

**Appendix B - 1995 Plan Implementation Progress Review**

The following table is based upon a review of the 1995 Comprehensive Plan recommendations. The Committee reviewed each 1995 Plan recommendation. For each recommendation that was not implemented, the Committee determined if they should be included in the Plan Update. The Committee recommendations in this table are not the final recommendations of the Plan Update. This table should be considered a reference.

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| <b>Goal A: Page 20</b>  |   |   |
| <b>Maintain a small town feeling with a diverse population.</b>                               |   | Committee: Keep Goal  |
| <b>Strategies: Page 20</b>  |   |   |
| <b>1</b>  | Keeping the Village accessible to different age and economic groups.  | Keep and combine with Strategy 4: <b>Identify opportunities to provide affordable housing within walking distance of downtown, a key element to keeping the Village accessible to different age and economic groups.</b>  |
| <b>2</b>  | Diversifying the economy to provide employment opportunities and maintain a balanced tax base.  | Keep. How can this actually be facilitated by the Village? Evaluate the zoning to make sure suitable commercial uses are permitted, new construction is not overly restricted, the Village is considered business-friendly,   |
| <b>3</b>  | Encouraging senior citizens to live in and near the downtown core.  | Must clarify what is meant by "downtown core." Revise strategy to include recommendations for evaluating zoning to explore accessory housing and in-law apartments. Revise Strategy: Ensure zoning will allow for multi-family housing downtown that could be age-restricted. Encourage a developer to construct a senior-oriented housing project.                     |
| <b>4</b>  | Providing for affordable housing within walking distance of downtown.   | Combine with Strategy 1   |
| <b>5</b>  | Providing facilities and activities for youth that are safely accessible on foot and bicycle  | Committee states that the Goal has been meet with new sidewalks have been constructed down to Crellin Park. There are other recommendations in the 1995 Plan and discussed below that are related to pedestrian and bicycle safety which should remain a goal of the Plan.  |
| <b>Goal B: Page 20</b>  |   |   |
| <b>Increase the diversity of downtown small businesses catering primarily to basic needs.</b> |   | <b>Revise: Encourage the diversity of downtown small businesses catering primarily to basic needs. This may also be combined with Goal C.</b>   |
| <b>Strategies: Page 21</b>  |   |   |
| <b>1</b>  | Market the downtown to desirable retail uses such as hardware, clothing, drug and department stores, diverse restaurants, supermarket, bakery, etc. | Keep. This should be in partnership with CABA as the Village does not have the ability to actively market the Community. Key will be to find out what assistance the Village could provide CABA in this effort. The first priority is to identify land use regulations that may be prohibiting or compromising business development.                                    |
| <b>2</b>  | Change zoning to allow such businesses on an extended Main Street while balancing the interests of adjoining property owners.                       | Keep and move to Goal C. <b>Will need to clarify what the "extended Main Street should be"</b> Is it down Hudson Ave. to Church Street - primarily the western side? This area contains a railroad spur and the former Blue Seal buildings. Farther south the commercial uses setback off the road.   |
| <b>3</b>  | Encourage businesses to stay open late and increase evening shopping hours.   | This has been discussed and is difficult for many business owners. The Village will have very little control over this recommendation. A potential opportunity could be to have the Village and CABA continue to sponsor events to increase the feasibility of business owners staying open later. Recommend discussing this with CABA to see what opportunities exist. |

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| <b>Goal C: Page 22</b>   |   |   |
| <b>Expand the downtown village core with mixed uses on a traditional Main Street design.</b> |   | Evaluate feasible opportunities to expand the Downtown Business District while maintaining the existing character. This could be combined with Goal B.  |
| <b>Strategies: Page 23</b>   |   |   |
| <b>1</b>   | Extending Main Street into the railroad/Crop Production property in a manner that is sensitive to nearby districts. | See Goal B Strategy 2.  |
| <b>2</b>   | Increasing residential uses downtown, including apartments over stores and other forms of affordable housing.       | Continue to allow upper floor residential uses and ensure there is adequate parking to accommodate these residential uses that are not in conflict with parking needs for businesses.   |
| <b>3</b>   | Allowing and encouraging complementary mixed uses.  | Need to evaluate the current zoning regulations to determine if there are desired commercial uses that are prohibited. Again, limited to what the Village can do other than ensure zoning is not restricting beneficial and compatible uses.  |
| <b>4</b>   | Considering mixed use side streets off Main Street.   | Revise to: <b>Support mixed uses on side streets off Main Street.</b> Need to determine what is currently permitted on the side streets and which side streets we will want to encourage mixed-uses.  |
| <b>5</b>   | Strengthen the connection between the north end of Hudson Avenue, the south end of Railroad Avenue and Main Street. | Committee feels that Strategies 3 through 5 are valuable ideas that already exist in the current zoning. Will need to review the current zoning to identify what uses are allowed. Perhaps design guidelines/standards may help strengthen the connection. As stated above in Goal B Strategy 2, will need to determine if the current C1 zoning should be extended to Church Street to extend the Main Street..  |
| <b>Goal D: Page 24</b>   |   |   |
| <b>Create a Village Green and other public gathering places.</b>                             |   | A new gazebo was constructed since the 1995 Plan. The Committee recommends adding benches outside the gazebo for additional seating and adding an information Kiosk at this site and encouraging a weekly farmer's market to relocate here.   |
| <b>Strategies: Page 24</b>   |   |   |
| <b>1</b>   | Consider a portion of the railroad property and adjoining areas as a site for a Village Green.                      | Committee recommends deleting this Strategy.  |
| <b>2</b>   | Improve Central Square as a public open space.  | Committee recommends deleting this Strategy.  |
| <b>3</b>   | Redesign the Main Street/Hudson Avenue intersection to improve pedestrian access and increase green space.          | Committee stated that DOT has attempted to improve the intersection but had only made it worse. Does this intersection remain dangerous? Is a new crossing gate required? If it remains a concern for the Village, the Plan should identify this as an issue. Having this in the comprehensive plan puts DOT and CSX on notice that the intersection remains an issue and should be addressed in the future.  |
| <b>4</b>   | Develop zoning incentives for setting aside public green space in connection with development.                      | Committee stated that there are very few options for this in the Village. Is there a need for more green space in the Village? Requiring this for downtown development may be burdensome to new development downtown when the Village is looking to encourage new investment downtown. Suggest the Village focus on its current open space and determine what improvements are needed and to make sure ongoing maintenance is adequately funded. Not sure if there is sufficient development pressures in the Village that is putting at risk open space to a point where adding cost to development to preserve open space will be supported. Parking may be more of a priority and seeking financial support to fund parking could be more palatable. |

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| <b>Goal E: Page 25</b>                |   |   |
| <b>Keep Chatham a walking village</b> |   | Encourage new development to incorporate Complete Streets concepts: maintain and extend sidewalks where practical, provide for bike racks and connections to existing sidewalk and trails.  |
| <b>Strategies: Page 25</b>            |   |   |
| <b>1</b>                              | Install sidewalks on Route 66 from downtown to Crellin Park.  | Completed   |
| <b>2</b>                              | Install sidewalks on Route 295 within the Village.  | Completed   |
| <b>3</b>                              | Improve sidewalk connections to downtown.   | Completed   |
| <b>4</b>                              | Improve downtown sidewalks.   | Completed   |
| <b>5</b>                              | Install sidewalks on streets that lack them.  | Safe Routes to School funding is in the works to support this.  |
| <b>6</b>                              | Reduce the width of street crossings and intersections.   | Committee recommends removing this strategy. Are there existing intersections that still need to be improved to enhance pedestrian safety? What about mid-block crossings on Main Street just north of the intersection with Park Row.  |
| <b>7</b>                              | Improve pedestrian railroad crossings.  | What is the history with this crossing? Does a safety issue remain? If so, why has it not been addressed? Recommend keeping the recommendation in the plan if the crossing continues to be a concern for the Village  |
| <b>8</b>                              | In designing development and roads, carefully consider the needs of pedestrians.                                    | Keep - revise to include Complete Streets language and add bicycling as an important element.   |
| <b>9</b>                              | Reestablish historic pedestrian connections.  | If there are no known "historic pedestrian connections" that should be reestablished, remove from the Plan.   |
| <b>10</b>                             | Explore Village maintenance of sidewalks to help overcome potential resistance to new sidewalks by property owners. | Committee recommends deleting. Clarify that property owners are required to maintain sidewalks. Are there additional sections of the Village where sidewalks are needed? Need the history related to this issue. Perhaps we consider opportunities to allocate funds to assist with maintenance of the existing sidewalks. Is there a benefit to identifying key locations in the Village where new sidewalks should be considered if funding is available? |
| <b>11</b>                             | Providing a trail connection to Crellin Park from Kinderhook Street.  | Committee likes the idea but unsure if it is feasible. It looks like the biggest issue will be crossing the creek. Maybe a trail system could be established along the creek which could connect with Smith Pond.   |
| <b>12</b>                             | Providing Rails-to-Trails on abandoned railroad lines.  | Village supports the trail but many years out. Is there interest in having the Village reach out to the HVRT to discuss opportunities to begin work on the northern terminus? This could be a nice community project which is likely to have positive impacts for downtown. Taking a proactive stance in addressing the northern terminus is important.   |
| <b>Goal F: Page 26</b>                |   |   |

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| <b>Improve pedestrian &amp; traffic safety while reducing vehicular congestion on north Main Street and at problem crossing.</b>              |  | Committee suggests dropping this entire section including strategies. Recommend revising and combining with above strategies: Continue to encourage safe pedestrian and bicycle connections and infrastructure... Have one Goal to address pedestrian and bicycle safety issues in downtown and Village wide.  |
| <b>Strategies: Page 26</b>  |  |  |
| 1   | Redesign Central Square and Main Street/Hudson Avenue intersections.   | Completed as part of the 2011-2012 DOT improvements  |
| 2   | Move truck deliveries to rear of Main Street buildings if possible.  | Eliminate.   |
| 3   | Reduce congestion from bank drive-through.   | Remove - no longer an issue  |
| 4   | Installing stop signs at each pedestrian cross-walk.   | Committee would like to identify other ways to address this issue and stated that this recommendation should be removed.   |
| 5   | Encourage DOT to install "no turn on red" signs at the Route 66/203 traffic light.   | Done   |
| 6   | Communicate other Village plans and desires to DOT & Conrail.  | Committee recommends removing. If concerns remain, similar language should be kept in the Plan as a community goal, should more road improvements be required or other work that may exacerbate the issue.   |
| 7   | Find ways to re-route trucks to bypass Main Street.  | The Committee stated that the new roundabout creates more problems than solutions with a narrowing of the turning radius. Most trucks that enter the Village need to make deliveries here, those that do not bypass the Village.   |
| <b>Goal G: Page 26</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Increase supply of parking spaces &amp; improve management of existing downtown parking without damaging pedestrian fabric of Village.</b> |  | Fabric is likely related to creating parking lots downtown in place of buildings and breaking up the continuous streetscape. Any new parking lot should be well landscaped and not create a void in the streetscape that diminishes the character of the downtown. <b>Would recommend revising this recommendation as follows: Continuously monitor the availability and condition of public parking downtown and consider strategies to ensure adequate spaces are available and the character of downtown is not diminished by the construction of new spaces.</b> |
| <b>Strategies: Page 26</b>  |  |  |
| 1   | Provide more flexibility in zoning law's off-street parking requirements to encourage public parking and maintain design features that make Chatham a walking village. | Committee is seeking clarification re: "Maintain design features that make Chatham a walking village." Similar to pedestrian fabric, any parking lot must incorporate design elements to prohibit the creation of a break in the streetscape and incorporate sidewalks and connections to other sidewalks and trails (if any).   |

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| 2  | Add parking in connection with development of the railroad & adjacent properties and redesign of the depot & Central Square intersections.             | Committee states that this strategy has been accomplished with the addition and expansion of the Kinderhook Bank/depot lot. Signage is necessary to identify this area as a public lot and to direct visitors to the lot.  |
| 3  | Put parking behind buildings where possible; use Conrail land behind Main Street buildings for parking; keep on-street parking available for shoppers. | Land along CSX now permits parking.  |
| 4  | Continue to exempt Main Street and Park Row from parking requirements and extend exemption to Hudson Avenue.   | Committee recommends removing. Need to determine what the parking requirements are and determine what benefit there would be from modifying them. Are they currently a burden to businesses?   |
| 5  | Move DPW garage and use some of adjacent properties for parking.   | Currently under discussion by Village.   |
| 6  | Consider allowance of mitigation fees to be paid to Village to acquire & construct parking in lieu of providing parking spaces.                        | The existing public parking infrastructure needs to be evaluated to determine if sufficient parking is provided and if signage is adequate. If more parking is necessary and additional Village investment is necessary, then the Village could consider options for business owner assisted financing of new spaces. There needs to be clear justification and demonstrated need for new parking before the Village can require businesses to pay towards the spaces. |
| <b>Goal H: Page 28</b>   |  |  |
| <i>Keep new development in character with existing architecture and street layout of Village.</i>                          |  |  |
| <b>Strategies - Refer to Regulatory (Zoning) Recommendations for specific strategies - Provided as separate worksheet.</b> |  |  |
| <b>Goal I: Page 28</b>   |  |  |
| <i>Protect &amp; improve historic structures</i>   |  |  |
| <b>Strategies: Page 29</b>   |  |  |
| 1  | Restore & reuse railroad depot (very high priority).   | Completed. The Committee states that there are opportunities and interest in embracing Chatham's railroad heritage by taking ownership of the "green shanty" and creating a small railroad museum. There is also the potential to highlight local railroad history at various festivals and events - used to bring a retired engine to SummerFest.   |
| 2  | Make façade improvements for both front & rear of buildings in historic district.  | Committee considers this relevant although it is a housekeeping issue where the Village is not likely to adopt zoning to require upkeep. Combine with Strategy 4.  |
| 3  | Conduct historic survey and inventory leading to listing on the National Register.   | Committee recommends keeping the recommendation for a historic survey but getting a listing on the national register is not a goal. Need to determine what the benefits of conducting a historic survey are while not seeking national register status. The Village has an Historic Overzone.  |

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| 4  | Improve maintenance & safety of older buildings through building code enforcement and rehabilitation grants. | Code enforcement has vastly improved with the hiring of a new CEO. Committee requests more information on grants to individuals and the Village. Combine with Strategy 2. Grants that could be available for improving buildings will be identified.   |
| 5  | Strengthen historic overzone provisions and apply to become Certified Local Government.                      | Committee recommends changing 'strengthen' to 'revisit' as historic overzone may change with new zoning. CLE is most likely not viable - also needs explanation. Being certified allows the community to apply for funding that the Village is currently not eligible for. The Village must meet specific requirements including having sufficient regulations in place to protect historic structures and districts. <a href="http://nysparks.com/shpo/certified-local-governments/documents/CLGProgramNYS.pdf">http://nysparks.com/shpo/certified-local-governments/documents/CLGProgramNYS.pdf</a> . Recommend having a discussion of the pros and cons of seeking CLE and the need to strengthening current requirements. Review the Model law by SHPO, how does it differ from the overzone district? Need to weigh the pros and cons of seeking CLE. |
| <b>Goal J: Page 30</b>                   |  |  |
| <b>Enhance aesthetics of the Village</b> |  | <b>Recommend: "Continue to encourage public and private enhancements and improvements to the Village aesthetics, including but not limited to buildings, sidewalks, open space, etc."</b>  |
| <b>Strategies: Page 30</b>               |  |  |
| 1  | Provide clearer guidelines for commercial signs.   | Committee recommends finding a law that works for the Village. The current sign regulations will need to be evaluated to determine what gaps if any exist. May need to consolidate sign related recommendations.   |
| 2  | Bury downtown utility wires.   | Committee suggests removing. Consider keeping in the Plan to demonstrate that this is a goal of the Village while also realizing that costs are currently prohibitive. It is a long-term goal. If there are other major improvements by DOT of the power company, it is beneficial to keep this recommendation. Recommend revising the language to "encourage private development to consider burying power and telecommunication lines when feasible to enhance Village aesthetics.   |
| 3  | Institute design guidelines for streets & buildings.   | Committee has identified this as highly desirable. There has been previous discussions regarding the need for design guidelines along the Route 66 Corridor.   |
| 4  | Improve exterior housekeeping.   | Committee recommends changing 'improve' to 'encourage.' Need to clarify if this means only the condition of the structure or if it also includes the surrounding property. Façade improvements may be a more accurate term.  |
| 5  | Encourage redesign of downtown properties that are out of character with the historic district.              | Committee identifies this as desirable but needs clarification. It could be interpreted that there are properties in the historic overzone that are no longer consistent with the 'historic' character of the village. Changes were made not in keeping with the original character of the building. This recommendation is better suited in Goal I above. Encouraging is nice, however, cost usually plays a large factor in improving these structures. Recommend identifying the structures that need improvements. Pursuing the CLE may be an opportunity to seek necessary funding.   |
| <b>Goal K: Page 30</b>                   |  |  |
| <b>Improve approaches to Village</b>     |  | Keep - highly desirable goal.  |
| <b>Strategies: Page 30</b>               |  |  |
| 1  | Install better directional signs to guide people downtown.   | Keep. Need to identify key locations.  |

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| 2  | Install directional signs to bypass downtown.  | Is there an official truck route? Does the Village really want to encourage people to by-pass the Village?  |
| 3  | Improve informational signs and adding trees at entry points.  | Are we talking about info kiosks or directional signage to downtown?  |
| 4  | Install attractive welcome signs.  | Clarify that we are talking about signs at the Village line.  |
| <b>Goal L: Page 31</b>   |  |   |
| <b>Protect existing trees and plant new ones along streets.</b>        |  | Committee recommends keeping goal and suggests reducing to 1-2 strategies.  |
| <b>Strategies: Page 31</b>   |  |   |
| 1  | Adopt a tree preservation law.   | Need to evaluate what is currently on the books. Are there any requirements related to impacting trees in the public right-of-way? Consider various levels of tree-related regulations.   |
| 2  | Plant new trees in the downtown area and throughout the Village.   | Done by DOT. Who will maintain them? Are they of the correct species?   |
| 3  | Require tree planting in connection with development approvals.  | Committee recommends that this be developed with specifications regarding the percentage of trees/landscaping for each project - zoning. Review the current zoning to determine, what if any existing requirements are in place.  |
| 4  | Develop standards to minimize damage to trees when doing construction and maintenance work.                                      | See #1 above.   |
| 5  | Maintain Chatham's distinction of having the oldest Arbor Day tradition in the United States and maintaining an ongoing program. | Keep - are there any issues with this? Does there need to be improvements? How should we address this in the Plan?  |
| <b>Goal M: Page 32</b>   |  |   |
| <b>Increase recreational opportunities especially for young people</b> |  |   |
| <b>Strategies: Page 32</b>   |  |   |
| 1  | Make better use of Memorial Hall   | Committee recommends: Change to 'Morris memorial" Also suggests include adding evening hours several times a week as well as weekend and to serve food. What about the improvements that are needed? Do you know if the owners are interested in making the improvements? Have they considered grants? Seems like this is an excellent resource for the community and should be enhanced. |
| 2  | Enhance Starks Pond and Crellin Park   | Committee: Crellin park is not in Village. Remove from recommendation . Committee needs to know how much of Starks/Old Pond is actually Village property as opposed to School, Town of Chatham and/or private property. RPS data will be evaluated. Likely identify what improvements need to be made and how to prioritize them for all public open space areas.                         |
| 3  | Construct an indoor swimming pool.   | Committee: Eliminate  |

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| 4  | Make more use of the Fairgrounds   | Committee: under discussion, suggest adding lights for evening use, although signs state indicate that the area is closed after dusk. This requires coordination with the Fair committee. Public comments seem to show support for increasing use. Committee meeting with the Fair committee also indicates a desire to increase the diversity of uses on the property. |
| 5  | Consider construction of a new community center  | Committee: Add "with a pool" Consider in Chatham Plaza at the site of the former PC.  |
| <b>Goal N: Page 32</b>   |  |   |
| <b><i>Continue open dialogue on the future of Chatham</i></b>  |  | Committee: Recommends keeping but to remove the strategies.   |
| <b>Strategies: Page 32</b>   |  |   |
| 1  | Create a public exhibit of materials from charrette.   | Remove  |
| 2  | Involve Main Street businesses and property owners in the planning process.                                      | Remove  |
| 3  | Get boards of various organizations to work together to coordinate activities and make better use of facilities. | Remove  |
| 4  | Hold additional design charrettes.   | Remove  |
| <b>Goal O: Page 33</b>   |  |   |
| <b><i>Maintain the quality of public services, especially fire protection, emergency rescue, police, schools and public works, while keeping the costs of these services and the tax rate under control.</i></b> |  | Committee: Keep as is.  |