

E. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Goal: Promote and provide diverse services to meet the needs of the community, and seek collaboration and coordination with other service providers.

1. **Objective:** Continue supporting the local ambulance service, fire and police departments, and neighborhood watch organizations in providing protection services and special programs to the Town and Villages.

Implementation Strategies:

- The Town should coordinate with the police department to make sure that there is sufficient police presence to provide an actual and perceived sense of safety, as well as security for residents, merchants, workers, shoppers and visitors.
- The Town and residents should support the Ossining Fire Department and the Briarcliff Manor Fire Department and local ambulance services (i.e., all first responders) offered throughout the community.

2. **Objective:** Support the provision of child care, senior citizen and youth services, as well as social programs, to accommodate the needs of residents and the local workforce.

Implementation Strategies:

- The Town and the community should support efforts to provide day care in safe, healthy and nurturing environments for children and elderly residents.
- The Town and County should provide technical assistance, as appropriate, and coordination with the social service agencies and non-profit organizations in order to develop a resource directory of care providers (including descriptions of services and programs, and contacts) for distribution to the community.



For Kids Only (left) and Briarcliff Nursery School (right) provide child care services for Ossining families.

3. **Objective:** Advocate public and private educational services and facilities which address current needs, changing technology and future advancements of the 21st Century.

Implementation Strategies:

- The Ossining Central School District and private schools should maintain the diversity and excellence of educational offerings and technological resources available to students of the community.
- The local schools should continue to involve parents and community leaders in volunteer efforts, guest lectures, special events and other means of connecting the community with students.
- The Town should promote cooperation between the schools, businesses and other organizations to provide adequate training, technology and skills to meet the needs of the current and future workforce, as well as to establish mentorships, internships and apprenticeships for students which provide experiential/environmental learning opportunities.



Town and Village offices and meeting spaces are located at the Municipal Building on Croton Avenue (left) and the Armory Building on Route 9A (right).

4. Objective: Support efforts by the library to continue to provide, and modify as needed, services for the community.

Implementation Strategy:

- The public library in Ossining should explore opportunities to acquire, or share access to, new technological resources, services and technical assistance as equipment advances in this century.



The Community Center (left) and Public Library (right), located in the Village of Ossining, provide a variety of services, programs and activities for all members of the community.



The schools and senior programs provide important services for different aspects of the community.

- The public libraries should continue to offer programs and events which supplement the community's access to its resources.

5. Objective: Encourage the provision of medical services by health care operators at sufficient levels to accommodate the needs of the community.

Implementation Strategies:

- The regional hospital, emergency medical services and other health care providers should continue to provide excellent health care services, as well as various programs, events and outreach to the community.
- The health care providers should coordinate with the Town to have information about their services included on Ossining's website (or links to their websites).

6. Objective: Maintain and possibly expand recycling and clean-up days in the Town of Ossining.

Implementation Strategy:

- The EAC and civic groups should assist the Town in establishing a more frequent, formal structure for the clean-up days. Efforts should also be made to increase participation by local residents.

7. Objective: Promote public and private efforts to remove trash and debris along roadways, water bodies, parks and other public areas.

Implementation Strategies:

- The State Department of Transportation, County Department of Public Works and the Town of Ossining should promote the "Adopt-a-Highway" and "Adopt-a-Road" programs and expand participation from area businesses, civic groups and other organizations to clean up road corridors throughout the Town and surrounding communities. *[Note: this strategy is also in the Community Appearance chapter of this Plan.]*
- The Town Parks and Recreation Departments should establish an "Adopt-a-Park" and/or "Adopt-a-Waterway" program to match volunteers and community groups with specific parks, public open spaces and streams/water bodies in an effort to keep these areas clean and environmentally maintained. *[Note: this strategy is similar to one in the Parks and Recreation chapter of this Plan.]*

- 8. Objective:** Continue to provide public works services in an effective manner to meet the needs of the Ossining community.

Implementation Strategy:

- The Town should continue to explore opportunities to share Highway Department services and facilities with the Village of Ossining and other communities which could prove beneficial to Town taxpayers.

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