Summary of 2005 Town of Victor Buildout Analysis

Commercial and Light Industrial Buildout Projections

The 2005 Town of Victor buildout analysis the buildout analysis projected capacity for future development at 10.2 million square feet based on available undeveloped acres in commercial and industrial zoning districts,. The report also documented a 60 percent growth rate in the 1980s, a 99 percent growth rate in the 1990s, and a 25 percent growth rate from 2000 to 2004.

The analysis projected the town would add 1,295,319 square feet of development from 2000 to 2009 and 1,318,386 square feet of development between 2010 and 2019. Based on projected growth rates, retail commercial zoned vacant lands would be fully built out by 2025 and commercial/light industrial and light industrial zoned land would be fully built out in 2082 and 2070 respectively.

Residential Buildout Projections

The 2005 Town of Victor Buildout Analysis reported a 27 percent increase in housing units in the town including the village in the 1970s, a 52 percent rate of residential growth in the 1980s, and a 40 percent housing unit growth rate in the 1990s.

The report projected development capacity of residentially zoned land at 5,342 units and projected residential growth at a rate of 40 percent per decade until full buildout in 2040. The actual rate of residential growth in the town outside the village from 2000 to 2010 was 89 percent or 2,570 units.

2017 Buildout Analysis Update

The 2017 Buildout Analysis Update estimated the development potential of vacant and underdeveloped residential, commercial, and light industrial lands and building potential in approved projects not fully built out in the Town and Village of Victor.

2017 Business Building Potential

The 2017 buildout analysis identified 17,840,000 square feet of existing commercial and light industrial development in the Town and Village of Victor based on square footage of development for commercial and industrial real property codes. The analysis reported an increase of just over 4 million square feet of development since that recorded in the 2005 real property tax roll which identified 13,792,000 square feet of existing commercial and light industrial development. This equates to approximately 340,000 square feet of development per year, much higher than the 112,000 to 206,000 square feet per year development growth projected in the 2005 Town only build-out analysis.

The current analysis projects 5.1 million square feet of remaining business building potential including 3,681,816 square feet that can be accommodated on appropriately zoned vacant land and land with minor improvement in the town and village and 1,432,599 square feet of development on undeveloped lots in approved developments. In both cases building potential is based on 8,000 square feet of development per available acre.
At a development pace of 340,000 square feet of development per year, the 5.1 million build-out capacity would be reached in 15 years or in 2032.

**2017 Residential Building Potential**

Based on the 2010 Census, there were 5,822 units in the Town and 1,143 residential units in the village of Victor. This represents an increase of over 80 percent, well above the 40 percent projected in the 2005 buildout analysis and much higher than that reported in previous decades. The current buildout analysis estimates remaining residential development capacity of 2,391 units including 1,190 units on vacant residentially zoned land and 1,201 units on undeveloped lots/buildings in approved subdivisions or multi-family developments.

If Victor maintains its 2010 to 2017 average annual residential growth of 100 units/year, full buildout would occur by 2041. If Victor resumes average annual residential growth of 280 units/year as experienced from 2000 to 2010, full buildout would occur by 2025.
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- Thruway Exits
- NYS Thruway
- State or US Routes
- County Roads
- Municipal Roads
- Private Drives
- Tax Parcel Boundaries
- Commercial/Light Industrial Developed Units Remaining
- Commercial/Light Industrial Vacant Property Units Possible
- Municipal Boundaries
- County Borders

State Rt 96 Infrastructure Study
Residential Buildout Analysis

Town of Farmington
Town of West Bloomfield
Town of Canandaigua

Developed Square Feet Remaining: 4,098,289
Vacant Property Square Feet Possible: 3,681,816
TOTAL Square Feet Possible: 7,780,105

Map Produced August 2017 by the Ontario County Planning Department.
Legend:
- Thruway Exits
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- Municipal Boundaries
- Tax Parcel Boundaries
- Residential Developed Units Remaining
- Residential Vacant Property Units Possible

Residential Developed Units Remaining: 1,191
Residential Vacant Property Units Possible: 1,190
TOTAL Units Possible: 2,381

Map Produced August 2017 by the Ontario County Planning Department.
Acknowledgements

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Special thanks are given to the memory of Chris Hart, former Chair of the Victor Planning Board and the Ontario County Planning Board. Mr. Hart first conceived of this project and was actively pursuing it when he became ill last year. Christie’s vision and passion for the betterment of the Town of Victor will be long remembered.

We would also like to thank Victor Development Director Jane Luce, whose timely and excellent guidance on many aspects of this study, and specifically with regards to the base assumptions for commercial and industrial use growth factors, have enabled an effective estimation of future needs. Jane’s intimate knowledge and command of the Victor Land Use regulations have served the Town and this study well.

This report was prepared by the Ontario County Planning Department under the direction of Kris Hughes, Planning Director. Kevin Schultz, Senior Planner, was project manager. Kevin’s skill and efforts with the use of Geographic Information Systems and associated data are self-evident in the products generated with this report. Tom Harvey, AICP, Associate Planner, also provided valuable comment and some editing for the final report.

Kristen Mark Hughes
Director
Ontario County Department of Planning
September 8, 2005
Town of Victor Buildout Analysis
Residential and Commercial/Light Industrial

Introduction:
The Town of Victor is located in the Northwest corner of Ontario County, NY adjacent to the fast growing suburbs of Monroe County. As a result of the extension of public sewers and expanding outward development from metropolitan Rochester and its surrounding suburbs the Town of Victor population has increased by 39% over the last decade. The Town of Victor population, excluding the Village, grew by 54%. A look back over the last 30 years reveals a similar trend. This rapid population increase has transformed a significant portion of the town from a rural community to a center of residential and commercial/light industrial development.

This report examines the population and housing statistics, land use trends, and zoning conditions. It does not address the fiscal impacts that residential and commercial/light industrial development will have on the Town of Victor. It should also be noted that land in the Village of Victor was not analyzed in this report, since the Village has autonomous zoning authority. (Therefore, all Town data and calculations provided are exclusive of Village data except where otherwise indicated.)

Population and Housing Trends:
As the main route from the City of Rochester to the City of Canandaigua, the Town of Victor has always had diverse land uses and a growing population base. In the late 1800’s the farming community settled here along with an industrial center located in the Hamlet of Fishers. However, it wouldn’t be until the mid 1940’s that Victor would see its transformation to a sub-urban community, escalated by the opening of the New York State Thruway in 1952. Since the construction of Eastview Mall in 1971, the town has become a major center of commercial/light industrial development in Ontario County.

Between 1970 and 2000, the Town of Victor (excluding the Village of Victor) population more than doubled (262%). This growth represents 22% of population growth in the entire county. In 2000, approximately 28% of the population was under the age of 18, while nearly 13% were over the age of 65 the median household income in 1999 was $59,349 while the median family income was over $71,000. Approximately 74% of the households within the town are family based households of which only 2.3% are below the poverty level. The Town Development Office estimates the entire Town 2003 population at 10,900 and projects a 2008 population of 12,400. “Under 18” population is expected to increase to 30% of the population, while the over 65 population should decrease to 11%.

During the same time period the Town of Victor, excluding the Village, more than tripled its number of residential housing units. The 2000 census indicates that there were approximately 2,900 housing units, of which 83% were owner occupied. The median home value in the town was over $144,000, while the median rent was over $600. The tables below show the change in both population and housing units from 1970 – 2000.

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Existing Land Use & Zoning Conditions:
The Town of Victor is approximately 35 square miles or 22,200 acres in size. The town has diverse land uses. Most notable are its commercial development along the State Route 96 corridor, high tech development along County Road 42 and NYS Route 251, the Village downtown area, and scenic residential areas. The Route 96 corridor area north of the Thruway serves as a regional shopping center for much of Western New York. While commercial development within this corridor has continued to flourish the town has also seen an increase in the high-tech and manufacturing sectors. Commercial and light Industrial land comprise only 10% of the land area in the Town of Victor but have a far reaching impact on the region’s economy and the economic vitality of Ontario County (See Map 1).

The largest land use area within the town is residential. Over the last 30 years the town has seen numerous multi-lot sub-divisions develop. Approximately 4,173 acres of active agriculture exist in the town today, or 18.8% of the town excluding the village. Much of this land is located in the northeast or southwest corners of the town where municipal sewer service is generally not available. The presence of public infrastructure has had the biggest impact on the changing landscape of Victor. While public sewer serves only 28% of the town, nearly 75% of the town has access to public water (See Maps 2 and 3). As infrastructure is extended, land values will escalate. Such change is likely to further displacement of agriculture and other open space uses in favor of the low-density residential development currently allowed.

2004 Land Use Statistics

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Source: 2004 Real Property Tax Data and Ontario County GIS

Land in the Town of Victor is separated into 10 different zoning districts (See Map 4). This does not include the Planned Development Districts or Overlay districts located throughout the town. Of these 10 zoning districts the R-2 Residential District is the largest, covering approximately 70% of the town’s land area. The allowable uses in the R-2 Residential District range from Single or Two Family homes to agricultural uses. Institutional and health care uses are allowed by special use permit. While zoning guides development, it is not the intent of this report to analyze each of the zoning districts and their allowable uses. Provided below is a table listing the districts along with the acres and the percentage of land within each district. In the coming sections a detailed methodology is presented which outlines the zoning factors used to conduct the buildout analysis.

Along with traditional zoning districts the Town of Victor also has three Residential or Density Overlay Districts. These districts set the maximum living units per acre of gross property area for new subdivisions. These districts serve as the backbone for the residential build-out analysis. (See Map 5)

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Source: Ontario County GIS

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Source: Town of Victor Zoning Code
Buildout Analysis:

For the purposes of the Buildout Analysis, this report assumes that existing zoning status remains constant. Zoning and subdivision code factors such as clustering, presence of utilities, environmental constraints, and site density affect developments within the town. As described by the Town’s Director of Development Jane Luce, each section below details how each of these factors affects the residential and commercial/industrial build-out projections.

Open Space: Open space provisions described in the town’s Zoning Code provide that major residential sub-divisions set aside 50% of the gross land area for open space. Commercial/industrial sub-divisions must reserve 35% open space. A major subdivision is defined as any parcel (as it existed in 1977) being split into 5 or more parcels since 1977.

Environmental Constraints: Environmentally sensitive lands addressed in the town code include NYS DEC Freshwater Wetlands (and others identified by the town) and perennial streams delineated on the United States Geological Survey Maps. These features constrain subdivision development on parcels if they exceed the 50%/35% open space subdivision requirements. These parcels can still be developed. However, maximum densities may not be achieved. The Town allows the inclusion of these environmentally constrained areas to be part of the required “open space set aside.” As a result, the open space requirements have a less than 1% impact on the total number of residential units the town could potentially build. Please see Map 6 to observe the extent of lands constrained by more than 50 percent.

Site Density: Schedule II of the Zoning Code regulates the density of new residential subdivisions. Commercial and industrial site density calculations, while not specifically addressed in the zoning code, are determined by lot coverage, topography, setback, open space, and parking requirements. When determining the residential capacity of a particular parcel, this buildout analysis methodology multiplies the gross acreage by the density of the applicable residential overlay district. (Gross Parcel Acreage x Density Overlay). Density for Commercial/Industrial developments is estimated in square feet per acre. Victor Development Director Jane Luce has directed that real property industry standards estimate new commercial/industrial developments at 10,000 square feet per acre. Because Victor requires that 35% green space and 100-foot landscaped buffers adjacent to residentially zoned lands be provided, the buildout analysis methodology used for this report multiplies the gross available commercial and light industrial zoned acreage by 8,000 square feet to estimate gross future buildout. This is more consistent with actual Victor development history under the current zoning and is the factor recommended to be used by the Town Development Director.

It is also noted that while the Zoning Ordinance permits on its face a maximum 40% lot coverage for commercial and industrial buildings (17,424 sq.ft. per acre), the combined effect of regulations and the open space requirement has resulted in actual net building areas more consistent with the 8,000 square feet per acre used in this study. Actual developed area (building plus parking, road and other improvements) for commercial and industrial property cannot exceed 65% or (26,136 sq.ft. per acre) due to the open space requirement. Such constraints do not present serious restrictions to use because projects are able to cluster uses on the site to insure optimum use of allowable lot density. Such clustering also enables the protection of important environmental site features.

Residential Example: A one-hundred acre parcel located in Residential Overlay District C (Density factor = 1 unit per acre) has the capacity for 100 units to be built. With public sewer and water, lot sizes can be as small as 25,000 square feet, or approximately ½ acre. At least 50 acres will be permanent open space, typically either protected by a conservation easement or dedicated to the town.

Commercial/Industrial Example: Under the above assumptions a one-hundred acre parcel has the potential capacity for 800,000 square feet to be built. These are average figures used for extrapolating growth Town-wide. Specific projects will experience maximum “build outs” based on site specific parameters, e.g. traffic volumes, steep slopes, proximity to existing non-compatible uses, access, unique natural resource or cultural heritage resources.

Public Utilities: Schedule II of the zoning code addresses the area requirements or minimum residential lot sizes based on the presence of public infrastructure. Because the density overlay district requirements are more stringent in terms of calculating subdivision lot yield, the presence or lack of public utilities does not measurably impact the total number of potential residential units.
Residential Buildout Methodology and Results:
Appendix A provides a detailed explanation of the methodology used for the residential buildout analysis. In summary, total residentially zoned parcel acreage was multiplied by the permitted densities to determine the maximum permissible number of units. Existing houses were then deducted to determine future build-out capacity.

In total, the town has the capacity under existing zoning density regulations to permit construction of approximately 5,342 additional housing units. When projected over time, and assuming no changes in current regulation, the town will reach buildout in approximately 35 years or in the year 2040. This result is generated from an average growth rate of 40% per decade. The “Buildable Residential Units” map (Map 7) and Dot Density Maps (Maps 7b and 7c) combine to show the capacity of each of the parcels considered in this analysis along with the existing public utilities available on each property. While the presence of public utilities does not impact the maximum permitted density, property with access to public sewers is likely to be developed first.

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35 Year Buildout in 2040

*This 40% projection of town housing unit growth per decade is based on 1980-2000 US census information for the entire town, including the village. The projection was rounded down from the actual 42.2% average growth/decade.*
Commercial/ Light Industrial Buildout Methodology and Results:

Appendix B provides a detailed explanation of the methodology used for the commercial/light industrial build out analysis. In summary, available parcel acreage was multiplied by 8,000 sq. ft/acre to determine the maximum square footage capable of being developed. Existing development was deducted to determine future build-out capacity. The analysis used a 25% growth rate per decade (utilizing actual historic growth rates). The commercial/light industrial growth rate for the first five years of this decade, 2000 through 2004, was 25%. In previous decades it was much higher due to major new projects such as Eastview Mall in the 60’s and 70’s and the industrial expansions in the Fishers Area during the 80’s and 90’s. Map 8 shows the commercial/light industrial buildout.

The town has the capacity to permit construction of an additional 10.2 million square feet of commercial/light industrial space throughout the existing commercial/light industrial zoning districts. The tables below show the results of this analysis and it should be noted that each one of these districts would reach buildout at various points in time. The Commercial District is anticipated to be “built out” in 20 years, specifically by 2025 based on a 25% growth rate. It should also be noted that Eastview Mall was not included in the calculation for future development because it is assumed to be at or near full potential. Full buildout in the Commercial/Light Industrial is calculated to occur in 2082 (77 years). Light Industrial Districts will reach “build out” in 66 years in 2071.

### Existing Commercial/ Light Industrial Square Footage (Town Only)*

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*The individual Sq Ft numbers by zoning district are the gross additions to the Sq Ft for that decade. The total column represents the total commercial & light industrial square footage over time.

### Projected Commercial/ Light Industrial Square Footage (Town Only)*

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*The individual Sq Ft numbers by zoning district are cumulative totals from decade to decade. Total Includes PUDs

** Commercial Zoning District Reaches Buildout in 2025 based on 25% growth rate

*** Commercial/Light Industrial Reaches Buildout in 2082 and Light Industrial Reach Buildout in 2070
Conclusions:

This analysis quantifies the amount of land available for development in the Town of Victor. Two general classes of land have been reviewed; residential and commercial/industrial. The Town has employed a number of effective strategies to make land available for development while at the same time attempting to conserve open space lands and otherwise preserve the character of the community. The growth rates observed for Victor over the past several decades suggest that the current land use policies enable the achievement of a number of competing public interests. And, have certainly not significantly hindered what can only be described as a strong market for land development in Victor, as compared to the Rochester Region and New York State.

This report has taken existing conditions and extrapolated recent trends to estimate when current zoning districts and regulations will reach a maximum capacity for development. This is commonly known as “build out.”

Residential Build Out

The town under current zoning can allow approximately 5,342 additional residential housing units. If existing growth rates continue the Town will reach this “build out” in approximately 35 years or in 2040. This is an increase of 184 percent over the 2,900 units extant in Victor according to the 2000 U.S. Census. The maps provided in this report further identify the specific location of this available capacity. To attain the permitted “build out” significant portions of land currently considered undeveloped will become housing sites. Land currently or still available for agriculture will no longer be available for such pursuits as this conversion occurs.

The Town may want to explore further techniques to channel development in ways that will optimize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize increased demands for public services. The current growth pattern permitted by the Town Zoning ordinance promotes the eventual consumption of all remaining undeveloped, vacant and agricultural land throughout the Town in fulfilling the current “build out” plan. Although, 50% of gross land area (in most cases to include the environmentally sensitive lands) in each individual project will be set aside in some form of open space.

In other rapidly growing communities throughout the U.S., one effective method for assisting the market to optimize use of available land is to develop a comprehensive plan that clearly identifies the time period within; and geographic area where growth will occur. Such planning and subsequent implementation through zoning enables effective delivery of services, and significantly reduces market risk for developers in desired growth areas. This phasing of the land use plan is directly implemented by adjusting the zoning maps to reflect only that development which is expected to occur within a 5-10 year time frame. Only after this “available” land is developed to some threshold (e.g. 80%) will rezoning of additional land be considered by the Town.

Such changes would also necessitate the creation of a zoning district that would insure protection of rural lands. This new district might establish agriculture or rural estates as a preferred use for land. Further, it could provide that other uses not generally compatible with agriculture, such as residential subdivisions, be allowed only at much lower development densities than presently allowed. Some highly successful communities have used rural residential zoning densities ranging from 25-100 acres. For example, the Town of Seneca in Ontario County has recently adopted a 40-acre per unit density standard in its Agricultural Zoning District.

The “Buildable Residential Units” map (Map 8) shows the capacity of each of the parcels considered in this analysis along with the existing public utilities currently available on each property. While the presence of public utilities does not impact the maximum permitted density, property with access to public sewers is likely to be developed first. This information could be used to guide the development of a 5-10 year threshold zoning map and zoning local law.

Commercial/Industrial Build Out

As presently zoned, the town has the capacity to build an additional 10.2 million square feet of commercial/light industrial space throughout their existing commercial/light industrial zoning districts. Such “build out” will be reached at different times for each zoning class. Commercial land will be fully utilized in 20 years (by the year 2025). Full build out in the Commercial/Light Industrial District is expected to occur in 2082 (77 years). Light Industrial Districts will reach “build out” in 66 years in 2071.
It should be noted that this commercial and industrial “build out” assumes current standards are applied. That means that every acre of land produces approximately 8,000 square feet of building space. In fact, many recent projects are showing net usable building space yields of 2-3,000 square feet per acre. This means that additional substantial capacity for expansion of current developed sites exists.

Changes to setback rules, parking standards, height ratios, and open space requirements for industrial, light industrial and commercial space could enable actual growth yields far greater than those currently allowed, on the same amount of land. In fact, large-scale development utilizing Planned Development rules can allow far greater yields than those assumed for this study. Should such development strategies be utilized, far greater capacity will be enjoyed than even those projected in this report.

Regardless of these future possibilities, this study demonstrates substantial existing capacity for residential, commercial, light industrial and industrial growth under the current zoning structure for the Town. The Town may want to consider ways to target certain development locations for growth. This could include reductions in the amount of currently zoned land, establishment of clear rules and standards to create preference for projects that use or expand existing utility capacity as preferred over new construction absent public utilities, and other targeted economic incentives.

This effective oversupply of developable land now present in the market may also artificially lower the effective assessable base for the Town by reducing the per acre value of these lands. While other factors remain constant, an increase in supply of land creates a necessary reduction in price. This approach to making land available reduces the Town’s ability to reap the benefit of this highly desirable type of development.

The Town of Victor remains extraordinarily positioned for healthy expansion of all forms of development due to its proximity to regional economic centers, unparalleled access to major road networks, the existence of a highly skilled and available workforce, excellent schools, and its location at the gateway to the recreational bounty of the Finger Lakes Region. The remaining challenge is to capture and encourage this potential while preserving and enhancing the quality of life for all the residents of the community.

This report can assist the Town by providing information that serves as a basis for:

1. Evaluating the scale and location of necessary infrastructure;
2. Determining whether continued expansion/growth as allowed under current land use regulation is appropriate and furthers preservation of the Towns desired community character; and
3. Assessing whether significant changes may be needed to insure the long-term survival of land uses such as agriculture and rural open space, and the preservation of important elements of what makes Victor an attractive home for its residents and businesses.

It is also important to recognize that attendant to growth is increased demand for a wide range of public services and infrastructure, such as, road capacity; water and sewer service; parkland and recreational services; educational system capacity; health and senior services; emergency service delivery and public safety services (police and security); etc. Each of these have profound affects on the costs as much as the quality of living in Victor and must be balanced to insure that such service expansion occurs in the most cost-effective and efficient manner.

While all of these areas are ripe for further study, such analysis is beyond the scope of this report.
Appendix A

Using the County's Geographic Information System (GIS) this analysis identified the base zoning district and residential overlay district for each parcel, developed or undeveloped. The analysis uses attributes for parcel size in acres and applicable residential density to calculate the total units each parcel could support. Once this was completed Real Property Tax data was used to determine the existing land use of each of these parcels and whether there was additional residential development capacity. All residentially zoned agricultural and vacant land (based on the RPTS Property Class Codes) was considered to be developable, while current residential lands were further analyzed. For each parcel with a residential property class code, one (1) unit was subtracted from the total units available for additional development. Based on this calculation if a residential parcel was only capable of accepting 0.99 additional units (or less) it was determined to hold no additional development potential. Land that was previously accounted for as part of a “clustered sub-division” was manually deleted so as to not artificially inflate the town’s residential capacity. The table below shows how each of calculation was done and the resulting data that was generated.

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<th>Overlay</th>
<th>Property Class</th>
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<th>Status</th>
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Notes: Acres x Density = Gross Units
Gross Units - 1 = Adjusted Units (Residential Property Only & Rounded Down)

From this information a developable lands map (Map 9) was generated. This map identifies all of the parcels within the town that are capable of additional residential development. Of the total acreage available, nearly 37% of it is already classified as residential. More the 76% of these parcels are greater than 5 acres in size and all of these parcels are 2 acres or greater. For the purposes of this analysis all potential units were accounted for. Zoning also allows residential units on the second floor of commercial developments. This is not anticipated to be a major source of new residential units. The analysis assumes that the number of new residential units over commercial development will equal the number of un-built potential residential units.

Agricultural land accounts for nearly 33% of the acreage available for residential development within the town. Of the 646 parcels considered in this analysis only 76 of them are actively being farmed. Public sewers are not available to most of these 76 parcels; however, most are within the water benefited area. The presence of public utilities will increase the attractiveness of this land for residential development, resulting in pressure on this land to be removed from agricultural use. The town’s 50% open space requirement provides an opportunity to preserve large portions of these agriculture lands.

Victor Hills Golf Club, Ravenwood Golf Club, and the Victor Rod and Gun Club have the potential for adjacent residential development, or in the case of the rod and gun club, to be converted to residential use. The table below shows counts for each parcel type along with their acreage.

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<th>Res. Units</th>
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<td>Recreation</td>
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Appendix B

The commercial/light industrial buildout analysis has some limitations. It is important for the reader to understand what they are and not misinterpret the results presented here. While Real Property Tax information indicates what a property is generally used for, its approximate square footage, and the year built, it should not be taken as an exhaustive listing. What follows is a list of the various elements used from the RPTS data along with an explanation of how this data was used for this exercise.

**Property Class Codes:** These are three-digit land use codes attributed to all parcels in the Real Property Tax Database. These codes differentiate Agricultural Land, Vacant Land, Residential Land, and Commercial Land. For the commercial buildout all land identified as commercial, industrial, vacant, or agriculture was used in the analysis. Property class codes refer to the primary use of a particular property. This code does not refer to the zoning of a property and does not imply an allowable use under zoning. For a list of allowable uses in each zoning district one must consult the town’s zoning code. The property class code for commercial land includes everything from Apartment Buildings to Office Building to Retail Shops, to parking lots. When we refer to commercial square footage all of these uses are being tallied.

**Building Inventory:** For each parcel with a property class code of commercial or industrial a building inventory form is filled out. As part of that form, general building information and the gross floor area is entered into the database. These numbers are approximate figures and do not represent the actual “as built” square footage. In some instances it was noticed that an inventory form had not been filled out on property that did have structures. When possible these numbers were entered into the GIS. Estimates indicate that this analysis could be missing close to 1 million square feet of commercial square footage.

As part of the building inventory form “year built” information is also entered. The more current the data, or the newer the structure, the more accurate this value is. In some instances buildings built prior to the inception of the Real Property Tax Database “year built” information was estimated. Today as parcels change in land use and development occurs these numbers are kept accurate. It should also be noted that as buildings expand in square footage over time new building information is entered. So if a 20,000 sq ft commercial building was built in 1985 and was expanded by 10,000 sq ft in 1995 two records would appear in the database. In theory this gives us the ability to accurately track change over time, as long as the year built information and gross floor area information is accurate. Without reviewing historical building permits it would be extremely difficult to determine when a building was built and how many square feet it is.

The objective of the commercial/industrial buildout was to determine how many additional square feet of retail, commercial, office, and light industrial uses the town will be built based on current trends and existing zoning. While this section will show “projected growth” over time we used a conservative 25% growth rate per decade. The commercial/light industrial growth rate for the first five years of this decade, 2000 through 2004, was 25%. In previous decades it was much higher. The rest of this analysis focuses on current information based on the real property tax data and what the town can expect if zoning regulations remain constant.

The Town of Victor has approximately 5-6 million square feet of retail/office/light industrial space located throughout the town. Almost all (more than 99%) of that space was built after 1970. Nearly half of it was built between 1990 and 1999. This was due mainly to the construction and expansion of Eastview Mall and the surrounding commercial areas. The commercial/light industrial space is located throughout the town. It is located within the Commercial, Commercial/Light Industrial, Light Industrial or Planned Development Zoning Districts. Over 2 million square feet of space is located immediately around Eastview Mall, which is located in a Commercial Zoning District and near three commercial planned development districts. The chart below details each of these zoning districts and their existing square footage, and the development potential.

To determine the growth rate to be used in this buildout analysis, the approximate square footage built during the five-year period from 2000 through 2004 was multiplied by 2 to determine the growth from 2000 through 2009. Factored out, this results in a 25% growth rate per decade, yielding approximately 1.2 million square feet in a ten-year period. Forecasted numbers, using this 25% growth rate are detailed by zoning districts below.
The analysis used GIS technology to code each parcel's zoning district. Estimated full buildout potential was calculated by multiplying parcel acreage by 8000 sq. ft. per acre. See the Site Density section for more details.

All agricultural and vacant land within the commercial, commercial/light industrial, or light industrial districts (based on the RPTS Property Class Codes) was considered developable. Land with other land uses was further analyzed. All residentially zoned parcels were eliminated from the dataset. The analysis assumes that these parcels will remain in residential use for the foreseeable future. The analysis also assumes that square footage numbers obtained through the Real Property Tax are accurate. Based on these numbers a second calculation was performed to determine the expansion possibilities of each of these parcels. Existing building square footage was subtracted from potential square footage to obtain future square footage potential.

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*Net Developable Acres and Additional Sq Ft equals the Acreage or Sq Ft of parcels considered for this analysis. Eastview Mall is assumed to be near full potential and removed from this analysis.*
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Legend:
- Residential - 1
- Residential - 2
- Residential - 3
- Mobile Home
- Senior Citizen
- Limited Development
- Commercial
- Commercial - Light Industrial
- Light Industrial
- Multiple Dwelling
- Municipal Boundary
- Parcel Boundaries
- NYS Thruway
- State or US Routes
- County Roads
- Municipal Roads
- Private Drives

Road Classes:
- NYS Thruway
- State or US Routes
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- State or US Routes
- County Roads
- Municipal Roads
- Private Drives

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Key

Residential Overlay District
A - Residential (.33 Units/Acre)
B - Residential (.5 Units/Acre)
C - Residential (1 Unit/Acre)

Road Classes
- NYS Thruway
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Road Classes
- NYS Thruway
- State or US Routes
- County Roads
- Municipal Roads
- Private Drives

Key
- Finger Lakes
- Parcel Boundaries
- Municipal Boundary
- NYS DEC Wetlands with 100Ft Buffer
- USGS Perennial with 75Ft Buffer

50% or Greater - Environmental Constraints
18 Pracels for 43 Units
Town Housing Units Only

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Buildout in 2040
50 Year Buildout

No Utilities
Water Only
Sewer & Water

Available Units - 1,598
Available Units - 2,632
Available Units - 1,112

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- County Roads
- Municipal Roads
- Private Drives

Zoning Districts
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Key
- Parcel Boundaries
- Municipal Boundary
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Town of Victor - Buildable Comm-Ind Sq Footage

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Key
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- Victor
- Municipal Boundary

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Road Classes
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- Municipal Roads
- Private Drives

Parcel Boundaries
- Municipal Boundary
- RPTS Land Use (Parcel Counts)
- Agricultural - 76
- Residential - 349
- Recreation - 9
- Vacant - 212

Note: Some Commercial Properties Listed under the residential Class (i.e. Golf Courses, Apartment Complexes)

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