



LAKE CHAMPLAIN-LAKE GEORGE  
**REGIONAL  
PLANNING**



# PLANNING BENEFITS COMMUNITY

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# PLANNING

What is it?

A **process** during which communities plan, design, build, and maintain their physical environments for residents, business owners, and visitors.



WHO ARE WE, WHERE HAVE WE BEEN, AND WHERE DO WE HOPE TO GO?



Comprehensive Plan represents Indian effort to foster a sustainable future, increasing community pride and interest in the town, or doing business in the town. Indian Lake last adopted a plan in the 1970's following the American Revolution. Changes have taken place on a national scale; the town is a state.



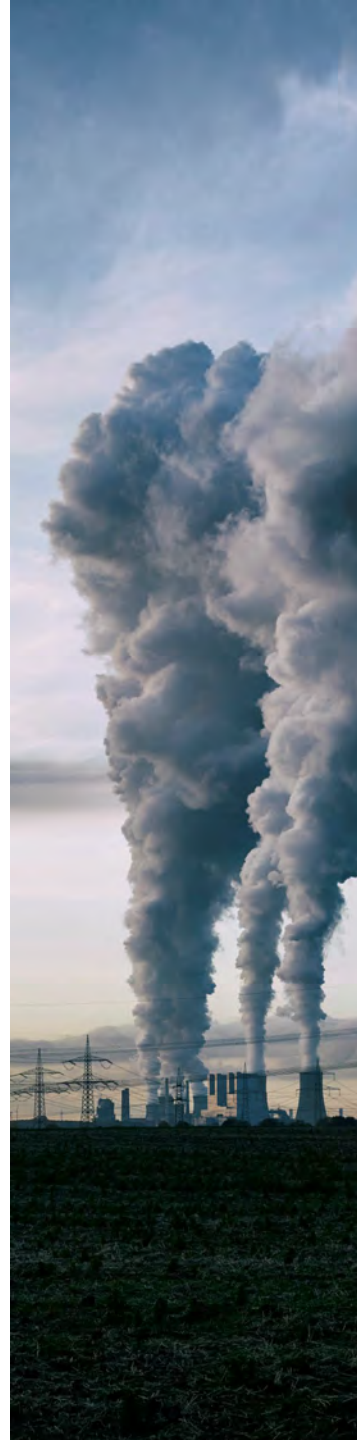


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- Ages
- Ethnicities
- Economic conditions
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- Waterfront
- Urban
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- Suburban
- New communities
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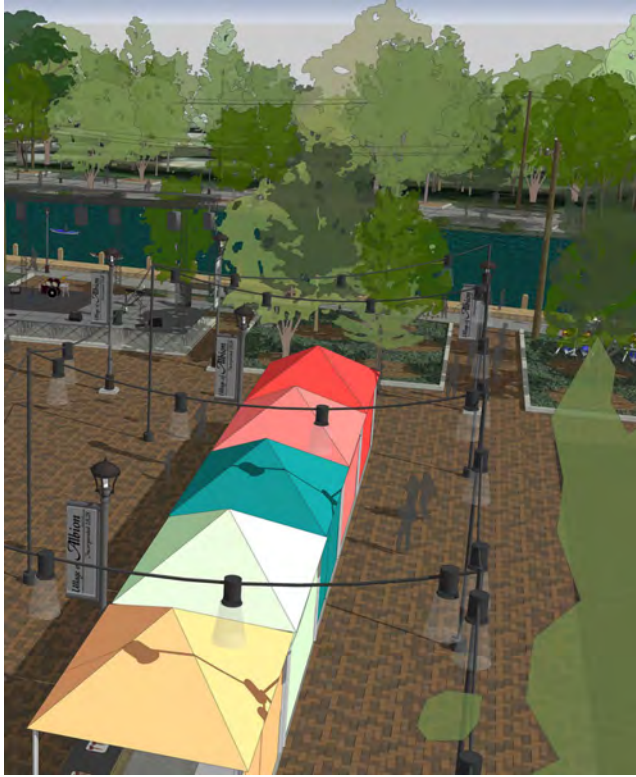
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What is the focus?

What are we trying to improve?

## General Plan Types

- Comprehensive Plans
- Local Waterfront Plans (LWRP)
- Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Plans
- Location Specific Plans
- Special Issue/Topic Plans



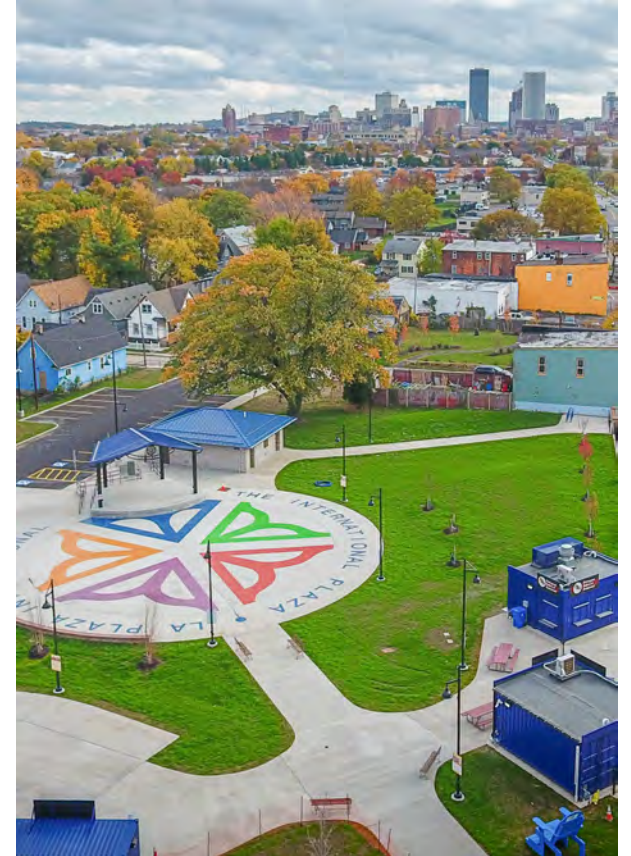


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What is the focus?

## Location Specific

- Downtown/Main St.
- Hamlets
- Waterfront
- Historic District
- Brownfields





# PLANNING

What is the focus?

## Topic/Issues-Based Plans

- Housing
- Bicycle/Pedestrian/Transportation
- Parks and Recreation/Trails
- Natural Resources/Open Space
- Agriculture/Food Security
- Water Quality
- Flood Resiliency – Renewal – preparedness
- Land Use Regulations





# PLANNING

allows a community to...

## GROW

- Consider short, medium, and long-term goals
- Address issues and concerns in a collaborative process
- ***Evaluate funding opportunities, prioritize projects and guide future budgeting***





**KEY  
BENEFITS**  
TO COMMUNITY  
PLANNING



Understand the Real Issues

Balance Vision with Reality

Social, Economic, Environmental

Manage Growth

Guide Land Use Decisions



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Intermunicipal Partnerships

Hear from the Experts

Community Gains a Voice

Local Knowledge & Ideas



# KEY BENEFITS

TO COMMUNITY  
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Action-oriented Plans  
Crafted by Residents

Community Comes Together

Boost Community Morale

# PLANNING PROCESS

TASK		MONTH											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Task 1	Project Initiation	①											
Task 2	Inventory & Analysis		■		★								
Task 3	Issues, Opportunities and Vision			②	■								
Task 4	Recommendations, Implementation and Preliminary Plan Outline							③	■				
Task 5	Draft Comprehensive Plan						■			■		★	④
Task 6	Final Comprehensive Plan										■		⑤

## Meeting/Public Participation Events:

- ① Committee (Town Planning Board ) Meetings
- ★ Community Meeting/Workshop



# PUBLIC OUTREACH

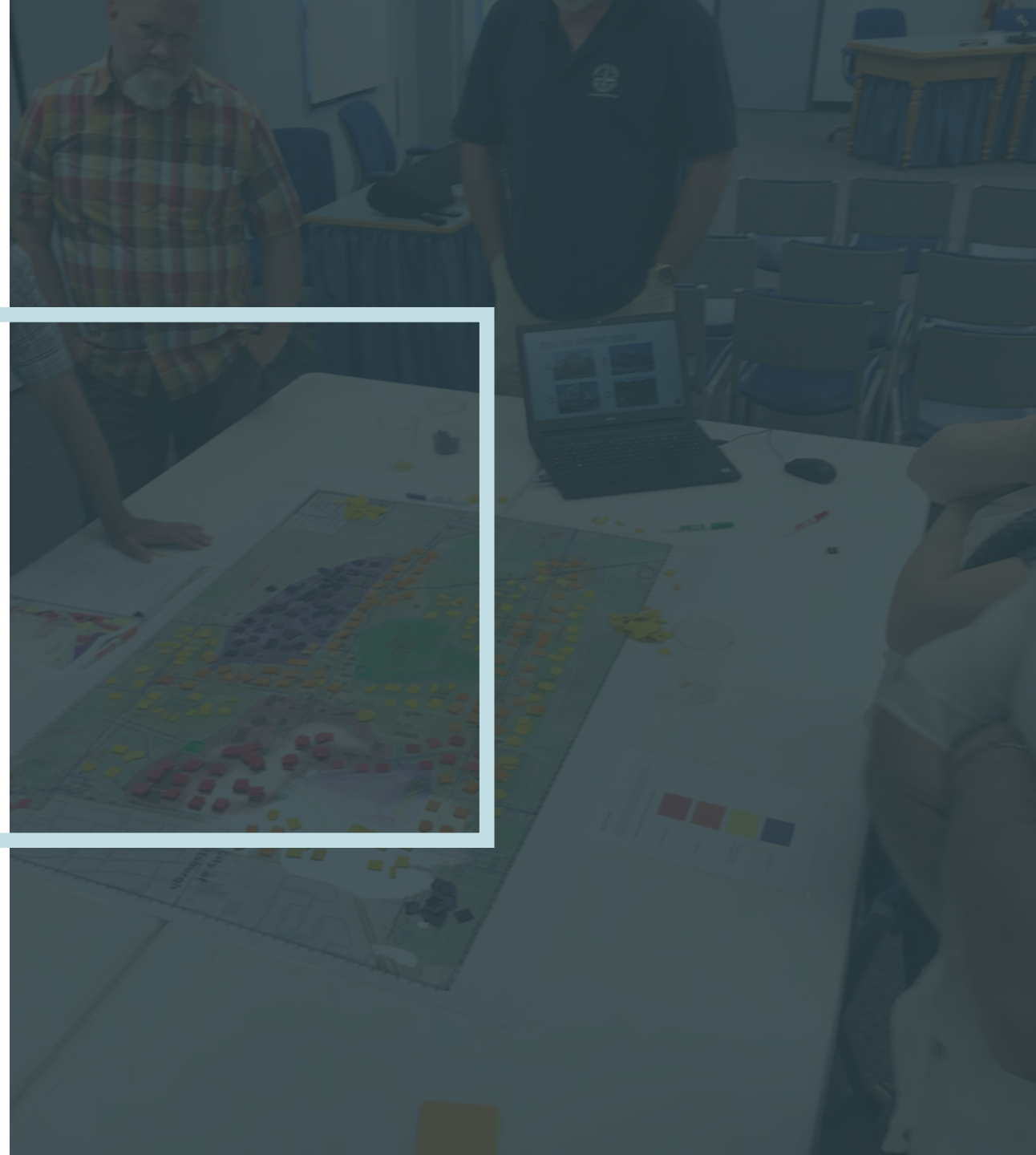


Maximize public participation & input



Adapt to meet project needs

# WHEN SHOULD YOU PLAN?





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# GREENWICH NEW YORK





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# LAKE GEORGE NEW YORK





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Proposed Town Logo



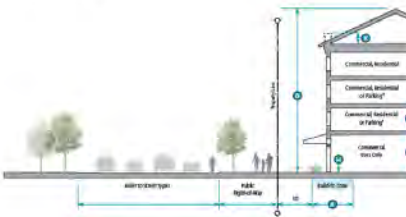
T5 TOWN CENTER

The T5 Town Center District is intended to be the commercial core of the Town of Plattsburgh, a neighborhood center where you would most often find the tallest buildings and most commercial activity.

Here, a strong mix of commercial and residential uses is found, with the lower levels of almost all buildings providing retail, services, restaurants, food services and offices while the upper floors provide a diverse mix of residential and commercial space for people of different ages, incomes and abilities.

Attractive masonry and wood buildings line the streets, providing streets with pedestrian, bicycle and wheelchair friendly spaces. Very walkable, tree-lined streets and wide sidewalks, sidewalk buildings, street wall landscaped areas, with shared parking areas located behind buildings to minimize landscape. On-street parking and pedestrian sidewalks strongly encourage walking in this very pedestrian-oriented neighborhood.

This is the center of town.



1. Minimum height requirements for T5 District  
DISTRICT STANDARDS

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PLATTSBURGH



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# TOWN OF ESOPUS

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Implementation Focused from the Beginning – Ongoing Progress was Key
- Set forth long range planning goals
- Provided a process to being implementing achievable projects
- Town was able to secure over the course of the Planning Process to fund zoning update, river access plans and an update to their LWRP



Photo Credit: Town of Esopus Facebook





# CENTRAL BRIDGE

## HAMLET & COMPLETE STREETS PLAN

- Community-based planning process
- Held potluck dinners for each public workshop
- Conducted community-wide walking tours
- Public confirmation of identified strategies and recommendations



# THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

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