



Town of York Comprehensive Plan Update

Public Workshop

October 16, 2024

Agenda & Summary

Attendees: *See attached sign in sheet*

6:30 PM Presentation – *See attached PowerPoint*

- Planning Overview, Draft Plan – The Highlights

6:45 PM Interactive Session

- Breakout Activity: Goals and Actions Discussion

Participants broke out into four groups and answered questions about each of the four goals and policies. Results:

- *Goal 1 – Capacity: Nothing missing, the steps outlined for implementation are helpful. Most important policies are 1.3 (strengthen partnerships/networks) because a Town cannot be successful alone and 1.2 (enhance community engagement) because people are needed to implement the plan. Plan implementation committee is important, but it may be hard to find members.*
- *Goal 2 – Character: Revise Policy 2.5 to refer to renewable energy sources and energy storage.*
- *Goal 3 – Community: Concerns about how to attain housing and if applicable to York. This was clarified in discussion and identified location in plan. Revise to “consider” becoming a NYS Pro-Housing Committee. Clarify what is meant by “person to person interaction” for Policy 3.5. For developing a Community Facilities Plan, it is important to engage young people. PIC important but will be challenging.*
- *Goal 4 – Connectivity: Nothing missing. Policy 4.2 (improving pedestrian opportunity, safety, connectivity) most important. Genesee Valley Conservancy may be a resource for trail funding.*

- Dots and Notes – Prioritization of policies and goals with comments GENERAL

Participants used dot stickers (each were given four) to “vote” for the policies or actions that they thought most important in the draft plan and to comment on anything missing or of concern.

- *Policy 3.1 (support for small businesses) received the most dots (7)*
- *Action: Implement Greigsville Transportation Plan received 6 dots*
- *Policy 2.1 (protect environmental features, farmland soils, water quality, wildlife) received 4 dots as did Policy 3.4 (expand diversity and affordability of housing).*
- *Forming a Plan Implementation Committee, Policy 2.2 (promote sustainable farming practices) and Policy 2.3 (guide new development as per land use map) all received 3 dots.*

No additional notes or comments.

8:00 PM End of Workshop/Steering Committee Meeting

Based on the public workshop and comments received to date, the draft plan will be referred to the Town Board with the following revisions as per motion by Becky Lewis and second by Joe McIlroy, all in favor:

1. *Revise Policy 2.5 to reference renewable energy sources and energy storage (rather than list types) to be all inclusive.*
2. *Revise Policy 3.5 to clarify what is meant by person-to-person interactions and the importance.*
3. *Change wording to “consider” in implementation plan relating to the Pro-Housing and NYS Climate communities.*
4. *Add additional detail to the comparison/update from the 2006 plan to include existing and new considerations/information.*
5. *Complete Map updates provided by County Planning*
6. *Update spelling of committee members names: Carl’s last name (Peter) and Scott’s last name (Hulburt)*

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PUBLIC WORKSHOP SIGN IN SHEET – OCTOBER 16, 2024

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York Smart Growth Plan Update



The Town of York worked with Livingston County Planning to secure a grant from the NYSDOS Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan program. A steering committee was established led by Scott Hulburt.

CC Environment and Labella were selected to work with the Town to develop the plan. Here we are!



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Agenda

PURPOSE: Obtain public feedback on the DRAFT Plan.

6:30 PM Presentation

- Planning Overview
- Draft Comp Plan: The Highlights

6:45 PM Interactive Session

- Breakout Questions (30 min)
- Share Answers/Discussion (15 min)

7:30 PM DOTS/Written Comments/Discussion

8:00 PM End of Workshop



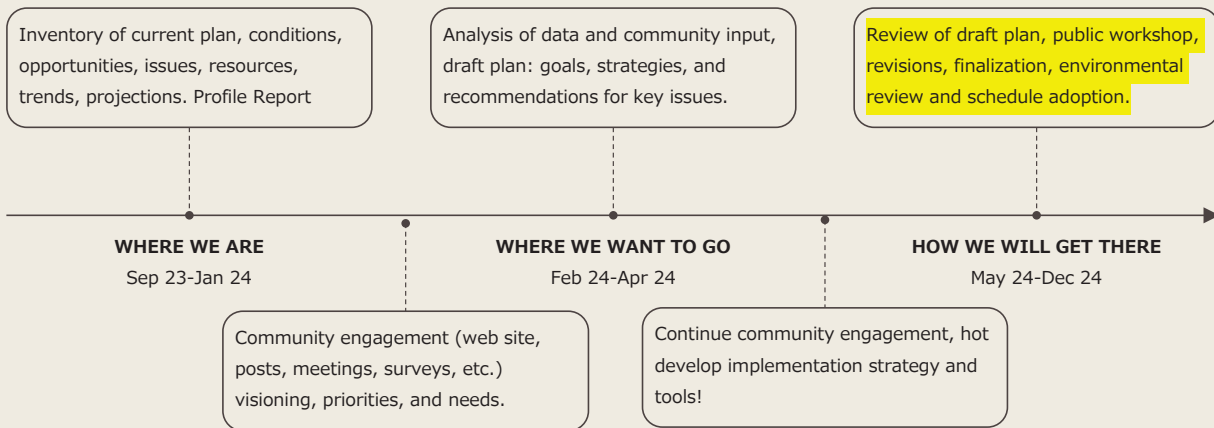
Benefits of a Comp Plan (update)

1. The process itself
2. Clarity about issues/opportunities
3. Community participation
4. Vision and a plan of action
5. Proactive adaptation to change
6. Support for municipal leaders
7. Facilitates effective regulations
8. Charts a course for the future!





Planning Process/Timeline



What is Smart Growth?

An approach to community planning & development that integrates Economy, Equity, Environment, and Energy.



Smart Growth Planning Principles include:

- Open space protection
- Mixed/sustainable land use
- Range of housing opportunities
- Distinct communities with a strong sense of place
- Variety of transportation options
- Walkable neighborhoods
- Development of existing community centers
- Equity/environmental justice
- Green infrastructure
- Historic preservation
- Safe, accessible, public spaces
- Community involvement



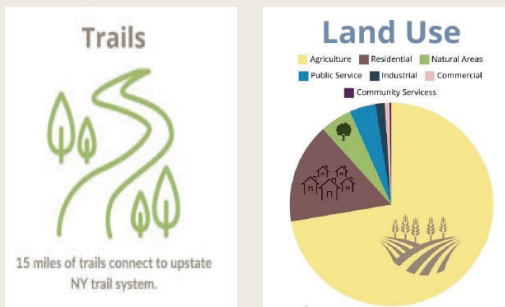
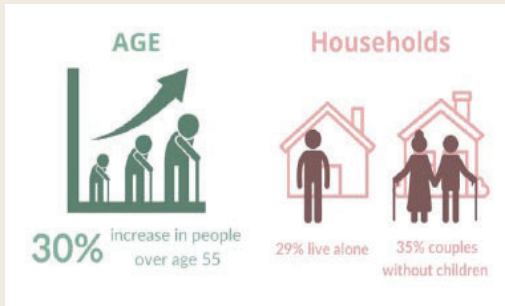
York's Comp Plan Provides a Vision and a Road Map

- Community profile and key issues
- Vision and Purpose
- Future land use
- Statements of goals, policies, and actions
- Implementation plan



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Community Profile/Key Findings



KEY FINDINGS

- Need to support an aging population while addressing housing needs for young families and individuals.
- Need to address shortage of both affordable single-family dwellings and rental housing
- Desire to thoughtfully expand commercial resources while maintaining rural character
- Must consider renewable energy and potential impacts on farmland and natural ecosystems
- Need to improve safety at major intersections and provide sidewalks, bike lanes, and connections for non-motorized travel
- Desire to improve a sense of community by increasing shared community infrastructure including libraries, parks, and community centers.
- Need to protect and restore natural systems and a desire to increase resilience and increase connectivity of the trail system.
- Need to focus on community capacity to ensure Plan implementation



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Future Land Use

Town of York, Livingston County, NY

Legend

- Agriculture
- High Density Residential
- Hamlet Residential
- Residential
- Hamlet Commercial
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Solar/Proposed Solar

Overlays

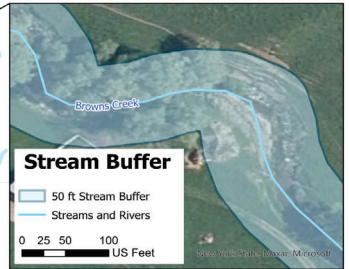
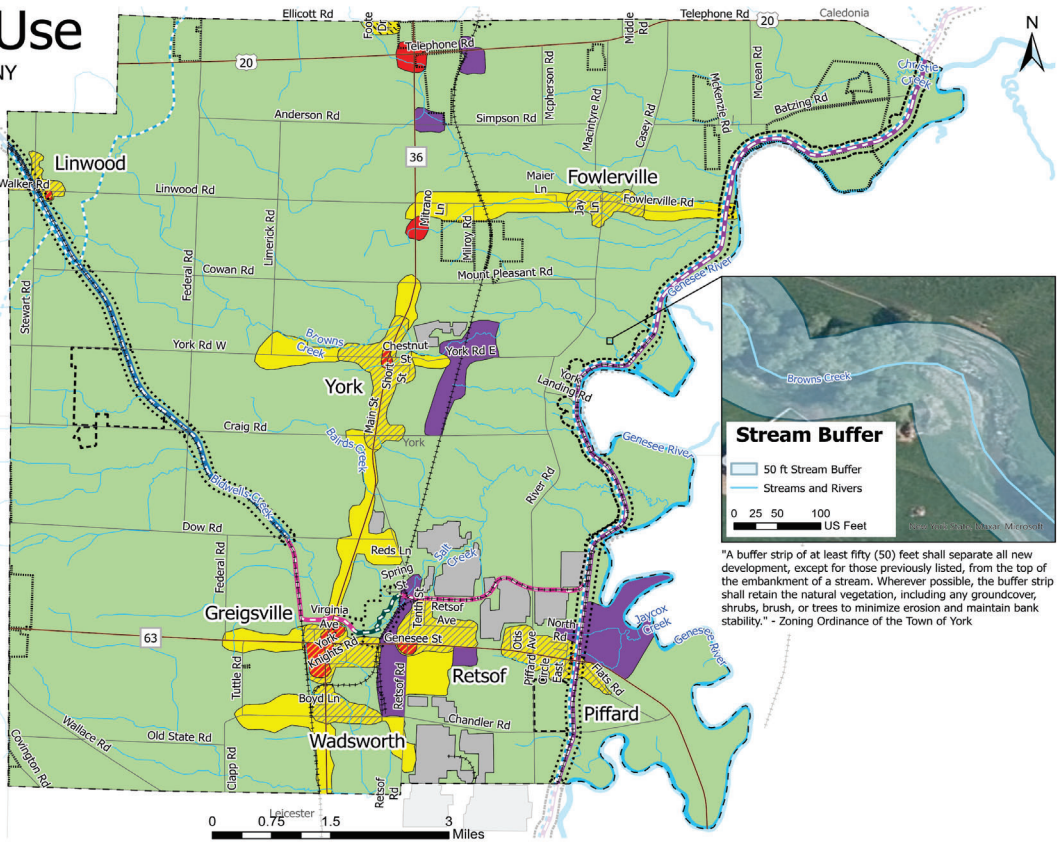
- Historical Sites
- Protected Farmland
- Trail Corridors and Nature Preserves

Trails and Transportation

- Main Roads
- Roads
- Railroads
- Snowmobile Trails
- Genesee Valley Greenway
- Groveland Secondary Trail
- Little Italy Trail
- Possible Connection Trail

Waterways

- Streams
- Genesee River



"A buffer strip of at least fifty (50) feet shall separate all new development, except for those previously listed, from the top of the embankment of a stream. Wherever possible, the buffer strip shall retain the natural vegetation, including any groundcover, shrubs, brush, or trees to minimize erosion and maintain bank stability." - Zoning Ordinance of the Town of York

Katie Van Munster, September 2024
 CC Environment
 Data sources: NYS ITS Geospatial Services; NYS Streets; NYS Towns; NYS GIS Clearinghouse; Civil Boundaries; USGS National Hydrography Dataset (NHDPlus high resolution); NWI Wetlands Database; Solar Array areas digitized based on PDFs site maps for Oya Main Street, SolarPark SSI York, and White Creek Solar; Historical Sites, NPS USDI; NYSDDEC Lands (2024); Trails (2024); NYS OPRHP State Parks Property (2023); State Parks Trails (2024); CRIS (2024).

VISION

The Town of York has seven unique hamlets connected by a shared sense of community.

We treasure our history, enjoy today, and work toward a bright future.

Our Town provides a high quality of life for ALL residents and an unforgettable experience for those who visit.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

	We PROTECT our abundant water and other natural resources.
	We PROMOTE small businesses and sustainable agriculture.
	We PROVIDE affordable housing and diverse modes of transportation.
	We SUPPORT our youth and our local schools.
	We FACILITATE outdoor recreation and public health.

Draft Goals

Shaped by key findings, community input, smart growth principles and vision, four broad goals provide a framework for decision-making, policy, and action.

Capacity

Establish and maintain community capacity to increase resilience and inclusivity, support municipal decision-making and ensure Plan implementation.

Character

Protect and enhance York's rural character and quality of life by managing current and future land use to protect existing natural and cultural resources.

Community

Support and facilitate a strong sense of community and economic vitality inside and outside of York's seven hamlets

Connectivity

Create and maintain greater connectivity for diverse modes of transportation including safe roadways, pedestrian and bicycle routes, public transport, and sidewalks.

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Priority Actions

Many actions have been identified for each goal. The priorities listed here can be implemented in the next three years.

Capacity

- Plan adoption and committee
- Engagement strategy
- Annual training event
- NYS Climate Smart Community

Character

- Natural resources inventory
- Resiliency map
- Ag & Farmland Protection Plan
- Zoning Updates

Community

- Local business support strategy
- Community facilities plan
- NYS Pro-Housing Community

Connectivity

- Multi-modal connectivity map
- Greigsville Transportation Plan
- Regional transit task force

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Priority Zoning Law Revisions



Review and revise zoning as needed to align land use, land cover, and zoning designations.



Revise zoning for hamlet areas to facilitate mixed use, small business development, consistency with traditional building forms and existing function, and to allow a variety of housing types.



Revise zoning townwide to address housing needs; facilitate small business development consistent with rural character, agriculture, and ecotourism; support agriculture; and to protect natural resources.



Review, revise, and strengthen site plan review processes, associated design guidelines, and tools.

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How to Provide Feedback on the Draft Plan

1. Participate in this workshop.
2. Visit the website (yorkcomprehensiveplan.com). From here you can read the draft plan, post on the Community Forum, or send an email.
3. Review the plan here at the Town Hall and provide written comments.

COMMENTS WILL BE REVIEWED UNTIL OCTOBER 28, 2024

Evening Workshop Interactive Session



Breakout Groups



Dots and Notes



Q/A



Follow Up

Breakout Groups – Draft Goal Discussions

Each table will be assigned one of the Draft Plan's four goals to review. First, identify a timekeeper and notetaker. Work together to answer the questions using the handouts at your table. Timekeeper: Ten minutes per question. Notetaker: Record shared answers. Encourage response from everyone in your group. Participants can also use their comment sheet to write answers to the questions. Each group will share some of their responses when we leave the breakout session and return for open discussion.

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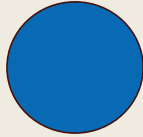
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Cast Your Vote!

You will receive colored dot stickers. Review ALL the policies and priority actions for each goal on sheets around the room. Use your stickers to “vote” for the policies or actions you think are most important! Simple.



**The way to get started
is to quit talking and
begin doing.**

Walt Disney

Thank You

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