

Lake Luzerne 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update Public Open House – September 1, 2022

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Project Description
3. Creating a Vision
4. Poster Review and Comments



Project Description

- A Comprehensive Plan is a guide for making future decisions for the next 10 years
- NYS requires that zoning be adopted in accordance with a well-considered or comprehensive plan.
- Once adopted, all land use regulations of the community must be consistent with the comprehensive plan.
- Encourages collaborative thinking on a community level
- Advisory Committee that represents a cross-section of individuals
- Ensures strong support for the implementation of recommendations
- Opportunity for the community to be more decisive, committed and supportive of new initiatives
- A Future Land Use Map is developed that represents the Comprehensive Plan's recommendations

5 Fundamental Steps to Creating a Vision

Step	Outcome
Where are we now?	An inventory of current assets, opportunities, and challenges
Where are we going?	Future scenarios based on current those assets, opportunities, and challenges
Where do we want to be?	Preferred future, based on shared values and aspirations
How do we get there?	Decisions and actions required to make the vision possible, with clear indicators and measurements
Are we making progress?	An overview of performance (through monitoring and reporting) and opportunity to recalibrate actions as necessary

Creating a Vision

How has the Town changed?

Some things are out of your control!
Fewer children per family, exodus of
young people, IP mill closing, shorter
visitor stays, destination vacations



Creating a Vision

Can the Town adjust to demographic changes while staying economically viable and true to their character?

Does Lake Luzerne have a strong sense of place?

Which characteristics do you relate to Luzerne?

- Dynamic
- Distinctive
- Affordable
- Inclusive
- Diverse
- Environmentally Responsible
- Vibrant
- Prosperous
- Friendly

Creating a Vision

What community would you like to be more like?

- Bolton Landing
- Elizabethtown
- Saranac Lake
- Greenwich
- Schuylerville
- Lake George
- Ticonderoga
- Corinth
- Woodstock, VT
- Woodstock, NY

What distinguishes and differentiates Lake Luzerne from these other places?

What is the individual story of Lake Luzerne you want to tell?

Quality of Life

Is Lake Luzerne a good place to live?

Are services adequate for:
Basic health care?

Emergency and fire response?

Senior services?

Youth Services?

Childcare?

Education?

Tourism

Is Lake Luzerne a good place to visit?
Families? Singles? Young People?
Retirees?

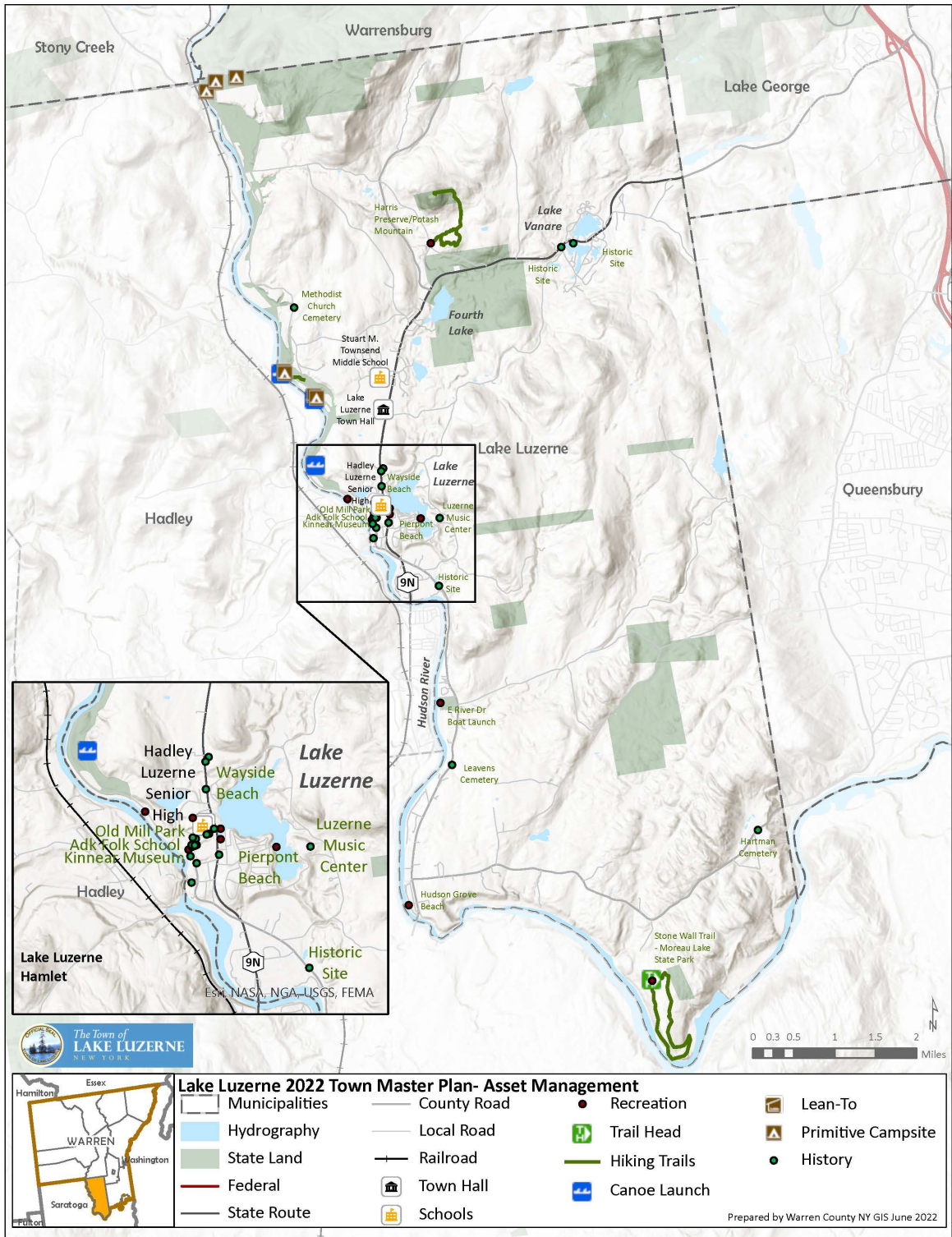
Is the community “welcoming”?

Do visitor destinations, amenities, or
services need improvement?

What do visitors need to come or stay
longer on a regular basis?

How can the seasonal workforce be
bolstered?

Recreation, History, Culture



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Is the community recreation-friendly?

Are there enough places for all ages and abilities to recreate?

Is the Town a year-round visitor destination for recreation?

If not, what would make it so?

Do the museums and interpretive signage tell the story of Lake Luzerne effectively?

How can this story be improved for visitors and residents?

Local Economy, Commercial Opportunities

Is the local economy currently stable?

What kinds of businesses should the Town try to attract?

What is preventing business owners from starting up a new business in Town?

Should the Town invest in the revitalization of the downtown area.

Is the community business friendly?

What are the new business start-ups?

Are they consistent with the rest of the business community?

Hamlet Improvements

Does the streetscape along Main Street need improvements?

Suggestions:

Does the Route 9N streetscape need improvements?

Suggestions:

Does the walkability in the hamlet need to be improved?

Does the community provide reasonable access to buildings and crosswalks for the physically challenged?

Are there known issues with the retaining walls?

Capital Improvements

Do town roads need improvements?

Specific roads?

Are improvements required for municipal water service?

Is there a need for a municipal sewer?

Are there problems with stormwater collection or flooding basements?

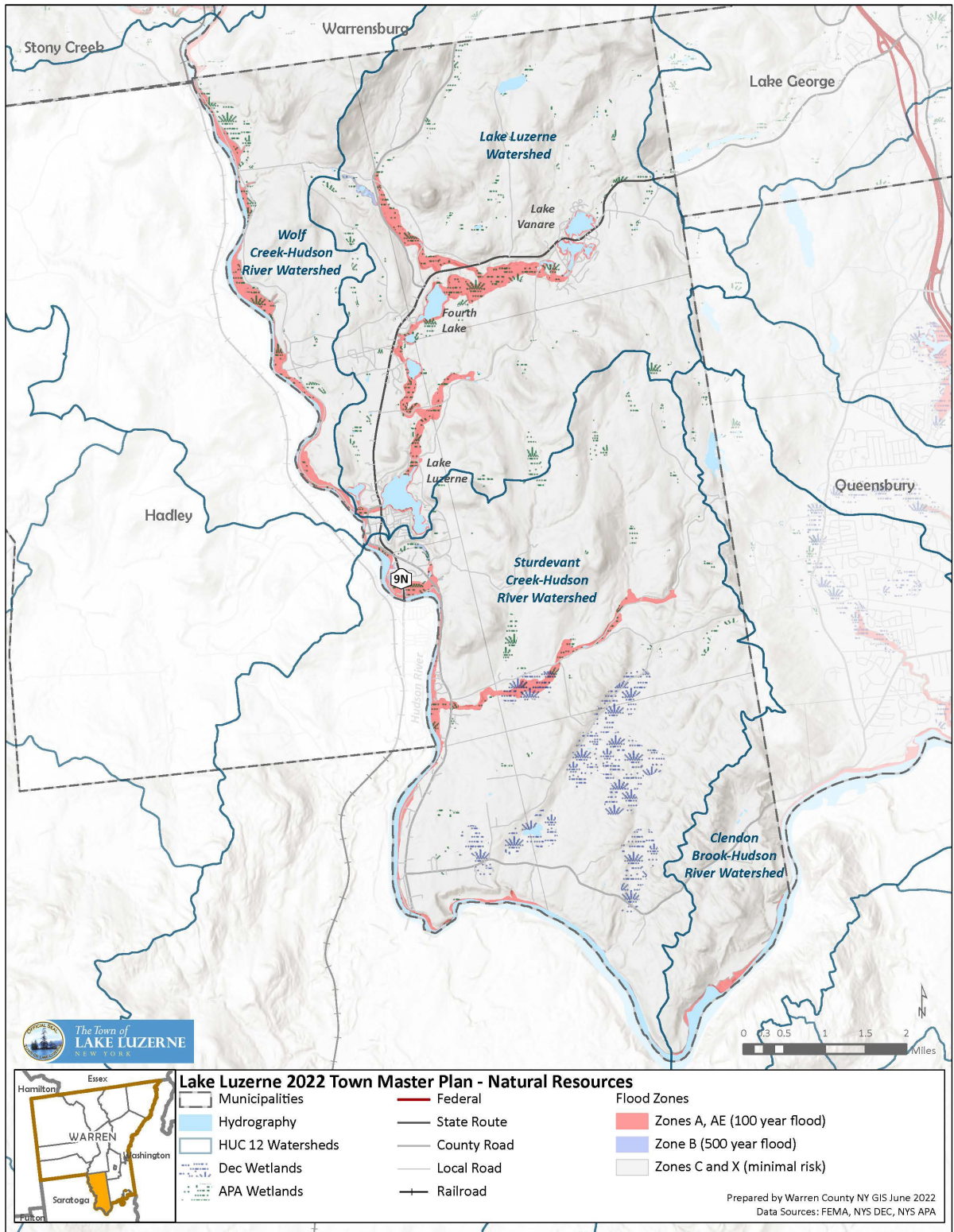
Does cell service need improvement?

Where?

Is the Internet available throughout the community?

Where is it lacking?

Natural Resources



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Is protection of natural resources and open spaces strong enough?

Where is better protection needed?

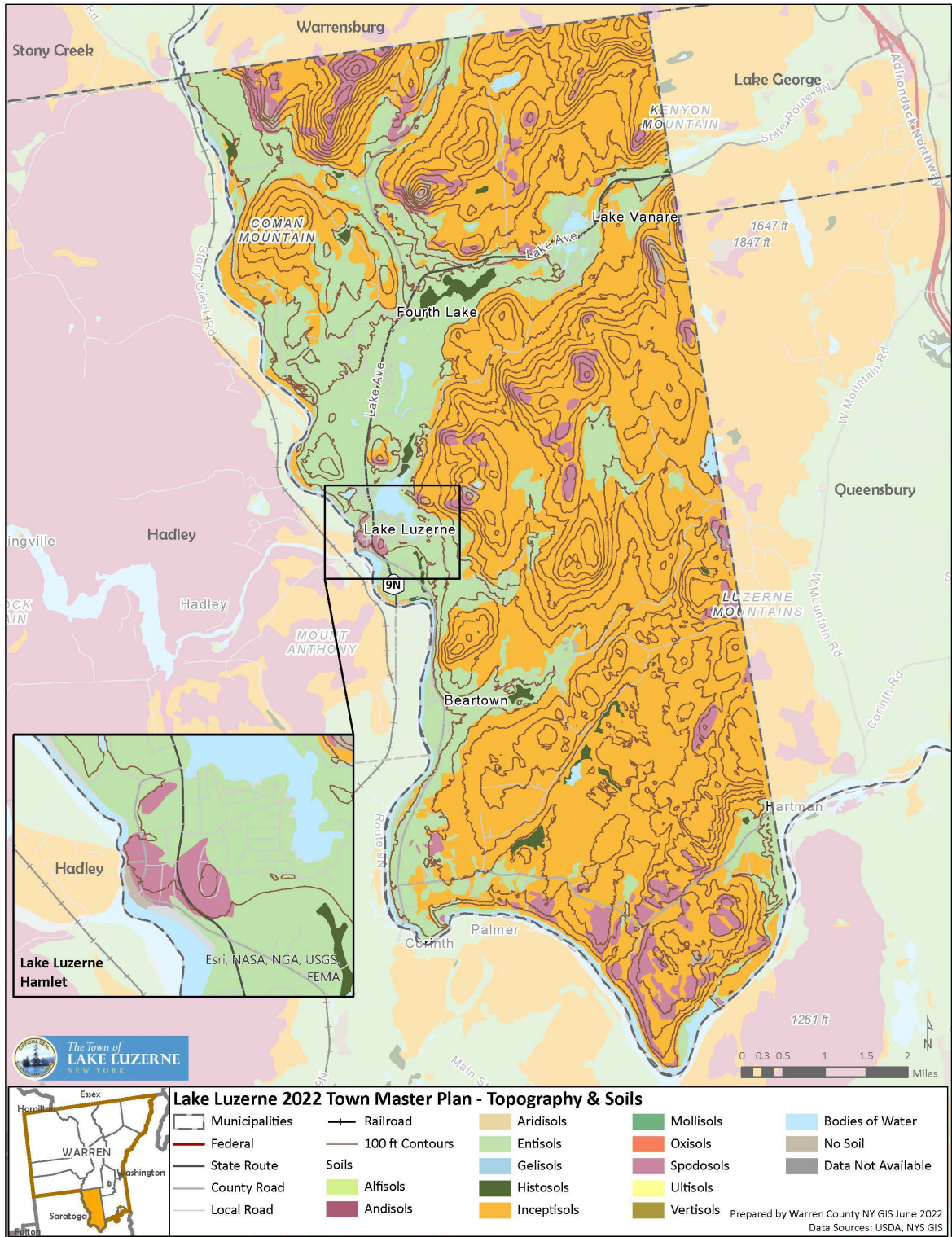
Are there flooding issues related to climate change that need to be addressed?

Is there a need to improve the control of invasive species?

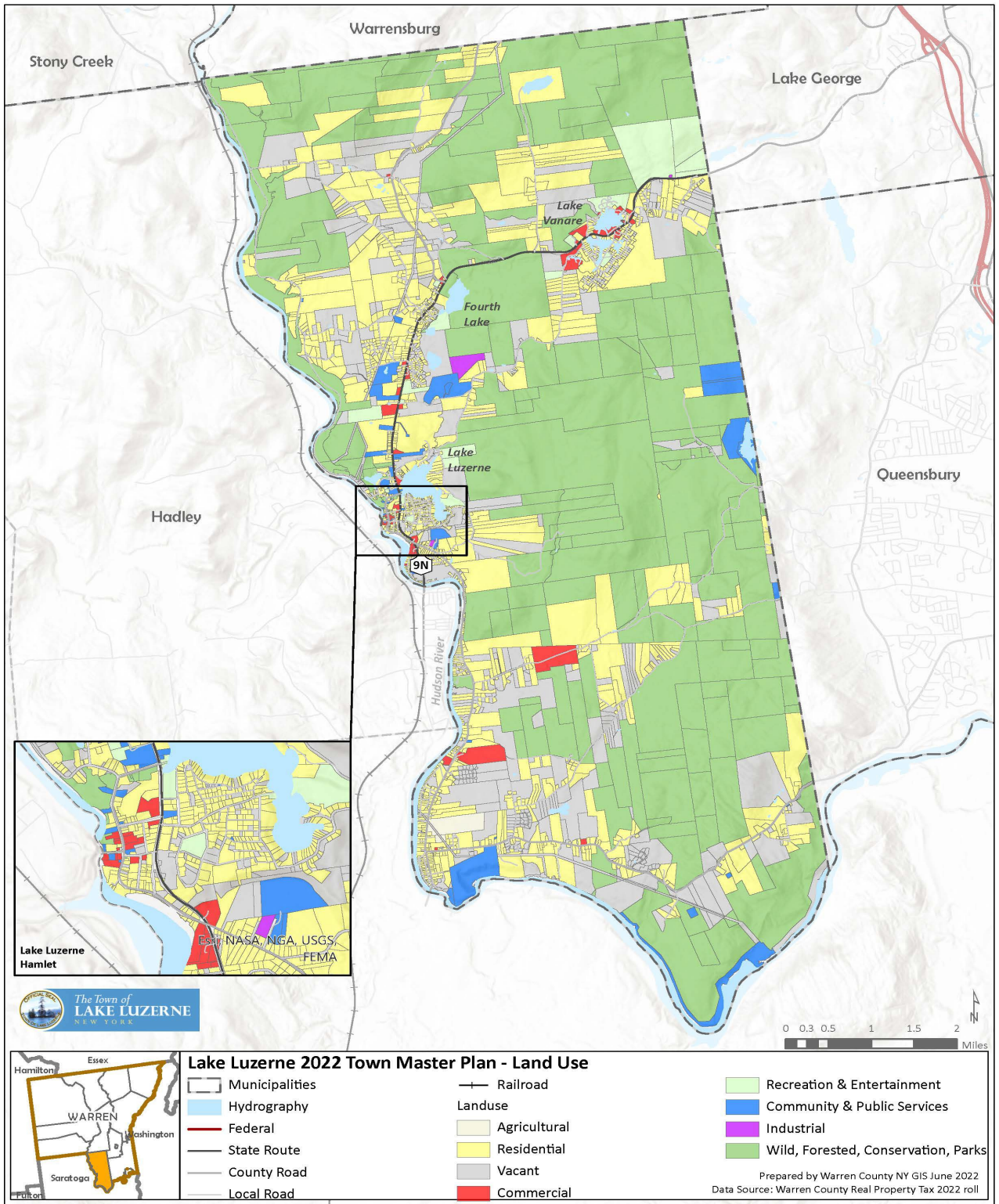
The water quality of local lakes is:

- Exceptional
- Adequate
- Needs Improvement

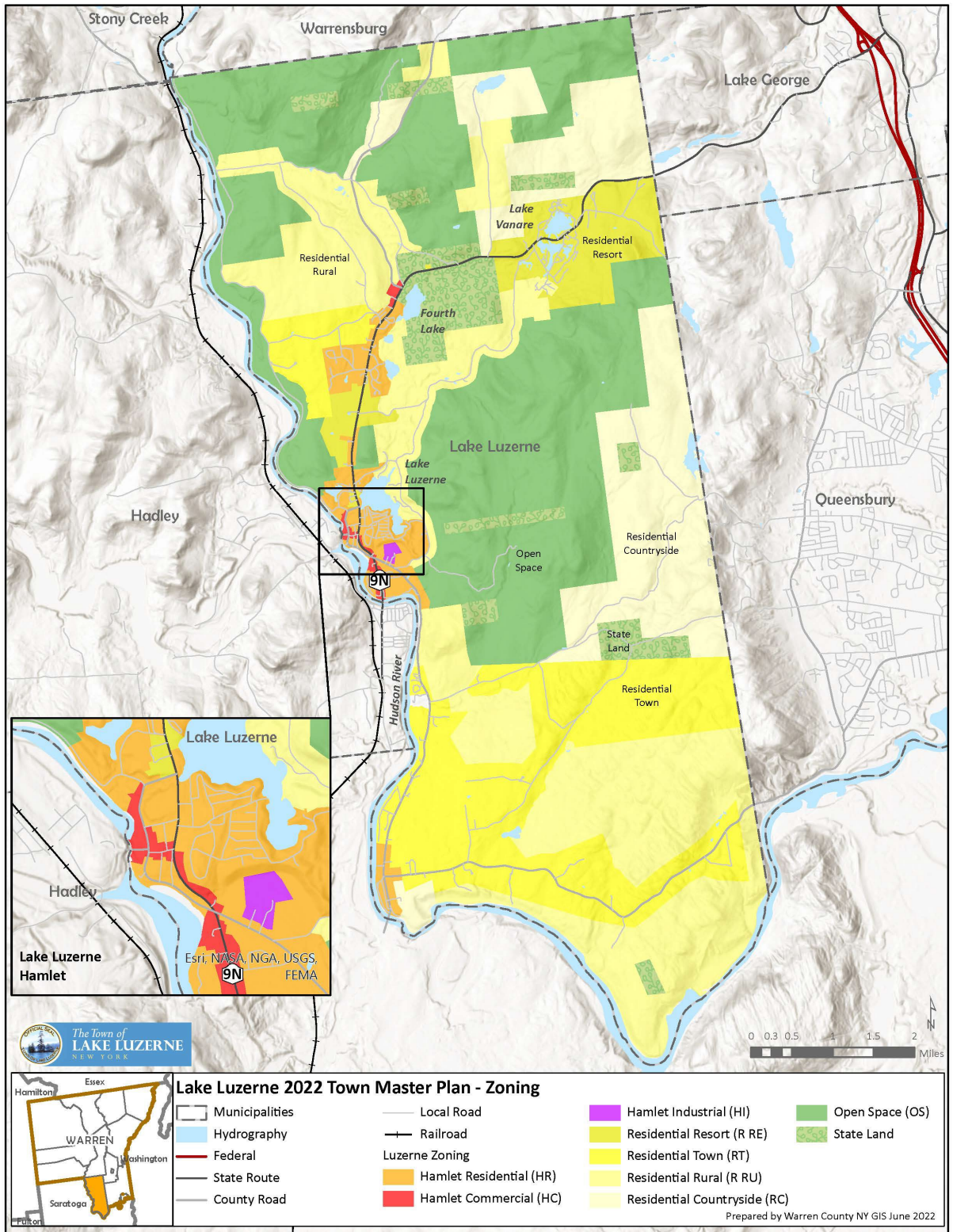
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Does current zoning respond to changing conditions?

Is there a need to revise zoning to encourage more commercial development?

Should it be directed to certain areas along Route 9N?

Is there a need to revise zoning to encourage residential development?

Housing

Are there enough housing choices for all ages and financial abilities?

Would the Town benefit from a publicly funded program to assist homeowners with home improvements?

Would the Town benefit from a Mobile Home Replacement Program?

Are there seniors or disabled residents that need accessibility improvements?

Where should new housing be located?

Is an increasing short-term rental market (Air BnB, etc.) reducing permanent residential housing options?

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Comments are Encouraged

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