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**TOWN OF
HALFMOON
COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN UPDATE**



**PUBLIC
MEETING #5**



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WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

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.

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**TOWN OF
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Comprehensive Plan

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Project Area
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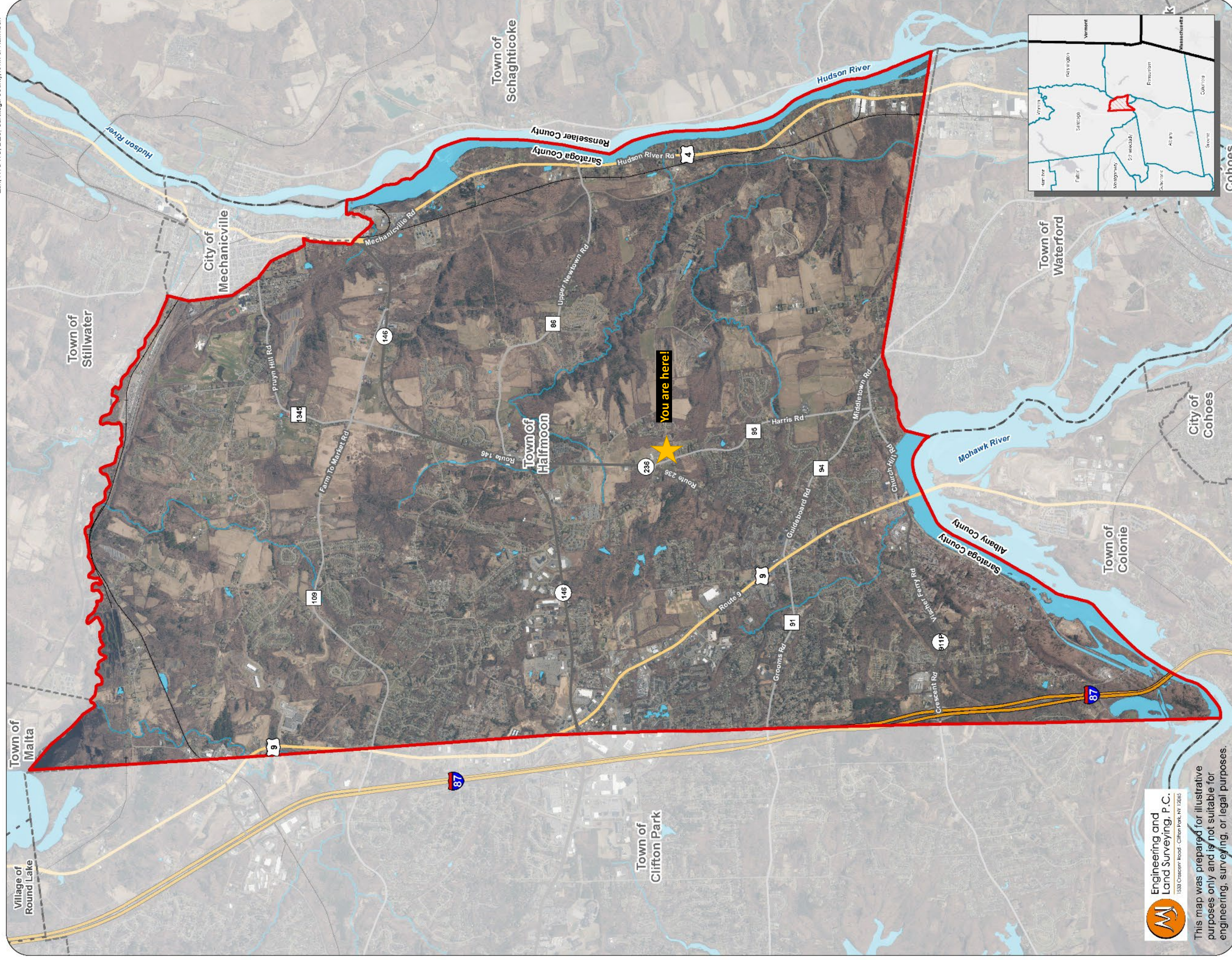
- LEGEND**
- Study Area
 - County Boundary
 - City/Town Boundary
 - Village Boundary
 - Railroad
 - Interstates
 - US Routes
 - State Routes
 - County Routes
 - Water Body
 - River/Stream

Areas of Interest
Primary Study Area - Town of Halfmoon
Estimated Acreage
21,513.00

Scale: 0 0.5 1 Miles



Sources:
Esri, NYS ITS, DEC, Saratoga County, Town of Halfmoon



**Engineering and
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1333 Crandall Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065

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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.



What are Comprehensive Plan Goals?

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



Goal 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**



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Topic-based aligned with goals
- Developed through initial Committee feedback on the current Comprehensive Plan, survey, public meetings, public comments etc.
- Goals and draft recommendations may overlap and be interrelated

Recommendations are *action items* that help to implement the goals



GOALS:

Growth Management: Create a land use management system that mitigates the adverse impacts of 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.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Update streetscape on main routes and important thoroughfares.
- Strengthen and promote access and connectivity between public spaces.
- Identify and market a location for a well-connected public space that supports gatherings, cultural performances, and events.
- Update waterway and trail maps and provide residents and visitors with resources promoting the gems of Halfmoon.
- Consider adopting new Zoning Ordinances or Overlay Districts that encourage or incentivize open space and access to recreation and places of interest through multi-modal access points.



**What other
recommendations
do you have for the
*“Quality of Life,
Placemaking, and
People”* goal
category?**

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GOAL:

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

PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Consider undertaking an inventory of historic sites within the Town in partnership with the Historic Society.
- Promote Halfmoon's historic places through preservation and marketing methods such as signage and markers.
- Develop a formal history trail that emphasizes the historic significance of notable locations in Halfmoon.
- Consider guidelines to protect historic structures and character of historic hamlets in the Town.



What other recommendations do you have for the “*History and Culture*” goal category?

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**GOAL:**

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

PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Continue to maintain and expand opportunities at the Town Park and other Town-owned recreation spaces such as but not limited to a public swimming facility.
- Ensure accessibility to all Town-owned locations that offer recreation space.
- Maintain and promote inclusion and equity efforts in Town sports and recreation programs.
- Update and promote resource-access mapping that assists residents in learning about recreation opportunities in the Town.



What other recommendations do you have for the “*Recreation*” goal category?

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GOAL:

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

PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Continue to encourage and support all manners of businesses, small and large, to establish, stay, and expand in Halfmoon.
- Survey existing business owners about challenges and opportunities.
- Emphasize clean light-industrial/21st Century Industry and locally-owned businesses as staples of the local economy in appropriate areas.



**What other
recommendations do
you have for the
“*Economic Growth
and Sustainability*”
goal category?**

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

GOAL:

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.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Map/Inventory future demands on electricity to help plan for sustainability and resiliency in the future.
- Build partnerships with the Halfmoon-Clifton Park Library to increase access to services and resources.
- Continue to foster a relationship with Town and County Emergency Services during the site development plan review process, building and construction and post-construction processes.
- Construct a Community Center that provides an accessible, common meeting space for community events and meetings.
- Consider incentivizing the undergrounding of private and public utilities lines where appropriate.



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INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES (cont.)



GOAL:

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

PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Prepare water infrastructure replacement plan to replace and upgrade outdated water infrastructure to maintain adequate and reliable service.
- Coordinate with Saratoga County to maintain and upgrade wastewater systems as needed.
- Maintain high standards for required development driven infrastructure improvements.
- Support Green Initiatives where possible.



What other recommendations do you have for the “Infrastructure and Community Facilities” goal category?

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GOAL:

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.

**PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Continue to support new construction and redevelopment of housing town-wide to support growing demand while balancing environmental concerns and growth management efforts.
- Provide optional incentives to builders to provide a mix of housing types (single-family, multi-family, senior, etc.) serving a range of income levels and age groups in areas of Town where infrastructure exists.
- Consider undertaking a housing study of the Town to better understand the community-supported types of housing.



What other recommendations do you have for the “*Housing*” goal category?

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TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

GOAL:

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.



PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Establish and/or maintain pedestrian and bicycle (multi-modal) connections between neighborhoods, open spaces, and recreation spaces through sustainable building practices.
- Continue to support vehicular circulation improvements throughout the Town.
- Prepare a study evaluating major intersections within the Town through collaboration with neighboring municipalities, Saratoga County and the New York State Department of Transportation.
- Incorporate public transportation elements specifically within the Town Plan.
- Continue coordination with local/state/and regional transportation such as but not limited to Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) and Capital Regional Transportation Council (CRTC) to promote existing public transportation options.



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TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

What other recommendations do you have for the “*Transportation and Mobility*” goal category ?

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GOAL:

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.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Offer optional incentive programs to encourage new farm enterprises and support active farms through efforts to maintain operations and lower costs.
- Provide optional incentive programs to conserve open space and habitat.
- Protect and maintain viewsheds of the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers and surrounding ranges.
- Complete a Natural Resource Inventory that identifies natural resources and open spaces within the Town.
- Increase awareness surrounding open spaces, trails, preserves, motorized and non-motorized boat access, etc.
- Develop a working relationship with Saratoga PLAN and other regional organizations/groups to promote practical and creative open space/agricultural uses i.e. agritourism etc.
- Review zoning to ensure consistency with regulations that are compatible with agricultural activities under the Agriculture and Markets Law (AML).



What other recommendations do you have for the “*Agriculture, Open Space, and Resiliency*” goal category?

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The Comprehensive Plan Update will set a direction for community-wide future land uses to support the Vision. While land uses are NOT zoning, future land uses identified in the Comprehensive Plan will serve as a guide for future zoning and other regulations.

Place stickers on the map to indicate where you think the following future land uses are needed and most suitable.



Agricultural



**Recreation /
Parks**



Industrial



**Commercial /
Office**



**Housing /
Residential**



**Commercial
/Retail**



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OTHER THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

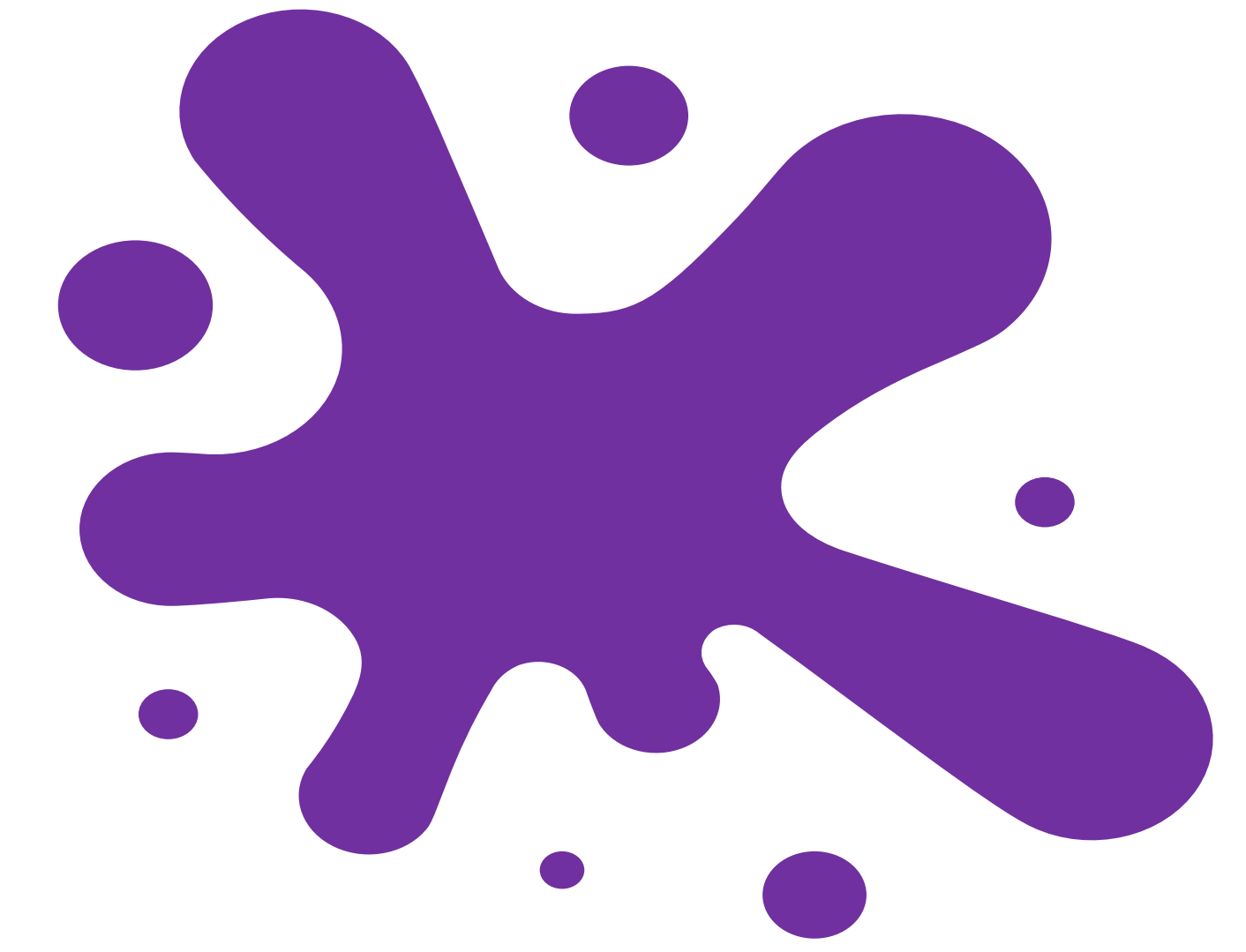
Share any additional thoughts and ideas you have for Halfmoon here!

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