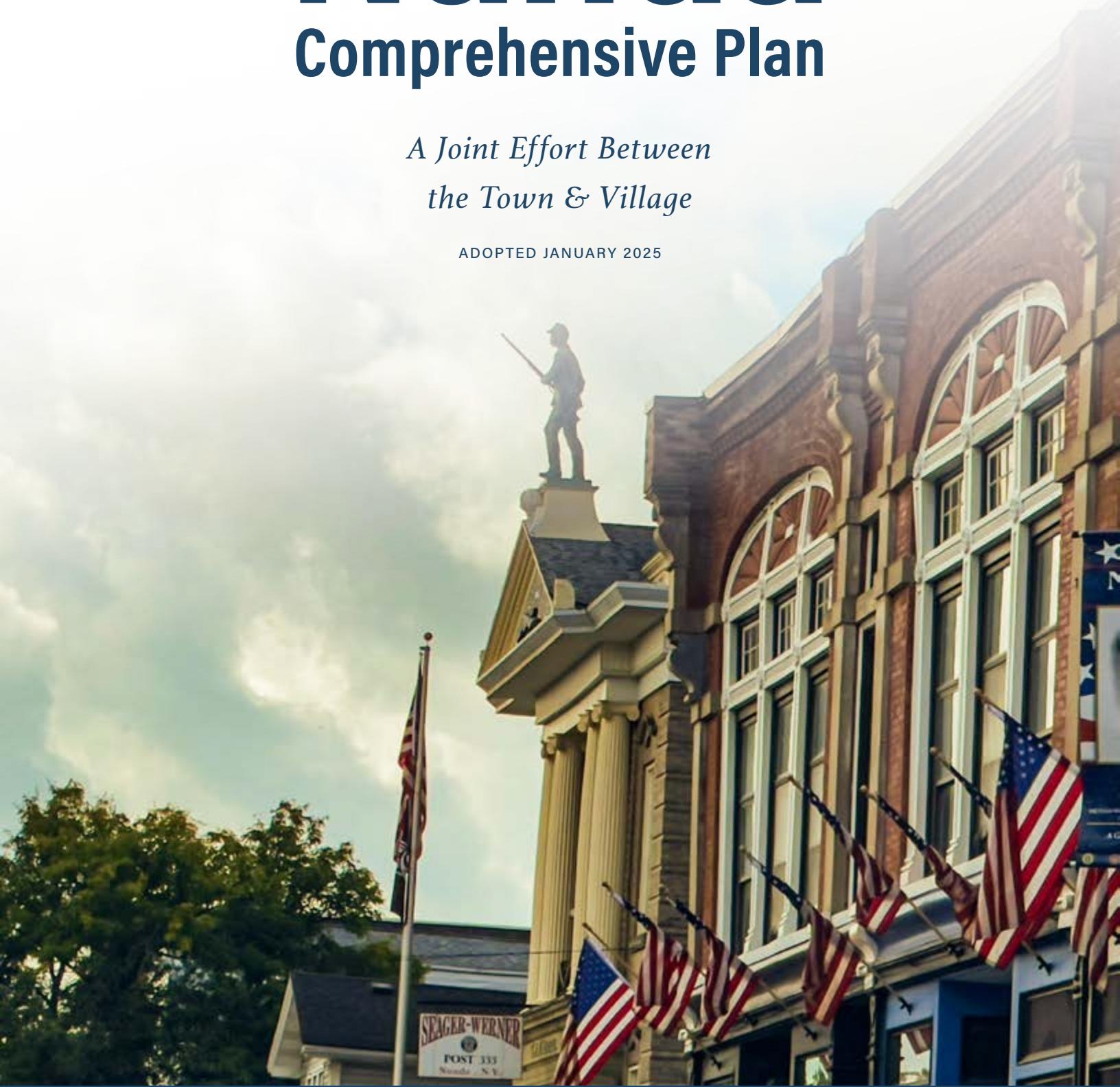


Nunda

Comprehensive Plan

*A Joint Effort Between
the Town & Village*

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LC Community Needs Assessment 2016 Study

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Plan Purpose and Intent



The primary purpose of the Joint Town and Village of Nunda (JTVN) Comprehensive Plan Update is to guide the JTVN Municipal Boards and officials in making decisions that will affect the future of the community. Recommended actions to implement the community's goals include revisions to land use laws and regulations, investments in infrastructure, and improvement of services for the community.

Overall Vision & Mission Statement

(Adopted March 6, 2018)

Nunda provides residents and visitors with an experience and quality of life that is unique in Livingston County and Western New York. The Town and Village desire a balance between future development and the conservation of open space to ensure Nunda remains a great place to live, work and play. Nunda will strive to achieve this vision by guiding development into desired areas, protecting assets that are essential to its rural character, creating and enhancing regional approaches to economic development and continuing to advance community development objectives. Nunda will encourage well planned development that can contribute to the community vision laid out in this Comprehensive Plan.

What is a Comprehensive Plan

A comprehensive plan is a document that establishes goals and recommended actions for a community to thrive. It outlines growth in a way that is best thought out for an individual community's needs and establishes a shared vision of the community. The creation of a comprehensive plan will benefit Nunda socially, environmentally, and economically, and protect the health, welfare and safety of the community. A comprehensive plan will help attract the right future at the right time. It publicly defines the preferences of a community and makes it more competitive in the marketplace. A comprehensive plan helps to establish a community vision. While Nunda already has an enduring, cohesive voice with GNAP for business, this process can also bring about a positive social change and be a voice for other community members. A comprehensive plan is also a tool to help Nunda understand current assets and liabilities or limitations. It will help determine what goals are easily attainable, what may take more time, and what will bring transformative change.

Leaders must keep in mind that most of the goals, objectives, and strategies identified in a plan, whether short- or long term, will be implemented with limited budgets, staff, and volunteer energies, making an implementation plan that much more vital.



This plan, serving as a unified voice of the community, will help guide local decision makers over the next 10-15 years. There has historically been a desire to maintain a clear distinction between the Village and the surrounding area. The rolling hills blanketed with forests and fields provide a unique and special backdrop to the Village. The community has voiced their concern over sprawling residential and commercial development. This plan shall define strategies to avoid the gradual loss of Nunda's unique identity and portray the fine line that municipalities must often walk in defining where the edge of development areas (town) and open space areas (country) should meet. The plan will act as a comprehensive guide for future decisions in Nunda and provide a foundation for future planning efforts.

The plan is not intended to benefit the individual resident. Rather, it is meant as a common guiding vision for the community. Difficult decisions were made to protect the rural character of the Town, support the Village's role as the center of the community and provide guidance for the development of the Hamlet of Dalton.



Planning Process

The 2024 Comprehensive Plan replaces the plan revision adopted in 2005. The previous plan was used to provide a foundation for the 2024 update, maintaining many of the plan elements. The previous plan was updated to reflect updated community input and changes in demographic and economic change. The process used for updating the plan is outlined in the following section.

Update Process

The 2024 Comprehensive Plan was updated using a five-step process aimed at answering four questions. The process utilized community input, stakeholder involvement, Advisory Team guidance, and technical analysis throughout each step of the process to set a vision for the future of Nunda. The five-step process is below and identifies the following questions that were asked throughout the process:

Where are we now?

This was the first question asked throughout the planning process and provided the planning team with a baseline understanding of the existing conditions of the community. The data and information collected during the first step of the process created a foundation for each of the plan elements.

Where can we go?

This question set the stage for the second step of the planning process and aimed at understanding the community's desires for the future. Engagement efforts were used to gather issues and opportunities for Nunda over the next twenty years.

Where do we want to go?

After gathering input on the issues and opportunities for the future of Nunda, the planning and Advisory Team set out to define the desired vision and goal updates for the community. The results of this third step of the process are highlighted through the vision, values and guiding principles, and the goals and objectives references throughout each plan element.

How do we get there?

The final step of the plan development process provided an opportunity to test the future goals for each of the plan elements. This resulted in the guidance, recommendations and implementation strategies outlined in the 'Concepts for Growth' and 'Roadmap' Sections.

Lastly, Taking Action.

With the Adoption of the plan, next steps begin with Plan Implementation, measuring, and periodic reviews.

Public Involvement

Public involvement was a key component of the planning process. Public input was the key driver in the development of the future vision and corresponding guiding principles, goals, and objectives. Engagement was used throughout the four steps of the plan's development and included designated monthly Planning Board meeting time, organization and service interviews, and open public workshop meetings. The final public involvement efforts included the public hearings held for the adoption of the plan with the Planning Board, Village Board, and Town Board.



Overview

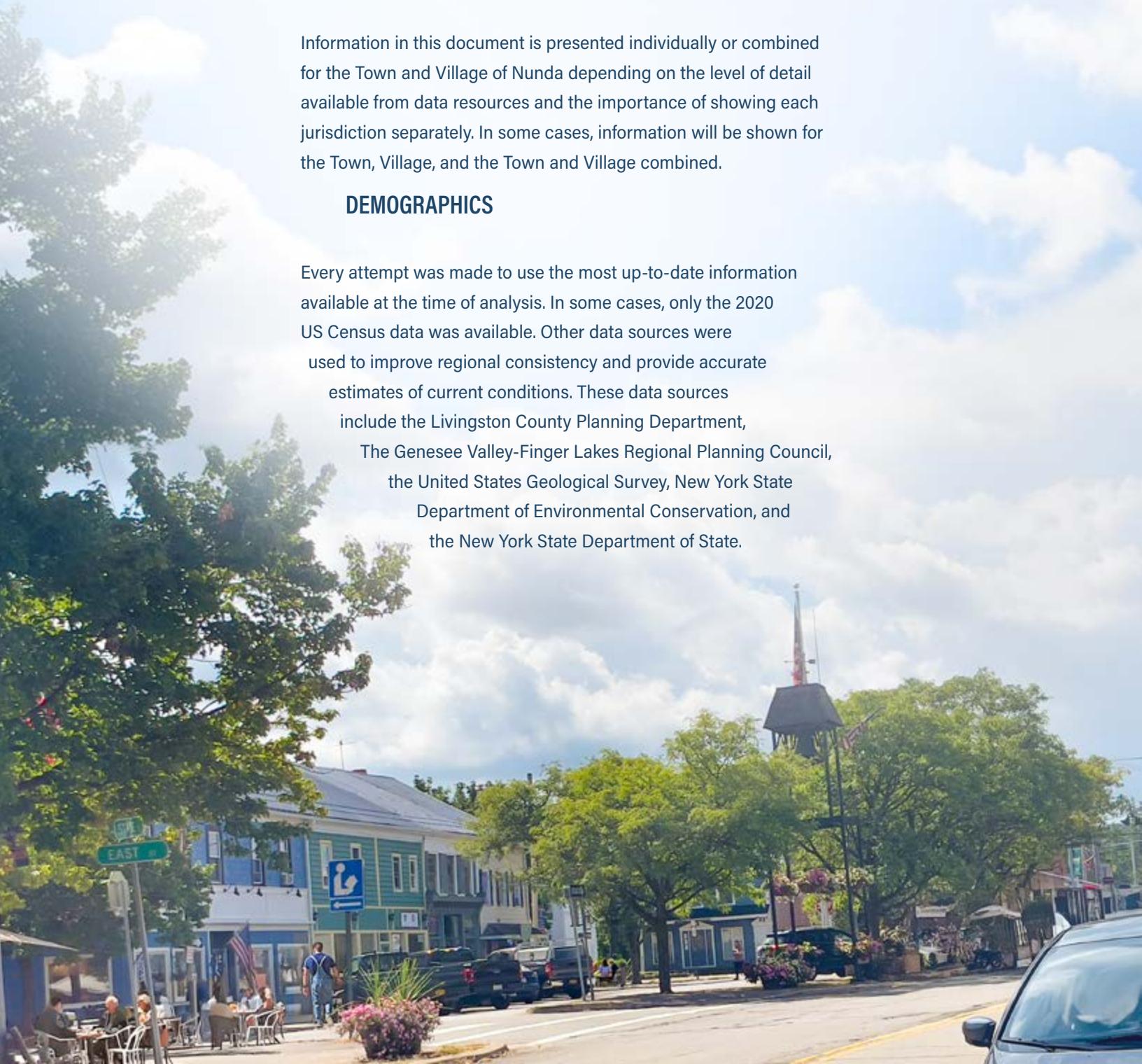
Current Conditions

LOCATION

Information in this document is presented individually or combined for the Town and Village of Nunda depending on the level of detail available from data resources and the importance of showing each jurisdiction separately. In some cases, information will be shown for the Town, Village, and the Town and Village combined.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Every attempt was made to use the most up-to-date information available at the time of analysis. In some cases, only the 2020 US Census data was available. Other data sources were used to improve regional consistency and provide accurate estimates of current conditions. These data sources include the Livingston County Planning Department, The Genesee Valley-Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, the United States Geological Survey, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the New York State Department of State.



OVERVIEW

Population

An analysis of a community's population trends is essential to the planning process. Future policies, land-use, and development practices will be partially defined based on expected population growth or decline, population age, educational attainment, places of work and occupation, changes in income and housing characteristics.

TOWN

Population

2,719

37.1 square miles

73.3 people per square mile

VILLAGE

Population

1,140

1 square mile

1,168 people per square mile



The data presented above provides historic population trends and estimates of the future growth.

According to the 2020 Census figures, the town of Nunda's population is 2688.

Nunda's population was expected to increase by 9% between 2000 and 2030. (In actuality, there was a decrease in overall population which has been the trend across the state.) This is a significant decrease in growth rate compared to the previous 30 years when population increased by 17%. The limited growth rate is common throughout Upstate NY and may vary depending on state and local actions for economic and population attraction in the future. Moreover, projections have a decreased rate of accuracy as the length of time increases.



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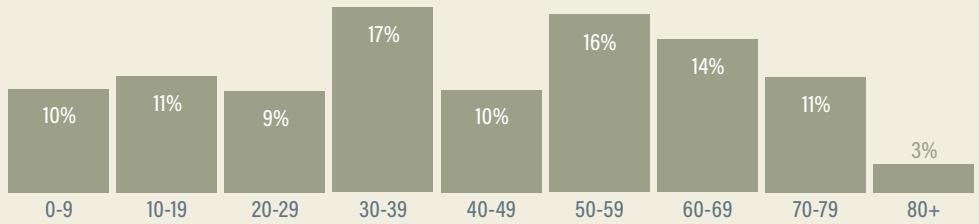


Age

The age distribution of a community may indicate the need for revisions to the type and amount of public and private services needed by residents. As people age, for example, their service needs change, often requiring an increased investment in Senior services by the Town and Village.

As seen in the graph, the age profile for the Town and Village combined indicates the greatest proportion of the population is between 30 and 34 for Males and 60-64 for Females. The Largest combined proportion of our town population is between 50 and 79.

Population by Age Range



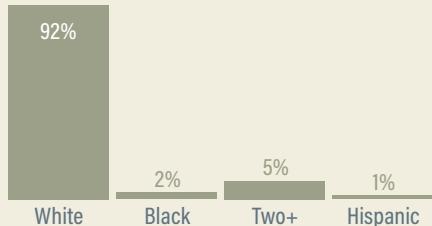
43.9

Median age

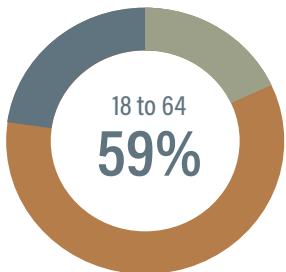
a little higher than the figures in Livingston County: 41.7

about 10% higher than the figure in New York: 39.3

Population by Race & Ethnicity

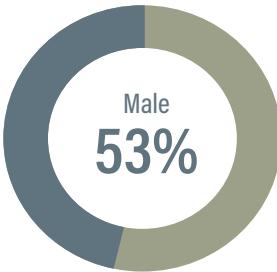


Population by Age



Under 18
18 to 64
65 and over

Population by Gender



Male
Female

OVERVIEW

Education

Educational attainment is an important indicator for future business attraction. Businesses requiring skilled workers and employees with advanced degrees locate in areas where the local labor force can provide the needed employment base. Future decisions concerning economic development should consider the education level of the local labor pool. There is an increasing trend for enrichment courses/ workshops and activities outside of the school setting open to residents and visitors.

Educational attainment

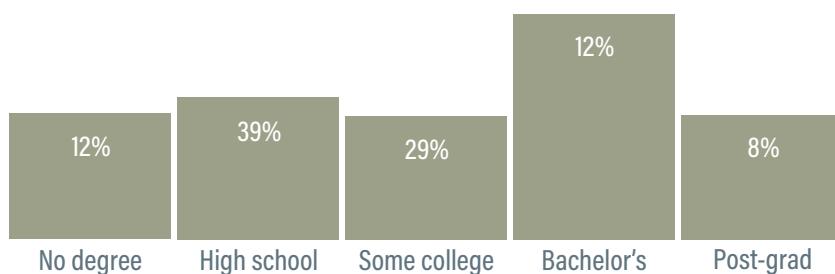
88%

High school grad or higher

a little less than the rate
in Livingston County: 92.3%

about the same rate
in New York: 87.6%

Population by highest level of education



Educational attainment

19.5%

Bachelor's degree or higher

about 2/3 the rate
in Livingston County: 29.5%

about half the rate
in New York: 38.8%



OVERVIEW

Employment by Industries

From 2022 to 2023, employment in Nunda, NY grew at a rate of 21.8%, from 487 employees to 593 employees.

The most common employment sectors for those who live in Nunda, NY, are Retail Trade (106 people), Educational Services (88 people), and Manufacturing (73 people). This chart shows the share breakdown of the primary industries for residents of Nunda, NY, though some of these residents may live in Nunda, NY and work somewhere else. Census data is tagged to a residential address, not a work address.

593

2023 Value

21.8%

1 Year Growth

2023



2014



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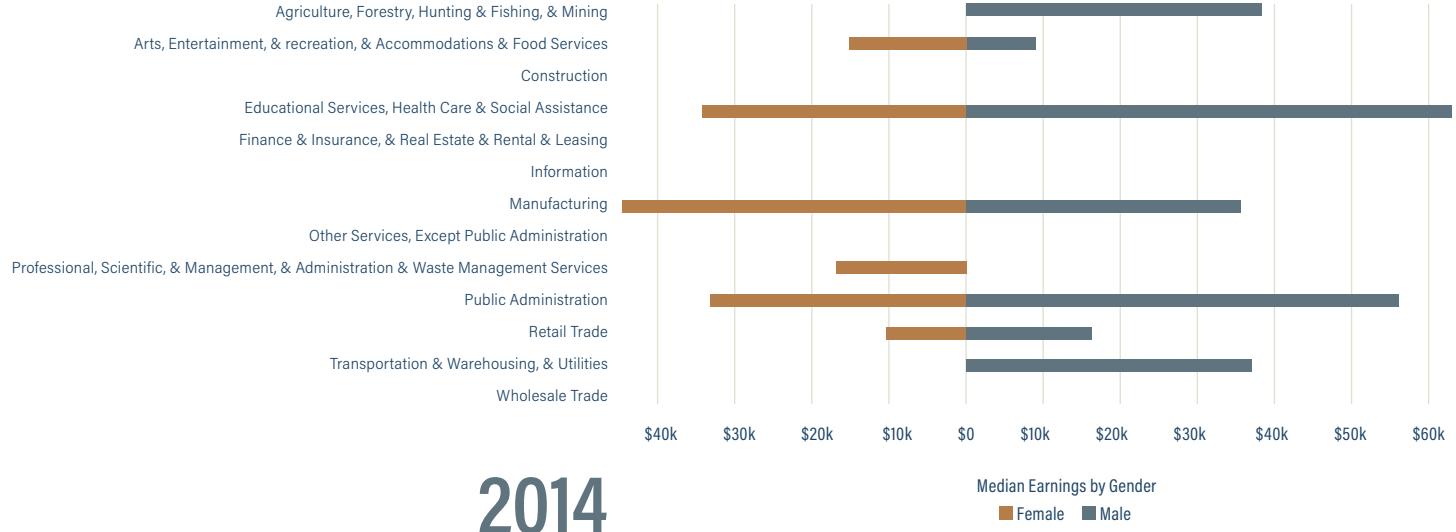
Median Earnings by Industry

The industries with the best median earnings for men in 2023 are Public Administration (\$78,750), Educational Services, & Health Care & Social Assistance (\$72,708), and Professional, Scientific, & Management, & Administrative & Waste Management Services (\$61,250).

The industries with the best median earnings for women in 2023 are Public Administration (\$62,500), Manufacturing (\$49,167), and Educational Services, & Health Care & Social Assistance (\$48,500).

\$43,125.
Median Earnings, men

\$26,719.
Median Earnings, women



OVERVIEW

Occupations

From 2022 to 2023, employment in Nunda, NY grew at a rate of 21.8%, from 487 employees to 593 employees.

The most common job groups, by number of people living in Nunda, NY, are Sales & Related Occupations (69 people), Construction & Extraction Occupations (67 people), and Healthcare Support Occupations (61 people). This chart illustrates the share breakdown of the primary jobs held by residents of Nunda, NY.

\$43,125.

Median Earnings, men

\$26,719.

Median Earnings, women

2023



2014

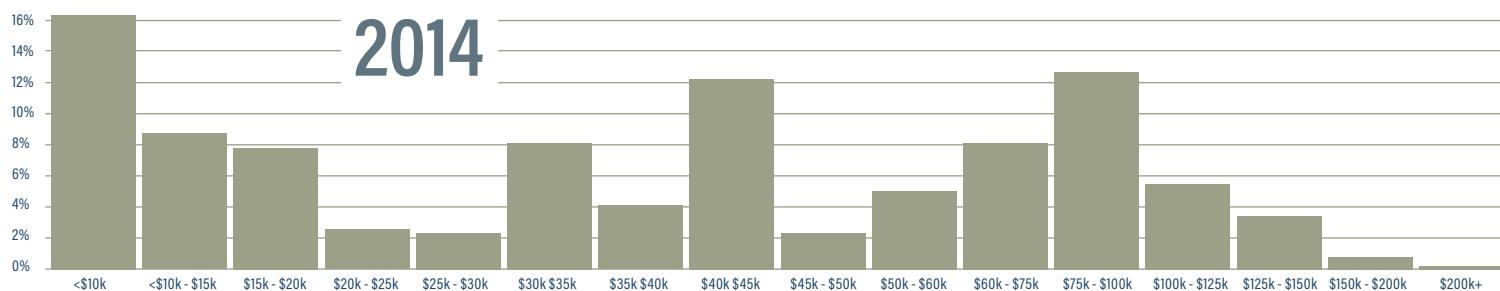
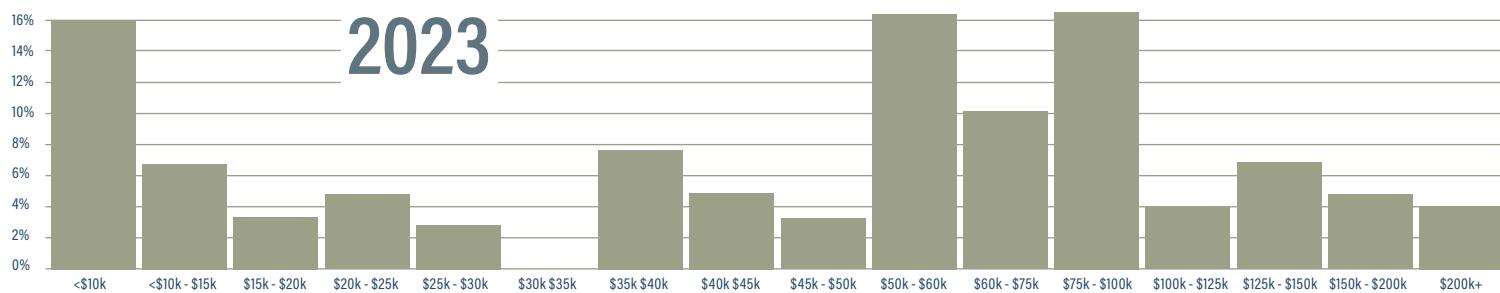


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Household Income

In 2023, the median household income of the 604 households in Nunda, NY grew to \$53,636 from the previous year's value of \$50,101.

The following chart displays the households in Nunda, NY distributed between a series of income buckets compared to the national averages for each bucket. The largest share of households have an income in the < \$10k range.

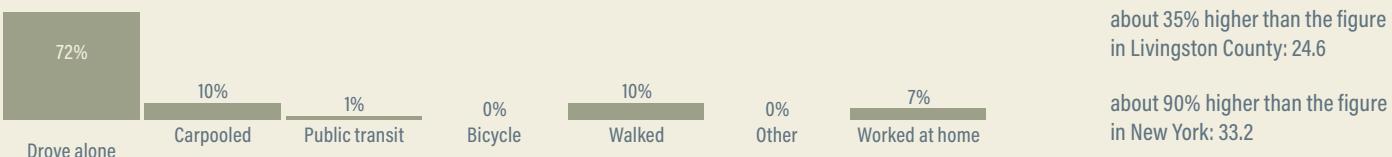


Commuting

One of the greatest factors in determining quality of life is the amount of time needed to get to work. Small communities like Nunda often have a mix of commuting times. Some people choose to live in Nunda for the rural quality of life it affords but can only find work in larger cities like Rochester. In a growing number of cases, residents throughout the town can walk to work, or work remotely.



Means of travel to work



Transportation to work

30.2 minutes

Mean travel to work

OVERVIEW

Housing

The overall trend in development in Nunda has been in the form of new homes and the creation of low-income housing and state-owned group homes. Building permit categories include single family (SF), multiple family (MF), manufactured homes (MAN), low-income housing (LIH), and state-run group homes (SGH).



The Genesee Valley Rural Preservation Association developed 2 low-income housing developments (the Hillside apartments, the Woodside apartments and Keating Lane apartments) Both complexes are filled to capacity with a waiting list.



4 properties are owned by the state for use as Intermediate Care facilities or group homes, Creekside, Walnut Street, Keating Lane and S. Church St.

It is important for Nunda to consider where future residential development should be located as well as what form it should take to ensure the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan are achieved.

Residential development is service intensive and, therefore, is best located in areas where water, sewer, decent roads, and efficient school bus access are already in place. In contrast, open space and farmland is often a money-making opportunity for towns. As an example, in Genesee County, for every dollar a farmer pays in taxes, they require only 47 cents in services.

OVERVIEW

Housing

1,259

Numbers of households

Livingston County: 24,071

New York: 7,604,523

2.1

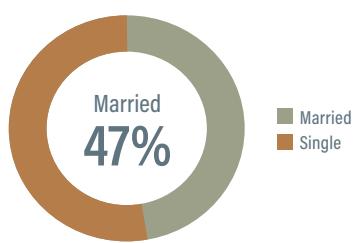
Persons per household

about 35% higher than the figure in Livingston County: 2.4

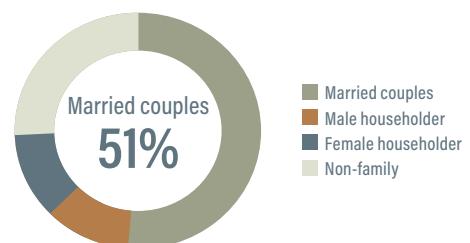
about 80% higher than the figure in New York: 2.6



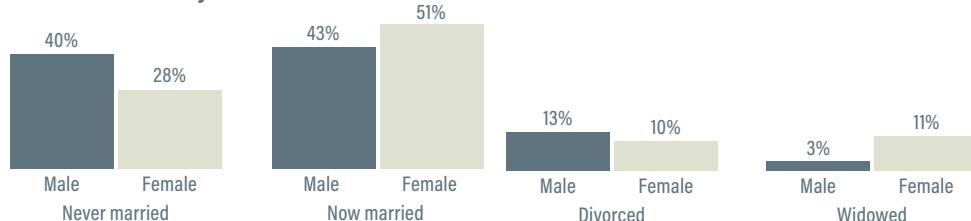
Marital status



Population by household type



Marital status by sex



OVERVIEW

Housing

Housing stock is one of the main attributes of a community that defines its built character. Residential structures can tell a story about local development, affluence, employment characteristics and available building materials. The pie chart at right indicates that the housing stock in both the Village and Town consists mainly of single-family homes.

Units & Occupancy

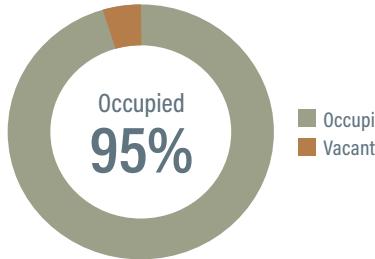
1,323

Number of housing units

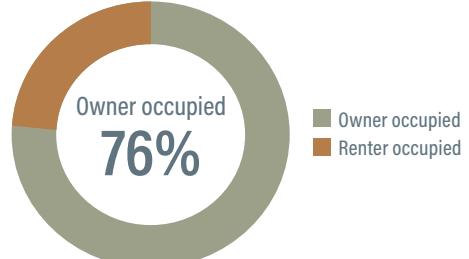
Livingston County: 27,150

New York: 8,494,452

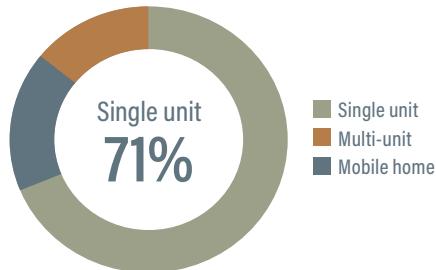
Occupied vs Vacant



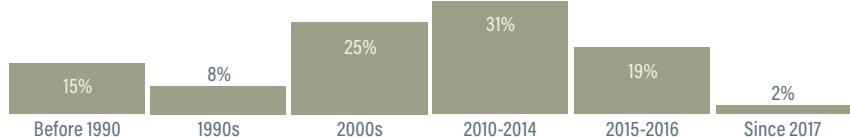
Ownership of occupied units



Types of structures



Year moved in, by percentage of population



Future residential development needs to be sensitive to existing structures and maintain the character and quality of materials common to neighboring structures. This will help ensure the advancement of Nunda's interest in improving recognition and community over time.

Objectives

- To encourage future housing development located adjacent to existing concentrations in the Village and Town of Nunda.
- To explore techniques and opportunities for creating adequate water supplies needed by existing neighborhoods and to facilitate housing development projects for an aging population.
- To enact suitable regulations that would permit small concentrations of housing when adequate infrastructure and other support services can be obtained.
- To examine techniques such as density, lot size and clustering that could reduce the negative impact of strip residential development along more heavily traveled roads.

OVERVIEW

Housing

It is essential that good, affordable housing is available in any growing community. The majority of homes in the Village and Town of Nunda are not new, having been built prior to 1939. However, many of those homes are well-built and considered more desirable for renovation or conversion into multi-family dwellings. In addition, there are several communities that have been built more recently with available and affordable housing units within the Village of Nunda that can be owner occupied or for rent. These are an attractive alternative for residents considering retirement or short-term living arrangements while beginning new work opportunities in this area. More moderate and lower cost housing is available for sale or rent throughout the Town and Village of Nunda.

Based on the American Housing Survey (AHS), here are some housing facts that compare Nunda to the surrounding communities. These will help efforts to enhance and promote both the Town and Village of Nunda to those businesses and residents who may be considering moving to the Nunda area.

According to the most recent census data, the home ownership rate for the Town of Nunda is 75.47% which is greater than many other communities in Livingston County.

Nearly 65% of all housing value is between \$50,000.00 and \$150,000.00 which is about one third the housing values for the entire State of New York. Since 2019, of all the housing units in the Town of Nunda, the percentage of newly occupied housing classified as "owner occupied" is 6.5%. The percentage of the total classified as "renter occupied" is 8.4%. Thus, there is a good mix of renters and new homeowners relocating to this area.

Value

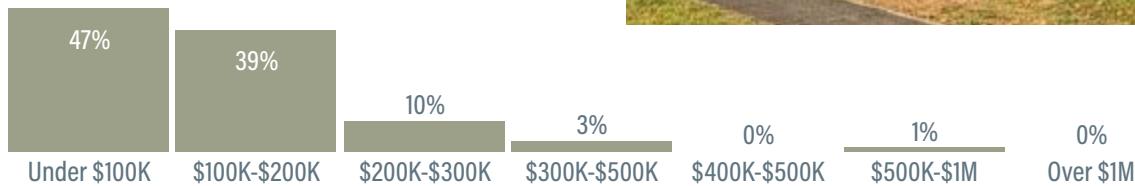
\$104,700

Median value of owner-occupied housing units

about 2/3 of the amount in Livingston County: \$159,900

about 1/4 of the amount in New York: \$384,100

Value of owner-occupied housing units



OVERVIEW

Housing

As older residents "age out" and look to downsize, the trend has been to move to adjacent towns where senior affordable housing is offered and available. Nunda lacks this niche.

Planning locations for future development can be beneficial for several reasons:

- Reduced costs for service extensions and improvements
- Efficient use of existing sewer and water capacity
- Reduction of nuisance issues from conflicting land-use



Geographical mobility

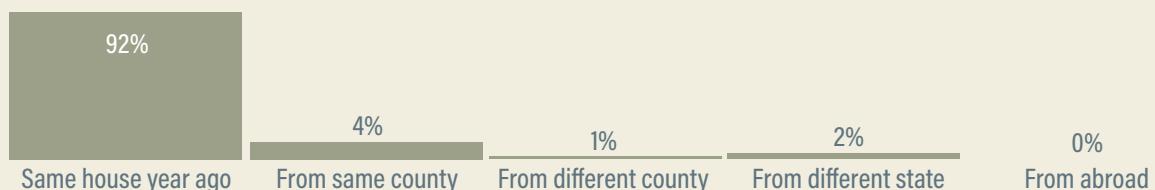
7.6%

Moved since last year

about 3/5 of the rate
in Livingston County: 12.6%

about 3/4 of the rate
in New York: 10.2%

Population migration since previous year



- Increased opportunity for future commercial development in areas accessible to residents
- Managed school district demand
- Preservation of rural character
- Framework for future community services including park locations and infrastructure expansion

OVERVIEW

Housing

Overall, the following data indicates that both the Town and Village of Nunda offer a variety of affordable and available housing for ownership and rent. This can encourage existing business interests to expand their facilities or attract new business and individuals to relocate to this area.

	Median Owner-Occupied Home Values	Median Monthly Ownership Costs
Nunda	\$80,200	\$976
Dalton	\$85,900	\$1,014
Hunt	\$55,000	\$1078
Castile	\$85,400	\$998
Perry	\$76,700	\$1091
Mt. Morris	\$68,300	\$1136
Kysorville	\$83,300	\$1125
Silver Springs	\$75,500	\$938

	Avg. Annual Real Estate Tax as % of Home Value	Median Monthly Rental & Utility Costs
Nunda	2.2	\$553
Dalton	2.9	\$688
Castile	2.4	\$583
Perry	2.4	\$656
Mt. Morris	3.2	\$649
Silver Springs	2.4	\$572

Household types in Nunda and throughout the nation are becoming more diverse. The availability of housing that is affordable to all ages and incomes is an important part of every community's diversity. Clean and well-maintained rental options offer housing choices for a wide variety of household types. Rental options can provide a needed sector of housing for high-and low-income households. Great neighborhoods around the country interweave rental and non-rental housing into one cohesive community that thrives on diversity provided by different family structures, incomes, and ethnicity.

HISTORY



History of Nunda

The Town of Nunda, a 24 by 12-mile tract of land within the Holland Land Purchase, was founded in 1808 as a part of Allegany County, located in the southern tier of Western NY. The name is from Nunda-wa-ono, a Seneca Indian tribe that once lived in the beautiful hills and valleys along the Genesee River and Keshequa Creek within the Township of Nunda. In the Seneca language, "Nunda" relates to hills and a popular translation is "Where the valley meets the hills." Dr. Arthur C. Parker, in "History of the Genesee Country" describes this region as follows: "in all the world there is not a place like unto it for human habitation." Nunda residents and visitors continue to be inspired and attracted by the pastoral scenery of the Nunda valley from one of the surrounding hills.

By 1829, the original Nunda Township had been reduced to its present size of approximately 6 by 6 miles, no longer including the Genesee River with its impressive gorge and water falls that are now a part of Letchworth State Park. In 1808, only three pioneer families lived in what is now the Town of Nunda. By 1830 the population had increased to 1,291 and by 1840 there were 2,636 residents. The population peaked at nearly 4,000 with the building of the Genesee Valley Canal in the 1840's, but had fallen to less than 3,000 by the early 1880's. It is interesting to note that the 2000 census shows a population of 3,017.

The Village of Nunda Valley, later to be shortened to Nunda, was first planned by Charles H. Carroll in 1824 but was not incorporated until 1839. Four Seneca camps or small villages were once located within the Village of Nunda. These Seneca villages consist of log structures not unlike those of early pioneers of the region. In 1790, two small villages could be found opposite each other on the Chautauqua Hollow Trail which became State Street. Until 1813 a third Seneca village along the creek behind the Keshequa High School. The fourth village was located west of Buffalo and Gibbs Streets until 1818. Nunda's village square, once a frog pond, is at the intersection of the Chautauqua Hollow Trail and the Keshequa Trail which follows the path of the Genesee River when it flowed through this valley. Within the Village of Nunda, the Keshequa Trail became East Street.



HISTORY



The first post office was established in the village in 1831. The main business district, consisting of a village square bordered by two-part commercial blocks, known as "Merchants Row" and the "Farmers' Exchange", was built between 1831 and 1834. With completion of the Genesee Valley Canal from Rochester to Mt. Morris in 1841 and good roads for transportation between Mt. Morris and Nunda, the Village quickly grew from a pioneer settlement to a community of fine houses, several churches, hotels, all kinds of commercial establishments, factories, a bank, a newspaper, an academy, and numerous social organizations such as the debating societies of the Nunda Literary Institute. Due to politics and construction delays the canal did not reach Nunda until 1851 and was not completed until 1861.



The Genesee Valley Canal connected the Erie Canal in Rochester with the Allegany River south of Olean, a distance of over 100 miles. It was 42 feet wide at the water surface, 26 feet wide at the bottom of four feet deep with 7-foot banks (3 feet above the waterline). A total of 112 lift locks with the average lift of 10 feet were needed to traverse the nearly 1000-foot elevation change from Rochester to the summit at 1488 feet above sea level and descend to the Allegheny. The GVC has the highest canal elevation in the world. These locks were 90 feet from gate to gate and three were located within the Village.

The remains of lock 42 are just west of the State St. (Route 408) at the northern entrance to the village across from Vermont Street. The canal passed behind the many business that lined State Street, continued at an angle to West Street, passed under a bridge at Fourth Street, and through a lock before reaching another bridge at Second Street, passed west of the village parking lot and under a bridge at the end of First Street where the third lock was located, and turned west when it reached Portage Street (route 436). Fifteen additional locks were required to reach Oakland just west of the village. Lock 42, a canal warehouse, and several stately mansions that were built overlooking the canal at the end of West Street are the only remaining evidence of the canal within the Village.

"The old canal was beautiful and romantic. It had fresh green banks, clear water and interesting locks. The white barges, most often laden with newly sawed lumber, were towed by mules wearing bells around their necks and red or blue tassels in their ears."

The Genesee Valley Canal operated only until 1878, but during this time, fortunes were made as it carried away the forests of the Livingston and Allegany counties and the grains produced on the fertile farmlands. Cheap transportation for merchandise, groceries, and other freight from New York City, Syracuse and Rochester also added to the prosperity of the village during this time.



HISTORY



The demise of the Genesee Valley Canal was due, in part, to the introduction of the railroads into the village in the early 1850's. Nunda Station, about three miles south of the village, was the Nunda station for the Erie Railroad. In 1882, the Village of Nunda finally obtained rail service, when the Genesee Valley Canal Railroad (later the Pennsylvania Railroad) was built along the line of the canal.



Nunda Station, later known as Dalton, quickly became a thriving community with its own warehouses, post office, stores, blacksmith shops, mills, hotels, bank, church, school, produce merchants, livestock dealers, and medical doctors. Other hamlets in the Nunda Township never enjoyed the growth and prosperity that the railroad brought to Dalton. These communities were located at: Wilcox Corners (now known as Guy's Corners) on the old State Road between Nunda and Dalton; Sweetcake Hollow on East Hill; Barkertown in the eastern part of the town on East Hill; and Coopersville off of Creek Road northeast of the village.



In the spring of 1882, Chauncey K Sanders, editor of the Nunda News, and four other enterprising and forward-thinking professionals and businessmen formed what they called the "Association" and pooled their resources to build what would become the newest and fanciest business block in Livingston County. They purchased the former Holmes Hall lot, a prominent site on the corner of State St and Second Sts, and hired Henry B. Gleason, a Rochester architect, to design their building. Mr. Gleason designed a highly ornamented, but most functional, two-part commercial five-bay block building typical of the late 1800's. In April 1883, this massive commercial block was ready, and the rural Village of Nunda now possessed an architecturally unique and most sophisticated structure that would come to be known as **The Union Block**.

Manufacturing in Nunda started with a cabinet factory on South State Street built by Henry C. Jones who arrived in about 1820. This became part of the Nunda Casket Works that was in continuous operation for more than a century, closing in 1979. Nunda's most famous industry was the **Foote Manufacturing Company**, founded in 1903 by Charles E. and Chester T. Foote. Their mixer was recognized at the San Francisco Exposition in 1913 and in 1926. The Foote Company received the American Institute's gold metal, first award ever made for road equipment.



HISTORY



The Genesee Valley Canal Corridor in Nunda is part of a statewide effort to preserve our maritime heritage and provide regional recreation opportunities. Numerous Genesee Valley Canal locks in the Nunda area have been preserved and are now part of the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park. The canal and railroad history is interpreted with a series of beautiful signs that begin at Oakland and follow Trail #7 throughout the Nunda area on the Genesee Valley Greenway. A key connection into the heart of the village is a gateway kiosk.

A sign and facade initiative in the village gave businesses an opportunity to upgrade and revitalize their facade fronts to enhance their street appeal through a grant. Many businesses participated in the initiatives. (e.g. updated color schemes, signage, facades).

The Village is moving forward to become a site on the National register of historic buildings.



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GNAP and Key Stakeholders



Founded in 2019, GNAP is a local partnership focused on building a community that encourages development and growth of business and ensures a safe, attractive, accessible environment for area residents, students and visitors.

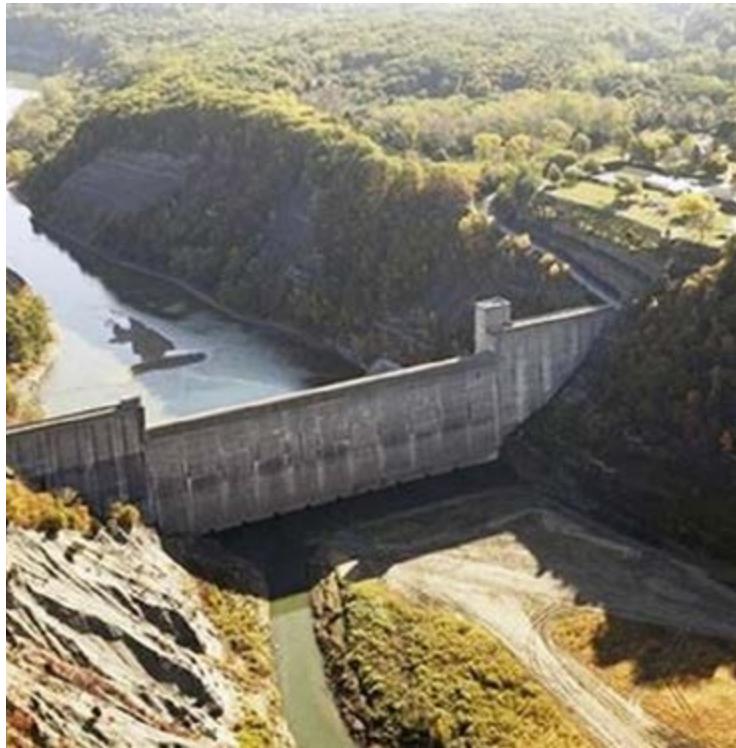
Their goals: To support activities that promote local businesses and attract visitors via an organized marketing and communication plan, and to support collaboration of local businesses, churches, services clubs, schools, and residents to work together to promote the health and wellbeing of the community. Its governing board consists of members who are active within our community. Membership is open to anyone in the community and includes local business owners, veterans, local nonprofit organizations, the Keshequa School District representatives, local government officials, church representatives, and local clubs. The wide range of members allows for all facets of the local economy to be included.



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What we're witnessing is increasing tourism in Nunda due to proximity of **Letchworth State Park** (nine hundred thousand visitors per year) and **Swain Ski Resort, Mount Morris Dam, Rattlesnake Hill State Forest**, to name a few.



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Along with existing features and events:

- Nunda Fun Days
- Christmas in Nunda
- Community Yard Sale Days
- Nunda area Historical Society and Museum
- Kiwanis Park
- 18-hole golf course
- Restaurant and tavern on the golf course



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Arts and Culture



There are several ways to experience arts and culture locally. The Keshequa Central School District in our township provides the community with student art shows, 2 musicals a year, vocal and instrumental concerts in the winter and spring, the elementary, JR high, and Sr high combine the grades for the grade level performances.



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The Trinity Church has provided a summer concert series in the village park as well as guest musicians that perform in the church. The public is invited and encouraged to attend all these events.

Most community concerts are performed during our festivals and community venues: Kiwanis Park, Village gazebo, churches and local restaurants. Highlights of entertainment for our community are fireworks provided during Christmas in Nunda, Nunda Fun Days and Americana Day.



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The Nunda Historical Society (NHS) on Portage Street is our local museum which holds a treasure of artifacts with chronological displays to show the history of Nunda, and the Rose Shave Gallery (paintings from a local artist). The NHS holds monthly events, historical, musical, informational, about not only the community but also the surrounding area, especially Letchworth State Park and western New York. The NHS is also a resource for those seeking to do research on past residents and family history. Regular NHS activities include bake sales, yard sales, and membership drives to benefit the building fund and maintenance of the property. It is a jewel in our community.



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Health and Safety

The Nunda Police Department is funded by and provides services to both the town and village, responding to the public safety needs of the community and the hamlet of Dalton. The department utilizes 2 patrol cars and a bicycle. Officers respond to an array of calls including but not limited to domestic disturbances, fires, ambulance calls, road patrol, and DWI's, as well as welfare checks and property checks.

Officers are encouraged to be present and often take part in community activities such as Nunda Fun Days, Americana Days, Little league games and various school activities. The department is staffed by part time police officers, including the Police Chief. In 2022, the department responded to 1,712 service calls.

Fire protection is provided by the Nunda Fire Department to both the town and village. The budget and policies are drafted under the guidance of the Fire Department Board of Directors. Operational costs for the department are shared between Nunda Town and Village, and Town of Portage. The Department also holds annual fundraisers.

The fire department is staffed by volunteer members, responding to an average of 130 calls per year. Firemen are offered training at the Hamptons corner training center. Classes include essentials for firefighters, hazmat, driver training, Interior attack, and tactical simulations. The department owns their fire house with adjoining meeting rooms and a banquet hall that is available to the public. The garage houses one (1) pumper, three (3) pumper/tanker combination trucks, a rescue truck, a grass truck, an antique pumper and both ambulances.

Volunteers are often seen throughout the community participating in events, hosting "Nunda Fun Days", holding fundraising events and building relationships within the community.



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Emergency response is provided by the Nunda Ambulance Service, a subdivision of the Nunda Fire Department also funded by the Town, Village and town of Portage along with community donations. The ambulance service is staffed by volunteer members, who respond to hundreds of calls each year not including community events and fundraisers. Nunda Ambulance has 2 type 1 Ambulances, housed in the Fire Hall. Nunda EMS responds to the town and village of Nunda, Portage, Grove, and Mutual aid for surrounding communities. The Ambulance service is assisted by the Livingston County EMS department for Advanced life support who provide paid Paramedics for life threatening calls.

Lifenet and Mercy Flight provide helicopter transport for the critically injured patients as needed. Training classes for the EMT's are held every Spring and Fall at the Hampton Corners Training facility, and current EMT's can refresh through Vector Solutions training modules and classes. The ambulance service also has in house instructors who offer Red Cross Emergency Response and CPR/AED courses to both membership and community members. Since 2020, the ambulance service has responded to an average of 600 calls/year.

Nunda is fortunate to have **Tri County Family Medicine** staffed with nurses, PA's and a Doctor located in the village. They are slated to open a new larger facility on East St in the village retaining their present office as a mental health facility. There is also a chiropractor and physical therapist in the village. The Keshequa Central School offers some limited dental care to students as well as some mental health services. Nunda is the home to the Walnut IRA and Keating Lane IRA, both NYS-run homes for handicapped individuals.



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"Be Well in Nunda" is a community-based volunteer member organization that supports opportunities to promote healthy living. The focus is helping the community to "move more, eat better, and stress less". They promote and sponsor activities including hikes on area trails, community walks, euchre nights, nutrition classes, canning classes, CPR classes, exercise classes, community gardens and a variety of other informational and participation-based opportunities that are open to all age groups. They are partially supported through the Genesee Valley Health Partnership (GVHP) and operate mainly via various fund-raising ventures.



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Municipal Services

Village and Town services often function separately; however, there are still existing shared service agreements for services like water, sewer, snow removal, assessment services, justice courts, employee assistance program, tools/machinery (highway department), workers compensation (pooled), worksite sponsor program, ambulance services, fire protection, DPW and highway departments, cellular telephone charges, annual training (CEO/ZO), centralized building.

Both entities continue to work together to provide residents in the area with quality municipal services and a reduced tax rate.

Tax collection is offered at the Village office by an employee serving as the village clerk and tax collector/treasurer. Duties were combined into one position to streamline services and reduce overall costs for Village taxpayers. Similarly, the Town Clerk also serves as a tax collector. Recreational programs are offered to Town residents through a contract with the Village and the town of Portage to include most of our school student population. Assessment services are offered to the Village by the joint village and town assessor. Water and sewer services are provided within the Village limits, along with some services extended west of the village on Route 436, north of the village along Route 408 and just outside the village on Creek Rd. Both the village and town employ separate officials regarding code enforcement and zoning.



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Water

The primary source of public water for the Village and the existing Town users is an impoundments reservoir on Newville Creek that was constructed in the early 1960's. The Village has a permit to withdraw 380,000 gallons per day (gpd) from the creek. In 2022, the Village purchased the land where the reservoir supplying the Village is located. A raw water transmission main carries water from the impoundment to the water treatment facility located on Dalton Rd. in the Town of Nunda, south of the Village. Treatment consists of coagulation, clarification, filtration, and chlorination. The capacity of the water treatment plant facility is 360,000 gpd. In addition, there is a 500,000-gallon water storage tank on site. Three transmission mains along Dalton Rd., Watercure Rd., and Fuller Rd. carry the treated water to the Village distribution system. The daily average of water treated and pumped into the distribution system was 117,474 gallons per day. Our highest single day was 205,000 gallons on September 1, 2024. There is adequate capacity to serve additional area in the Town. There are currently Town users along the transmission main, north of the Village along Route 408 to the Campground.



*Impoundment Reservoir
on Newville Creek*

*Water Treatment Facility
on Dalton Rd*



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Sewer

Much of the Town is not served by sewer. Those served by sewer receive sewer treatment services from the Village of Nunda wastewater treatment plant. Those without sewer utilize septic systems.

In primary consideration for municipal wastewater services is a unified vision to efficiently and effectively operate, maintain, and manage the wastewater collection system, treatment facility, and percolation field infrastructure, therefore proactively complying and adapting to ever changing regulations while promoting environmental stewardship.

The Village's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) is located at the Village's eastern boundary along Keshequa Creek, into which the effluent is discharged. The WWTP was constructed in 1979-80, with an extensive upgrading undertaken in 2024. The wastewater collection system is comprised of an assortment of sanitary sewers ranging from 6-inch diameter pipe to 15-inch diameter pipe. Much of the wastewater collection system was installed in the early 1980s, just over 40 years ago.

The Village of Nunda has recently completed a major renovation of its wastewater treatment plant. This facility services residences and businesses within the Village boundaries, and includes a primary development extension to the north along the 408 corridor. A small number of Town residences and businesses located just over the Village line are also tied into the system.

The Village's decision to upgrade its treatment plant was based on analysis of the costs of participating in a new regional system. The plant capacity was not increased in the renovation; however it is capable of handling significant increases in flows relating to future

population growth or additional connections to Town properties. For purposes of community planning, it is important that Town and Village officials know how many households, businesses and student residents can be accommodated by the extra capacity.

While repairs to an aging sewer system are identified as an on-going mitigation initiative, it is not specific to what repairs need to be completed. The most significant improvement remaining for the wastewater treatment



system is the elimination of storm water infiltration into the old mains (underground pipes). Such infiltration increases flows into the treatment plant and puts greater demands on the facility.

The origin of wastewater - residential, industrial or institutional - can determine the relative costs of treatment. As future growth in the service area occurs, an examination of treatment costs per unit volume from different sources may reveal that sewer charges should be adjusted to reflect true burdens put on the treatment facility.

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Roads

The street systems in Nunda were originally designed to cultivate neighborhood character while providing definition and development of parcels. State Routes 408 & 436 intersect in the heart of the village, and there are four primary quadrants created by the original street system. Mill Street carries a more pedestrian-friendly atmosphere with parking at the rear of buildings with a commercial core offering professional service, specialty and retail shops. State Street provides a more auto-oriented service center with parking at the front of the buildings. Institutional uses are scattered throughout the town and village, as the industrial uses are as well.



The transportation network is comprised of local, county, and state streets, roads and highways. NYS Route 436 was built in the 1970s bringing passers-by direct access to the amenities that Nunda has to offer via State Route 408. Except the state and county roads that pass through the village, all streets within the Village are maintained locally. All of the Village streets are paved, and most of the Town's network is as well. There are only a few roads in the town that are dirt roads with low traffic volumes requiring minimal work. The dirt roads typically carry weight limits and are not plowed during the winter season.

New York State Department of Transportation has been planning a replacement of Route 408 for some time now; however, it has yet to be scheduled. Not only has the road progressively gotten worse, but it is also holding up potential infrastructure repairs the community desperately needs. The town and village continue to work with the NYSDOT staff and stay in communication, expressing a desire for complete streets and opportunities for road diets or streetscapes in certain areas. This would allow for a pedestrian walkway and bicycle path, narrowing shoulders and making motorists more aware of other users.

Nunda is fortunate to have two public transport services currently available to residents. (1) Plan B Express Transit providing non-emergency medical transport, Medicaid-Approved / Private Pay Accepted, options for commuters and travelers in the area. (2) Regional Transit Service (RTS formerly LATS - Livingston Area Transportation Service) - a bus network providing transfers between service areas and to neighboring transit systems ... Wyoming Transit Systems. ADA services are available to individuals living with disabilities within a mile of a regular bus route.



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Rail

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO. (NS) <https://www.norfolksouthern.com/> 22 States. 19,500 Miles. One Railroad Network. Since 1827, moving the goods and materials that power the U.S. economy. Customer-centric and operations-driven, dedicated to advancing safety, serving communities, and driving innovation for tomorrow's rail. With service throughout the eastern U.S. and beyond, connecting your business to the marketplaces of the world—delivering reliable service today and helping you expand for tomorrow.

ROCHESTER & SOUTHERN RAILROAD, INC. (RSR) <https://www.gwrr.com/rsr/> interchanges with (NS) in Silver Springs and (LAL) in Rochester. A Genesee & Wyoming Company (G&W) owns or leases more than 100 freight railroads throughout North America with 4,000 employees serving 2,000 customers over more than 13,000 track miles. G&W subsidiaries and joint ventures also provide rail service at more than 30 major ports, rail-ferry service between the U.S. Southeast and Mexico, transload services, and railcar switching and repair. G&W is owned by Brookfield Infrastructure Partners, L.P. and GIC.

LIVONIA AVON & LAKEVILLE RAILROAD CORPORATION (LAL) <https://lalrr.com/> operates in Livingston and Monroe Counties, south of Rochester, NY. B&H Rail Corp. serves Steuben County, northwest of Corning, NY. The affiliated Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad extends across southwestern New York and northwestern Pennsylvania from Hornell, NY to Meadville, PA and Oil City, PA and north and south of Olean, NY



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Telecommunications

Today there are more than ten providers in these areas that offer either exclusive internet services or bundle internet with DSL, Fiber Optic, Phone and Cable services. These include:



Spectrum and Xfinity offer cable services primarily within the Village of Nunda that can also be bundled with phone and internet. Spectrum, Dish and DirecTV offer TV services that can be combined with some of the internet providers. This wide offering of packages makes telecommunication services easily accessible and affordable for the Town and Village of Nunda. Therefore, telecommunications continue to be a positive factor in the development of our community.

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Parking

Parking in the business section of the village is adequate with spaces in front of most businesses. Only a few businesses along State Street have parking available on their property to accommodate a large clientele. Additional municipal parking is available behind State Street. There is no time limit on parking spaces, however, during the winter season parking in the business section and all residential streets is prohibited for any overnight parking, to allow for snow plowing. The lamps were upgraded to LED lighting which provides many benefits including improvement of nighttime visibility, elimination of dark areas between poles, and a significant savings in energy costs and maintenance.



The residential streets are well lit throughout the village and lighting extending to the village boundaries, and in the hamlet of Dalton.



Sidewalks

Sidewalks have been an everyday convenience for residents and patrons of Nunda for generations. New sidewalks were expanded along Route 436 to the Kiwanis Park with plans for an extension of sidewalk on Walnut St. to the Rymer Sports fields. This is a welcome improvement for residents walking to the fields for exercise or as spectators as well as the safety of students who walk there for games and practices. Sidewalks are replaced as needed or at the request of the homeowner for sidewalks in front of their property. The homeowner pays for the cost of materials and the village provides the manpower to remove and replace or construct new. There are several areas in the village where a sidewalk would benefit the safety of the residents: Creek Rd, Vermont St., East St., Walnut St., Water St., S. Church St. and Price St.. These areas have never had a sidewalk installed due to sporadic or non-existing housing at the time sidewalks were installed. Throughout the last 4 decades, housing has been added to these streets.

For walkability, the village and town residents would benefit from sidewalks installed in the aforementioned streets as well as extending sidewalks north on Route 408 to the businesses.



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Cemeteries

CHAUTAUQUA HOLLOW. Located on Old Chautauqua Hollow Road, opposite gravel pits on Route 70. Take first right after gravel pits, cross railroad tracks, turn right, go nearly to end of dirt road...burial ground is on the right in a small grove of trees....Most of the stones are broken, propped against trees on the bottom part of the stone.

COOPERSVILLE/JONES FAMILY. Located on Creek Road, near Coopersville crossroad.

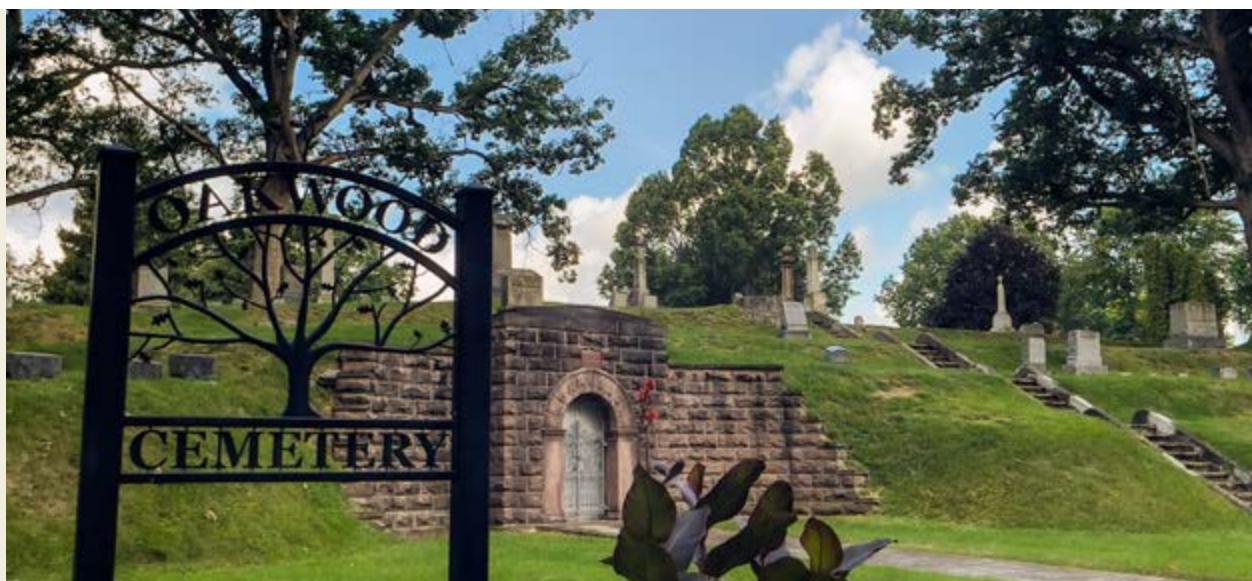
DALTON. Located in the hamlet of Dalton, cemetery (was said to be) originally on south side of State Street ...and was moved, date unknown, to present Church Street location. First burials were probably in the early 1840's when settlement was beginning to take place. The last burial was October 30, 1971, when Maud E Daley of Wiscoy was buried in the last available plot. The webpages for the Cemetery were done by Tom Burt and Family.

OAKWOOD. Located in the Village of Nunda. "Earliest burials in Oak Knoll, as it was known in the early years, was that of Amy Tuttle, aged 19 in 1822, and Granny Prentice, aged 90 in 1823. See List of Veterans buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Nunda NY and visit the Oakwood Cemetery Association's website.

SEAGER. Also known as East Hill or Telegraph Road Cemetery. Located on the dirt road section of Telegraph Road, just east of Nunda Village. A family cemetery, earliest stone Robert Dickey died May 16, 1854.... (1995) All stones except heavy Civil War stones are broken, scattered in overgrown weeds, small trees, etc...

WILCOX'S CORNERS. Sometimes called Guy's Corner, located south of the Village. Located on private property - stones have been moved by previous owners. Last burial was in 1856.

UNION. Also known as the Snyder or White Settlement Cemetery. Located at the corner of Snyder and Birdsall Road, Dalton, NY....This was the burial ground for one of earliest settlements, located on the lines of Livingston County, Town of Nunda and Allegany County, Town of Grove. 1839 was the earliest stone found... the cemetery is still in use today.



Open space and natural resources



Trails & Outdoor Recreation

Trails and outdoor recreation have become more important to residents over the years, evident in the survey answers compared to the initial survey that was taken in 1993. The question asked if recreational development was important. While only 7% of respondents answered yes in 1993, 22% answered yes in 2020. At the same time, 84% of respondents felt that open space and recreation were either very important or important to Nunda's character.

A majority of the landscape surrounding the village is primarily made of larger forests, wood areas, and vegetation belts along the creek beds, rail and higher points. Much of the fields are undeveloped north of the expressway, making an excellent refuge for birds and other wildlife. Although many of the lots are for sale, they have remained untouched for many years. Smaller patches of land have been designated as parks and recreation areas within the village limits. The abundance of open space dispersed throughout Nunda offers a soothing quality and presents an environment of equally oriented pedestrian to vehicular traffic.

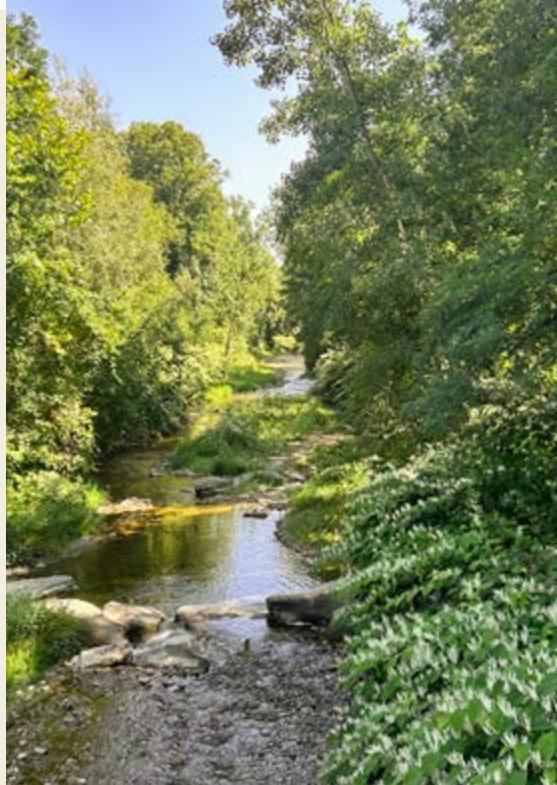
In 2010, reconstruction of the trail-spur to link downtown Nunda to the Genesee Valley Greenway Trail began through the use of a federal grant that was previously awarded for the project. In the last ten years, the trail has been used extensively, with several improvements done along the way. However, it remains incomplete and noncontiguous. Genesee Valley Greenway State Park is working with the consultant, Alta Planning and Design, to create a plan that will prioritize future improvements of the Greenway, provide the most significant impacts, enhance usership, close trail gaps, and increase the economic impact on the region.

Open space and natural resources

The Preservation of Such

Open spaces and reconnecting separate pieces are critical to our community's development. The Village center has spaces that are virtually public greens containing gardens, lawns, trees, a gazebo/bandstand, a public library, and playgrounds. Appropriate landscaping and welcoming signs, historical markers, and park amenities can increase the scenic and recreational value of such areas, further improving our home's attractiveness.

In 1992, New York State developed a statewide Open Space Conservation Plan with revisions required periodically. It is used as a blueprint for NYS conservation efforts and was last updated in 2016. A local open space plan would allow for communities to carefully plan for future conservation efforts, attracting businesses, and enhancing quality of life. While Nunda does not have its open space plan, there are plans to develop additional open spaces in the Town and Village, as well as to rejuvenate current spaces with new equipment.



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Water

The Town of Nunda, including the Village, is divided into three main watersheds. (A watershed is defined as the area of land that drains into a particular water body).

Much of the Town is drained by Keshequa Creek and its tributaries. Canaseraga and Sugar Creek form smaller drainage areas in the southern and eastern portions of the Town. The major streams in the Town of Nunda include:

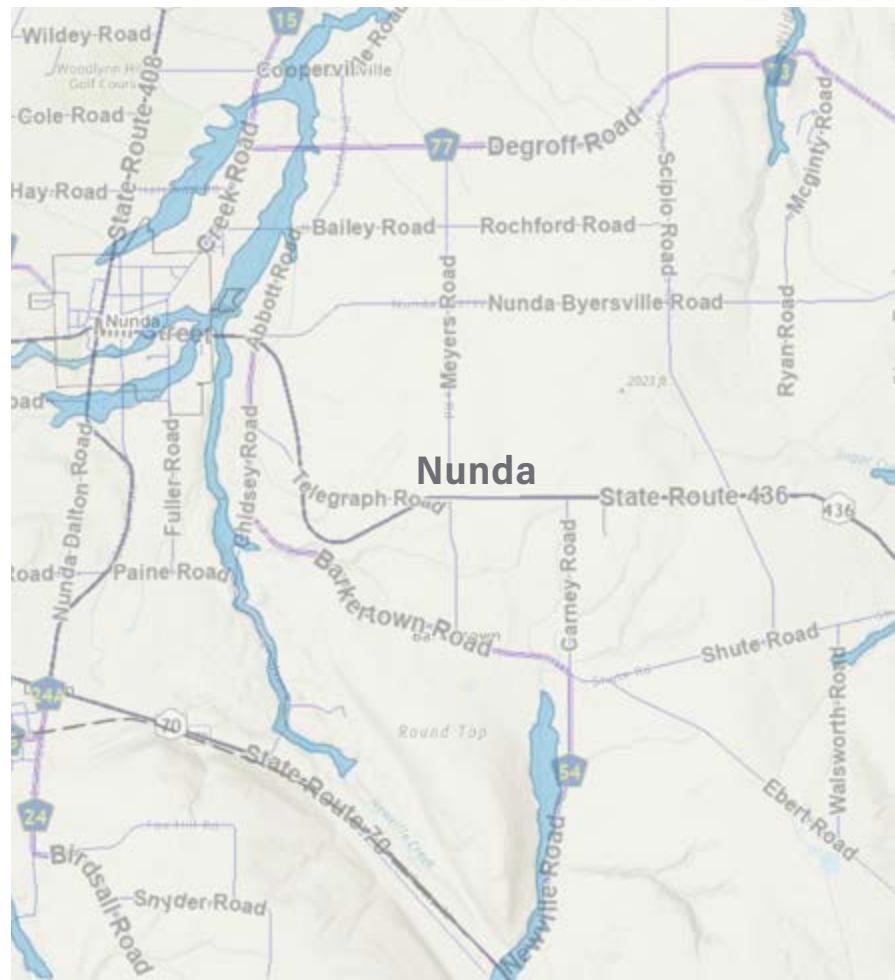
The Keshequa Creek drains into the Canaseraga Creek.

The Canaseraga Creek drains into the Genesee River and then Lake Ontario.

The Sugar Creek drains into the Canaseraga Creek.

As can be seen here, flood hazard areas are located along the Keshequa, Canaseraga, and Newville Creeks, and Crooked Brook in the Village, and in the southeast corner of the Town.

There are also several farm ponds located in the Town in addition to some large ponds at the Golf Course and Campground.



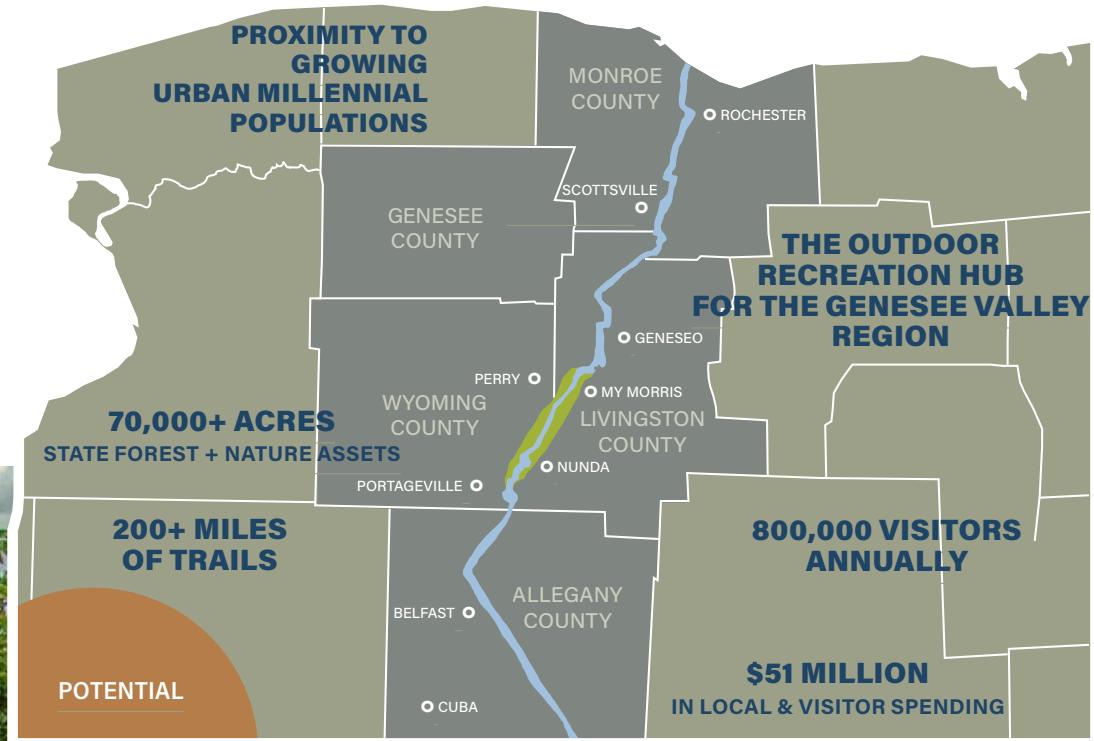
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Trail Town initiative



The Trail Town Program was created by *The Progress Fund* and helps to breathe life into rural communities by enhancing economic opportunities that trails create in the area. This program has become a model for trail community revitalization and is at the forefront in several Wyoming, Livingston and Allegany County communities, including Nunda.

According to the Trail Town Guide, found at www.trailtowns.org, there are five keys to Trail Town success: partnerships, assessment and research, connecting town to trail, development, and marketing. All these steps take a lot of time and commitment from team members and creative partnerships built along the way.



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How trails can impact your economy

An example of the impact a trail can have on the local economy is provided below, showing the overall economic impact from *The Great Allegheny Passage Trail*, a 150-mile trail from Pittsburgh, P.A. that meets with an already popular 185-mile trail that continues through Washington, D.C.

\$50,000,000

overall economic impact from the Great Allegheny Passage Trail

Stay = spend

Overnight trips drive spending on the trail. When a traveler stays in town, they are more likely to dine, shop and explore there too.

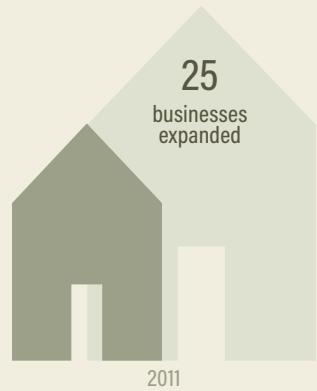
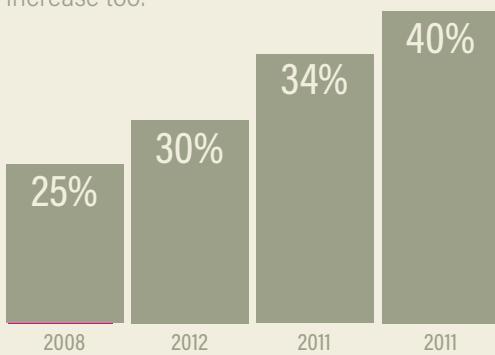


Growth over time

Of course, to make a 4-6 day trip of it, riders need plenty to do. As you connect and grow your trail into a trip-worthy destination, overnight visitors will spend more.

And as more riders come in, the amount of sales from trail-goers will increase too.

Until eventually, businesses can grow..



65 new businesses + 270 new jobs in just 8 years

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Many thanks should be returned to the **Letchworth Gateway Village (LGV) Initiative**, born in the communities of Perry, Mount Morris and Geneseo, NY. The group and its network of partners were chosen to participate in the USDA's new **Rural Economic Development Initiative**, receiving free technical assistance to create a regional plan for building an outdoor recreation economy in the Genesee Valley Region. Separately, LGV is also working on a living guide to the region using the **Geotourism Map Guide Program**, helping communities work together to create a shared identity as the Genesee Valley region, promote sustainable rural development and to help promote what is most distinctive in our area.

To date, Nunda has been involved in these LGV efforts and is a part of the Genesee Valley Trail Town Program as well which is under development. Participating in this program will provide the community with a guide to move forward, marketing, branding and wayfinding designs consistent with other participants, access to the trail mapping and management tool, enhancements for the community, and access to funds for various projects. It is a hope that over time, this will bring a dramatic impact to the Nunda community.

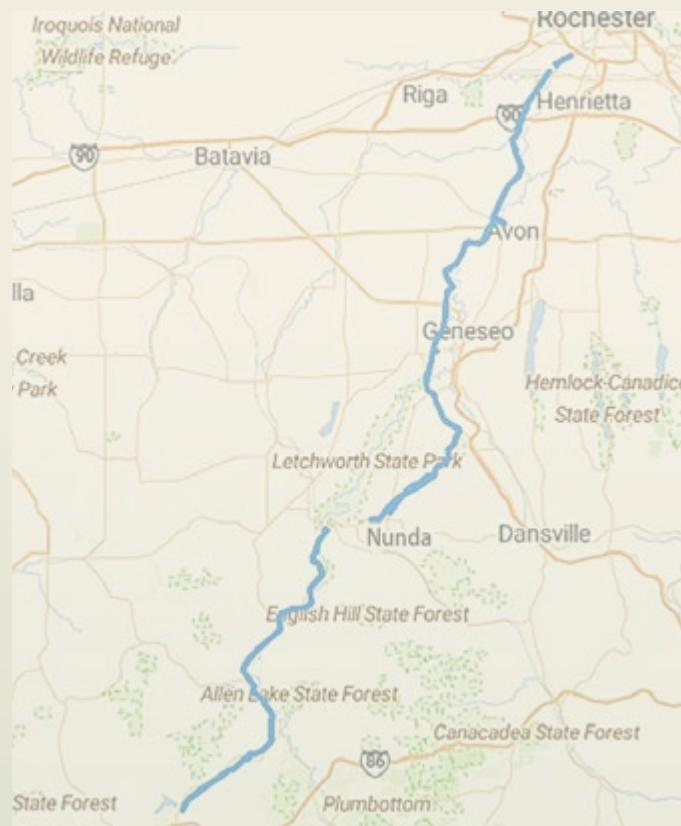


Trail Town initiative



GENESEE VALLEY GREENWAY

The Genesee Valley Greenway (GVG) is a trail that follows the former Genesee Valley Canal towpath and parts of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Rochester branch. The 90-mile trail runs from Hinsdale in Cattaraugus County, through Cuba to Belfast, Caneadea, and Hume in Allegany County, and then continues north until it ends at the Genesee Valley Park in Rochester, NY. The trail is considered a State Park, operated by the DEC, in partnership with Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway (FOGVG) and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP). Nunda is home to both the main trail (from River Road, crossing Short Tract Rd, Oakland Rd, Picket Line, Hay, 408, Pentagass Road, and Creek) and the branch trail spur (Vermont St. to Pentagass Road). Wayfaring signs, benches, a kiosk and bike rack have been installed with future development TBD as funds become available.



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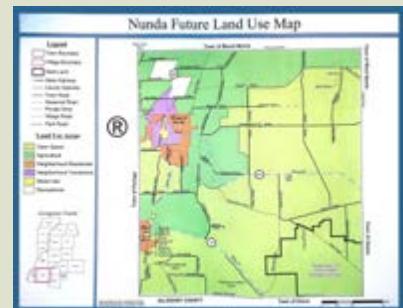
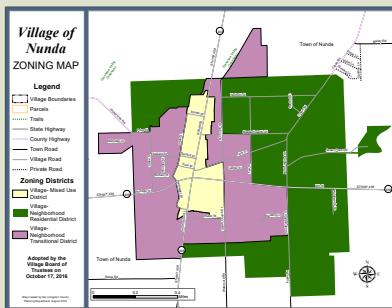
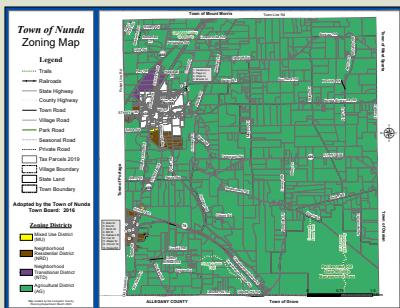
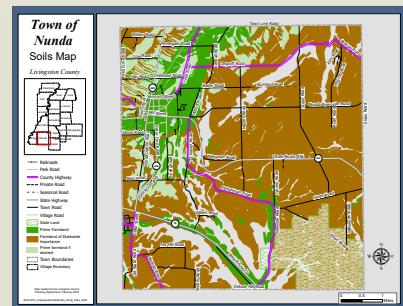
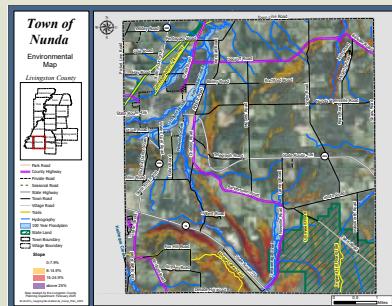
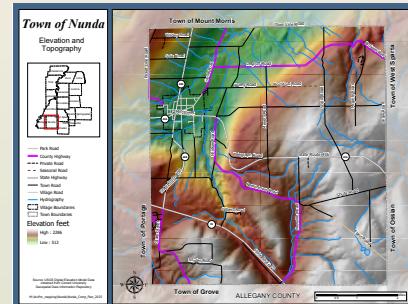
This section of the Comprehensive Plan examines development trends and current land use patterns within the community. Land use refers to the physical arrangement of a community's agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial and institutional development, along with undeveloped/developable land.

Examining spatial development patterns, rates of change, and trends can provide insight into how Nunda has evolved under varying social, economic and environmental conditions. Understanding land-use change within a community is a key aspect of the overall Comprehensive Plan. It forms the basis for discussion regarding the future direction of the Town and Village.

Two of the most common mistakes made by communities are allowing residential subdivisions in predominantly agricultural areas and zoning for residential units outside existing or future public sewer and water service districts.

In the first instance, nuisance issues often create conflict between residential and agricultural uses. Farmers have different working hours, sometimes harvesting until late in the evening or plowing early morning. In some cases, they also must use pesticides and herbicides to protect and enhance crop production.

In the second instance, communities often zone too much land for future use, leading to "leapfrog" development. This type of development is often expensive to service with water and sewer. In some rare instances, areas can be zoned for future development if cluster zoning or large lot zoning is utilized. The problem with large lot zoning is the reduction in rural character associated with individual lots and the efficient use of land. Therefore, Nunda needs to look at its current condition, determine what pattern and form future development should conform to, and develop a set of regulations that guide future development.



LAND USE

The Village of Nunda is characterized by walkable neighborhoods, a modified grid street network, a central business district and smaller lot residential homes. This pattern is most common in most villages in New York. Nunda is unique and more similar in overall form to an Erie Canal Village than closer established places like Castile or Canaseraga. This is primarily due to the influence of the Genesee Valley Canal and its successor, the Pennsylvania Railroad. The primary land use in the Village is residential with a core of commercial uses.

The Town of Nunda comprises 23,790 acres, of which agriculture and open space are the primary uses. The New York State Rattlesnake Hill Wilderness Area is a large land use in the south-eastern portion of the town. Residential development along major roads and small nodes of commercial uses are the most common forms of development. The Hamlet of Dalton, resembling the density and layout of a village, is a major residential node in the town. Dalton also has a few industrial uses. Additional development is limited due to environmental constraints and lack of public water and sewer. The landscape of the Hamlet and the lack of sewer and water contributes to septic leaching from high points into the lower areas towards the Conrail embankment. Over the years, complaints have led to the dredging of a federal wetland in the Hamlet which relieved the problem for a short time and the construction of an outflow pipe through the Conrail embankment.

Agriculture

The traditional family run farm that most people equate with industry is declining due to global competition, loss of interest in younger generations and sprawling expansion of residential development. Today, the farming industry is defined by consolidated single purpose complexes that often have managers, accountants and scientists. The industry farm can be efficient, dependable, and profitable. However, environmental concerns, including degraded water quality, increased soil erosion, the loss of field and hedgerow habitats and increased noise and odor nuisances, need to be considered.

Landowners participating in the Livingston County Agricultural District 3 are located in the Town and Village. Conflicts between land participating in Agricultural District 3 and current Town and Village Zoning need to be rectified. Any future uses, that take more than one acre from an active farm, more than ten acres from an agricultural district or any public action that will use public funds (i.e. sewer and water extensions) in a State Certified, County adopted Agricultural District would need to be reviewed to determine its impact on the future viability of Agriculture. Restrictions on use including limited sewer and water lateral extensions and construction standards may be enforced by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and potential restriction of state or federal fund usage.

Agriculture is an integral part of Nunda's landscape and economy. Consideration should always be given to designating areas of the Town as agriculture exclusive to ensure the viability of farming is maintained. The agriculture exclusive zone should be based as in the Land preservation act, on prime farmland, and farmland of statewide importance, current usage and location of neighboring farms, historic production values, aesthetic value, environmental limitations and proximity to residential uses. Environmental concerns including the impacts of run-off on local streams, wetlands, and watersheds, will need to be addressed and rectified. Finally, non-farming uses (solar fields) should be minimized in agricultural areas to reduce conflicts and retain contiguous blocks of farmland.



LAND USE

Current Zoning

The current zoning for the Town and Village of Nunda is an excellent example of using the police power for reducing potential land-use conflicts on shared borders. The Town zoning is complementary to the village. Future land use decisions and zoning regulations should ensure this positive relationship between regulations is maintained.

The Village is divided into four zoning classifications:

Commercial (C), Industrial (I), Medium Density Residential (R-1), High Density Residential (R-2)

The main differences between R-1 and R-2 are minimum lot sizes (12,000 sq. ft. for R-1 Single Family and 8,000 sq. ft. for R-2 Single Family) and the allowance of multi-family homes in high density residential areas.

The Town is divided into five zoning classifications:

Commercial (C), Light Industrial (LI), Low Density Residential (LR), Medium Density Residential (MR), Agricultural (AG)

The main commercial area in the town is located just north of the Village border. Dalton is the primary residential area in the Town. A large light industrial area is also located on the southern border of the Village (OANB), and in the Hamlet of Dalton.

The main concern, focusing specifically on zoning as a way to enforce land use, is the potential over-zoning in the Town. The large low density residential areas north and south of the village provide developers with little guidance as to where development is best located. Another concern with the Town zoning ordinance is the allowance of large lot single family residential uses in agricultural areas. The Land Preservation Act has protected 30,000 acres of land in the County, ensuring it will remain zoned exclusively for agriculture, and Agriculture Exclusive Zones where large contiguous blocks of viable farmland are located should be considered. Future discussions should ponder limiting residential development to cluster developments.

Land Use Proposals

The Town's Land Use Plan aims to retain the predominantly rural and agricultural character of the Town, while accommodating business development in appropriate areas and enhancing Village of Nunda and Dalton Hamlet as the focal point of the community. The land use categories defined for the Land Use Plan are not identical to existing or proposed zoning district names; the Land Use Plan is intended as a general guide while the zoning map and zoning regulations will have the force of law.

Village and Hamlet Mixed Use.

The vision for the Village and Hamlet Mixed Use designation is to accommodate a mix of residential and business uses on small lots consistent with the traditional historic development pattern in the core of Village of Nunda and Dalton Hamlet.

Village and Hamlet Residential.

The Village and Hamlet Residential designation accommodates single- and two-family dwellings on smaller lots that are typical within the Village of Nunda and Dalton Hamlet. Commercial uses are not permitted, except as accessory uses within residences with no outside indication of the business use.

Agricultural/Rural Residential.

Rural Residential areas are intended to support continued agricultural use as well as rural residential development.

Commercial/ Limited Industrial.

The Commercial/ Limited Industrial designation is intended to support a variety of business development in locations outside Village of Nunda and Dalton Hamlet that have access to NYS highways (408, 436, 70) connections to I-390.

Government, Recreation & Community Service.

The Future Land Use Plan map designates areas for continued public and recreational uses. These areas include the Nunda Government Center, T/V/County/State Parks and Recreation areas, State-owned conservation and wildlife management areas, and other State and County facilities.

Natural Resource Conservation Areas.

Natural Resource Conservation Overlays include wetlands protected by State and Federal agencies, flood hazard areas, stream corridors and farmland protected by permanent conservation easements. Recommended buffers from streams and waterways (ex. 200 feet from the center of the Genesee River), 100 feet from the center of Keshequa Creek, and 50 feet from other streams.

Accomplishments of Town and Village

In order to see where we want to go, one must compare that vision to where they've been. The town and village of Nunda has completed several goals and objectives identified in previous comprehensive plans, strategic plans, or through volunteer committees. The hard work and dedication of our local residents do not go unnoticed. Note that this list is not all-inclusive as there may be some things that were inadvertently left out.

New accomplishments since the last comprehensive plan:

- Americana Day(s)
- The Village and Town of Nunda redesigned and updated their websites.
- The creation of the Greater Nunda Action Partnership (GNAP) local organization of commerce, to promote, develop, support, businesses, tourism, and events in our region.
- Tree City USA designation. This designation is nationally recognized and is part of the National Audubon Organization. After three years we will qualify for grants to purchase trees for our community.
- Arbor Day Celebration. With the help of scouts and community volunteers, over a hundred seedlings and bagged trees are planted each year.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TOWN AND VILLAGE



Community Development Block Grants have been obtained for the upgrading of houses within the village involving roofing, heating and foundational support. This state grant is designed to meet the needs of veterans and low-income homeowners using a sliding scale. We have so far obtained two grants of \$500,000 each.

"Nunda Branch" Trail of the Genesee Valley Greenway. This extension branches off the existing Genesee Valley Greenway Trail at Pentagass Road and continues approximately two miles past Halstead Road to the corner of Vermont and State Street in the village (this section will include two benches and access to our grocery store and dollar store). "Nunda Branch" Trail extension of the Genesee Valley Greenway Trail. A 2-mile extension from Pentagass Road to Vermont Street giving a walkable access to the Shop and Save and Dollar General stores. At this point a Kiosk, bench and parking area are to be completed using a PTNY Genesee Valley Trail Town grant.



- The Nunda terminus of the Greenway Trail system on the corner of State and Vermont Streets Parking area
- Bench | Kiosk | Signage
- A Trail Town Committee was created (1991) to help develop the Genesee Valley Greenway and other trails in the immediate area.
- Nunda Trail Town Action Group was created (2020) to help with the above initiatives.
- Gateway Community designation was obtained to coordinate and promote tourism in conjunction with the five other communities surrounding Letchworth State Park (900,000 visitors per year)
- Walkable Community / Sidewalk Replacement Program

- Sidewalk to Kiwanis Park was completed with a great savings of taxpayer money
- Upgrading of the Sewer Plant is now in progress with the addition of UV
- "Be Well in Nunda" committee was organized to promote health in our town. This group has a website giving helpful diet and exercise ideas as well as sponsoring a number of events and programs open to the community each year. "Be Well in Nunda" health walk through the village.
- Nunda Historical Society has added a historical walk through the village. Historical Walk Health has been created for those that are interested in combining a healthy stroll with learning interesting facts about the history of the village. Maps are provided at the beginning of the walk in the Historical Society's Gazebo.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TOWN AND VILLAGE



State Street.

One large north facing mural was painted on to the entirety of Seating Inc.'s north wall by a Chicago based artist. Large Mural on North side of Seating Inc. which was part of a County wide program involving nine other villages. This was funded by a Livingston



County Grant. This large mural is overlooking a proposed park which is in easy access to the Greenway Trail Terminus.

- Improvements in Village Park and Gazebo including surveillance cameras that are now synced to the police department.
- Restoration of the second-floor meeting room of the Village building, including the stage and bathroom. Grants are being obtained to cover accessibility issues and bathroom facilities.
- The new Property Maintenance Law was created to address properties that fail to keep their homes up to standards.
- New benches in the village uptown mall and across from the murals
- Source Water Protection Plan. A large grant for purchase of 140 acres near our reservoir and gravel pit and large building.



- Historical Designation for the village of Nunda is in progress. Landmark Society and historic district designation.
- Bi-Monthly food distribution is provided to well over 250 area families at the Town Building.
- Monthly Euchre Night, sponsored by Be Well and American Legion
- Feral Cat program
- Grant funding was pursued and successfully received to refurbish commercial storefronts and buildings in the downtown business district to make them more attractive and suitable for occupancy.
- Internet access has been improved significantly in the area through strategic placement of a mini-tower in the Village building
- A committee was formed to erect decorative banners to be installed on utility poles along designated Village streets to commemorate our area veterans.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TOWN AND VILLAGE

New Business Ventures established:



Kish-a-wa Creamery

Ice cream shop with a large selection of flavors, plus burgers, hot dogs and fries.



Anchors Coffee Bar

Local offerings! Changes daily & seasonally! Espresso's, Specialty coffees, daily brew, homemade cinnamon rolls, pastries, cookies, fresh green salads all prepared & ready to go. Summertime will offer outdoor seating & some extended hrs with events.



Gleixner's Goodies

A variety cafe, serving breakfast & lunch sammiches, homemade soups & chili. Also other "neato" stuff



Papa Don's Street Side Café

Hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages. Outdoor seating.



The Valley Shop

From trendy, seasonal home decor, to baby gifts, pet apparel, and a curated selection of the finest locally made sweets & treats, the Valley Shop has a little something for everyone.



Greenway Campground

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TOWN AND VILLAGE

- Directional signs, bike racks, and benches were installed for visitors to find the Village's "Nunda Branch" and the Genesee Valley Greenway trailhead.



- One of the Trail Town committee subgroups, known as the Historic Interpretive Signage Group, has already sited over two dozen potential locations for combined wayfinding/interpretive signs. Grant funding for this effort under a separate grant initiative is already underway. These signs will enhance the Genesee Valley Greenway Trail's overall experience, embodiment and educational appeal. There are also several items that have been in the planning phase for some time and will be completed in the very near future that are not yet listed as accomplishments but may be done prior to approval of this plan.
- Tourism and promotional partnerships established with the following:
- Genesee Valley Greenway State Park / Letchworth State Park

- Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway
- Parks and Trails / NYS Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation

Continued support of important activities and initiatives in place at the time of the last comprehensive plan:

- Nunda Fun Days event (Pet Parade, Grand Parade, Amusement Park, Fireworks, Nunda 5K Race)
- Fiber Optic Hub.
- Historical Society events
- Amish/Farmer's (food and artisans'-seasonal) Market
- Christmas in Nunda
- Continued support of the Summer Youth Program at Kiwanis Park.
- Yard Sale Days: a community wide yard sale event that attracts visitors from many area villages and towns.

Concepts for Growth



Land Use (LU)

Revise zoning to advance the goals and vision of the Comprehensive Plan.

- LU-1.** Plan for long-term growth in sewer and water system capacity, and control the pace and location of new development to ensure adequate delivery of public infrastructure and services.
- LU-2.** Expand the tax base of the Town by encouraging appropriate infill and redevelopment of vacant and underutilized properties. Prevent development on land that is unsuitable for development because of soil characteristics, high water tables, or other natural limitations.
- LU-3.** Incorporate additional design standards into site plan review. Include standards to maintain traditional Village and Hamlet design in Village of Nunda and Dalton Hamlet and standards to maintain aesthetics and minimize impacts.
- LU-4.** Encourage energy conservation in residential development and update subdivision and zoning regulations to accommodate techniques that achieve greater energy efficiency.
- LU-5.** Enact additional protections for sensitive natural areas, such as limiting removal of vegetation along streams.
- LU-6.** Ensure that the Town's zoning does not unreasonably restrict standard farm practices and supports agriculture related businesses.

CONCEPTS FOR GROWTH

Village Of Nunda And Dalton Hamlet (VH)

Maintain a mix of business, civic, and residential uses consistent with the traditional layout and character of the Village and Hamlet.

- VH-1.** To provide convenient and affordable access to goods, services, jobs, and recreation for all residents and visitors. Evaluate development regarding the availability of, and impact on, public facilities and services. Ensure that new development produces a positive financial return.
- VH-2.** Incorporate design standards into zoning to ensure that new development and redevelopment is consistent with the traditional form of development in Village of Nunda and Dalton Hamlet.
- VH-3.** Encourage collaboration and communication among businesses in the Village and Hamlet to identify needs that can be met by the Town. Consider publishing a directory of businesses to foster residents' awareness of local enterprises.
- VH-4.** Encourage businesses to provide bicycle facilities to encourage customers arriving via the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park (and Spur) And Finger Lakes Trail.
- VH-5.** Install signs that direct motorists to existing public parking lots.

Improve the appearance and repurpose vacant lots.

- VH-6.** Initiate discussions and maintain communications with the property owner.
- VH-7.** Obtain landowner approval to establish a temporary landscaping on the site to improve appearance.
- VH-8.** Consider negotiating a right of first refusal, acquiring the property and issuing a request for development proposals to repurpose the site.

Create and maintain a visual identity for the Village and Hamlet that is consistent with their traditional character.

- VH-9.** Maintain existing gateway signs.
- VH-10.** Initiate discussions with Rochester Gas & Electric (RGE) or New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) and property owners regarding burying electric lines.
- VH-11.** Install banner signs.
- VH-12.** Establish design standards for new construction and redevelopment to ensure that existing buildings retain their historic character and new buildings fit in with the form and pattern of the historic Village and Hamlet.
- VH-13.** Work with NYSDOT and Livingston County DOT to install additional street trees.
- VH-14.** Continue to organize volunteers to plant and maintain flower beds.
- VH-15.** Develop and install signs, street furniture, and plantings to improve streetscape and access to parks and recreational facilities.

Manage vehicular traffic through the Village and Hamlet and enhance bicycle and pedestrian facilities to maintain access while improving mobility, connectivity and safety for all users.

- VH-16.** Work with NYSDOT to install design features to calm traffic along the State highways through the Village and Hamlet.
- VH-17.** Prepare and implement a bicycle and pedestrian safety plan to improve mobility and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians in the Village and Hamlet and elsewhere in the Town.

CONCEPTS FOR GROWTH

VH-18. Develop a "walking loop" incorporating the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park (and Spur) and Finger Lakes Trail, existing sidewalks and residential side streets. Include signage to tell people how far they walked.

VH-19. Install additional sidewalks where feasible to address gaps in sidewalk network in the Village and Hamlet.

VH-20. Work with property owners and businesses to improve design of vehicle accessways to enhance walkability.

Enhance and expand access to existing recreational facilities, integrate historic interpretation into parks, and expand water-based recreation opportunities.

VH-21. Maintain an inventory of facilities, capital improvement plan, repair and maintenance schedule for Town, Village and Hamlet Parks. Identify and plan for future capital improvements.

VH-22. Increase access to water-based recreation. Identify suitable sites for access to Keshequa Creek. Add viewing areas.

Recognize and celebrate the Village and Hamlet's history, and historic and cultural resources.

VH-23. Advance discussions between the Town and Nunda Historical Society to develop a Nunda history display space and a community meeting room.

VH-24. Install interpretive signage at park access points that tell the story of the Village and Hamlet's history.

Support business opportunities that take advantage of proximity to the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park (and Spur) and Finger Lakes Trail.

VH-25. Install trailside amenities at the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park (and Spur) Trail Trailhead, as well as trailside amenities such as bicycle parking, a map and business directory of the Village of Nunda and Dalton Hamlet, and other beautification efforts to signify that the Village of Nunda and Dalton Hamlet are destinations on the trail and encourage users to visit the local businesses in the Village and Hamlet.

Agriculture & Farmland (AG)

Encourage voluntary preservation of farmland for agricultural use.

AG-1. Encourage and support farmers and farmland owners interested in conservation easements and purchase of development rights.

AG-2. Encourage farmland owners, including landowners who rent land to farmers, to enroll their land in the County Agricultural District and apply for agricultural use exemptions.

Support farms and agricultural businesses.

AG-3. Revise zoning to accommodate farm-related businesses such as value-added production and agri-tourism activities on farms in a manner that minimizes impacts on neighboring residences.

AG-4. Communicate with farmers and farmland owners about planned road improvement and drainage projects and modify project design or timing as needed to minimize impacts on farm operations.

AG-5. With appropriate consultation with farmers and others in the Town, give further consideration and study to the concept of overlay zoning districts and other zoning provisions that could enhance agriculture and curb potential negative effects of non-farm development in prime farmland areas.

Increase public understanding and appreciation of the value of agriculture.

AG-6. Provide information to residents about how the NYS Agricultural Districts Program and the NYS Right to Farm protections establish policy in support of agriculture and limits the ability of Towns to enforce local laws that restrict standard agricultural practices.

AG-7. Support programs and public events to promote public awareness and appreciation of the Town's agricultural resources and heritage.

CONCEPTS FOR GROWTH

- AG-8.** Engage in Livingston County's regional planning efforts to communicate the Town's commitment to agriculture and the importance of recognizing significant value of the Town's prime soils and farm operations.

Natural Resources & Environmental Protection (NR)

Limit vegetation removal within stream corridors ("riparian buffers").

- NR-1.** Establish a stream corridor protection overlay district that limits vegetation removal and construction within riparian buffers.

Maintain drainage infrastructure to minimize risks from flooding.

- NR-2.** Continue to develop and maintain drainage infrastructure within established Drainage Districts to minimize risk of flooding and property damage while maintaining healthy ecosystems to the extent practicable.
- NR-3.** On Town-owned property, maintain and expand vegetated buffers within stream corridors and develop and implement a drainage plan to reduce flood hazards.

Provide information to landowners about land stewardship and best management practices.

- NR-4.** Prepare educational materials for residents within designated flood zones to help them reduce risks of property damage from and to prepare for emergency response.
- NR-5.** Connect landowners with technical assistance and information to encourage responsible land management.

Population & Housing (PH)

Accommodate new residential development in appropriate areas that is consistent with the Town's rural character and historic development patterns.

- PH-1.** Maintain zoning district regulations for primarily single-family residential uses that maintain the rural residential character of the Town.
- PH-2.** Avoid rezoning for new higher density residential development such as townhouses and patio homes where such developments would impact the Town's rural character.
- PH-3.** Maintain zoning regulations that accommodate accessory apartments to provide housing for seniors and allow seniors to remain in their homes.

Improve the quality of existing housing where needed, consistent with historic character as applicable.

- PH-4.** Provide information to residents about appropriate techniques and funding for maintaining historic structures.
- PH-5.** Connect residents to resources for technical assistance and funding for housing maintenance and repairs.

Economic Vitality (EV)

Enhance the vitality of Village of Nunda and Dalton Hamlet for retail and service businesses.

- EV-1.** To support our Downtown as a regional arts, entertainment, and shopping focal point which will support State Street merchants, businesses and area artists. Build and strengthen an online presence for Downtown Nunda through a more effective website and greater utilization of social media tools.

CONCEPTS FOR GROWTH

Encourage the development of new well designed and properly located commercial and industrial facilities that provide employment and services. Promote the maintenance and revitalization of existing business and industrial uses.

- EV-2.** Promote downtown Nunda as a location for professional offices and services.
- EV-3.** Revise zoning to include design standards as part of site plan review.
- EV-4.** Identify specific criteria that would require submission and approval of an amended site plan, such as an increase in the number of visitors or vehicular trips, to avoid the need for businesses to undergo site plan review for changes that have minimal impacts on neighboring properties.

Accommodate additional home-based businesses to allow residents to generate income with minimal impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

- EV-5.** Revise zoning to allow additional home-based businesses, incorporating standards to minimize impacts on neighboring properties.

Transportation & Mobility (TM)

Improve Safety at Intersections.

- TM-1.** Work with residents to identify intersections where sightlines create safety issues to ensure vegetation is properly trimmed to improve safety at these intersections.
- TM-2.** At intersections on roadways owned by NYSDOT or Livingston County, explore agreements to ensure vegetation is maintained by these organizations to improve safety.

Improve Access Management.

- TM-3.** Adopt access management standards that promote safe and efficient traffic throughput while balancing the right to property access.
- TM-4.** Conduct a study in the Neighborhood Transitional and Mixed-Use Districts to facilitate and improve the safety of access to adjoining properties.

Design streets to be accessible and safe for all road users (“Complete Streets”).

- TM-5.** Adopt a Local Complete Streets Policy and Design Guidelines.

Improve mobility by enhancing alternative modes of transportation.

- TM-6.** Collaborate with Plan B Express Transit LLC, Regional Transit Service Livingston (RTS-L), and Livingston Area Transportation Service (LATS) to examine the feasibility of additional stops and access to transit services.
- TM-7.** Prepare and implement a bicycle and pedestrian safety plan to improve mobility and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians in Village of Nunda and Dalton Hamlet and elsewhere in the Town. This will include evaluating the potential for road widening to provide shoulders for walkability and to enhance bicycle safety.

Utilities & Energy (UE)

Improve public utilities to meet the needs of the community while maintaining the Town’s rural character.

- UE-1.** Continue to work with Nunda Village Public Works to maintain water service and infrastructure within the existing water district.
- UE-2.** Continue to seek grant funding to extend public water service to areas where on-site supplies are inadequate.
- UE-3.** Discourage extension of public sewer service where it would lead to development that is inconsistent with the rural character of the community.

CONCEPTS FOR GROWTH

- UE-4.** Work with Livingston County to improve high-speed internet service in underserved areas in the Town.
- UE-5.** Continue to thoughtfully manage applications/installation of large-scale solar and battery energy storage siting, as specified in Town zoning for Tier 3 facilities, in order to support renewable energy development while retaining rural character and avoid impacts on high quality farmland.

Encourage renewable energy & energy efficiency improvements to benefit existing buildings and facilities in the Town.

- UE-6.** Maintain local laws that accommodate the installation of renewable energy generation facilities for use on-site by farms, residences and businesses in the Town.
- UE-7.** Continue to limit the installation of large-scale solar facilities in order to retain rural character and avoid impacts on high quality farmland.
- UE-8.** Install renewable energy and increase energy efficiency in municipal facilities.
- UE-9.** Continue to seek grant funding to study and implement Community Choice Aggregation, or similar energy cost-savings programs for residents, and offer residents a choice whether or not to enroll.

Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PR)

Maintain and improve existing Town parks and recreation facilities.

- PR-1.** Provide sufficient funding and staffing for the JTVN Highway Departments staff to maintain park facilities.

- PR-2.** Improve the pavilion, trails, parking and picnic areas.

Improve access to the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park (and Spur) and Finger Lakes Trail.

- PR-3.** Maintain and improve existing signage and add new wayfinding and interpretive signage along trails/ trailheads.

- PR-4.** Maintain and improve parking areas at trailheads in cooperation with NYSDOT and Livingston County.

- PR-5.** Clarify responsibilities for maintenance of the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park (and Spur) and Finger Lakes Trail and ensure that responsible entities continue to maintain the trail for recreational use. Work with NYSDOT, Livingston County Highway to improve roadways that provide access to the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park (and Spur) and Finger Lakes Trail to improve safety for bicyclists.

Continue to develop Town, Village, and Hamlet public parks and the Kiwanis Park for health improvement, recreational and conservation use.

- PR-6.** Continue to partner and report on health efforts of municipal wellness and healthy living initiatives, partnering with Livingston County Department of Health, and health/medical-related business.

- PR-7.** Support citizen-led initiatives to plant trees and develop trails.

- PR-8.** Continue partnerships with not-for-profit organizations to provide park and recreational opportunities within Town, Village, and Hamlet public parks and the Kiwanis Park.

Government & Community Facilities (GC)

Maintain Nunda Town and Village government facilities and services in a cost-effective manner.

- GC-1.** Allocate funds and maintain staffing sufficient to properly maintain facilities and services.

- GC-2.** Continue to partner with neighboring municipalities, County and State governments to coordinate service delivery.

CONCEPTS FOR GROWTH

Continue to provide services to residents in partnership with the Bell Memorial Library and Community Food Supplement programs.

- GC-3.** Continue to provide funding and staffing to maintain services, facilities and programing that benefit youth, seniors, and other adults.
- GC-4.** Maintain and expand partnerships with school districts, other municipalities, State and County government entities and not for profit organizations to deliver high quality services to Nunda residents.

Historic & Cultural Heritage (H)

Integrate historic interpretation with parks and recreational facilities.

- H-1.** Install interpretive signage and/or historic markers or plaques at trailheads, canal locks, Genesee Valley Greenway State Park (and Spur) And Finger Lakes Trail, and other municipal parks and recreational facilities to educate visitors to parks and recreational facilities about the area historic and cultural heritage.

Support property owners interested in historic rehabilitation.

- H-2.** Provide information to building owners about ways to maintain historic character of buildings during renovation.

Celebrate Nunda's history.

- H-3.** Work with the Historical Society to sponsor events, distribute information about Town's history and resources.

Protect historic and archaeological resources.

- H-4.** Prepare a historic resource survey.
- H-5.** Ensure that potential impacts on historic and archaeological resources are addressed during project reviews.

Roadmap



Local Commerce

It is the policy of the Village to be a community that attracts visitors and businesses, as well as a place where residents enjoy rewarding employment opportunities. The attraction and retention of businesses in the Village depends upon many elements: a skilled work force; a high-quality school system; and adequate infrastructure. Meanwhile, the attraction of visitors depends on the quality of our retail and service operations, our public amenities, the appeal of our events, and our community attitude. The Village will work closely with local, regional, and state organizations to ensure we continue to be a forward-looking community; one which is attuned to the future of tourism, technology, and communications.

Objectives:

- Ensure that there is adequate infrastructure in place to accommodate new and existing commercial and industrial operations.
- Increase the number of local jobs available.
- Promote local assets and events to increase the number of visitors to the Village and encourage residents and visitors to patronize local businesses.
- Place small-scale and specialty business activity within the downtown area.
- Place business operations that rely on motor vehicle traffic along State Street, in the vicinity of the Village Square and Mill Street.
- Develop an outreach campaign to identify and solicit new businesses.
- Create a business development plan that supports existing businesses by identifying key resources and opportunities for growth.

Implementation Items

- Maintain existing physical structures and infrastructure owned by the Village to promote a healthy business climate and encourage infill development.

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- Identify utility capacity requirements for new development in the Village to assist the Public Works Department in planning for and accommodating future opportunities.
- Make the Village a destination spot for bicyclists by introducing new bicycle infrastructure (bike racks, bike lanes/trails, etc.).
- Develop a comprehensive marketing strategy for the Village that includes the following:
 - A regional marketing plan completed in partnership with nearby municipalities to attract businesses and visitors to the Greater Nunda area.
 - A local marketing plan that addresses the perceived remoteness of the region and increases awareness of village amenities.
 - An all-inclusive destination map identifying local attractions and businesses to distribute and display downtown or at special events.
- Explore traditional and alternative opportunities for lodging within the Village (e.g. AirBNB, bed-and-breakfasts).
- Engage with local realtors by holding a forum about current market conditions for seasonal and temporary housing.
- Encourage business owners and landlords to discuss and implement creative vacancy solutions, such as shared space arrangements and adaptive reuse for non-traditional retail.
- Create a board of Village stakeholders, including non-business members, that functions as a local business advisory group.
- Further study the adequacy of high speed internet for businesses.

Downtown

It is the policy of the Village to have an attractive and prosperous downtown area for businesses located in the cultural and social center of the community. The goods and services available in our downtown should serve to meet the daily needs of our residents and contribute to the local economy. The pedestrian-oriented nature and historic character of this district creates an environment that is appealing to residents, visitors and patrons. We are proud to say that our downtown is the heart of the Village's historic district in the designation process for listing on the State and National Register of Historic Places. New investment in our downtown should positively contribute to its traditional character and marketability.

Objectives:

- Reduce the number of vacant storefronts and buildings in downtown and support existing businesses.
- Improve the appearance of the downtown area.
- Preserve historic architecture.
- Continue to locate civic and social uses within the downtown area.
- Enhance the pedestrian friendly environment of the downtown area.
- Ensure available parking supports the uses in the downtown area.
- Encourage the utilization of the upper floors to increase the variety of living options in the Village (lofts, etc.).
- Preserve the existing housing stock within the downtown area.

Implementation Items

- Increase the connection and presence of historical places to the community.
- Authorize the use of Village property for business activity that promotes community collaboration and spirit.
- Incorporate public art elements from local schools throughout the Village.
- Continue enforcement of village codes regulating property maintenance and the collection of back taxes.
- Continue a Facade Improvement Program to encourage better property maintenance and stimulate the renovation of building facades.
- Work with business owners and a design professional to improve the appearance and effectiveness of business identification practices (e.g. signs, etc.).

ROADMAP

- Revisit and review the Village's participation in the NYS Main Street Program for additional support downtown.
- Revisit eligibility for Community Development Block Grants, specifically for projects regarding the needs of the handicapped or elderly population.
- Utilize GNAP as a business advisory group from whom business owners can learn of opportunities to expand or relocate to vacant spaces within the downtown, communicate with other business owners in the area, and seek help with marketing strategies.
- Organize a marketing and promotion campaign for downtown merchants.
- Consider revising the Village's Design Criteria to include architectural design standards and an architectural review committee for downtown and the Historic District.
- Increase awareness of the village's National Register of Historic Places designation.
- Explore the feasibility of a free Wi-Fi network for the downtown area.

Community Resources and Rural Character

It is the policy of Nunda to have community resources (public services, civic organizations and business groups) that meet the needs of residents and support local businesses. In addition to our municipal services, the welfare of our residents is supported by the Keshequa Central School District, Bell Memorial Library, Nunda Historical Society, Greater Nunda Action Partnership (GNAP), Kiwanis International, Rotary International, Genesee Valley Greenway, Trail Towns, "Be Well in Nunda", Garden Club, faith community as well as Masons, VFW/American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries, Plan B transportation service, Livingston Area Transportation Service, Scouts, 4-H, Salvation Army, Youth Summer Recreation Program, Keshequa School Day Care, Nunda Food Pantry, and other service organizations. The collective efforts of these public and not-for-profit groups are an invaluable asset to the community, and it is essential that the level of service provided to Nunda is maintained or increased based on future need.

Policy Objectives:

- Continue delivery of services to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community
- Locate future community facilities in the downtown village area, which is centrally located and accessible to all town residents.
- Develop strategies to increase public awareness of services offered by public and not-for-profit resources in Nunda.
- Create opportunities for increased public involvement in building a better community.
- Maintain or increase the amount of parkland and open space accessible to residents.
- Define with the school district, shared facilities and resources and the provision of accessible services.

Infrastructure

Goals

- Create a safe and vibrant community by building infrastructure that provides residents and visitors with a better quality of life.
- Utilize present available infrastructure allowing for a more robust business economy in Nunda.

Objectives:

- Extend water and sewer services north on Rt 408 to support business and industry development.
- Continue to update sewer and water treatment plants to meet the present and future needs of the community.
- Make the sidewalks more walkable with smoother walkways that are well lit.
- Move to LED lighting throughout the town and village.

ROADMAP

Strategies

- Evaluate and install an electric vehicle charging station(s) in public and tourist spaces where feasible.
- Provide a bike share program.
- Enhance gateway entrances with signage, street scape design.
- Seek grant and funding options to support water and sewer system updates.
- Seek grant and funding options to support sidewalks and street lighting.
- Conduct a study of municipal and community energy demands and green alternatives.

Telecommunications

Objectives

- Promote and protect the health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare of residents and business in the Town and Village of Nunda.
- Protect the benefits derived in this area, its residents, and the general public from access to personal wireless services while minimizing, to the greatest extent feasible, the redundancy of personal wireless telecommunication facilities.
- Balance these goals, by permitting the installation and operation of personal wireless telecommunication facilities where they are needed, while reducing, to the greatest extent feasible, adverse economic, safety and/or aesthetic impacts on nearby properties and the community as a whole
- Comply with applicable law, including the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Both the Village and Town of Nunda have a wide variety of available choices for Telecommunication services including Internet, Cable, DSL, Fiber Optic, Phone and Satellite. The providers for these services continue to expand and improve availability throughout the previously under served rural areas within the Town of Nunda and surrounding communities.

Government

Goals

- Embrace sustainable growth and development by protecting prime agricultural lands and promoting reusable energy.

Objectives

- Enhance municipal government services through shared service agreements that benefit our community members.
- Establish stronger interaction with residents and local taxpayers when reviewing current ordinances and local laws.

Strategies

- Continue collaboration efforts between the Town and Village of Nunda and the surrounding communities for shared service agreements.
- Establish a community grant writing committee of local volunteers willing to research grants related to strategies mentioned in this plan and other potential projects that may not be mentioned and begin writing for those grants.
- Focus on areas of government that will be beneficial to residents and lower taxpayers.
- Research potential incentives that could be provided to new businesses that would add to the local tax base and help reduce governance costs.
- Promote recycling, composting, and other means of waste reduction.
- Utilize services from the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council and the Livingston County Departments of Planning & Economic Development for local government assistance (board trainings, available grants, grant writing assistance, other funding opportunities).
- Work with the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council (FLREDC) and Empire State Development regarding business recruitment, Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), and Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) funding opportunities.

ROADMAP

Regional Cooperation

It is the policy of Nunda to have inter-municipal relationships that strengthen the regional economy, protect sensitive environmental areas, preserve local character and enhance the quality of life for residents. Nunda recognizes that its well-being is directly linked to the region as a whole, and fostering relationships with bordering/ neighboring municipalities, Livingston County, Wyoming County and Allegany County is essential to the vitality of the community.

Policy Objectives

- Continue to develop relationships that:
 - Capitalize on opportunities for shared services to reduce the cost of government.
 - Preserve the rural qualities essential to the region's identity.
 - Attract businesses to the region.
- Strengthen relations with Livingston County to stay informed about and benefit from the services provided.
- Increase awareness of regional heritage and cultural resources.
- Strive to view and protect the environment using natural boundaries (watersheds, prime soil areas, etc.) rather than municipal boundaries.

Trails and Outdoor Recreation

Goals:

- Invest in social capital by enhancing and promoting shared community spaces and recreational opportunities.
- Further protect open spaces, and sensitive ecological areas.

Objectives:

- Establish a regional identity as a Trail Town with a strong connection to open spaces.
- Utilize the proximity to Letchworth State Park, Genesee Valley Greenway State Park, Rattlesnake Hill Wildlife Management Area, Finger Lakes Trail, Greenway Campground, Swain Ski Center, and Woodlynn Hills Golf, to promote the town and village as a viable gateway to recreational activities.

Strategies:

- Provide support and focus to the Trail Town committee and their initiatives.
- Continue to collaborate with Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway, NY State Parks and Recreation, and other groups on projects related to the development of the Greenway and Park owned properties in Nunda.
- Create bike lanes anywhere possible to encourage safe biking.
- Determine if the development of off-road bike trails is feasible in the area.
- Continue maintaining existing parks and look for grant opportunities to support Kiwanis and the village park.
- Improve and enhance current outdoor recreation facilities with better lighting, signage, and parking areas.
- Re-evaluate the recreational desires of a changing population to keep programs and facilities responsive and up to date.
- Foster relationships with area businesses to enhance recreational opportunities i.e. golf course/campground; Seating company/mural park; School/Walnut St. facilities; Kiwanis/field usage.

Conclusion



The crafting and development of the **Nunda Comprehensive Plan** has been discussed for many years, as there are countless benefits to a community adopting such a plan. Not only do Comprehensive Plans provide a long-range vision for a community, but they also provide a means for achieving said vision. By establishing priority programs or projects and strengthening efforts to complete them, a Comprehensive Plan fosters community stability and growth. Comprehensive Plans also support the development of many important community development tools, such as zoning and land use planning, budgeting, and capital improvement planning, as well as efforts to pursue grant opportunities and cultural or economic investment.

Any community that seeks to thrive long into the future should articulate their overall vision and objectives within a Comprehensive Plan in an effort to ensure that future decisions are consistent with those outlined in the Plan. This document is not intended to foreclose future decision-making, but rather serve as a guidance document for both current and future elected officials, appointed committees, and other community leaders as they continue to shape our Town and Village over the next decade.

The elements of our Comprehensive Plan were developed with the help of Town and Village officials and staff, as well as Planning Board and volunteer members who were selected to represent the diverse opinions, desires, needs, and goals of our community. It was important to the Town and Village to solicit input from the general public as well throughout the Comprehensive Planning process, as it is intended to represent the Greater Nunda community as a whole. Although the Plan may not specifically address the concerns or desires of every resident, the document attempts to understand and tie together the varying opinions of the community in a way that embodies the broader public majority.

Our Comprehensive Plan is also a document that reflects on the history of Nunda, and its strong desire to maintain and enhance our character while fostering prosperity and growth within the community. The intent of the Comprehensive Plan is not to simply preserve our past or prescribe change, but to enrich the fabric and culture of the Town and Village that continues to be at the core of our community's values today. As a result, the Plan utilizes both the historical and existing context of our Town and Village in an attempt to provide for both current and future populations.

Because of the future-oriented nature of the Comprehensive Plan, it should be acknowledged as a "living document" that requires continual updates to ensure that it accurately addressed the changing environment of Town and Village. As markets vary and continue to develop, the Plan should be revisited and revised as necessary to reflect the ever-evolving opinions, desires, and needs of our community.

The implementation of our Comprehensive Plan was designed to occur at many levels. While the Town and Village will endeavor to undertake some of the action items as part of governmental practice, the cooperation of the private sector, school district, and neighboring communities will be necessary to achieve many of our common policies. Though all of the objectives contained within the Plan are considered important to the community, they cannot be accomplished simultaneously. Rather, the implementation of these goals will be staged over a period of years, dependent upon their respective time and monetary requirements.

With the formal adoption of this Comprehensive Plan, it is our hope that the greater Nunda community will collectively take the next step towards embracing and implementing this Plan for the betterment of all residents and community stakeholders within our Town and Village for years to come.

Thank you!

APPENDIX A

Nunda Comprehensive Plan Update 2024

A SWOT is used to:

- Identify and Understand Nunda's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.
- Convert weaknesses and threats into strengths and opportunities.
- Discover new opportunities.

	Helpful	Harmful
Internal	Strengths Characteristics of Nunda that give Nunda an advantage and help it to reach objectives.	Weaknesses Nunda characteristics that present a disadvantage or prevent Nunda from reaching objectives.
External	Opportunities Elements that Nunda could use to its advantage to help reach its objectives.	Threats Elements outside of Nunda's control that could cause trouble and prevent Nunda from reaching its objectives.

Strengths	Strength-Opportunity Strategies Which of the strengths can be used to maximize the opportunities that were identified?	Strength-Threats Strategies How can we use the strengths to minimize the threats that were identified?
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Weaknesses	Weakness-Opportunity Strategies What action(s) can we take to minimize weaknesses using the opportunities that were identified?	Weakness-Threats Strategies How can we minimize weaknesses to avoid the threats that were identified?
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APPENDIX A

Internal Influences: Strengths

2005

- Community / People
- Location
- Recreational Opportunities
- Natural Beauty
- Local Business Support and Loyalty
- Quiet
- Good Roads
- Accessible
- Growth Opportunities
- Cost of Living
- Schools
- Local History
- Public Services

2024

- Friendly neighbors
- Safe community
- Trail creation efforts
- Agriculture
- Fire Department and emergency services relationships
- Festivals (Nunda Fundays, Christmas in Nunda, Yard Sales Day)
- Shared Government Center
- LATS
- Plan B
- New Internet/Cable options

Internal Influences: Weaknesses

2005

- Lack of Sewer and Water in Dalton
- Lack of Jobs for Under skilled
- Cost of Living
- No Long Range Vision
- Limited Capital / Grant Knowledge
- Limited Volunteer Opportunities
- Out-Migration of Youth
- Vacant Downtown Storefronts
- Lack of Business Diversity
- Lack of Public Transportation

2024

- Nunda is passed over in tourist circles (needs marketing)
- Small percentage of high school graduates returning after college
- Limited housing
- Low Employment opportunities
- Lack of Youth Activities
- Lack of diversity
- Need Volunteers
- Need Restaurants (Dining)
- Lack of community center
- Not considered a gateway to Letchworth Park
- Lack of sidewalks
- Lack participation in planning events

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External Influences: Opportunities

2005

- Inn or B&B for Seasonal Recreation
- Main Street Revitalization
- Reuse of Historic Structures
- Good Infrastructure Capacity for future Development
- Youth & Activity Center
- Business attraction
- Coordinating Environmental
- Recreation Opportunities
- Capitalizing on Location
- Tourism / Year Round
- Low Land Cost
- Activity Generators

2024

- Parks and Trail
- Need more knowledge of funding opportunities
- Green – Renewable Energy
- Create a branding that is Nunda Specific
- Networking
- Public Art in Downtown
- Safe Street grants in downtown
- Youth participation

External Influences: Threats

2005

- Missing Opportunities (Paralysis by Analysis)
- Lack of Plan
- Missing Funding Opportunities
- Not Getting People Involved with the Planning Process
- Perception of Change
- Complexity of Requirements for Rural Development

2024

- No room for development
- State taxes
- State unfunded mandates
- Invasive Species (Environment)
- Aging Infrastructure

APPENDIX B

Notable and successful annual events

FLAG DAY. June 14th commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for its first flag. The Elementary school continues to celebrate this day with a "raising of the flag" ceremony

MEMORIAL DAY. Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States armed forces. Observed on the last Monday in May, Nunda honors these fallen heroes with a parade and ceremony in 2 of our town cemeteries.

EARTH DAY. April 22nd of each year marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement begun in 1970. On or around that date, school students, village and town residents and village and town DPW join forces and clean up the roadways and parks truly making Nunda a "nice place to live"

VETERANS DAY. Also called Armistice Day, the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, Nunda joins in with the rest of the United States on this federal holiday to honor military veterans of the U.S. armed forces. A ceremony sponsored by our local Veterans organization is observed.



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Notable and successful annual events

ARBOR DAY. First celebrated in 1872, it was established as a way to encourage farmers and homesteaders to plant trees that would provide shade, shelter, food, fuel, and beauty to open areas. The village of Nunda has the distinction of being a "Tree City USA". Nunda in conjunction with The American Arbor Day Foundation, has a tree planting ceremony and offers trees and bushes for residents to plant as well. The Village Tree Committee, Scouts, KCS students and the village DPW plant trees throughout the area.

CHRISTMAS IN NUNDA. Early December the Christmas spirit is palpable as the residents and businesses decorate for the season and gather to kick off the festivities with a tree lighting ceremony and the arrival of Santa Claus on Friday night. Tastings, games for the kids, hot chocolate and cookies galore can be had as businesses extend their hours for shoppers. Wagon rides to view the decorations throughout the town can be enjoyed by all. Saturday starts with a community walk with the Grinch, vendors selling their wares, raffles, food trucks and the day ends with a spectacular fireworks display. Sunday the weekend culminates with an ecumenical church candlelight service featuring a community choir.



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Notable and successful annual events

GNAP NEWSLETTER. The GNAP organization prints a tri-annual newsletter celebrating the accomplishments of local organizations and highlighting various businesses.

AMERICANA DAY. Sponsored by the Trinity church and Nunda Historical Society with numerous organizations and volunteers assisting, Americana Day is celebrated the weekend after the 4th of July. Everything American, from basketball tournaments, softball games, barbershop quartets, games and apple pie to a parade featuring a kazoo band, suffragettes, and antique tractors. A fun filled Saturday that gets busier each year.

NUNDA FUN DAYS. An Annual 3-day spring event sponsored and organized by the Nunda Fire Department, Nunda Fun Days incorporates a carnival, parades, dinners and activities the first weekend in June with fireworks display for the finale on Saturday night.

YARD SALE DAYS. One weekend in August is an annual town wide yard sale. Individuals, vendors, churches and various organizations come out to sell anything and everything.

FIRST DAY WALK. The first day of the year, Be Well in Nunda in conjunction with the NYS Parks sponsors a "First Day Walk" promoting healthy habits beginning in the new year. Fun runs, fall walks, cooking and nutrition classes, community garden, euchre nights and educational programs are some of the many activities sponsored by this group.

NUNDA GARDEN CLUB. Decorating the village each season and on holidays with flowering baskets, pumpkins, and Christmas decor. The village square is made welcoming and beautiful throughout the year by these creative and talented volunteers.



APPENDIX C

Events Calendar

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
FIRST DAY HIKE <i>Ring in the new year with a hike on the Genesee Valley Greenway</i>		
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
EASTER EGG HUNT <i>Kiwanis Easter egg hunt for elementary students</i>	MEMORIAL DAY <i>Observance with a parade and ceremony</i>	NUNDA FUN DAYS <i>Carnival, food, parades and fireworks</i>
EARTH DAY <i>Clean up roadways and parks for town beautification</i>	GARDEN PLANTING <i>Community garden planting at KCS schools</i>	FLAG DAY <i>Venture to Dalton for the Elementary school ceremony</i>
ARBOR DAY <i>Tree planting ceremony</i>		
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
AMERICANA DAY <i>Get out your Red White and Blue & enjoy the patriotic day</i>	YARD SALE DAYS <i>Bargains galore. Prepare to sell or find treasures</i>	
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
HALLOWEEN <i>Trunk or treat and trick or treat after the parade</i>	VETERANS DAY <i>Honor our servicemen and women with a ceremony</i>	SMALL BUSINESS SAT. <i>Shop local to support local businesses</i>
	HAM & TURKEY RAFFLE <i>VFW and Legion hosted events</i>	CHRISTMAS IN NUNDA <i>Friday through Sunday numerous events and vendors</i>
	THANKSGIVING <i>Senior citizens dinner sponsored by KCS elementary</i>	

APPENDIX D

Town of Nunda

Elevation and Topography



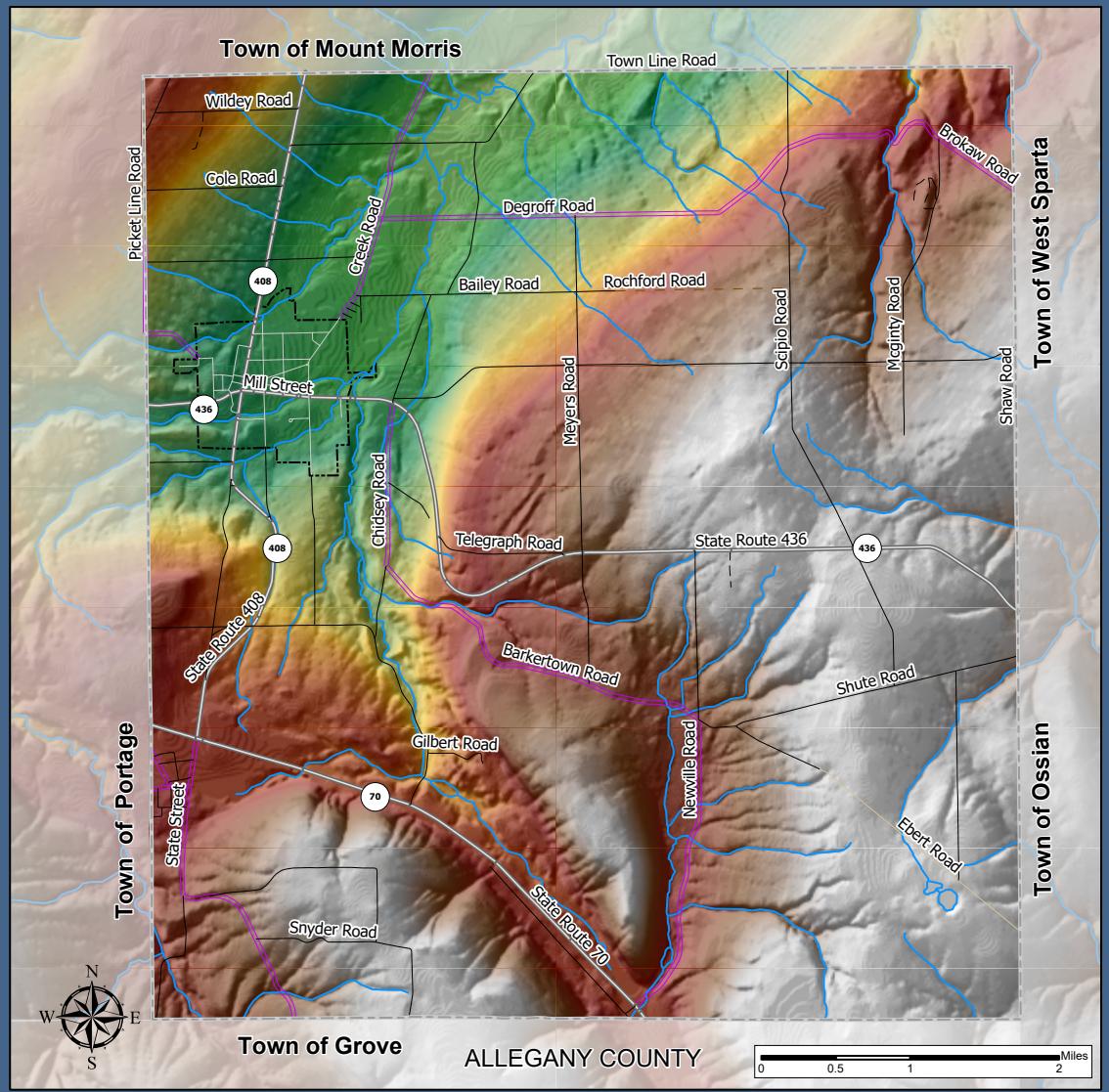
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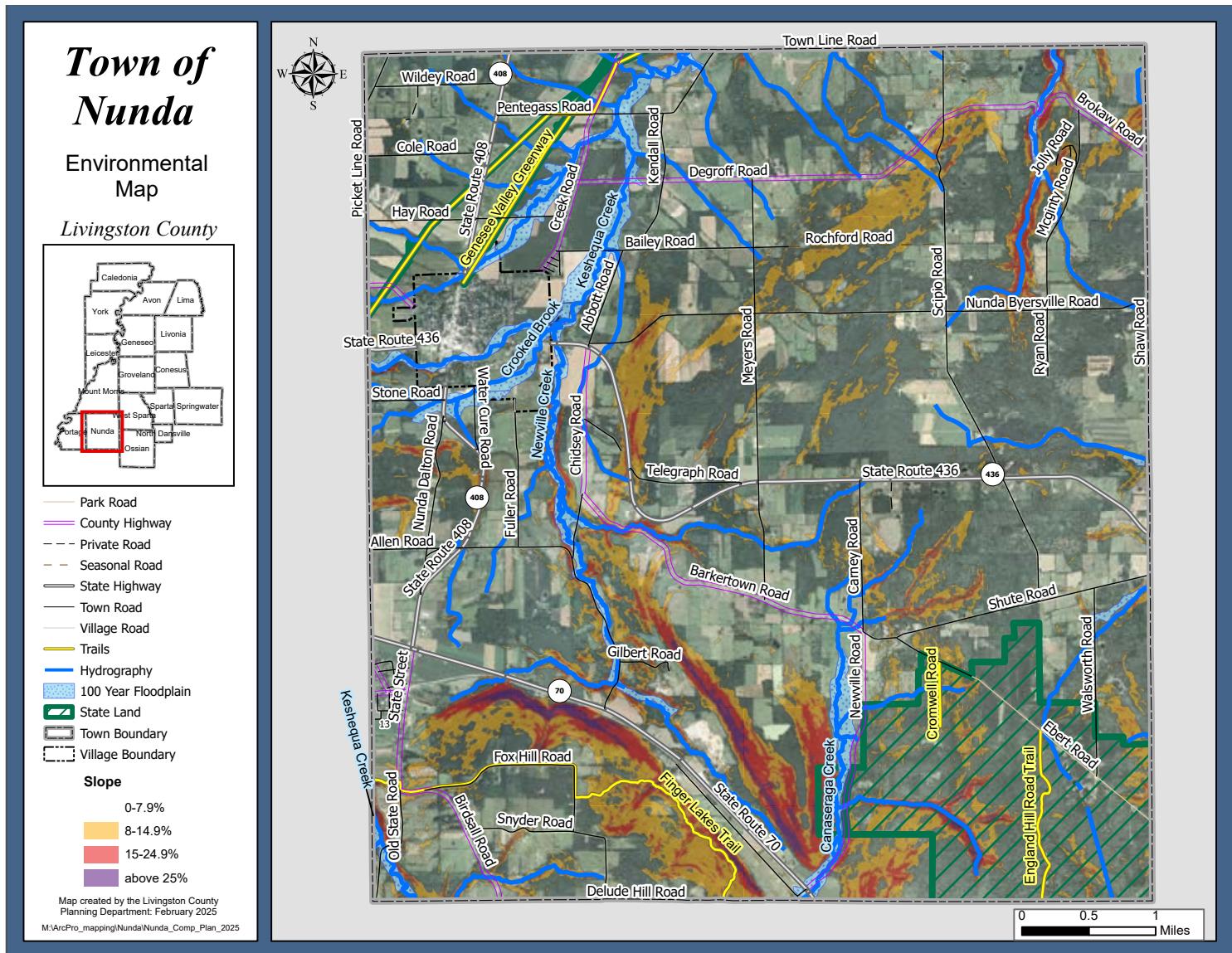


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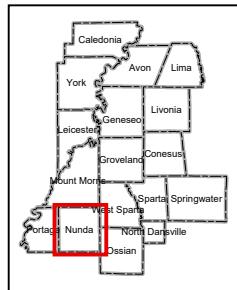
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Town of Nunda Soils Map

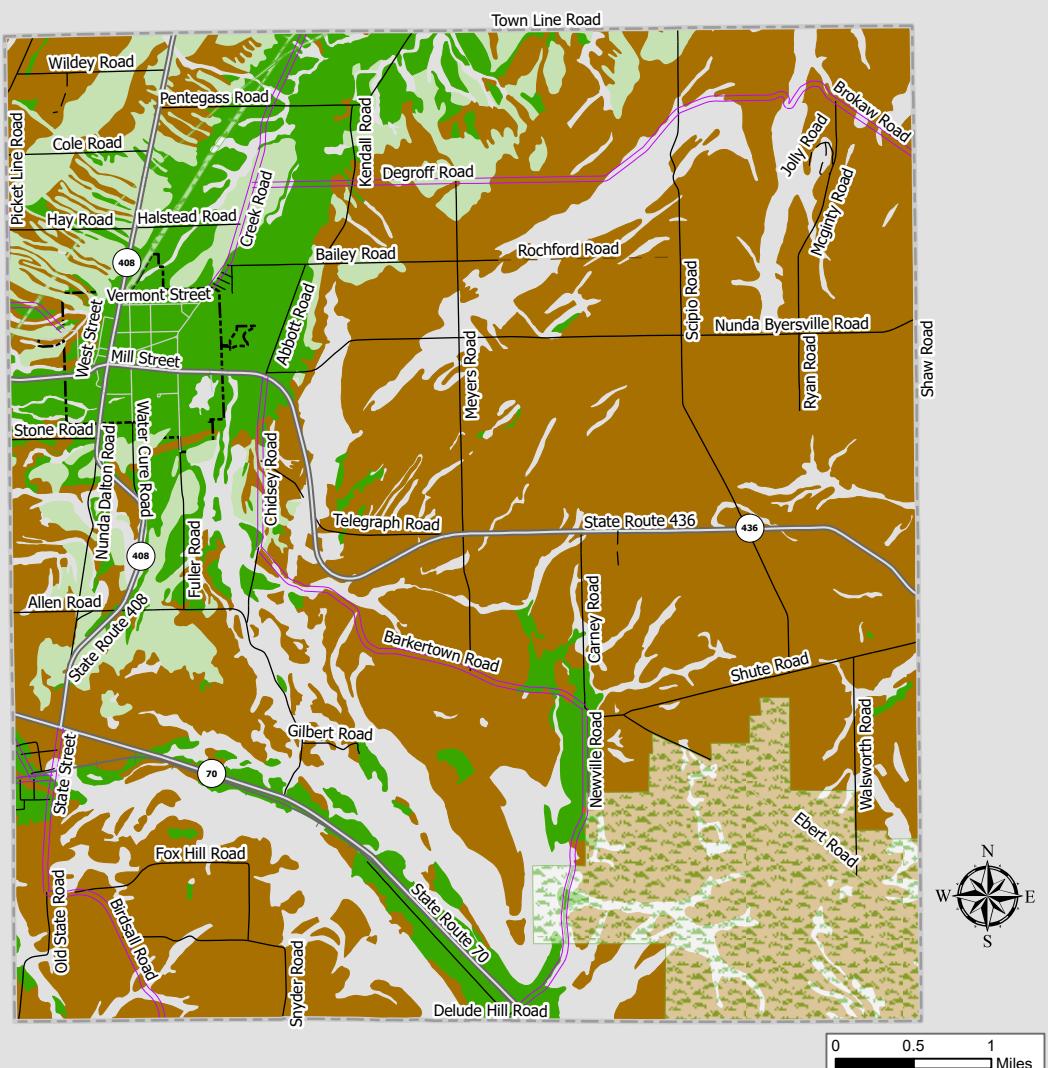
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- State Highway
- Town Road
- Village Road
- State Land
- Prime Farmland
- Farmland of Statewide Importance
- Prime farmland if drained
- Town Boundaries
- Village Boundary

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Town of Nunda Zoning Map

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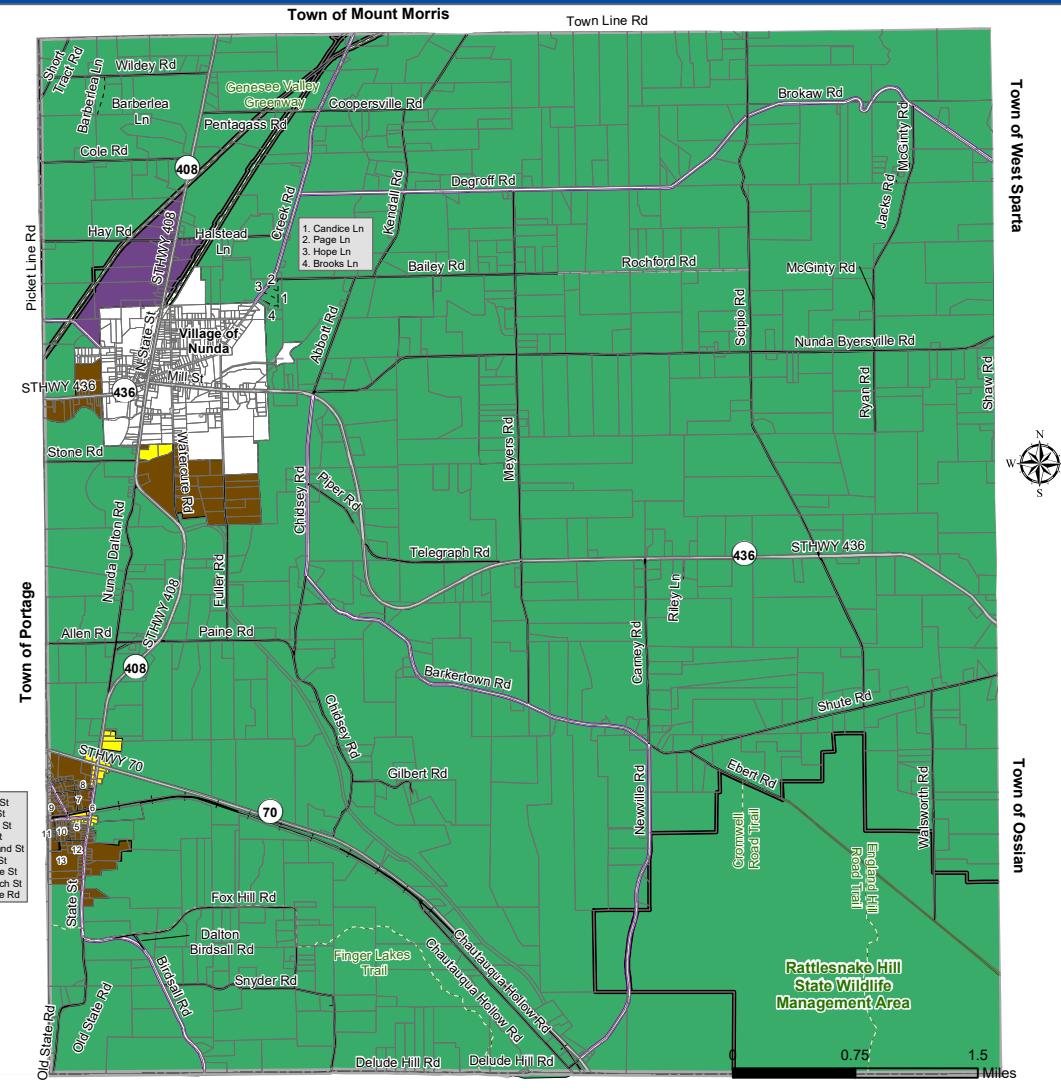
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- Tax Parcels 2019
- Village Boundary
- State Land
- Town Boundary

Adopted by the Town of Nunda
Town Board: 2016

Zoning Districts

- Mixed Use District (MU)
- Neighborhood Residential District (NRD)
- Neighborhood Transitional District (NTD)
- Agricultural District (AG)

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Village of Nunda ZONING MAP

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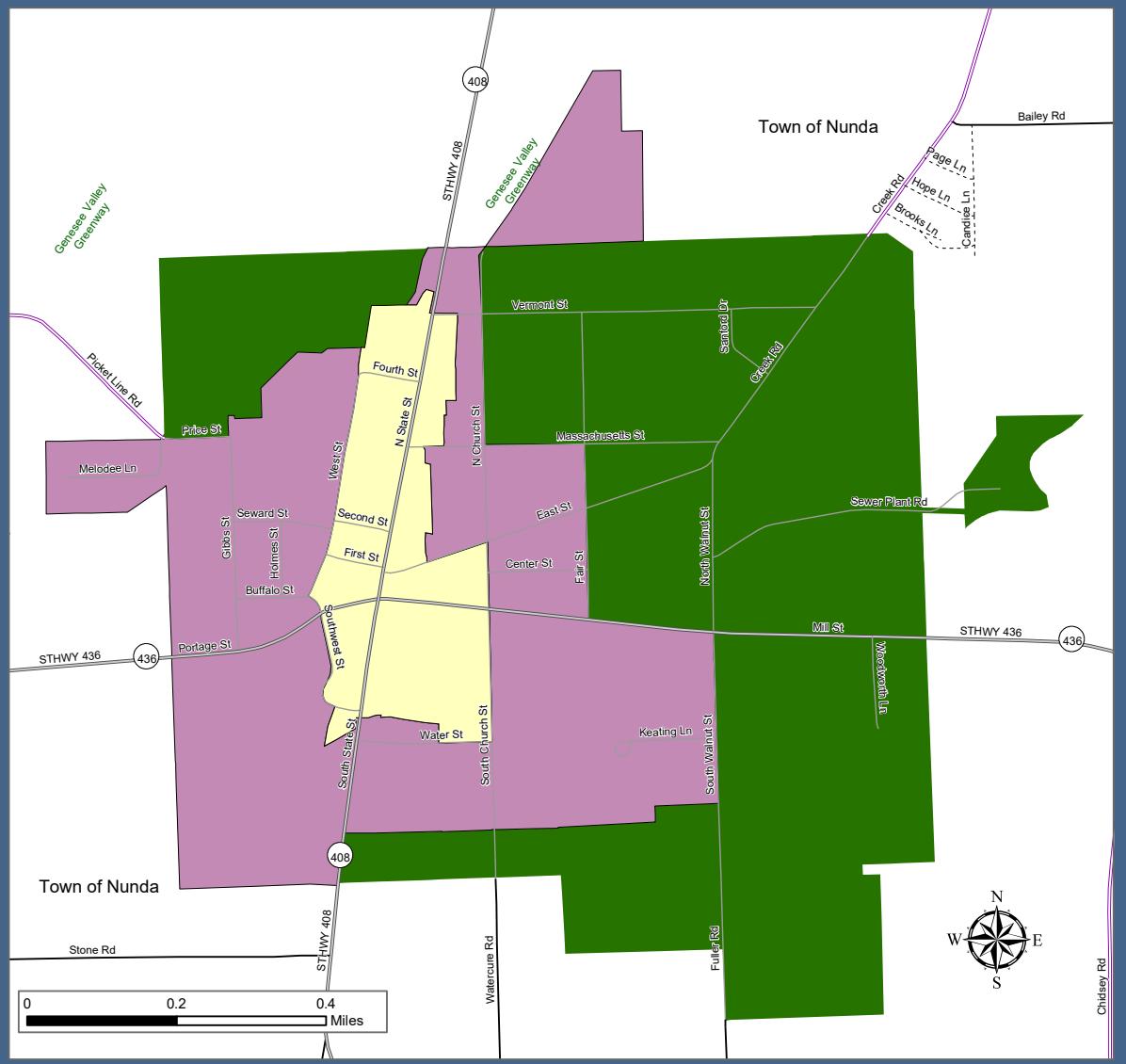
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- Parcels
- Trails
- State Highway
- County Highway
- Town Road
- Village Road
- Private Road

Zoning Districts

- Village- Mixed Use District
- Village- Neighborhood Residential District
- Village- Neighborhood Transitional District

Adopted by the
Village Board of
Trustees on
October 17, 2016

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Nunda Future Land Use Map

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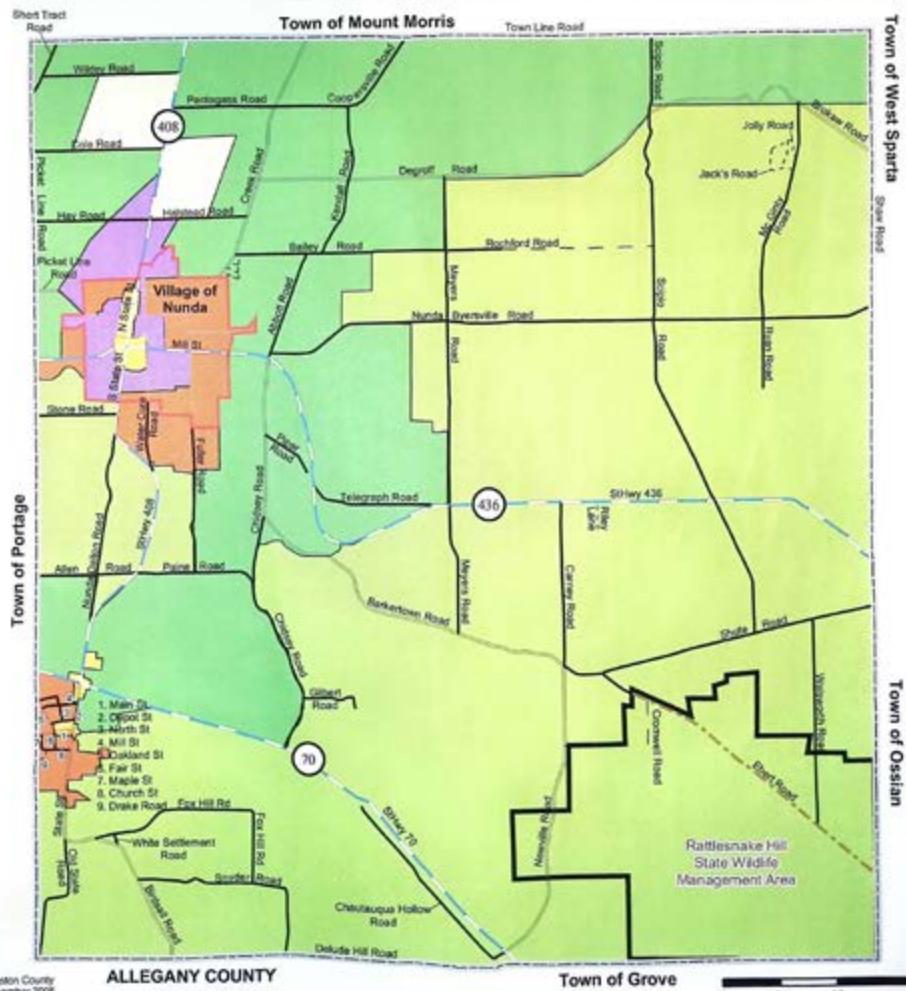
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- Private Drive
- Village Road
- Park Road

Land Use Areas

- Open Space
- Agricultural
- Neighborhood Residential
- Neighborhood Transitional
- Mixed Use
- Recreational



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