



# Village of Briarcliff Manor Community Day Comprehensive Plan Update Outreach Summary

Outreach Summary | September 16, 2025

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Staff from BFJ Planning and members of the Comprehensive Plan Working Group staffed a booth at the Briarcliff Manor Community Day event to garner feedback on the draft plan topics and goals and solicit input on potential plan recommendations. Participants were asked “What initiatives or strategies should Briarcliff Manor pursue to achieve these goals?”.

The following presents a summary of the six plan themes, goals, and community input received.

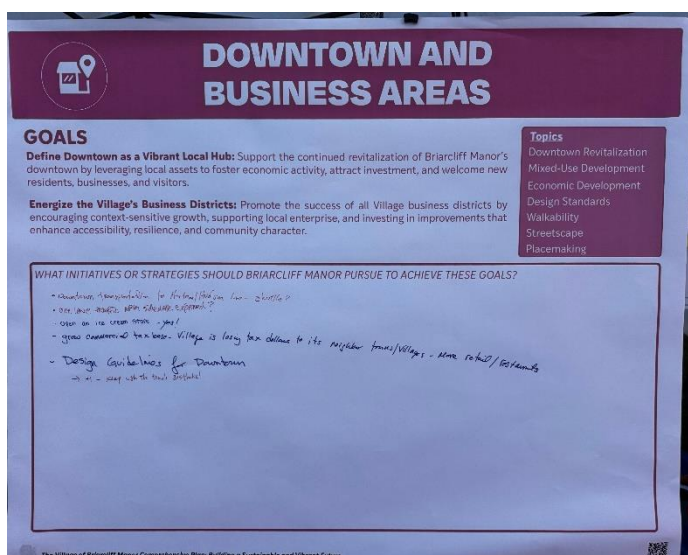
## 1. Downtown and Business Areas

### Goals:

- **Define Downtown as a Vibrant Local Hub:** Support the continued revitalization of Briarcliff Manor’s downtown by leveraging local assets to foster economic activity, attract investment, and welcome new residents, businesses, and visitors.
- **Energize the Village’s Business Districts:** Promote the success of all Village business districts by encouraging context-sensitive growth, supporting local enterprise, and investing in improvements that enhance accessibility, resilience, and community character.

### Community Input:

- New development downtown should provide a transportation connection/shuttle to the Hudson and Harlem lines of the Metro North railroad (i.e. Scarborough and Pleasantville Stations).
- Open an ice cream store downtown.
- Expand and diversify the commercial tax base; concern that the Village is losing tax dollars to nearby towns/villages; desire for more retail and restaurants.
- Develop design guidelines for downtown to ensure consistency with the district’s character.
- Reconsider streetscape parking plan for downtown.



Community feedback on the Downtown and Business Areas board



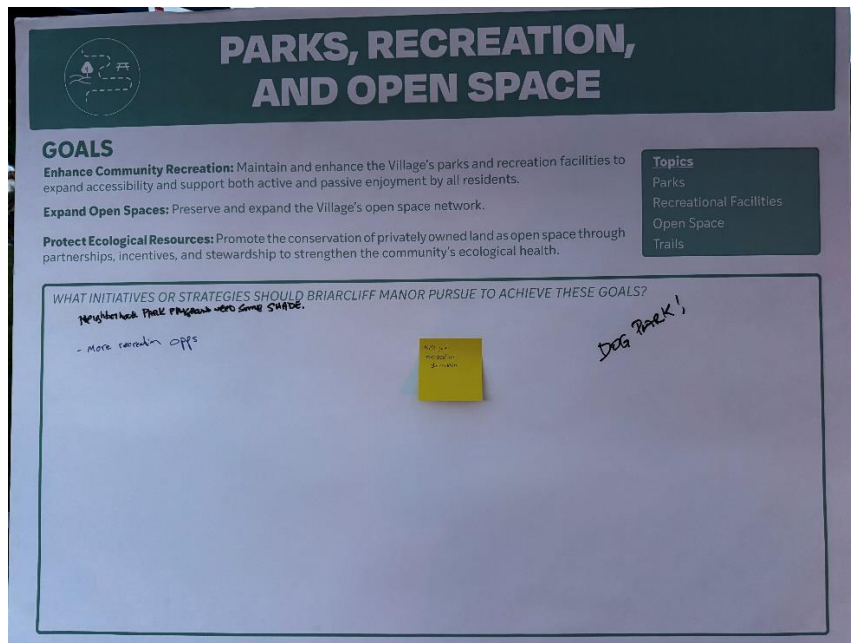
## 2. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

### Goals:

- **Enhance Community Recreation:** Maintain and enhance the Village's parks and recreation facilities to expand accessibility and support both active and passive enjoyment by all residents.
- **Expand Open Spaces:** Preserve and expand the Village's open space network.
- **Protect Ecological Resources:** Promote the conservation of privately owned land as open space through partnerships, incentives, and stewardship to strengthen the community's ecological health.

### Community Input:

- Add shade at neighborhood park playgrounds.
- Provide more recreation opportunities.
- Create a dog park.
- No solar farms on open space lands.



Community feedback on the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space board

## 3. Transportation

### Goals:

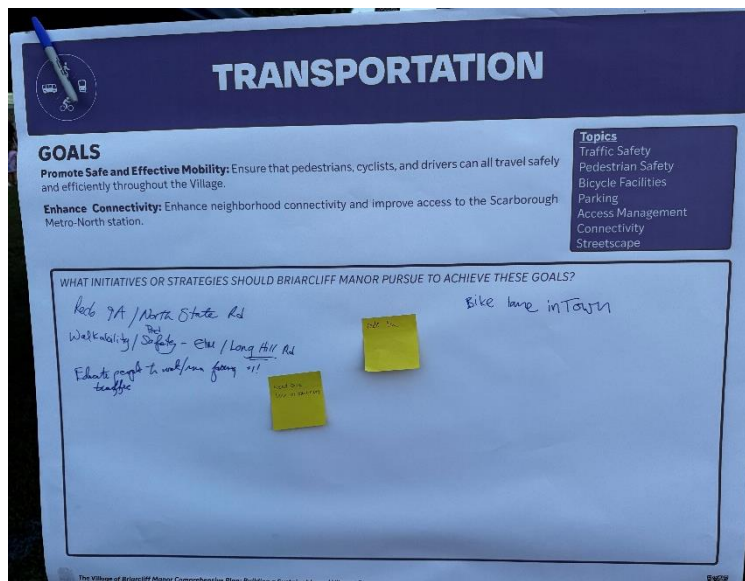
- **Promote Safe and Effective Mobility:** Ensure that pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers can all travel safely and efficiently throughout the Village.
- **Enhance Connectivity:** Enhance neighborhood connectivity and improve access to the Scarborough Metro-North station.

### Community Input:

- Redesign/upgrade Route 9A and North State Road intersection.
- Improve walkability and safety at Elm/Long Hill Road.



- Educate drivers about speeding and traffic safety.
- Add bike lanes in town, especially in downtown.



Community feedback on the Transportation board

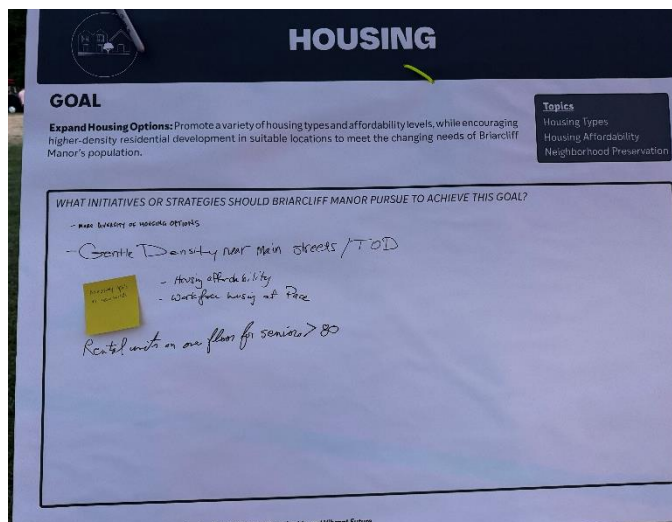
#### 4. Housing

##### Goal:

- **Expand Housing Options:** Promote a variety of housing types and affordability levels, while encouraging higher-density residential development in suitable locations to meet the changing needs of Briarcliff Manor's population.

##### Community Input:

- Provide more diversity of housing options.
- Support “gentle density” near main streets/transit-oriented areas.
- Prioritize affordability, workforce housing (e.g., at Pace site).
- Create rental units on one floor for seniors.
- Allow accessory apartments in new buildings.



Community feedback on the Housing board



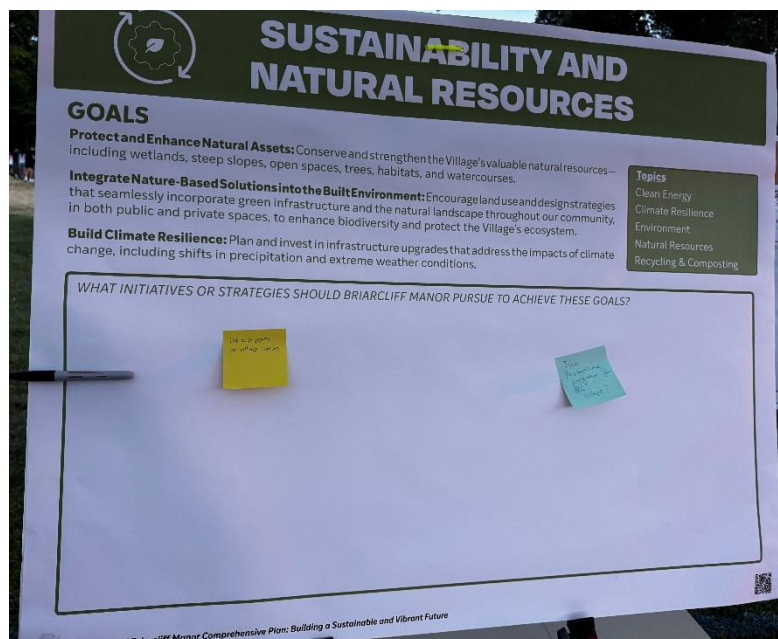
## 5. Sustainability and Natural Resources

### Goals:

- **Protect and Enhance Natural Assets:** Conserve and strengthen the Village's valuable natural resources—including wetlands, steep slopes, open spaces, trees, habitats, and watercourses.
- **Integrate Nature into Development:** Encourage land use and design strategies that seamlessly incorporate green infrastructure and the natural landscape into our community to enhance biodiversity and protect the Village's ecosystem.
- **Build Climate Resilience:** Plan and invest in infrastructure upgrades that address the impacts of climate change, including shifts in precipitation and extreme weather conditions.

### Community Input:

- Install solar panels on Village rooftops.
- Implement a Village-wide tree replacement and management program.
- Support efforts of Sustainability Advisory Committee.



Community feedback on the Sustainability and Natural Resources board

## 6. Community Facilities and Services

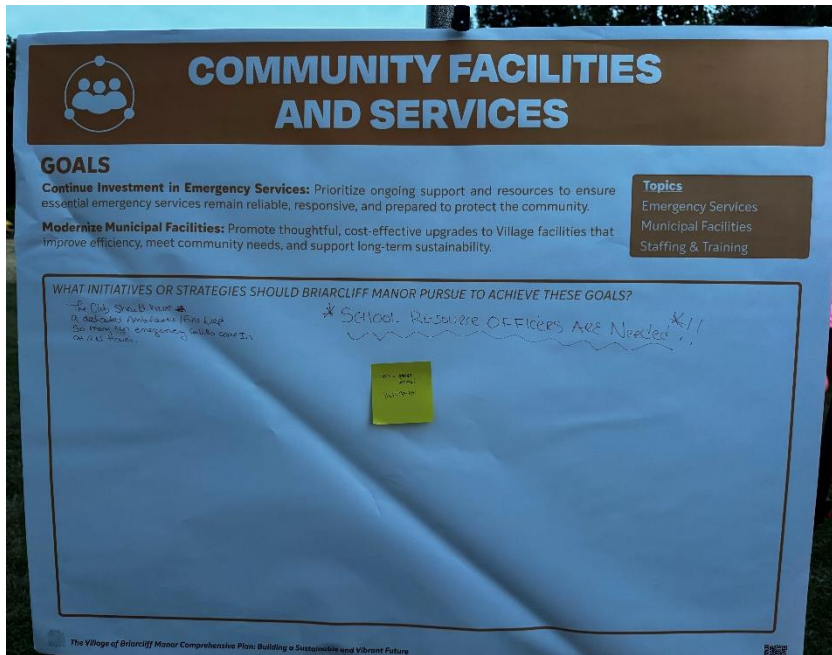
### Goals:

- **Continue Investment in Emergency Services:** Prioritize ongoing support and resources to ensure essential emergency services remain reliable, responsive, and prepared to protect the community.
- **Modernize Municipal Facilities:** Promote thoughtful, cost-effective upgrades to Village facilities that improve efficiency, meet community needs, and support long-term sustainability.

### Community Input:

- Add a dedicated ambulance/fire unit at The Club, given high volume of emergency calls.
- Increase school resource officers.
- Expand youth center programming.





Community feedback on the Community Facilities and Services board

## Summary of Community Themes

Residents consistently emphasized:

- The need for expanded recreation, including shaded play areas and a dog park.
- The need for stronger connections, more businesses and dining options, and clear design standards to guide downtown's growth while keeping its distinct character.
- Safety and connectivity improvements for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.
- A desire for more diverse and affordable housing, including senior and workforce housing.
- Commitment to sustainability, especially solar energy and tree management.
- Continued investment in emergency services and community facilities to meet current and future needs.



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Deputy Mayor Peter Chatzky and Trustee Kevin Hunt