

TOWN OF HALFMOON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

**Virtual
Public Workshop #3**

November 13, 2023

5:00 – 6:30 PM



Thank you for
joining!

The meeting will
begin soon.





WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee Members

- **Chair:** Richard M. Harris, AICP
- Jeremy Connors, *Town Board Liaison*
- Paul Hotaling, *Town Board Liaison*
- Lyn Murphy, *Town Attorney*
- Steven Kucskar
- Joseph Landy
- Michael D. Morand
- J. Daniel Wojcik
- William Herman
- Peter Bardunias
- Nancy Morris
- Deborah Curto
- Donald Roberts



WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Consultant Team – Led by M.J. Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C.

- Jaclyn Hakes, *Project Manager*
- Nora Culhane Friedel, *Lead Planner*
- Jacob Landis, *Planner & Webinar Host*



AGENDA



- Welcome
- Webinar “How To”
- Getting To Know You – Interactive Polls
- Project Overview & Update
- Introduction of Comprehensive Plan Update Draft Vision & Goals
- Future Land Uses
- Next Steps
- Q & A





WEBINAR “HOW TO”

Following the webinar, written comments can be submitted to:

www.PlanHalfmoon.com

A recording of this webinar will be posted on the project website at:

www.PlanHalfmoon.com

- There will be several interactive polls during the presentation – please participate!
- We will break to address questions/comments at the end of the presentation.
- To post a question/comment, utilize the “Q & A” function in your Zoom Webinar panel
- Use the “Raise Hand” feature
 - If on a telephone:
 - *9 to raise hand
 - *6 to mute/unmute





GETTING TO KNOW YOU!



Help us to get to know
who is joining the
meeting this evening by
answering interactive
poll questions!



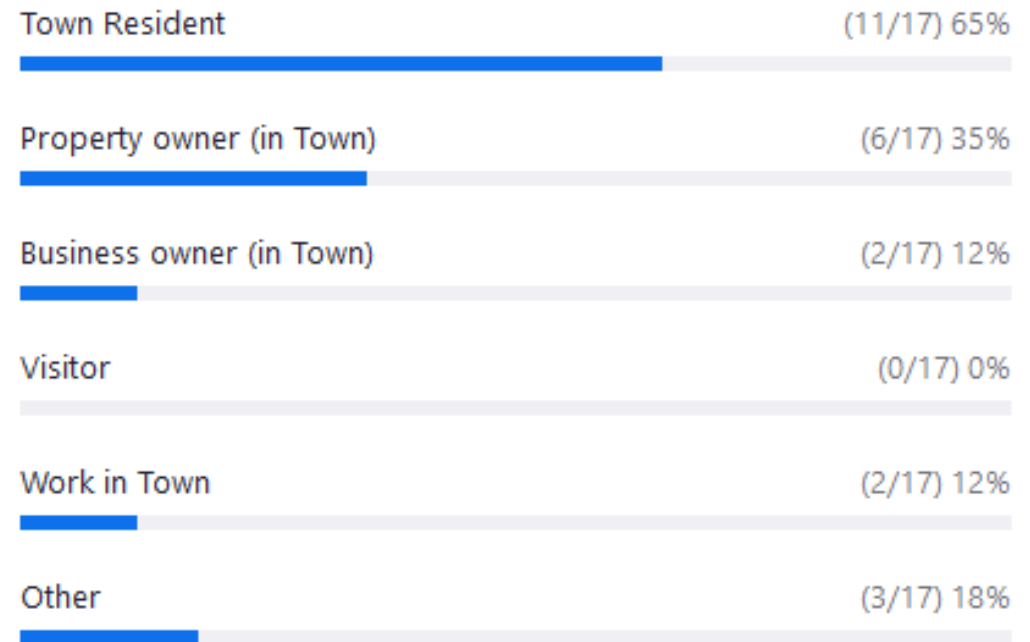


GETTING TO KNOW YOU!



Who is joining us this evening? Select all that apply. (Multiple Choice) *

17/17 (100%) answered



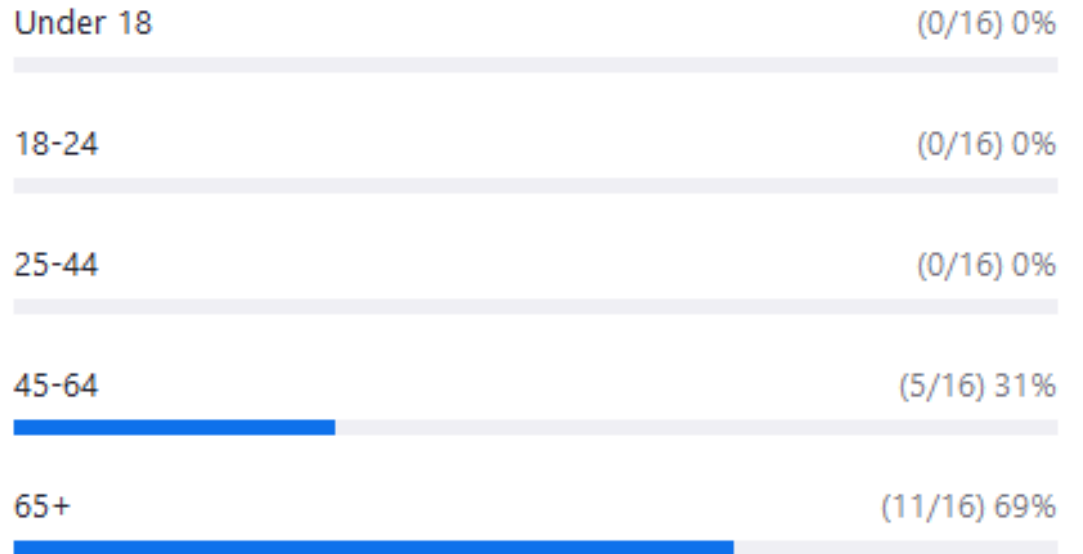


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Please indicate your age range. (Single Choice) *

16/16 (100%) answered



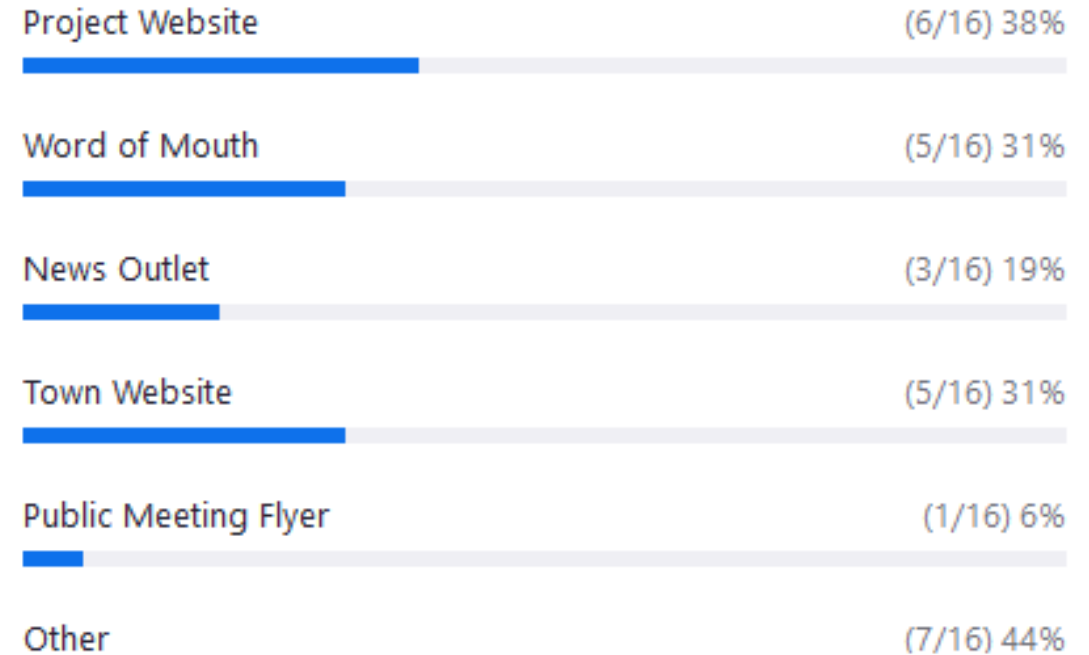


GETTING TO KNOW YOU!



. How did you hear about the Virtual Public Meeting? Select all that apply. (Multiple Choice) *

16/16 (100%) answered





GETTING TO KNOW YOU!



What previous public engagement activities have you participated in? Select all that apply. (Multiple Choice) *

16/16 (100%) answered

This is my first public engagement of this planning effort (6/16) 38%

Public comment submitted through project website (3/16) 19%

Written public comment submitted in person or via mail... (4/16) 25%

Community Survey (5/16) 31%

Public Meeting #2 (6/16) 38%

Public Meeting #1 (4/16) 25%



PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Comprehensive Plan Update
- Schedule
- Public Engagement

1 WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

A Comprehensive Plan is both a vision for the future and a blueprint for how to get there. It creates a future framework for a range of topics such as land use, economic development, infrastructure, and housing. The Comprehensive Plan will identify a vision for the future and outline a series of recommendations and steps to implement the vision.

The planning process is being led by the Halfmoon Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and facilitated by Town staff, and the consultant team, MJ Engineering and Land Surveying.

To learn more visit: planhalfmoon.com

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE (CPUC)

- Richard M. Harris, ACF, Chair
- Jeremy Connor
- Joseph Laffey
- Michael D. Morand
- Lyn Murphy
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- William Herman
- Peter Bardunias

Halfmoon Population: 25,662

Population Growth 2010-2020

| Year | Population | Change | Percentage |
|------|------------|--------|------------|
| 2010 | 23,800 | | |
| 2015 | 24,500 | 700 | 2.9% |
| 2020 | 25,662 | 1,862 | 7.8% |

Age Groups in Halfmoon - Expansion

| Age Group | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0-14 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| 15-24 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| 25-34 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| 35-44 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| 45-54 | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,500 |
| 55-64 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 |
| 65+ | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 |





WHAT IS A COMP PLAN?

Town Law – Article 16 §272-A:

"town comprehensive plan" means the materials, written and/or graphic, including but not limited to maps, charts, studies, resolutions, reports and other descriptive material that identify the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, devices and instruments for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the town located outside the limits of any incorporated village or city.





WHAT IS A COMP PLAN?



- A blueprint for the future of a community
- Broad in nature
- Addresses Community-wide topics
- A document, maps, illustrations that
 - Evaluate the **Current** State
 - Identify the Desired **Future** State
 - Determine **Recommendations**
 - Describe how to **Implement**





A COMP PLAN IS NOT...



- Zoning
 - Town has the authority to regulate land uses through zoning to implement Comprehensive Plan and for public health, safety & welfare
 - Zoning must be in accordance with the adopted Comprehensive Plan
- Parcel Specific
- A venue to address individual projects under review or in the review pipeline





PROJECT APPROACH

Understanding
Where You Are

THE EXISTING STATE



Comprehensive Plan
Report Card

Where Do You
Want To Be?

THE DESIRED STATE



Identifying a Shared Vision
for the Town of Halfmoon

How Do You
Get There?

IMPLEMENTATION



Reality-Based Series of
Implementation Steps





SCHEDULE OF MILESTONES



*Committee Meetings – every other month



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Activities To Date:

- Project Website – www.planhalfmoon.com
- Online comment form
- Farmer's Market Pop-Up (In-person)
- Online Community Survey completed
 - 400 responses
- Open House and Visioning Session (In-person)
 - March 23, 2023



- Public Workshop #2 (In-person)
 - May 25, 2023
- Hard Copy Comment Forms
- Focus Group Meetings (virtual)
 - 6 topics, multiple session (over 50 participants)

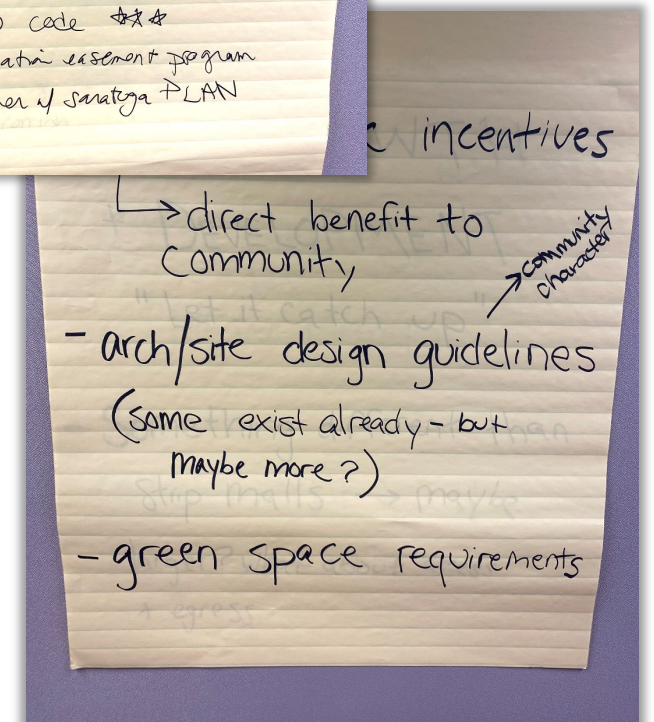
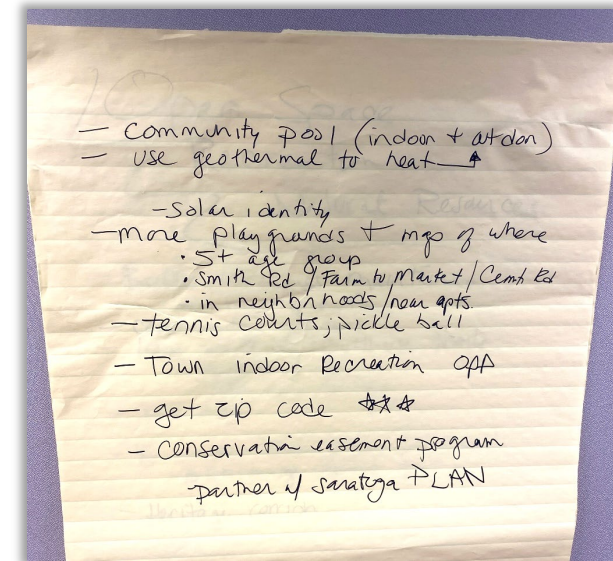




INTRO DRAFT VISION

What is a vision?

- A vision statement establishes the direction of the community over the next 5, 10 or 20 years
- It forms the basis for the comprehensive plan
- All subsequent recommendations aim to achieve the established vision

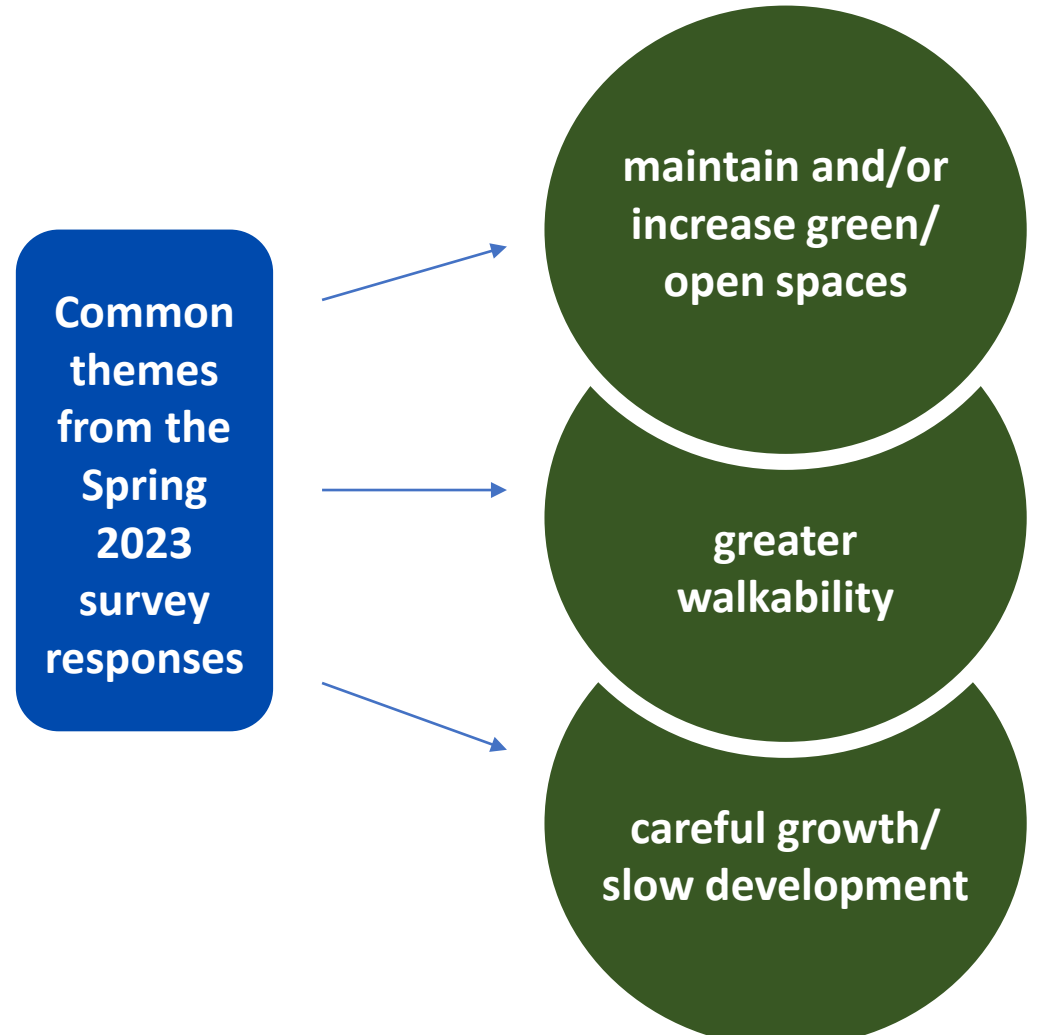




INTRO DRAFT VISION

- Developed by integrating the following input:
 - Public
 - Survey
 - Focus Group Discussions
 - Meetings
 - Comments
 - Committee

Describe your ideal vision of Halfmoon 5 to 10 years from now:





INTRO DRAFT VISION

From Public Meeting #1:

A Vision station provided an opportunity for participants to share their Vision for the Town of Halfmoon over the next 5, 10 and 20 years.

Common themes included:

- High quality of life
- Value of open space
- Traffic concerns
- Affordability



DRAFT VISION

Updated August 2023

The Town of Halfmoon envisions itself as a “lifelong” community, delivering a quality of life that highlights the charm and open space, 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.

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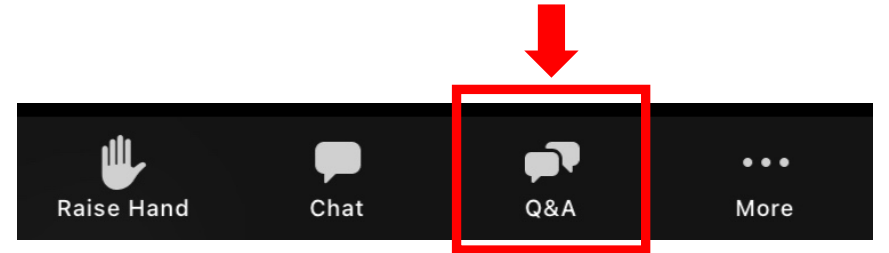
still a
family
community!
magical town



PARTICIPANT POLL

**What key word(s)
resonate most with you
in the draft Vision?**

To share your thoughts, utilize the
“Q & A” function in your Zoom
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PARTICIPANT POLL

What key word(s) resonate most with you in the draft Vision?





DRAFT GOALS

What are Comprehensive Plan Goals?

- Goals assist in achieving the vision
- Developed by integrating Committee and public input
- Committee evaluation of current Comprehensive Plan



DRAFT GOALS

Categories

- 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 Fiscal Sustainability



DRAFT GOALS

Transportation and Mobility

Encourage 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.



DRAFT GOALS

Infrastructure and Community Facilities

Continue to 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.

Maintain 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.



DRAFT GOALS

Housing

Promote 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.





DRAFT GOALS

Quality of Life, Placemaking, and People

Form 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.

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.

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



DRAFT GOALS

History and Culture

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

Recreation

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





DRAFT GOALS

Agriculture, Open Space, and Resiliency

Support 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.





DRAFT GOALS

Economic Growth & Fiscal Sustainability

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





PARTICIPANT POLL

**What are your thoughts
about the draft goals?**



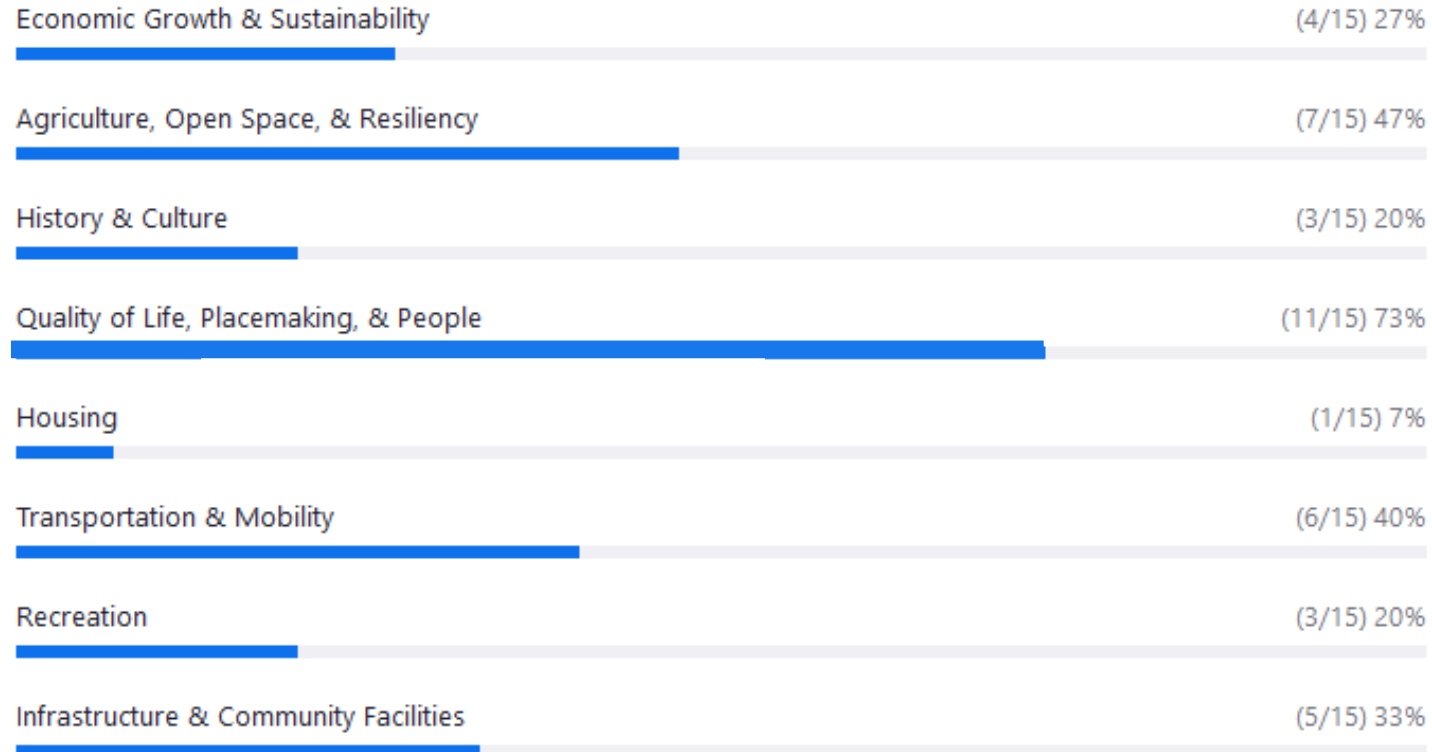


PARTICIPANT POLL

What are your thoughts about the draft goals?

In your opinion, which draft goal(s) are most important to the future of the Town of Halfmoon? (Multiple Choice)

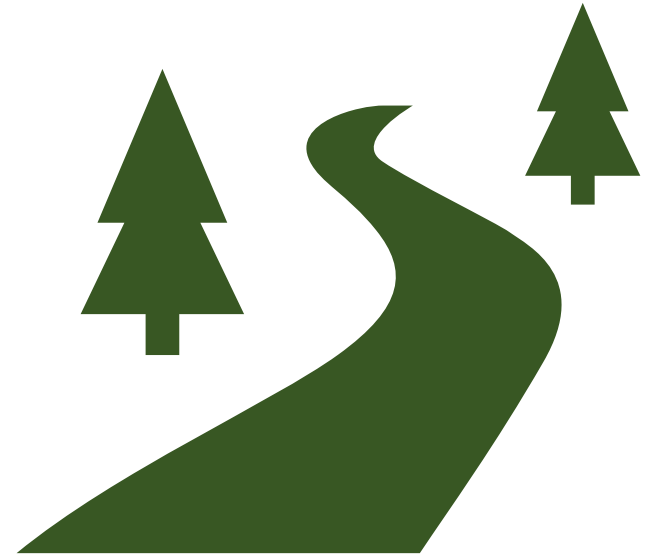
15/15 (100%) answered





FUTURE LAND USE DISCUSSION

- A future land use map is a critical component of the Comprehensive Plan.
- It is not parcel specific but identifies where general types of land uses may occur over the next 10-20 years.
- It helps support the Comprehensive Plan thus supporting future zoning updates but is NOT zoning.
- Example land uses: residential, commercial, industrial, agriculture, etc.





FUTURE LAND USE DISCUSSION

How is the future land use map developed?

- Community input
- Focus group input
- CPUC discussions
- Review of previous planning documents
- Existing conditions evaluation

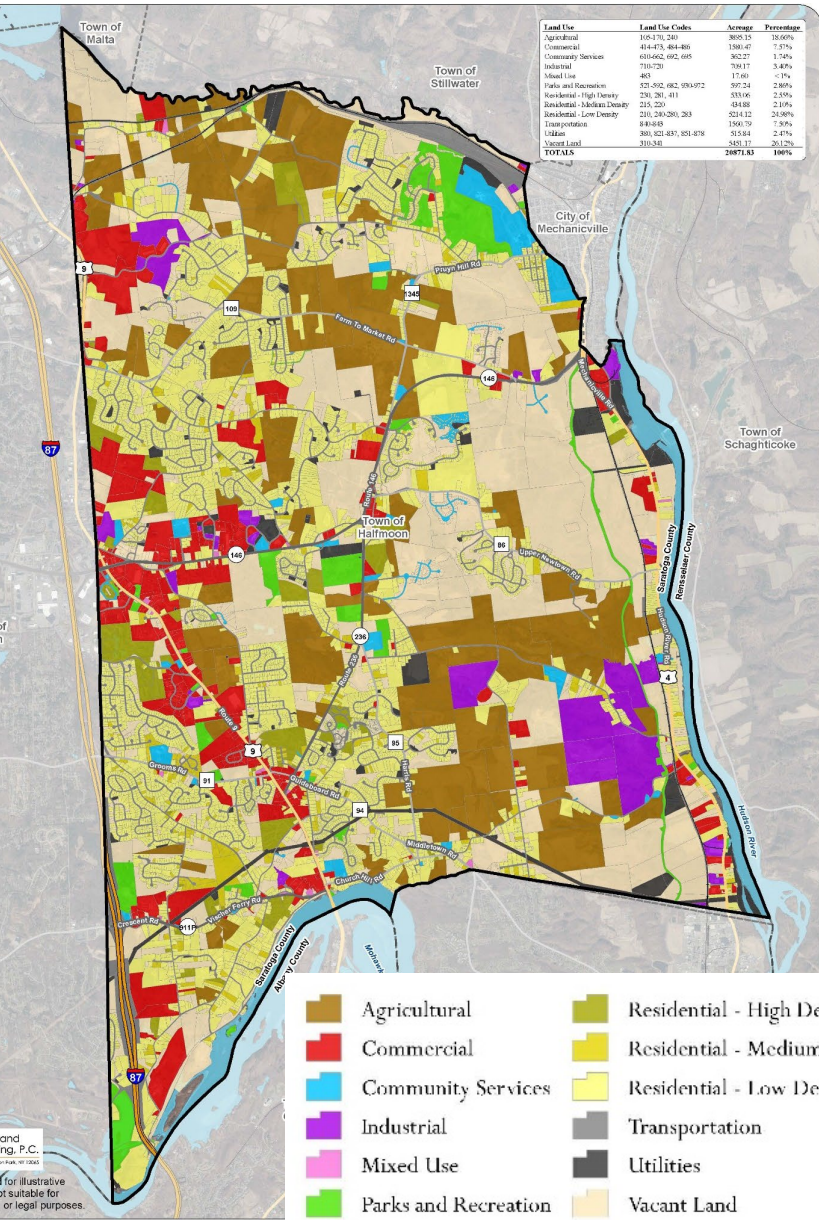


Reminder: A Comprehensive Plan provides a direction for future land uses while the zoning regulates what is allowed on a parcel of land.





FUTURE LAND USE DISCUSSION



Current Land Use Map

- ~25% of land is classified as Residential – Low Density
- ~26% is Vacant
- ~18% is Agricultural
- ~8% is Commercial

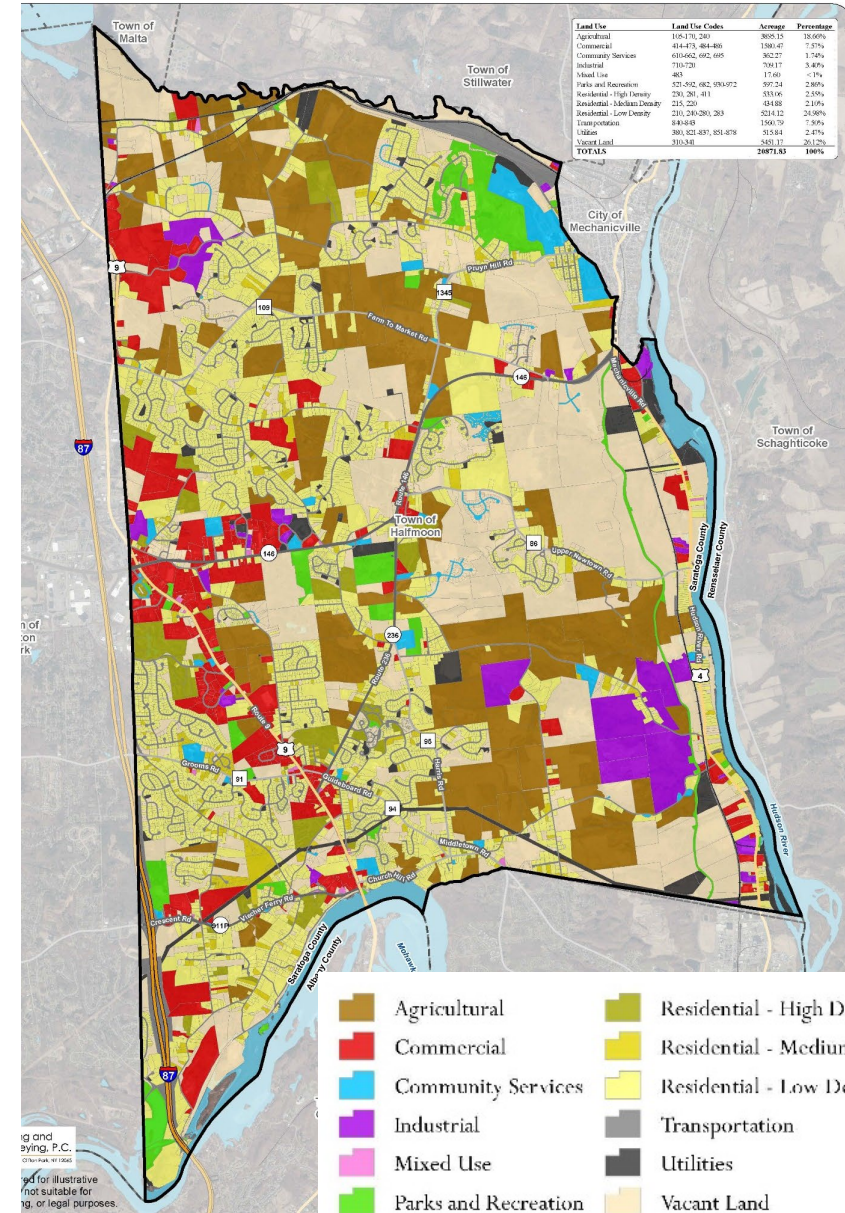
| Land Use | Land Use Codes | Acreage | Percentage |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Agricultural | 105-170, 240 | 3895.15 | 18.66% |
| Commercial | 414-473, 484-486 | 1580.47 | 7.57% |
| Community Services | 610-662, 692, 695 | 362.27 | 1.74% |
| Industrial | 710-720 | 709.17 | 3.40% |
| Mixed Use | 483 | 17.60 | < 1% |
| Parks and Recreation | 521-592, 682, 930-972 | 597.24 | 2.86% |
| Residential - High Density | 230, 281, 411 | 533.06 | 2.55% |
| Residential - Medium Density | 215, 220 | 434.88 | 2.10% |
| Residential - Low Density | 210, 240-280, 283 | 5214.12 | 24.98% |
| Transportation | 840-843 | 1560.79 | 7.50% |
| Utilities | 380, 821-837, 851-878 | 515.84 | 2.47% |
| Vacant Land | 310-341 | 5451.17 | 26.12% |
| TOTALS | | 20871.83 | 100% |



FUTURE LAND USE DISCUSSION

Current Land Uses

- **Commercial uses:**
 - focused on Route 9 and Route 146 (west of Route 9)
- **Industrial uses:**
 - focused Northwest area and Southeast area of Town
- **Residential** generally throughout Town
- **Agricultural** generally throughout Town





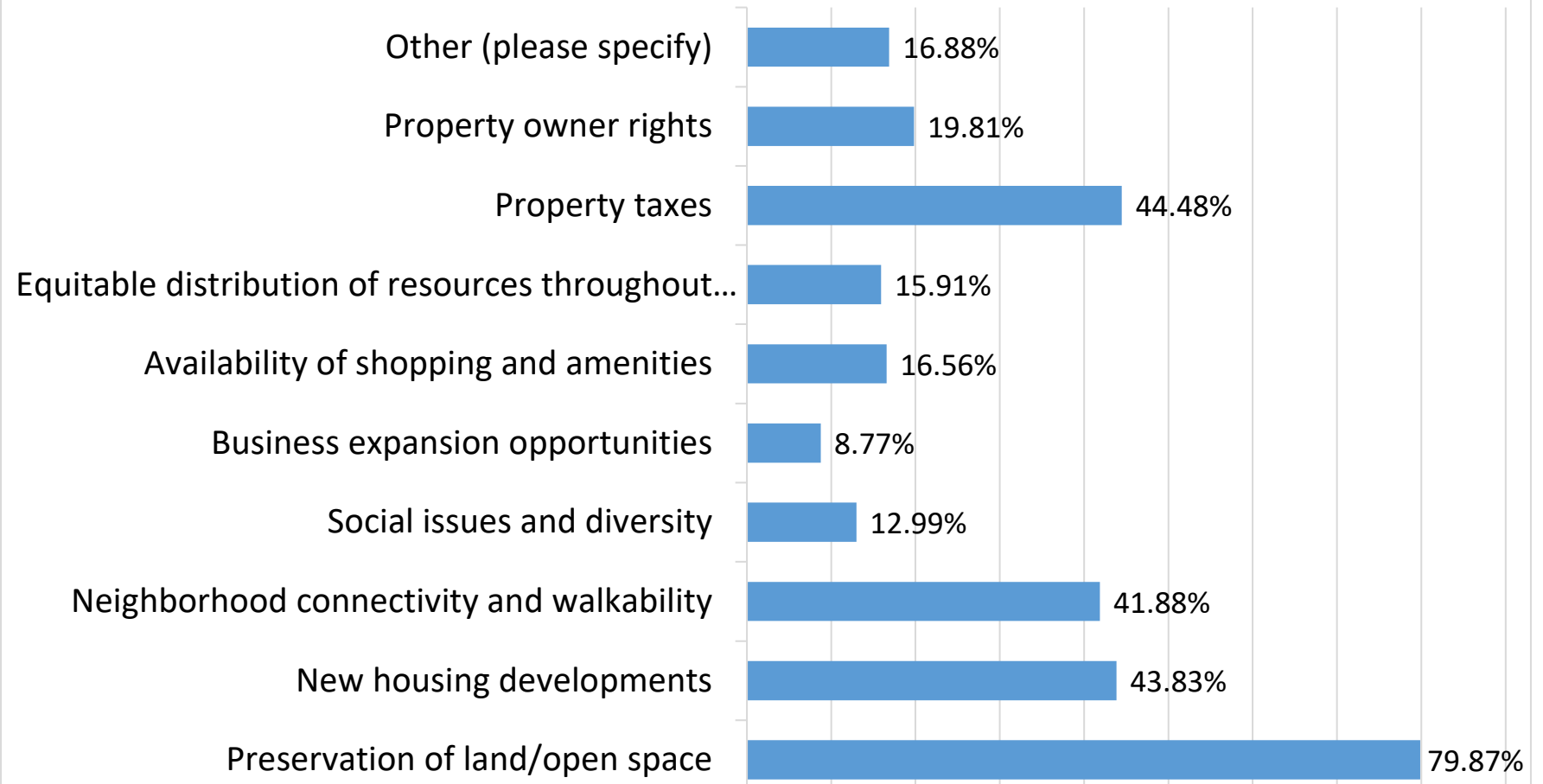
FUTURE LAND USE DISCUSSION

More from
the Survey!

Top 3:

- Preservation of Open Space
- Property Taxes
- New Housing Development

(Q11) What are challenges/concerns facing the Town of Halfmoon, now or in the near future (Select 3)?





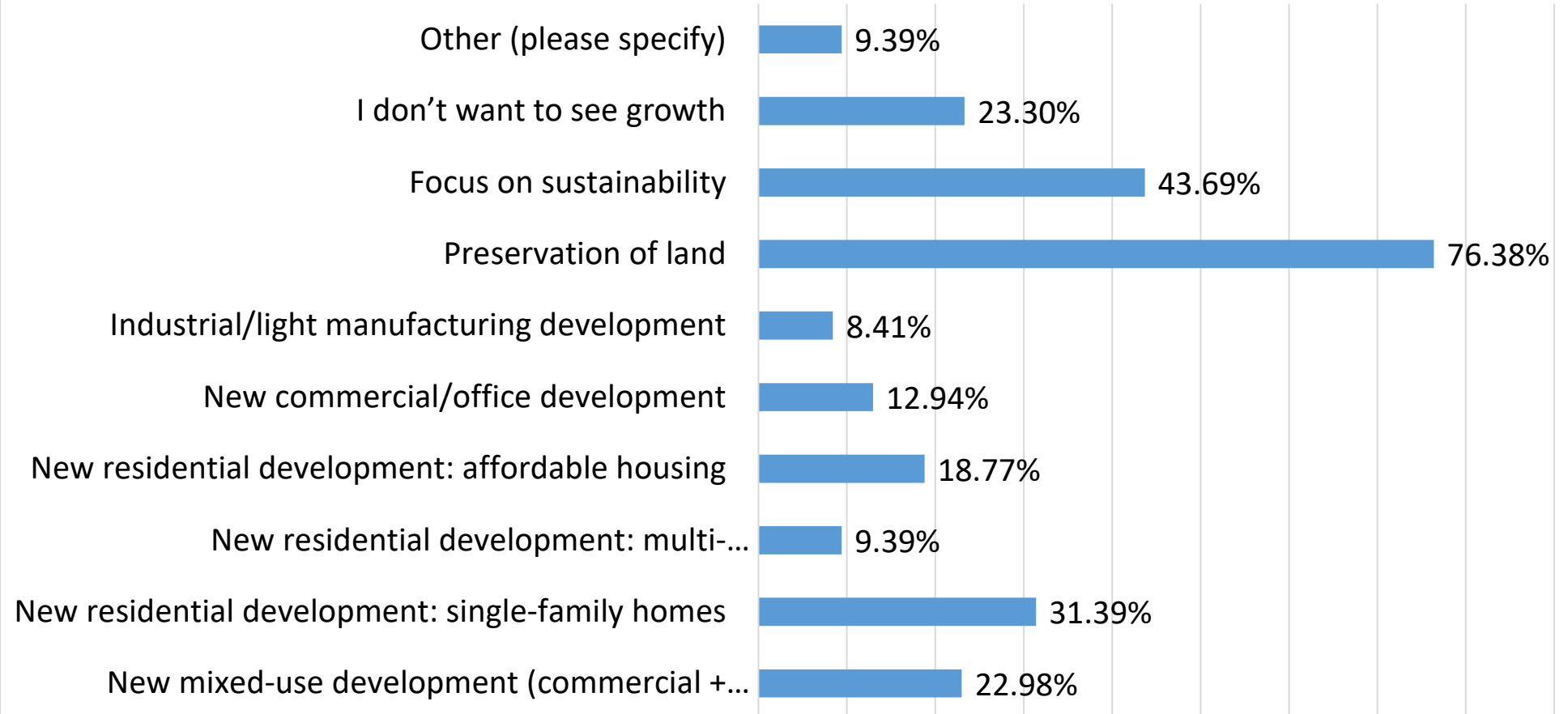
FUTURE LAND USE DISCUSSION

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Top 3:

- Preservation of Land
- Sustainable Growth
- New Residential (single family)

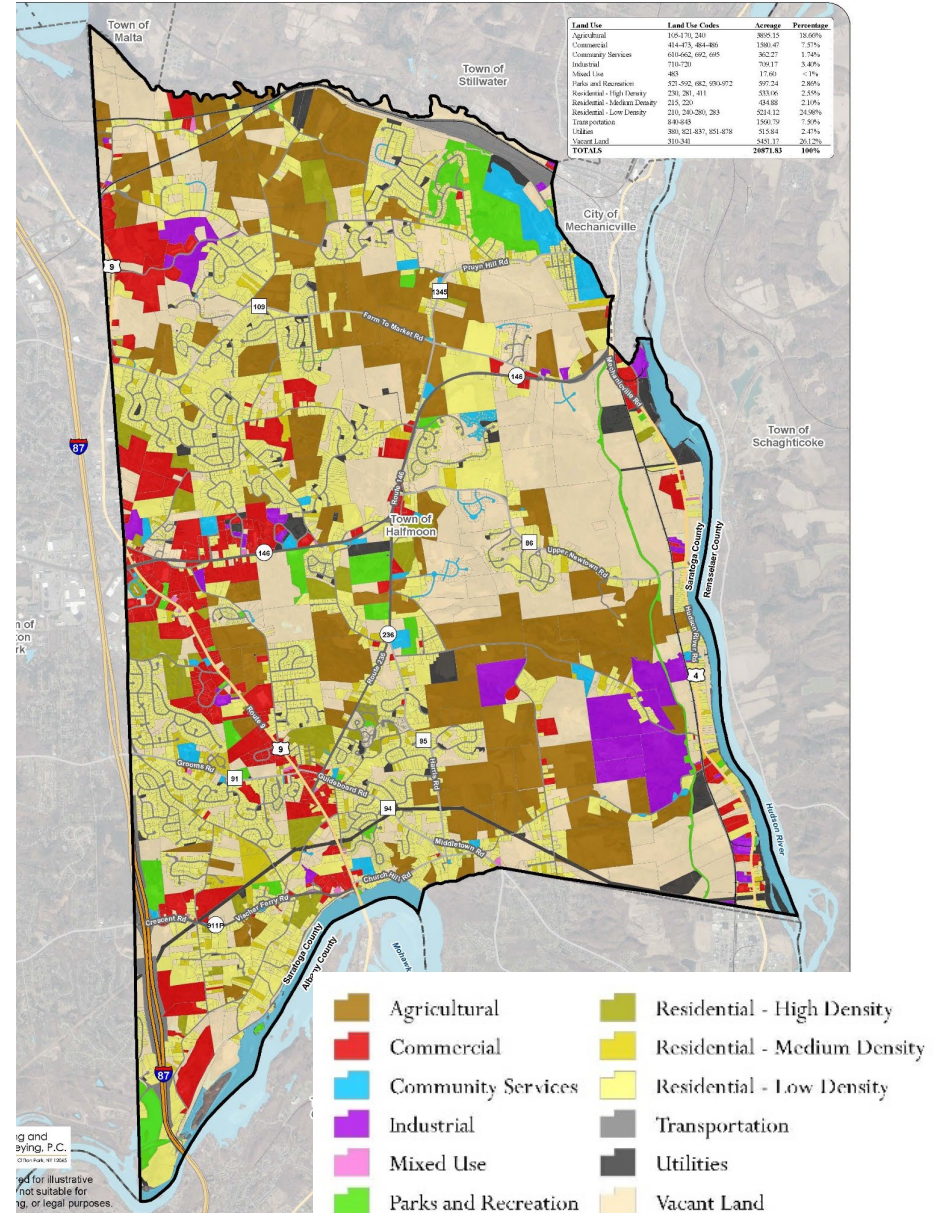
(Q15) What type of future growth would you like to see in Halfmoon in the next 20 years? (Select all that apply.)





PARTICIPANT POLL

What are your thoughts about future land uses?



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PARTICIPANT POLL

What are your thoughts about future land uses?

What land uses do you want to see in Halfmoon in the future?
(Multiple Choice) *

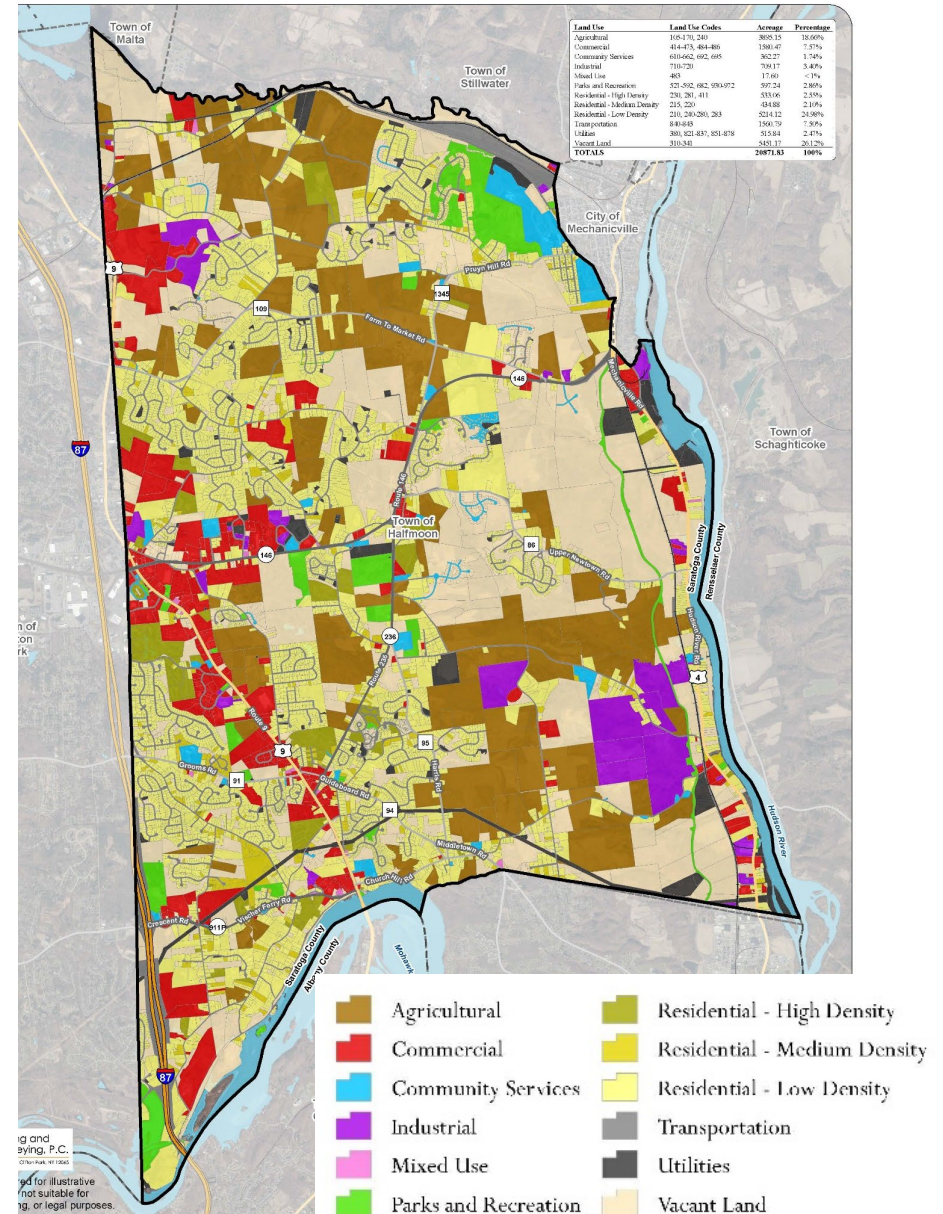
12/12 (100%) answered





FUTURE LAND USE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

Following the meeting, you will be prompted to answer 5 future land use questions. Please share your thoughts!



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NEXT STEPS



- Future Land Use Follow-up Questions after the meeting
- Next Committee Meeting
 - December 7, 2023 @ 6 pm
- Public Workshop #4 – TBD

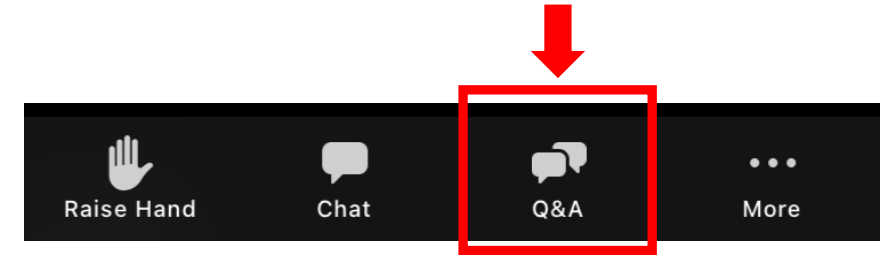
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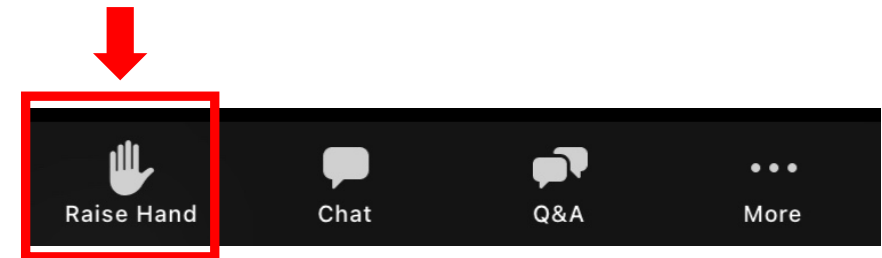


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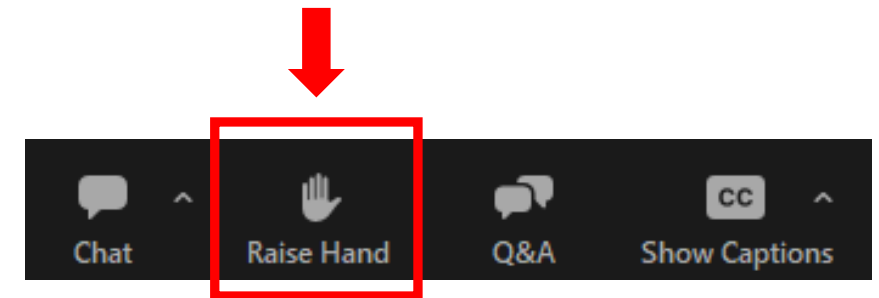
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Q & A

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- Comments will be shared with the Committee

