Earlville for Earlville

A community based project led by a partnership that includes the Village of Earlville, the Town of Hamilton, Town of Sherburne, the Earlville Free Library, the Partnership for Community Development, the Upstate Institute at Colgate University, and others. E4E defines and works towards the wants and needs Earlville has for its own development and future

About Earlville

Earlville, NY is a small village in central New York with a population of about 800 and shrinking. Once the site of a strong agricultural and industrial based economy along the Chenango canal, Earlville has a large sense of historical importance as a town. Residents take pride in both the history and the close-knit community the village has. Despite the strong community pride there is a serious lack of high-paying jobs, local businesses, and healthy recreational outlets for residents.

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As both the population and wealth in Earlville decline, there is a serious need for community initiatives which create change according to what residents actually need, and not only ehat they need but what they want. A large portion of the work done this summer by myself and Professor Graybill was dedicated to the creation of a survey to assess these exact wants and needs. The survey covered the following topics: Recreation, Transportation, Grocery Shopping, Business, and Parks. This survey will likely be distributed late summer/early fall. The results of this survey will be used to develop
Earlville according to the rules of smart shrinkage- where the town makes development decisions under the assumption that Earlville will only get smaller.

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