Town of Indian Lake Highway Department

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Monthly Report – October 2026

October road maintenance projects included patching potholes and culvert crossings, ditching/shoulder work, raking/grading and blowing leaves.

- Cleveland Rd: ditching
- Old State Rte C: [60cyd 3/4 minus (=$1,218.00)]
- Jerry Savarie Rd: patching [1cyd cold patch (=$95.00)]
- Joe Locke Rd: patching [1cyd cold patch (=$95.00)]
- Stony Step Rd: patching [12cyd Item 4, 2cyd cold patch (=$400.00)]
- Cedar River Rd (IL + LP sections): leaf blowing, grading, patching [120cyd Item 4 (=$2,100.00)]
- Blue Mountain Lake water main break road repair [20tn Item 4 (=250.00)]

Additional tasks:

- On-going beaver control
- 1 day paving for Hamilton County
- Dressing trucks for Winter

Equipment:

- #197 2025 Western Star was (finally!) delivered on Oct 27
- #182 2002 Freightliner auction sale declined; next step TBD
- #188 2019 Ford F350 SD was towed to Adirondack Truck for frontend repairs

Miscellaneous:

- Steve Cannan was out all month; is due back mid-November
- Submitted Pit #3 Mining Termination Notice to DEC; Pit #6 reclamation to start after removal of "all material not native to the site" (including equipment)

Submitted by Eugene Darling
Highway Superintendent
November 5, 2026

TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE
P.O. Box 730 Pelon Road
Indian Lake, Hamilton County
New York 12842

Town of Indian Lake Building Permit Report
October 2026

	Residential	Commercial
1. Total # of Permits Issued:	7	1
2. Total dollar amount of projects in #1:	$155,500	$28,000
3. Number of Permits in #1 which are Hunting Camps:	0	
4. Total dollar amounts of projects in #3:	$0	
5. Number of single-family permits issued (Camps N/A):	0	
6. Total dollar amount of projects in #5:	$0	
7. Number of Trailers/Double Wide/Modular Homes:	0	
8. Number of Permit renewals:	3	
9. Number of Firework Permits issued:	0	
10. Total dollar amount of permits in #9:	$0	
11. Fire inspections (Annual) to date	28	

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tyler Monthony

Building Maintenance and Operations

Monthly Report — October 2026

During October, the Building Maintenance and Operations Department continued maintaining town properties, buildings, trails, cemeteries, and equipment while preparing for the upcoming winter season.

Parks, Grounds, and Cemetery Operations

Work continued at Byron Park, including bench assembly and kiosk installation. Cemetery operations included grave preparation, burials, cleanup, topsoil placement, and restoration at Cedar River Cemetery. Crews also continued mowing, trail maintenance, bridgework, and improvements throughout town properties.

Buildings and Facility Maintenance

Staff completed restroom cleaning, Town Hall sewer flushing, parking lot cleanup, dam cleanup, and general building maintenance. Seasonal preparations continued throughout town facilities.

Equipment and Highway Support

The department assisted with equipment repairs, lawn mower maintenance, chainsaw servicing, and equipment transportation. Trips for parts and supplies helped keep equipment operational.

General Operations

Employees continued trail and bridge improvements, cemetery maintenance, office support, preparation of state reports, and general property maintenance throughout the month.

October was a productive month, with continued progress in maintaining town facilities, equipment, cemeteries, and public properties while preparing for winter.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill LaPrairie
Building Maintenance and Operations



November 9, 2026, Town of Indian lake Board Meeting
Economic Development Report

Grants

Northern Forest Center (NFC) Technical Assistance Grant & Housing Steering Committee
We held two drop-in community conversations meetings on Monday, October 26 at 11:30am and again at 4PM. A total of 17 attended and reviewed the four concepts presented by Studio A. Concept one featured 20 single family lots. Concept Two featured five single family lots and 19 cluster family lots. Concept Three hosted 24 apartments, 20 twin townhomes, six single family lots and 3,200 sq. feet retail space. The Fourth hosted 20 urban lots with shared outdoor space, 16 town homes, 3,200 sq. feet retail space and 960 sq. feet 1st floor retail building. All concept drawings featured a festival space. Feedback from the community was collected via Post It Notes, with Leslie from Northern Forest compiling the information. The Task Force will reconvene on Tuesday, November 17 at 2PM to discuss next steps and consider refining the selected concept(s). **See attached concepts and community feedback.**



AdkAction NYSDEC Grant & Pollinator Site On Thursday, November 5, ILCS PreK-2nd grade students visited the pollinator site to assist with fall seeding from 11:40am to 12:10pm. On Saturday, November 7, 30 volunteers will gather at 10am to participate in seeding followed by a presentation at Town Hall by AdkAction.

DASNY SAM Grant Email sent to Allison Webbinaro, Hochul's North Country Representative on 11/4/2026 seeking assistance.

NYSDEC ADK Smart Growth Grant Round 8 Quarterly report and reimbursement sent in by 10/30/26 for $4,736. In addition, on 10/28/2026 our quarterly Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business (SDVOB) report was filed.

2025 NYS Budget Appropriation Grant Award for 5 Towns On 10/28/2026 our quarterly Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business (SDVOB) report was filed. Quarterly report and a reimbursement report for $10,460 was submitted on 11/4/2026.

DEC EV Charging Stations Still awaiting reimbursements of $192,849 and $1,013.19. On 10/16/2026, I resubmitted our National Grid Electric Vehicle Phase in Rate Plan application to lower our energy costs.

DEC Byron Park Extension Still waiting for final payment of $137,130.26. The gazebo which was on backorder was delivered on 10/23/2026.

Community/Economic Development

EV Chargers A ViaLynk service tech came out to repair one of the chargers which was stuck in the "idle" mode. Now we seem to be experiencing issues with the charger handle becoming "locked" and not releasing when it should. I called and spoke with tech support who reported if the car being charged is "locked" the charge handle will lock until the person returns and unlocks their car. This is to prevent someone else from unplugging a car. In addition, it could be a communication error between the make/model of car and the charger itself.

Recreation Economy for Rural Communities A wrap up Zoom meeting was held on 11/3/2026 to review and discuss the results of the two-day workshop. Our task is to review the materials for accuracy before the next meeting on 12/15/2026.

Multiuse Trails @ the Ski Hut These trails continue to be used, as we have needed to refill the map holders. I am currently researching methods to track usage.

Miscellaneous On 10/21/2026, Kylie and I went door to door in Blue Mountain Lake delivering Boil Water Notices. In addition, we delivered 40 cases of bottled water to the BMLVFD for the residents, so they had access to drinking water during the water break period.

Meetings
10/15 – AdkAction Zoom Meeting
10/15 – SDA Museum Meeting
10/21 – NYSDEC webinar on Community Forests (per Supervisor Wells request)
10/22 – Northern Forest Zoom
10/26 – Housing Community Conversation meetings
10/8 – Hamilton County History Zoom
10/29 – EV Car to O'Conner's for an inspection

Respectfully submitted by Christine Pouch on 11/5/2026.

Indian Lake Housing Concepts Review
Reactions to Studio A's preliminary concepts for the Townsend site
Public meeting workshops
October 26, 2026

Concepts across concepts

- Are we sure that there isn't any environmental contamination on the site?
- What is the future of the fire commission's property? It should really be part of the planning process for this to understand that.
- Do we know if the existing municipal water and sewer systems can support the added load of these concepts?
- Would a pump station be needed to tie into the municipal sewer system.
- What is the unmet housing need in IL? That should drive the plan and the phasing.
- Whatever happens here should limit the town's tax liability and add to the town's tax base.
- How will we ensure that these don't just become short-term rentals?
- Consider need for event parking (e.g. moose festival.)
- Consider phasing if doing a bigger plan.

Concept 1 – Single family lots

Pros:

Cons:

- Not sure we really have demand for small single-family building lots in town.
- Plan shows building right in wetlands.
- Provide more variety in housing types.
- Maintenance may be limiting for some prospective residents.
- We have one of these in town already and it is completely vacant.(Don Rush comment – re Bush Run?)
- No parking shown for festival events or onsite/general – where will people park?

Questions/observations:

- Would this have a homeowner's association? Would there be rules for upkeep?
- Would people want SF homes right near the festival space?

Concept 2 – Single family and cluster lots

Pros:

Cons:

- Not sure we really have demand for small single-family building lots in town.

Questions/observations:

Concept 3 – Mixed use

Pros:

- Love this concept for variety of housing but still allows retail and town space.
- Mixed housing such as this plan will satisfy a wider range of needs.
- This plan is most appealing to me. However, I would consider moving the apartments to single-family area to develop back to front. If the housing need is not as strong, then the front can be repurposed to retail or other.
- Like mixed housing shown
- Like that this concept shows a variety of housing and other uses (on street and festival area)
- Best mix of housing
- Would meet several different community needs including those of aging population

Cons:

- Not enough parking
- Accessibility is a concern (consider needs of seniors)

Questions/observations:

- Re wetlands – impact study on flora, fauna?
- 4-6 four-unit buildings would be a good fit for the community (plus single-family/duplexes)
- What would the zoning be for the single family lots? Minimum square footage?
- How to fulfill the needs of seniors trying to transition to apartments but can't meet affordability
- Would townhomes be rentals or sold?

Concept 4 – New urbanist approach

Pros:

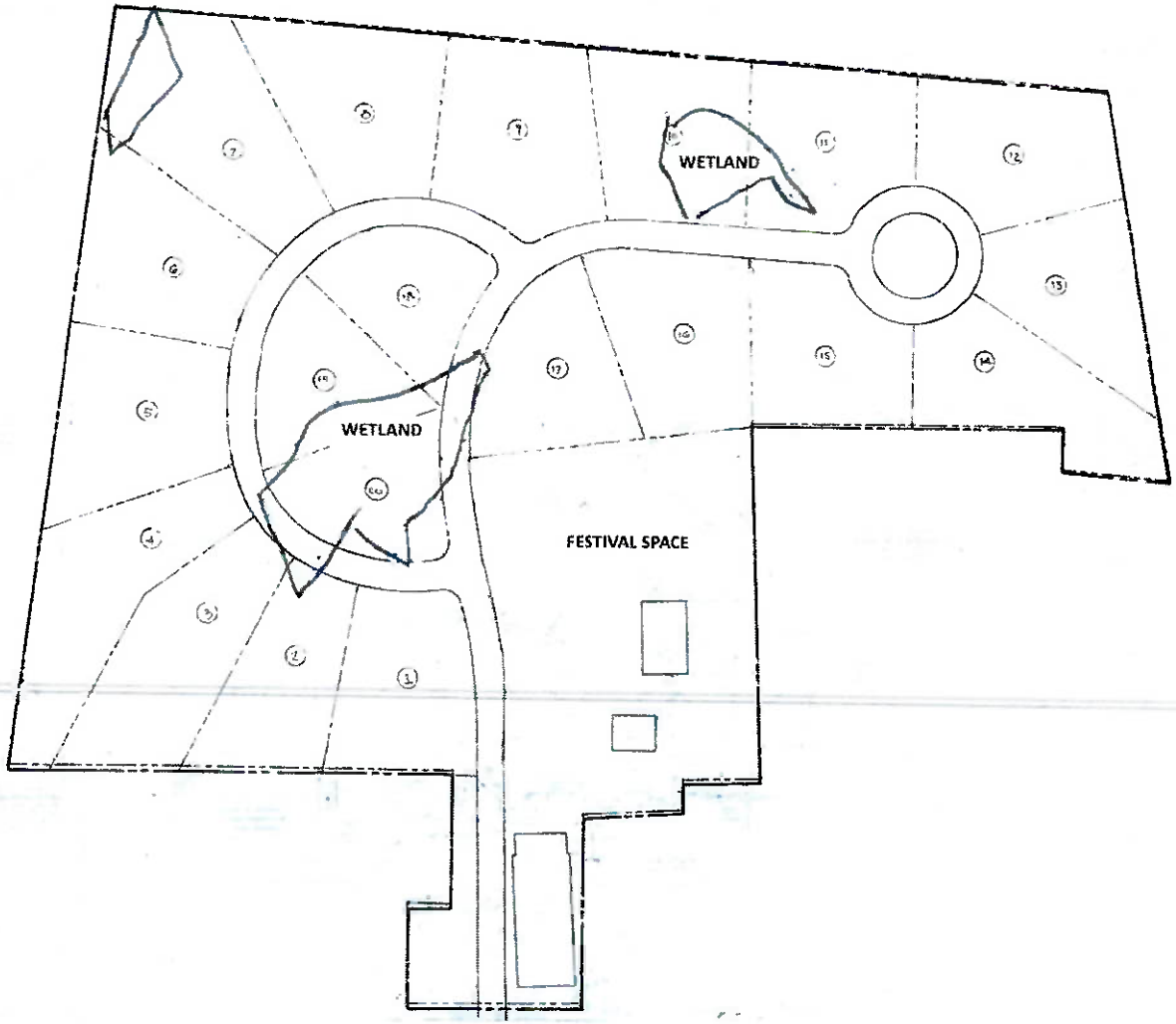
- Pre-built houses/units are more likely to be successful then just selling unbuilt lots.
- Having the mixed use and retail buildings would enhance the streetscape.
- Like the mix of housing
- This one appeals the most to me with the mixed use building and the retail building.

Cons:

- Wetlands are shown as being built over. Where is drainage/stormwater for this concept?
- Not sure if people would want to live next to festival site due to noise etc.

Questions/observations:

- Don't understand what an "urban lot" is?



SINGLE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT:

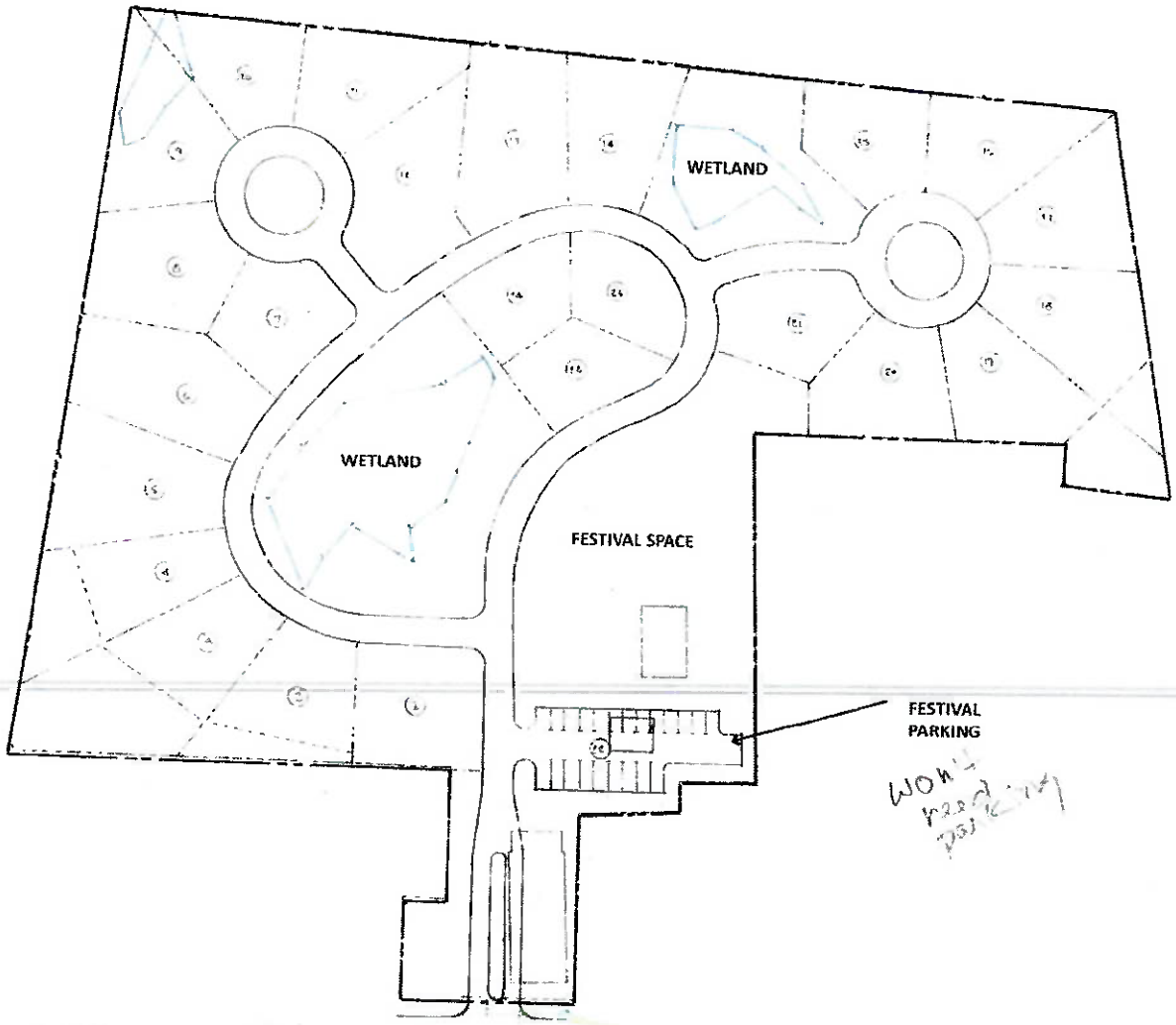
20 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS (10,000 SF MIN.)
FESTIVAL AREA (NO ON-SITE PARKING)

taking Townsend out

Northern Forest - Indian Lake
INDIAN LAKE, NY

Master Plan: Concept One
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SINGLE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT:

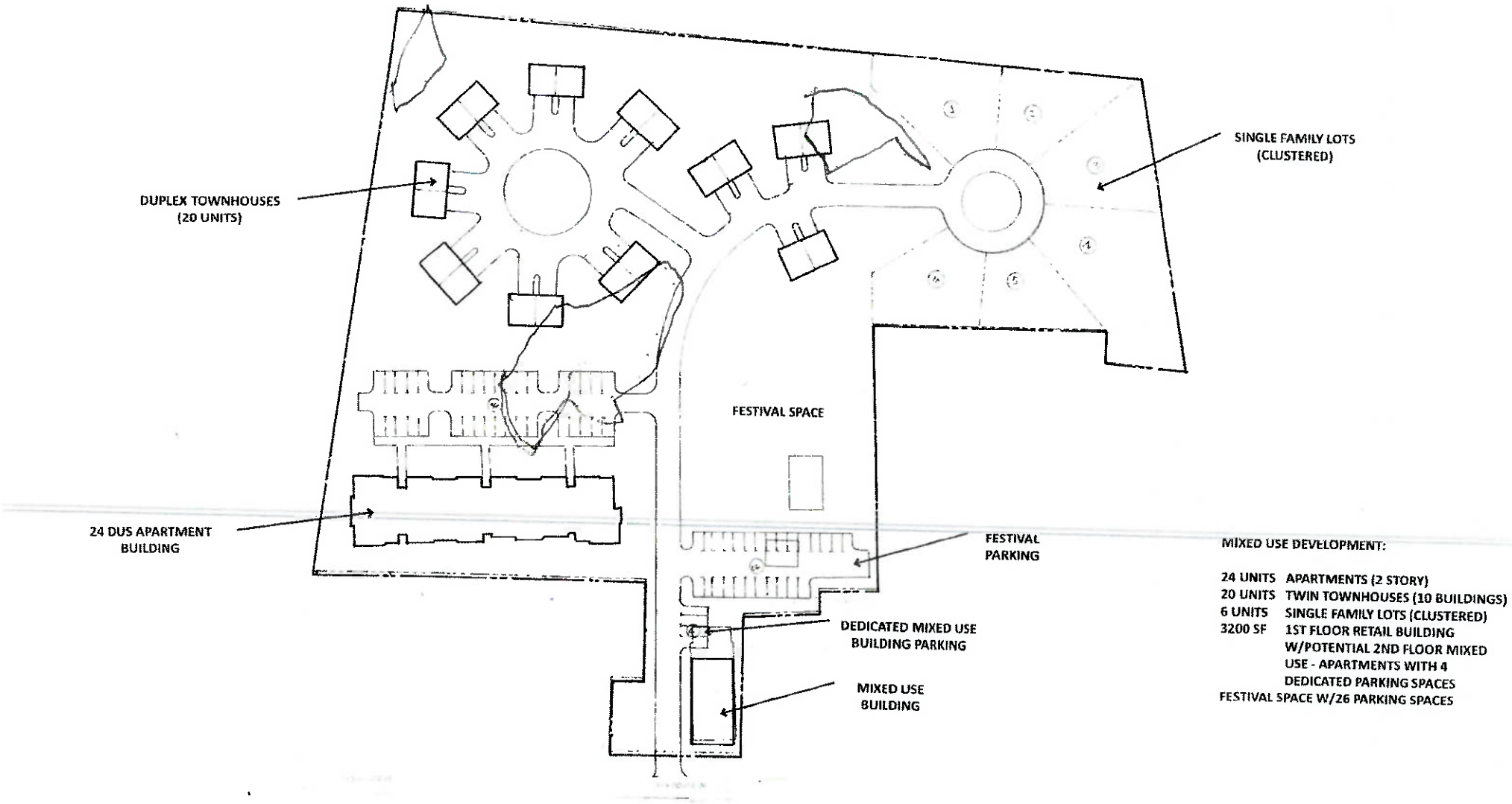
FESTIVAL AREA WITH 22 PARKING SPACES
WETLANDS PRESERVED/AVOIDED
5 ZONING COMPLIANT SINGLE FAMILY LOTS (LOTS 2-6)
19 CLUSTER SINGLE FAMILY LOTS

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MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT:

24 UNITS	APARTMENTS (2 STORY)
20 UNITS	TWIN TOWNHOUSES (10 BUILDINGS)
6 UNITS	SINGLE FAMILY LOTS (CLUSTERED)
3200 SF	1ST FLOOR RETAIL BUILDING W/POTENTIAL 2ND FLOOR MIXED USE - APARTMENTS WITH 4 DEDICATED PARKING SPACES

FESTIVAL SPACE W/26 PARKING SPACES

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INDIAN LAKE, NY

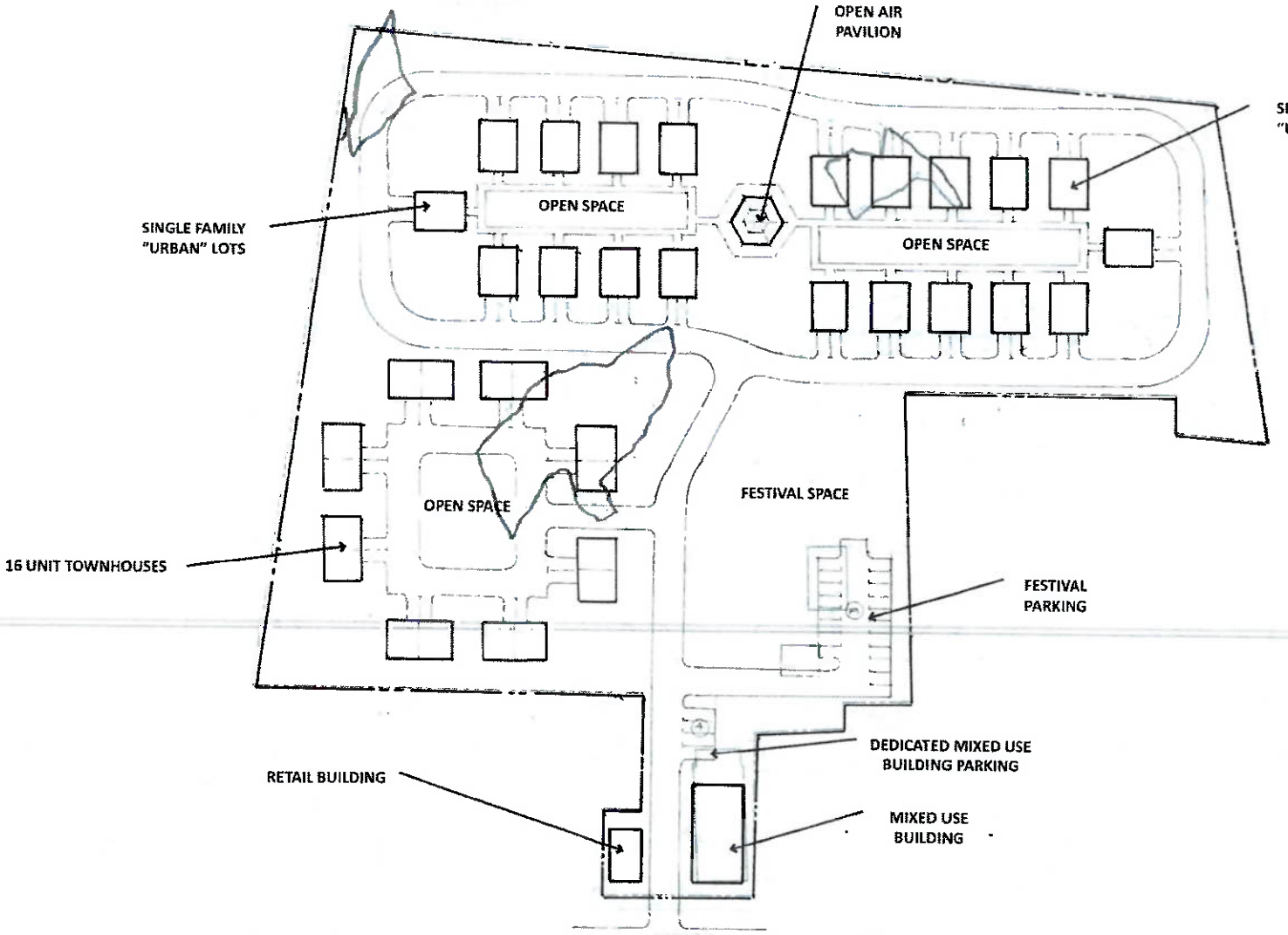
Master Plan: Concept Three

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SINGLE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT:

"NEW URBANISM" MIXED-USE

20 SINGLE FAMILY "URBAN" LOTS CLUSTERED ON OPEN SPACE WITH OPEN AIR PAVILION/ PARKING ACCESS IN REAR ALLEY'S

16 TOWNHOUSE UNITS (8 DUPLEX BUILDINGS) CLUSTERED ON CENTRAL OPEN SPACE

3200SF (1ST FLOOR) RETAIL BUILDING W/POTENTIAL 2ND FLOOR MIXED USE APARTMENTS WITH 4 DEDICATED PARKING SPACES

960 SF (1ST FLOOR) RETAIL BUILDING

FESTIVAL AREA WITH 19 PARKING SPACES

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November 9, 2026, Town of Indian Lake Board Meeting
Marketing & Events Report

Community/Business Updates

SHIFT The coalition for North Hamilton County - SHIFT - stands for Supporting Healthy & Informed Futures Together. The coalition applied for a grant a few months back, and we just found out this past month that we were not awarded it. For now, I have been waiting to hear more information. We spoke at our last meeting about keeping the coalition going for now, in hopes that we can apply for more money in the new year.

American Legion: The Legion recently produced a new list of guidelines for their Cans & Bottles Brigade. I worked with Andy Coney to get this list publicized this past month. We posted it to social media platforms, hung flyers around town, and sent in a press release for the newspaper, which was printed this week.

Events

Halloween: On Halloween day, we participated in Trunk or Treat organized by ILCS PTSO this year. They had a great turnout with over 20 trunks, and over 100 kids. In addition to the trunks, they had food trucks, bounce houses, and other activities for families to enjoy. We dressed our trunk up in a Western theme, which included a jail photo op, which was very popular among the kids. We handed out goody bags to the kids which included Indian Lake logo stickers. The ILVFD Ladies Aux also hosted their annual Halloween parade and costume judging.



Pumpkin Decorating Contest: This year we only had one participant, Nancy Harding. Nancy decorated two different pumpkins this year to enter the contest. She was awarded the first-place prize of a $25 Stewart's gift card.

CCT: We are getting ready for another fun Country Christmas Tour. Our plans are finalized and have been given to Kelly & Kim Ameden who run the Tour and do all the social media posts and advertising. We have started to advertise on our own platforms as well.
As of November 1, our Hat, Mitten & Toiletries Donation Tree is live. From now until mid-December, we will be collecting donations at the Welcome Center to support Indian Lake Community Action. We have worked with Debby to determine their most needed items. As of November 1st, our $20.26 $hop Local Challenge is also live. This challenge

encourages people to shop at local businesses this holiday season. If someone spends $20.26 or more, they can bring their receipt to the Welcome Center for a chance to win. This year our prizes include bear artwork donated by Connie & Pete Sahler.
During the 2 days of the Tour, we have activities planned as well. We're bringing back the Gingerbread House Contest again this year. This has become increasingly more popular in recent years, and we have already received some comments about this year. Contestants will have to get their gingerbread creations into the Welcome Center by noon on the first day of the tour 11/27. Over the course of the two days of the tour, people will vote for their favorite gingerbread house, and the winners of each age category will be announced at 3:05pm on the second day of the tour 11/28. In addition, we will be doing a DIY craft that can be completed by all ages. This year we are doing Resin Holiday Ornaments. We will be able to use up some supplies from previous years such as charms and ribbon.
We will host our annual tree lighting on 11/27 at 4pm in our Pocket Park in the center of town. ADK Heart L&J Catering & Moore will be providing cookies and hot cocoa again this year. We are on the hunt for a Christmas tree for this year, so if you know any or hear of any "Christmas trees" that need taken down, please let us know!



2027 Events: We are working on rounding up all our 2027 event dates to get next year's brochures ordered. We also include the fire dept.'s big dates, the chamber's events, our Egg Hunt with the Library, and will be including board meeting for the first time in 2027.

Marketing/General Admin

All calendars of events continue to be updated on a regular basis as needed. Within the last few months, ROOST has updated the way that we upload events. This new program is called ADK Data. They held a meeting to get us acquainted with it, and it seems to work well for getting our events on multiple ROOST sites all at once, such as "Experience our Adirondacks" and "ADK Hub".

Flyers, maps, and town/county brochures are refilled throughout the community as needed.

We have been sending out **winter ads** for the 2026-2027 season. We have included SNOCADE dates on the ads that will run prior to February. We have also sent out our annual ads for Veterans Day, Fire Dept. appreciation, school Basketball cheer, and Country Christmas Tour.

Social Media: I continue to encourage all to **FOLLOW and LIKE** the Town on social media sites.
https://www.facebook.com/townofindianlake - 12,764 followers as of 11.4.26.
https://www.facebook.com/Townsofindianandbluemountainlakeny
https://www.instagram.com/townof.indianlakeny/ - 492 followers as of 11.4.26.
https://twitter.com/TownofIndianLa1
https://nextdoor.com/page/town-of-indian-lake-indian-lake-ny-2/
https://www.tiktok.com/@townofindianlakeny
https://www.youtube.com/@TownofIndianLakeNY

Town Website Server: We continue to receive reports about what is popular on our website, number of visitors, etc.
This past month we made some updates to the website. We added all our social media links to the footer of the page, along with both Town Hall & Welcome Center's phone number. Previously just Town Hall's was there and it wasn't labeled. We also got a button added at the top of the page for Taylor for property tax bills to be paid online. I made a flyer to go along with this information for Taylor to post and hang. Property bills come out in late December, and we get this flyer up then.

Miscellaneous

Notary Numbers: In October, I notarized 9 documents, totaling up to 84 total documents since getting my approval last July.

Water Main Break in BML: With the water main breaks in Blue Mountain this past month we brought water to the Blue Mountain Fire Station for people to take as needed. We also helped Evan by going door to door for each house that had been affected and passed out "Boil Water Orders."

Operation Green Light: To honor our veterans, we are encouraging all locals to participate in Operation Green Light. This is a nationwide initiative where people replace their porch lights with a green light bulb from November 4-11 to show solidarity. We have made a social media post and sent out a press release. Our Veterans Day ad also included this information.

Meetings/ Events:
10/8: Generous Acts Grant Meeting on Zoom (discussed grant money available for 2027 tech budget requests)
10/13: Board Meeting – Deputy Mayor Sworn In

10/20: Prep for Public Meeting – Housing Meeting with Leslie/ Northern Forrest Center on Zoom*
10/28: Hamilton County USA250 on Zoom
10/30: ADK Hub Website Rebranding Meeting on Zoom
11/4: Debrief from Public Meeting – Housing Meeting with Leslie/ Northern Forrest Center on Zoom*

***Housing Project:** Studio A presented the task force with the 4 concepts they had drawn up. After hosting the public meetings and going through the feedback we have received and given ourselves, we are in the process of narrowing it down to one concept to work from. The common feedback we have received from the community is that they would like to see a mix of housing types to fit all different types of needs.

Respectfully submitted by Kylie Cannan on 11/5/2026.