

**Question 1 What are your feelings about the following goals related to Communications and Engagement:**

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- While it is important to listen to the community, Sartell has a habit of listening/acting on ONE person in the community. If there is ONE complaint from ONE person, Sartell changes things. I think we need to look at the big picture instead of micromanaging to make ONE rich person happy. A "Sartell Brand"? The rich kids/parents in this community already think they are "entitled", why make it worse? Can you tell I am an old Sartell resident?  
*Unable to respond to the one person making and getting everything comment as it's simply not true, nor plausible. Sartell is proud of the many wonderful families spanning all economic backgrounds who choose to call Sartell their home.*
- Commitment to community input  
*Addressed in the Communications Chapter.*
- There are plenty of ways to engage with the City. Facebook, etc. I think the Council does a great job at giving opportunities for input - and i appreciate it. Just because people disagree with the outcomes, doesn't mean they do not have opportunities to be heard (i.e....the crazy people who think there's room to in the "center" of sartell to place a school or community center).  
*Addressed in the Communications Chapter.*
- Any way to have some sort of newsletter to send out via email or mail. To highlight what's going on in the city and neighborhoods. It could be something quarterly or as there are updates.  
*Potential additional strategy in the Communications Chapter.*
- There are opportunities to participate, but then the suggestions, when feasible, or supported by a large number of residents are actually put into action.  
*Addressed in the Communications Chapter.*
- If there's a strong enough voice against a decision, it's best to reassess and get buy in rather than passing it through.  
*The plan should stress that all voices (strong, loud, small, quiet) have opportunities for input.*
- Being more open and accountable for the taxpayer. City officials work for the taxpayer; decision-making should have input and not be assumed.  
*The Communications Chapter addresses this issue. We do try and diversify feedback opportunities, We appreciate the feedback. Popular opinion is one input, but decision makers also need to look at costs, conditions, local/state/federal rules, current and future community needs, and many other factors in making decisions.*
- Clear, concise updates on city council decisions  
*Discussed as a strategy in the Communications Chapter.*
- Remember, the type of person that fills out these forms are usually the morons that you would hate to have a conversation with in real life about anything, especially goal for Communication and Engagement.  
*Noted.*
- Pool was on tax plan. Don't see it on any future plans. I would've vote no on bond and referendum. If I knew it was to be excluded. We need and family pool before a library. As we all thought. I'll be very Leary next time.  
*An outdoor pool is currently depicted as a future amenity on the Community Center site. It has not been excluded.*

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## What are your feelings about the following goals related to Economic Development?

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- I do have concerns about the large city buses that seem mostly empty while doing their routes. Would smaller buses be more efficient and economical?  
*Addressed under the Transportation Chapter.*
- Costco, Lowe's, Trader Joes  
*Addressed under the Planning Chapter. The Comprehensive Plan provides for areas which are guided for Commercial in our Future Land Use Plan. Unfortunately, the City has no control over retail establishments decisions related to location and timing of construction. Sartell can only provide areas (commercially land) which will hopefully facilitate that type of retail growth. It is hoped that with continued residential growth and an identified town center area, that those retail uses may be more enticed to open stores in Sartell.*
- It is very hard for small businesses to thrive in this community related to the tax base. Rent also is ridiculous in the "strip malls" that we have. I was very sad to see Paula's cafe go. What advantage is there to be a "jobs center"? What exactly would that be? Makes no sense.  
*Addressed under Economic Development and Planning Chapters.*  
*Being a jobs center creates traffic, employees and clients which in turn supports additional retail/restaurant growth. We also benefit from more jobs by those workers moving into our neighborhoods and raising their children here. We were also sad to see Paula's go, but the current restaurant in that location is fantastic too! The City is unable to control what people charge for rent in commercial areas.*
- We do not need another park. Focus on strategic partnerships and an under saturated employment field.  
*Addressed under the Planning Chapter.*  
*The industrial parks depicted are part of a long-range growth plan. We will continue to work with our economic development partners to address the issues of low employment.*
- WE NEED AN INDUSTRIAL PARK!!!! Service based businesses do not create wealth, they only move it around!!! These goals do not address any economic issues!!!  
*Addressed under the Planning Chapter.*  
*There are several hundred acres devoted to future industrial growth located in two areas within Sartell (along Highway 10 and south of the Police Station).*
- Develop the land where the paper mill used to sit. Great opportunity to attract businesses if developed correctly, maybe a boardwalk along the river with a mix of retail, restaurants, and office buildings.  
*Addressed under the Economic Development Chapter (redevelopment).*  
*The paper mill property is currently privately owned. We are working with our strategic economic development partners to determine an appropriate reuse or development plan for the site which could attract a mix of uses, despite some of the on-site constraints (busy/fast rail line).*
- Provide incentives for larger business to grow or invest in Sartell. Currently employment opportunities are mainly in St Cloud especially after the papermill closed. Merrill's wages are relatively low compared to employers such as Pan O' Gold and Golden Plump. No other major employers exist.  
*Addressed under the Economic Development Chapter.*
- Town Square please!!!!  
*Addressed under the Planning Chapter.*  
*Since the establishment of the town square concept in the early 2000's, we have been looking for the opportunity to realize this goal and the Lake Francis improvements are phase one of the actualization of the town square!*
- Create a business center that is more centralized.  
*Commercial areas (new and existing) are addressed under the Planning Chapter.*  
*We currently have businesses located along 2nd street South (if that is considered central). We are not advocating for the demolition of any existing businesses and/or homes to make way for additional businesses along this corridor.*

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- More commercial activity, especially restaurants!  
*Addressed under the Planning Chapter.*  
*We currently have lots of areas zoned and guided for commercial activity and restaurants. But we cannot control what retail comes in or on what timeframe.*
  - More actual business and eateries in Sartell.  
*Addressed under the Planning Chapter.*  
*We currently have lots of areas zoned and guided for commercial activity and restaurants. But we cannot control what retail comes in or on what timeframe.*

### **What are your feelings about the following goals related to Public Safety**

- Our police and fire department do a stellar job. The police department does a great job meeting with the folks in town as well as our youth.  
*Agreed and noted.*
- Make sure the community pays the officers well. More street lights  
*Lighting addressed within the Transportation Chapter.*
- Support of strong enforcement. Start with texting drivers.  
*Addressed within the Public Safety Chapter.*
- we don't need any more roundabouts. they are not safe. They are costly...extra expense during cold months. they promote no use of turn signals...which is a ticket-able driving offense  
*Addressed within the Transportation Chapter.*

*We know people have strong preferences when it comes to intersection controls. Aside from moving traffic better, roundabouts reduce the number of crashes, especially severe crashes at the intersections where they are placed. We review each intersection individually and make determinations based on industry standards as to the most effective control (roundabout versus stoplights versus stop signs).*

- Lighting! Install more street lights such as the 800 block of 10th Avenue. And encourage apartment owners to keep parking lots better lit and install camera's to deter theft. As well as cameras at all entrances in addition to the main entrance. Police generally can't prevent a crime, however, video surveillance is crucial evidence to ensure perpetrators are caught.  
*Addressed under the Transportation Chapter.*
- Assess whether roundabouts add value in speeds under 45mph.  
*Addressed under the Transportation Chapter.*
- The Sartell Police do not require an official Twitter.  
*Noted*
- Roundabouts are a total joke!  
*We know people have strong preferences when it comes to intersection controls. Aside from moving traffic better, roundabouts reduce the number of crashes, especially severe crashes at the intersections where they are placed. We review each intersection individually and make determinations based on industry standards as to the most effective control (roundabout versus stoplights versus stop signs).*

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## What are your feelings about the following goals related to Planning?

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- feel like we are slowly being annexed into St. Cloud. The Community Center should be closer to the "heart" of Sartell. I would love to see it built on the Paper Mill site-it would have a historical significance.  
*Annexation and future growth is addressed in the Planning Chapter.  
The borders of Sartell and St. Cloud (along with Sartell and Sauk Rapids) currently do adjoin each other. The areas annexed into Sartell are areas located within LeSauk or Sauk Rapids Township (not the City of St. Cloud). We have been growing north, south, east and west.*
- LIBRARY!!!!!! And by this I mean a branch of GRRL.  
*Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.  
Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.*
- "Gateway"? Really? I miss the "small town" feel that Sartell once had. Trying to compete with larger towns is getting us into trouble. Town Square? Best idea this town has had. Check out the town square concept that Greendale, Wisconsin has. It is a great hub for the small businesses that Sartell is lacking. It truly is a center hub for the town. Lifetime housing? People come/go for lots of reasons, rarely staying. The generation now goes where they can benefit the most, much like people flocking to MN for welfare benefits.  
*Noted. The City isn't trying to compete with larger towns per se. However, Sartell has had tremendous growth over the past few decades due in part to our neighborhoods and schools. We see that growth continuing. Much like you as a resident moved into Sartell at some point for some reason, we feel others have and will continue to do the same.*
- The brand that Sartell needs to be is success. Apple does not cater to its customers, Apple builds innovation and the customers fall in love, not Apple falling in love with its customers  
*Noted.*
- Create a strong diversified tax base, don't dump on homeowners as the only source of revenue. And no more lies like the Sam's club deal.  
*Addressed in the Economic Development and Planning Chapters.  
We hope with the economic development efforts and diversified land uses, we are able to continue the diversification of our tax base.*
- Need a state of the art library that accesses the book and other media exchanges from surrounding libraries.  
*Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.  
Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.*
- Focusing on a city center and embracing that we have a world famous River in our city would be great. We have little pockets of development scattered around the city instead of focusing on a city center. St. Joe and Sauk Rapids have it figured out, and I know families moving to those cities for that reason.  
*Addressed in the Economic Development, Planning and Parks/Opens Spaces Chapters.  
So much of the areas along the River are currently developed. We will continue to take the opportunities as they come, to explore ways to feature and enhance all three rivers in Sartell.*
- I hear a lot of concern over the multifamily building. I'm not sure i understand the concern. It's my understanding that it's a lot of elderly/seniors and milliners. Are we saying that we don't want those people in Sartell?  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.  
The City will welcome all ages into our community, the future land use plan hopes to address appropriate areas for apartments and other types of housing which meet everyone's needs.*
- Community center near center of town with a library branch  
*Noted. The Community Center will be located near Lake Francis, which is approx. 2 miles south of City Hall. Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.*

- Please find a way to have more than 2 streets that go north/south & east/west through town. It is very difficult to get from one side of town to the other with the limited thru streets we have. Also can we make straight roads instead of having every new road have more curves than straight sections? People have had enough with the round-a-bouts also. Traffic signals are not a bad idea and would have been an option to at least try at Heritage and Pinecone before spending more money on a round-a-bout. The infrastructure for a traffic signal sat there for years without ever being implemented. When the new high school is built by Oak Ridge, 19th Ave will need to be extended to the north to be another connection to access both schools to alleviate pressure from Pinecone. But it was not designed as a main road based on how close the houses are to the road. It will be necessary for safety to have a wider road and another access route to the new school.  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*  
*Our future transportation plan contemplates the extension of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, along with several east/west connections in the northwest area of Sartell. Because of the topography (wetlands, rivers, etc) it is nearly impossible to have a true grid like street system in Sartell.*
- To prepare for lifetime housing/living, by understanding and accommodating the needs of the younger people AND the older people.  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*
- Change one to read, "invest in a centralized town square. " if it's not centralized it will never be as great a success.  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*  
*The centralized part of Sartell is nearly completely developed. Staff is not advocating for the demolition of existing businesses or homes to build a town center. Instead, the town center has been a planning goal since 2003 and significant transportation and utility investments (both private and public) have been made to get closer to that goal being realized.*
- Sartell needs to annex more township properties. Those developments built recently will overall degrade the community and not enhance it absent some uniform planning, infrastructure, and regulation. In addition, the council's continued approvals for high density housing will ultimately degrade quality of living in Sartell, and is already having that effect.  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter. The City is in the process of creating factual infographics on the status of all housing types in Sartell.*
- We have too many apartments. Stop with that type of development and focus on great single home dwellings.  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter. The City is in the process of creating factual infographics on the status of all housing types in Sartell. The City will welcome all ages into our community, the future land use plan hopes to address appropriate areas for apartments, a reduction in overall density and other types of housing which meet everyone's needs.*
- I have no idea what create and transform Sartell gateways means. Is that a fancy term for roads?  
*It means creating identifiable entrances to Sartell – so that you know you are in Sartell. Some have found it difficult to distinguish from when they are driving from Sauk Rapids into Sartell (for instance), and felt having gateways (landscaping, signs, etc) would alleviate that confusion.*
- Library!  
*Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.*  
*Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.*

### **Any comments about developments or concept plans since 2003?**

- Maps too hard to see/read. Really, I have no doubt this has already been decided by the developers who are waving money in front of the people who make the decision.  
*All developers are required to abide by the future land use/transportation plans, along with all zoning and subdivision codes, while going through the appropriate development review process*

*(public hearings, etc). Suggesting that development is determined by developers waving money in front of decision makers is simply silly and not factual.*

- If the new high school goes by oak ridge, you have to create an massive economic corridor between the end of morning star to the new school site. It makes no sense to have agri. in that area especially with all the traffic that will go via that route. Also improve the sholders on that route, as a former high schooler, they are not good drivers  
*Addressed in the Planning and Transportation Chapters.*  
*The current plans call for low or very low density residential development of those properties. Until such time that the property owners want to sell their property for development, it will be left vacant or agricultural in use.*
- **MISSING INDUSTRIAL PARK AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENT**  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*  
*There are several hundred acres devoted to future industrial growth located in two areas within Sartell (along Highway 10 and south of the Police Station).*
- Too many apartment buildings being built  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*  
*The City is in the process of creating factual infographics on the status of all housing types in Sartell. The City will welcome all ages into our community, the future land use plan hopes to address appropriate areas for apartments, a reduction in overall density and other types of housing which meet everyone's needs.*
- Community center should be nearer to the dotted blue line  
*The Community Center will be located near Lake Francis.*
- Trails & printing non-car transportation is fine, but realize it's a town of cars & commuters that require a more efficient road system than we have today. I've reviewed the state, county, city road descriptions but isn't fixed now we'll have the same reputation for terrible traffic that we (and St Cloud) do now. This will limit both industrial business and young/knowledge professional interest & attraction.  
*Noted.*
- no more roundabouts  
*Noted. Aside from moving traffic better, roundabouts reduce the number of crashes, especially severe crashes at the intersections where they are placed.*
- Interesting...i thought most growth was going north. Most of it's south.  
*Yep!*
- The new high school should be located in the hypothetical center of Sartell.  
*Noted. With the amount of land needed to accommodate a new high school, there are no options in the center of Sartell.*
- High density housing benefitted developers and political cronies, not the community.  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter. The City is in the process of creating factual infographics on the status of all housing types in Sartell. The City will welcome all ages into our community, the future land use plan hopes to address appropriate areas for apartments, a reduction in overall density and other types of housing which meet everyone's needs. The amount of apartment units being built is consisent with the amount of growth experienced in our single family development. Approximately 30% of our housing is considered multifamily. That is consistent with cities such as Edina and Minnetonka, and is considerably less than some of our neighboring communities such as St. Cloud and Waite Park.*
- The majority of the focus has been on the perimeter, or edge of Sartell. We should provide more focus to better develop the central area of Sartell to bring a downtown to the center -- not the edge  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*  
*It's natural for suburban communities to grow out from the developed/center portions of the community. Downtowns do not have to be in the center of community to be considered successful (ie Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud, Maple Grove).*
- No  
*Noted.*

- Way too much spending on things that do NOT need to be updated, upgraded at the tax payers expense, especially the elderly  
*Without specifics -unable to comment other than to note that Sartell remains the lowest City tax rate among our neighboring cities*
- Pool for all  
*Noted.*

Any comments about the current future land use plan, constraints or opportunities?

- I might be biased, but I like the idea of changing the area located to the north of the “future” Roberts roadway going west as LDR (as currently proposed in the revised 2014 land use plan) vs. mixed use or MDR. This will allow Roberts Street to act as a buffer to the already existing LDR located in this immediate area. If MDR is really needed to south of future Roberts road it's appreciated to not extend the MDR to the north as you've already configured and thank you! In further review I'd ask why we need MDR to the south of future Roberts street. You'd now smash MDR between two larger LDR areas. There appears to be plenty of MDR to the north of Roberts Street.  
*We will review this comment and revise if there is consensus by the various commissions and Council.*
- Make sure to curb the appt being built, it creates a strain on existing infrastructure without adding enough of an economic tax base per unit occupant  
*Addressed under Planning. We cannot stop high density housing as it is a desired housing choice for many people. We will continue to monitor the construction to ensure it is balanced with other forms of housing.*
- Don't like encroaching on rural areas.  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*
- Stop jumping around to annex properties and then not providing adequate roads to places within the city...like the school to the north and BlackBerry  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*
- Expandable roadways that include arteries without roundabouts but have dedicated turn lanes with increased speed limits need to be incorporated into all plans.  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*
- Do not cut down the woods areas by Avalon & Celebration any more, it is a peaceful area  
*Noted. Or does this really mean “I built my house and now no one else should build”?*
- Please work with the youth softball association on finding permanent fields like baseball and soccer have for the girls to use for softball. Community Ed has a priority of use for the softball fields at the middle school and the softball association has grown to the point that we need to use those fields every night in the summer but do not have the opportunity. We need to work with the city to find an option to provide the same opportunities for softball.  
*Noted.*
- Stop high density housing, do not approve more strip malls, look to other sustainable small cities for examples.  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter. We cannot stop high density housing as it is a desired housing choice for many people. We will continue to monitor the construction to ensure it is balanced with other forms of housing.*
- Fill in the existing pre-planned growth areas before you get a hard-on to develop more land that will sit vacant the next time we crash our global economy.  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter. That desire is reflected in the need for primary and secondary growth areas.*
- Planning to buy additional acreage for a new high school when we already own plenty of acreage in the same area???? We do NOT need anymore parks. ENOUGH ALREADY.  
*The additional acreage for a new high school is not a city expense, but a school district expense. Comment regarding additional parkland is noted.*
- Focus on developing a city center on Pine Cone near coborns/hop/usbank  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter. That's what the town square goal is hoping to achieve!*

## What is your opinion on the proposed future land use plan

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- I might be biased, but I like the idea of changing the area located to the north of the “future” Roberts roadway going west as LDR (as currently proposed in the revised 2014 land use plan) vs. mixed use or MDR. This will allow Roberts Street to act as a buffer to the already existing LDR located in this immediate area. If MDR is really needed to south of future Roberts road it’s appreciated to not extend the MDR to the north as you’ve already configured and thank you! In further review I’d ask why we need MDR to the south of future Roberts street. You’d now smash MDR between two larger LDR areas. There appears to be plenty of MDR to the north of Roberts Street.  
*See above.*
- I don't like apartments mixed in with neighborhoods, such as the ones in Victory, thus I am not in favor of that. Apartments are fine, but, leave them in separate areas (such as how Grandview is placed, or the ones on Pinecone & 7th). Would the rich people of Sartell like an apartment complex in their backyard? I don't think so  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*
- The focus should be on the river, it is a key advantage. make your town a destination, and if that involves moving river road to the west do it since you are missing out on tax dollars  
*Addressed in the Community Culture Section (destination comment).*
- Primary growth should be concentrated on either side of the river especially papermill area and not out on pinecone. Sartell was built around the river and both sides of the river will always be "Sartell" (mainstreet, if you want to call it that) to residents whom have lived here for more than 20 years.  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*
- Need industry, not just commercial. (Get input from a real economist!)  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*
- The paper mill property would make an excellent recreation area to embrace River.  
*Addressed in the Economic Development and Planning Chapter.*
- The new high school should be more centrally located in the Sartell community.  
*Noted. With the amount of land needed to accommodate a new high school, there are no options in the center of Sartell.*
- Looks fine, just want the city to watch the amount of apartment buildings it putting up.  
*Noted. Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*
- Lower the high density development and focus on building great neighborhoods in varying price ranges.  
*Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*
- How large do you forecast the population to be in the next 13 years?
- I think our parks and community access for athletics is a joke.  
*Noted.*
- These proposed changes make sense, but are there plans for any parkland along the Mississippi River? Residents need to access our greatest asset, and removal of the docks on Riverside makes that harder.  
*Addressed in the Parks/Open Spaces, Economic Development and Planning Chapters.*

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## What are your feelings about the following goals related to Community Culture

- Literacy. A branch of the GRRL.  
*Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.*
- We need a real library.  
*Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.*
- As far as to where a community center should be located, once again, it is being placed where the wealthy will be (Chateau Waters) which makes no sense. Sartell is once again listening to them, and not others in the community.  
*Noted.*
- Sculptures do not add to a city. With the new community center get local bands or have a community theater form for performances. Do your own version of what St. Cloud does with Lake George in summer  
*Noted. Addressed in Community Culture, Parks/Open Spaces and Economic Development Chapters.*
- Partner with schools which we already pay highly for.  
*Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.*
- Add more sidewalks, bike paths, make the city more accessible to those would like to walk, run or bike for transportation.  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*
- Support existing community events equally  
*Noted.*
- developing safer paths for kids to commute to school via bike or walking, bridges or tunnels over or under pinecone and or other busy streets around our schools. Encourage families and neighborhoods to find alternate transportation modes of children to schools versus driving them.  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*
- Get a Regional State-of-the-art-library.  
*Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.*
- History & art, of the nature described, seem like they will have a lower return on investment and would be better pursued once the business sector is developed to help support the cost with their increased tax base. There're already family oriented activities & festivities, but to attract young/knowledge professional a more upscale 'downtown' culture/sector is needed.  
*Noted.*
- incorporating local arts programming and venues with recreation and athletic activities is not going to get you an accurate measure of true interests. I support more local arts programming and venues but feels athletic arenas and fields have already been too much of a focus in our community. Both my kids and I are involved in athletics, but let's broaden our interests Sartell.  
*Noted. Addressed in the Community Culture and Economic Development Chapters.*
- Along with more art, bring in more local music artists into the city to play shows. The summer shows at the park are a good start.  
*Addressed in the Community Culture and Parks/Open Spaces Chapters.*
- Create a city beautification program.  
*Addressed in the Community Culture and Parks/Open Spaces Chapters.*
- Bike and walking paths are nice and I would like to see those as a priority.  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter. And Noted 😊*
- Sartell is so damn white. The racial makeup of the city is 95.5% White, 0.9% African American, 0.2% Native American, 1.5% Asian, 0.5%. You are just asking to offend people with our towns culture.  
*Noted.*

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- Public art - YES! Local arts programs and venues - YES! Family-oriented activities are not needed as a focus; most of the investment in Sartell facilities and events is already family focused. Let's build for new audiences.

*Noted and addressed in the Community Culture and Economic Development Chapters.*

What are your feelings about the following goals related to Parks and Open Spaces

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- Love the trails part of why we bought our house. Super concerned about pedestrians at the round about on Pine Cone and 2nd. I've noticed that drivers only look to the left and not to the right at the crosswalk. My only idea at this point is a well marked crosswalk away from the intersection. Near the entrance to the hockey rink. That would allow pedestrians to cross from one side of the trail to the other with clear visibility.  
*Noted and addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*
- Pulling from the Welcome to Sartell signs and Park Signs, we should highlight the many water crossings by redoing them in the same rock finish...this would go a long way with the Branding efforts.  
*Noted.*
- We don't need a park in every housing development in the city. Look at the ones we have to maximize them. Just because someone wants something, doesn't mean the city needs to give into them, which has become a pattern for Sartell. Need garbage cans along the trails as there is garbage everywhere. Make this a priority  
*Noted. Addressed in the Parks/Open Spaces Chapter.*
- You need a new strong young economic base, and as your report notes they enjoy evening activities ie club, dinner. Tech cities are the goal and parks create more family then a young single tech feel  
*Noted. Could be further clarified in the Economic Development and Parks Chapters.*
- More trails should exist to connect and expand the northeast side. Many improvements and expansion is only done on the north side of the river. It should connect and be ONE.  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*
- The parks and trail system is nice. But if there is not a safe way to get to the parks and/or trail system unless you drive a vehicle to them.  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*
- Not just a Sartell issue, however it would be nice to connect Sartell trails with Lake Wobegon trail. Connecting train on 19 to Wobegon with a trail along 133?  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*
- Remove signs at local swimming areas that say they are for local residents only, such as the one in the Northern higher income area. Sartell has a reputation of being "elitist". It's ine thing to have pride in your city. It's another to come off as snobbish, especially towards other areas of your own city.  
*We will review our parks signs, especially where there are public pools. There is a private/neighborhood pool in the Wilds Development which the City does not own, maintain or operate.*
- Improve existing parks.  
*Addressed in the Parks Chapter.*
- Would be good if the trail on 19th Ave N went all the way through the roundabout. To provide a safe route on the narrow part of the South side of 19th. Too many times runners and bicyclists are on the road and it feels unsafe because of how narrow the road is.  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*
- Need to develop more fields for both youth and recreational adult play (coordinate with the school district) as well as continue to build other outdoor amenities - skate park, climbing wall, develop lake Francis (see bigger, better lake George), baseball fields, basketball courts. What about a cool "shelter" at a park like Pinecone Central Park that includes playground, recreational fields, tennis courts, basketball - an all-in one area that can be utilized by families and kids

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during soccer and baseball games but would also be a prime area, desired by families/community to reserve for great outdoor events.

*Addressed in the Community Facilities and Parks Chapters.*

- Nothing missed. Just need to make our river access a priority. Leverage the river to make it more of a focal point for presenting our culture and history.  
*Noted.*
- I like to walk my dog in the Sauk River park and cross the bridge over to the Whitney dog park on the days my eyeballs wont freeze off my face. Good job to who ever planned that one out. I love that park.  
*Thanks ☺*
- More money needs to be spent on activities that our youth participates in. Hockey and baseball fields should be a priority. Champion Fields playing surface is not safe. The arena needs to expand parking. More fields could be added at Pinecone Park. An athletic field house would be a community asset.  
*Noted. Addressed in the Parks Chapter.*

What is your opinion of our current Parks and Open Spaces?

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- South Sartell is in need of parks. I think with the addition of the community center this might do it if we have an outdoor play area?  
*Addressed in the Parks Chapter. Play area noted.*
- Stop trying to please everyone. Taxes are high enough & people want more, but they don't realize it needs to be paid for someday.  
*Noted.*
- End the Park expansion, and focus what will bring talent into the city. The type of talent to bring sartell to the next level has not come and sartell has invested in parks. It is an investment with the wrong type of return  
*Noted.*
- Our trail network is a very important part of Sartell. It is vital to giving us the community/healthy feel we embrace.  
*Noted.*
- More to connect the northeast side.  
*Addressed in the Parks and Transportation Chapters.*
- Maybe a splash park?  
*Noted.*
- We could use more swim/splash parks!!!  
*Noted.*
- Add small community parks to neighborhoods, making these areas more accessible to the community.  
*Addressed in the Parks Chapter.*
- Our parks are great and spaced nicely throughout the community but we don't seem to be prioritizing the maintainance of the parks. We need to take care of what we have before we buy or develops more land for parks...exactly what makes the Pinecone regional park a "park"...is the city ever going to get around to developing the area around the Bernick's arena??  
*Noted.*
- Not sure we need more trails in the residential areas there are enough with sidewalks  
*Noted.*
- Light the trails. Some areas are kind of scary to walk on at night.  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*
- Need to finish some trails that look like they are started. Would he good to have a trail on 133 by the new roundabouts to keep people off the roads.  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*

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- Continue to develop the trail system. This aspect of Sartell is the envy of surrounding communities. This is as much an identity of Sartell as anything. NEVER skimp on this area!  
*Noted.*
  - Parks need to be more than recreational facilities for disc golf. Maintain some parks with natural woods and landscapes with trails for walking. Quit letting unrestrained cutting of firewood in parks with no planning on effects or goals.  
*Noted.*
  - Only add parks to the extent that city maintenance can keep up with them. That has been woefully lacking for years  
*Noted.*
  - Update current parks before adding parks. The Watab Park parking lot is not paved. The parking at Northside Park while a baseball game is in progress leaves very little spaces open for other use. The small city parks are ok if you have a small child and are looking for a playground. Other city parks have very little to attract citizens to them.  
*Noted and addressed in Parks Chapter.*
  - Improve the ones we have too. Hire more of the kids home from college cheap to paint fix up the ones we have and make them better. The parks and the kids.  
*Addressed in the Parks Chapter.*
  - Trails are a waste of tax payer money.  
*Noted.*
  - In fact we have too many!!!!!!  
*Noted.*
  - The Mississippi River - it's on the city's signs, but it's no focus. It needs to be. Parkland!!  
*Noted.*
  - We have enough  
*Noted.*

What are your feelings about the following goals related to Transportation?:

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- pedestrian crossings. Correct lights where you have to cross grass in order to push the walk button for accessibility.  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*
  - The additional landscaping is a complete waste of time and money. As these areas are not regularly landscaped, weed over take these areas and become an eyesore. Don't bother. All the extra lights cost \$. When 2.5 street was updated, there were 6 streetlights, now there are 35. This is a great example of uncontrolled local government spending for some perceived value, I don't know what this is....  
*Noted.*
  - I have read about all the "engineers" & "landscaper" that the city is hiring to help with planning of landscaping of the city. Really? I have no doubt that we have very competent people on staff with the city who could do this. With all this, comes upkeep, which, NEVER seems to be taken into consideration. Putting trees on a roundabout is ridiculous. It is great right now that you can see the entire roundabout when you are in it. Trees? I believe this would be safety. What is wrong with grass? Looks should not trump safety. The roundabout that is west of Victory on 6th is one of the best. The lighting is wonderful & you can see everything. Can we think about practicality for a change?  
*Noted. Addressed in the Planning, Parks, Economic Development and Community Culture Chapters.*
  - Get the North Star to St cloud, then develop Sartell as a destination  
*Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*

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- SAFETY. Maintain well what we have and then look to future growth. Forget "pretty" - if you aren't maintaining the basics pretty will turn to ugly fast.  
*Noted.*
  - Put more roundabouts on pine cone. The intersection of pine cone and 2 1/2 is horrible during heavy traffic times. That intersection should have been made into a roundabout when it was redone in 2015  
*Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*
  - Enough with the roundabouts! Build an appropriate road to the north of town.  
*Noted. Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*
  - No more roundabouts! ENOUGH!  
*Noted.*
  - Make arterial roadway improvements & expansion a priority over trails & alternative transportation. Require expandable transportation that can tie into existing systems for all future development. Expand current arterial roadways lanes & speed limits to match the the increased traffic volume. (Ex: increase speed limit on county road 1 & add turn/by-pass lanes & re-purpose the north/west right turn lane at its intersection with Heritage into a bypass lane as is in place on westbound Hey 23 outside Richmond).  
*Noted. Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*
  - Increase public transportation especially during higher traffic times. Public busses don't start until 7:00am. There are a large number of jobs that start at 6:00am, including Merrill in Sartell. Which Merrill's starting wages are only \$12/hr. Hardly fesable for even a single childless person to afford a vehicle.  
*Noted.*
  - Make transportation safe for pedestrians and bicyclists.  
*Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*
  - Love the roundabouts. Just wish people wouldn't fly through them as though they didn't exist.  
*Noted.*
  - Make sure long term growth and needs are properly considered when rebuilding current roads. Let's be forward thinking and not be a "band-aid" community when it comes to road maintenance.  
*Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*
  - I question whether we need bus service, it appears they are almost empty.  
*Noted.*
  - Pull weeds hanging over curbs along Pinecone Road to make it more attractive.  
*Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*
  - Avoid construction of inadequate roadways such as Central Park BLVD, 1st Street South (by Bernicks Ice Arena) and 19th Ave North (from 2 1/2 Street to 11th Street ). These roads are too narrow for their purpose. Two of these do not have curb and gutter. Its frustrating to hear the city talk about future goals when we could be making improvements today. The Pinecone Road update is nice, but again future planning was set aside to save money today. I see no added right turn lanes to the side streets. Every time we pass on doing the right thing now, means the cost will be more in the future.  
*Noted. Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*
  - Who ever is deeply in debt to who makes roundabouts and must change all existing intersections now into roundabouts must be found and removed from decision making. The roads are great unless you're a 8-5 drone, then the roads are an over-congested mess that needs to be expanded and repaired to a comical level.  
*Noted.*
  - The roundabouts in Minnesota are a joke. We'll soon be ripping them out and placing lights.  
*Noted. The same thing was said about left turn arrows back in the day (joke part).*
  - You sure did. Seems like all you're interested in is sidewalks and walkways. I drive pine cone riad every day and every rime i read about you spending millions on everything but pine cone road north it disgusts me. It is UNSAFE!  
*Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*

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What is your opinion on the proposed transportation plan?

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- Most of the proposals seem to be for future development which is fine But I think connecting 50th to 4th Ave S. and finishing the little jog by Victory for traveling west will help with the commuter traffic and should be done as soon as possible.  
*Noted.*
- They for practical purposes are not prudent choices. There are areas where funds should be spent elsewhere  
*Noted.*
- The plan looks good, but it could be better. Better road ways and traffic management is a must. Pine cone road and river road are two road that can be difficult to when traffickers is heavy. Especially the south end of River Road  
*Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*
- Isn't realistic due to the nature of the soil conditions here  
*Noted.*
- Might need another river crossing farther North, particularly if the High School goes near Oak Ridge Elementary . . .  
*Noted.*
- There're still significant distances between arteries that include eventual dead ends. North/south for the area immediately west of the river still revolves around the river road which isn't suited to be an artery due to reduced speed limit & lack of turn/bypass lanes.  
*Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*
- no more roundabouts  
*Noted.*
- Additional bridge connecting to Benton Drive from Norther Riverside Ave to reduce traffic from people that commute to Sauk Rapids/St Cloud.  
*Noted.*
- The roundabouts are excellent for motorists but scary for pedestrians.  
*Noted.*
- Please find ways to make more through north/south & east/west connections so there are more options to easily get through town. The construction on Pinecone last summer showed the lack of options to move easily thru town  
*Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*
- Undecided
- We are still lacking another north/south connector road. unfortunately it may be too late to fix this problem  
*Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*
- Connect 4th ave S to Heritage first.  
*Noted.*
- I think the 4th Ave. S. Connection to Heritage Drive should be a priority.  
*Noted.*
- Focus on traditional intersections, no more roundabouts.  
*Addressed in Transportation Chapter.*

What are your feelings about the following goals related to Sustainability?:

- Protecting water is a hard one isn't it? As a resident who's sump pump may pump all winter I realize this contributes to run off from my lawn fertilizer etc. What to do? There must be other communities that have dealt with the water issues that Sartell has. I get concerned about the standing water in yards and roads from sump pumps and mosquitoes. I support the concepts of

community gardens, front yard gardens, harvesting rain water( sump pump water) for other uses, clotheslines, and farmer's markets.

- Tree planting is great, just not on a roundabout. If you are to be successful with composting, etc., need to have multiple locations for the residents.

*Noted.*

- CSR is dead, read Porter and Kramer Creating Shared Value, trust me these partnerships are superficial at best

- Treat our retention ponds like nature habitats

*To the extent that we can, we will. However, the ponds have a job to do – and that is to remove sediment before going into the actual natural habitats. At times, that sediment has to be removed, thereby disturbing the pond.*

- With annexing, try to eliminate where one votes for the City Council, but also votes for the St. Cloud School District. A Sartell address should give rights to vote for Sartell City Council and the Sartell School Board. Build the Community Center on Sartell land and don't have it where the votes or partial monies go for the St. Cloud School District.

*The City is unable to change school boundary lines. The City currently has three different school districts within the municipal boundary. The Community Center will be built in Sartell and City buildings are tax exempt so no monies go to the St. Cloud School District from any City-owned building*

- City water is undrinkable and destroys faucets, coffee makers and refrigerators with mineral build up. It has a bad taste. Having to use bottled water to make coffee, tea and other beverages is unacceptable.

*Noted.*

- Don't dump too much crap into the rivers and try not to be a leader in "green energy." Just look south at a worthless windmill that blocks more solar energy from hitting the ground than what it produces. If we get a huge grant then so be it, but we are better off improving the schools and investing in the children then trying to be a carbon offsetting community. I would rather we just plant some more trees.

What are your feelings about the following goals related to Community Facilities?:

- GRRL branch.

*Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter. Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.*

- Reassess where community center is to be. Stop listening to the wealthy of the community. I know they are not used to being told "no", but you have to start somewhere

*Noted.*

- Must be thoroughly justified and not redundant to other spaces, including private, providing similar services.

- A LIBRARY

*Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter. Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.*

- Don't waste time & money on a library and/or other cost intensive ventures before addressing existing infrastructure needs (ex: the landscaping by the community building next to pine cone south of 2 1/2 street when north pine cone needs re-surfacing & turn/bypass lanes).

*Noted.*

- I like the location of the community center. it makes sense. I was NOT in favor of stuffing it in the "center" of town. What business did people want to take out in order for that to occur? duh.

*Noted*

- No library is needed!

*Addressed in the Community Facilities chapter. Many people have voiced an opinion for the need of a library or library services. Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.*

- Missed a huge opportunity with not partnering with the schools on the community center. Location of the center was total pandering to <<<>>>. Can't tell me it was unworkable <<<>>> introduced themselves to one another in September of 2015. It was absolutely shameful that our two government entities could not work together on this.  
*No pandering took place. We are and will continue to partner with the Sartell School district on various items, including the community center. See Council agenda packets for more information, including a detailed memo from the City and School architects who reviewed opportunities for the City and School sharing a site for School & Community Center, and why it was not recommended.*
- I voted "I Agree" with the second question: Ensure high quality and effective public safety, education and civic services. I am all for supporting the police, fire and schools. I am not sure I am on board with the city needing a library. I wish these were not lumped together.  
*Noted.*
- I sure do hope we can build a \$17 million library so I can go see a llama in person with my kids, twice. Also, it is nice to use a bathroom to wash my hands of llama smell and see a homeless person washing their underwear in the sink next to me while I do so. That was a fun activity. I hope we can bring that sort of excitement to Sartell.  
*I appreciate your humor. Llamas are comical to watch, but goats are a riot to hang out with.*
- Spend some money on the YOUTH!!!!  
*Noted.*
- Solicit creative funding resources???? If you mean tax us to death, or shove another referendum or bond down our throats? Then you are succeeding.  
*Creative funding sources include seeking grants, federal and state dollars, crowdfunding, etc. The City has not proposed or seeking a referendum or bond for any improvements.*
- Love the Community Center location - makes a lot of sense! High School location (new one proposed) is in the middle of nowhere.  
*Noted.*

Any parting thoughts or words of wisdom you would like to share to improve the City's Comprehensive Plan?

- When we moved to the area, I researched the surrounding communities online and chose Sartell because there was a visible comprehensive plan on the website. Might not mean anything to some but meant a lot to us. Sort of like a retirement plan. Reminds me: Attract more retirees.  
*Means a lot to us! Might be my favorite comment to date...ever!*
- Government is not in the business to fix everything...  
*Agreed and noted.*
- Shouldn't it be the 2016 Plan?  
*Yep! We must have lost track of time...*
- Sartell needs to stop trying to please everyone. Listening to workers of the city might be a good place to start as what the residents want, may not be a good idea. Stop letting the wealthy run this town.  
*Not sure I totally understood, but noted.*
- Get the North Star to St. Cloud, then develop Sartell as a destination, there are alternatives methods of transporting people cheaply from one place to another that can be done creatively. mini scale the vegas to So Cal project. Look it up  
*Addressed in the Transportation Plan. Will review alternative methods as suggested.*
- Include industrial park and focus on high quality BASIC SERVICES. Stick to basic government and get that right.  
*Noted. Addressed in the Planning Chapter.*
- Finish it already!!  
*Believe me...we agree.*
- Build a State-of-the-art Regional Library  
*Addressed in the Community Facilities Chapter.*

*Sartell is waiting for the GRRL assessment to be completed to determine what type of branch or services may fit within their budget and the City's budget.*

- Sartell was a small town but it's recent and planned growth is changing that. If we cling to that or avoid changes because of it we'll continue to lose out to other local communities like Sauk Rapids & St Joe who are becoming more desirable to new/local businesses & young professions & families.  
*Noted.*
- no more roundabouts  
*Noted.*
- Stop tearing down the wooded areas for homes we are losing all the beauty of nature. There is TONS of wildlife in the woods north of Avalon and we need to allow them to be preserved or allow current residents the ability to know who owns this land to purchase it to protect all the deer we see daily! Stop taking away nature  
*Noted. We often hear this concern over privately owned property and that people often want us to stop development after their house has been built. Properties are treated fairly as far as greenspace requirements and environmentally sensitive areas.*
- It sucks that a few people (library folks) have turned the city into a fighting ground (perceived). We live in a lovely community and we are blessed with all that we have. People forget the problems most cities our size have...libraries and pools (or lack of) aren't serious problems. Fighting over how to spend \$10 million...seems stupid. No wonder other communities make fun of us... But in all seriousness...i love sartell. I came here because of my grandkids....and i plan on staying here for a long time.  
*Noted. Glad you love Sartell!*
- Don't waste money on building Community Center, Senior Center, Library, etc. that are all readily available just a couple of miles away in St. Cloud. Coordinate use of St. Cloud facilities already available. Use Sartell public funds to buy Mill Property to develop as the most desirable urban/riverfront multi-use park in central MN--use of which can be shared with SC and other local communities. There is only one Mississippi River. The river is the most important feature of Sartell. Embrace it. Don't waste this opportunity like SC has wasted so much of its riverfront. This is a limited opportunity and when it's gone it's gone and it will be many years (if ever) that there will be another opportunity like this. Even if the city cannot afford to fully develop now--grab the property and hold on to it for future park development.  
*Noted. Addressed in the Planning and Economic Development Chapter. May warrant additional discussion regarding using public funds to buy private property (mill property).*
- Reduce traffic on Pinecone Road.  
*Addressed in the Transportation Chapter.*
- Rethink the community center location. You have to invest in pinecone north if the school bond passes, this would be the time to right a wrong  
*Noted.*
- Thank you for putting in the time and effort to make our city a better place. I felt this survey had some difficult questions to answer. I read the chapters and felt a few goals had items I was interested in, and the same question had items I was not interested in. It is hard to get a feel of what the community wants if a large number of items are lumped together.  
*Thank you for thanking! Obtaining input on such a large document, can be daunting.*
- This town has little to no actual personality. It is houses and a hospital. Either make it the prettiest damn town around or make it so the schools get even better than the ones surrounding us.  
*Sartell does not have a hospital. But your comments are noted.*
- I feel the Sartell City Council needs new blood...., and fast. They're going to drive us all so far into debt with their entitled ideas. This group has no interest in representing the elderly in this community who have lived here longer than they have been on this planet and I see no future for us in this city. They are all about me, me, and me.  
*Elections are held regularly. There will be two open seats in the 2016 elections – consider running for office!*
- Looks good. Keep up the good (and challenging) work.

*Thanks!*