Overview of Studio Work Tasks

September – October 2017
- Stakeholder interviews
- Review of past plans

October 24, 2017
- Stakeholder meeting to gather input on planning goals

November 2017
- Baseline data analysis

December 5, 2017
- Community profile
- Public presentation
Review of Past Plans

Stakeholders categorized the following suggestions from *previous plans* as high priority:

- Enhance Menands’ sense of place and establish it as a destination by bringing shopping, restaurants, and community entertainment space
- Improve intersection signals, pedestrian walkability, and business entrances
- Utilize the wetland/tidal estuary area to potentially include a wildlife education center. Create a culvert to create a pedestrian passage to the waterfront. Provide access to create a sense of place and destination
History of Menands

http://villageofmenands.com/our-village/history/historical-gallery/
Before Village Incorporation

• Began as agricultural community with most land owned by the Van Rensselaer patroonship

• Broadway Turnpike, Erie Canal, and railroads all traveled through Menands

• Industry became prevalent in the village, such as,
  • Albany Felt Company - 1902
  • Simmons Machine Tool Corp. - 1910
Al-Tro Park, Menands, NY
Incorporation as a Village - 1924

- Named after Louis Menand
  - A florist and horticulturist
  - Established a variety of nurseries and greenhouses on his property

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After 1924

- Early residential developments built on hillside
  - Around 1924, mostly single-family homes
  - Apartment complexes, starting with Dutch Village after World War II

- Broadway mainly for business and industry
  - Businesses and industries moved to Menands because of low taxes and open land

- Development along waterfront displaced by construction of I-787
Menands Demographics

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Population

Village of Menands Population from 1930-2016

- Population data for the Village of Menands from 1930 to 2016.
Age Distribution

Age of Residents in 2010 and 2015

- Under 5
- 10 to 19
- 20 to 29
- 30 to 39
- 40 to 49
- 50 to 59
- 60 to 69
- 70 to 79
- 80 or older

2010 Census, 2015 ACS
Menands Union Free School District

Consists of one K-8 institution, Menands School
Located on Wards Lane
Menands School Enrollment

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Source: NYS Report Card
Student Enrollment by Ethnicity

- ASIAN OR NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER: 31%
- WHITE: 28%
- BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN: 27%
- HISPANIC OR LATINO: 7%
- MULTIRACIAL: 6%
- AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE: 1%
Menands Academic Program

Source:
http://www.menands.org/aspnet_client/Academics/academics.cfm
Menands Housing

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Housing in Menands
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2015 ACS
Housing Units in Structure

- Single-Family Housing in the Village
- Multi-Family Housing in the Village

2015 ACS

- Village of Menands
- Albany County
- New York State
Housing Vacancy

Village of Menands Housing Vacancy

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2010 Census, 2015 ACS

Housing Vacancies in the Village of Menands, Albany County, and New York State

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2015 ACS
Housing Tenure

- Village of Menands: 36.00% Renter-occupied, 64.00% Owner-occupied
- Albany County: 41.70% Renter-occupied, 58.30% Owner-occupied
- New York State: 46.40% Renter-occupied, 53.60% Owner-occupied

2015 ACS
The Housing Affordability Index (HAI) for the Village of Menands is estimated at 127.

Source: Esri Updated Demographics, US Census Bureau, Esri Data Development
Menands Economy

KETURA VICS
Annual Median Household Income in Menands and Albany County, 2015

Menands

Albany County

2015 ACS
Residential Employment by Industry

Industry Employment in Menands, 2015

- Other, 56.6%
- Public Administration, 16.1%
- Educational Services, 26.1%
- Professional Services, 14.4%

Industry Employment in Albany County, 2015

- Professional Services, 10.6%
- Education Services, 27.0%
- Public Administration, 12.6%
- Other, 49.8%

Industry Employment in New York State, 2015

- Retail Trade, 10.8%
- Professional Services, 11.4%
- Educational Services, 27.5%
- Other, 50.3%
Inflow/Outflow Job Counts Menands, NY

JOB COUNTS MAP LEGEND:

- 4,005 - Employed in Selection Area, Live Outside
- 1,674 - Live in Selection Area, Employed Outside
- 158 - Employed and Live in Selection Area

*Green overlay arrows do not indicate directionality of worker flow between home and employment locations

*2015 U.S. Census On the Map Tool
https://onthemap.ces.census.gov/
Inflow and Outflow of Jobs

Employment in Menands, 2016

- Employed and Living in the Selection Area: 4%
- Employed in the Selection Area but Living Outside: 96%

Employment in Albany County, 2016

- Employed and Living in the Selection Area: 40%
- Employed in the Selection Area but Living Outside: 60%

2016 U.S. Census On the Map Tool
Residente of Menands Travel Time to Work, 2015

- Less than 10 minutes: 16%
- 10 to 19 minutes: 54%
- 20 or more minutes: 30%

Means of Transportation to Work

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2015 ACS
Residential Occupations

Employment by Occupation in Menands, 2015

- Management occupations: 14%
- Business and financial operations occupations: 12%
- Education, legal, community service, arts, and media occupations: 11%
- Office and administrative support occupations: 16%
- Sales and related occupations: 13%
- Other: 34%

2015 ACS
Conclusion

- Menands median household income is about 4.5% higher than that of Albany County
- Menands has a very high commuting population, only 4% of residents live and work in the village
- 70% of the working population commutes less than 20 minutes
- Education, management, and office administration account for 43% of the occupations of the resident population
Transportation in Menands

ERIC STOTSKY
Transportation Studies

Route 32 Linkage Study
Conceptual Plan Development & Transportation Analysis
Final Report—January 2011
For the Village of Menands,
Town of Colonie, City of
Watervliet and Capital District
Transportation Committee

Transportation Access and
Land Use Improvement Study
Broadway (NY Route 35)
Village of Menands, NY
September 2008
Prepared by: CMEC
17 Computer Drive West
Albany, NY 12203
Phone: 518-485-3535
Public Transit

- CDTA Route 22 travels through Menands
- Bus Rapid Transit in the planning stages by CDTA

https://www.cdta.org/schedules-route-detail?route_id=22
Bus Rapid Transit

- Will run from 4am to 2am every day
- Buses will arrive every 10 minutes
Bicycle Transportation

- Bike lane and shared use lanes added to Van Rensselaer Boulevard and Broadway

- Empire State Trail not currently connected
  - NYSDOT plans to bridge over I-787 to connect trail in 2018-2019

- Unsafe for bikers on most roads
  - Not enough space for bike lanes
Pedestrian Transportation

• Broadway and Van Rensselaer Boulevard road diet allowed for more “complete streets”
  - Still inconsistent pedestrian amenities along other streets
• Inconvenient crosswalks placed away from public transit and businesses
• Lack of street lighting on Broadway, north of Rt. 378 interchange
Environmental Assets in Menands

ANEISHA SAMUELS AND SEAN TAYLOR
Developed open space:
Ganser-Smith Memorial Park

Source: Google images/ google map
Developed Low Intensity: Sage Estate

Source: Google images/ google map
Developed Medium Intensity

Source: Google images/ google map
Developed High Intensity: Broadway Corridor

Source: Google images/ google map
Wetlands

11% of Menands is wetlands this includes: freshwater emergent and freshwater forest wetlands.

Source: http://www.dec.ny.gov/gis/erm/
FEMA Flood and Flood Check Zones

Source: http://gismap.albanycounty.com/gisviewer/ (Albany County Interactive Mapper)
Street Trees
Stormwater pollution prevention plans

- The Village of Menands is member of the Stormwater Coalition of Albany County formed in 2008 by local government in Albany County.

- The coalition is comprised of 11 municipalities
From 2009 to 2016 Menands invested $5.5 million in its sewer infrastructure.
The NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Grant was awarded to Albany County in December 2010.
Environmental Assets Conclusion

Good soil health in wetlands with slight limitation moving inland

Implementation of street trees increasing drainage and aesthetic appearance for business

NYSEDEC Water Quality Improvement Grant
The Lofts

$34M, all vacancies occupied within 6 months of opening
Riverview Center

Purchased for $20M and investment of over $5M; employ nearly 2,500 people
Mohawk Hudson Humane Society

Invested $7.2M in Animal Care Center

Source: https://www.google.com/search?q=mohawk+hudson+humane+society+menands+ny+building&rlz
The Finishing Trades Institute

- Over $1M invested in state of the art training facility
$50 Million in Investment in Recent Years

The Lofts at 1 Broadway, 145 high end units
- $34M, all vacancies occupied within 6 months of opening

431 Broadway, Columbia Development Corps
- Bought for $4.9M, $3.5M in renovation
- Infrastructure, Headquarters, $5M and 500-1,500 employees

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Conclusion

Menands has a long history of agriculture, manufacturing, and business success. The waterfront, transportation infrastructure, environment, housing characteristics, and economy of the village have always been strong. With community involvement in the planning process, Menands can maintain, improve and grow as a healthy, vibrant community.
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