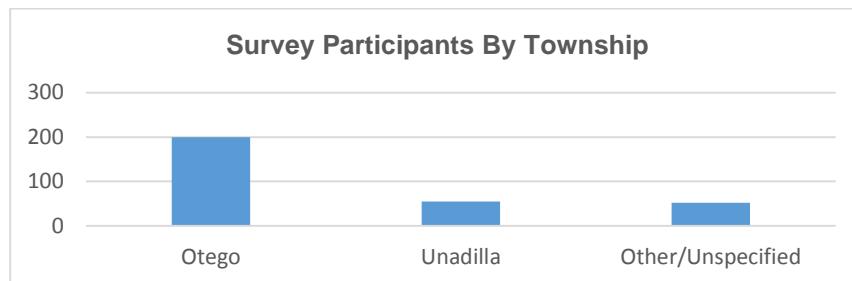


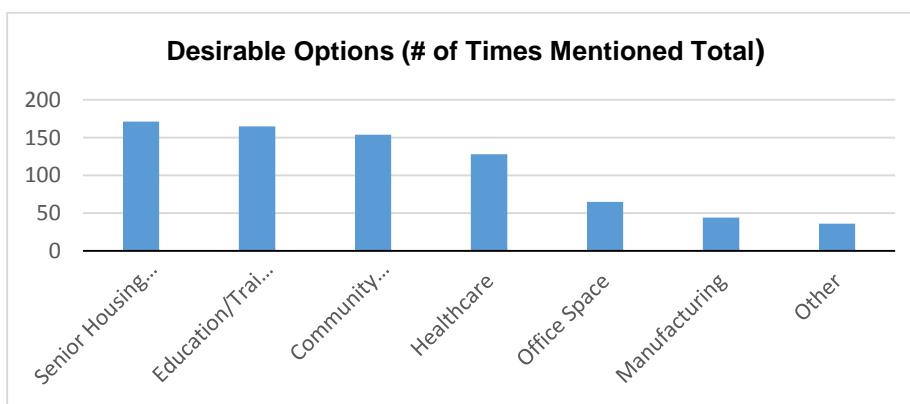
# Otego Elementary Repurposing Committee Survey Results

Total Participants: 307

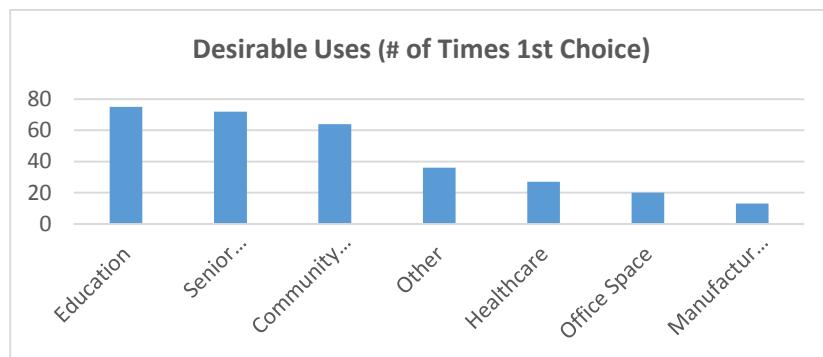
Note: A total of 422 submissions were received but upon review of the results, it was discovered that many were duplicates. A copy of the results was made and duplicates were removed manually using the time stamp



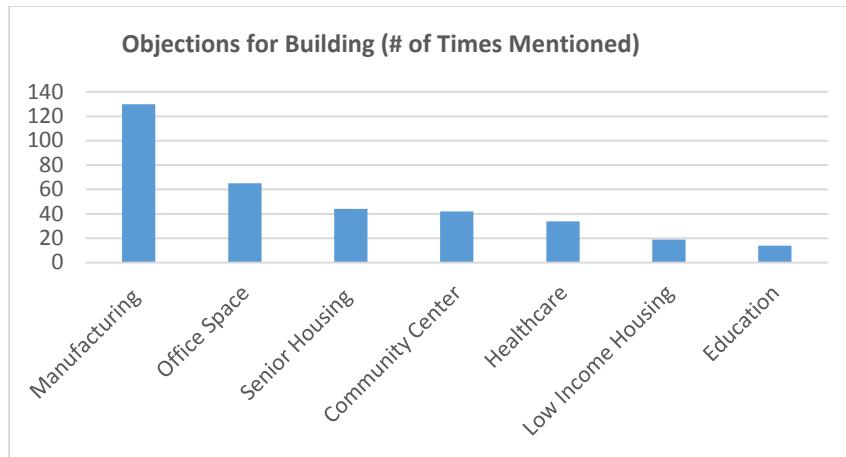
Otego 204 Unadilla 56 Other/Unspecified 52



1) Senior Housing (55+) 174    2) Education/Training 168    3) Community Center 156  
4) Healthcare 132                5) Office Space 67                6) Manufacturing 45  
7) Other 36



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1) Manufacturing	132	2) Office Space	66	3) Senior Housing (55+)	45
4) Community Center	42	5) Healthcare	34	6) Low Income Housing	19
7) Education	14				

### Comments from Participants

*Below are the participant's unedited responses from the Question, "Is there anything else you would like to share with the committee?"*

- 1.Manufacturing 2.Community Center
- A big thank you for being on the committee to make our towns better.
- Act soon
- Allow gym to be utilized by the students.
- Also use as community center plus childcare
- Any use that would create jobs would be welcome.
- Apartment building not just for seniors
- As i would hate to see the building torn down, i know how much repair is needed. I would rather see the property used in some fashion then sitting empty. It has been very sad thus far. We need something good to come.
- Be absolutely open-minded to new thinking and unexpected proposals
- Be smart about your decisions we have already been destroyed by school closing
- Boys and girls club/community fitness center would be ideal
- Bring the school back
- Bring the school back!
- Charter school
- Check out the old cherry valley school being used as a community center with the post office in the building,
- Closing the school was a big fat mistake.
- Closing the school was the dumbest decision ever
- Do not let it just sit there
- Do not let this building go vacant
- Don't let it set around and go to waste.
- Get the property on the TAX ROLLS!
- have you had Village Trustees/Mayor involved? Reached out to any investors, met/researched with Otsego County IDA, had Senator Seward to a meeting - met with him on State funding/options? Talked w/ Baseball world for their use for housing?? Colleges for housing options??

- Honestly I would rather see 2 K-12 buildings with small class sizes and more attention to all children, and the Unatego campus become a BOCES. Maybe mute, but we should not let Otego go.
- Hopes that the building does indeed get use and does not stay vacant. Our community would really benefit from a community center where activities are offered for younger children and perhaps parent groups, a workout center, and simply a safe, welcoming place where community members can gather.
- I am deeply disappointed that this survey even has to be conducted.
- I bought a house in Otego because of the school and the location of the school. Now I have to send my 5 year old 10 miles away to a school in Unadilla. All because some idiots “mismanaged” a few million bucks. I plan to sell my house and move to a more stable school district. At least use the vacant building for something that will help the community.
- I can't think of anything that I would object to off of the top of my head. I think that this is a great opportunity to make something awesome happen. I'd like to see it enhance the community in some way. Maybe it can serve a couple of different purposes, e.g. a community center that also provides educational & training programs or even activities for adults.
- I feel this building should be used like a BOCES for educational purposes that are not offered in the other Boces. Factories are a big part of living in our area. Why not start a program for the students to learn how to run machines that make the stuff, how to run a factory. Make them mechanically inclined on how to fix the equipment. Another big part of our everyday living is Farming. Why not bring in a vet program for the students. If I stand corrected there is no place for this trade except Binghamton. I took took vet tech in my hometown boces and loved it. My point is lets offer some job training on realist jobs in our area. Yes everyone's dream is for our children to be this big successful college graduate making tons of money. In realty that does not always happen, so lets give them the head start through training while going to high school.
- I grew up in Hobart, it combined with South Kortright and then, the school in Hobart turned into a Community center, preschool and library. I spent a lot of time there from preschool to Girl Scouts, to hanging out with friends on a Friday night playing ping pong, pool and basketball. Then as a young adult I worked at the Community Center and also the preschool. Now SKCS is practicing basketball in Hobart as their gym is getting rebuilt. This could be a wonderful opportunity for our Community.
- I look forward to entire district closing down. All people deserve respect.
- I think it is important to repurpose this building so it doesn't fall into ruin.
- I think our School taxes need to be reduced since this school has closed
- I think that anything that could bring more jobs to the area would be awesome.
- I think the athletic fields and playground should still be utilized by the town and school aged kids.
- I think the District should pursue establishing a charter school with other districts as well as with the private sector. Workforce development could be integrated in a charter school program and the building would be perfect to house such a program.
- I think whatever is decided the playground should remain open for local children!
- I thought it was shut down due too needing costly repairs? If it's so bad how can it be re-purposed?
- I would love to see the playground area stay.
- I would really like the school to become a community center for K through 8.
- I'd love to see it on the tax rolls.
- If left un repurposed building should be taken down
- It might be possible to combine two or more of these uses
- It should really be used to benifit the community and the children of the community
- It would be good to have something there that would be added to the property tax roll in the village.

- It would be nice if the town/school district could retain at least part of the fields for future purposes, so long as that does not impede our ability to get good proposals for building usage.
- It would be nice to see the actual figures as to just how much exactly the district is "saving" with this building closed.
- It would be optimal to have a multi use building. Something everyone could benefit from - day care with other space for teens to hang out also. Classes for adults- sip and paint, college courses, intramural leagues, etc.
- It's a beautiful building with loads of potential. Please do something constructive with it that won't change the character too much.
- Keep it functional for kids!
- Keep the general public informed with minutes for each meeting being published on this site; Quarterly or semi-annual, hold public meetings for progress information only. Another questioner annually too might be a good thing - a well informed public is a more agreeable and supportive public...
- Keep the land! I still don't understand how Unadilla got chosen. No parking, buses are in Otego, go to an awards ceremony, and it is a cluster, no auditorium, etc.
- keep up the good work...
- Look at the old school in Sidney that just did that
- Low income housing should NOT be allowed for many proven negative reasons. As far as I am concerned what happens to the Otego building should be ONLY decided by the residence of Otego and NOT unadilla.
- Make our tax dollars worth it!
- Man I miss Otego.
- Manufacturing or healthcare have the most potential to bring employment to the community and give the loss of the Elementary School some positive impact. When we lost the identity that the school brought to the community, Otego truly became just a suburb of Oneonta.
- My hope is that it can be utilized to bring jobs to Otego.
- my tax dollars not used for further maintenance of this building
- N/A
- Need more middle class housing or professional
- No
- No
- Otego and the Unatego District have good people to make wise decisions. May God be with you as you decide.
- Otego residents should make the decision
- Perhaps fix up and rent out upper floors ( office space perhaps) and use first floor as community center
- Please don't let it sit there and become an eyesore
- Please make sure that this building will not be empty, that it contribute to the tax rolls in Otego, that it is not used for any purpose that will degrade the community. This is your one chance to improve the community. Please retain as much oversight and control for Otego as possible.
- Preferably something that would bring tax revenue and maybe jobs too.
- preschool, day care, recreational programs, youth leagues.
- Raise building and prep lot for potential, zone appropriate, buyer. I would consider the building as a liability to a buyer because of the repair and remodeling cost involved. Add the cost of demolition and site work to the sale price. Done.
- Reach out to county for help with grants
- Sell it ... allow new construction. BTW... our kids are starving for entertainment outlets. They are bored silly. A safe, supervised place to gather (like a Y or Girls and boy club) would be amazing. Please build a new elementary school on the central campus! We need to attract

people to the school district right now we are pushing people out. Unadilla is too far for many in the district. It certainly doesn't attract new young families to the Otego area.

- Senior housing is especially scarce in our community. I think it would help to bring both more resources and more opportunity to our area. Being so rural it would bring more jobs, more traffic, and I think it would do a lot of good.
- Senior housing or any public housing is not viable without increasing public transportation.
- Should never have been taken out of use. Bring it BACK.
- Some of the land could be split off .
- Sr. living and low income have worked well for the old MCS.
- Survey of land separating buildings
- Thank you for asking
- Thank you for the doing this.
- The building should be used for something not just closed for good.
- The children in this area need a place for them to go with activities/sports/to learn on their down time!
- The desire to keep it on the tax roll and not A non profit
- The first goal of the school district should be to put this property on to the tax role. We do not need more health care facilities in the area, there are plenty already. By developing into upscale senior housing you will put the building on to the tax roles and putting the balance of the land for development for middle income housing and also light industry. We do not need more low income subsidized housing. The school building would not be conducive to manufacturing
- The Kennedy School was a dilapidated (and eventually condemned) elementary school in the Portland School District. The building and property was sold to the McMenamin Brothers - a fast growing microbrewer in the Portland area. They transformed the school into a multipurpose community center that featured a hotel, restaurant, movie theater, library, cigar room and an open gym that was used for community dances, weddings, etc. Not only did the use of the space profitable, but it became a source of neighborhood pride.

I would think a number of Upstate New York breweries may find this of great interest, such as Ommegang (in Cooperstown, NY)

<http://newyorkcraftbeer.com/beer-finder/>

<https://www.mcmenamins.com/kennedy-school>.

- The playground should stay. Gives something to the kids in the community, it's close by.
- The Sidney Civic Center was sold and now part of the building has been remodeled for housing (while keeping some offices). Perhaps the Village of Sidney and/or Mayor could be helpful/provide advice/suggestions.
- The use of the gym for recreational purposes for the community would be nice
- This is a major loss for our community and im very saddened by the way this has played out
- This would be a great space for the community to have interactive activities and involvement for the children in the town.
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- Use it before it requires large maintenance
- We already have a problem with illegal drugs in the area directly around the school and people who are not long term residents do not have a vested interest in building up the community.
- we have 3 schools that were sold to people -n- are just rotting away !!! they could have been used so kids would have a place to go in the winter other than their rooms !!!!
- Would be nice to get the building on the tax rolls and used for something that could create jobs. The longer it sits empty the harder it will be to sell.
- Would like the building used for something that might entice people to move to area to help with student population and community preventing an eye sore in center village.
- would like to see something that brings in jobs. Building unoccupied for a long period of time will start to have structural issues
- Would really rather they open it back up as a public school again
- You never should have closed the school. Poor planning
- We can't let our area die a slow death. We need industry and growth. We need to make it attractive for businesses and people to want to set up shop here.