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## Economic Development

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**Goal: Strengthen the economy through the attraction of new businesses; and expand services and tourism mainly in the primary Hamlet.**

#### Recommended actions:

- Create incubators for Adirondack arts, crafts, antiques, books, studios and galleries.
- Promote & expand hours at cartoon museum& Clifton West Historical Center.
- Expand visitor information & interpretive displays.
- Promote all season tourism.
- Expand town docking facilities.
- Provide & continually update a database of commercial properties.
- Investigate small business loans through partnerships.
- Consider hiring staff to promote & market Hague.
- Participate in regional & heritage tourism initiatives.
- Conduct town wide survey of what services are needed.
- Initiate discussion on the future use of old firehouse.

#### Accomplishments:

- Hague named a Lakes to Locks Waypoint
- Established a "Made in Hague" branding strategy.
- The old firehouse was converted into the Firehouse Restaurant.
- Initiative started to expand public docking at the Town Park and/or the Town Pier.

## Economic Development continues

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Needs	Challenges	Solutions	Actions
Market Hague – Define Character		Recognize the benefits of Hague living, i.e. “Lake George as it is meant to be”	
Reliable Cell Coverage/Communications		Develop broad-based solution	
	Business Locations	Development should complement existing businesses	
Short season	Promote Winter Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study how it was accomplished in past</li> <li>• Develop Off-season rental economic package</li> </ul>	
	Develop business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote location for craft beverage business</li> <li>• Incentives to attract businesses</li> <li>• Recruit Stewart’s</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Board appoint a working committee on economic development</li> <li>• Create Business Alliance</li> </ul>
Business properties are converting to residential use		Consider changes in zoning making residential use a variance in hamlet//Prioritize	
Parking	Support from Town		
Business Capital/Gap Financing			
Links to snowmobile trails	Limited & Not known	Work with snowmobile clubs to develop maps	
Maintain water quality			
Younger population	Make a living in Hague	Convert tourist to residents	Look at similar communities that struggled and are now successful – Talkeetna, AK
Improve entrance into Town	Bad roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pave 9N</li> <li>• Create entrance corridor</li> </ul>	
Market outdoor opportunities in Town		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting Hiking trails with strategic links</li> <li>• Broaden shoulders for biking/walking</li> </ul>	Link to LA Group map
Successful community model	Currently older community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capitalize on older community by becoming a retirement</li> </ul>	community

## 2. Planning, Land Use Zoning & Housing

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Needs & Challenges	Solutions	Actions
Review & Revise Zoning Codes	Apply for a for a DOS Planning Grant	Short Term
Multi-Agency permit process For development	Create an application checklist and a flowchart to ease applicants confusion	Immediate
Housing for multi-generation families	Revise zoning codes to allow Mother-in-law type apartments in single family dwellings - Hamlets only	Short Term
Preserve & create new Commercial properties in the Hamlet	Create a committee to actively recruit business to Hague	Short Term
Educate residents on the State of the Lake	Hold educations workshops on low impact development & yard and septic maintenance.	Short term
Affordable housing for young families	Explore sources of funding for first time buyers.	Short term
Ongoing Beach and Hamlet area needs	Apply for Local Waterfront Revitalization Grant	Short Term
Training for Town Boards	Continue training for the Planning Board & Zoning Board members	On going

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### 1. Transportation, Parking & Safety

2016

Needs	Challenges	Solutions	Actions
Restrict all boat trailer (day user of Hague launch) off of Rte. 9N	Finding a place where boat trailers can be stored out of sight & safely.	Provide parking at Community Center or find a suitable place for day user to store their boat trailers	Immediate need
Crosswalks needed at Dockside Marina & Post office	Needs NYSDOT permission.  Dockside Marina has received NYSDOT permission, but failed to install the staircase needed.	Apply for to NYSDOT for a crosswalk at the Post office.	Immediate
Parking - Find more areas for parking in the Hamlet	Owner of the old Cave property is not interested in selling his property to the Town	Ask again	Short term
Unsafe condition at the intersection of Rte. 9 N & Overbrook Road	Increase safety in front of "Made in Hague" & Overbrook road. Needs NYSDOT	Extend white ROW lines in front of "Made in Hague" & add a stop line on Overbrook Road.	Immediate
Vehicles are traveling a too high of rate of speed		Add digital speed signs (Your Speed) at all	Immediate

when entering the Hamlet.		points of entry to the Hamlet.	
Speed inconsistent along the Rte. 9N corridor.		Review speed limit for consistency.	Short term
Island Harbor turn.	Is unsafe for pedestrian traffic.	Find an alternative route.	Short term

## 2. Environmental Quality & Natural Resources

2016

Needs & Challenges	Solutions	Actions
	<u>Protect the Lake from Water Pollution</u> Sewer Districts	
Town Sewer District #1 & #2 Assessments	Survey systems to see who is connected & Revise Ordinances as necessary	Immediate
	Mandate that all who live in Sewer District #1 & 2 connect to sewer system. Find funding to help those who cannot connect because of economic needs.	Short Term
There is a need to extend/create a Sewer District #3 so all properties located on the lake and its tributaries can have off site Wastewater.	Find funding for construction and engineering for Sewer District #3.	Long Term
	<u>Protect the Lake from Water Pollution</u> On site waste water systems	
Failed or over used wastewater systems are a large contributor to the Lakes detrition.	Assess of all on-site waste water systems for compliance.	Immediate
	Create awareness of the Towns Rental ordinance & proper septic system maintenance.	Immediate
	Create new Local Law making it mandatory for septic system inspection & testing on the transfer of ownership of property	Short Term
Salt entering Lake George creates a host of environmental issues	Monitor salt use & equip all Town Salt Trucks with salt reduction equipment	Immediate

	<p>Protect the Lake from Water Pollution Reduce road salt runoff</p>	
Salt entering Lake George creates a host of environmental issues	Investigate alternatives to salt usage	Short term
	Assess the ability to open the forest canopy along Route 9N to allow more sunlight on the roads & cut back vegetation along the roads	Short Term
	Develop a plan to reduce salt use in critical environmental areas.	Long Term
	<p><u>Protect the Lake from Water Pollution</u> Reduce Nutrients &amp; Sediment runoff</p>	
Sediment runoff pollutes streams and lakes.	Survey catch basins for their location and design. Petition NYSDOT to install new appropriate sized devices where it is found to be needed.	Immediate
	Revise Town Codes to include buffer zones along stream.	Short Term
	Create awareness of property owners to reduce runoff from driveways and lawns	Short Term
	Create awareness of LID certification	Short Term
	Create a low cost native plant market.	Short Term
	Install permeable surface on Town properties	Long term
	Change & enforce new Zoning Codes as required.	Long term

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5. Community Services
6. Historic and Cultural Issues

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## Parks and Recreation

2001

**Goal: Promote the historic and cultural resources in the Town of Hague and surrounding region; promote Hague as an Adirondack town on Lake George.**

Recommended actions:	Accomplishments:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify existing snowmobile trails; provide maintenance plan; establish linkages throughout the system.</li><li>• Designate subcommittee to investigate feasibility of establishing pathway along 9N</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peggy's Point and Terzian Woodlot Preserve established by Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC)</li><li>• LGLC resources placed on Lakes to Locks National Geographic interactive map (<a href="http://www.lakestolocks.org/">http://www.lakestolocks.org/</a>)</li><li>• Lake George Trails master plan completed in 2012</li><li>• Developed Veterans Pocket Park on Hague Brook</li><li>• Applied for NYS Dept of State grant for new public docks</li><li>• Events: Open Water Swim, Triathlon, Snowmobile Club; Oktoberfest; Memorial Day Parade</li></ul>

2016

Needs	Challenges	Solutions	Actions
More boat docking spaces in town		Town created a plan and applied for NYS Dept of State grant for new public docks	
Safe cycling and walking paths, hiking trails	Expense and right of way issues for sidewalks along 9N		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Obtain a copy of hiking trails master plan</li> <li>- Consider ways to publicize the trails</li> <li>- Identify potential new trails in town</li> <li>- Look at Chestertown as an example (mini 46er qualification, hiking challenges, etc.)</li> </ul>
More linkage between snowmobile trails (link downtown with Silver Bay, Ti)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talk to Snowmobile Club: Is there a map of trails? Is it publicized?</li> <li>- Work with club to identify needs for new trails. Are they already working on this?</li> </ul>
X-country trails		Town pays Snowmobile Club to groom trails at Roger's Rock (any others?)	Publicize where trails are
Kayak/paddleboard/bike rentals	Is there enough demand to support an entrepreneur?	Combine with other existing business?	
Suggestion: Create a Lake George Regional Center, with museum plus rooms for lectures, events and other activities	Find the right location;	Incorporate thematic areas (boating, industry, tourism, photography, islands, great and gracious, Jefferson Project/cutting-edge lake preservation	Form an exploratory committee to develop a business plan and talk to stakeholders in region (lake organizations, towns, counties, Fort Ti, state representatives, etc.)
Too many signs			Refer this to Community Appearance Committee
Speeding on Route 9N			Refer to Transportation – Parking – Safety Committee
Events	Recruiting volunteers		LG Open Water Swim organizers have said they would consider Hague as a

			venue for additional events such as cycling
<b>See also Community Services table below for other ideas for recreational activities</b>			

# Infrastructure

2001

<b>Goal: Provide the necessary infrastructure to promote economic development, environmental quality and human health.</b>	
Recommended actions:	Accomplishments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form Sewer District #1 and provide wastewater treatment</li> <li>• Investigate feasibility of constructing small community sewer systems to address failing systems</li> <li>• Investigate a municipal water supply service to the hamlet</li> <li>• Initiate communications with Time Warner Cable for TV Internet services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formed SD #1 and SD #2</li> <li>• Arcady created its own system</li> <li>• Found to be not economically feasible</li> <li>• Nearly all of Hague now has Time Warner cable services for TV and Internet</li> </ul>

2016

Needs	Challenges	Solutions	Actions
Ensure that Hague's wastewater treatment system operates optimally, sustainably and cost-effectively	System is aging; were past sewer rents adequate for proper maintenance and to build reserve funds? Challenging to obtain grants – Hague has a relatively high median income	Created Sewer Asset Management Committee  Would creation of a Sewer Board be advisable?	
Adequate wastewater treatment for homes not in sewer district	Currently little or no oversight over private septic systems	Consider law to require septic inspections at time of property transfer and/or on a regular periodic basis.	
Sidewalks south of boat launch	Right of way; expense	Make existing sidewalks usable	Ask property owner to trim trees in sidewalk area; ensure that Highway Dept. keeps sidewalk area mowed
Improve cell phone coverage	Mountainous landscape, low population density	More towers; better technology in future?	
Garbage collection paid for by town	Everyone would pay the same amount as a tax. But some people have more	There are existing services that residents can pay for to have	

	trash, or are here more than others. This would be highly unfair.	their trash collected.	
Road repair, clearing along roadsides			Refer to Transportation Committee
Systematic process for clearing storm drains			Refer to Environmental Committee

## Community Services

2001

Goal: Protect and improve the town's community facilities and services											
Recommended actions:	Accomplishments										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actively recruit volunteers to the fire department through incentives</li> <li>Investigate options to increase police coverage through increased State/County services, hiring a town constable or creating a local police department</li> <li>Develop a town website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire Dept participates in regional strategies to improve services</li> <li>Received LGA grant for boat launch staff</li> <li>Replaced and upgraded launch building at boat launch</li> <li>Constructed Community Center, installed new signage</li> <li>Town website redesigned and relaunched (more info, easier to maintain)</li> <li>Sent out survey to Hague residents in 2015</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Services needed</th> <th>No. of responses</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Medical</td> <td>86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transportation</td> <td>53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior</td> <td>34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Child care</td> <td>15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Services needed	No. of responses	Medical	86	Transportation	53	Senior	34	Child care	15
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Needs	Challenges	Solutions	Actions
Law enforcement	Location of town at far reaches of county	Public perception is that police protection is inadequate but committee feels that response time is actually usually quick	Do better PR about Warren County Sheriff and State Police presence in Hague. How often do they patrol Hague? What is average response time? How many times per month are they called? Publicize this type of info, for instance in the Hague Chronicle.
Improve awareness about available medical/social services (also for sick/disabled)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify volunteers in town who can help those in need to research info online</li> <li>Raise awareness of services available from county, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a database of volunteers (similar to Meals on Wheels)</li> <li>Work with Seniors Club (other groups?) to see what services are needed. Based on this info, publicize in Hague Chronicle, town website, etc. the appropriate info.</li> </ul>

More volunteers for Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD)	Aging population; time investment required for training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incentives: such as LOSAP. However, this requires a town-wide referendum.</li> <li>• PR for HVFD – Put info on HVFD website and drive people there through publicity in the Hague Chronicle</li> </ul>	
Create database of skillsets of residents		Hague has many people with different skills: legal, accounting, engineering, PR/communications, technology, design, etc. Some may be willing to volunteer their time and expertise for specific projects. If we have a database, we can tap into the expertise.	Design a process to create the database: How to entice people to become part of the database, etc.
Offer recreational/fitness activities for residents		Exercise classes for all levels, depending on need; pick-up basketball games or other sports, hiking club, etc.	Work on developing a list of potential offerings

## Historic and Cultural Issues

### 2001

**Goal: Promote the historic and cultural resources in the Town of Hague and surrounding region; promote Hague as an Adirondack town on Lake George.**

Recommended actions:

- Seek grant funds for preserving and storing records
- Build partnership with Silver Bay
- Continue summer art series in Hague Town Park
- Explore year-round recreation program and resource library

Accomplishments:

- Completed
- Began dialog. High priority
- Weekly concert in the park series
- Opened Historical Museum in Community Center
- Added new interpretive signage in Town Park

### 2016

Needs	Challenges	Solutions	Actions
Tours of historic Graphite community			

Build partnership with Silver Bay – high priority			Look at opportunities to work together; shared services?
More activities in Town Park		Consider reinstating a movie series, or children’s games?	
Lectures on topics of interest		For instance: People in Hague share life experiences; travel, science, philosophy, art	
More space for Hague Historical Museum		Stand-alone building?	See also Parks/Recreation for idea about Lake George Regional Center