

Athens Positives – Categories

Housing

- Housing expanding V/T/B
- Affordability
- Still affordable
- Fixing up the houses

Location

- Close proximity to Albany V/T/B
- Location in proximity to things 1 dot
- Location, location, location V/T/B 4 dots
- Strength of location V/T/B

Transportation access

- Town highway system T 1 dot
- Town roads are in good shape V/T/B
- Maintenance of roads V/T/B 1 dot
- Road maintenance
- 9W corridor V/T/B 4 dots
- 9W Corridor
- Close to major transportation V 2 dots
- Access to highway V 1 dot

Pedestrian access

- The grid streets V
- Alleys
- Sidewalks V
- Sidewalks V
- Walking distance V
- Most things accessible by foot
- Layout of Village V 1 dot
- Accessibility by walking V

Emergency Services

- Firehouse
- Emergency generators in firehouse
- Fire Company
- 911

Natural Resources

- Middle ground flats
- Beautiful nature V/T/B 2 dot
- View from high hill
- Scenic area 1 dot
- Beautiful flowers in summer
- Quiet River setting V/T/B 3 dots
- Good location between mountains and river
- Like the river & mountains V/T/B
- Keep it green
- Farms
- Abundance & diversity of land
- Lots of wild life 1 dot
- Open space/Nature
- Wonderful scenic views V/T/B
- Varied natural environments V/T/B 2 dots
- Ability to have livestock T

Hudson River/Lake resources/recreation

- Hudson River V/T/B 4 dots
- Hudson River V/T/B 1 dot
- River V 1 dot
- River V/T/B 4 dots
- River V/T/B 3 dots
- River access
- Riverfront park
- Waterfront & river access 3 dots
- Beautiful lake, riverfront
- Black Lake area T 1 dot
- Potential for waterfront growth V
- Restore waterfront V
- Village location off Hudson V
- Green Lake T
- Recreation activities on river V 1 dot
- Boat launch
- Boat launch
- Boat launch V
- Dev of riverfront park 1 dot
- Waterfront, Park, and Boat Ramp V/T/B

Historical resources

- Stewart House
- Historic architecture
- Historic homes V
- Historical character V
- Historic architectural homes in Village
- History of area
- Museum V
- Historic buildings V
- Historic buildings & beautiful architecture 2 dots
- Sense of History V/T/B
- Strict historic guidelines
- Lighthouse 1 dot
- Lighthouse V 1 dot
- Lighthouse

People

- Friendly
- Diversity of our community V/T/B
- Mix of people V/T/B
- People get involved V/T/B 1 dot
- The people 1 dot
- Friendliness
- Org. & people accepting 1 dot
- Can get involved
- Friendly people V
- Volunteer spirit V/T/B
- Connection with People V/T/B
- Community Spirit V/T/B
- Friendly people
- Population becoming more diverse
- Neighborly Help
- Civic pride in homes
- Multi-generational families

Infrastructure/Municipal Services

- Snow removal V/T/B
- Snow removal well maintained
- Observance of military holidays V/T/B 1 dot
- Have banks on corner
- Location of Bank
- Water quality V

Community Character (small/rural/safe)

- Keep it looking like a small town 1 dots
- Small size of community
- Small town character V/T/B 2 dots
- Quite atmosphere V/T/B
- Great potential V/T/B 2 dots
- Cozy quaint potential
- Small town feel 2 dots
- Like Small town V/T/B 1 dot
- Good place to raise children
- Safe & secure for residents & kids V/T/B 1 dot
- Family centered V/T/B
- Family values V/T/B
- Safety V/T/B 2 dot
- Small community feel V
- Safe
- High quality of life for residents V/T/B
- Quality of life V/T/B 2 dots
- Safety of the community V/T/B
- Quality of life V/T/B
- Rural environment T
- Safe environment V/T/B
- Rural nature V/T/B
- Safe environment
- Small town rural character V/T/B 3 dots
- Safe environment V/T/B
- Rural setting 2 dots
- Country feeling 1 dot
- Rural Character V/T/B
- Like train whistle at pm
- Sound of the trains
- Rural character T 3 dots
- Rural quality 1 dot
- Thinly populated 1 dot

School

- School system V/T/B 3 dots
- Good schools – getting better
- Elementary school & fields
- Good school district V/T/B
- Elementary schools V/T/B
- Quality of schools V/T/B
- Good schools
- Elementary School 2 dots
- School system good quality V/T/B 1 dot

Recreation

- Athens Street Festival V
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- Playground
- Cultural center
- Pool (needs work) V/T/B
- Athens pool
- Community pool V
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- Village parks/Triangle park V 1 dot
- Concrete in Parks
- Community Center
- Little League Field
- Playscape

Library and Programs

- Library programs V/T/B
- Library
- Library
- Library services V/T/B
- Excellent Public Library
- Children activities V
- Decent planning for seniors V
- Summer Recreation Program

Business and Industry

- No strip malls V/T/B
- Limit stores but the ones we have are convenient V/T/B
- Commercial
- Small businesses V/T/B
- Restrict big box stores and Franchise stores V/T/B
- No strip malls
- Prevent development of Tourism – which will neglect residents

Taxes/Tax Base

- Lower taxes V/T/B 2 dots

Government

- Forwarding thinking visionaries V/T/B
- Elected officials – vision V/T/B
- T/V offices combined V/T/B
- Way to vote to county representative

Planning and Zoning

- Low density zoning T
- Keep zoning/building codes strict on rural character V/T/B
- Growth V/T/B 1 dot
- Sleepy Hollow expansion
- Entrance signs to Village

What is this?

- Community benefit pkg.