F
54	stop hurting the forests & wildlife. examples: cutting down mass amounts of trees in one area. Hunting is okay, but keep it the same.	May 29, 2014 8:37 A
55	Things need to be changed if Catt. Cty wants to grow and keep the same population. Many younger generations plan on moving for more opportunities.	May 29, 2014 8:35 A
56	New York State has an extremely hostile tax environment. People don't want to come here nor do existing residents want to stay.	May 28, 2014 1:12 P
57	This is a wonderful county, but more jobs need to become available.	May 28, 2014 9:42 A
58	the government needs to learn how to mange money and stop being such imbecile	May 28, 2014 9:21 A
59	nope	May 28, 2014 9:17 A
60	I think one thing that makes Randolph unique is the amount of rural and outdoor recreation that is available to people.	May 28, 2014 9:17 A
61	No	May 28, 2014 9:16 A
62	No	May 28, 2014 9:16 A
63	randolph needs to prepare for floods better	May 28, 2014 9:15 A
64	the roads literally are horrible.	May 28, 2014 9:14 A
65	speeding on Jamestown Rd.	May 28, 2014 9:14 A
66	No	May 28, 2014 9:14 A

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67	Wyoming County has a county wide transportation system for the poor and aged. Why can't Cattaraugus County do this?	May 27, 2014 5:40 PM
68	quit wasting time on 219. Pa. will never finish the road. bypassing local towns destroys local busness If you want people to come and stay get rid of 4 lanes and let people enjoy what our small towns offer.	May 22, 2014 9:48 AM
69	area needs more jobs	May 21, 2014 9:52 PM
70	Public, informational & participatory forums are a good start. Let's continue.	May 21, 2014 7:10 PM
71	Go forward on the suggestions presented at the Brownfield Development forum in Olean to bring in new restaurants (Starbucks & Olive Garden), new motel/hotel visible from I-86, and outlet stores featuring local goods, products, and tourism features.	May 21, 2014 8:48 AM
72	Through the grapevine, I heard Apple is looking to locate a facility in upstate NY. Catt County needs to make some contacts in industries to get some here. There is a huge disconnect between schools and businesses. Businesses will be closing due to no second generation plan because their kids moved away and the kids graduating have no clue to real world work needs. Leadership needs to get creative to bring population back.	May 21, 2014 7:07 AM
73	Tourism is inportent to the county but all you have to look at what has happened to all our small towns, they are empty.	May 15, 2014 4:15 PM
74	I will email ideas to Paul Bishop	May 14, 2014 12:57 PM
75	Thank you for the oportunity to offer my opinion. It is crucial that the public be heard because this plan will guide how our community grows.	May 14, 2014 12:13 PM
76	Lime Lake needs a public boad ramp. I live and pay taxes in Machias and I can't even use the boat ramp unless I join the cottage owner ass. for \$150.00 a year. We need a free ramp not just a launch where rocks block boaters from backing a trailer in.	May 14, 2014 10:52 AM
77	Cattaraugus County should promote growth, but within current towns. It should also promote small businesses in other areas. Maybe it should have an association for small business in the county (I currently own a small business)	May 13, 2014 12:50 PM
78	The City of Olean should be playing a much higher role in county development, and we should be focusing on major expansion and urban renewal as Olean is the major economic and industrial hub of the county.	May 12, 2014 12:47 PM
79	I think efforts should be made to make the land and water around the West Valley nuclear storage site safe. More information should be available to the public about what's happening there. Misinformation makes real estate and schooling around there undesirableThe bike trail being planned for the Ellicottville Area should definitely be extended into Great ValleyPublic Libraries should be supported and maintained.	May 12, 2014 10:49 AM
80	I am opposed to any attempts to hydro-frack. Otherwise anything goes. Also, lets place an emphasis on agriculture, tourism, building infrastructure so	May 8, 2014 9:23 AM

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	businesses that might want to come to the county won't have to wait. The infrastructure will already be in place.		
81	Incentives to do business or live in current villages would be great such as reduced town taxes for those areas or have the village exist outside the towns	May 7, 2014 3:07 PM	
82	Listen to the public and try things instead of shutting down ideas and suggestions. There is too much selfishness that exist is this county! Open the door to our younger folks. By doing so, we may entice them to stay in our area, instead of looking for better things elsewhere.	May 7, 2014 9:41 AM	
83	we love our county but with limited job potential we may have to move away.	May 6, 2014 6:50 PM	
84	Catt County has amble vacation and getaway opportunity to market.	May 6, 2014 6:19 PM	
85	eliminate all towns and villages, provide services from county only, eliminate school districts and have county wide district.	May 6, 2014 3:12 PM	
86	Cattaraugus County is a beautiful place to live. We need to ensure viability by allowing growth to occur. Thank you for asking.	May 5, 2014 11:32 AM	
87	I believe that in Olean, NY introducing a roundabout will drive businesses and people out of town	May 5, 2014 10:51 AM	
88	Don't Frack our county.	May 5, 2014 10:24 AM	
89	Having the County as the largest employer in the area speaks volumes for the problems we are facing	May 5, 2014 9:18 AM	
90	no	May 3, 2014 2:57 PM	
91	County and Towns/Villages should continue and add to the shared services concept. Do what makes sense - do not drive over one road to get to another to plow and not handle the 1st road while on it. (many/many examples in the county)	May 3, 2014 8:42 AM	
92	The County should take a more proactive role in economic development. It does well in planning and tourism, but does not have staff with economic development expertise or the financial resources to undertake significant economic development initiatives that could lead to improving the local economy.	May 2, 2014 2:50 PM	
93	We need to have dedicated multi use Trails that include HORSES. This would attract tourism and maybe some businesses that cater to this.	Apr 30, 2014 8:27 PM	
94	Connect Catt Co trails with Chaut Co trails.	Apr 30, 2014 4:14 PM	
95	Please do do any big changes	Apr 30, 2014 2:10 PM	