

# Welcome!

Presentation and Hearing  
Town of New Hartford  
Comprehensive Plan Update  
November 15, 2006



## What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- A Long Term Community Vision
- Outlines Community Goals and Objectives
- Sets Policy Statements to Guide Future Growth and Conservation
- Recommendations for projects
- Ensures Quality of Life and Long Term Protection of the Town As Growth Continues
- Is the "Constitution" for the Community

## How is This Plan Different than the 1995 Plan?

- The 1995 Plan also presented a policy framework for implementing a series of goals
  - The Update revises those plans in light of their accomplishments
- The 1995 Plan was largely a Land Use Based Plan – the Update is a Community Plan

## What is the Town's legal authority to plan?

- New York Town Law §272-a:  
Among the most important powers and duties granted by the legislature to a town government is the authority and responsibility to undertake town comprehensive planning and to regulate land use for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and general welfare of its citizens.

## Impacts of adopting a comprehensive plan

- “All town land use regulations must be in accordance with a comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to town law.
- All plans for capital projects of another governmental agency on land included in the town comprehensive plan ... shall take such plan into consideration.”

## How does the plan respond to the citizens' needs?

- The Comprehensive Plan Update for the Town of New Hartford provides a snapshot of the Town at the present moment in the context of the historical development of the community. The Town has used this information to help craft a vision of a preferred future.

## The Comprehensive Plan can ...

- Document local characteristics and trends
- Provide a benchmark for evaluating the compatibility of individual development proposals
- Reveal future service needs
- Serve as a comprehensive source of current information
- Provide leverage for obtaining state and federal funding;
- Promote open space conservation;
- Attract potential developers
- Lay the foundation for future cooperation

## Who Uses the Plan?

- Elected officials
  - Adopt local codes, ordinances
- Zoning and Planning Boards
  - Evaluate development proposals
- Municipal Employees
  - Interpretation, administration, enforcement
- Residents
  - Reference, evaluation, lobbying

## What does the plan address?

- Population
- Housing
- Economy
- Land Use and Land Use Regulations
- Natural Resources
- Transportation
- Infrastructure & Utilities
- Community Facilities & Services
- Parks & Recreation
- Goals & Objectives
- Policies
- Buildout Analyses
- Recommendations
- Implementation
- Funding Sources

## Goals

1. To recognize the need to pursue avenues of both conservation and development in the Town of New Hartford
2. To encourage a pattern of development in New Hartford to preserve and strengthen its neighborhoods
3. Use public policy as a tool for directing development in the Town
4. To preserve and enhance the ecology and natural features of the Town of New Hartford
5. To maintain and improve regional competitiveness through cooperative economic development ventures and strategies
6. To undertake and support activities which enhance the quality of life in the Town of New Hartford
7. Encourage efficiency in local government service delivery

# Recommendations

- 47 individual recommendations
  - General and Overall
  - Population and Housing
  - Economy
  - Land Use
  - Natural Resources
  - Transportation
  - Infrastructure
  - Community Facilities and Services
  - Parks & Recreation

## Implementation Matrix Sample

Action	Responsibility	Estimated Cost	Timeframe	
<b>GENERAL AND OVERALL</b>				
1	Adopt the Comprehensive Plan	Town Board Planning Board Town Supervisor Town Planner Comprehensive Plan Update Committee	N/A	Adopt Immediately Review Policy Annually; Update Plan Every 5 Years
2	Improve Public Involvement, Awareness and Understanding; Develop List-Serve to Inform Residents of Events and Meetings	Town Supervisor Webmaster Residents	\$4,000-\$5,000	Immediate – Develop List-Serve and On-Going
3	Continue Communications with Surrounding Towns, Oneida County and City of Utica	Town Board Town Supervisor Various Town Departments	N/A	On-Going
4	Foster a Collaborative Relationship with Advisory Boards and Community Groups	Town Board Various Town Department- Residents-	Varies	On-Going
<b>POPULATION AND HOUSING</b>				
5	Promote the Town as a Diverse and Welcoming Community of Residential Choice	Town Board Planning Board Town Planner Residents Residential Real Estate Industry	N/A	On-going



# Funding Matrix Sample

Program	Sponsor	Funded Activities	Funding amounts (if known)	Match required?	Site	Source	Notes
<b>Community Development Funding Sources</b>							
<b>New Hartford Community Enrichment Foundation</b>	Independent Board	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Start-up foundation designed to be a New Hartford Community asset. More information should be available from the Town Supervisor's office in 2006-2007
<b>Community Decision Making Programs</b>	Orton Family Foundation	Community Viz software, community mapping, planning programs, video programs	Costs to participants involved for programs and materials but costs can be underwritten		orton.org	Operating profits of the Vermont Country Store	Focus of Foundation is managing change and preserving the way of life in rural, small-town America
<b>Special Districts and Zones</b>							
<b>New York State Empire Zones</b>	NYS Empire State Development Corp.	Sales, real property, investment, personal and corporate income tax breaks, reduced utility rates, tax credits	Employment-based incentive program; no direct grants	No	nylovesbiz.com	State	Existing Zones located in Herkimer, Rome and Utica

Thank You!