

APPENDIX – Town of Orleans Comprehensive Plan

Summary - Open House Notecard Write-in Comments\Suggestions - 2018

Pedestrian Safety

- Consider pursuit of state grants to construct bike paths to separate pedestrians and bicyclists from County and Town Roads to enhance safety.
- Bike and walking pathways needed on Wellesley Island as CR 100 is too narrow and dangerous for pedestrian use.
- Connecting the State Park to TI Park with a pedestrian connection could be marketed as tourism enhancement. Connection to Cross Islands Farm could also be considered. (bike paths) NYS DOT grants should be looked into regarding pedestrian or bike trails.
- Reduce the speed limit on Wellesley Island. Violations\tickets could generate income.
- Walkability of Fishers Landing is an asset.

Taxes\School

- Many households are on fixed incomes and taxes are becoming more of a burden. Committee consensus is that local town and school taxes are quite reasonable compared to many other communities.
- Person loves the school system
- Waterfront property taxes should be kept at a fair rate as waterfront owners can't support the whole town.

Commercial Development\Tourism

- Several preferences were written regarding the desire or need for more commercial development along the river to generate revenue and tourism.
- Enhancing tourism is desired as well.
- Push the I Love New York tourism program and goals.
- Regarding the interstate rest stop/welcome center – how many Canadians will stop there for information? Need an attraction that leads to income in the Town.
- Acquired land at Wellesley Island State Park should be used to expand park capacity.

AirBnB

- Concern about weekly RV rentals or transient stays in seasonal residential areas that affect or impact residential neighbors.

Retiree & Seasonal Data

- Need data regarding how many retirees live in the Town, and also data regarding the number of seasonal people. *Census Bureau estimates number of residents within each age group. For retiree estimate, those age 65 and over could be used which is found in Chapter 2. Seasonal residents are difficult to track, Census data publishes the number of year-round and seasonal housing unit estimates as part of the American Community Survey each year (also found in Chapter 2). Impossible to know when and how often*

seasonal residents come to visit their property. Thousand Islands Tourism Council conducts tourism surveys periodically which can be used to understand the market.

Road Maintenance & Safety

- Need new pavement in Fishers Landing where sewer lines were installed to cover the pavement patches

Draft Plan on Website

- Each chapter of the Plan should be placed on the Town website, even if they are drafts.

Written public input statement submitted after public meeting on the draft Town Vision, Goals and Objectives in August 2019

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1. Question regarding possibility of devising summaries of tourist and business destinations for:
 - Residents of Orleans
 - Temporary visitors (i.e vacationers, seasonal residents)
 - Annual event/ activity summary
 - Event recommendations for families, retirees, and vacationers
2. Suggested proposal for botanical tours available at sightseeing destinations (i.e., Boldt Castle, Green house tours, Neighborhood walks). Collaborate with local gardening clubs and organizations
3. FISHERS LANDING:
 - a. Consider identifying a potential location for a farmers market.
 - Public input suggested Fisher’s Landing as a possible location.
 - Community Cost/ benefit for a weekly vs. daily farmers market.
 - Consider the economic benefits associated with a seasonal farmers market during summer months.
 - Booth/ Space rental. Recruitment of local farms and crafters as renters.
 - b. Consider construction of a pavilion or amphitheater to attract tourists and local performers.
 - Consider a concert series for busier tourist months.
 - Possible location could be within Fisher’s Landing

- c. Reconsider a weekend flea market. Input suggested that previous attempt at a flea market in the community was flawed. So revision of flea market standards and objectives needed. (perhaps whatever flaw or shortcomings could be addressed with better layout or design)
- d. Develop a Fishers Landing Community Center. Establish year round community events.
 - Suggested events: Craft and exercise classes, yoga, social events, community and auxiliary membership organization events.
 - Consider the community benefits of seasonal visitor and local resident participation.
4. Propose the development of a recreational multi- use trail (walking/hiking/ biking).
 - Identify path leading from Route 12 through the adjacent community.
 - Consider trail along the waterfront through Grass Point and the marina to Seaway Ave.
5. Dog Park:
 - Consider the development of a community dog park.
6. Farmland:
 - Consider policies to better preserve, promote, and improve existing farmland.
 - Encourage native landscaping along major thoroughfares.
7. Community Landscaping:
 - Consider the identification and request for grant funding to implement community landscaping plan.
 - Consider garden tours and maps of notable resident landscaping.
 - Consider drafting and including scenic drive maps in the plan.
 - Consider self-guided walking tour maps of town to promote history, business, and notable attractions.
8. Identify site for future mixed use development.
 - Public input noted existing development examples: Green's construction and St. Lawrence pottery.
 - Public seeks to mix small and residential.
9. Create Historic and tourist signage for town landmarks.
 - Identified landmarks: Stone Mills Museum, Historic structures, Architectural gems like the church.

10. Grove Cemetery:

- Public input suggested the possible use of Grove Cemetery for park like uses.
- Add gardens for tours within the cemetery.
- Special event local

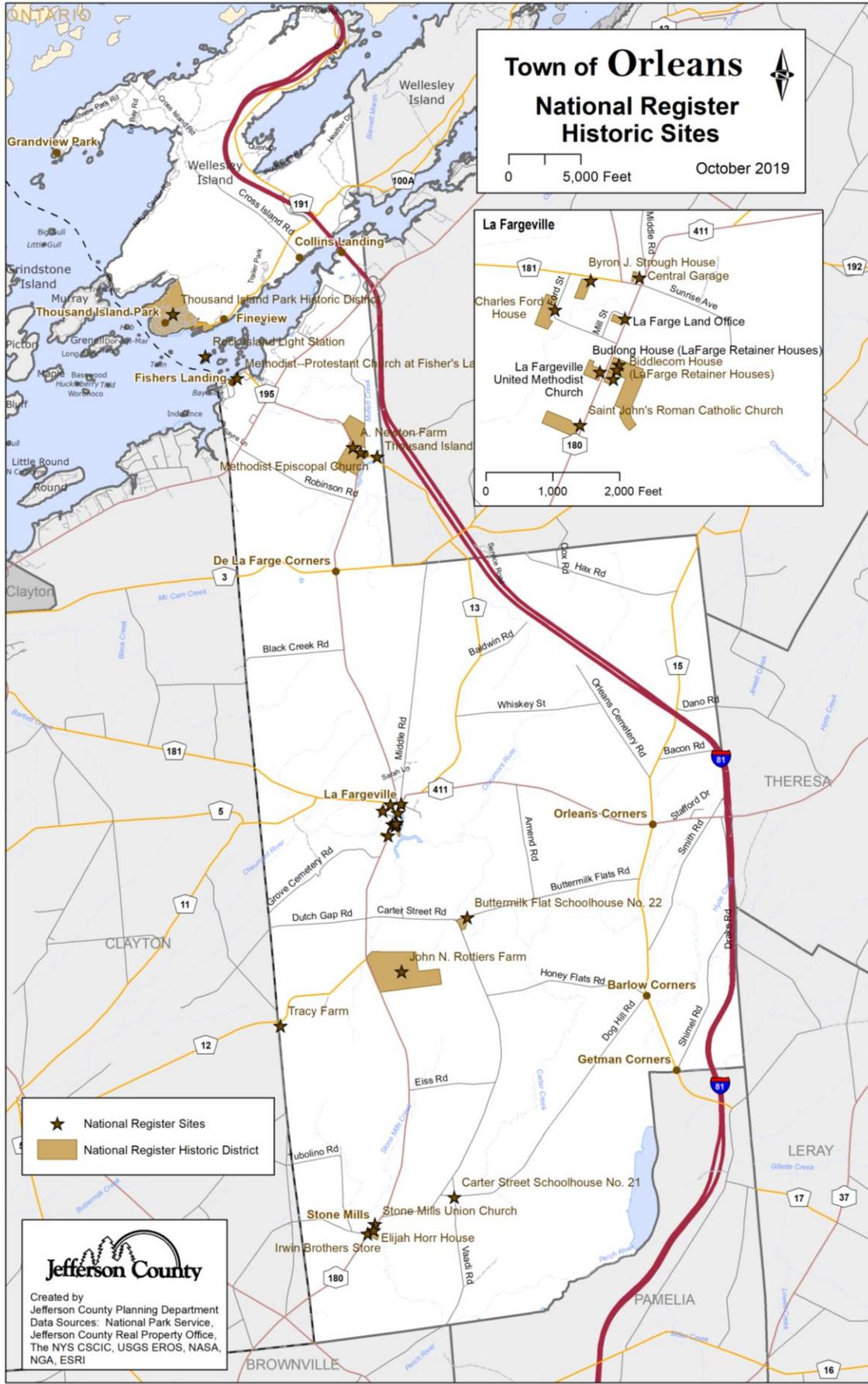
11. Scenic byways:

- Limit development boat storage, storage facilities, and pole barns on Route 12.
- Limit development of car dealerships and boat dealerships in residential zoning districts.
- Eliminate car and boat dealerships on Route 12 corridor.

Regional, County, State Population, Housing Unit, and Civilian Labor Force comparison

Population	1980	1990	2000	2010	2017	% change 1980 to 2017
Orleans	2,007	2,248	2,465	2,789	2,828	40.9%
Alexandria	3,587	3,949	4,097	4,061	4,084	13.9%
Cape Vincent	1,823	2,768	3,345	2,777	2,837	55.6%
Clayton	4,028	4,629	4,817	5,153	5,058	25.6%
County	88,151	110,943	111,738	116,229	116,567	32.2%
New York State	17,558,072	17,990,778	18,976,457	19,378,102	19,798,228	12.8%
Housing Units	1980	1990	2000	2010	2017	% change 1980 to 2017
Orleans	1,587	1,797	2,084	2,191	2,256	42.2%
Alexandria	2,786	3,198	3,247	3,419	3,543	27.2%
Cape Vincent	2,050	2,492	2,783	2,712	2,666	30.0%
Clayton	2,543	3,014	3,337	3,561	3,743	47.2%
County	42,012	50,519	54,070	57,966	59,547	41.7%
New York State	6,867,638	7,226,891	7,679,307	8,108,103	8,255,911	14.2%
Year Round Housing Units	1980	1990	2000	2010	2013-2017	% change 1980 to 2017
Orleans	736	866	1,018	1,131	1,069	45.2%
Alexandria	1,405	1,754	1,883	1,864	1,979	40.9%
Cape Vincent	809	795	953	980	986	21.9%
Clayton	1,560	1,917	2,088	2,275	2,294	47.1%
County	33,212	40,928	44,131	47,152	48,461	45.9%
New York State	6,706,199		7,444,264	7,818,802	7,916,368	18.0%
Seasonal Housing Units	1980	1990	2000	2010	2013-2017	% change 1980 to 2017
Orleans	851	931	1,066	1,060	1,187	39.5%
Alexandria	1,381	1,444	1,364	1,555	1,564	13.3%
Cape Vincent	1,241	1,697	1,830	1,732	1,680	35.4%
Clayton	983	1,097	1,249	1,286	1,449	47.4%
County	8,800	9,591	9,939	10,814	11,086	26.0%
New York State	161,439	212,625	235,043	289,301	339,543	110.3%
Civilian Labor Force	1980	1990	2015	2016	2017	% change 2015 to 2017
Orleans	834	1,131	1,354	1,270	1,260	51.1%
Alexandria	1,471	2,048	1,766	1,869	2,004	36.2%
Cape Vincent	719	814	840	886	867	20.6%
Clayton	1,791	2,170	2,422	2,388	2,299	28.4%
County	36,851	45,928	44,732	45,323	44,883	21.8%
New York State	8,012,824	8,989,621	9,254,578	9,340,878	9,467,631	18.2%

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census



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National Register Historic Sites

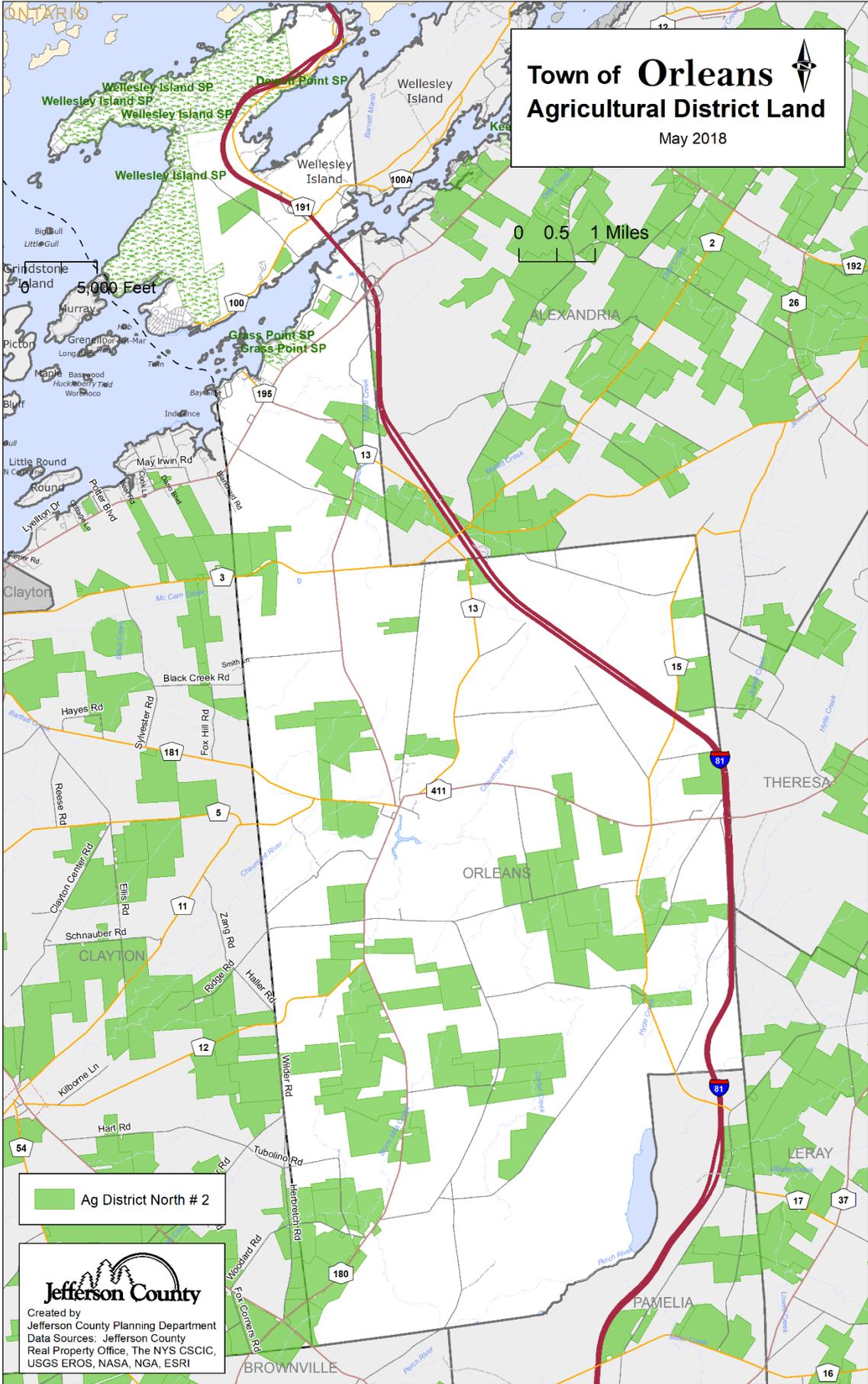
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La Fargeville

Byron J. Strough House
 Central Garage
 Charles Ford House
 La Farge Land Office
 Budlong House (LaFarge Retainer Houses)
 Biddlecom House (LaFarge Retainer Houses)
 La Fargeville United Methodist Church
 Saint John's Roman Catholic Church
 A. Newton Farm
 Thousand Island

- ★ National Register Sites
- National Register Historic District

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Town of Orleans
Agricultural District Land
 May 2018

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Ag District North # 2

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