

### Negatives

1. Do not receive appropriate notices = Athens address – reorganize it, Athens residents with postal codes
2. Abandoned cars and houses = code enforcement, plow them down or cars removed, condemn dangerous buildings, good investment
3. Litter on roadways = signs, code enforcement, educate - start at elementary school education, once per year pick up day
4. Lack of jobs = increase public sector positions, clustered into village, economic development, tourism, micro-enterprise loan
5. Not enough open space preserved = encourage farming, working landscapes, subsidies woodland, established organic farm, tax breaks
6. Unplanned growth and services = Comprehensive plan, Enforce parking rules, Enforce codes on junkyards, Fix Sleepy Hollow Sewage System, Extend sewer lines on 9W & Schoharie, Contact state police to help the Town, Make Second street one way, More interaction with County/State government, grants and programs, More Youth programs
7. Parking = Incorporate One way streets and diagonal parking, change winter regulation, obtain the Fontaine lot.
8. SHL sewer = Plant more pine trees notified by Town and Village
9. Traffic Enforcement = Lower enforce speed on 385, install traffic lights at busy intersections
10. Lack of small businesses = solve parking problems, offer tax incentives
11. Lack of moderate housing = attract developers who build it
12. More light industrial areas = Rezone to RR track area on Schoharie Tpk/ Make it easier to get a variance. Find out where you cannot build due to architecture or historic areas.
13. Lack of Infrastructure = Better water source-new water treatment, Town pay for sewage treatment, expand water and sewer lines, fix IR to sewer treatment
14. Out dated Plan = We are in process of doing it now
15. Traffic = Reduce speed zones during school hours, especially on Schoharie Tpk, Vernon Sr./2<sup>nd</sup> St, Construct sidewalks on roads with a lot of foot traffic, or designated lanes painted on streets to create a safety lane for children walking to school/flashing signs “slow” or “set speed” limiting during schools hours
16. Properties = Offer grants/loans to fix up private/commercial properties. Owners should be required to maintain/fix-up their properties. Enforce existing property codes (shoveling sidewalks – people never fined) complaints are made.
17. Lack of work = Increase small enterprises, retail, develop 9W corridor
18. Water for protection = Needs to be done, increase taxes if necessary, need fire protection in order to build
19. Sidewalk condition = stricter enforcement of codes
20. Lack of affordable housing = increase housing density, planned development
21. Tax code enforcement = Increase availability of code enforcement officer, Increase education for code enforcement officer
22. Basic services like stores for food/drugs = Create a new shopping cluster in Town, Use existing property (like cultural center) for business, Help provide funding for Second St. facades, Take advantage of Empire Zone money, Green development rather than Big Box stores
23. Second Street Revitalization = Improve Second St. parking/ may be make one way, Period lighting or put underground, Reset old sidewalks and may be make new ones, Traffic flow

- through Town should always preserve access to river, Attract boutique stores to attract river traffic, Keep a working Main St. so residents can get basic supplies
24. Lack of recreational areas = If economy improves, much can happen
  25. Govt. regulation and Business = Consolidate Village and Town into one new building, Coordinate local law enforcement – make it efficient, Need a grocery store, Recruit business to Town & Village, Support local businesses
  26. Parking = Create public areas, one way system, designate spaces – make designate spaces for renters, parking permit
  27. Unsightly areas = make law to keep historical areas, Tidy up Village, make village look historical
  28. Water Quality = better water filters
  29. Lack of public water = upgrade the residential volume on Main roads or drill for wells
  30. No School District = Use Athens boundaries for a school district
  31. Noise = Need noise ordinance – 4 wheelers, dog barking, keep trucks on main routes
  32. Street Pattern = Adopt a grid pattern – straight and wide enough
  33. Industry and business = Attract industry-good work force/good education
  34. Recreation = Improve waterfront marina
  35. Noise = Need regulation and enforcement
  36. Commercial Junk = Regulation

### **Positives**

37. Rural Character = Athens is a friendly, quiet, clean, safe, affordable riverfront community free from the rat race and off the beaten path.
38. Riverfront = Riverfront is clean, attractive and a place for residents to visit, gather and enjoy
39. Municipal services = Wherever productive and possible share and upgrade municipal services among the municipalities and Sleepy Hollow Lake
40. Environment = Protect the environmental and scenic open spaces – stay green.
41. Education = Schools in Athens are top notch and provide our children with excellent education and opportunity.
42. Industry = Planned light industry in Town of Athens only.
43. River = Increase public access, clean up less attractive areas, riverboat cruises, movies, music in the park, boat launch closer to/in Village for canoes/kayaks/jet skis/overcrowding at boat launch needs more facilities to boaters/porta-potties at boat launch/concession stand/develop middle ground flats and other island areas. Walking/bike paths along river, in Village
44. Small Town Character = Controlled Growth
45. School System = increased parental involvement, keep providing good programs, more focus on technology, keep art and music programs, and maintain adequate salary scale to attract good teachers.
46. Hudson River and Recreational activities = Maintain public access to river, improve facilities, finish Village Park project, maintain and improve playscape, keep investing in facilities
47. Taxes = Keep taxes low, bring in light industry, limit non-taxable entities, keep it small, more grant involvement for services
48. Safety = keep community small, increase police patrols
49. Commercial = No 9W corridor commercial development
50. Small Town Character = Good zoning

51. Grid Street system = Enforce the zoning
52. Country feeling = Neighborhood watch
53. Keep it Green = Designate green areas,
54. Farms = Create land trust for farms, Buy local, Start farmers market
55. Historic buildings and architecture = Maintain historic feel & rehab. Buildings, Keep 9W & 385 with different atmosphere - 9W commercial and 385 scenic and tourism
56. Regulation = Limit sub-division growth, Good code enforcement, Update zoning laws
57. Riverfront = Keep commerce off river, Keep river views
58. Small Town character = Development be strictly regulated and only in specific areas, Encourage agriculture/forestry/organic co-op farming- local farm markets, Athens farmers market
59. Quaint atmosphere = Moderate housing for young people and retirees
60. River = Finish the park and kayak ramp
61. Good schools = Keep watchdogs on Athens district, Build athletic fields
62. Decent planning for seniors = we will need more
63. Quality of Life = Don't get to big – attract small business
64. Library and pool = Support them
65. River = Restore ferry slip, Limit multistory buildings on river, Improve beach on Green Lake
66. Growth and Development = Building more tourism, Develop 9W corridor, Revitalize Second St., Central development
67. History = Make museum accessible
68. Community Services = Anticipate and fulfill the needs of the citizens, Improve Senior services
69. Waterfront = enjoyable and environmentally sound
70. Housing = Affordable housing that blends with the community
71. Quality of life = Enhance quality of life for everyone
72. Commercial services = Meet the retail and service needs of the community
73. Employment = attractive job opportunities
74. Recreation = A community center for people of all ages, similar to a YMCA
75. Business = Business incentives for small businesses and retail mix of shops on Village Main Street
76. Economic = Taxes that fall in line based on fair & equitable assessments in all municipalities
77. Cultural events = more
78. Historic = Restore historic districts and buildings
79. Housing Expanding = Keep taxes and spending down
80. Town Highway System = Increase operating budget
81. Hudson River = Relax river regulations