

Strengths and Weaknesses

As the planning committees addressed the many issues that face the Town of West Monroe, strengths and weaknesses were identified. They are as follows:

a. Strengths

- There are a variety of choices in single-family housing and price ranges.
- A quality school system?
- Parks and other recreational facilities have a variety of offerings including recreational programs.
- A good off-road trail system.
- Oneida Lake provides excellent recreational benefits and its shoreline provides a special residential alternative.
- Excellent fire protection.
- There are significant amounts of open space in the Town.
- Large areas of undeveloped farmland (active and inactive) contribute to the overall impression of low-density development in the Town.
- Safe living environment.
- Low cost of local government.
- Property taxes are fair.
- The Town is a sportsman's paradise.
- Great location – right off Rt. 81.
- The Town is a clear palette.

b. Weaknesses

- The existing zoning law provides limited protection to landowners.
- Limited infrastructure.
- There is no readily identifiable Town “center.”

- The Town offices are over scheduled.
- A shortage of business, office, and industrial uses in the Town.
- There aren't a wide variety of alternative housing types – apartments, condominiums, etc.
- Rt. 49 is overtaxed during rush hours.
- Some Town roads are still dirt.
- There are occasional incongruous land uses – i.e., auto repair in an otherwise residential area.
- The Town could be more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.
- Public transit is virtually non-existent in the Town.
- Need a walking/biking trail by the Lake.
- No supermarket or shopping.
- No community center
- The Town is not business friendly
- Contradictory terms in local laws.