

TOWN OF HALFMOON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Comprehensive Plan
Update Committee (CPUC)

Meeting #4

August 17, 2023

Town Hall



2003 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BACKGROUND

TOWN OF HALFMOON *A Lifelong Community*

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement

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Saratoga County, New York

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Date of FGEIS Acceptance: September 2, 2003
Plan Adopted: October 7, 2003



AGENDA



- Welcome
- 2003 Comprehensive Plan Background
- Project Scope & Schedule Update
- Public Participation Update
- Vision Confirmation
- Draft Goals Discussion
- Preliminary Recommendations Introduction
- Community Profile Draft Update
- Next Steps



SCHEDULE OF MILESTONES

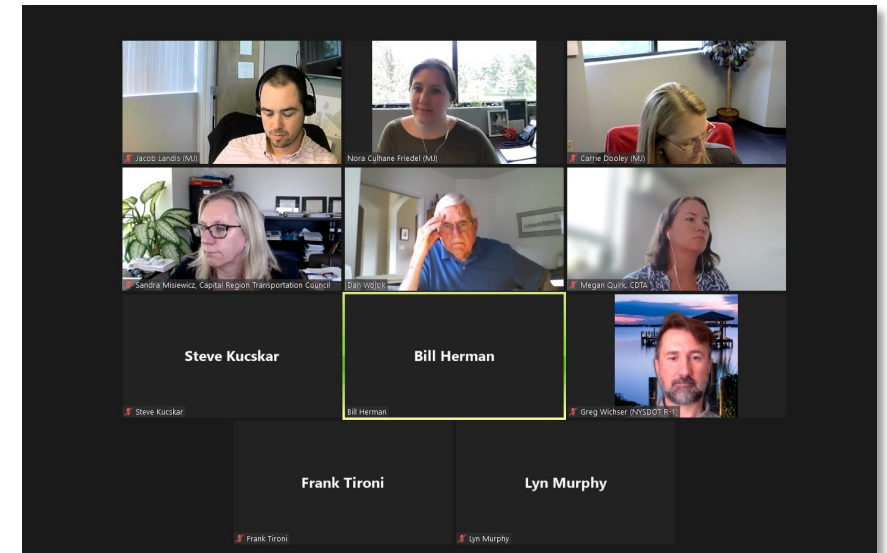


*CPUC Meetings – Every other month

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Focus Group Meetings were held via Zoom and covered various topics. Each meeting consisted of CPUC members, consultant team, and relevant parties.

- **History, Culture, Community Organizations- July 31st** (10 attendees)
- **Transportation & Infrastructure - July 31st** (11 attendees)
- **Local & Regional Partners - August 2nd** (14 attendees)
- **Parks, Recreation, & Open Space - August 2nd** (9 attendees)
- **Housing & Neighborhood Groups – August 2nd** (no attendees)
- **Emergency Services - August 3rd** (9 attendees)



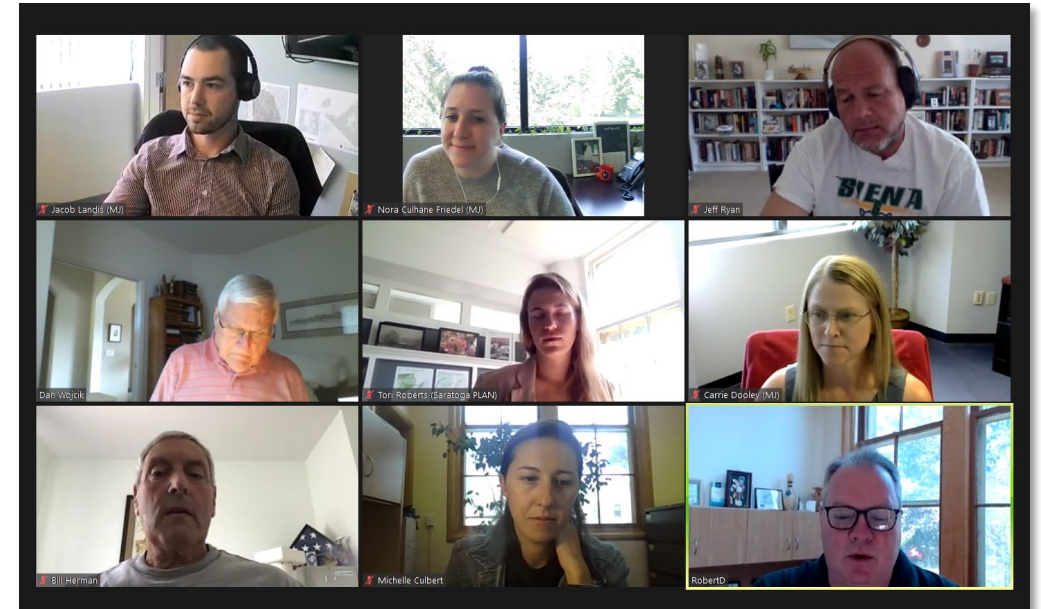
HISTORY, CULTURE, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

FEEDBACK

- Events drive-ins, concerts in the park, & the Harvest Festival
- Halfmoon maintains partnership with Library, and both would like to grow relationship
- Community Center is an existing opportunity

CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Parking/ traffic issue with events
- Public transit has limitations (even with CDTA FLEX bus)
- Looking for more green initiatives overall
- Provide new businesses with information connecting them to resources within the Town
- Have a more prominent News/Events tab on Town website
- Clarify the location of news updates



TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

FEEDBACK

- With a water system expansion, 95% of the Town has municipal water
- Flex Bus has helped alleviate tension on the Town Transportation resources but there's still room for improvement
- RT 146 and RT 236 intersections will be studied
- Town does not currently own any sanitary infrastructure

CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Resiliency planning for larger storms to address flooding
- Need for long-range plan to alleviate pressure along the major corridors that cause traffic
- Address how the large-scale county is impacting the local Halfmoon residents
- Pedestrian and bicycle connections are needed



LOCAL & REGIONAL PARTNERS

FEEDBACK

- Halfmoon's location is a key asset - proximity to major connective corridors for the Capital District and set perfectly between Albany and Saratoga
- There are many connections, especially through industrial uses, between Halfmoon and the surrounding Towns and Villages
- As the Town grows, capacity will need to be kept up with
- Recreation resources have transcended borders with residents of both Halfmoon & Clifton Park

CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Need to think about a regional approach to the greater transportation network
- How can the perception of business impacts on the Town be changed so that businesses are better situated to thrive in Town?
- Can mixed-used be brought in to entice younger families?
- Plan for alternative energy
 - Ex: Shen needs all-electric buses by 2035
 - Power capacity is not there to suit the desired requirements of electric power



PARKS, RECREATION, & OPEN SPACE

FEEDBACK

- The Town has many resources: Town Park, baseball fields, agricultural spaces, forests and recreation access, Town Park has ADA access for parking & trails
- Preservation efforts with the Town will stem from agriculture & maintaining Halfmoon's identity

CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Neighborhood connectivity and access to Town recreation amenities should be a priority
- Outline open space and preservation initiatives or create an open space fund
- Access to the waterfront needs highlighting
 - water-related maps for boaters in addition to land trails
- Bond Act could be an opportunity for the Town to provide the state with its priorities, especially surrounding climate resiliency



EMERGENCY SERVICES

FEEDBACK

- Town of Halfmoon is considered a dispensary site (partnership with the County) – this has worked well

CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Demand for emergency services continues to rise, with different services being volunteer based
- Getting ahead of potential issues in water and wastewater and how the Town may mitigate issues ahead of time
- Continuity of operations is essential for the County, Halfmoon can continue to work closely with them
- The Recreation Department offers trail walks throughout the year but trying to continue the effort
- State pushes for cooling and warming centers, use senior centers to provide a location for people to go, especially when there are power outages



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Public Workshop #3: Vision, Goals & Preliminary Recommendations

The third workshop will include a presentation of the **vision, goals, and preliminary recommendations** to the public.

The intent will be to gather feedback from the community at this stage prior to development the Draft Comprehensive Plan document.

Date: TBD
Fall 2023

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS INTRODUCTION

STEPS IN THE PROCESS

Understanding
Where You Are

Where Do You
Want To Be?

How Do You
Get There?

THE EXISTING STATE



THE DESIRED STATE



IMPLEMENTATION



VISION CONFIRMATION

Updated August 2023

The Town of Halfmoon envisions itself as a “lifelong” community, delivering a quality of life that highlights the charm, as well as social, recreational, and economic opportunities, enabling residents to make the Town their home for this and future generations. Halfmoon aims to be a growing, fiscally balanced place, that values and celebrates its historic, cultural, business, and agricultural resources while remaining progressive in its efforts to conserve said resources and look to the future.



GOALS DISCUSSION

“The goals of this comprehensive planning process are provided to give focus to our efforts and to maintain and/or improve various components of the community.”

– 2003 Comprehensive Plan



GOALS DISCUSSION

2003 Comprehensive Plan:

Growth Management
Fiscal and Economic Health
Utilities
Transportation and Mobility
Community Facilities and Services
Housing
Town Character
Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Open Space
Cultural Resources
Recreation
Civic Duty
Implementation

Update:

Transportation and Mobility
Infrastructure and Community Facilities
Housing
Quality of Life, Placemaking and People
History and Culture
Agriculture, Open Space, and Resiliency
Recreation
Economic Growth and Sustainability

GOALS: TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY



Transportation and Mobility: Provide safe, convenient, and efficient transportation options for people and goods within, through and around the Town of Halfmoon, which minimize the impact of traffic on the Town's character and quality of life.



GOALS: INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY FACILITIES



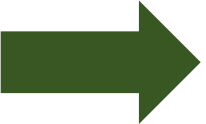
Community Facilities and Services: Continue to provide and/or support adequate community facilities and services - including fire protection, police protection, emergency services, solid waste collection, education facilities, healthcare services, libraries, services for youths through seniors, and social services - that are responsive to the community's expected level of service and safety and that continue to enhance the quality of life.



Utilities: Provide a utility infrastructure system that meets the demands of current residents and business and that will support future development in carefully planned areas of Town.




GOALS: HOUSING




Housing: Provide a balanced blend of quality housing opportunities, including price ranges that are affordable for all income levels and housing types that consider the needs of older residents, young families (first time homeowners) and those with disabilities. Properly plan for and locate housing based on density and purpose to take full advantage of existing and future community services, alternative transportation opportunities, and recreational facilities.




GOALS: QUALITY OF LIFE, PLACEMAKING, AND PEOPLE



Growth Management: Create a land use management system that mitigates the adverse impacts of sprawl, discourages further sprawl, addresses concerns of conflicting land uses, responds to community needs, and protects and enhances Halfmoon's resources, unique features and quality of life.



Town Character: Preserve and enhance Halfmoon's identity, image, and quality of life in accordance with the vision for the future.



Civic Duty: Nurture and support the civic environment so that input from Town residents is considered a customary and integral component of the Town's ongoing planning and implementation process.




GOALS: HISTORY AND CULTURE



Cultural Resources: Recognize, protect, and celebrate Halfmoon's historic and other cultural resources.



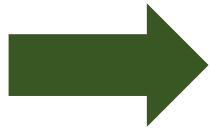
GOALS: AGRICULTURE, OPEN SPACE, AND RESILIENCY



Agriculture, Natural Resources and Open Spaces: Maintain the viability of existing agricultural operations and preserve important natural and open space resources that contribute to the diversity, character, aesthetics, economy, and general health, safety and welfare of the community. Resources such as the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers and their watersheds, viable farmland, mineral resources, ravines, woodlots, streams, aquifers, wetlands, floodplains, the escarpment and viewsheds are recognized for their role in drainage, water supply, agriculture, aesthetics, recreation, and wildlife habitat.



GOALS: RECREATION



Recreation: Provide sufficient, well-located, and fully accessible, active and passive recreational opportunities for all Halfmoon residents.



GOALS: ECONOMIC GROWTH & SUSTAINABILITY



Fiscal and Economic Health: Promote diverse economic development that provides goods and services, employment opportunities, and tax revenues in well located commercial, office and industrial districts, compatible with the community character and vision for the future.



PRELIMINARY RECOMENDATIONS

Consider feedback gathered through:

- Report card exercise (CPUC)
- Public Meetings
- CPUC Meetings
- Focus Group Meetings
- Committee comments
- Public comments
- Existing Conditions Information

Identify preliminary
recommendations/
action items to
achieve goals!



COMMUNITY PROFILE UPDATE

Includes:

- Regional Context
- Historic and Cultural Places
- Demographic and Socioeconomic Trends
- Land Use and Zoning
- Natural Resources and Water Quality
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
- Transportation and Mobility Resources
- Economic Development



CPUC TOWN TOUR



- August 22, 2023 – 1:00PM
 - Tour will last roughly 2.5 hours
- Meet at Town Hall in parking lot
- Consultant team & Town staff will join committee members on tour around town
- CPUC Chair will highlight key locations throughout
- Confirm attendees?



NEXT STEPS



- Draft Community Profile
- CPUC Homework - Due 10/2
 - Review goals and provide feedback
 - Offer preliminary recommendations
- Town Tour
 - August 22, 2023 – 1:00 PM
- Public Meeting #3 – Fall 2023
- Next Committee Meeting
 - Thursday, October 19, 2023 – 6:00 PM

