

Town of Orange
Comprehensive Planning

Community Participation Plan

Opportunities for community engagement

Overview

Goal

Receive input for the future of the Town



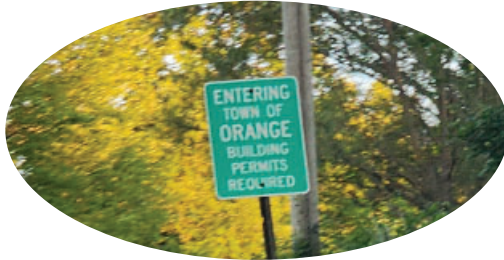
Timeline

Information in August,
Visioning in October



Opportunity

Participate in a variety of ways



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Introduction

Objectives

Convey clearly:

- The purpose and impact of creating a new Comprehensive Plan
- When public input will be received
- How input will influence the plan
- Value of diverse input
- What happens once there is a plan

Build understanding and trust in the process: planning, plan adoption, and implementation.

About Comprehensive Planning

The purpose of a Comprehensive Plan is to identify, assemble, and create materials—such as maps, reports, and other descriptive material—which are used to describe strategies for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the town.

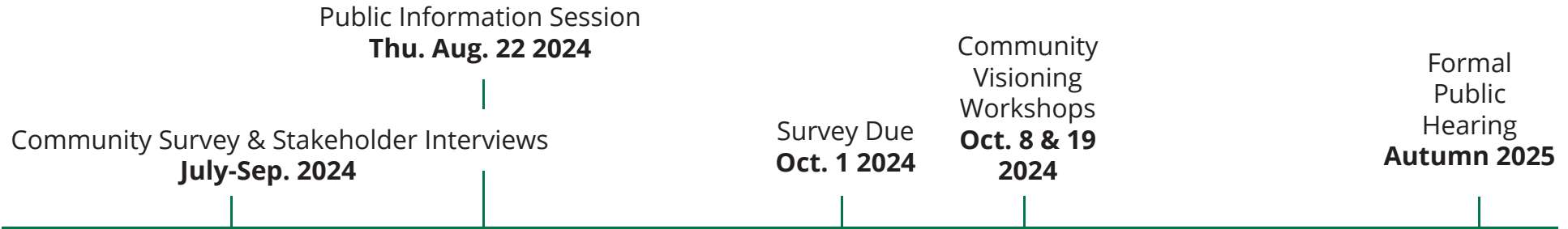
The process will include a variety of methods for getting input from the public. A diverse range of input is vital to the success of the plan. The process also requires meetings between the Comprehensive Planning Committee appointed by the Town and the agency providing planning services, the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board.

A Comprehensive Plan can impact many things, a few of which are:

- Community character
- Funding opportunities
- Actions performed on behalf of the town

Community Participation

Timeline



Ongoing research, writing, and facilitation by Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board

Ongoing support from the Town of Orange Comprehensive Planning Committee

Guidance

The Public Information Session and Community Visioning Workshops will be held at the Monterey Fire Department.

Notifications of upcoming events will be posted to STC Planning’s social media, posted at the Town Hall, and sent to people who have submitted their email address. To add your email address to the contact list, please either scan the QR code to the right or visit: <https://arcg.is/1mnSij0>



Materials for this Comprehensive Planning process will be available at: www.townoforangeny.us, including a link to the Community Survey. You can also access the Community Survey directly by using the QR code to the left or by visiting: <https://arcg.is/0KCmeW>

Opportunities

Community Survey includes many questions across a variety of subjects important to residents in order to create a baseline response from as many people as possible. The survey is to be made available online at the Town's website and also mailed to a listing of addresses within the Town. Additional outreach to bring awareness and yield more responses to the survey may include fliers at local establishments and one or more postings in the Watkins Glen Highlights.

Stakeholder Interviews include questions which are specific to the interests of the stakeholder group, such as the New York State Park Service, County officials, businesses in the Town, etc. These interviews may be conducted in person, by phone, or virtually in order to collect the most information regarding the future of the Town.

Public Information Session is designed to provide the public with details necessary for deciding what level of engagement suits them. It will introduce the project, its purpose and impacts, invite participation in the Community Survey, and provide a brief example of what to expect from activities related to this project.

Community Visioning Workshops are designed to collect input from the community in person. This planning project will have two sessions at two different times of the day and week in order to make it more likely for a diverse representation of the community to participate. Because of the in-person format, questions can be more visual, nuanced, or targeted to clarify input.

Formal Public Hearing is official business of the Town Board in order for its members to hear comments the public expresses in verbal or written form before they make a decision on whether or not to adopt the plan.

Once a new plan is complete, opportunities to participate in local governance continue. Information, input, and appreciation can help Town Board members maintain focus on recommendations of the comprehensive plan. These comments are welcomed by the Town in written form or verbally during Town Board meeting public comment periods. Towns often benefit from volunteered time and effort, especially from individuals who demonstrate a specific skill, trustworthy initiative, and ability to communicate respectfully with anyone.

Contacts



Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board (STC) is contracted with the Town to complete the actions set out in a Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan grant awarded to the Town of Orange in 2023.

If you have questions about the process, please contact:

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For those who are unfamiliar, STC works with local governments, economic and community development organizations, and human services agencies to identify issues and provide solutions that will improve the economy, the environment, and the quality of life across political borders of Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben Counties.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee is appointed by the Town Board in order to provide local information and guidance to STC's efforts.

Town Board will review the final Comprehensive Plan draft and vote to decide whether it is adopted.

The Community provides vitally important input through the survey and visioning workshops. In order to be successful, a plan intended to serve an entire population must consider more than one viewpoint--more than a committee of viewpoints. Each participant brings a unique viewpoint about the Town and it improves the accuracy, successful adoption, and effectiveness of the Town of Orange's next Comprehensive Plan.



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