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• Recommendation Each year, one of the sections of the Comprehensive Plan should be re-
reviewed by a committee appointed by the Village Board. It is not necessary that each section
be reviewed in turn: some sections will require more frequent review than others.

• Recommendation The Village Board should issue an annual report at its annual organiza-
tional meeting on its compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and indicate the steps it in-
tends to take during that year to implement aspects of the Plan.

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• Recommendation Open the Village office one evening or Saturday morning each week.

• Recommendation Provide email addresses for the Village office, and all elected officials.
In that way people can communicate with them at any convenient time.

• Recommendation Post meeting schedules, important documents, meeting minutes, and
forms on the Internet. This has been started with the Zoning ordinance which is available at
philmont.org

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• Recommendation Preserve and promote the Mill District which contains many of the fea-
tures people like most about Philmont today—and remember fondly from its past.

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• Recommendation The Village should repair or replace the current windows with insulat-
ed windows in the Village Hall.

• Recommendation A good space use analysis of the Village buildings should be autho-
rized by the village.

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- Recommendation The village should establish a plan for street paving on a rotating basis.
- Recommendation The village should establish a plan of water line replacement, doing some replacement of older lines every year.

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- Recommendation The Village should review its laws pertaining to property maintenance to make them enforceable; it should then enforce them aggressively.
- Recommendation Sweep the streets more often.
- Recommendation Provide more small receptacles for garbage.
- Recommendation Establish one day/year for a day when volunteers and residents paint/clean/repair/spruce up properties in need of such work. Local contractors might be able to assist with repairs of a minor nature on this day on a volunteer basis.
- Recommendation Provide one day/year for free, large dump/trash disposal with Village pick-up and disposal.
- Recommendation Provide better publicity about the county Hazmat day(s).
- Recommendation It is recommended that the village enact a “pooper scooper” law requiring dog owners to clean up after their dogs when they walk them; the leash law should be enforced.
- Recommendation Create an Adopt-a-Street program.
- Recommendation The Village should work with Mellenville and the Township of Claverack to help with the general appearance of the former Town Garage to render a more attractive alternative to what exists as the “Welcome to Philmont” first impression as one arrives from the west on State Route 217.

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- Recommendation Institute an administrative fee for building permits issued after construction has been started without appropriate authorization.
- Recommendation Require new construction to meet New York State building standards. This will have the effect of allowing existing trailers to remain in the Village, but it will not allow new ones.
- Recommendation Rezone the area south of the reservoir to fit into the Village better. Varying lot sizes and densities (as is the case throughout the Village) should be implemented; the street pattern should match the types of streets elsewhere in the Village.
- Recommendation Add a report from the Building Inspector to the monthly reports at the
Village Meeting.

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- **Recommendation**  The large number of stone walls in good condition could be an attraction for tourists.

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- **Recommendation**  Provide additional space for Memorial Walk trees.

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- **Recommendation**  Due to their historic significance, the Village should establish a plan to keep the existing mills from being razed.

Main Street ..........................................................................12

- **Recommendation**  The village should plant trees on Main Street. This would provide more greenery in an aesthetic way, and would echo to the Main Street of Philmont’s historic past.

- **Recommendation**  The village should pursue a plan to “spruce up” Main Street by requesting that homeowners/landlords paint and/or repair their properties as needed. If the homeowners/landlords are unable to effect the work themselves, then the village should try to obtain grant money for this purpose.

- **Recommendation**  Parking lots in front of businesses are not conducive to walking and window shopping; therefore, the village should require parking in back or, new Main Street buildings. To help with this requirement, the village should waive/reduce requirements for off-street parking to avoid “in-front” parking for ground floor retail uses.

- **Recommendation**  Parking lots should have low hedges/plantings to help break up the linearity of the parking lot and to be more visually pleasing.

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- **Recommendation**  The Village should notify residents that fixing up their property does not increase their assessment if they paint their structure(s), or if they make similar replacement, e. g., a new set of steps for an old set of steps.

- **Recommendation**  The Village should establish a plan to assist/aid lower income and/or disabled or elderly residents with property upkeep, with possible funding by means of a grant.

- **Recommendation**  The Village can sponsor a photo contest—perhaps as part of Philmont Community Day—highlighting houses and properties throughout the Village that are distinctive.

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• Recommendation  The Village should promote itself as being more reflective of its median age of 34.7 years, which is the youngest median age of all Columbia County communities.

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Size of Business ....................................................................................3
Type of Business ..................................................................................4
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• Recommendation  Maintain mix of skilled and unskilled labor needs.

• Recommendation  Support area businesses in recruitment from Philmont.

• Recommendation  Develop and maintain outreach to area employers; monitor their plans and conditions.

• Recommendation  Create youth employment resources, matching youth labor with local needs.

• Recommendation  Create an internship or mentoring structure with the many “hidden” businesses within Philmont.

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• Recommendation  Create better merging of the two ends of Main Street encouraging the
use of the current residential area in between the two sections for personal and professional services such as lawyers, accountants, doctors, counselors, etc.

• Recommendation Create zoning restrictions that require new construction to locate parking in the rear.

• Recommendation Review the current Main Street layout to see if additional landscaping is possible. Create zoning to require recommendations to future construction. Support the continued use of planters, hanging plants and banners.

• Recommendation Focus on ensuring empty storefronts still have attractive displays—and encourage an attractive look for all storefronts.

• Recommendation Encourage retail stores or more “invitational” businesses.

Home-Based Businesses ........................................................................................................8

• Recommendation Continue to support and encourage home-based businesses. Gather input from home-based businesses to see how Philmont can help support them.

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• Recommendation Change zoning to allow multiple uses on one parcel in the Mill District

• Recommendation Create a list of businesses allowable in the Mill District and incorporate into revised zoning.

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• Recommendation Invite businesses to Philmont with existing clientele that will continue to patronize the business and would service Philmont residents.

• Recommendation Continue to support the Main Street Committee, founded by the Village Board in 1998.

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• Recommendation Promote the middle section of Main Street as office space for professional services businesses.

Arts and Crafts/Performing Artists ...................................................................................11

• Recommendation Create an artistic alliance to support artisans in the area.

• Recommendation Create a gallery space that could be used by local artisans.

• Recommendation Market Philmont as a place for artisans.

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• Recommendation The Village should continue to work with the school and community college on training programs using the skilled tradespeople of the Village as teachers or men-
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- Recommendation Encourage more and varied restaurants.
- Recommendation Support clearer retail signage where appropriate.

Personal Services ......................................................................................12

- Recommendation Encourage personal service businesses. If these are provided by chain stores, there should be architectural requirements so that they fit in with the small town look of Philmont and do not have parking in the front.
- Recommendation Consider alternative ways for Philmont residents to get prescriptions filled without going out of town to meet the need for a pharmacy. Work with Richardson Hall to create a system of ordering and delivery of prescriptions electronically.

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- Recommendation Support the use of agricultural lands outside the lines of Philmont to sustain the natural beauty that surrounds Philmont.

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- Recommendation Create better usage of existing parking lots with clearer signage and marked spaces.
- Recommendation Encourage off-street and rear parking for new construction on Main Street to enhance its walkability.
- Recommendation Consider relaxing individual parking requirements if property owners on Main Street make payments to a fund to create and improve common parking areas.
- Recommendation Emphasize the pedestrian nature of the Mill District; clearly identify the existing parking lots there.
- Recommendation Create a guide to parking in the Village.

Mill District Expansion ........................................................................14

- Recommendation Common landscaping that leads you up Summit Street (e.g. special street lamps or benches or banners) will encourage the connection of the reservoir to Main Street (Route 217).

Business Development ........................................................................14

- Recommendation Encourage the Main Street Committee to expand in order to support the many and variety of businesses in Philmont, including the home based businesses.
• Recommendation  Arrange to have the Micro-Business seminars, currently offered by the Columbia Hudson Partnership, offered at a space in Philmont.

• Recommendation  Obtain and promote funding for business support including co-operative artist support, facade rehabilitation, and business development.

• Recommendation  Create a youth and internship employment opportunities exchange.

Ongoing Economic Development .................................................................15

• Recommendation  Create a part-time position to apply for, and administer grants and economic development projects.

• Recommendation  Make sure to understand and maintain the diversities of incomes, employment opportunities and housing resources that give Philmont the small town feel.

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• Recommendation  Improve and increase library space and funding, particularly for these groups.

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• Recommendation  Plan cooperatively with future developers of the designated subdivision.

• Recommendation  Encourage future housing development to be consistent with the historical building patterns of the Village.

• Recommendation  Restrict subdivisions of uniform lot sizes in favor of varying lot sizes and densities.

• Recommendation  Street design should reflect established Village patterns.

• Recommendation  Continue to work closely with Housing Resources of Columbia County to improve the housing stock of the Village.

How People Feel About Living in Philmont ..............................................4

• Recommendation  Improve street and sidewalk maintenance.

• Recommendation  Encourage new businesses to provide more choices.

• Recommendation  Enforce existing building ordinances.

• Recommendation  Include realtors in Village promotional activities.
The Building Survey

- Recommendation Identify existing homes and other structures in need of repair and improvement.
- Recommendation Encourage and assist owners in maintenance and repair.
- Recommendation Reduce the number of substandard buildings.

The Look of Philmont

- Recommendation Encourage rehabilitation of housing where needed.
- Recommendation Require all new construction to adhere to New York State building code standards.

Zoning

- Recommendation Continue strong enforcement of current Zoning Regulations.
- Recommendation Charge an administrative fee for building permits to property owners who are cited for violations.
- Recommendation Provide periodic training to members of Zoning, Planning, and Village Boards;
- Recommendation Adopt New York State Building Standards.
- Recommendation Regularly review and revise Zoning Regulations to most appropriately reflect the needs of the community.

Governing Philmont

General Governance

- Recommendation Continue community and Village support for the vital service provided by the Fire Company.

Rescue Squad

- Recommendation Continue community and Village support for the vital service provided by the Rescue Squad.

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• Recommendation The Village should budget for continuing training and education for its employees.

Office Staff ...............................................................................................................................................7

• Recommendation Modernization of record-keeping is advised

• Recommendation Increasing access of Village services to the people needs consideration.

• Recommendation Explore additional space options for the Village office.

Library Staff .............................................................................................................................................7

• Recommendation Explore additional space options for the Village library.

Court .......................................................................................................................................................7

Police ........................................................................................................................................................7

• Recommendation Clarify the role of the Village police.

• Recommendation Publicize the mechanism for complaints, suggestions, praise.

Fire Company ............................................................................................................................................7

• Recommendation Space needs are obvious.

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Parks, Memorials and Playgrounds ..........................................................................................................8

• Recommendation Village-wide playground programs and a multi-generational playground including picnic areas, tables and benches, to encourage family use.

• Recommendation Improve the playground area at the World War II Memorial. Increase lighting to protect area after dark.

• Recommendation Clarify how to use and reserve the Memorial Field Baseball Diamond. The public parking area needs improvement.

• Recommendation Remember to open the Time Capsule in 2092.

• Recommendation Maintain the playground equipment on Lakeside Drive.

• Recommendation Improve the playground and all the facilities in area including the boat launch, beach, and shore line access. Complete the community center on the site.
Recommendation: Investigate restoring the swimming area at the reservoir.

Sidewalks

Recommendation: Create a schedule of maintenance. Implement a better (or enforceable) law for snow removal.

Other Village Properties

Recommendation: Continue or increase current bimonthly schedule for disposal of recyclables and newspapers at the site.

Recommendation: Investigate expanding the availability of the site for annual or semi-annual village clean-up days.

Recommendation: Explore the use of the Old Village Hall site for a Village information center.

Recommendation: Improve the parking lot with new signage and striping of parking areas.

Recommendation: Reserve for possible future use. Suggestions have included quarters for the rescue squad, or for municipal parking. Parking would include more visible signage and lined parking areas.

Recommendation: Catalog all village properties, including tax map number, size, exact address, accessibility, current use (i.e., right-of-way for water/sewage lines, buildings, vacant, etc.) and approximate value.

Village Hall

Recommendation: Apply for State Archives Records Administration funding.

Recommendation: Space needs analysis for all Village functions.

Recommendation: Provide information to the public for reserving the Village Hall for functions. This should include reservation and rental requirements as well as a clear description of what groups and uses are permitted.

Library

Recommendation: Space limitations curtail the implementation of some programs that would meet community needs, especially children's programs. Space needs are a priority.

Recommendation: In the short term, request funding from the Town of Ghent to cover technically “unserved” residents of Ghent (outside the Chatham School District) who use the Philmont Public Library.

Recommendation: Longer term, explore a Section 259 initiative in conjunction with the libraries in Claverack and Hillsdale. This would tie common library funding to Taconic Hills Central School district property taxes and would formalize town-level funding for “unserved” areas.

Department of Public Works
• Recommendation  Fix up the DPW building for safety, looks, and efficiency.

• Recommendation  Need covered storage for salt/sand.

Waste Water Treatment Plant

• Recommendation  The recommendation suggested by the supervisor was for a “pressure reducer” for the lower end of the Village. This would make repairs of broken water mains easier and less costly for the Village.

Water Resources

• Recommendation  An overall recommendation is the continued judicious use of all water resources.

The Reservoir

• Recommendation  Promote the reservoir as a recreational and tourist attraction to the Village in general and the Mill District in particular.

Forest Lake

• Recommendation  Provide information to facilitate public access to Forest Lake.

Gravel Bank (Wells)

• Recommendation  A Rural Water Study, completed recently about the Gravel Bank area should be acted on by the Village Board. A cooperative agreement with the Town of Claverack to protect the watershed at the Gravel Bank should be a priority.

High Falls and Agawamuck Creek

• Recommendation  The actual access to the High Falls area, the acreage and ownership, should be clarified. There is a potential for recreational use or tourism.

Main Street Committee

• Recommendation  Continue to support the Main Street Committee.

Getting Around Philmont

How People Feel about Getting Around Philmont

Streets and Highways

Getting Through Philmont

Getting Around Philmont

• Recommendation  New streets in Philmont should be planned to adhere to the existing pattern of long streets with destinations and few harsh curves and the pattern of small connectors. Cul-de-sacs and dead ends without destinations at their ends should be avoided.
Walking in Philmont  ........................................................................................................... ........6
  • Recommendation  Provide walking/hiking access to High Falls.
  • Recommendation  Work with Rails-to-Trails to bring the walking path through the center
  of the Village.

Parks ...............................................................................................................................................7
  • Recommendation  Improve park, street, and sidewalk maintenance.

The Reservoir ....................................................................................................................7
  • Recommendation  Create a walking trail through Philmont that includes the reservoir.
  • Recommendation  Improve access to the reservoir and make it an attraction for visitors to
  the Village. Add signage for the parking area at the Village recreation center.

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Parking .........................................................................................................................................10
  • Recommendation  Promote the existing parking lots.
  • Recommendation  Continue to work to make Main Street and the expanded Mill District
  pedestrian friendly.
  • Recommendation  Designate at least one parking location at each end of the Main Street
  blocks as short-term (15 minute) parking.

Community Suggestions .........................................................................................................10
  • Recommendation  Try to improve the Church Street/Main Street intersection, possibly by
  expanding the no parking zone on Church Street.

Visiting Philmont .........................................................................................................................1
Visiting Philmont for Work and Errands .................................................................................2
  • Recommendation  When promoting the market size of local business, include the sur-
  rounding communities.
  • Recommendation  Encourage businesses that will provide goods and services that will be
  attractive to both residents and non-residents. Encourage businesses that will encourage peo-
• Recommendation Encourage established businesses to relocate to Philmont. This would directly serve the Philmont community as well as increasing the numbers of regular visitors.

Visiting Philmont for Fun .................................................................3
Annual Events .........................................................................................3

• Recommendation Give promotional materials about Philmont to Road Race participants.
• Recommendation Promote the House and Garden Tour through Columbia County Tourism.
• Recommendation Additional public events with publicity would encourage other visitors (e.g., concerts in the new Park).

Natural Resources .......................................................................................4

• Recommendation Make access to Summit Lake more visible via signage pointing to the lake.
• Recommendation Have events or activities that draw people into the Summit Lake area.
• Recommendation Continue to pursue the possibility of swimming in Summit Lake.
• Recommendation Pursue walking trail ideas and a path to the High Falls.

Sports, Clubs, and Groups .................................................................4

• Recommendation Encourage further use of the Rod & Gun club, the American Legion Building and the Village Park to host interesting and enjoyable events that would be a pleasure to the community as well as, if well marketed, encourage visitors.
• Recommendation Support the marketing of the clubs and chorus to encourage them to become larger and stronger groups with even more following.
• Recommendation Provide informational support for funding availability and space availability for people who are interested in starting new clubs/activities. Complete survey of public space available for rental.

Churches ........................................................................................................5
Community Center .......................................................................................5

• Recommendation Support the Philmont’s Community Center to make programs available to people outside of Philmont, as well as residents.

Residences .................................................................................................5
Agricultural ..................................................................................................6
Historical Interest ..........................................................................................6

• Recommendation Create a historic self guided walking tour of Philmont.
• Recommendation  See if the Columbia County Tourism Board is interested in a Columbia County Tour of Mills in which Philmont could be featured.

• Recommendation  Consider other ways to capitalize on the existing historic structures to be used in some way that can honor and share the history of Philmont.

Mill District .......................................................................................................................... 6

• Recommendation  Support the concept of the Mill District to offer residents and visitors an unique and distinctive aspect of Philmont.

Passing Through Philmont .................................................................................................. 6

• Recommendation  Keep Welcome to Philmont banners up except when holiday banners are up. That avoids double work in putting them up and down and keeps the Village’s efforts visible.

• Recommendation  Choose plants that require the level of maintenance that the DPW can provide for Main Street planters.

Who Passes Through ........................................................................................................ 7

• Recommendation  Businesses that would cater to travelers to Hawthorne Valley and/or the convenience of the Taconic State Parkway would encourage visitors to make a stop in Philmont, and they should be encouraged.

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• Recommendation  Encourage overnight facilities for guests, perhaps in the Mill District near the reservoir.

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  Gap Between Data and Perceptions About Main Street .......................................................... 4

• Recommendation  Implement an aggressive marketing strategy to change impressions about Philmont.

• Recommendation  Philmont will continue to monitor public opinion relative to the perceptions of Main Street and will take actions to address any identified deficiencies, either real or perceived.

• Recommendation  Philmont will attempt to identify and secure funding through Federal, State and regional agencies to implement community improvement projects that will address building façades, economic development, parking, and other related Main Street issues.
Businesses on Main Street

- Recommendation The Mill District Association should recommend aid to local crafts and art-related businesses in the establishment of an artists’ cooperative that will provide space for local artists and craftsman to display and sell their work. The co-op will also provide an excellent space for visitors and shoppers to see a sample of the goods produced in the area and will also give people an opportunity to purchase these products.

Business and Economic Development

- Recommendation A marketing strategy should be developed to encourage business growth by touting the small business friendly atmosphere of the Village and of the existence of an educated and trainable existing work force.

- Recommendation A central location should be identified to be used as an arts and crafts cooperative. This facility will serve several functions. It will be used as a display area where visitors can examine the goods produced by the artists and crafts persons within the Mill District. People will also have the opportunity to purchase these goods either from the shops themselves or from the cooperative.

- Recommendation Prepare legislation that will prevent owners of commercial property on Main Street from converting commercial space on the first floor to residential space. The new laws will also consider offering incentives to property owners on Main Street that convert first floor residential space into commercial space.

Philmont’s Existing Niche – Economic Development in the Mill District

Advantages of Expanding the Mill District

- Recommendation The Comprehensive Plan Board recommends the expansion of the Mill District to include the south side of Main Street, from Elm and Canal Streets to the west to Martindale Road to the east. The area also is bordered by Martindale Road to the east, Lakeview Drive (the reservoir and Ockawamick Creek) to the south, and Summit Street to the east, which includes a small block created by the inclusion of Elm Street.

- Recommendation Philmont, in association with the Comprehensive Plan Board, should develop the Mill District Association, a not-for-profit organization that will be charged with overseeing and managing all aspects of the Mill District, including promoting the district, managing any special events that are planned for the Mill District, and related responsibilities.

- Recommendation Encourage appropriate new business growth within the Main Street and Mill District area. Businesses will include artists and craftsmen and other ventures that could be utilized in complementary and supporting roles. These could be described as food and restaurant businesses, bed and breakfast establishments, and other related industries.

- Recommendation Develop a marketing strategy that will highlight the Mill District as a place to come and visit high end specialty shops that cater to arts and crafts buyers. The marketing plan will also publicize the other resources within the district, including the reservoir, recreational facilities and other related businesses.

- Recommendation Seek to secure grant funds to assist in developing the Mill District. This will include implementing projects that will offer low interest loans to new and existing businesses to develop and grow. Efforts will also be made to secure funds to improve housing conditions and facades within the Mill District.
• Recommendation  The Mill District Association will encourage the addition of appropriate signage along Main Street to help draw attention to and identify the commercial area within the Central Main Street section.

• Recommendation  The Mill District Association will seek grant funds through the Small Cities, HOME, AHC and other related funding programs to introduce building improvement and façade restoration programs for properties along Main Street.

• Recommendation  The Mill District Association will work with existing commercial property owners to encourage beautification projects, including landscaping, lighting, and façade improvements.

Building Conditions .....................................................................................................................9

• Recommendation  Continue to actively pursue funding to implement building improvement programs. Specifically, Philmont will access the Governor’s Office for Small Cities, The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal, The Rural Development Administration, and any other agencies that can offer financial assistance to the Village to introduce building improvement programs that will address the negative aspects of buildings within the Main Street area.

• Recommendation  Develop guidelines for growth within the Mill District. Specifically, the Comprehensive Plan recommends passage of legislation that will foster the growth of arts and crafts and related businesses within the Mill District. This may include adopting zoning laws that will be less restrictive regarding the number uses permitted and on site parking required by current zoning laws.

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