

Short Answer Question Themes Ranked By Popularity

1. Please provide any additional thoughts on your vision for the future of Dryden. Ex: Why do you agree or disagree with certain statements? How would you modify these statements for today's vision?

1. Environmental preservation/protection (including farmland), green resources, green infrastructure; 38
2. No New Development of industrial or commercial buildings (preservation of small town and low density); 37
3. Prioritize better public facilities (fire, ems, getting public water and sewer); 28
4. Sustainable business and industrial development needed while maintaining small town feel; no big box stores, renovating existing buildings; 24
5. Decrease traffic, improve infrastructure, and increase public transportation options and safety; 21
6. Expand Tax Base/Spending controlled/reduced taxes; 11
7. Safe, affordable housing needed not for students; 10
8. Internet accessibility, online communication; 8
9. Combat Crime and Racism; 7
10. Recreation/Education facilities and programs needed: 5
11. Property rights and Better zoning; 5
12. Prioritize a local food market; 2

6a. If you indicated "other" what type of business?

1. Indoor Youth Recreational Facility/Community center; 8
2. Commercial Development (restaurants, coffee shop/bakery, shopping); 7
3. Local Agriculture/Farmstand with local produce; 6
4. Medical Services (doctors, dentists); 6
5. Technology/Wifi Center or Hub; 6
6. Green Businesses (solar, wind, cannabis); 4
7. Gas station; 3
8. Grocery Store; 3
9. Post Office; 2
10. Minority/Ma & Pa Store; 2
11. Brewery/Wine; 2
12. Auto sales; 2
13. Vet Care/Dog Park/Animal Amenities; 2
14. Hardware store; 1
15. Public theatre; 1
16. Trade School; 1
17. Biodiesel facility; 1
18. Big Box store; 1

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19. Bed and Breakfast; 1
20. Outdoor commercial area; 1
21. Consulting Firm; 1
22. Gun Shop; 1
23. Pizzeria; 1
24. Drug Store; 1
25. Apartment complex; 1
26. Slaughter house; 1

6b. If you indicated "elsewhere" where else would you like to see business in the town?

1. Route 13; 22
2. Anywhere, where best suited; 19
3. Outside villages/town centers; 16
4. Hanshaw Road/Area, Airport; 14
5. Ithaca-Cortland; 10
6. Home Businesses; 8
7. Ellis Hollow; 7
8. Route 366; 5
9. Route 38; 4
10. Any major highway/road; 4
11. In village of Dryden; 4
12. Varna; 4
13. Route 360; 2
14. Not on farmland/agriculture; 2
15. Rural areas; 2
16. Bethel Grove; 2
17. Snyder Hill; 2
18. Willow Glen; 1
19. Mclean; 1
20. Virgil Road; 1
21. Grotton; 1
22. Ringwood; 1
23. Mclean; 1
24. Beam Hill; 1
25. Warren Road; 1
26. Johnson Road; 1

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11a. Let us know if you have any other suggestions for how the town can preserve open space.

1. Reduce tax on undeveloped land/incentives; 14
2. Trail development, increase walkability, park improvement; 11
3. Land preservation, conservation, maintenance (wildlife corridors, along waterways, wetlands); 7
4. Restrict development (industrial/commercial, warehousing); 7
5. Grant, Public/state funding opportunities; 6
6. Protect against more solar farms; 5
7. Encourage residential and business development; 4
8. Make state owned lands; 3
9. Land Trust (finger Lakes); 3
10. Keep fracking out of town; 2
11. Stop cluster/ housing development; 2
12. Support agriculture; 2
13. Leave land alone, 2
14. Unnecessary to preserve open space; 2
15. Volunteer opportunities; 1
16. Denser development; 1
17. Private funding; 1
18. Cluster housing/increase density; 1
19. Increase tree planting; 1
20. Access to Cornell land to public; 1
21. Incentives for farmers; 1

12. Let us know if there's another type of open space you feel it is important to protect.

1. Natural, undeveloped, wildlife area (meadows/ grasslands/wetlands); 27
2. Trails; 8
3. homes/landowners; 6
4. Vistas/viewshed; 5
5. All; 3
6. Village/public parks; 3
7. Farms; 1
8. Swamps; 1
9. streams; 1
10. water quality; 1
11. public gardens; 1

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14. Let us know if there's another type of recreational facility that would be desirable to have near your home.

1. Swimming pool; 33
2. Bike lanes/walking paths (multi use trails); 20
3. Community/Rec center; 13
4. Dog parks; 7
5. Ice or Hockey rink; 6
6. Shooting sports/hunting land; 6
7. Baseball field; 4
8. Canoe/kayak area; 4
9. Nature preserve for birds; 2
10. Archery; 2
11. Soccer fields; 2
12. Ski area; 2
13. Garden; 2
14. Volleyball courts; 2
15. Fitness Track; 2
16. Pickleball court; 2
17. Picnic area; 2
18. Mountain bike; 1
19. Beach; 1
20. Basketball court; 1
21. Frisbee golf; 1
22. Forest/open space; 1
23. Campgrounds; 1
24. Mini golf; 1
25. Drive in Movie theatre; 1
26. Horse trails; 1
27. Tennis courts; 1
28. Horse shoe pits; 1
29. Farmers market pavilion; 1
30. Disc golf course; 1

17c. If you DO want to be connected to primary sewer, what is your reason?

1. Small/no septic tank or don't want to replace; 32
2. Reliable, safer, consistent water; 22
3. Less maintenance or cost; 21
4. Convenience; 15
5. Environmental/water preservation; 7

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6. Well water limited; 5
7. Home resale; 3

30. Is there something not covered in this questionnaire that you think the town needs to address?

1. affordable municipal Internet access; 26
2. Sustainability (Preserving viewshed/resource management/no solar panel/emissions or noise from local industries, borger station); 25
3. Maintenance (waterlines, town roads, traffic congestion and rte 13 alternatives, bus service needed); 23
4. Stop the increase in taxes; 17
5. Heating source of homes/homeowner choice, less control from town; 11
6. Improve connectivity/downtown and character/restore vacant buildings; 10
7. Affordable housing and rent costs; 10
8. Parks and rec, Dryden Rail Trail; 5
9. Community events/services; 5
10. Emergency services and law enforcement; 4
11. Art; 3
12. Stop density increase; 3
13. Affordable access to clean drinking water; 3
14. Turn signals main corner of 38left to rte 13; 2
15. Focus on children and families; 2
16. No bigbox chain stores or development; 2
17. Diversity; 2
18. Agriculture; 2
19. Recreation partnership; 1
20. Community access to Dryden HS pool; 1
21. Bird habitat; 1

37a. Do you own a business within the Town? If yes, what made you decide to locate within the town?

1. Close to family/work/home/already lived within area; 19
2. Like location; 14
3. Home office or business; 11
4. Affordability (housing, lifestyle); 10
5. Close to ithaca/Cornell; 7
6. Like Rural Living/Nature; 7
7. Business already existed; 4
8. Convenience; 3
9. Accessibility to clients; 2

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10. Good Schooling; 2
11. Mistake; 1
12. Support local business; 1
13. Quality of life; 1
14. Senior Apartment availability; 1
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38a. Do you own a business outside of the Town? If yes, what made you decide to locate outside the town?

1. Accessibility to Ithaca/cornell; 5
2. Like Location; 3
3. Avoid NYS taxes/taxes were too high; 3
4. Density/More foot traffic; 2
5. Owned Business/building outside previously; 1
6. Prior residency now Airbnb; 1
7. Lake front Dryden does not have; 1
8. Less expensive than Dryden; 1
9. Family;1
10. Taxes not too high; 1