

# TOWN OF HALFMOON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Comprehensive Plan  
Update Committee (CPUC)

Meeting #5

October 25, 2023

Town Hall



# AGENDA



- Welcome
- Project Scope & Schedule Update
- Public Participation Update
- Preliminary Recommendations Discussion
- Future Land Use Exercise
- Next Steps



# SCHEDULE OF MILESTONES

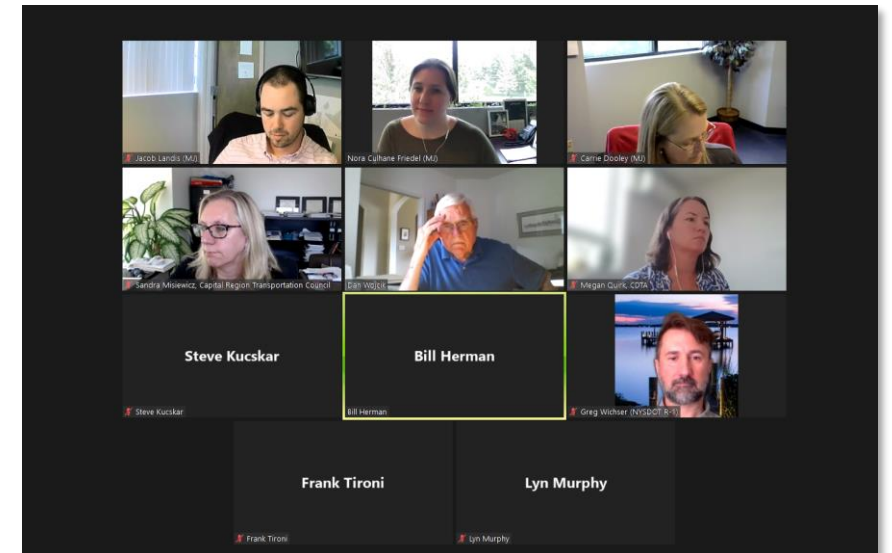


\*CPUC Meetings – Every other month

# 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 31<sup>st</sup>** (10 attendees)
- **Transportation & Infrastructure - July 31<sup>st</sup>** (11 attendees)
- **Local & Regional Partners - August 2<sup>nd</sup>** (14 attendees)
- **Parks, Recreation, & Open Space - August 2<sup>nd</sup>** (9 attendees)
- **Housing & Neighborhood Groups – August 2<sup>nd</sup>** (no attendees)
- **Emergency Services - August 3<sup>rd</sup>** (9 attendees)
- **Emergency Services (2<sup>nd</sup> session) October 5<sup>th</sup>** – (11 attendees)
- **HOA/Neighborhoods (2<sup>nd</sup> session) - TBD**



# EMERGENCY SERVICES

## FEEDBACK

- Ambulances need to be able to keep up with increasing populations.
- Want to remain involved in new development, especially in places that may have higher concentrations of people who use Emergency Services.
- With new developments, EMS will look to work with the Town to understand potential increases in call volume.
- Relationship with the Town and Planning Board has been extremely helpful in 1) forecasting future needs and 2) bringing up concerns and ideas to developers to be proactive.

## CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Fire Department(s) wants to maintain coordination with the Planning Board and Site Review and holding developers to strong standards.
- Traffic light control systems are not currently available but would be impactful
- Continue to update water infrastructure





# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

## Public Workshop #3: Vision, Goals & Future Land Use

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

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

Date:  
November 13<sup>th</sup>

# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE



The flyer features a background image of a red barn and a rainbow over a landscape. It includes three circular inset images: a lake, a field, and a close-up of a field. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner, with a QR code and website information at the bottom.

**TOWN OF HALFMOON**  
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

**November 13, 2023**  
Virtual via Zoom  
5:00 - 6:30 PM

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP #3**

Join the Town and the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee to discuss the Update process! The interactive workshop will provide an opportunity for attendees to hear about the planning process, as well as introduce a draft vision, goals, and discuss future land use. Register to attend the Zoom meeting at project website.



For more information, visit [www.PlanHalfmoon.com](http://www.PlanHalfmoon.com)



## Format:

- Virtual with presentation by consultant team
- Interactive public polls throughout
- Q&A

## Publicity:

- Town: will distribute a press release
- Consultant team: will send out email blasts and make flyers available
- CPUC: to assist with promotion
  - Not required to attend but welcome to!

# PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Team is continuing to prepare and are derived from 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!

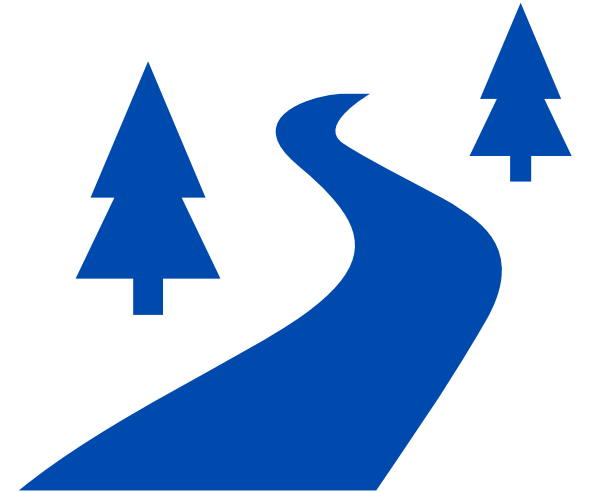




# FUTURE LAND USE EXERCISE

## What is a Future Land Use Map?

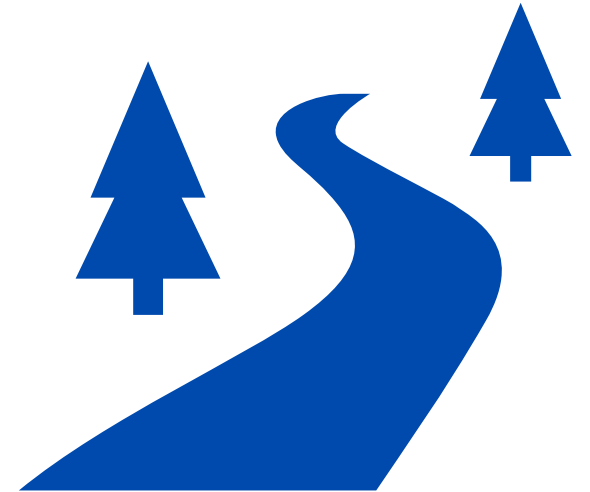
- Graphic and written representation of potential future land uses
- Provides framework and direction for future land use regulations and decision making in the community
- Reflects vision for the community in the future



# FUTURE LAND USE EXERCISE

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.**



# FUTURE LAND USE EXERCISE

Where should additional commercial and/or residential development take place? What type?

## From the survey!

- 75% would like to see the **preservation of land in Halfmoon.**
- 44% would like to see a greater focus on **sustainability.**
- 8% want to see more **industrial/light manufacturing development.**
- The common theme from the “Other” category is for **slow/careful growth.**

## From the survey!

- 35% would prefer “**low-density residential development of single-family housing**”.
- 33% would prefer a “**mix of housing types and price points...individuals and families...variety of income levels**”.
- The common responses in the “Other” category are: **none and affordable senior housing.**

# FUTURE LAND USE EXERCISE

Where can public recreation spaces be improved, and connections made?  
Should agricultural lands be protected in this area of Town?

## From Public Meeting #2!

- Conservation easement programs
- Long walking and multi-use trails

## From the survey!

- 73% of respondents value access to outdoor recreation
- Access to local businesses at a close second.



# FUTURE LAND USE EXERCISE

What should occur at gateways?

## From the survey!

- Respondents, expressed concerns over the changing character of Halfmoon (ex. Less rural, “becoming Clifton Park”)

## From Public Meeting #2!

- Local branding and identity
- Traffic calming techniques
- Route 9 studies





# FUTURE LAND USE EXERCISE

Where should additional **commercial** development take place? What type?

Where should additional **residential** development take place? What type?

Where can public recreation spaces be improved?

Where should connections be made?

Should agricultural lands be protected in particular areas of the Town?

What should occur at the gateways?



# NEXT STEPS



- Draft Community Profile
- Public Meeting #3 (virtual)
  - Monday, November 13, 2023 – 5:00 PM
- Next Committee Meeting
  - Thursday, December 7, 2023 – 6:00 PM

