

Q7 Are there any factual or typographic corrections that should be made to the content of the draft, or any additional historical or factual information that should be included in any part of the draft?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The drafts of Master Plan sections should be posted directly on the Village website, not only available through the link to Our Village Our Future.	5/29/2020 11:24 AM
2	no	5/28/2020 5:58 PM
3	None that we see.	5/28/2020 9:05 AM
4	Perhaps a general statement on how the village architecture adds to its character.	5/9/2020 3:47 PM
5	not that I know of	5/8/2020 2:20 PM
6	Apologies if this is more than you wanted! P5. 1. Postcard should be "ways to participate". P19. Figure 18 & description P21 radii look like 1/4-mile, 1/2-mile, & 1-mile not 2-mile. P34. Top of 2nd column s/b "structure is in". P54. 1st column Reference to Figure 24, s/b 52? P56. Top of 2nd column s/b "which comes from". P65. Fig 59 Environmental Sustainability - Notes: The Green Team has received criticism that it is more concerned with gaining points in Sustainable Jersey than advancing sustainability so I suggest change to "...Environmental Sustainability Plan can be a strategic plan to advance sustainability in the Village". SJ certification should be as a result of actions taken but not the primary goal of the Plan. It's a very subtle distinction but I think worth making. P70. Transportation s/b "car trips some residents take".	5/4/2020 5:05 PM
7	Suggest to rewrite draft in concise and logical format. Legacy template should be reviewed, for example objectives are listed first. Otherwise, generic domains are subjective. More work is needed to describe requirements and purpose. Document may require additional revision on factual or typographical content.	4/30/2020 7:34 AM
8	The Historical overview is in my opinion over-simplified. As is borne out in later Draft view of economic interests catering to transient millennial population trends. A much broader Historical view, in my opinion-fueled by RHS education at the one-on-one teaching of Margarete Mead world renown anthropologist, is needed. History will repeat itself and those who ignore this do so at their own peril.(Winston Churchill) Your FACTUAL ERROR in this report is that FARMING was an industry in Ridgewood completely through the 1960's. Drew Lester was a close personal friend of mine and not alone along with Tice's and Van Riper's Farms and Sicomac Dairies (for whom I worked) . So in my view your Historical View is SLANTED away from Ridgewood's New Jersey roots and IN FAVOR of New York City's roots.	3/21/2020 3:04 PM

Q8 Section 1.12 of the draft identifies and describes the objectives and the principles that will guide the Master Plan. Are there any important objectives, topics, and/or principles that are missing and that should be added to this section?

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1	The Village should consider developing a natural resources inventory, also known as an environmental resources inventory, as part of or as an appendix to the Master Plan. This would serve as an important baseline for land use and a tool for developers.	5/29/2020 11:24 AM
2	no	5/28/2020 5:58 PM
3	We are pleased with the objectives and principles as written and endorse all that involve maintaining and improving the quality of life in Ridgewood. We want to emphasize the principles that particularly coincide with the priorities of the 55 and over population: Housing Affordability, Seniors and their diversity, Downtown #6--Creating a Safe Environment for pedestrians of all ages downtown, Downtown #7--Considering alternatives that reduce the need for car traffic and need for parking, and all principles under Transportation--safer streets and improving pedestrian connections. Related to General/Village-wide Principle #2 we believe that proactive community planning should include input from older adults in Ridgewood in an ongoing manner.	5/28/2020 9:05 AM
4	Needs specific recommendations to implement a few major land use changes	5/9/2020 3:47 PM
5	no	5/8/2020 2:20 PM
6	I believe the draft does not mention an ERI (Environmental Resource Inventory) although ANJEC (Association of NJ Environmental Commissions) says (see https://anjec.org/the-environmental-resource-inventory-eri/): "The ERI is an important tool for governing bodies, environmental commissions, open space committees, planning boards and zoning boards of adjustment. The planning board should adopt the ERI as part of the municipal master plan, either as an appendix or as a part of a master plan conservation element. As part of the master plan, the ERI can provide the foundation and documentation for master plan updates, ordinances, legal defense, open space.....protection plans, protection of water resources, and many other municipal functions". The Village does not have an ERI but, given the growing importance of environmental issues and their frequent mention in the draft, we suggest that the desirability of creating one as a resource should be included in the draft. To further quote ANJEC: "An ERIis an objective index and description of features and their functions, rather than an interpretation or recommendation. Identifying significant environmental resources is the first step in their protection and preservation and in assuring that future development or redevelopment protects public health, safety and welfare".	5/4/2020 5:05 PM
7	Missing are metrics for managing the needs of majority stake tax payers including and not limited to positioning for future business growth; a technology enhancement plan, health and safety statics particularly those gleaned from COVID19 lessons learned. USDOT considerations. Waste management issues and costs, etc. Note, parking automation was technology innovation in 1980.	4/30/2020 7:34 AM
8	Your objectives to sustain the economic viability of the Village is evident. The topics I see are showing a GLARING short-coming that was lacking when I lived in Ridgewood and sadly is still present. Ridgewood is a Racially segregated Village leveraging Economics as the tool to create a pure White and Rich and Privileged social environment. This is in gross contrast to the Historic farming origins. Where though Afro-American peoples may have begun as slaves, they were emancipated and indeed lived in homes once lived in by their emancipators. Though those homes are now or are being torn down to erase that History.The Principle that Ridgewood exists to EXPAND economic interests is I believe flawed. If Ridgewood is an interest of New Jersey which still has a viable Farming (Remember the Garden State?) community, and by any measure of Geography 101 that Farming is ESSENTIAL to sustain an urban CITY-STATE like NYC; THEN it is in Ridgewood's primary interest to support and defend New Jersey's small at VITAL rural and CLIMATE CHANGE sensitive environment against NYC and it's dictates of transient desires.	3/21/2020 3:04 PM
9	The objective of requesting government, corporation, and foundation funding for some of our initiatives. Maybe we can use the wonderful detail and information gathered to help ourselves by securing financial support or other assistance.	3/20/2020 10:12 AM
10	Essential to have an Environmental Resources Inventory. Otherwise you will not be able to plan for the future needs.	3/18/2020 1:22 PM

Q9 The Visioning Questionnaire included a question that asked people to think about trends (i.e., social, economic, natural, tech, etc.) that could have significant impacts on the Village in 5, 10, 20 years. The current pandemic, which started at the tail end of this visioning process, will likely have major impacts on the economy and society for years to come. Does the pandemic and its potential impacts change your thinking about any of the core values, objectives, and principles identified in this draft?

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1	no	5/29/2020 11:48 AM
2	The pandemic has highlighted the need for effective services for older adults who are vulnerable to the worst effects of the virus and who suffer due to the restrictions necessary to stop the spread. Services must be helpful but also empowering for older adults and their loved ones. Also there must be easily discoverable and clear information about services from the Village government and local agencies.	5/28/2020 9:05 AM
3	It's now critically more important to create streetscapes that provide environmental and emotional nurturing. East Ridgewood Ave should be open in the afternoon and evening for pedestrians and replanting and care of the tree wells is essential.	5/26/2020 1:23 PM
4	During the pandemic more people walked the neighborhoods to help relax. Walking was a respite from the confinement caused by the virus. The trees were an important part of why walking was enjoyable. I believe we need a plan to replace the thousands of trees that the Village Tree Survey shows we are missing. To congratulate ourselves for scheduling the planting of 200 trees while we are missing thousands is not sufficient to maintain the canopy that makes Ridgewood so beautiful.	5/26/2020 8:38 AM
5	We have to think about the impact of high density	5/9/2020 3:47 PM
6	Maintaining the business district at its present size may be a challenge. I think more housing, especially affordable housing for seniors should be considered.	5/8/2020 2:20 PM
7	The pandemic has demonstrated the dangers of inadequate planning for future catastrophic events, which should result in our giving greater priority to resiliency planning particularly in the areas of health and climate change.	5/4/2020 5:05 PM
8	Yes Projects on hold for the remainder of 2020, anything otherwise is reckless and improper.	4/30/2020 7:34 AM
9	Yes, it hopefully will focus more attention on the environment, global warming and the need for strong governmental institutions.	4/29/2020 1:22 PM
10	The pandemic has caused you to ask a question to view Ridgewood with a longer Historical perspective. I am saddened that it takes a catastrophic world disaster to cause you to awaken to this view. In my opinion THIS should have been your starting point. So 1. Why Does Ridgewood EXIST? In my opinion as the family member of a founding family of Ridgewood; Ridgewood EXISTS to be a HOME. Not a bedroom, not a commuting stop, not a shopping destination. Etc. 2) What are the elements necessary for a HOME? FOOD! , SHELTER, WATER(you sold off the best in the whole state), Equal Protection Under The Law. 3) Is it the Law that exists for the People or the People exist for the Law. I.E is Ridgewood in business to make Ridgewood office holders', business license holders', service contract holders',Condo and Apartment Building Owners, MONEY? OR is Ridgewood in the business of upholding the Declaration and Constitution(of which it is a part of creating-even though it down plays it's roll) and making it's Citizens a HOME? Did you know the original Paramus Reformed Church was a HOSPITAL for Revolutionary Soldiers visited by General George Washington and there are Soldiers buried alongside of it? Ridgewood EXISTS to be a HOME to New Jersey RESIDENTS. Personally I would like to see a great dis-connect from NYC. The bridge and tunnels closed. However in lieu of that and IN LIGHT of Global Climate Change, and IN LIGHT of the Quality of Life lost with the loss of Farming elements such as Sicomac Dairy, Tice's Farm, Van Rippers' Farm, Drew Lester's Farm: it is the BEST interest of Ridgewood to INVEST in PROTECTING Quality of life. And the Possibility of seeing a Horse Drawn Carriage on Ridgewood Ave again! 4) I think the Draft would do well to consider that "unlimited" and "unfettered" "Growth" touted by NYC may NOT be in Ridgewood's best long range plans. BUT that a view to SEEK people of Color, Indigenous Peoples, and Economic Interests with a view to RE-ESTABLISH Proximity-Based AGRICULTURE, are a far greater long-term Master Plan.	3/21/2020 3:04 PM
11	Energy policy. We should invest in attractive solar, like the Tesla solar roof tiles that look just like regular roofs. These can be attached to battery packs that allow for self sufficiency in times of need. Could we potentially attract any green businesses to town, with federal funding?	3/20/2020 10:12 AM
12	Not really, except the need for more open space.	3/18/2020 1:22 PM

Q10 Please enter any other comments, suggestions, reactions, and/or ideas in this space.

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1	Pandemic impact should have us consider the following options: - Close Ridgewood Ave. to vehicles on Saturdays/Sundays in summer. Allows pedestrian shopping in open areas - Rethink Graydon Pool. Convert all or partial into a chlorinated, community pool.	5/29/2020 11:48 AM
2	The Village needs to come up with a vision for Franklin Avenue so that future development comes together as a coherent neighborhood. Currently, none of the buildings on Franklin relate to the others, resulting in an unpleasant, arid Los Angeles effect. I suspect the lack of planning for Franklin Avenue and the visual disconnection contributes to pedestrian endangerment. The historic building at the corner of Oak and Franklin could set the tone for this corridor to develop into a more inviting area that would compliment Village's small town character.	5/29/2020 11:24 AM
3	In my opinion the master plan should focus on those items that make Ridgewood desirable as a [place to live: schools, library, Graydon, access to transportation, architecture, CBD and restaurants, and trees. I would promote the idea of ADUs, small cell capacity, technology in ride sharing and alternate modes of transportation, change to ground floor uses in the CBD, improving the pedestrian crossing nightmare at Franklin and Maple, move the bus terminal to the train station, and improve the look of the trees in the CBD.	5/28/2020 5:58 PM
4	We appreciate that the thoughts and needs of the older population were considered in this document and we suggest that you involve a diverse group of older adults in the remainder of the process of finalizing a new Master Plan.	5/28/2020 9:05 AM
5	The loss of thousands of municipal trees over the past decade(s) must be fully remediated to ensure the health and well being of all of our residents.	5/26/2020 1:23 PM
6	What is the plan to replace the thousand of missing trees?	5/26/2020 8:38 AM
7	Excellant summary of the diverse comments of the master plan process.You really nailed the essence of what is Ridgewood.The real test is The implementation.	5/9/2020 3:47 PM
8	Measures to monitor house renovations so that others' sun is not affected. Homes built after teardown should be same square footage, etc. Residents should be required to get a permit to cut down a tree and be required to replace it.	5/8/2020 2:20 PM
9	The Green Ridgewood Committee has a member trying to create some parts of an ERI but it is unlikely that this can be accomplished without additional professional help and therefore funding.	5/4/2020 5:05 PM
10	Thank you for opportunity to comment and I am hopeful for the next draft.	4/30/2020 7:34 AM
11	The Village should have an overall tree/canopy plan which would recognize the global warming is going to make Ridgewood hotter. Trees are about the least expensive means of cooling the Village. This is not a new idea. Many cities and towns already have extensive well researched plans which they are implementing. (see Jersey City as an example). Regarding the Downtown Element - So far in the plan seems very much based on what we have. More should be based on what is possible, needed in 20 years and reflective of the Village's vision of what the future of suburban towns looks like. I would suggest that a focus should be reducing the need for parking and traffic downtown (will small electric or scooter type vehicles be developed and in use?). Consider converting streets into pedestrian centered promenades by increasing the sidewalk and limiting traffic. As part of the "Downtown Element" have a general outline of the aesthetics that the Village wants. A tree shaded, outdoor outdoor pedestrian centered place with flowers, plantings and even a fountain or two could be one approach. A car friendly, easy to park, restaurant centered design could be another. there are lots of examples of what other communities in other countries as well as the U.S. have done. We can look at those and get ideas and inspiration.	4/29/2020 1:22 PM
12	I hope you take the time to read my suggestions. They are written with 67 years of thought and preparation, influenced by 338 years of genetics and field work, and the last 24 years of blood, sweat and tears providing emergency and time-sensitive delivery services with our Nation's leading crisis delivery service FedEx. P.S. the front line you are facing NYC is not the only one. Here I am on the Maryland Chesapeake Bay facing Washington DC and keeping a 2nd Bridge or Tunnel from destroying the agriculture that literally brings ALL the chicken you eat to your table.	3/21/2020 3:04 PM
13	I have a suggestion to add to the report ideas. As taxes are a huge issue, and the proposed plan to add a 1,000 set theater to the high school has circulated and caused worry of additional	3/20/2020 10:12 AM

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tax burden, I had the following idea. The village should take the Town Garage land using eminent domain and sell it to a developer to make the 1,000 seat theater. Selling to a developer with tight conditions for the use is a good idea because 1) the cost to remediate the environmental issues on the property is too large for the town to shoulder, 2) the taxes the town would receive from a thriving commercial property would be a welcome addition, 3) there would be no need to add to resident taxes for the needs of only high school performers (who are a small group) by building the theater ourselves, and 4) there would be a need to have an underground parking garage to handle the attendee volume and that is too expensive for the village to construct. The village should not run a theater but could work with a developer to make a magnet asset in town. The theater could be rented to the high school, middle schools, and other local groups for very low fees as part of the deal. It could be a venue for concerts and other commercial activities at full price. Look at the theaters in Morristown and Englewood as models. They are larger, 1,300 seats, but you can see how they are filled with exciting performances that attract visitors. Further revenue for the developer (and jobs for the town) can be created by having event space rooms. Space rental for weddings, conferences, etc. could be very robust. I have additional ideas on how the deal could be crafted that I can share if you are interested. From my point of view, I would like to see all arts enhanced in town. There should be an art gallery in the building as well. We need more arts in general here, the way they exist in Montclair and Morristown. However, I think the best thing about my idea is that it solves the high school need and tax increase problem. And it also removes an eye sore from downtown, adds new underground parking, cleans up the environment, and adds interesting new business opportunities to town. People need to eat and get coffee before and after performances. Selling the land to a developer and forcing them to invest to make it beautiful and full of amenities is the smart way to get the project done. Not try to do it as a town project that will be underfunded. Thanks for considering it.

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