

TOWN OF HALFMOON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Comprehensive Plan
Update Committee (CPUC)

Public Hearing

September 19, 2024

Town Hall



SCHEDULE OF MILESTONES



*CPUC Meetings – Every other month



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROCESS

A Comprehensive Plan is a vision for the future and a blueprint for how to get there. A Comprehensive Plan creates a framework for future decision-making on a range of topics such as land use, economic development, transportation, and housing. The Town of Halfmoon adopted its current Comprehensive Plan in 2003, and the update process will help guide Halfmoon into the future.

The planning process is led by the Town of Halfmoon Comprehensive Plan Update Committee (CPUC) and facilitated by Town Staff and a consultant team led by MJ Engineering.

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

- Rich Harris, AICP – Chair
- Jeremy Connors
- Paul Hotaling
- Lyn Murphy, Esq.
- Steven Kucskar
- Joseph Landy
- Michael D. Morand
- J. Daniel Wojcik
- William Herman
- Peter Bardunias
- Nancy Morris
- Don Roberts
- Deborah Curto



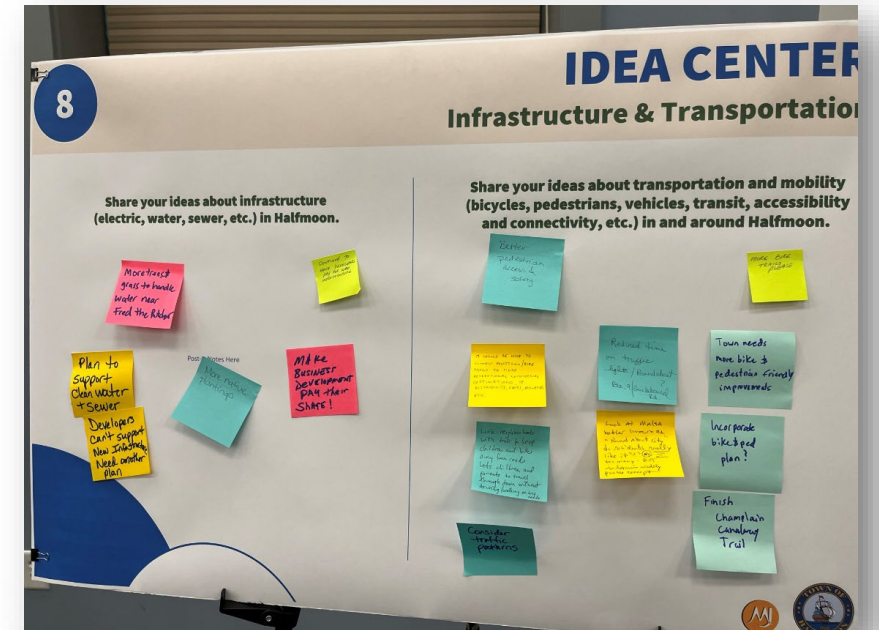
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROCESS

- The Town Board established the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee in 2023
- CPUC Prepared a DRAFT Plan (10 Meetings to date)
 - Public Engagement
- **CPUC Public Hearing (required)** 
- CPUC to advance DRAFT Plan to Town Board for consideration
- Town Board approvals process (required)
 - Public Hearing
 - GML 239-m – County Planning Review; Other Referrals
 - State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ Project Website Comment Portal (www.planhalfmoon.com) – ongoing
- ✓ Farmers Market Pop-Up – March 2023
- ✓ Open House and Visioning Workshop (in-person) – March 2023
- ✓ Community Survey – March to May 2023
- ✓ Public Meeting #2 (in-person) – May 2023
- ✓ Public Meeting #3 (virtual) – November 2023
- ✓ Nine (9) Stakeholder Focus Group Meeting – July 2023 to February 2024
- ✓ Public Meeting #4 (virtual) – March 2024
- ✓ Public Meeting #5 (in-person) – March 2024
- ✓ Business Survey – May to June 2024
- ❑ **Public Meeting #6 / CPUC Public Hearing – September 2024**



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



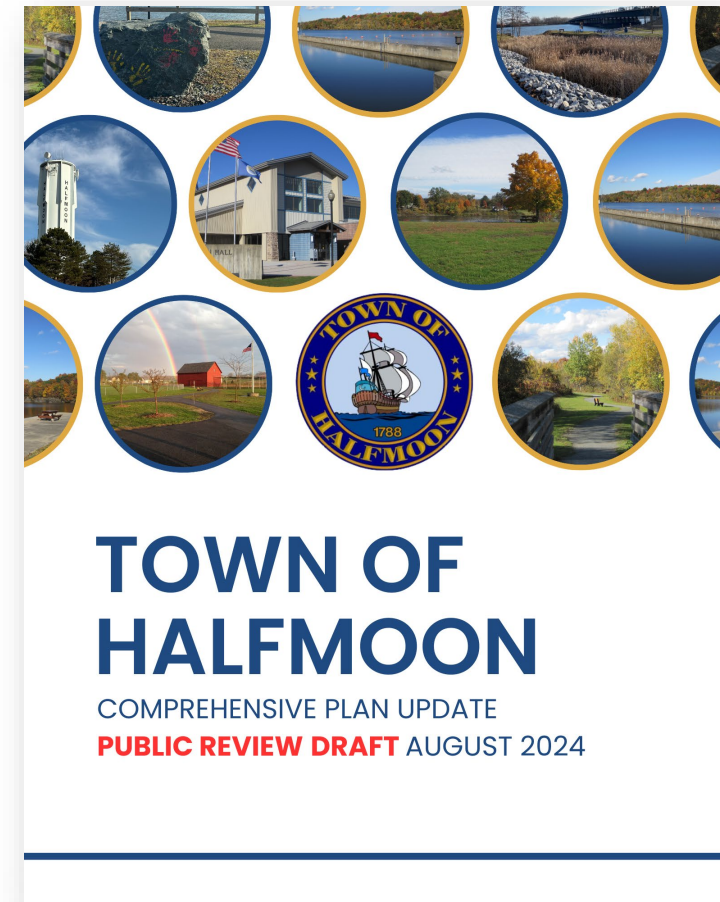
IMPLEMENTATION



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CPUC Draft Available for Public Review on
August 30, 2024

- www.planhalfmoon.com
- Halfmoon Town Hall
- Halfmoon Senior Center
- Clifton Park – Halfmoon Library



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DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A vision statement establishes the direction of the community over the next five, ten, and twenty years. It forms the basis for the Comprehensive Plan and all subsequent recommendations aim to achieve the established vision. The vision below was developed with input gathered from the public at open houses, focus group meetings, committee meetings, and input from the online community survey.

Vision Statement

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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For Each Topic Area

- Goal
- Overview
- Challenges and Opportunities
- Recommendations



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Photo of Champlain Canal Trail

SECTION 3: QUALITY OF LIFE, PEOPLE & PLACEMAKING

GOAL: Growth Management

Continue to implement new tools and concepts in the land use management system that help mitigate the adverse impacts of development, address concerns of conflicting land uses, respond to community needs, and protect and enhance Halfmoon's resources, unique features and quality of life.

GOAL: Town Character

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

GOAL: Civic Duty

Nurture and support the civic environment so that input from Town residents continues to be an integral component of the Town's ongoing planning and implementation process.



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Photo of Crescent Park and Boat Launch

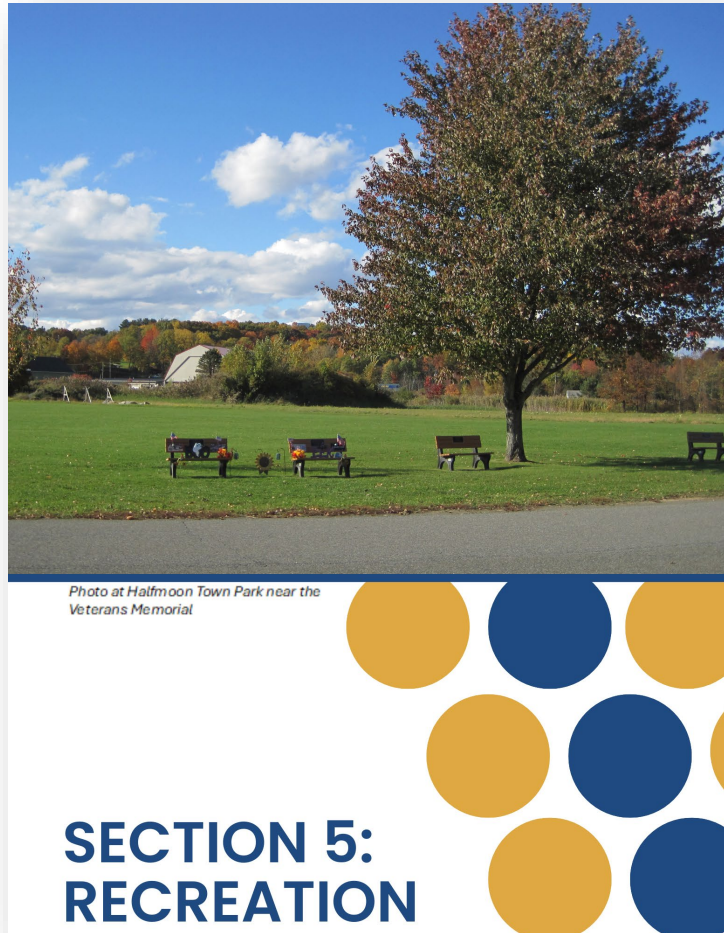
SECTION 4: HISTORY & CULTURE

GOAL: Cultural Resources

Continue to recognize, protect, and celebrate Halfmoon's historic and other cultural resources.



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GOAL: Recreation

Continue to expand the active and passive recreational opportunities for residents to ensure they are accessible and sufficient to meet the growing and future needs of the Town.



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GOAL: Fiscal and Economic Health

Continue to promote diverse economic development that provides goods and services, employment opportunities, and tax revenues in commercial, office, and industrial districts, compatible with the community's character, residential neighborhoods, and vision for the future.



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Photo of Amenities at Zim Smith Trail

SECTION 7: INFRASTRUCTURE & 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 and 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.

GOAL: Utilities

Provide a sustainable 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.



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Photo of the Intersection at Route 9 and
Route 146

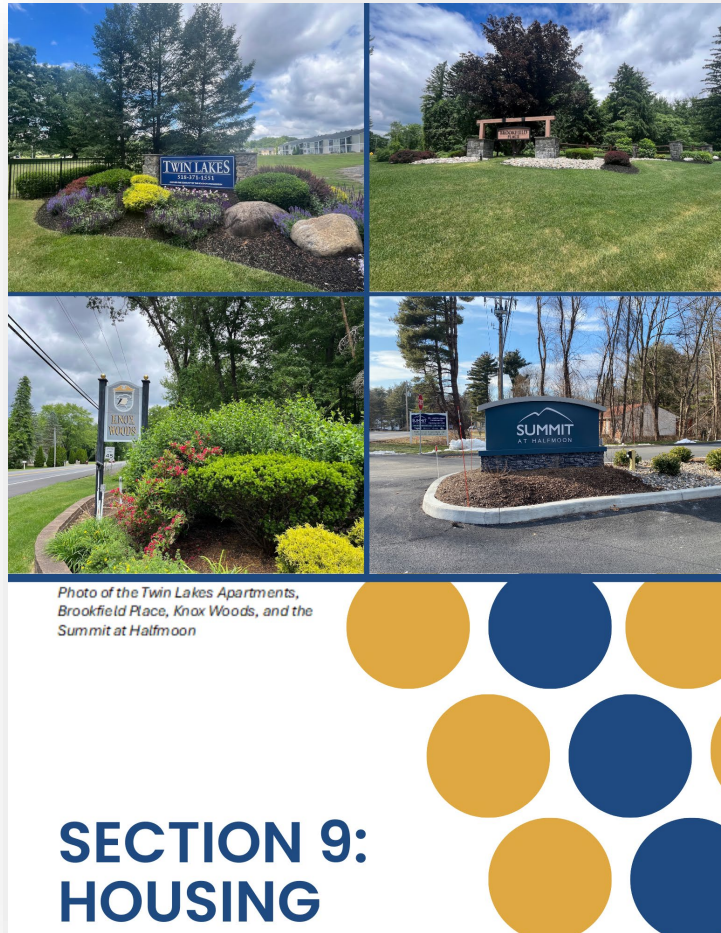
SECTION 8: TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

GOAL: Transportation and Mobility

Continue to provide safe, convenient, and efficient transportation options for people and goods within, through, and around the Town of Halfmoon, which minimizes the impact of traffic on the Town's character and quality of life.



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GOAL: Housing

Continue to provide a balanced blend of quality housing opportunities, including price ranges that are affordable and accessible for all income levels and housing types that consider the needs of older residents, young families (first-time homeowners), and those with disabilities. Continue to 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.



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Photo of Agricultural Land in Halfmoon

SECTION 10: AGRICULTURE, OPEN SPACE & RESILIENCY

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.



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Photo of Halfmoon Town Hall

SECTION 11: GOVERNANCE

Provides recommendations regarding the Town continuing to provide high-quality services and access to resources for all Halfmoon residents.



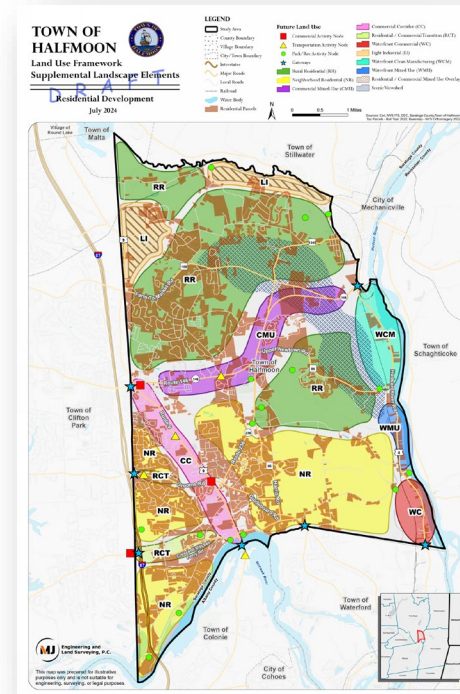
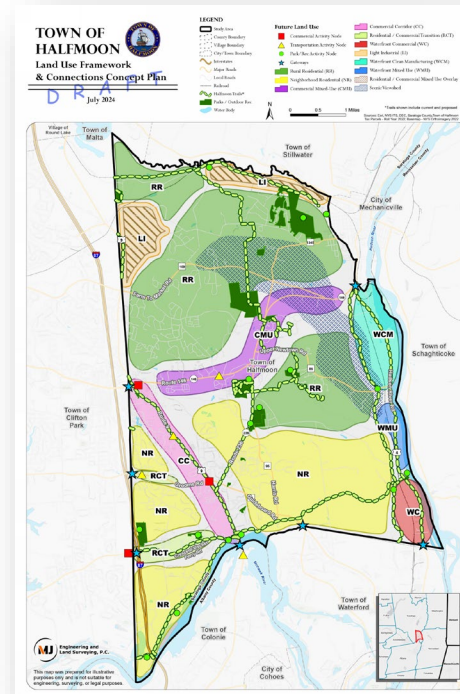
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Photo of Water Storage Tank

SECTION 12: LAND USE FRAMEWORK & CONNECTIONS CONCEPT PLAN

A series of maps reflecting the goals and recommendations outlined within the Comprehensive Plan



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Photo of Public Open House and
Visioning Workshop on March 23, 2023

SECTION 13: IMPLEMENTATION

- Identifies parties involved in the Comprehensive Plan Process
- Includes an Implementation Table that highlights:
 - ✓ Recommendation
 - ✓ Potential Lead and Partners
 - ✓ Potential Funding / Technical Resources
 - ✓ Current Status



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Appendices to Support Plan

Appendix A: Community Profile

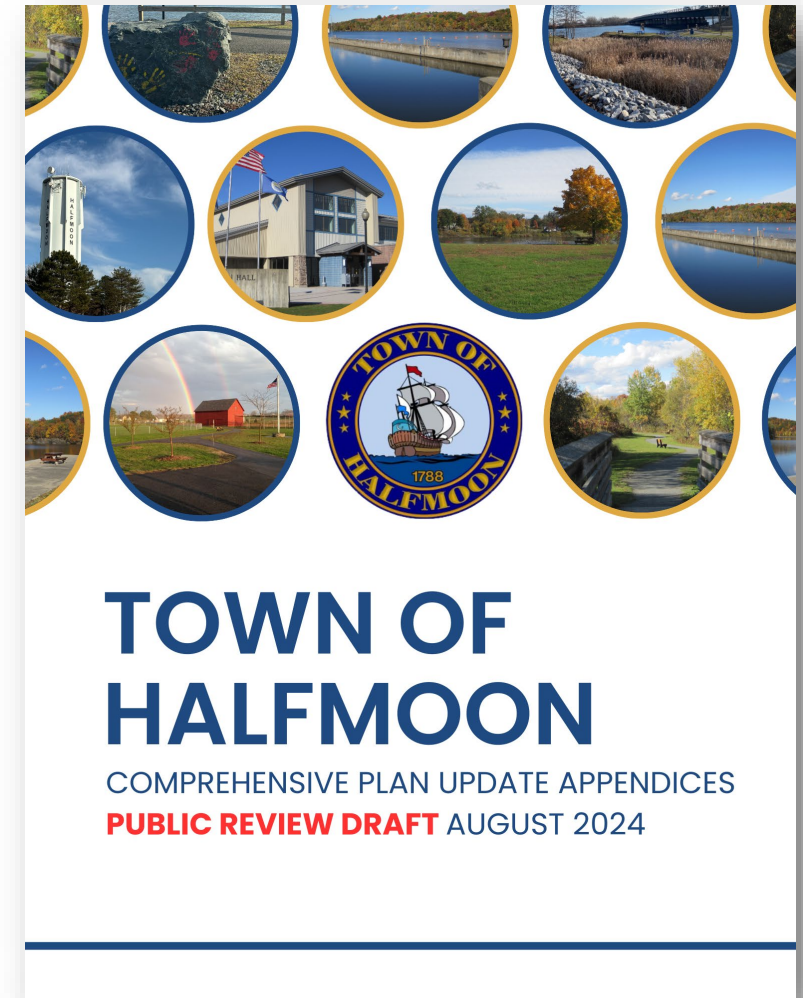
Appendix B: Public Engagement Materials and Summaries

Appendix C: Community Survey Highlights

Appendix D: Focus Group Meeting Highlights

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Appendix F: Committee Materials and Summaries



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