Making Broome County an Inviting Place To Live, Work, and Play

- Promoting CSAs (community shared agriculture)

- Dog Parks

- Planting more flowers in parks – having gardens associated with them with benches all around to sit and enjoy (kind of like a botanical garden)

- Idealize the scenic beauty of downtown – more murals, people can take pictures; publicity to the area

- Improvements on greenways that permit pedestrians and allow locals to be outside

- Making a food trail to hit the county's best restaurants

- Make more walking and bike-friendly routes

- Sidewalks along major roads to make cities more walkable/complete

- Better advertising – Broome does a lot of cool things, but I feel like I always find out after the fact

- Make the events at the arena/ice center more known/more fun, they always seem like lame events other than hockey games

- More access to existing parks like Recreation Park

- Playgrounds for people to bring kids

- Community recreational center i.e. YMCA – basketball, swimming, etc.

- Trying to create a park a 15 minute walk away from all/most homes

- Expand sidewalks for walkability; make the Vestal Pkwy trail a priority

- Restore parks and trails – more hiking and things to do outside

- Public art murals done by community members via submission and/or competitions so people feel like they have a genuine influence over their community appearance

- More statues and public art

- Developing grants/incentives for community groups to engage in altruistic activities, which enables folks without wealth of money and free time can contribute and feel connected to the warm and integrated parts of Binghamton culture

Engaging Our Students and Young Professionals

- More school involvement in naturalist courses or environmental classes

- Teaching students about county history in schools, and they'll want to become more involved – field trips?

- Tuition refunds for graduates who stay in the area

- Create more local projects with incentives for students to participate i.e. credits or class credits for a certain course

Taking Pride in Our Urban and Village Centers

- Allocating funds to civic association, indigenous community associates, or multicultural resource centers who have lost land due to colonization (as colonization is a huge source of land degradation)

- Investing in local businesses and associations geared towards revitalizing our land and community

- Better safety in some urban centers for inhabitants

- Cleaning up downtown's natural areas (along the river) as in maintain the properties, so people are more encouraged to spend their time at these places

- Renovate downtown to make it more attractive

Taking Pride in Our Scenic Beauty

- More events held in natural areas rather than downtown (i.e. boat/tubing events on the river)

- Integrating community gardens into our parks as well as ensuring plants that are attractive to native pollinators, could also feature educational plaques

- Increase biodiversity – remove invasive species, allow for forests to reach maturity

Investing in Our Legacy Sites

- Fill abandoned buildings

- Doing something with the old Masonic Lodge

- The conversion or at least demolition of abandoned buildings through Broome County – convert lots into urban farms or small parks

- Old GE/BAE site: turn into solar farm for green/eco-tourism and educational training, remove Goudy station

- Old IBM building on Watson Blvd – converting to a place that would contribute to the community

- Converting abandoned factories into multi-purpose buildings

- Make new renovations to old buildings and use the old buildings to create more stores and jobs

Making a Commitment to High Standards in Services

- Better lit streets, more patrolling around student housing downtown

- Allowing more bus transits to different places

- Bigger library

- Find better solutions to eliminate trash and debris downtown, perhaps some sort of incentivized garbage pick-up event by the City

- Bring a train into the area to connect it to NYC – bring more people to the area

- Creating a bus line that stops at grocery store in food deserts

- To address problem of stray animals (mostly cats and dogs) establish a rescue/adoption center near campus, good for students and animals

- Disinvestment of funds that support anti-environment or pro-war agenda in Bing U or Broome County

Making a Commitment to Better Building Design & Renovation

- Green roofs/social areas to reduce stormwater runoff and create social activity – like a roof that is also a bar

- Make buildings more efficient – solar roofs, green roofs

- Construction of windmills to bring green energy to area - go off grid and not rely on grid as a power source

- Create garden beds on building roofs

- Start with green roofs on top of buildings downtown

- Adding more greenspace downtown, maybe green roofs

Becoming More Resilient

- Countywide composting program

- Make our parks a major stormwater retention area – trees, bioswales, permeable pavement

- Adding more greenspace downtown

- Plant more plants and trees downtown

- Planting more trees, flowers, garden beds, and green infrastructure downtown

- Planting trees especially urban heat islands and low-income areas – Main Street (Binghamton – JC), northside, mall area

- Increase green infrastructure

- Plant in abandoned places if they cannot be used, at least return to nature

- Providing community with ideal power/water use statistics to encourage environmentally conscious use

- Encouraging recycling through fun programs and recycling goals per household and incentives for hitting the threshold

- Build some sort of flood barrier or build houses more resilient

- Community gardens downtown

- More gardens

- More downtown greenspace

- Increase green infrastructure

- Increase urban greenery

- Educational programs about composting, recycling, and sustainability

Investing in Our Workforce, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation

- Converting abandoned spaces in the Oakdale mall to productive environments

- Using spaces such as IBM to train computer engineers

- Giving grants to new entrepreneurs to start their businesses here