

TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (CPRC) PUBLIC WORKSHOP

To: Town of Poughkeepsie Comprehensive Plan Review Committee
From: Michael Welti, AICP – Director of Municipal Development
Re: September 26, 2018 – Public Workshop Meeting Summary
Date: September 27, 2018

Meeting Location: Town Hall Public Meeting Room – 1 Overocker Road
Meeting Date/Time: September 26, 2018 / 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Workshop Notes

The Town of Poughkeepsie has begun the process of updating its Town Comprehensive Plan. This was the first of three (3) public workshops to be held around the Town in September and October 2018. Mr. Bill Carlos, Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (CPRC) Chairman, welcomed everyone to the workshop. Mr. Michael Welti introduced himself and reviewed the workshop agenda. Mr. Welti introduced the Town of Poughkeepsie's CPRC, explained what a comprehensive plan is, and described the process that the Town will undertake to review and update its 2007 Comprehensive Plan during the coming months. A copy of the presentation slides used for this workshop may be found in *Attachment A*. Upon conclusion of the short presentation about comprehensive planning, Mr. Welti facilitated a discussion with workshop attendees. The discussion included providing workshop attendees with several prompts to respond to in an open forum. A summary of the items discussed for each prompt are as follows:

***What do you like about living/working in the Town of Poughkeepsie?
What is working, and what should be protected or enhanced?***

- Ease of getting around Town
- Close proximity to goods and services that enhance quality of life
- Trails / Library
- Highway Department services are good
- Parks and Recreation Department services are good – Peach Hill Park is a gem
- Vassar College and all other colleges in the area (Marist, DCC) enhance the quality of life through educational and other programs
- Great medical facilities. School systems are on par.
- Parks – formal and informal green spaces
- Wildlife protection
- Proximity to natural environment as well as New York City
- Senior Citizen services
- Implementation of traffic-calming, including traffic circles, on Raymond Ave.
- Proximity to local goods – local businesses such as Adam's Fairacre Farms

- Ease of access to the train stations in New Hamburg and the City of Poughkeepsie
- Dutchess County public transportation services – buses

What problems/concerns should be addressed through the Plan?

What can be done to improve life in the Town of Poughkeepsie?

- Traffic – lack of public transportation for all, but especially seniors
- Affordable housing needed, for seniors and others
- Lack of aquatic resource protection within Town – protection needed
- Consistency between the Master Plan (from 2007) and current zoning is an issue – review zoning to identify what items should be revised to improve consistency with the updated plan.
- Encourage reduction in the use of fossil fuels – need more renewables
- Investigate community or public Wi-Fi – hotspots in parks and Town centers
- Traffic and fluidity of travel in Town – concern about the impact of Eastdale Village
- Improve pedestrian access to all areas of the Town – analysis of pedestrian access and bike access – sidewalk study – perhaps prioritize high value origins/destinations (such as Adams)
- Address vacant or abandoned buildings – encourage or incentivize adaptive reuse and redevelopment over new development
- Historic preservation focus
- Youth programming/education programming
- Need a community center for not only seniors but for children and others
- Summer camp at Greenvale – no indoor space
- Encourage commercial redevelopment and reuse over new development
- Economic development – focus on *local* job opportunities
- Expand use of solar energy
- Work with the City of Poughkeepsie – establish partnerships, coordinate where it makes sense – share equipment, services, etc.
- Shared use paths for increased connectivity – dangerous areas of modal conflict (bikes, peds, and vehicles) around Town. Connect cultural/educational institutions – links to Dutchess Rail Trail
- Waterfront access
- Explore/modify distribution of fire/emergency services – equity of service delivery – cost reduction
- Protection of natural resources – enhance protection
- Pollinator plantings, native plantings, community gardens – use public buildings to demonstrate best practices (example from Town of Great Barrington)
- Well-kept properties – neighborhood beautification initiatives – zoning upgrades and enforce maintenance of properties

Following the discussion, Mr. Welti reminded workshop attendees about upcoming meeting dates and thanked them for their participation. The workshop was adjourned at about 8:00 PM.

Attachment A
Presentation Slides

Town of Poughkeepsie Comprehensive Plan Update Public Workshop

September 26, 2018



AGENDA

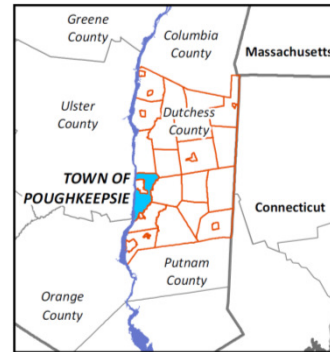
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- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (CPRC)
- WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?
- DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
- ISSUES IDENTIFICATION AND DISCUSSION
- NEXT STEPS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Bill Carlos, Chairman
- James Challey
- Yvonne Laube
- Maribeth Rubenstein
- Dan Salvatore
- Ann Shershin
- David Silver
- Jeff Renihan
- John Weisman

STAFF:

- Michael Welti, AICP
- Eric Hollman
- Kristen Gaynor



WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

The definition of “**Town comprehensive plan**” identifies a document with both an immediate and a long-range view:

"town comprehensive plan" means the materials, written and/or graphic, including but not limited to maps, charts, studies, resolutions, reports and other descriptive material that identify the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, devices and instruments for the *immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the town* located outside the limits of any incorporated village or city.

Town Law §272-a (emphasis added)

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

- **PRIMARY ROLES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

- ✓ Establish the community's vision for its future;
- ✓ Be directional about how to attain this vision; and
- ✓ Assign responsibilities for and prioritize the specific actions that will be taken following completion of the plan.

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A Comprehensive Plan provides a venue for identifying:

- **The current state**
 - What do you cherish?
 - What are your issues/concerns about the future?
- **The desired state**
 - What does the community want to be like in the future?
 - What is its vision?
- **How** does the community intend to get there?

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

- According to state law, the plan may include a wide range of topics “at the level of detail adapted to the special requirements of the town ...”
- Topics such as land use, residential growth, community character, economic development, transportation, infrastructure, environment, historic and cultural resources, recreation and/or others might typically be addressed in a Comprehensive Plan.

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

Benefits of adopting a Comprehensive Plan

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

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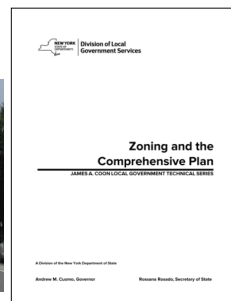
- Updating zoning and subdivision regulations is one of the most important tools communities in New York State have for ensuring that future growth contributes to achieving the community’s vision and goals described in the Plan.



Arthur May School



Arlington Town Center



COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND ZONING

Zoning & Regulatory Measures

- ✓ Design Guidelines or Standards
- ✓ Innovative Zoning Techniques
- ✓ SEQR Compliance

Capital Budgeting

- ✓ Community Facilitates and Infrastructure
- ✓ Phasing Strategy
- ✓ Grants and Financing Opportunities

Potential Non-Regulatory Tools

- ✓ Farmland and open space conservation
- ✓ Purchase of development rights
- ✓ Special districts (BID, SAD, etc.)

Organizational Capacity

- ✓ Governmental, Non-profit, and Private Sector
- ✓ Regional and Inter-municipal Connections

PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (LEGAL)

- **Who prepares the plan?**
 - ✓ Legislative body, Planning Board, or a “Special Board”
- **Referrals**
 - ✓ Planning Board (“may”), County Planning Board (“shall”)
- **Public Hearings**
 - ✓ One or more during preparation, one or more prior to adoption
- **Adoption**
 - ✓ Legislative body, by resolution
- **Review**
 - ✓ Must set “the maximum intervals at which the adopted plan shall be reviewed”

From: Town Law §272-a

PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- **10 STEPS TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
 - ✓ **Plan to Plan**
 - ✓ **Structure and Schedule the Process**
 - 3. Gather and Analyze Data
 - 4. Identify Problems, Issues, and Concerns
 - 5. Develop a "Vision" for the Plan
 - 6. Develop Plan Goals and Objectives
 - 7. Generate and Evaluate Plan Alternatives
 - 8. Select and Develop a Preferred Plan
 - 9. Adopt the Plan, Set an Implementation Schedule
 - 10. Monitor for Results and Impact



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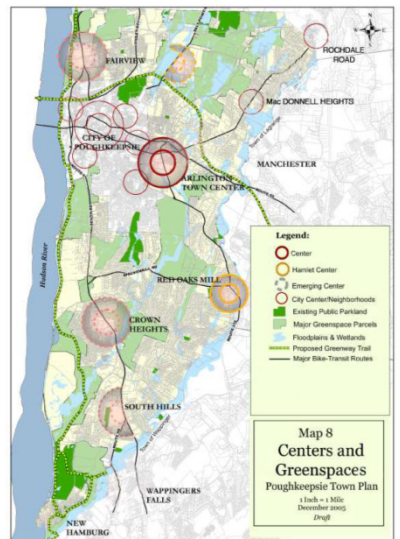
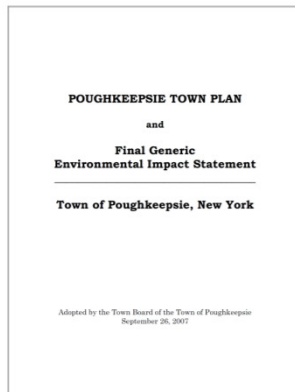
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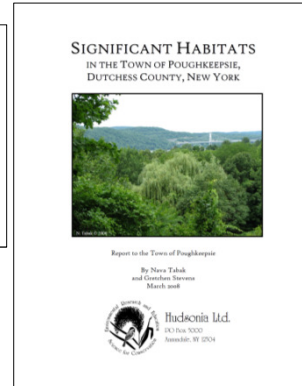
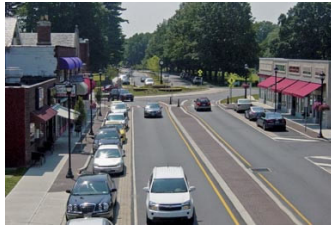
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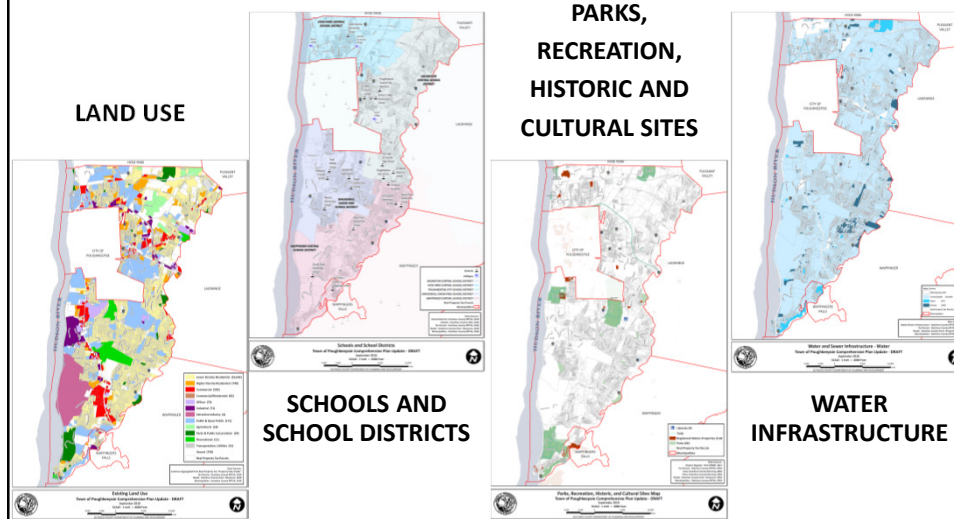
ANALYSIS OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Regional Context and History
- Land Use and Zoning
- Demographics
- Education
- Housing
- Environment
- Infrastructure
- Recreation
- Economics
- Transportation



Riverview Park

ANALYSIS OF EXISTING CONDITIONS



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The desired
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How to go from
here to there

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PROJECT TIMELINE

■ MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 5:00 PM ON THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT TOWN HALL
- AGENDAS AND MEETING MATERIALS MAY BE FOUND ON PROJECT WEBSITE

■ COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- ISSUES IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS – September/October 2018
- VISIONING WORKSHOP – Winter 2019
- TOWNWIDE MEETING(S) – Spring/Summer 2019
- PUBLIC HEARINGS – Fall 2019

■ ADOPTION OF PLAN UPDATE BY TOWN BOARD

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

1. What do you like about living/working in Poughkeepsie?

- What is working?
- What should be protected or enhanced?

2. What problems/concerns should be addressed through the Plan?

- What can be done to improve life in Poughkeepsie?

ISSUES IDENTIFICATION

▪ Let's identify 3 to 5 priority issues:

- What would we like to accomplish in regard to this issue?
- What are some of the obstacles to accomplishing this?

NEXT STEPS

- **PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2: TUESDAY - OCTOBER 9, 2018**
 - POUGHKEEPSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY – 141 BOARDMAN ROAD – 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

- **PUBLIC WORKSHOP #3: THURSDAY - OCTOBER 11, 2018**
 - POUGHKEEPSIE SENIOR CENTER – 14 ABES WAY – 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

- **NEXT CPRC MEETING: WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 24, 2018**
 - TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM – 1 OVEROCKER ROAD – 5:00 PM

THANK YOU

STAY INFORMED – CPRC WEBSITE

<http://www.townofpoughkeepsie.com/planning/cprc/index.html>

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU – CPRC EMAIL

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