To: The Citizens and Officials of the Town of Dryden, the Village of Dryden and the Village of Freeville:

In the pages that follow you will find the report of the special committee created to develop a General Plan for our town and villages. The committee has worked long hours developing and reviewing with our consultants the information and ideas set forth in this report. We have also supervised the drafting of zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations for review by each community's planning board, and, ultimately, for adoption as a means by which land development can be supervised and directed toward accomplishment of our long range planning goals.

The committee is well aware that it has no unusual powers to predict the future of our community. We know that a General Plan such as presented in this report cuts across a broad spectrum of public and private interest, that there will be differences of opinion regarding our conclusions and recommendations for the future, and that we have far from exhausted the supply of imaginative and workable ideas related to the desirable form and nature of our communities as we proceed into the next decade.

Our hope is that this plan will be a beginning - a point of departure which will stimulate discussion and lead to action. Anything less can only lead to ineffectual planning and the abandonment of any serious attempt to guide the future development of our communities. We offer this General Plan as our best thinking based on the most comprehensive information available to us. We look forward to working with the officials and citizens of the town and villages to make this document a meaningful one and to pursue a continuing planning process that will make our communities better places to live.

Sincerely,

H. Emmons Ogden, Chairman "701" Planning Committee

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