

# Town of Plattekill Comprehensive Plan Update Phase 2

## Kick-Off Meeting

April 10, 2024

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TOWN OF PLATTEKILL  
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK



## Agenda

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# Introduction - Project Team



## Committee Members ?

- Cindy Hilbert, Chair

## Town Board

- Dean DePew, Supervisor
- Wilfrido Castillo, Jr.
- Joseph Hoppenstedt
- James Fazio
- Stephen O'Flaherty

## Barton & Loguidice

- Dan Theobald, AICP, Project Community Planner





# Introduction - Scope



## Comprehensive Plan Update Phase II: Scope

- Community Profile Update
- Vision and Goals Update
- Development of Objectives and Actions
- Final Comprehensive Plan



# Introduction - Schedule





# Funding



## Phase II: Funded by NYS Department of State

- Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Program
- \$30,000 Budget
- 90% State, 10% Local
- Smart Growth Principles



Department  
of State

## Phase I

- Hudson River Valley Greenway
- \$17,500 Budget
- \$10,000 grant, \$7,500 match



Hudson River  
Valley Greenway



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# What is a Comprehensive Plan?



A Comprehensive Plan's primary role is to:

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



## Benefits of a Plan

Comprehensive Planning 101



- Represents a statement of policy & priorities by the Town.



**CAMPAIGN FOR URBAN PARKS**

### Benefits of a Plan

Comprehensive Planning 101



- Provides direction to decision makers.



### Benefits of a Plan

Comprehensive Planning 101



- Strengthens the Town’s legal position in land proceedings.

“In the absence of a well considered comprehensive plan, the risk always exists that the zoning upon which it is supposedly based will be invalidated if challenged in court.”

~ NYSDOS

### Benefits of a Plan

Comprehensive Planning 101



- Increases chance of funding by outside organizations.

**NEWS**  
**\$100,000 available for new or expanding businesses in Ellenville-Wawarsing area**

**MOST POPULAR**

- 1 When and where to see the eclipse in the Mid-Hudson Valley
- 2 Mid-Hudson Valley arrests report, April 8, 2024

**\$21.7M Grant to Revitalize Kingston Waterfront**

Jul 9, 2023

**KINGSTON** – After standing in Kingston's downtown to push for federal funding last year, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer recently announced he has secured a game changing \$21.7 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program to boost transportation and transform Kingston's waterfront.

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### Benefits of a Plan

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- Fosters economic development.

**TALENT DEVELOPMENT**  
Retention, development and recruitment

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**  
Retention, expansion recruitment & start-up

**PLACEMAKING**  
Support talent & businesses

## Benefits of a Plan

Comprehensive  
Planning 101



- Provides a forum for discussion among residents, businesses, etc.



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## A Plan is **NOT**...

Comprehensive  
Planning 101



- An end, but the beginning of a process
- A reason to expect immediate change
- A substitute for action or strong leadership
- Zoning or land use law



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# Translating Policy into Code

## PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

- Walkability
- Defined Community Character Areas
- Stormwater Management
- Diversity in Housing
- Economic Development

*\*May be broad/general statements of intent\**

## ZONING CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Ped / Bike Site Connectivity Requirements
- District, Building, Lot & Use Regulations
- Environmental Review or Green Infrastructure
- Permitting a Variety of Dwelling Types
- Commercial / industrial permissions

*\*Must be clear, measurable, & tied to purpose\**



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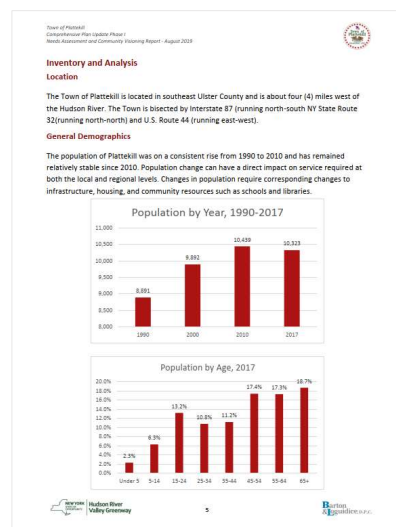
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# Community Profile Updates



- Used 2017 American Community Survey data during Part 1
- Decennial Data (2020) and updated ACS data (2022)
  - Population
  - Age
  - Housing: Occupancy, Tenure
  - Economic: Employment, Income, Poverty





# Community Outreach



## Survey

- Online (SurveyMonkey) and hard copies
- Review Vision & Goals
- Introduce Objectives and Actions



## Open House

- Solicit feedback on Vision, Goals, Objectives, and Actions



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# Vision Statement



In 2040...

The Town of Plattekill is an oasis of rural vistas and bustling hamlets amidst the suburban and highway development areas of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Plattekill offers its residents the freedom and tranquility of open spaces paired with the convenience of access to two nearby interstate highways. Commercial areas near hamlet centers provide opportunities for entrepreneurs and job seekers alike, allowing residents to affordably reside and work within the Town.

The Town cherishes its agricultural heritage and encourages diversity and inclusion. Residents of the Town take pride in their community and support and contribute to its schools, institutions, and volunteer organizations.



# Goal #1



A productive economy that attracts diverse industry sectors and provides a variety of housing that supports job growth and contributes to the tax base. Plattekill's low tax rate is an asset that the Town can use to attract young families. Walkable residential and commercial development will reduce commuting costs and public infrastructure costs while revitalizing Plattekill's hamlets.





## Goal #2

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Maintain the community’s character by preserving the Town’s scenic views, architectural forms, and cultural & historical resources. Plattekill has many valuable historic resources such as Las Villas, historic farmlands, and hamlet areas. The historic & cultural resources are complimented by the Town’s natural resources such as the Shawangunk Ridge, apple orchards, wetlands, and open space.



## Goal #3

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Reinforce Plattekill’s identity and sense of community by developing branding for the Town as the gateway to Ulster County and as an affordable community for seniors and young families, alike.





## Goal #4

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Improve the civic infrastructure of Plattekill and its hamlet areas by maintaining infrastructure in a fiscally responsible manner.



## Goal #5

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Stabilize and strengthen hamlets of Modena, Plattekill, Ardonia, or Clintondale to ensure safe and affordable housing with walkable access to parks, schools, commercial establishments, and public transportation.





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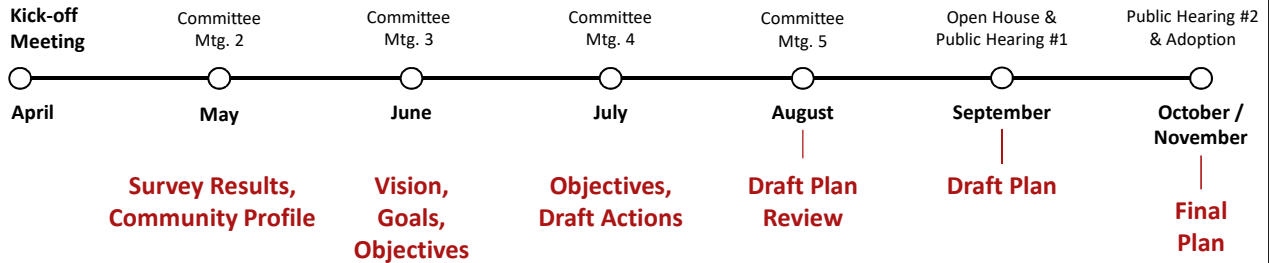


- **Post Community Survey**
  - Present preliminary results at next Committee Meeting
- Updates to **Community Profile data**
- **Next Committee Meeting:** *Wednesday, May 8, 6:30pm at Town Hall*





# Introduction - Schedule



# Next Steps



## Thank You!

*Questions?*

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