



TOWN OF HALFMOON

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
APPENDIX B: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
MATERIALS AND SUMMARIES

PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT AUGUST 2024



MEETING SUMMARY

PURPOSE: Public Open House & Visioning Workshop
DATE/TIME: March 23, 2023, 6:00-8:00 PM
LOCATION: Halfmoon Town Hall, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, Halfmoon, NY 12065

Agenda Item	Discussion
<p>Overview</p>	<p>The Town of Halfmoon has initiated an update to its existing Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted in 2003. The Comprehensive Plan will provide a blueprint for long-range planning in the community.</p> <p>On Thursday, March 23, 2023, the first public open house and visioning workshop for the Halfmoon Comprehensive Plan Update was held. The event took place at Halfmoon Town Hall from 6:00-8:00 PM. Over 40 residents, property owners, business owners, and other stakeholders participated in the event.</p> <p>The open house format allowed participants to informally walk through eleven (11) activity stations to learn about the project at their own pace and provide their input and ideas. A Participant Guide was provided to attendees to guide them through the various stations.</p> <p>The activity stations included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Station 1 – Project Overview • Station 2 – Community Profile • Station 3 – Community Vision • Station 4 – Challenges & Opportunities • Station 5 – Places We Gather • Station 6 – Serving the Generations • Station 7 – Getting Around Town • Station 8 – Idea Station • Station 9 – Kids Corner • Station 10 – Take the Survey • Station 11 – Other Thoughts and Ideas

<p style="text-align: center;">Overview (Cont'd)</p>	<p>Additionally, participants had the opportunity to speak with Town staff, CPUC members and the Project Team and also, share written ideas and/or comments on comment cards.</p> <p>Workshop materials are provided as attachments to this summary. Attachments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participant Guide for Activity Stations • Open House Stations <p>Common themes arising from all input received include: (in no particular order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desire for a more walkable and bikeable community • Value of open space and agriculture to the community • Concerns about housing type and affordability • Vehicle safety and traffic mitigation efforts • Concerns about future development
<p style="text-align: center;">Activity Station 1: What is a Comprehensive Plan?</p>	<p>This station provided information about the Comprehensive Plan Update. This station provided context about the purpose of a Comprehensive Plan and the roles of the consultant team, Town staff, and the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee (CPUC). CPUC members were identified by name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard M. Harris, AICP (Chair) • Jeremy Connors • Paul Hotaling • Steven Kucskar • Joseph Landy • Michael D. Morand • Lyn Murphy • J. Daniel Wojcik • William Herman • Peter Bardunias • Nancy Morris • Deborah Curto • Donald Roberts
<p style="text-align: center;">Activity Station 2: Halfmoon Town Demographics and Mapping</p>	<p>This station provided an overview of Town demographics and growth trends. Town population, population growth, and age group percentages were displayed in tables, accompanied by a brief narrative highlighting notable data from the tables.</p> <p>Four (6) maps were displayed at this station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Area • Zoning • Land Use • Parks, Recreation, and Conserved Land • Historic Resources

**Activity Station 2:
Halfmoon Town
Demographics and
Mapping
(Cont'd)**

- Environmental Constraints

The Project Area map depicted the boundary of the Town of Halfmoon, showing neighboring municipalities, indicating the overall amount of acreage in the Town.

The Zoning map depicted the current zoning of all parcels within the Town, using different colors to indicate different zoning districts. Agricultural districts were also included on this map, denoted by diagonal crosshatching.

The Land Use map depicted current land use types within the Town based on tax parcel data. Different colors represented the various forms of land use within the Town.

The Parks, Recreation, and Conserved Land map depicted local and State parks located within the Town, as well as outdoor recreation areas such as golf courses. Conserved lands such as the Ushers Road State Forest were also depicted on this map.

The Historic Resources map depicted locations in the Town. The map included National Register Historic Districts and National Register Historic Buildings.

The Environmental Constraints map depicted areas of steep slopes, wetlands, and flood zones within the Town, and included acreage figures for each. An explanatory note was included beneath the map, stating that the mapped environmental constraints play a role in determining appropriate land uses.

<p>Activity Station 3: What's your Vision?</p>	<p>The Vision station provided an opportunity for participants to share their Vision for the Town of Halfmoon over the next 5, 10 and 20 years.</p> <p>Common themes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High quality of life • Value of open space • Traffic concerns • Affordability <p>Ideas expressed through this exercise include (in no particular order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable for all income levels • Still a friendly community! With affordable homes. • Peaceful • Lots of space for wildlife and plants. • Neighborly • Preserve open space. • Explore approaches to keep views. • Inclusive • Maintain quality of life • We need to work on infrastructure before more apartments. • Low crime • Sound barrier for 87 • Respect "Old Halfmoon" • ADA trail access! • Less traffic!
<p>Activity Station 4: Challenges & Opportunities</p>	<p>This station encouraged participants to share their insight about challenges and opportunities for the Town.</p> <p>Common challenges and concerns raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic and speed control throughout Halfmoon • Increase in development in Town • Loss of wildlife and habitat <p>Challenges identified by participants include (in no particular order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make rt 9 a boulevard. • Make state routes walkable. • Too many new houses, habitat is being destroyed. • Maintain farmland. • Traffic Grooms Road to Crescent. • End of Betts traffic light. • don't allow overdevelopment. • Traffic light Stone Quarry & Route 9.

**Activity Station 4:
Challenges &
Opportunities
(Cont'd)**

- Traffic light timing
- Reduce the speed limit on Rt 9 from Crescent Bridge to Rt 236.
- Too many people relying on non-native turf grasses and decorative plantings, not enough native plants available locally.
- No more over developing.
- CDTA Prescence...?
- Leave the steep slopes alone they can never be developed.
- Limit lighting on commercial, avoid flood lights.
- Water issues.
- Need cell phone towers.
- No more variances, rules are made for a reason.
- No more development- no land left for the wildlife.
- Rush hour traffic.
- Can the existing Post Office handle growth?
- Can the existing schools handle growth?

Common opportunities and strengths raised included:

- Halfmoon community identity
- Walkable and linked Greenspaces
- Grocery and Food retailers

Opportunities and strengths identified by participants include (in no particular order):

- More walkable greenspace (2).
- Northwest corridor park!
- Our people
- Lots of opportunities for native plants.
- There is still a lot of underdeveloped area- it should all be protected for plants & animals.
- Grocery store (3).
- Link neighborhoods with a town trail system.
- Our own zip code (3).
- A restaurant.
- More shopping.
- A Halfmoon post office.

<p>Activity Station 5: Places We Gather</p>	<p>Participants used stickers representing a variety of activities to identify the places they gather in the community and what they are doing there. The activities represented education, religious & spiritual, shopping, recreation, socializing, dining, and neighborhood.</p> <p>The following highlights locations for where attendees gather most:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shopping: largely clustered along the Route 9 corridor between the intersection of Route 9 and Route 146 to the southern boundary of Halfmoon at the river. • Dining: located along Route 9 and the northeast corner of the Town near the Fairways of Halfmoon/ Hank Hudson Brewing. • Socializing: Clustered around Route 9 Corridor and the Fairways of Halfmoon golf course. • Recreation: Spread throughout each corner of the Town. Ushers State Forest, Zim Smith Trail, the Hudson Riverfront, and Crescent Park/ river walking trail • Neighborhood: Clusters of respondents from neighborhoods located centrally in the town (Knox Woods and developments near Pruyn Hill Road and Farm to Market Road intersection)
<p>Activity Station 6: Serving the Generations</p>	<p>This station encouraged participants to share their insight about generational needs. Generations tend to share similar characteristics and have similar needs for services, housing, shopping, learning, healthcare, transportation. The generations are categorized by birth year and include Traditionalists or Silent Generation: Born 1945 and before; Baby boomers: Born 1946- 1964; Generation X: Born 1965- 1980; Millennials or Generation Y: Born 1981- 1995; and Generation Z: Born after 1996.</p> <p>Common theme identified in multiple generations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A variety of service-based businesses are needed <p>Traditionalists or Silent Generation: Born 1945 and before:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handy people to do work, lawn care. • More transportation for seniors. <p>Baby boomers: Born 1946- 1964:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full-sized supermarket on this side of Rt 9. • Group activity opportunities for ages 60+ <p>Generation X: Born 1965- 1980:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grocery store • School in Halfmoon • Preservation of habitat <p>Millennials or Generation Y: Born 1981- 1995;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>Generation Z: Born after 1996;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

<p>Activity Station 7: Getting Around Town</p>	<p>Participants were asked to identify on a map where they walk, bike, or use public transportation by affixing stickers with icons representing each travel mode.</p> <p><i>The following highlights areas in the Town that were most identified with each mode of travel:</i></p> <p>Walking: Dispersed throughout the Town, mostly neighborhoods and designated trails.</p> <p>Biking: Dispersed widely around the Town – share similar locations with where people identified their neighborhoods, walking locations, and recreation.</p> <p>Public Transportation: No stickers were placed for public transportation</p>
<p>Activity Station 8: Idea Station</p>	<p>At the Idea Center, participants were asked to share ideas about a variety of topic areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhoods & Housing • History & Recreation • Infrastructure & Transportation • Economic Development & Agriculture <p><i>Themes in Neighborhoods and Housing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development concerns • Variety of housing types <p><i>Input received about Halfmoon’s community character, neighborhoods, and housing types include (in no particular order):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish ½ acre minimum lot size for new developments. • Apartment moratorium • Branding assets of Halfmoon • A variety of housing types, something that works for all. • Sewer on Stone Quarry & Plank Rd. • Less development, preserve habitats for plants and animals. • State money now for workforce housing why not explore near far gated neighborhoods, senior housing interspersed with McMansions. • All future developments with pools should also have kiddie pools- no babies in adult pools. • Reduce development. <p><i>Themes in History and Recreation include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand programing and tourism plan • Greater emphasis of historical resources

Activity Station 8: Idea Station (Cont'd)

Input received about History and Recreation include (in no particular order):

- Trail by Rt 9 bridge.
- Walking tours
- Tourism plan that focuses on history & attractions.
- Community center- wellness activities, too many big gyms in Clifton Park.
- Disc golf.
- Riding dirt bikes keeping an eye out for the sheriffs.
- Working on a dairy farm on Upper Newton Rd.
- I love the history of Halfmoon.
- The historic CP Hotel is a prime example of demolition by neglect by the owner.
- Get museum at Mech Hydro
- Keep history alive in Halfmoon.

Themes in infrastructure include:

- Infrastructure needs to keep up with development
- Urge developer involvement in mitigation/ improvements to infrastructure

Input received about infrastructure include (in no particular order):

- Continue to have developers pay for new infrastructure.
- Plan to support clean water & sewer.
- Developers can't support new infrastructure, need a new plan.
- Make business development pay their share!
- More native plants.
- More trees & grass to handle water near Fred the Butcher.

Themes in transportation and mobility include:

- Increase bike and pedestrian amenities
- Emphasis on bike and pedestrian safety
- Traffic concerns

Input received about transportation and mobility (bicycles, pedestrians, vehicles, transit, accessibility and connectivity, etc.) include (in no particular order):

- More bike trails.
- Better pedestrian access & safety.
- Consider traffic patterns.
- Finish Champlain Canalway Trail.
- Bike & pedestrian plan.
- Town needs more bike and pedestrian friendly improvements.
- Reduced time at traffic lights / roundabout Rt 9.

<p>Activity Station 8: Idea Station (Cont'd)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be nice to connect pedestrian/bike trails to more recreational commercial destinations (2). <p>Themes in economic development include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grocery store (only comment) <p>Input received about economic development (retail, commercial, business) include (in no particular order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grocery store <p>Themes in Agriculture include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preservation of agricultural land • Sustainable agricultural practices <p>Input received about Agriculture include (in no particular order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy development rights from farmers. • Community garden. • Preserving farmland helps farmers to keep their livelihood. • Explore alternate land to use for solar, library, farm. • Lost the agricultural base, what are we doing to keep it? • Support solar farms on vacant lands in order to counter endless speculation and suburban sprawl which is destroying Halfmoon
<p>Activity Station 9: Kids Corner</p>	<p>This was a place for kids to be creative and share their ideas.</p>
<p>Activity Station 10: Take the Survey</p>	<p>The station included a tablet enabling participants to take the online community survey. Which is available at:</p> <p>https://www.research.net/r/Halfmoon</p>
<p>Activity Station 11: Other Thoughts and Ideas</p>	<p>This station included an opportunity for any additional thoughts and ideas. No members of the public posted on the Board.</p>
<p>Input Provided on Written Comment Cards</p>	<p>In addition to gathering input via maps and station boards, participants had the opportunity to provide input on written comment forms.</p>

This meeting summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and input received. Please forward any additions, corrections and/or questions to my attention.

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cc: Consultant Team, CPUC, Town Planning Department

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**OPEN
HOUSE &
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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 and Land Surveying P.C.

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Town Of Halfmoon

DEMOGRAPHICS

Halfmoon Population: 25,662

Source: US Census (2020)

Population Growth 2010-2020

	2010	2020	2010-2020 % Change	Population Difference
Town of Halfmoon	21,535	25,662	19.2%	4,127
Saratoga County	219,607	235,509	7.2%	15,902
New York State	19,378,102	20,201,249	4.2%	823,147



- Halfmoon's population grew by 4,127 people between the 2010 and 2020 US Census counts.
- The percentage increase in population (19.2%) was significantly higher than the rate for NY State.

Age Groups in Halfmoon - Comparison

	Under 5 Years	School Age 5-17	College Age 18-24	Young Adult 25-44	Adult 45-64	Older Adult 65+
Town of Halfmoon	5.7%	14.5%	6.8%	27.5%	29.7%	15.7%
New York State	5.7%	15.2%	9.0%	27.2%	26.3%	16.5%
U.S.	5.9%	16.6%	9.2%	26.5%	25.6%	15.9%



- Halfmoon has a lower percentage of college-age residents than NY State and the nation.
- Halfmoon has a higher percentage of its population in the 45-64 age category than the State and nation.



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Project Area



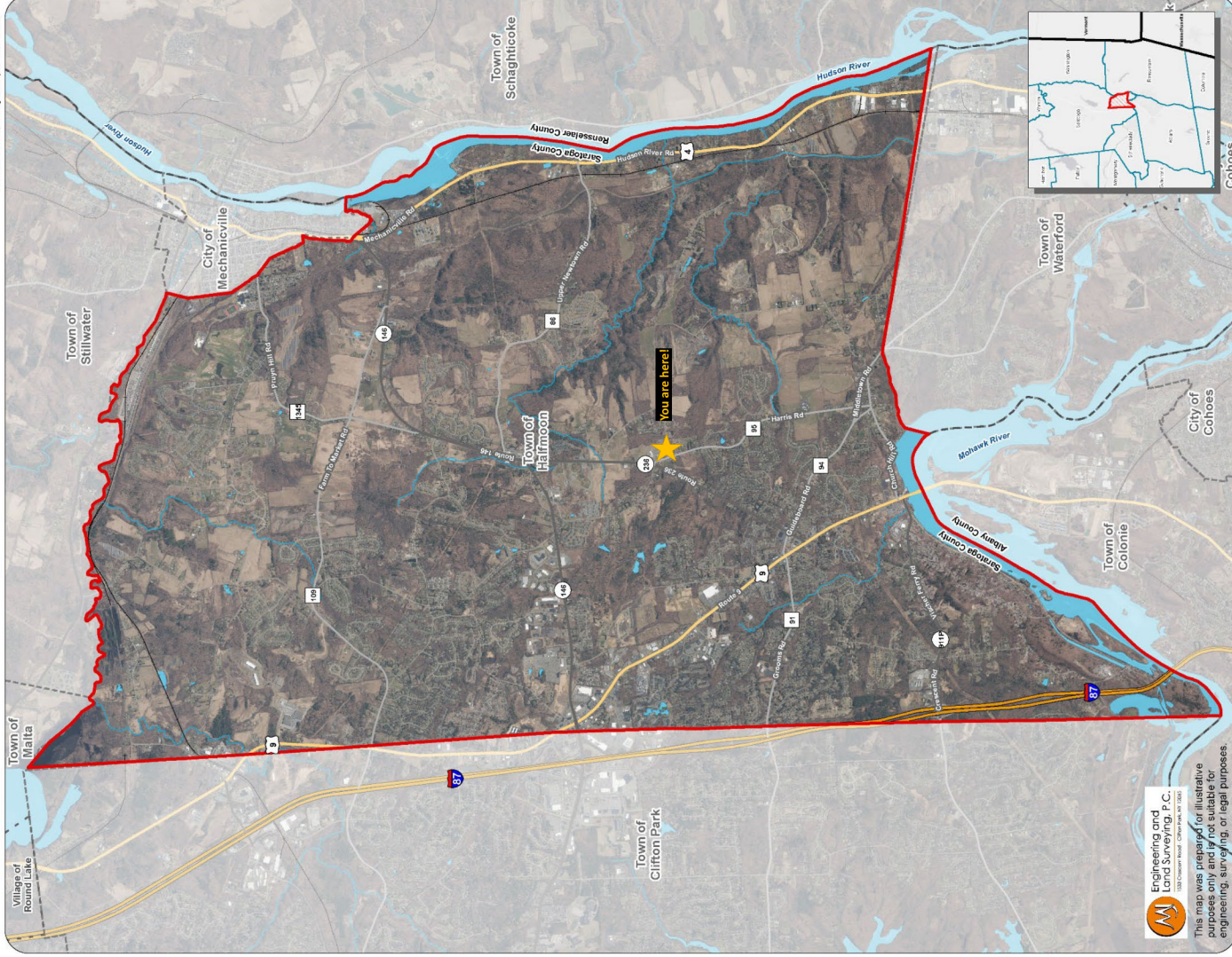
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- Water Body
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- County Boundary
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Address of Interest
 Primary Study Area - Town of Halfmoon
 Estimated Acreage
 21511.00

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 Sources
 Esri, NOAA, USGS, DEC, Saratoga County, Town of Halfmoon



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Town of Halfmoon Zoning

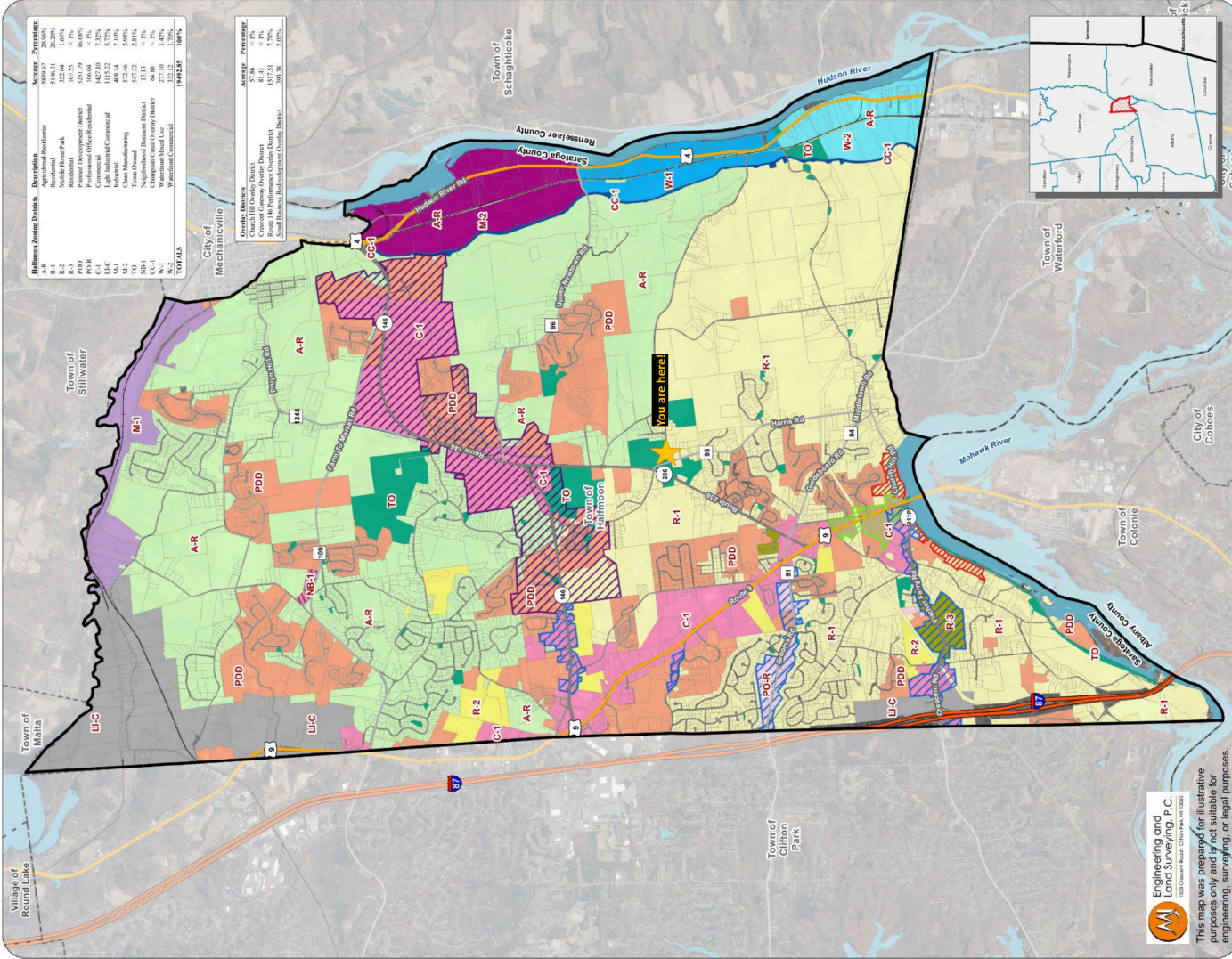


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- ZONING DISTRICTS**
- A-R Agricultural Residential
 - R-1 Residential
 - R-2 Mobile Home Park
 - R-3 Residential
 - PDD Planned Development District
 - PO-R Professional Office/Residential
 - C-1 Commercial
 - LIC Light Industrial/Commercial
 - M-1 Industrial
 - M-2 Clean Manufacturing
 - TO Towns Owned
 - NH-1 Neighborhood Business District
 - CC-1 Champlain Canal Overlay District
 - W-2 Waterfront Commercial
- OVERLAY DISTRICTS**
- Church Hill Overlay District
 - Crescent Gateway Overlay District
 - Route 146 Performance Overlay District
 - Small Business Redevelopment Overlay District



Source: East, NYS ITS, DEC, Saratoga County, Town of Halfmoon



Halfmoon Zoning Districts

Description	Average	Percentage
A-R Agricultural Residential	5830.67	29.96%
R-1 Residential	2322.04	11.65%
R-2 Mobile Home Park	107.55	< 1%
R-3 Residential	106.08	< 1%
PDD-R Professional Office/Residential	1115.20	5.57%
LIC Light Industrial/Commercial	408.14	2.10%
M-1 Industrial	547.72	2.81%
M-2 Clean Manufacturing	15.11	< 1%
TO Towns Owned	277.89	1.42%
NH-1 Neighborhood Business District	132.22	0.66%
CC-1 Champlain Canal Overlay District	149.45	0.75%
W-2 Waterfront Commercial	149.45	0.75%
TOTALS	19474.85	100%

Overlay Districts

Description	Average	Percentage
Church Hill Overlay District	11.11	< 1%
Crescent Gateway Overlay District	1517.51	7.79%
Route 146 Performance Overlay District	277.78	1.42%
Small Business Redevelopment Overlay District	277.78	1.42%

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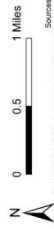
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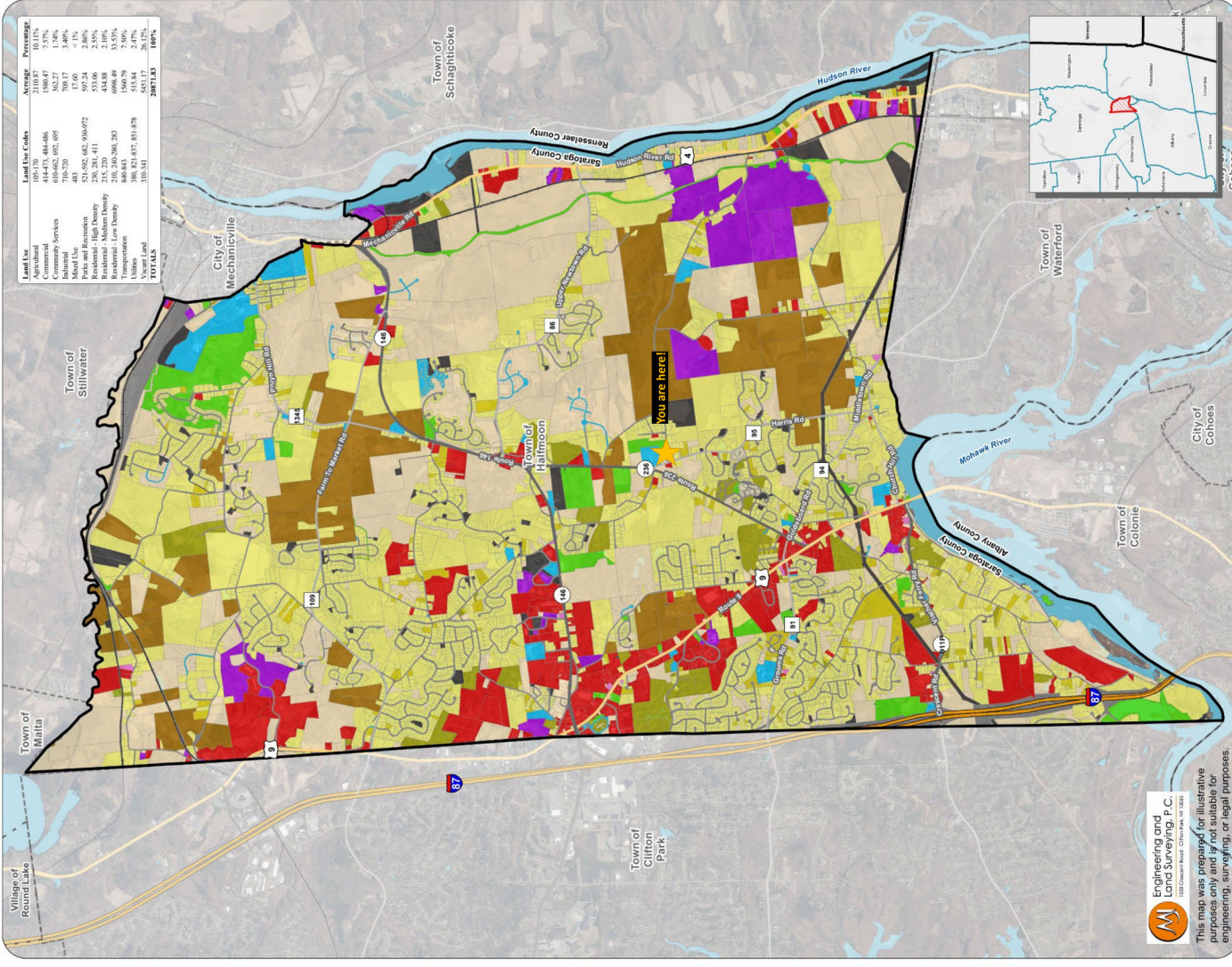
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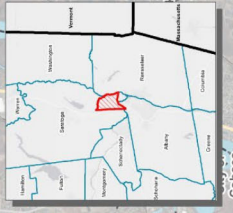
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 - Agricultural
 - Commercial
 - Community Services
 - Industrial
 - Mixed Use
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Residential - High Density
 - Residential - Medium Density
 - Residential - Low Density
 - Transportation
 - Utilities
 - Vacant Land



Source:
 Esri, NOAA, USGS, DEIC, Saratoga County, Town of Halfmoon



Land Use	Land Use Codes	Percentage
Agricultural	185,730	21.03%
Commercial	414,473, 464,466	158.47%
Community Services	510,662, 692, 695	7.57%
Industrial	483	0.05%
Mixed Use	483	0.05%
Parks and Recreation	521,592, 682, 10,972	17.66%
Residential - High Density	215, 220	0.03%
Residential - Medium Density	411	0.00%
Residential - Low Density	696, 49	0.00%
Transportation	308, 823, 817, 81, 878	3.53%
Utilities	515, 84	0.58%
Vacant Land	551, 17	0.63%
TOTAL	2,897,143	100%



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Parks, Recreation, and Conserved Land



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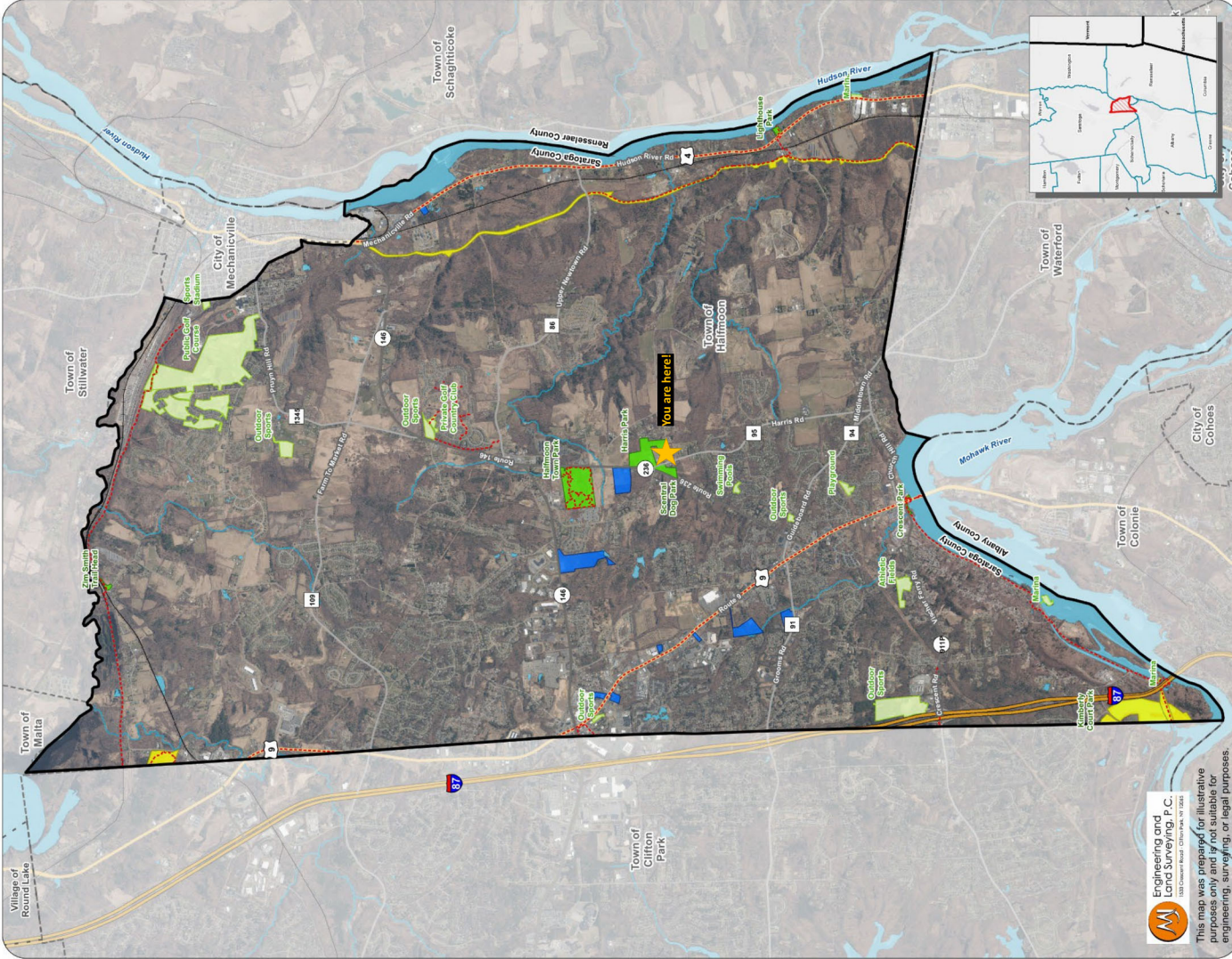
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Parks, Recreation and Conserved Lands

- Water Body
- River/Stream
- Parks
- Trails
- Outdoor Recreation
- Indoor Recreation
- Conserved Lands

Park, Recreation and Conserved Lands	Average	Percentage
Park (All Local County and State)	364.59	1.42%
Outdoor Recreation	82.89	< 1%
Indoor Recreation	17.14	< 1%
Conserved Lands	614.17	< 1%
TOTALS		

Scale: 0 0.5 1 Miles
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Historic Resources



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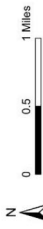
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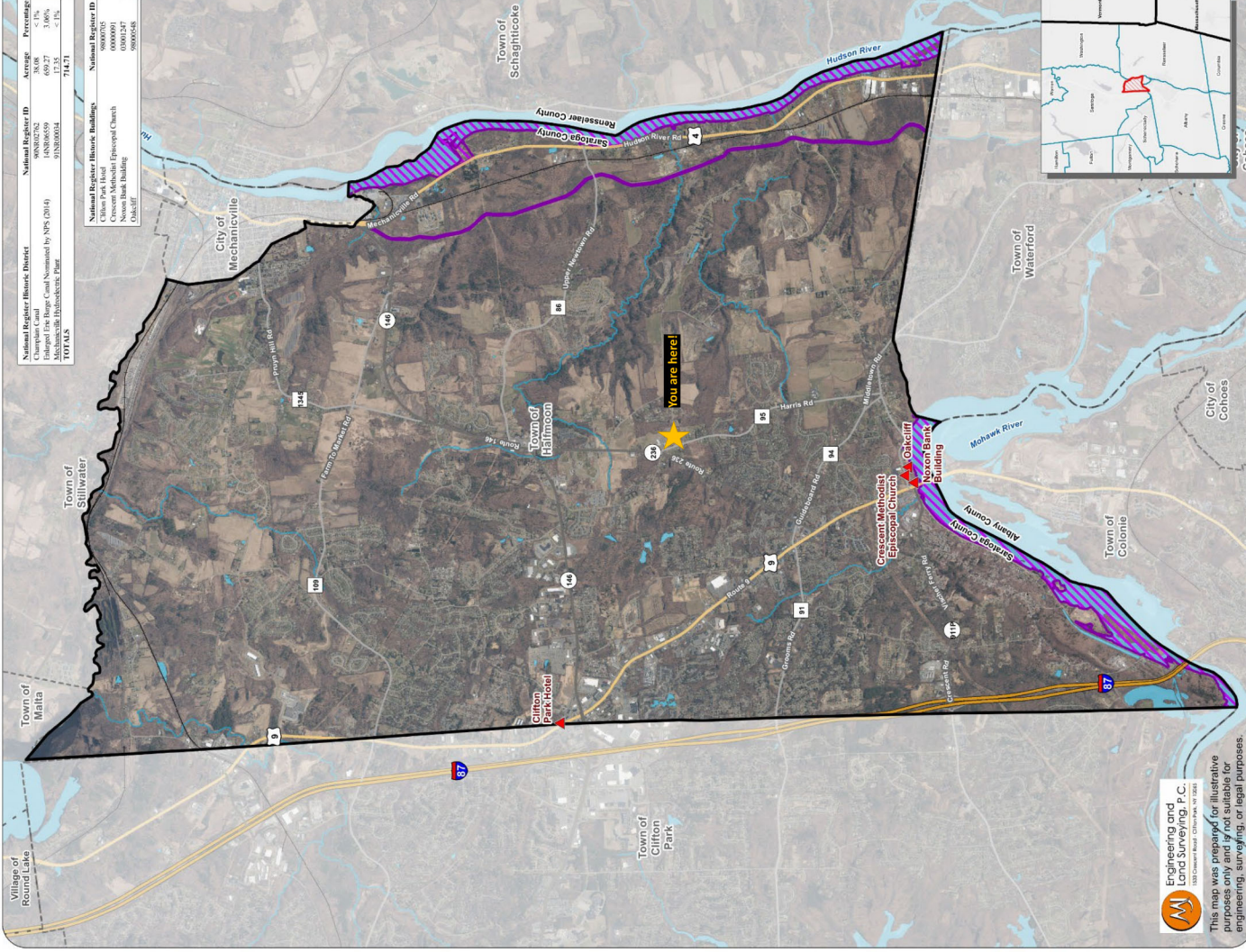
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- National Register Historic District (NSHDP)
- National Register Historic Building (NRHS)



Source: Esri, NBS, NPS, ITS, DEC, Saratoga County, Town of Halfmoon



National Historic District	National Register ID	Age	Percentage
Chlorine	68042282	1880-1900	3.00%
Enlarged Erie Canal	14N80659	1819-1825	17.3%
Mechanicville Historic District	97N30004	1741-1871	< 1%
TOTAL			

National Register Historic Building	National Register ID
Clifton Park Hotel	98000705
Greenwood Methodist Episcopal Church	67000247
St. James Episcopal Church	03001247
St. James Methodist Building	98000548
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Environmental Constraints



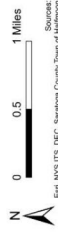
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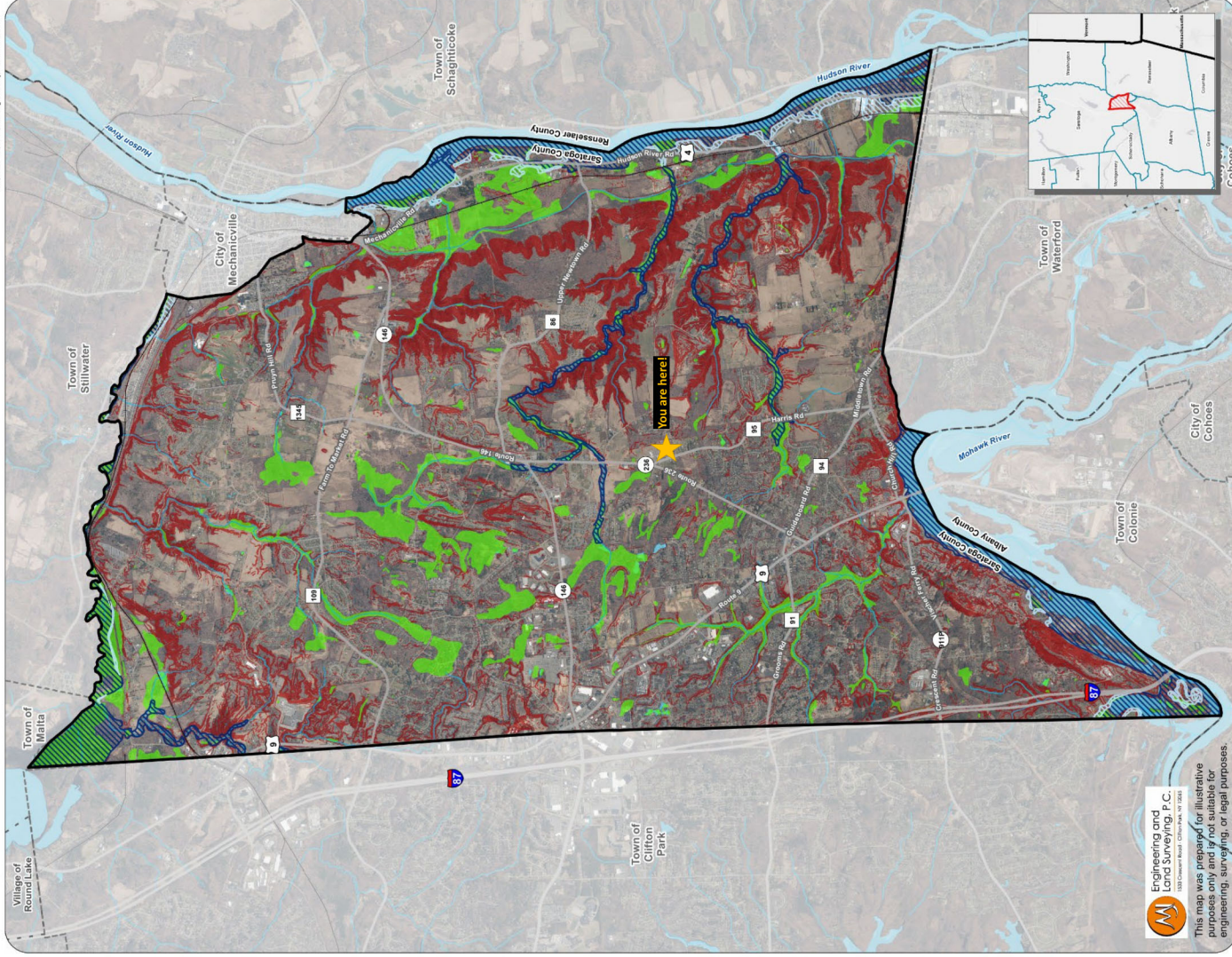
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- Railroad
- Major Roads
- Water Body
- River/Stream
- 100-Year Floodzone
- 500-Year Floodzone
- Slopes > 15%
- Known Wetlands (NYSDEC, NWD)

Environmental Constraints	Average	Percentage
Known Wetlands (NYSDEC, NWD)	1865.90	8.81%
100-Year Floodzone	1493.85	6.94%
500-Year Floodzone	4383.57	20.38%
Slopes > 15%		



Source:
Eck, NYS ITS, DEC, Saratoga County, Town of Halfmoon



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WHAT IS YOUR VISION?

Describe what you want Halfmoon to be like in 5, 10, or 20 years...

Post-It Notes Here

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CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS

Share your concerns and what you see as challenges for Halfmoon.

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OPPORTUNITIES AND STRENGTHS

What opportunities and strengths do you see in Halfmoon?

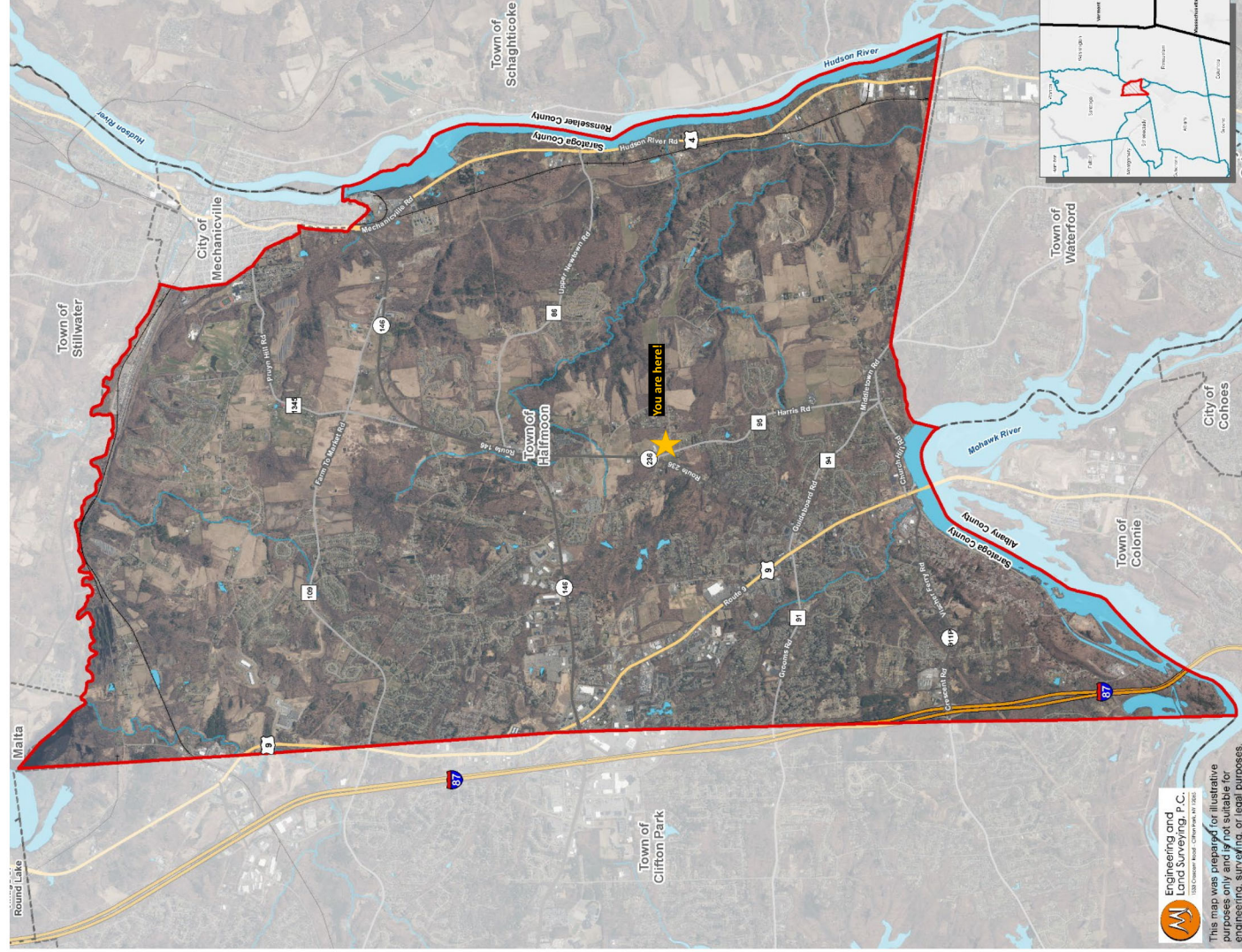
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THE PLACES WE GATHER

Place stickers on the map to show the places you gather in your community and what you do there...



- My neighborhood 
- Socializing 
- Shopping 
- Religious & Spiritual 
- Dining 

Education 

Recreation 



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SERVING THE GENERATIONS

What are your generational needs (services, housing, shopping, learning, healthcare, transportation, etc.)?

**Traditionalists or Silent
Generation:
Born 1945 and before**

**Baby Boomers:
Born 1946-1964**

**Generation X:
Born 1965-1980**

**Millennials or Generation Y:
Born 1981-1996**

**Generation Z:
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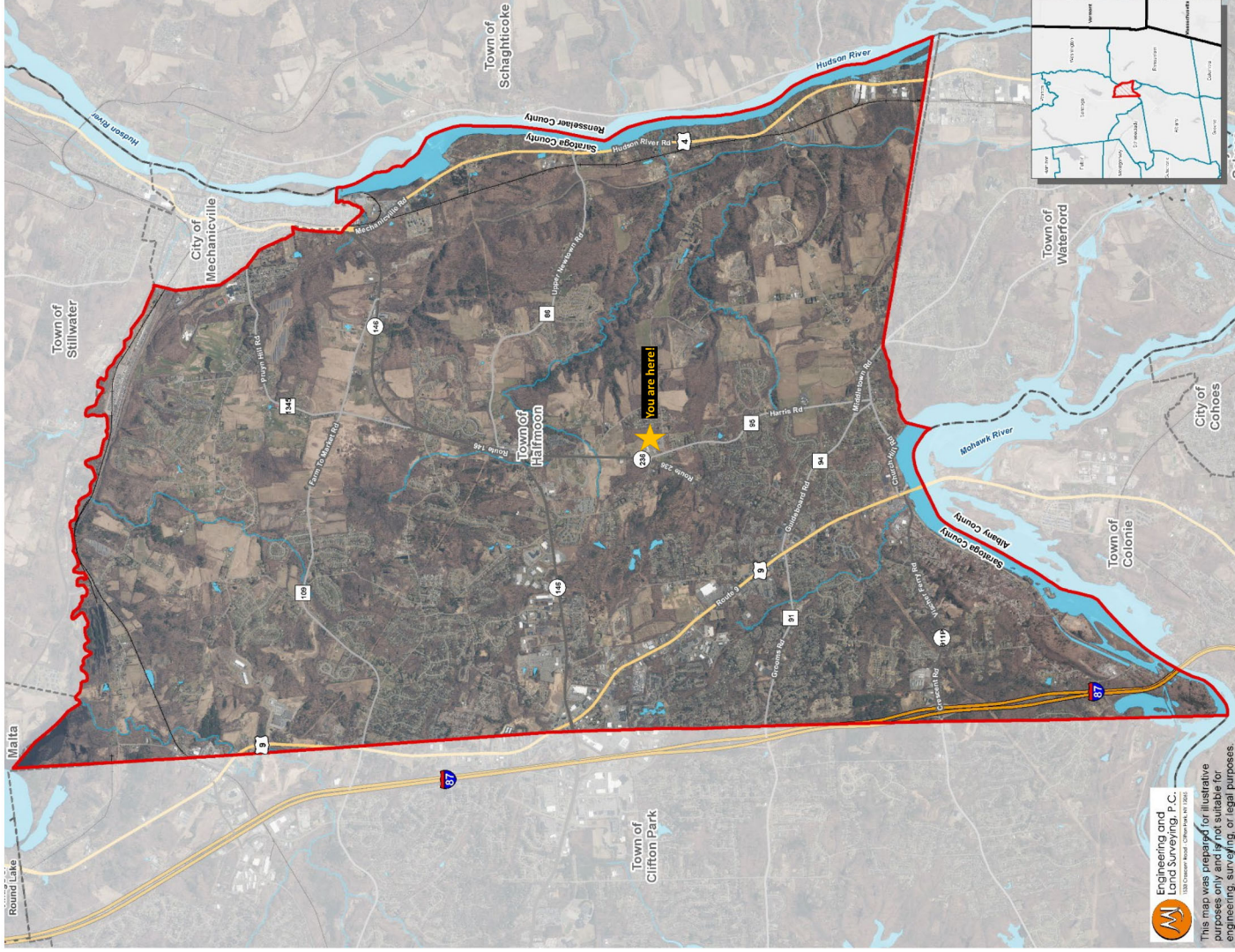
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GETTING AROUND TOWN

Map mobility in your community! Put a sticker on the map where you walk, bike, or take public transportation.



Walk



Bike



Public Transportation



Share your ideas about economic development in Halfmoon.

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Share your ideas about agriculture in the community.

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Share your ideas about infrastructure (electric, water, sewer, etc.) in Halfmoon.

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Share your ideas about transportation and mobility (bicycles, pedestrians, vehicles, transit, accessibility and connectivity, etc.) in and around Halfmoon.

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History & Recreation

Share your ideas about history and recreation in Halfmoon.

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IDEA CENTER

Neighborhoods & Housing

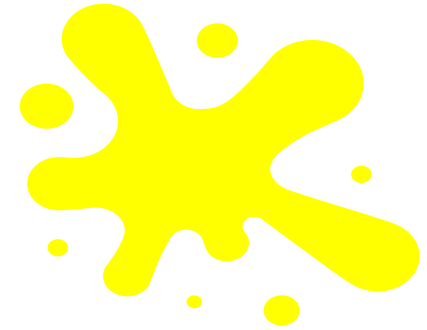
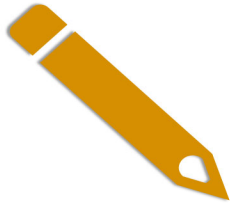
Share your ideas about Halfmoon's community character, neighborhoods, and housing types.

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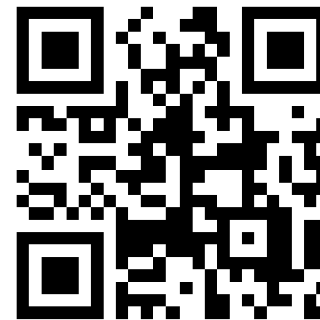


TAKE THE SURVEY

Participate in the online community survey to provide more thoughts and ideas about your community!

Scan the QR code to take the survey on your mobile device!

Need a paper copy? See facilitators for printed version.



OTHER THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

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

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MEETING SUMMARY

- PURPOSE:** Public Meeting #2
- DATE/TIME:** May 25, 2023, 6:00-8:00 PM
- LOCATION:** Halfmoon Town Hall, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, Halfmoon
- ATTENDEES:** See Attached Sign-in

The Town of Halfmoon, as part of the public engagement component of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update process, held their second public meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the Halfmoon Town Hall. The meeting had approximately 25 people in attendance. The meeting began with a welcome by Jeremy Connors, Town Councilman, introducing Jaclyn Hakes and Nora Culhane Friedel (M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.). Followed by a brief overview and update on the comprehensive plan and the introduction to the table discussion. The speed round discussions lasted 10 minutes per topic for a total of 4 rounds. Below are each of the topics and participant remarks from the 4 rounds.

All participants were also encouraged to participate in the ongoing planning process and help spread the word about public engagement opportunities and the ongoing survey.

Topic #1 Transportation & Mobility:

- Attendees expressed a need for more sidewalks that connect the Town.
- Apartments to commercial sites.
- Sidewalks should connect to shopping centers and schools.
 - Sidewalks along Sitterly Rd and Guideboard Rd.
 - Residents were wanting trails and bike lanes separate from roads.
 - Pedestrian paths that connect to residential developments.
 - Residents emphasized that safety should be prioritized for children and seniors.
- Crosswalks were suggested for Guideboard Rd. 235 and Rt. 9.
- To improve traffic along Route 9, attendees recommend traffic calming techniques.

- Traffic circles/Roundabouts
- Lower speed limits and more speed enforcement
- Center turning lanes.
- Possible use of seasonal speedbumps or rubber humps.
- Suggested right lanes only at Rt. 9 intersections.
- Public transportation could along Rt 9 and 146

Topic #2 Economic Growth:

- Attendees suggested that vacant buildings be reused and redeveloped instead of building new buildings.
- Opportunities in roof solar instead of solar farms.
- More retail development.
- Less industrial
- Focus on economic development along State roads.
- Sentiment toward less growth and development
 - “Let [the town] catch up.”
- Preference for something other than strip malls.
 - Attention to access and egress.
 - Service roads/ turning lanes to commercial businesses.
- Less economic incentives
 - More emphasis on direct benefits to the community.
- Tax breaks for local businesses
- Business promotion
- Architecture/ site design guidelines
 - Some exist already but maybe implement more?
- Green space requirements.
- Incentivize farming as economic growth.
- Consider aesthetics as it relates to economic growth.
- Identity of Halfmoon
 - Already known as the “Gateways.”

Topic #3 Neighborhoods & Housing Table:

- Some challenges related to housing are the traffic and accidents.
 - Along Stone Quarry Rd.
- Balance with increased housing needs.
 - Better access with existing neighborhoods

- Shifting from septic to sewer is costly for residents.
- Need to provide sewer.
- Need for more fire hydrants.
 - Fire hydrants near Ushers Rd.
 - Concerns about homes and emergencies and the inability to put out fires.
- Housing growth should consider safety.
- Prioritize the use or reuse of vacant buildings.
- Town needs to “catch up.”
- New residential off County & Town roads, not State
- Attendees voiced their desire for Halfmoon to have its own zip code.
- Coordinate development with the county.
- Need water to existing neighborhoods.
- Built in greenspace.
 - Public access to the internet, playgrounds, and sidewalks.

Topic #4 Recreation & Open Space/ Natural Resources:

- Attendees voiced their desire for buffer/ tree lines alongside new growth.
- Community Gardens
- Long walking and multi-use trails
 - Along Guideboard Rd.
 - Connecting the Town Hall to Park(s).
- Identity of Halfmoon
- Halfmoon is a bi-coastal town to the Hudson and Mohawk River
 - Encourage/ expand opportunities.
- Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor
- Expand public resources.
- Community pool (indoor and outdoor)
 - Use geothermal energy to heat the pool.
- Halfmoon has a solar energy identity.
- A YMCA
- More playgrounds and a map of their locations
 - A 5+ age group
 - Smith Rd./ Farm to Market Rd. / Cemetery Rd. as possible locations.
 - In neighborhoods & near apartments.
- Tennis courts; pickle ball
- Town indoor recreation during off seasons.
- Attendees reiterated their desire for Halfmoon’s own zip code.

- Conservation easement programs
 - Partner with Saratoga PLAN

This meeting summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and input received. Please forward any additions, corrections and/or questions to my attention.

Submitted by: Nora Culhane Friedel, MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.

cc: Consultant Team, CPUC, Town Planning & Zoning Department

TOWN OF HALFMOON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Public Workshop #2

May 25, 2023

Halfmoon Town Hall

6:00 – 8:00 PM



AGENDA



- Welcome
- Presentation
- Topic Based Table Discussions
- Table Report Back



WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Comprehensive Plan Update Committee**
 - Review Materials
 - Provide Insight & Direction
 - Project Ambassadors
- **Town Staff**
 - Review materials
 - Assist with logistics
 - Institutional insight
- **Consultant Team**
 - Technical Assistance
 - Facilitate/administer process
- **Community:** Be Engaged!



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**



WHAT IS A COMP PLAN?

Families plan to buy a house, to take a vacation, for a child's education.

Businesses plan for profit and growth.

Communities plan for...

- ✓ population changes
- ✓ economic growth
- ✓ roads, community character, property values, tax base, schools, environmental protection, transit, recreation, pedestrian safety, sewage disposal, water supply...



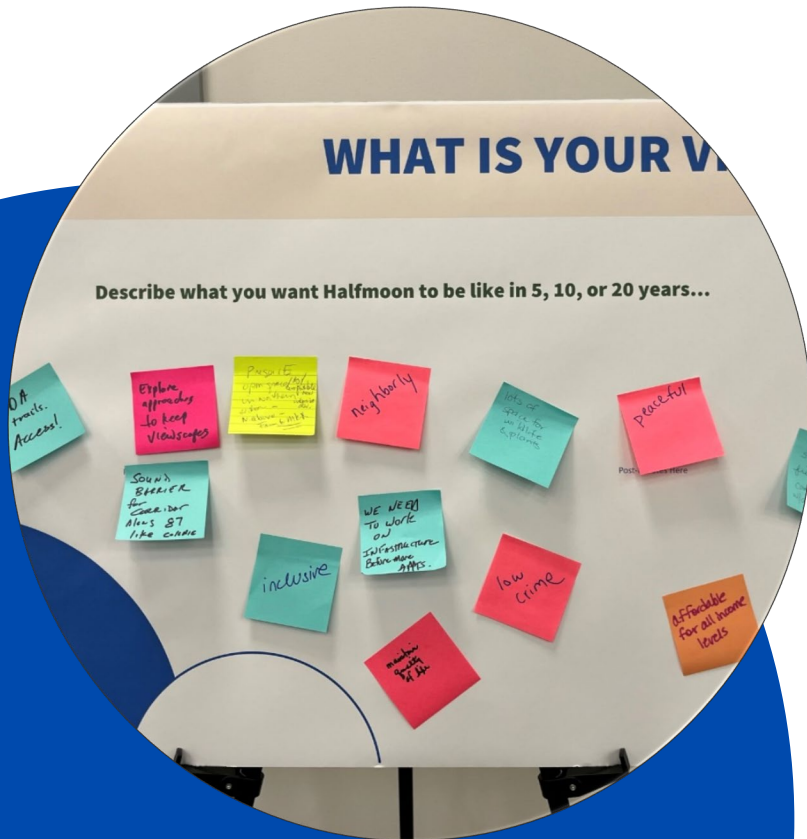
A COMP PLAN IS NOT...



- Zoning
- Parcel Specific
- A venue to address individual projects under review or in the review pipeline



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



Activities so far:

- Project Website – with public engagement plan
<https://www.planhalfmoon.com/>
- Farmer’s Market Pop-Up
- Online Community Survey completed
 - 400 responses
- Open House and Visioning Session
 - March 23, 2023
- Comment Forms



EXISTING CONDITIONS HIGHLIGHTS



Demographics

- Population
- Age
- Household income
- Housing

Mapping

- Zoning
- Land Use
- Parks Recreation and Conserved Lands
- Environmental Constraints



EXISTING CONDITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Demographics – Population Comparison

Year	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2021*
Population	8,417	11,832	18,474	21,535	25,662	25,442

*Source: U.S. Census and *ACS 2021 5-Year Estimate*

	2010 Population	2020 Population	% Change
Town of Ballston	8,729	11,831	35.5%
Town of Malta	13,005	17,130	31.8%
Town of Wilton	16,173	17,361	7.3%
Town of Clifton Park	36,705	38,029	3.6%
Town of Halfmoon	21,535	25,662	19.2%

*Table Source: 2010 and 2020 Decennial
Census Redistricting Data*



EXISTING CONDITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Demographics – Age

	Under 5 Years	School Age 5-17	College Age 18-24	Young Adult 25-44	Adult 45-64	Older Adult 65+
Town of Halfmoon	5.7%	14.5%	6.8%	27.5%	29.7%	15.7%
New York State	5.7%	15.2%	9.0%	27.2%	26.3%	16.5%
U.S.	5.9%	16.6%	9.2%	26.5%	25.6%	15.9%

Source: ACS 2021 5-Year Estimate

- Halfmoon has a lower percentage of college-age residents than NY State and the nation.
- Halfmoon has a higher percentage of its population in the 45-64 age category than the State and nation.



EXISTING CONDITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Demographics – Household Income

	Less than \$10,000	\$10,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 to \$24,999	\$25,000 to \$34,999	\$35,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$74,999	\$75,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 to \$149,999	\$150,000 to \$199,999	\$200,000 or more
Town of Halfmoon	2.10%	1.70%	4.50%	7.50%	7.50%	16.20%	11.00%	24.60%	14.80%	10.10%

Source: ACS 2021 5-Year Estimate

- Median Household Income (Dollars): \$98,610



EXISTING CONDITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Demographics – Housing

	New York State	Saratoga County	Town of Halfmoon
Total housing units	8,449,178	109,066	11,476
1-unit, detached	41.7%	62.5%	48.4%
1-unit, attached	5.3%	4.8%	8.9%
2 units	10.0%	5.9%	4.3%
3 or 4 units	6.8%	6.9%	10.7%
5 to 9 units	5.1%	4.1%	6.8%
10 to 19 units	4.2%	2.9%	5.5%
20 or more units	24.6%	5.9%	6.7%
Mobile home	2.2%	6.9%	8.8%

	New York State	Saratoga County	Town of Halfmoon
% Owner Occupied	57.6%	77.7%	73.0%
% Renter Occupied	42.4%	22.3%	27.0%

- According to the 2020 Decennial Census, 94.6% of housing units in Halfmoon were occupied with 5.4% vacant
- 48% of housing units are single family detached

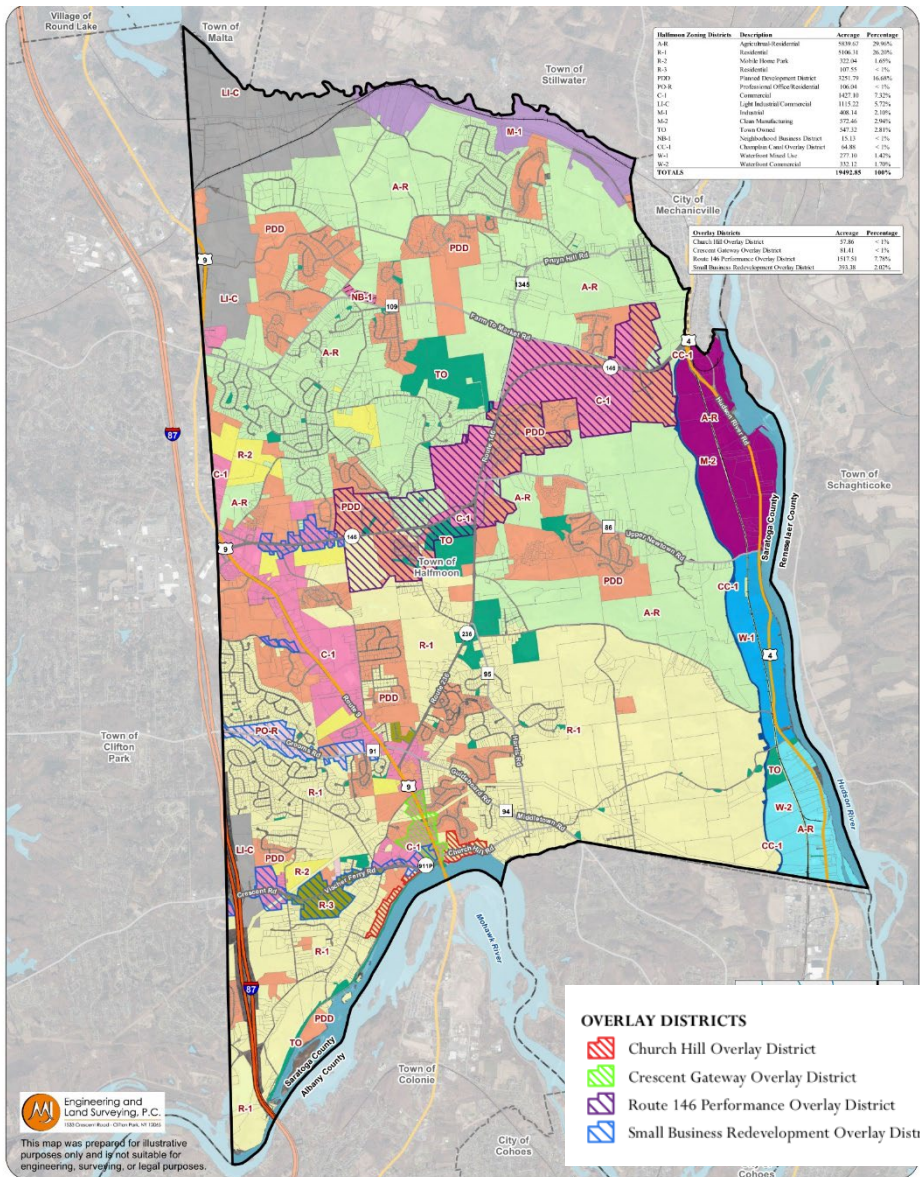
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EXISTING CONDITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Zoning

- 15 zoning districts; 4 overlay districts
- Nearly 30% of Town is A-R (agricultural-residential)
- 26% of Town is R-1(residential)
- Nearly 17% is Planned Development District



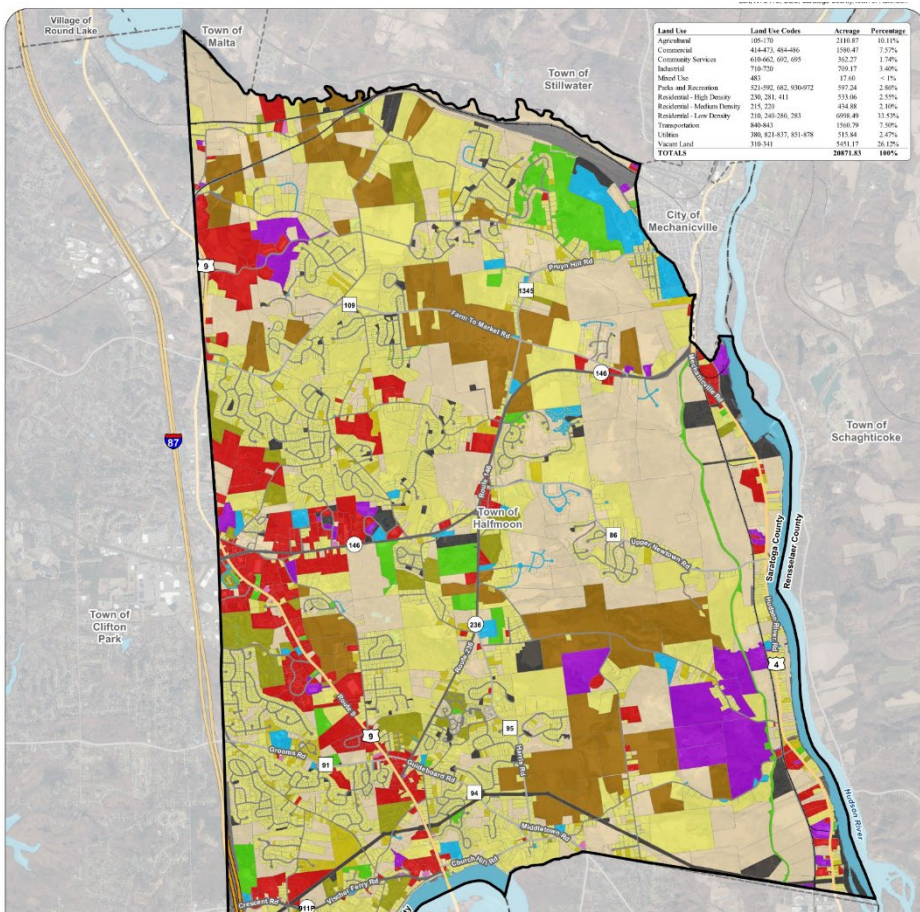
Halfmoon Zoning Districts	Description	Acreage	Percentage
A-R	Agricultural-Residential	5839.67	29.96%
R-1	Residential	5106.31	26.20%
R-2	Mobile Home Park	322.04	1.65%
R-3	Residential	107.55	< 1%
PDD	Planned Development District	3251.79	16.68%
PO-R	Professional Office/Residential	106.04	< 1%
C-1	Commercial	1427.10	7.32%
LI-C	Light Industrial/Commercial	1115.22	5.72%
M-1	Industrial	408.14	2.10%
M-2	Clean Manufacturing	572.46	2.94%
TO	Town Owned	547.32	2.81%
NB-1	Neighborhood Business District	15.13	< 1%
CC-1	Champlain Canal Overlay District	64.88	< 1%
W-1	Waterfront Mixed Use	277.10	1.42%
W-2	Waterfront Commercial	332.12	1.70%
TOTALS		19492.85	100%



EXISTING CONDITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Land Use

- 33.5% of land is classified as Residential – Low Density
- 26% is Vacant
- 10% is Agricultural



Land Use	Land Use Codes	Acreage	Percentage
Agricultural	105-170	2110.87	10.11%
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	6998.49	33.53%
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%

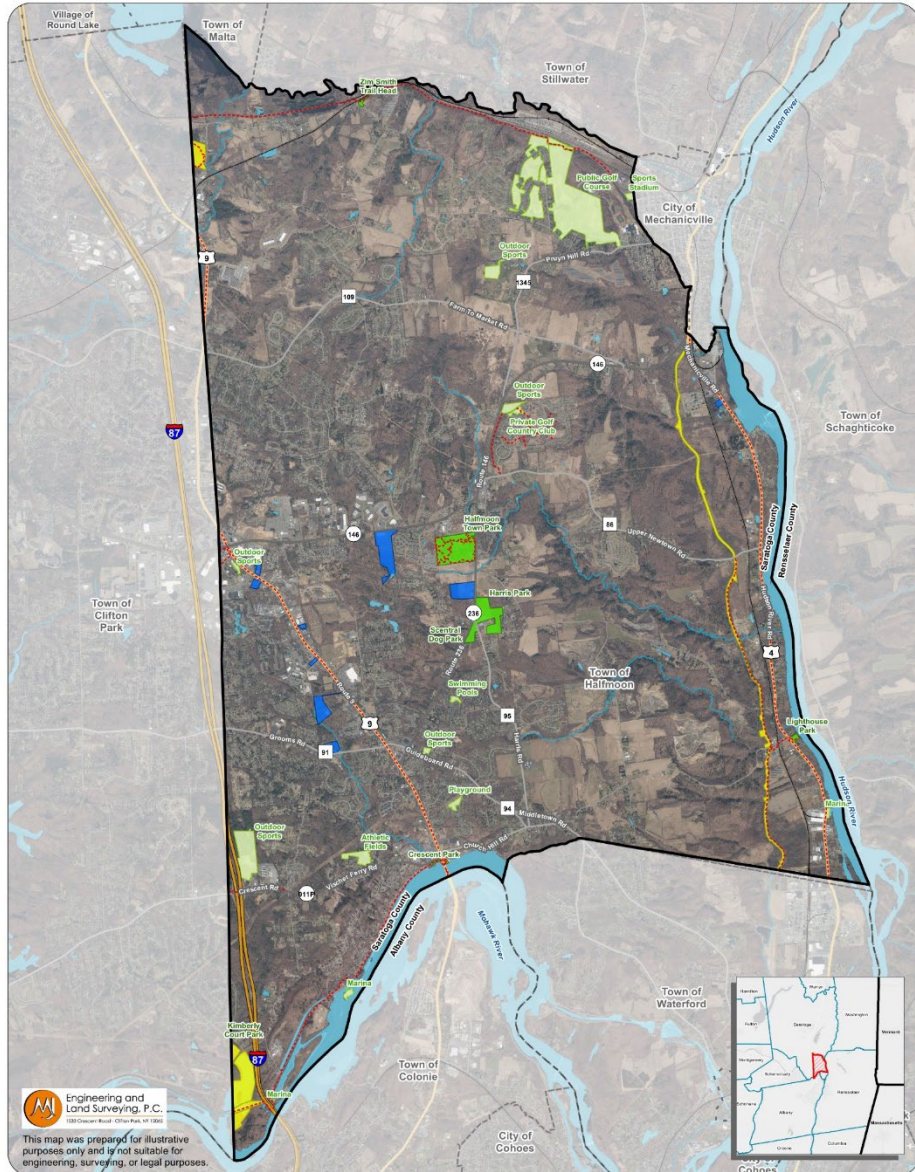
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Parks, Recreation, and Conserved Lands Map

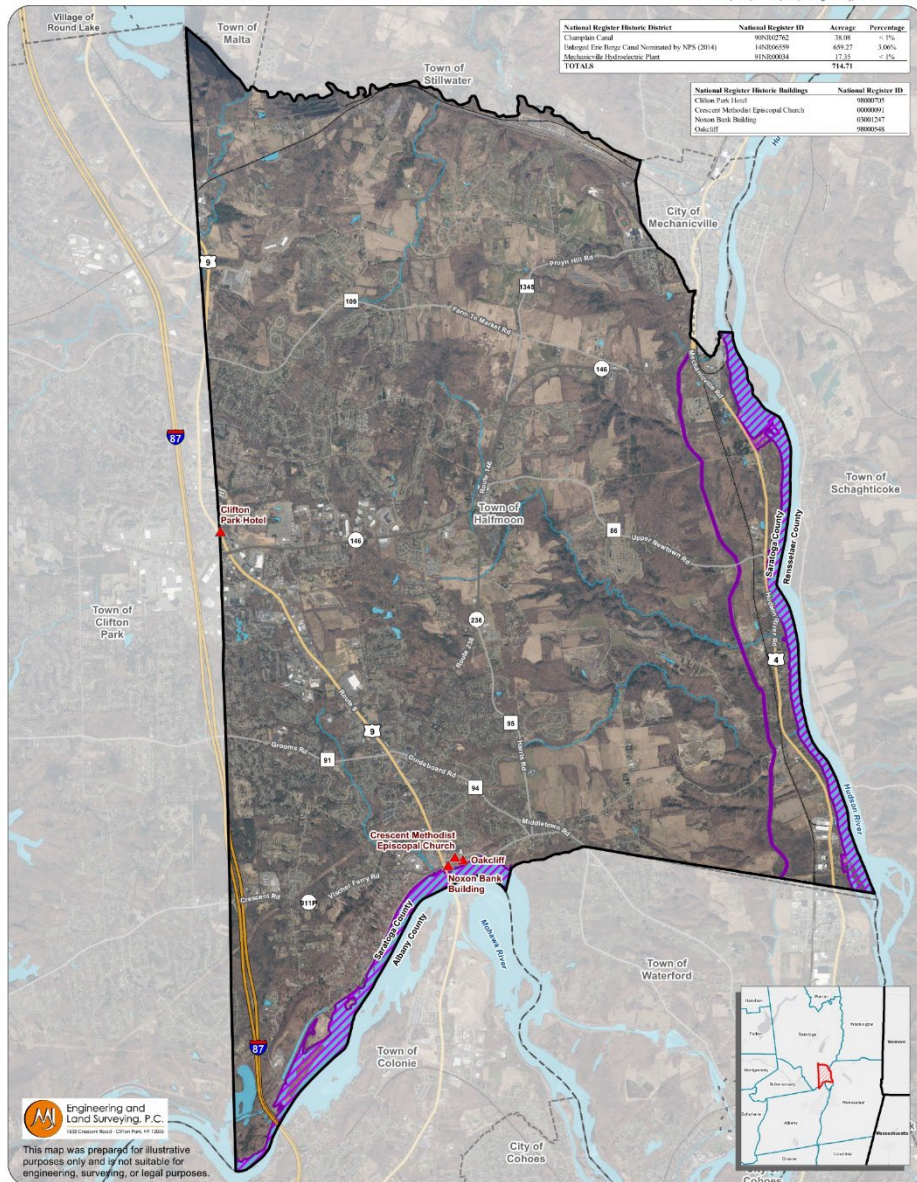
- Parks, recreation and conserved lands make up over 631 acres of land in the Town
- Outdoor recreation is 1.4% of total Town



Parks, Recreation and Conserved Lands	Acreage	Percentage
Parks (Local, County, and State)	96.15	< 1%
Outdoor Recreation	304.59	1.42%
Indoor Recreation	82.89	< 1%
Conserved Lands	147.44	< 1%
TOTALS	631.07	



EXISTING CONDITIONS HIGHLIGHTS



Historic Resources


National Register Historic Districts

- Champlain Canal
- Erie Barge Canal
- Mechanicville Hydroelectric Plant

National Register Historic Buildings

- Clifton Park Hotel
- Crescent Methodist Episcopal Church
- Noxon Bank Building
- Oakcliff

 National Register Historic District (NYSHPO)

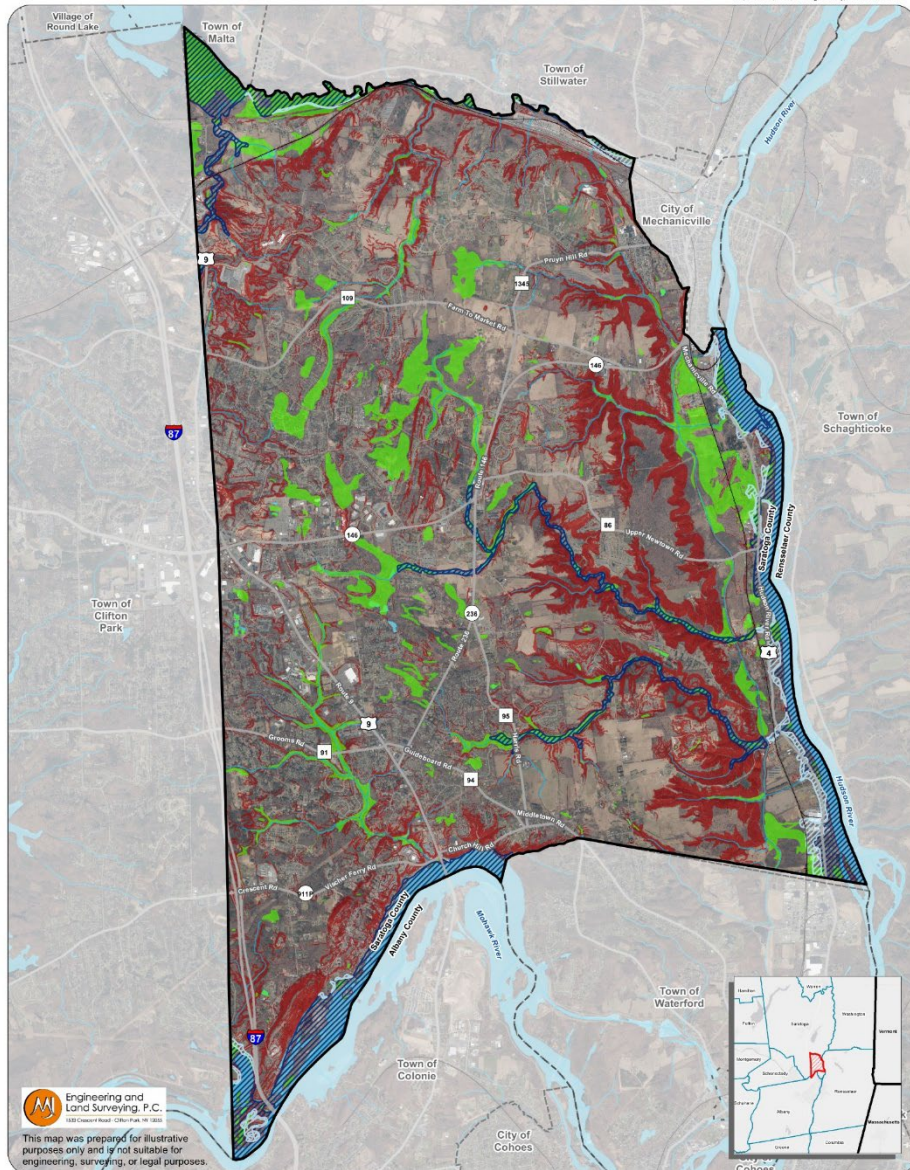
 National Register Historic Building (NRIS)



EXISTING CONDITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Environmental Constraints

- Over 20% of Town includes slopes greater than 15%
- Nearly 7% of Town is within a 100-Year Floodzone



Environmental Constraints	Acreage	Percentage
Known Wetlands (NYSDEC, NWI)	1895.90	8.81%
100-Year Floodzone	1493.85	6.94%
500-Year Floodzone	169.96	< 1%
Steep Slopes	4383.57	20.38%

TOPIC BASED TABLE DISCUSSIONS

- 10 minutes per table
- Facilitated topic-based discussion
- Questions on the backside of the agenda
- Final report back following the full rotation



TOPIC BASED TABLE DISCUSSION REPORT BACK



NEXT STEPS

- Meeting Summary from tonight will be posted to www.planhalfmoon.com
- Next Comprehensive Plan Update Committee meeting
 - June 15, 2023, 6:00 PM – Halfmoon Town Hall





MEETING SUMMARY

- PURPOSE:** Public Meeting #3
- DATE/TIME:** November 13, 2023, 5:00-6:30 PM
- LOCATION:** Zoom Webinar
- ATTENDEES:** See Attached Attendees List

The Town of Halfmoon, as part of the public engagement component of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update process, held its third public meeting on Monday, November 11, 2023, via Zoom Webinar. The meeting had approximately 40 registrants and 35 individuals in attendance. The meeting began with a welcome by Richard Harris, Comprehensive Plan Update Committee Chairperson and Halfmoon Town Planner, who introduced Jaclyn Hakes (M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.). Following, Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) introduced the Comprehensive Plan Update process, discussed the draft vision and goals, and asked poll questions to participants. A Q&A period was held at the end of the meeting.

All participants were also encouraged to participate in the ongoing planning process and help spread the word about public engagement opportunities and the ongoing survey.

Agenda Item	Discussion
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Richard Harris (CPUC Chair) introduced Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) who led the evening's presentation.</p> <p>Jacklyn Hakes (MJ) introduced each of the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Richard 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Herman • Peter Bardunias • Nancy Morris • Deborah Curto • Donald Roberts <p>Consultant Team-Led by M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacklyn Hakes, Project Manager • Norah Culhane Friedel, Lead Planner • Jacob Landis, Planner, and Webinar Host
Agenda	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) provided an overview of the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Getting to Know You	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) explained how to use the interactive polls on Zoom and offered several prompts for attendees to respond to so that the consultant team could learn who was participating.</p> <p>Question 1: Who is joining us this evening? Select all that apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Resident: 65% • Property Owner (in Town): 35% • Business owner (in Town): 12% • Visitor: 0% • Work in Town: 12% • Other: 18% <p>Question 2: Please indicate your age range.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 18: 0% • 18-24: 0% • 25-44: 0% • 45-64: 31% • 65+: 69% <p>Question 3: How did you hear about the Virtual Public Meeting? Select all that apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Website: 38% • Word of Mouth: 31% • New Outlet: 19%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Website: 31% • Public Meeting Flyer: 6% • Other: 44% <p>Question 4: What previous public engagement activities have you participated in? Select all that apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is my first public engagement of this planning effort: 38% • Public comment submitted through project website: 19% • Written public comment submitted in person or via mail: 25% • Community Survey: 31% • Public Meeting #2: 38% • Public Meeting #1: 25%
<p>Project Overview</p>	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) described an overview of the Comprehensive Plan Process:</p> <p><u>What is a Comp Plan?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Law – Article 16 §272-A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "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. • 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 <p><u>A Comp Plan is not...</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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

<p>Project Overview</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parcel Specific • A venue to address individual projects under review or in the review pipeline <p><u>Project Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding where you are • Where do you want to be? (*current project milestone phase) • How do you get there – reality-based series of implementation steps <p><u>Schedule of Milestones:</u></p> <p>Spring/Summer 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Group Meetings • Vision / Goals • Strategies and recommendations <p>Fall/ Winter 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd round of public engagement • Draft plan and recommendations <p>Winter/Spring 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th round of public engagement • 5th round of public engagement • Draft plan <p>Summer 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th round of public engagement • Final comprehensive plan • Adoption of plan
<p>Public Participation</p>	<p>Nora Culhane Friedel (MJ) discussed the public participation process and accomplishments this far.</p> <p><u>Activities to Date:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Website – www.planhalfmoon.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online comment form • Farmer’s Market Pop-Up (In-person) • Online Community Survey completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 400 responses • Open House and Visioning Session (In-person) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 23, 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Workshop #2 (In-person) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 25, 2023 • Hard Copy Comment Forms • Focus Group Meetings (virtual) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6 topics, multiple session (over 50 participants)
<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction to Draft Vision</p>	<p>Nora Culhane Friedel (MJ) introduced the Draft Vision statement and described how the Committee determined the draft language.</p> <p><u>What is a Vision?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p><u>A Vision is developed by integrating the following input</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public • Survey • Focus Group Discussions • Meetings • Comments • Committee <p><u>Some common themes from the Spring 2023 survey responses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and/or increase green open spaces • Greater walkability • Careful growth/ slow development <p><u>From Public Meeting #1:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A “Vision” station provided an opportunity for participants to share their Vision for the Town over the next 5, 10 and 20 years. • Themes included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High quality of life ○ Value of open space ○ Traffic concerns ○ Affordability <p>Nora Culhane Friedel (MJ) read the Draft Vision and gave participants a moment to digest the text. The Vision was updated in August 2023.</p> <p>“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</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction to Draft Vision</p>	<p>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.”</p> <p>Nora Culhane Friedel (MJ) polled the participants with the following prompt:</p> <p><u>What keyword(s) resonate the most with you in the Draft Vision? (results below)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic • Agricultural • Walkability • Resources • Community • Historic • Opportunities • Conserve • Cultural • Space • Lifelong • Progressive • Balanced • Open • Fiscally • Economic
<p style="text-align: center;">Draft Goals</p>	<p>Nora Culhane Friedel (MJ) introduced the Draft Goals and took the participants through an in-depth description of each of the goals surmised by the CPUC thus far in the process:</p> <p><u>What are Comprehensive Plan Goals?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals assist in achieving the Vision • Developed by integrating Committee and Public input • Committee evaluation of current Comprehensive Plan <p>Nora Culhane Friedel (MJ) explained the several Categories for Goals within the Comprehensive Plan:</p> <p><i>Transportation and Mobility:</i></p>

<p>Draft Goals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p><i>Infrastructure and Community Facilities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p><i>Housing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p><i>Quality of Life, Placemaking, and People:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p><i>History and Culture:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize, protect, and celebrate Halfmoon’s historic and other cultural resources.
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	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) led a discussion surrounding land use in the Town and how it is addressed in a Comprehensive Plan. Jacklyn reminded participants that a Comprehensive Plan provides a direction for future land uses while the zoning regulates what is allowed on a parcel of land.</p>

<p>Future Land Use</p>	<p><u>A future land use map is a critical component of the Comprehensive Plan.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p><u>How is the future land use map developed?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community input • Focus group input • CPUC discussions • Review of previous planning documents • Existing conditions evaluation <p><u>Current Land Use Map (see presentation for map visual)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~25% of land is classified as Residential – Low Density • ~26% is Vacant • ~18% is Agricultural • ~8% is Commercial <p><u>Current Land Uses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ focused on Route 9 and Route 146 (west of Route 9) • Industrial uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ focused Northwest area and Southeast area of Town • Residential generally throughout Town • Agricultural generally throughout Town <p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) presented some results of the past Community Survey that were on the topic of land use:</p> <p><u>What are challenges/ concerns facing the Town of Halfmoon, now or in the near future? Top 3 answers: (results below)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preservation of open space • Property Taxes • New Housing Development <p><u>What type of growth would you like to see in Halfmoon in the next 20 years? Top 3 answers: (results below)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preservation of Land • Sustainable Growth
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<p>Future Land Use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Residential (single family) <p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) polled the participants with the following prompt: <u>What are your thoughts about future land use? What land uses do you want to see in Halfmoon in the future? (results below)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Space: 67% • Residential: 58% • Recreational: 50% • Technology/ Light Industrial: 42% • Agricultural: 33% • Industrial: 17% • Commercial/ Retail: 8% <p>Following the Meeting, Participants were prompted to answer 5 future land use questions. Participants are welcome to share their thoughts.</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) described the next steps for the Comprehensive Plan Update Process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Land Use Follow-up Questions after the meeting • Next Committee Meeting • December 7, 2023 @ 6 pm • Public Workshop #4 – TBD • Submit comments at www.planhalfmoon.com
<p>Question and Answer</p>	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) gave an overview of how to participate in the Q&A session. Participants could post questions and share comments using the Q&A function in Zoom, as well as use the “raise hand” function to speak. Phone participants could also use their number pad to raise their hand and unmute.</p> <p>3 questions and/or comments were received through the Q & A function. A full record of all questions and comments submitted through the Q&A panels is attached.</p> <p>One (1) comment was received via the “raise hand function” to speak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment regarding incentivizing and supporting farmers and agricultural landowners to keep their businesses running with profitability. Lower taxes to help with increasing costs. <p>Richard Harris, AICP (CPUC Chair, Town Planner) provided a response to the comments and encouraged interested participants to engage with him if they have questions or comments in the future.</p> <p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) thanked participants, encouraged comments/ questions to be submitted through www.planhalfmoon.com, and reminded participants that five (5) optional land use questions would be sent to them following the meeting.</p>

	Responses to the five (5) optional land use questions are attached below.
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This meeting summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and input received. Please forward any additions, corrections and/or questions to my attention.

Submitted by: Jacob Landis, MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.
 cc: Consultant Team, CPUC, Town Planning & Zoning Department

Attachments:

- Meeting Attendees
- Polling Question Responses
- Questions Submitted
- Land Use Questions and Responses

Attendees: (as registered)

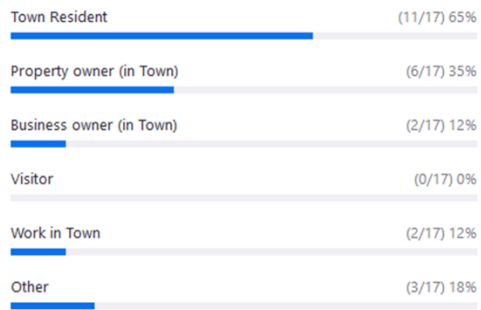
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Henrietta	O'Grady
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Christine	Konsistorum
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Christine	Matthews
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David	LaComb
Sean	Smith
Paul	Hotaling
Jeremy	Connors
Nancy	Morris
Joe	Landy
Michael	Morand
Don	Roberts
Celeste	Harp
Millie	Fitzpatrick
Thea	Hotaling
Jacklyn	Hakes (MJ)
	Culhane
Nora	Friedel (MJ)
Jacob	Landis (MJ)

Polling Questions Results:

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

17/17 (100%) answered



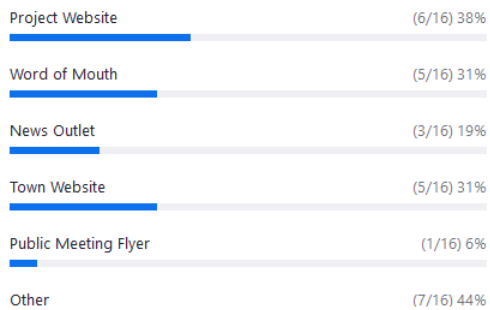
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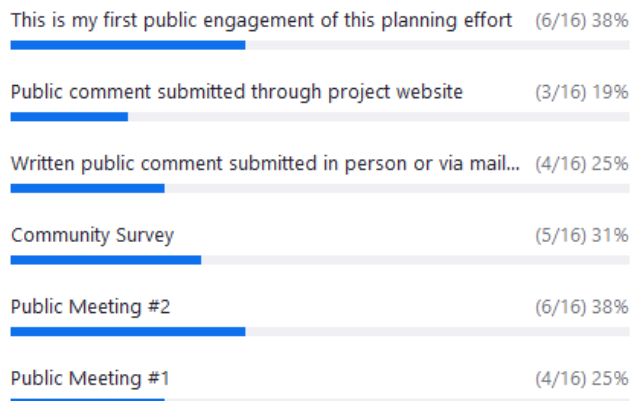
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16/16 (100%) answered



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

16/16 (100%) answered



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

15/15 (100%) answered



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

12/12 (100%) answered



Q&A Responses: (verbatim)

#5	Question: What Keyword(s) resonate most with you in the Draft Vision
1	agricultural resources
2	fiscally balanced
3	open space and traffic concerns
4	conserve
5	walkability, traffic
6	economic opportunities
7	historic, cultural, agricultural resources
8	progressive
9	lifelong community
10	keeping agricultural resources is not really a objective when farmers cannot afford the taxes
11	Walkability

General Q&A	
12	future land use option not shown... traffic decongestion! please include maintenance and improvement of walking trails now on the town map.
13	map.
14	is the "cross-town connector" still on the table?

Following the Virtual Public Meeting, members of the public had the opportunity to provide additional feedback regarding future land use in Halfmoon. Participants were asked five (5) open-ended questions, and the responses are recorded below.

Question 1

In your opinion, where should future commercial growth take place in Halfmoon?

- Commercial growth has been infringing on older residential areas for years. Town has to decide if it wants to protect older, lower income residential areas, or watch them default to commercial.
- Rt. 9, Rt. 236 and Rt. 146 corridors
- Close to the Northway
- Rt. 146 area
- Hudson River Road by Lighthouse Park
- Route 9 and Route 146
- Rt. 9 corridor
- Routes 9 and 146 should be the main commerce corridors in the Town of Halfmoon
- route 9 and 236
- Primarily Rte. 9 and Rte.9 / 146 area
- Along the US routes and near the I-87 interchanges

Question 2

In your opinion, where should future residential growth take place in Halfmoon?

- Northern sector
- Need to control sprawl and preserve northern halfmoon farms and green space. Build higher up, closer to the Northway.
- Development should mirror existing use. Apartments and higher density in the Sitterly Road area. Conservation residential zones north of Farm to Market Road. Careful land use of use along Rt 32.
- Along Rte. 236
- No particular specific location but continued in conjunction with existing neighborhoods that have been built or are under construction.
- Farm to market road
- Eastern extent of Rte. 146
- Best would be to fill-in between current residential developments.

Question 3

In your opinion, where should future technology/light industrial growth take place in Halfmoon?

- Exit 10 - Ushers Road area where Clifton Park has major development of Synergy Technology Park. Close access to I-87 helps to keep truck traffic to confined areas.
- In the commercial core
- Clean, light industrial growth is acceptable as long as it doesn't interfere with quality of life for residents living near such facilities.
- Areas behind the commercial on Rt. 9 and Rt. 146. Need to be very careful so conflicts are avoided with residential areas.
- Rte. 146 or NW corner of town
- Northeastern part of the town - "Area 3", also along Rte 4/32 corridor. Also what about agricultural growth/sustenance? Existing farmland should be preserved and encourage ag use of addl open space
- Northwest and Southwest areas of Town
- Near I-87 exits so the trucks don't have to travel too far from the Interstate

Question 4

Where would you like to see additional public recreation areas in Halfmoon?

- Waterfront areas and trails
- Town needs a concerted effort to have at least one school facility of our Shen District located within the Town and have an associated recreational/playing field as part of that location.
- Hudson & Mohawk Rivers
- Maintain walking trails currently on town map.
- Can't speak to where but Halfmoon Town Park is a great resource that is used by many! More paved trails would be a wonderful addition to the Town.
- Along the spine of the planned trail network from Town Hall through Vosberg Preserve, Motts Farm alongside McBride Fields. Conserve open space in this mid-town spine and add some recreation.
- Currently adequate
- There is a large parcel just west of "Area 3" that could be acquired and turned into a recreational parcel, with the old Champlain Canal as its eastern border.
- Town hall area
- Hudson River corridor
- In the current "green areas" of Town to appreciate the natural environment

Question 5:

Where should non-motorized connections be made in Halfmoon? (Bicycle, pedestrian, etc.)

- Wherever residential developments generate desired travel to recreational facilities (Town Parks).
- Connect to Zim Smith and canal trails to the commercial center.
- Trail connection between Crescent Park and Fonda Road in Waterford along the Hudson River. Trail connection between Halfmoon Town Park and Lighthouse Park.
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- Finish the Champlain Canal Trail to the Zim Smith trail. Complete and link CCT into the planned trails to the west of the CCT. Add spurs where possible to bring users to other neighborhoods.
- Need sidewalks/bike paths on all major connecting roads (in both Halfmoon and Clifton Park)
- Connecting the complete Empire State Trail (old Champlain Canal) to Waterford. Also east west across 9 towards Clifton Park
- Extension of existing corridors...Zim Smith, Hudson River, Mohawk River
- Everywhere possible

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!



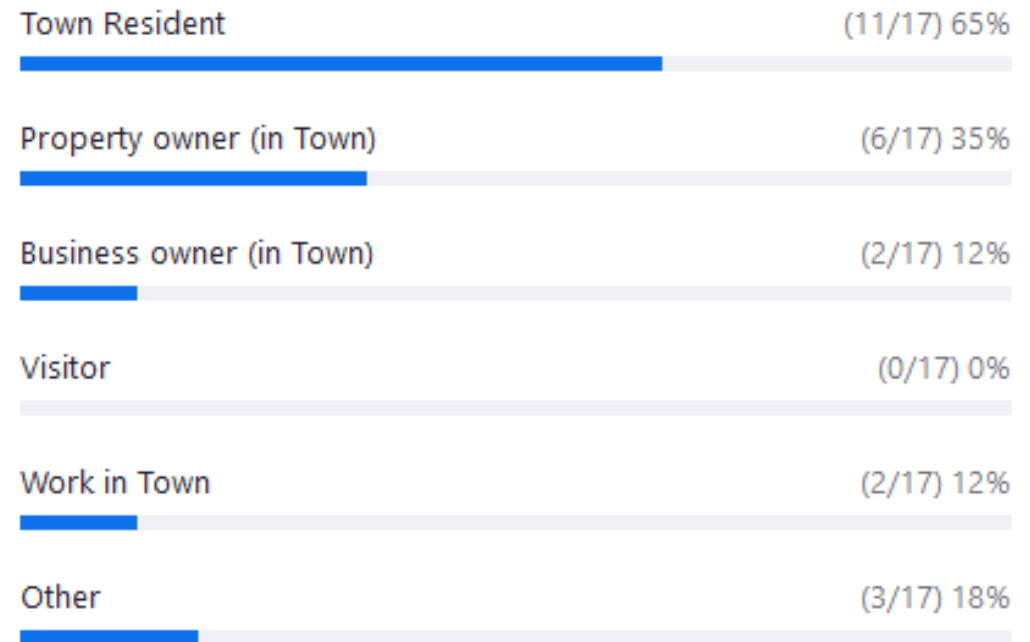


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17/17 (100%) answered



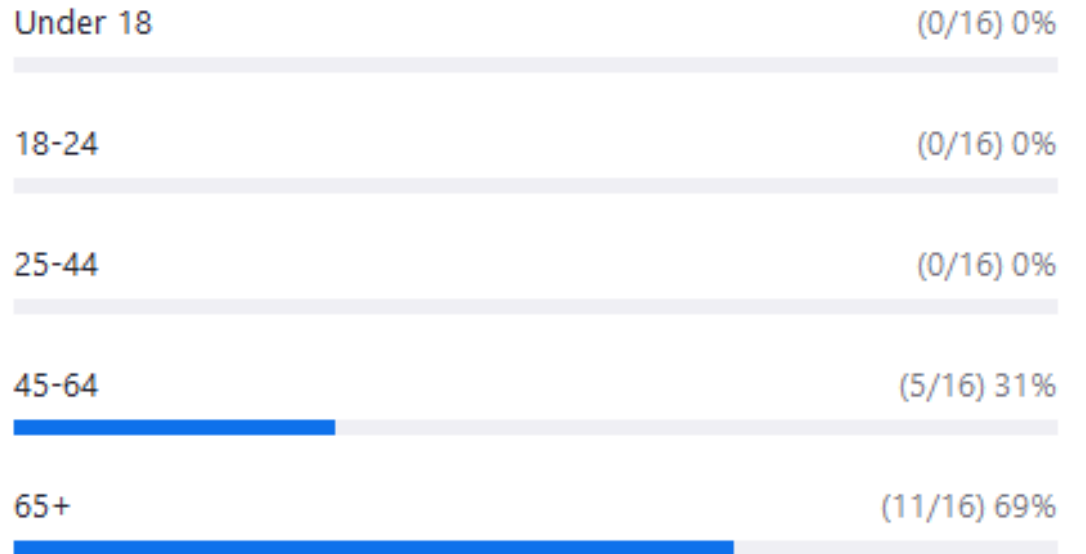


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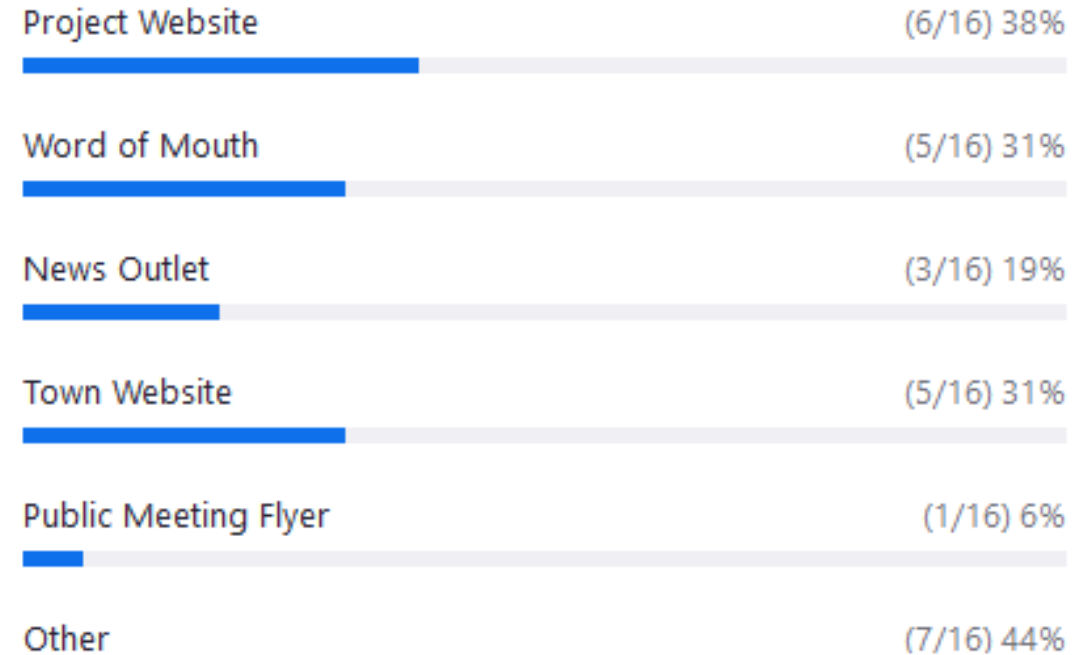


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. How did you hear about the Virtual Public Meeting? Select all that apply. (Multiple Choice) *

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
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Halfmoon Population: 25,662

Population Growth 2010-2020

Year	Population	Change
2010	23,800	-
2015	24,500	+700
2020	25,662	+1,162

Age Groups in Halfmoon - Expansion

Age Group	2010	2015	2020
0-14	1,200	1,100	1,000
15-24	1,500	1,400	1,300
25-34	2,000	2,100	2,200
35-44	2,500	2,600	2,700
45-54	3,000	3,100	3,200
55-64	3,500	3,600	3,700
65+	4,000	4,100	4,200



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)

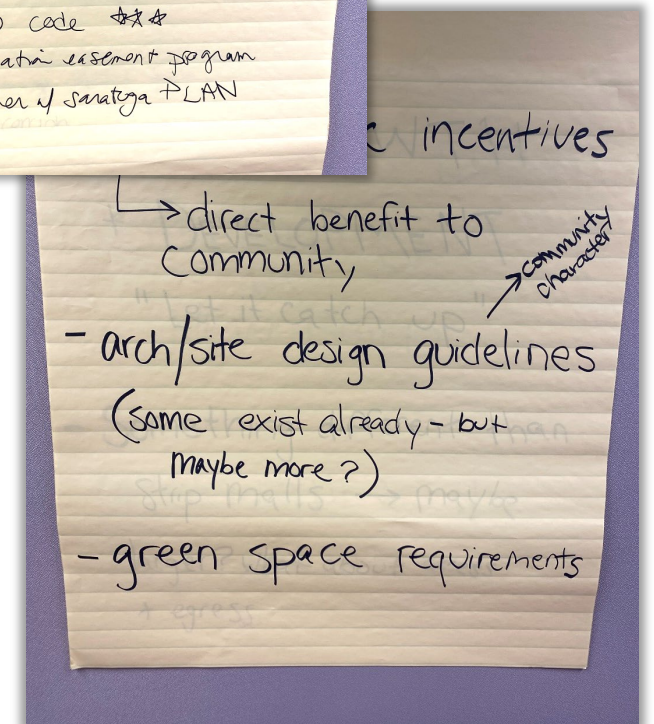
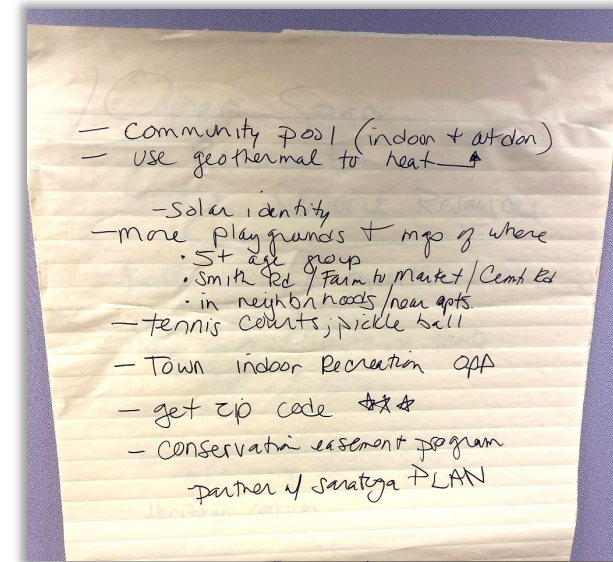




INTRO DRAFT VISION

What is a vision?

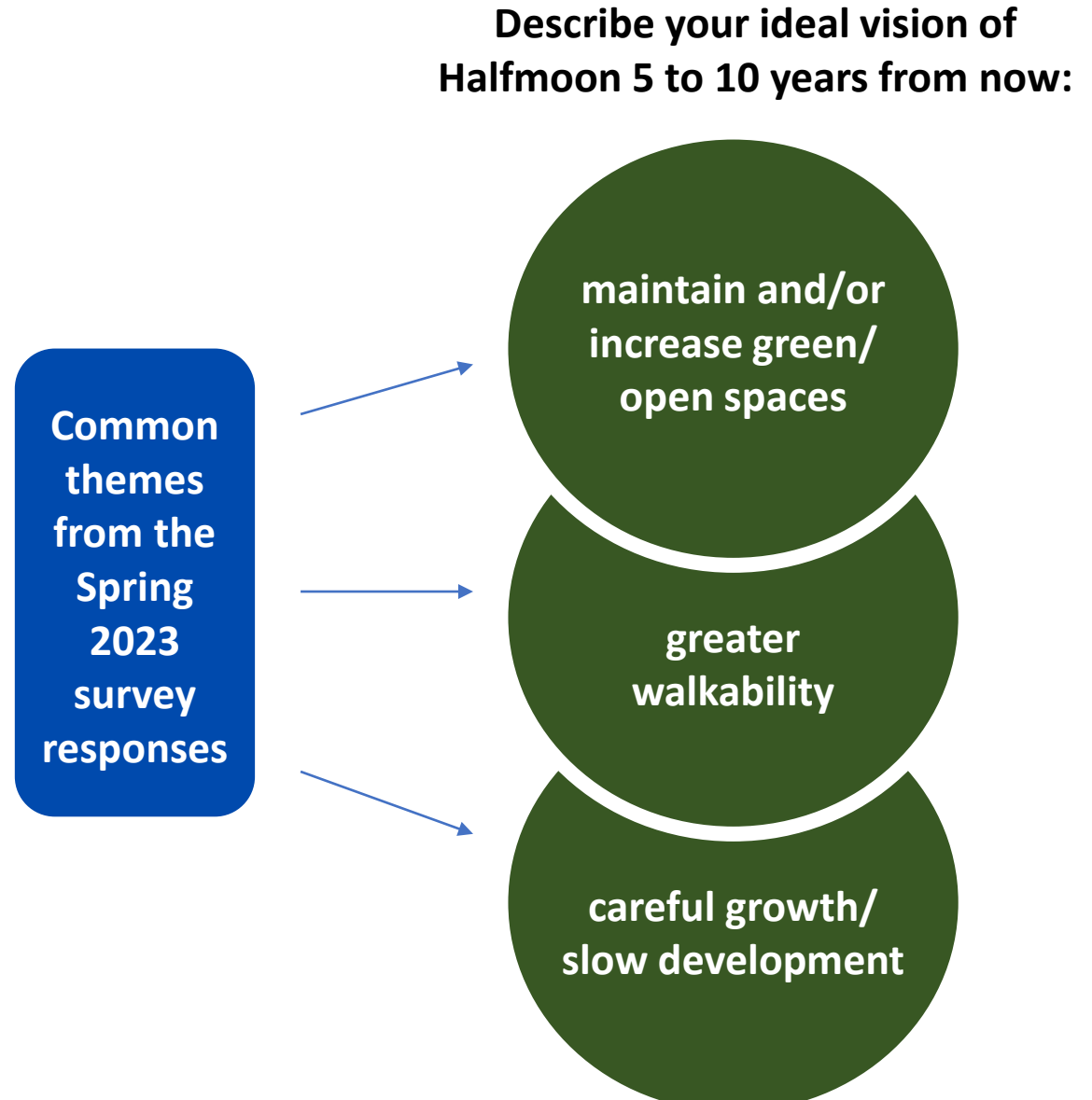
- A vision statement establishes the direction of the community over the next 5, 10 or 20 years
- It forms the basis for the comprehensive plan
- All subsequent recommendations aim to achieve the established vision





INTRO DRAFT VISION

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





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

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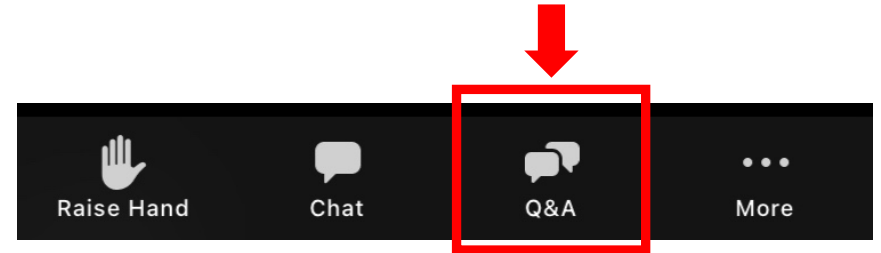
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family
community!
Incredible view



PARTICIPANT POLL

**What key word(s)
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To share your thoughts, utilize the
“Q & A” function in your Zoom
Webinar Panel





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DRAFT GOALS

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DRAFT GOALS

Categories

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- Infrastructure and Community Facilities
- Housing
- Quality of Life, Placemaking and People
- History and Culture
- Agriculture, Open Space, and Resiliency
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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?**



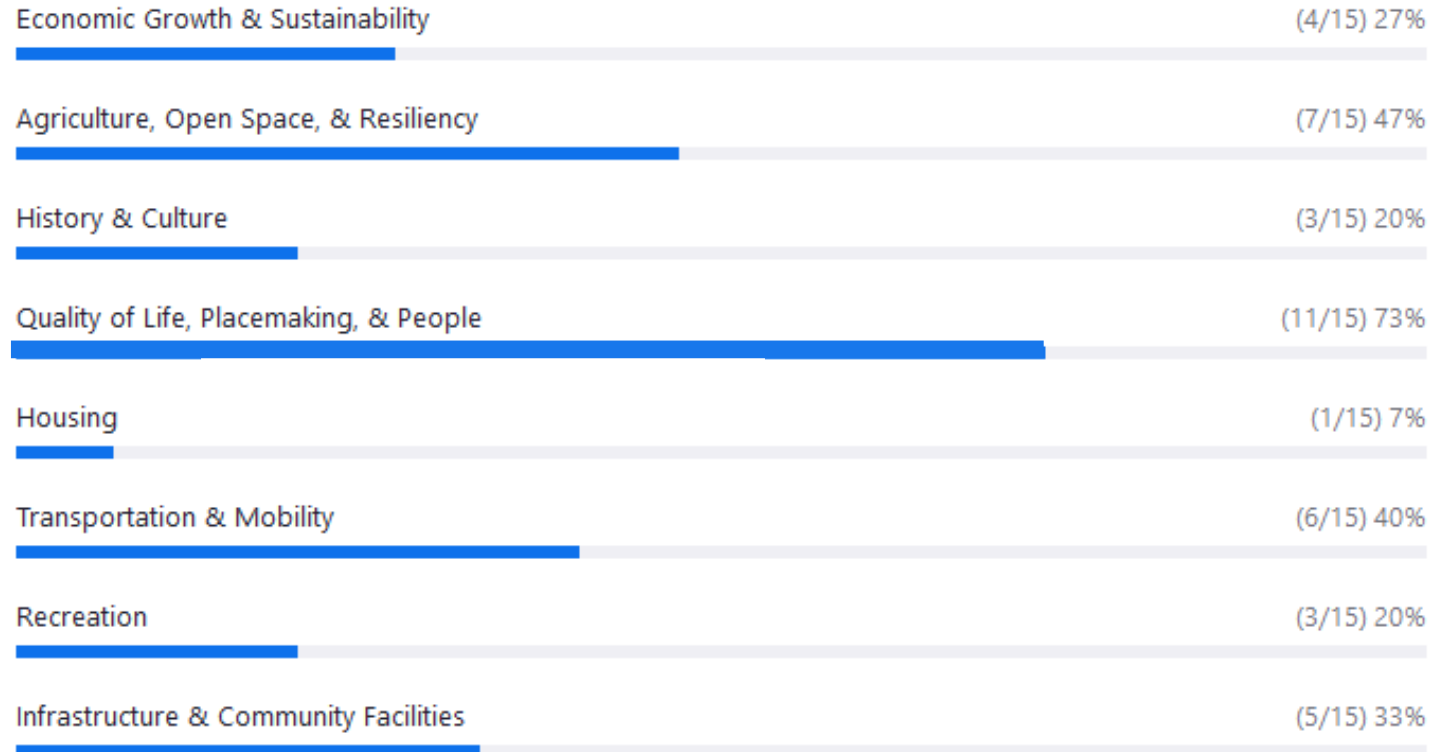


PARTICIPANT POLL

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

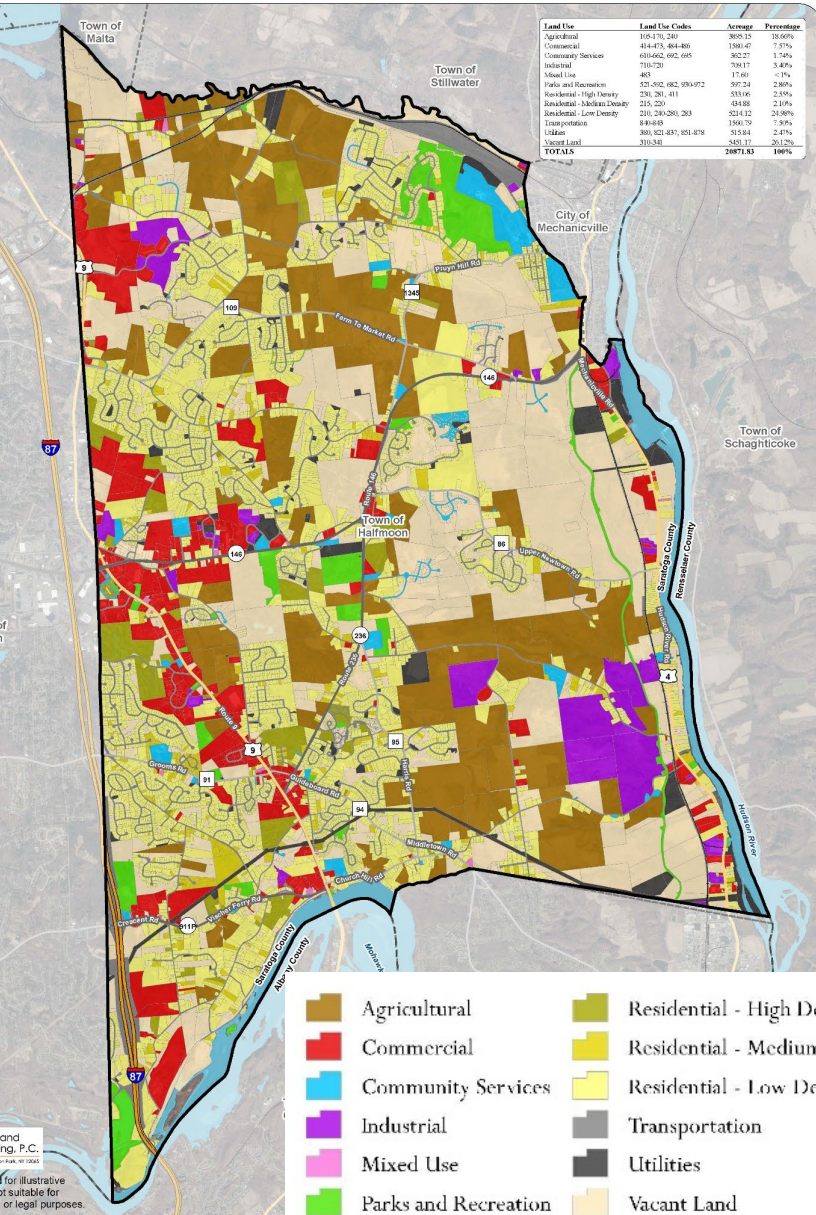


Reminder: A Comprehensive Plan provides a direction for future land uses while the zoning regulates what is allowed on a parcel of land.





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

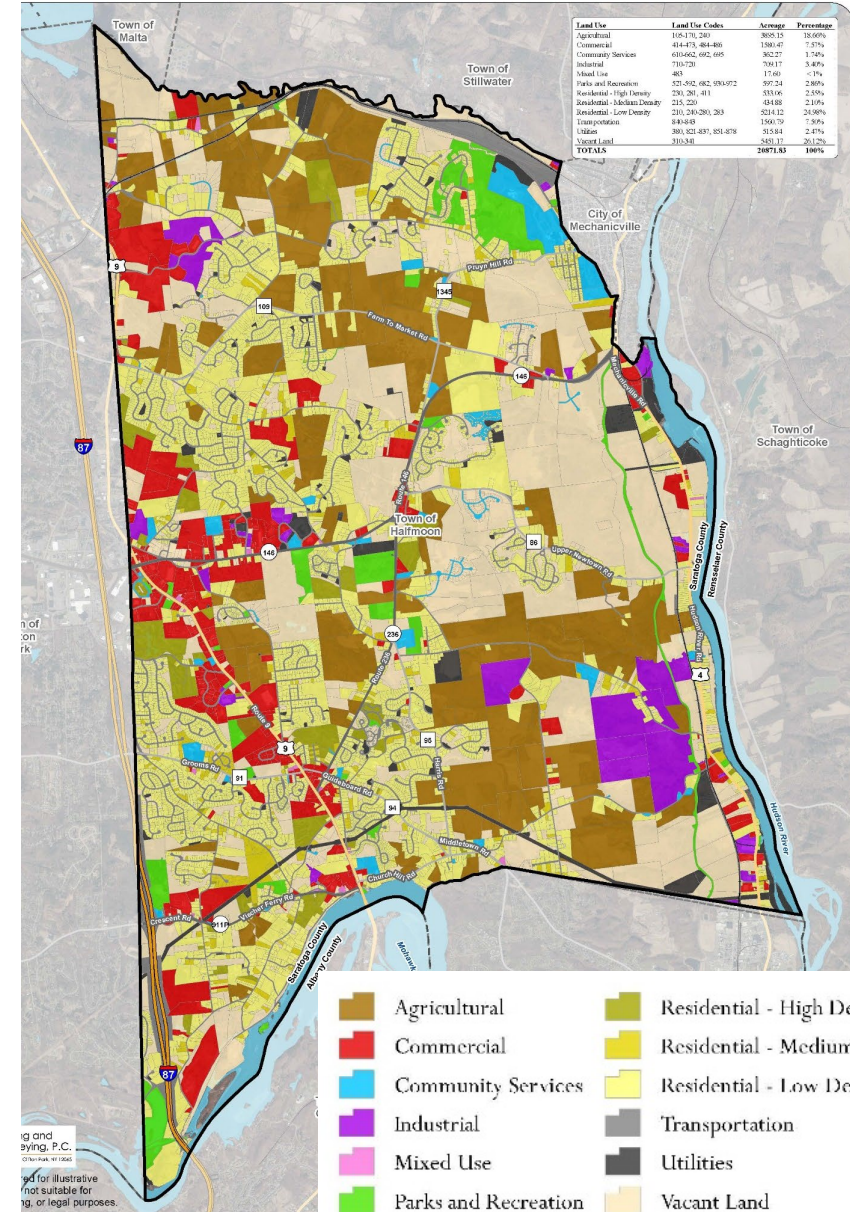
Land Use	Land Use Codes	Acreage	Percentage
Agricultural	105-170, 240	3895.15	18.66%
Commercial	414-473, 484-486	1580.47	7.57%
Community Services	610-662, 692, 695	362.27	1.74%
Industrial	710-720	709.17	3.40%
Mixed Use	483	17.60	< 1%
Parks and Recreation	521-592, 682, 930-972	597.24	2.86%
Residential - 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



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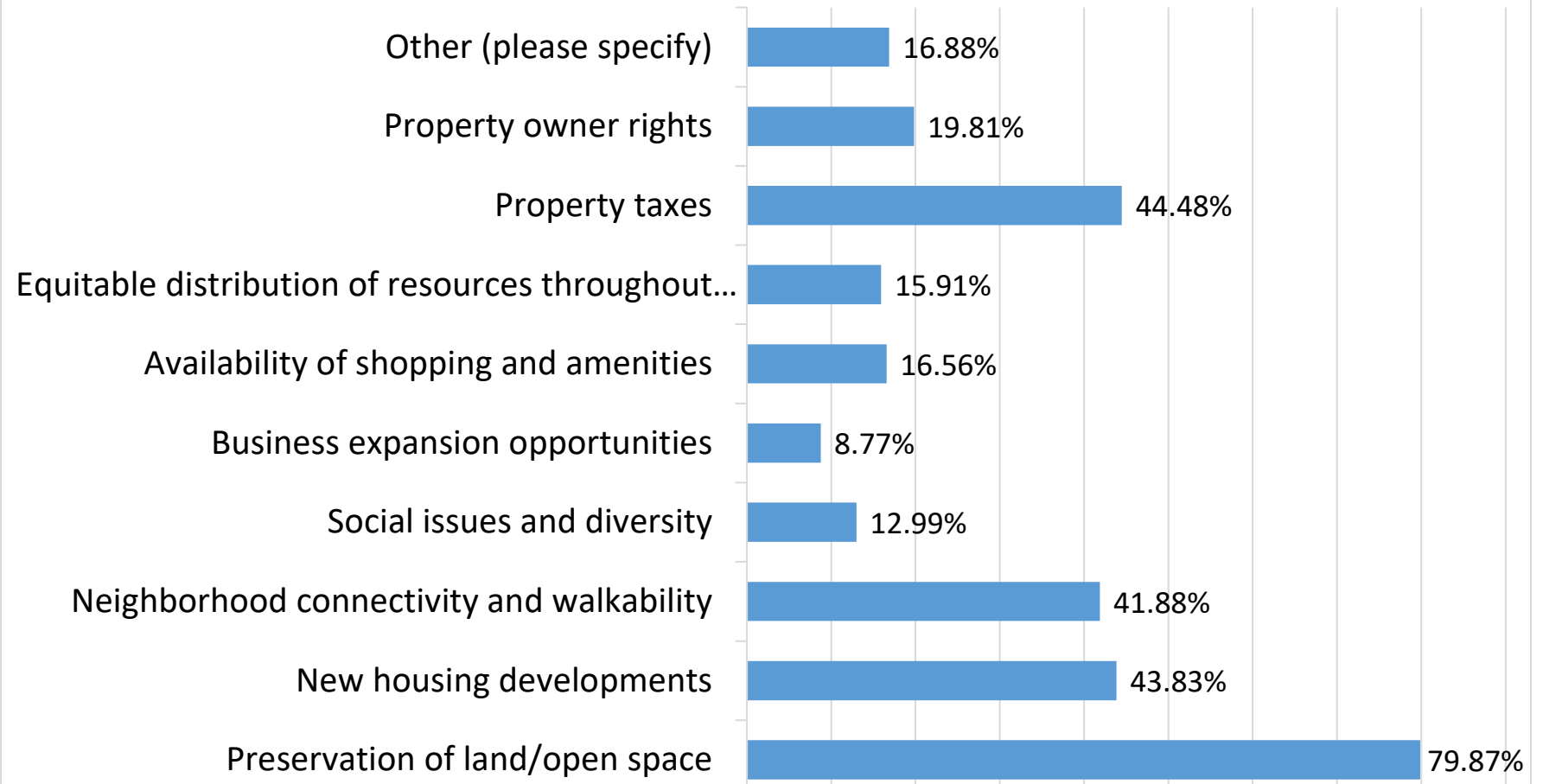
FUTURE LAND USE DISCUSSION

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)?





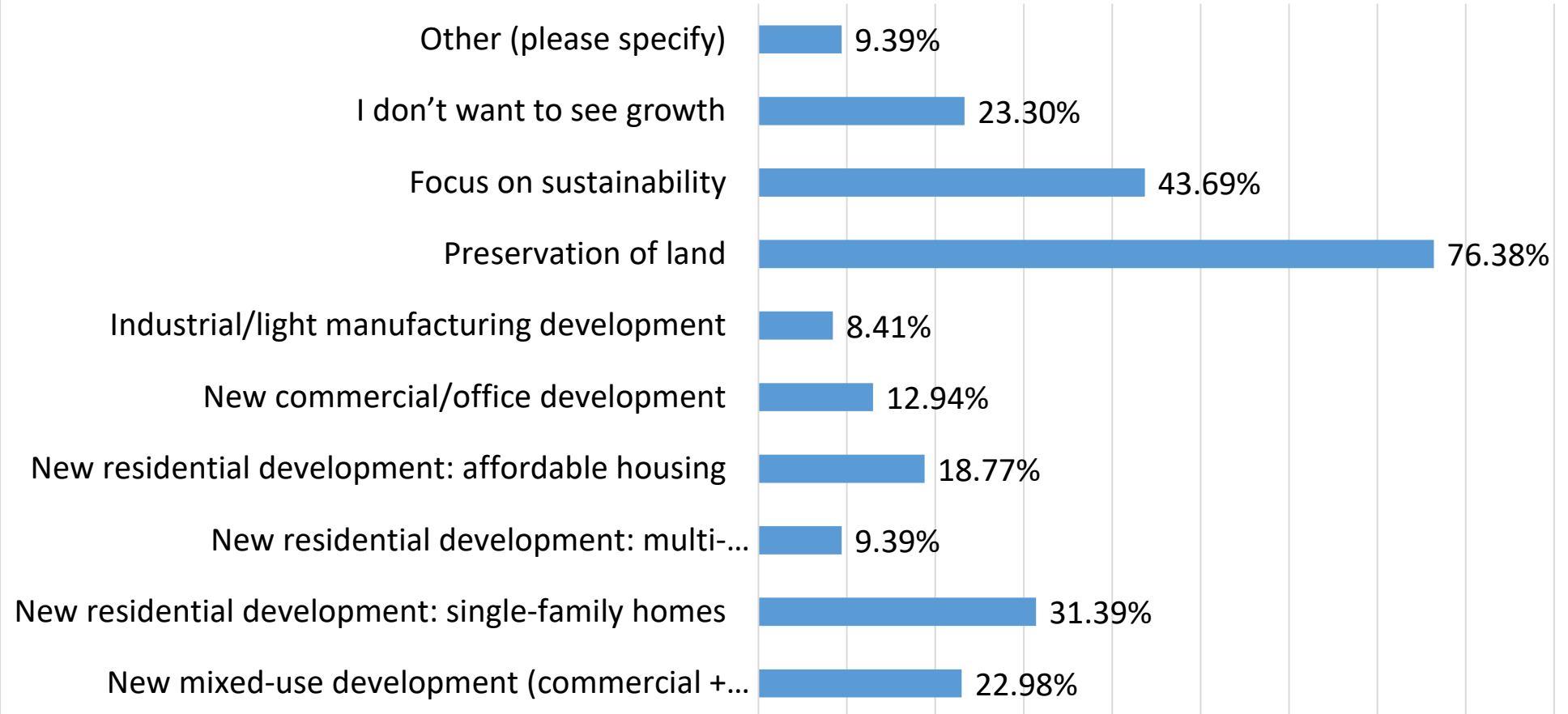
FUTURE LAND USE DISCUSSION

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Top 3:

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

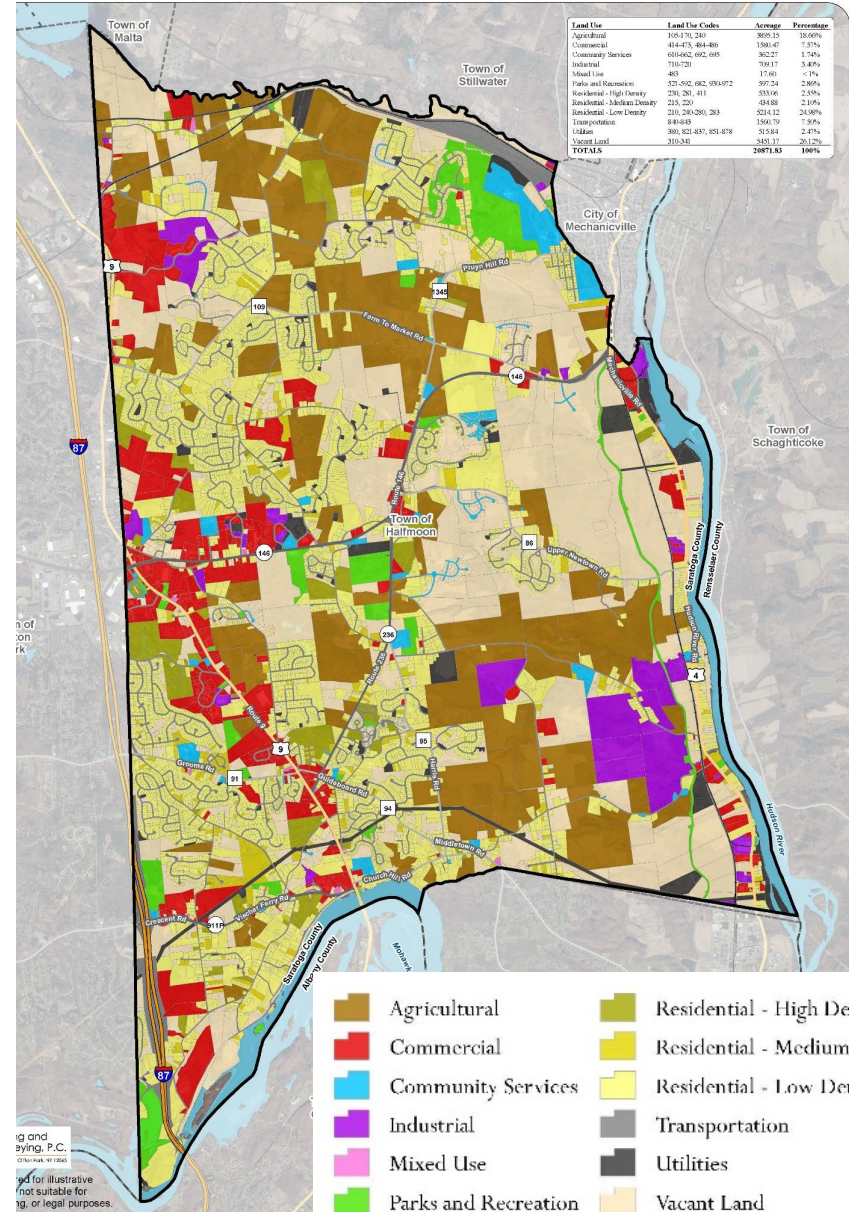
(Q15) What type of future growth would you like to see in Halfmoon in the next 20 years? (Select all that apply.)





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) *

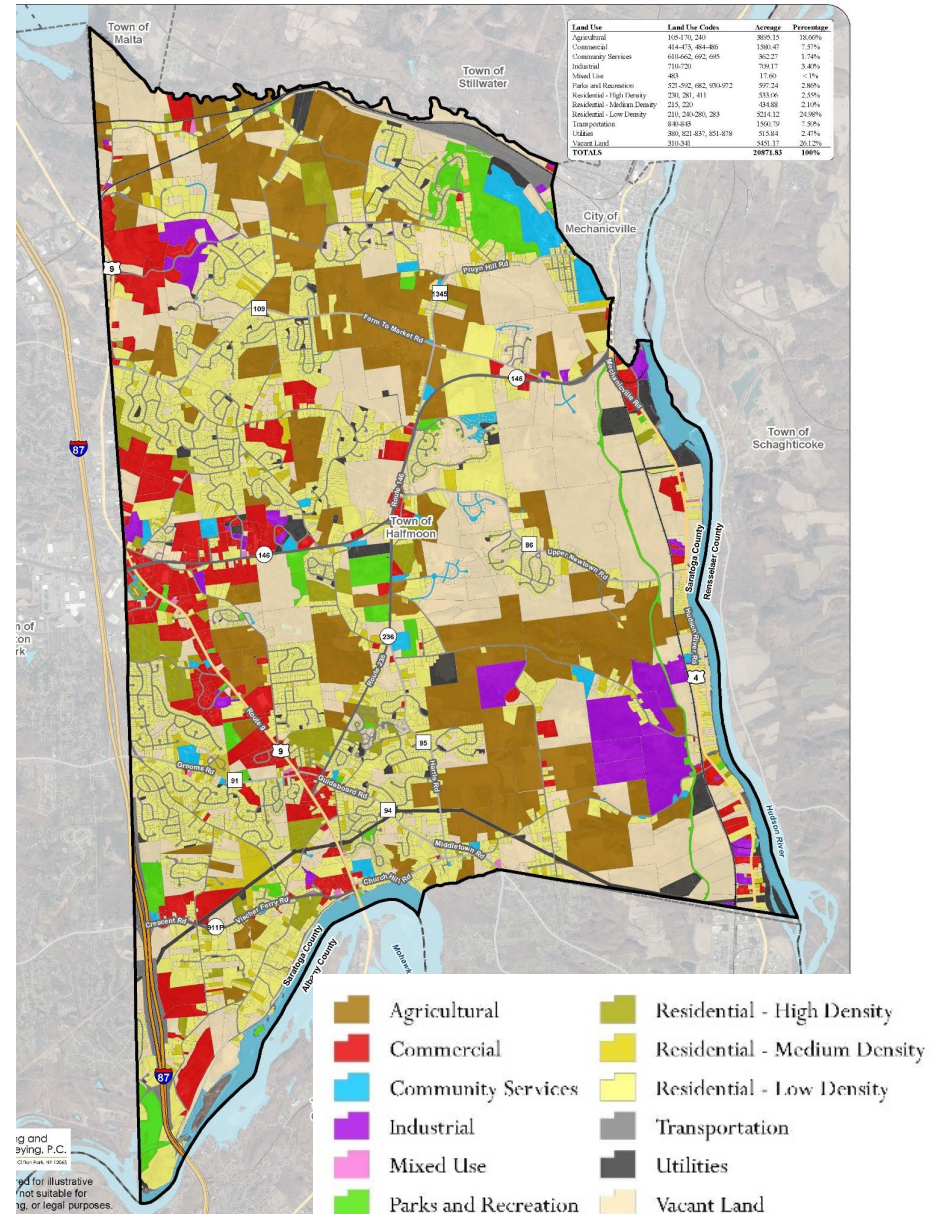
12/12 (100%) answered





FUTURE LAND USE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

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





NEXT STEPS



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

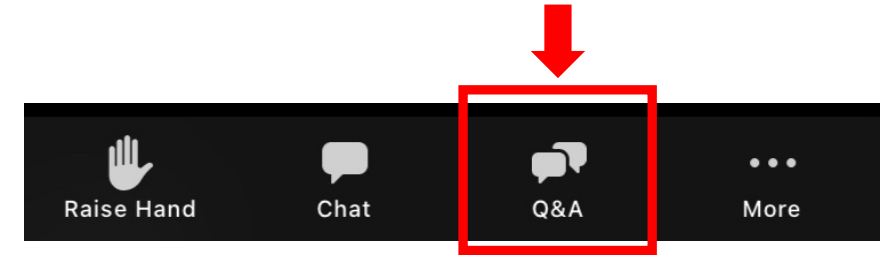
Submit comments on project website: www.PlanHalfmoon.com



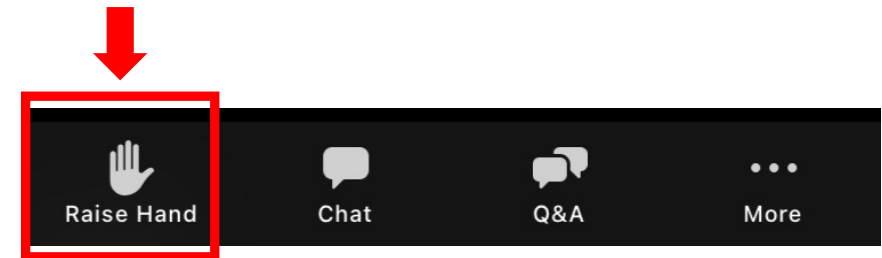


Q & A

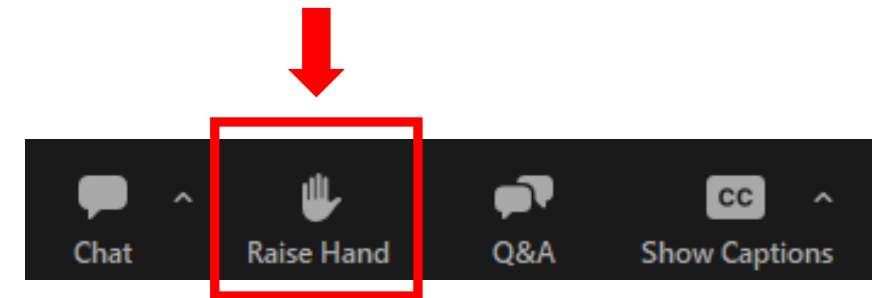
- To post a question, utilize the “Q & A” function in your Zoom Webinar Panel



- “Raise Hand” by mobile device
 - On the left side of your Zoom pane, click on “Raise Hand”



- “Raise Hand” by Computer
 - In the middle of your zoom panel, click “Raise Hand”
 - Or press Alt + Y on your keyboard



Submit comments on project website: www.PlanHalfmoon.com





Q & A

- “Raise Hand” by phone
 - Dial *9 to raise hand
 - Dial *6 mute/unmute
- Participants will be allowed to speak in order of raised hand
 - Limit 3 minutes per participant
- Submit additional comments through website: www.PlanHalfmoon.com
- Comments will be shared with the Committee



TOWN OF HALFMOON

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE



MEETING SUMMARY

- PURPOSE:** Public Meeting #4
- DATE/TIME:** March 18, 2024, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- LOCATION:** Virtual, Via Zoom Webinar
- ATTENDEES:** See Attached Attendees List

The Town of Halfmoon, as part of the public engagement component of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update process, held its fourth public meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024, using a Zoom Webinar format. The meeting had 17 registrants and 16 participants. The meeting began with a welcome by Richard Harris, Comprehensive Plan Update Committee Chairperson and Halfmoon Town Planner, who introduced Jaclyn Hakes (M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.). Several interactive polls took place throughout the webinar to gather feedback from participants. A Q&A period was held at the end of the meeting.

All participants were also encouraged to participate in the ongoing planning process and help spread the word about public engagement opportunities and the ongoing survey.

Agenda Item	Discussion
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Rich Harris (CPUC Chairperson) welcomed attendees and introduced the MJ Consultant Team.</p> <p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) provided a welcome statement and introduced the Comprehensive Plan Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Richard Harris, AICP • Jeremy Connors, Town Board Liaison • Paul Hotaling, Town Board Liaison • Lyn Murphy, Town Legal Liaison • Steven Kucskar • Joseph Landy • Michael D. Morand • J. Daniel Wojcik • William Herman

**Welcome and
Introductions Continued**

- Peter Bardunias
- Nancy Morris
- Deborah Curto
- Donald Roberts

Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) also introduced the Consultant Team – led by MJ Engineering and Land Surveying:

- Jaclyn Hakes, Project Manager
- Jacob Landis, Project Planner
- Dan Madigan, Planner and Webinar Host

Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) briefly went over the meeting agenda:

- Welcome
- Webinar “How To”
- Getting To Know You – Interactive Polls
- Project Overview & Update
- Introduction of Comprehensive Plan Update Draft Preliminary Recommendations
- Next Steps
- Q & A

Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) explained how to use the interactive polls on Zoom and offered several prompts for attendees to respond to so that the consultant team could learn who was participating.

Who is joining us this evening?

- Town Resident: 44%
- Property Owner in Town: 44%
- Business Owner in Town: 0%
- Visitor: 0%
- Work in Town: 11%
- Other: 0%
- How did you hear about the meeting?
 - Social Media: 0%
 - Flyer: 0%
 - Town Website: 43%
 - Town Email: 43%
 - Word of Mouth: 14%
 - Other: 0%
- How Familiar are you with Comprehensive Plans?
 - Very Familiar: 60%
 - Somewhat Familiar: 40%
 - Not at all Familiar: 0%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is this your first time attending a Halfmoon Comprehensive Plan Update public engagement session? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes: 60% ○ No: 40% ○ Unsure: 0%
<p style="text-align: center;">Project Overview and Update</p>	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) described an overview of the Comprehensive Plan Process:</p> <p><u>What is a Comp Plan?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Law – Article 16 §272-A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "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. • 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 <p><u>A Comp Plan is not...</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 <p><u>Project Approach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding where you are

<p>Project Overview and Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do you want to be? • How do you get there – reality-based series of implementation steps (current milestone phase) <p><u>Schedule of Milestones:</u></p> <p>Spring/Summer 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Group Meetings • Vision / Goals • Strategies and recommendations <p>Fall/ Winter 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd round of public engagement • Draft plan and recommendations <p>Winter/Spring 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th round of public engagement • 5th round of public engagement • Draft plan <p>Summer 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th round of public engagement • Final comprehensive plan • Adoption of plan
<p>Public Participation</p>	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) discussed the public participation process and accomplishments this far.</p> <p><u>Activities to Date:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Website – www.planhalfmoon.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online comment form • Farmer’s Market Pop-Up (In-person) • Online Community Survey completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 400 responses • Open House and Visioning Session (In-person) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 23, 2023 • Public Workshop #2 (In-person) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 25, 2023 • Public Workshop #3 (virtual) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ December 2023 • Hard Copy Comment Forms • Focus Group Meetings (virtual) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ multiple sessions (over 70 participants)

<p>Draft Vision and Goals</p>	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) introduced the Draft Vision and Draft Goals.</p> <p><u>Draft Vision: Updated August 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p><u>What are Comprehensive Plan Goals?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals assist in achieving the vision • Developed by integrating Committee and public input • Committee evaluation of current Comprehensive Plan <p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) explained the Draft Goal Categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Preliminary Draft Recommendations</p>	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) introduced Jacob Landis, Project Planner (MJ) to introduce the Preliminary Draft Recommendations and to facilitate participant feedback activities.</p> <p><u>What are Preliminary Draft Recommendations?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic-based aligned with goals • Developed through initial Committee feedback on the current Comprehensive Plan, survey, public meetings, public comments etc.

<p>Preliminary Draft Recommendations Continued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals and draft recommendations may overlap and be interrelated <p><u>How have the recommendations been developed?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public meetings and Survey • Stakeholder sessions • Committee meetings • Public Comments <p>Jacob Landis (MJ) explained each Goal Category and the Preliminary Draft Recommendations associated with each. The participants were asked which of the recommendations was most important to them for each goal category using Poll Everywhere software.</p> <p><i>Quality of Life Placemaking, and People:</i></p> <p>GOALS:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Town Character: Preserve and enhance Halfmoon’s identity, image, and quality of life in accordance with the vision for the future.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Jacob Landis (MJ) asked attendees which of the recommendations discussed were most important to them. Attendees could select multiple recommendations. Recommendations are listed in order of highest percentage of support from attendees.</p> <p>PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. (38%)
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**Preliminary Draft
Recommendations
Continued**

- Update streetscape on main routes and important thoroughfares. (31%)
- Update waterway and trail maps and provide residents and visitors with resources promoting the gems of Halfmoon. (23%)
- Strengthen and promote access and connectivity between public spaces. (8%)
- Identify and market a location for a well-connected public space that supports gatherings, cultural performances, and events. (0%)

History and Culture

GOAL:

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

Jacob Landis (MJ) asked attendees asked which of the recommendations discussed were most important to them. Attendees could select multiple recommendations. Recommendations are listed in order of highest percentage of support from attendees.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Consider undertaking an inventory of historic sites within the Town in partnership with the Historic Society. (30%)
- Develop a formal history trail that emphasizes the historic significance of notable locations in Halfmoon. (30%)
- Consider guidelines to protect historic structures and the character of historic hamlets in the Town. (30%)
- Promote Halfmoon’s historic places through preservation and marketing methods such as signage and markers. (10%)

Recreation

GOAL:

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

<p>Preliminary Draft Recommendations Continued</p>	<p>Jacob Landis (MJ) asked attendees asked which of the recommendations discussed were most important to them. Attendees could select multiple recommendations. Recommendations are listed in order of highest percentage of support from attendees.</p> <p>PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. (44%) • Update and promote resource-access mapping that assists residents in learning about recreation opportunities in the Town. (33%) • Ensure accessibility to all Town-owned locations that offer recreation space. (22%) • Maintain and promote inclusion and equity efforts in Town sports and recreation programs. (0%) <p><i>Economic Growth and Sustainability</i></p> <p>GOAL:</p> <p>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's character, residential neighborhoods, and vision for the future.</p> <p>Jacob Landis (MJ) asked attendees asked which of the recommendations discussed were most important to them. Attendees could select multiple recommendations. Recommendations are listed in order of highest percentage of support from attendees.</p> <p>PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to encourage and support all manners of businesses, small and large, to establish, stay, and expand in Halfmoon. (33%) • Survey existing business owners about challenges and opportunities. (33%)
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<p>Preliminary Draft Recommendations Continued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasize clean light-industrial/21st Century Industry and locally-owned businesses as staples of the local economy in appropriate areas. (33%) <p><i>Infrastructure and Community Facilities</i></p> <p>GOAL:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Jacob Landis (MJ) asked attendees asked which of the recommendations discussed were most important to them. Attendees could select multiple recommendations. Recommendations are listed in order of highest percentage of support from attendees.</p> <p>PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. (24%) • Maintain high standards for required development-driven infrastructure improvements. (19%) • Support Green Initiatives where possible. (14%) • Map/Inventory future demands on electricity to help plan for sustainability and resiliency in the future. (10%) • Prepare water infrastructure replacement plan to replace and upgrade outdated water infrastructure to maintain adequate and reliable service. (10%) • Coordinate with Saratoga County to maintain and upgrade wastewater systems as needed. (10%)
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<p>Preliminary Draft Recommendations Continued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider incentivizing the undergrounding of private and public utility lines where appropriate. (5%) • Construct a Community Center that provides an accessible, common meeting space for community events and meetings. (5%) • Build partnerships with the Halfmoon-Clifton Park Library to increase access to services and resources. (0%) <p><i>Housing</i></p> <p>GOAL:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Jacob Landis (MJ) asked attendees asked which of the recommendations discussed were most important to them. Attendees could select multiple recommendations. Recommendations are listed in order of highest percentage of support from attendees.</p> <p>PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider undertaking a housing study of the Town to better understand the community-supported types of housing. (56%) • Continue to support new construction and redevelopment of housing town-wide to support growing demand while balancing environmental concerns and growth management efforts. (22%) • 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. (22%)
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**Preliminary Draft
Recommendations
Continued**

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.

Jacob Landis (MJ) asked attendees asked which of the recommendations discussed were most important to them. Attendees could select multiple recommendations. Recommendations are listed in order of highest percentage of support from attendees.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Prepare a study evaluating major intersections within the Town through collaboration with neighboring municipalities, Saratoga County, and the New York State Department of Transportation. (35%)
- Establish and/or maintain pedestrian and bicycle (multi-modal) connections between neighborhoods, open spaces, and recreation spaces through sustainable building practices. (29%)
- Continue to support vehicular circulation improvements throughout the Town. (24%)
- Incorporate public transportation elements specifically within the Town Plan. (12%)
- 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. (0%)

Agriculture, Open Space, and 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

<p style="text-align: center;">Preliminary Draft Recommendations Continued</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Jacob Landis (MJ) asked attendees asked which of the recommendations discussed were most important to them. Attendees could select multiple recommendations. Recommendations are listed in order of highest percentage of support from attendees.</p> <p>PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide optional incentive programs to conserve open space and habitat. (24%) • Complete a Natural Resource Inventory that identifies natural resources and open spaces within the Town. (24%) • Offer optional incentive programs to encourage new farm enterprises and support active farms through efforts to maintain operations and lower costs. (18%) • Review zoning to ensure consistency with regulations that are compatible with agricultural activities under the Agriculture and Markets Law (AML). (18%) • Protect and maintain viewsheds of the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers and surrounding ranges. (6%) • Increase awareness surrounding open spaces, trails, preserves, motorized and non-motorized boat access, etc. (6%) • 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. (6%)
<p style="text-align: center;">Future Land Use</p>	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) led a discussion on Future Land Use as a component of the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Future Land Use</p>	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) presented the current Land Use Map and highlighted key land uses within the current Town Land Use Map.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~25% of land is classified as Residential – Low Density • ~26% is Vacant • ~18% is Agricultural • ~8% is Commercial • Commercial uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ focused on Route 9 and Route 146 (west of Route 9) • Industrial uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ focused Northwest area and Southeast area of Town • Residential generally throughout Town • Agricultural generally throughout Town <p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) asked participants to share which land uses they wanted to see in the future in the Town of Halfmoon?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Space (29%) • Agricultural (25%) • Recreational (21%) • Residential (17%) • Commercial/ Retail (4%) • Technology / Light Industrial (4%) • Industrial (0%)
<p style="text-align: center;">Question and Answer</p>	<p>Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) gave an overview of how to participate in the Q&A session. Participants could post questions and share comments using the Q&A function in Zoom, as well as use the “raise hand” function to speak. Phone participants could also use their number pad to raise their hand and unmute.</p> <p>3 questions and/or comments were received through the Q & A function. A full record of all questions and comments submitted through the Q&A panels is attached.</p> <p>One (1) comment was received via the “raise hand function” to speak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment regarding incentivizing and supporting farmers and agricultural landowners to keep their businesses running with profitability. Lower taxes to help with increasing costs. <p>Richard Harris, AICP (CPUC Chair, Town Planner) provided a response to the comments and encouraged interested participants to engage with him if they have questions or comments in the future. He also encouraged agricultural land owners to come to the in-person meeting on March 19, 2024 from 6:00-7:30 pm.</p>

	Jaclyn Hakes (MJ) thanked participants, encouraged comments/questions to be submitted through www.planhalfmoon.com .
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This meeting summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and the input received. Please forward any additions, corrections, and/or questions to my attention.

Submitted by: Jacob Landis, MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.
cc: Consultant Team, CPUC, Town Planning & Zoning Department

Attachments:

- Meeting Attendees List
- Q&A Responses
- Poll Question Responses

Attendees List:

First Name	Last Name
Tom	Werner
David	LaComb
Jim	Warzek
Bob	Degnan
Bob	Degnan
Phil	Barrett
Sharon	Levitas
John	Higgins
Elsa	Barnum
Elsa	Barnum
Elsa	Barnum
Gary	Garavuso
Michael	Imfeld
Andrew	McAdoo
Christine	Matthews
Judy	Gerwitz
Lyn	Murphy
Steven	Kucskar
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Mike	Morand

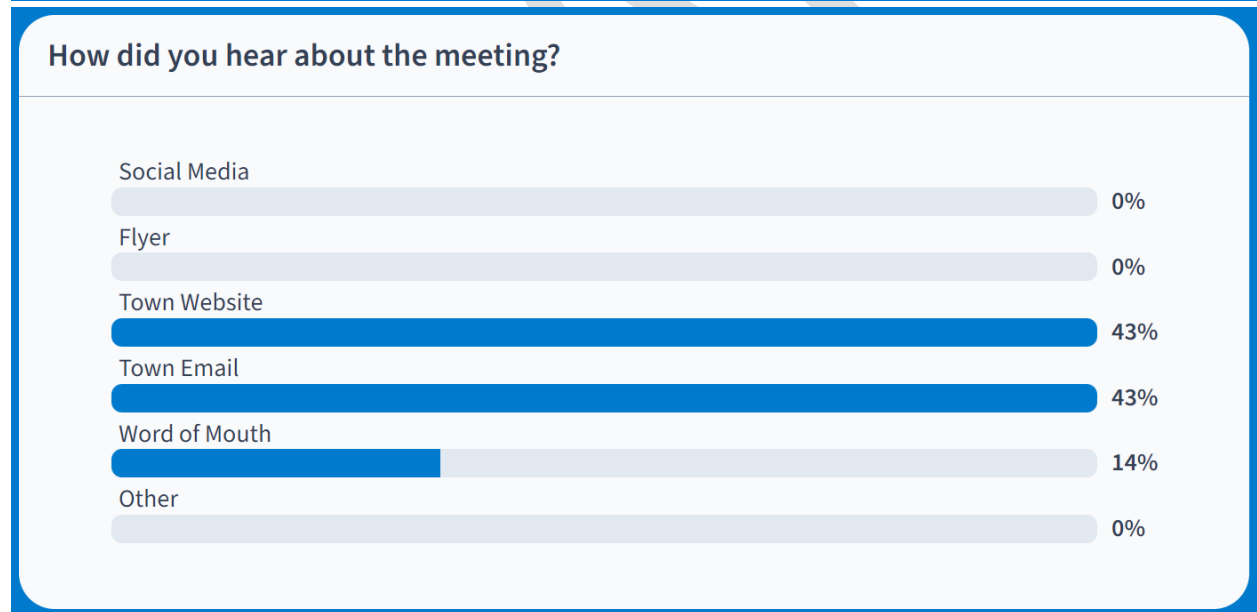
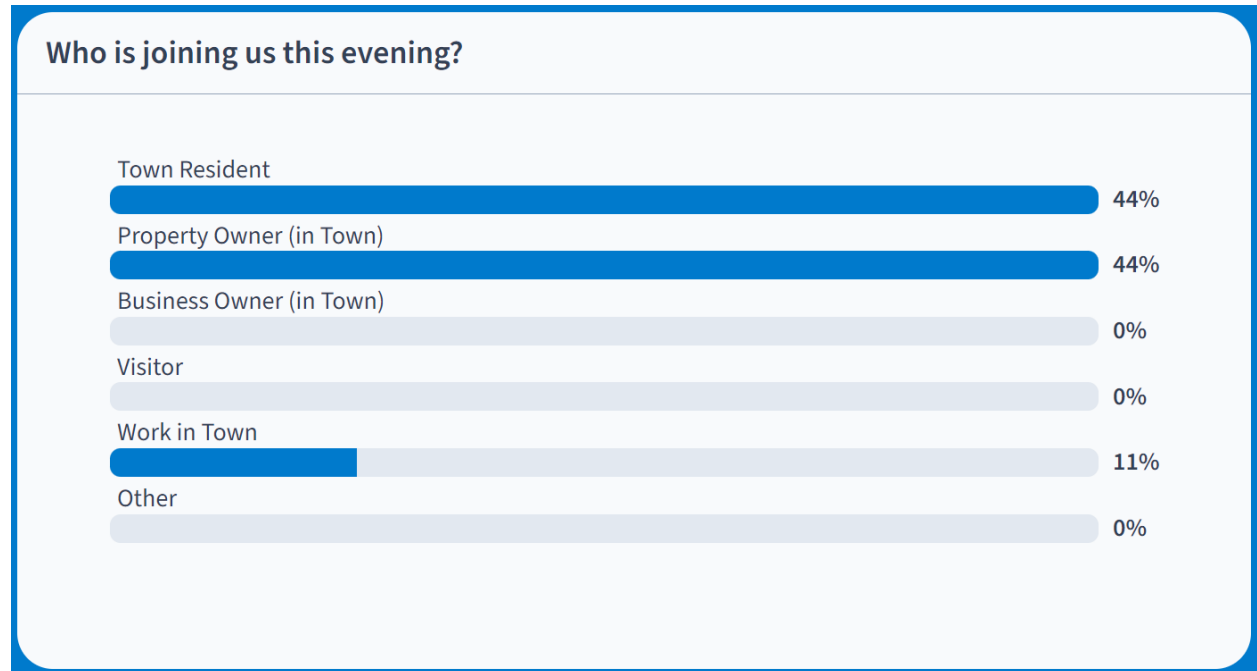
Panelist List:

First Name	Last Name	Affiliation
Jaclyn	Hakes	MJ
Jacob	Landis	MJ
Daniel	Madigan	MJ
Richard	Harris	Chair

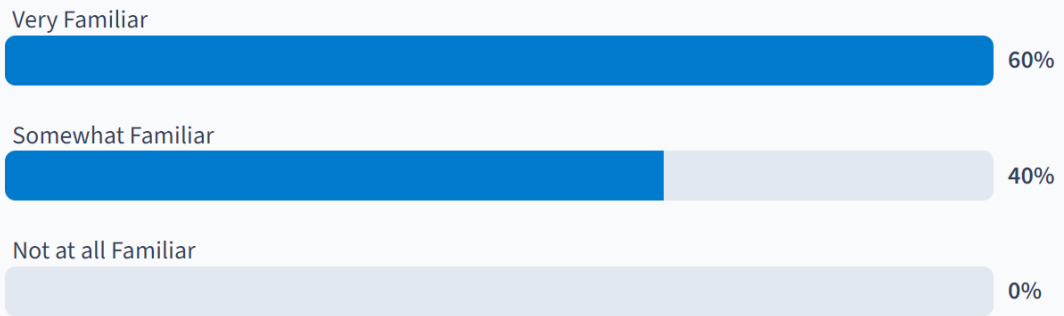
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General Q&A	
1	The recommendations to date include a number of surveys, studies, etc. What is the timeline for these? Are these updates to existing Town studies and surveys, or are they completely new?
2	The transportation issues along the 9 and 146 corridors are at a critical stage. A sense of urgency is needed to resolve these issues.
3	That is great news
4	So the comp plan will be a living document?
5	As what point will specific issues be addressed. All this information is very broad. Will traffic/congestion on 146 be specifically addressed
6	Rather than look for grant monies for studies, do you or will you ask developers to pay for select studies to support their proposed projects?

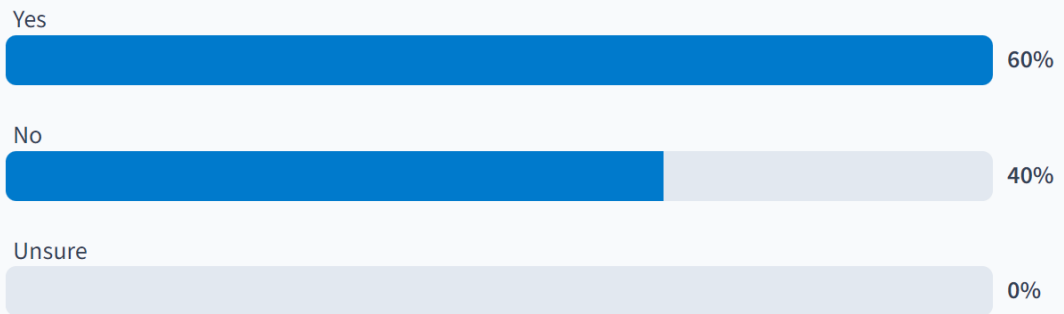
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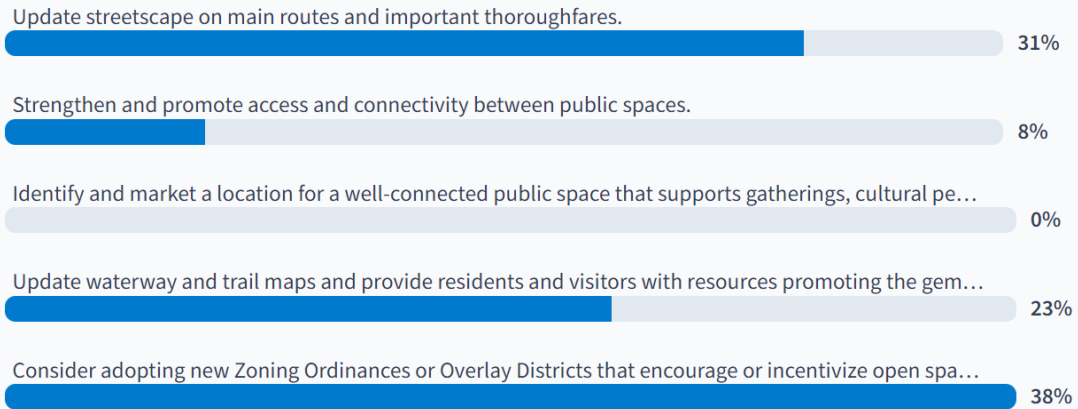
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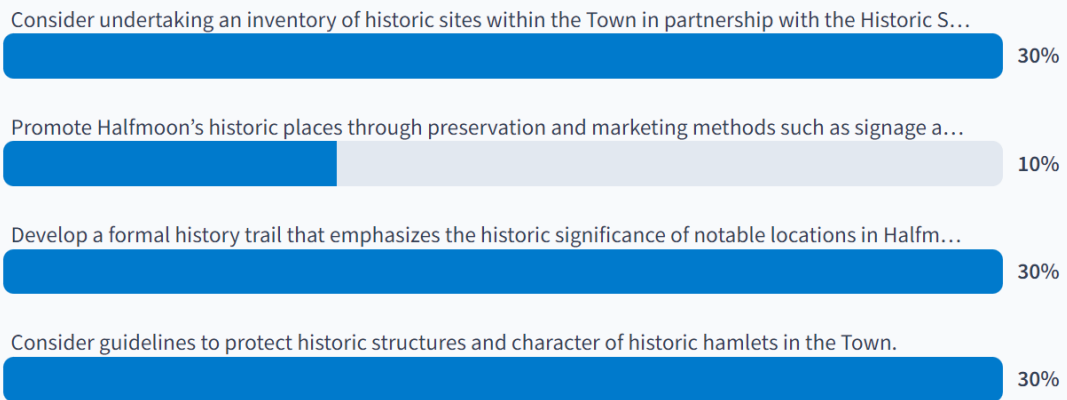
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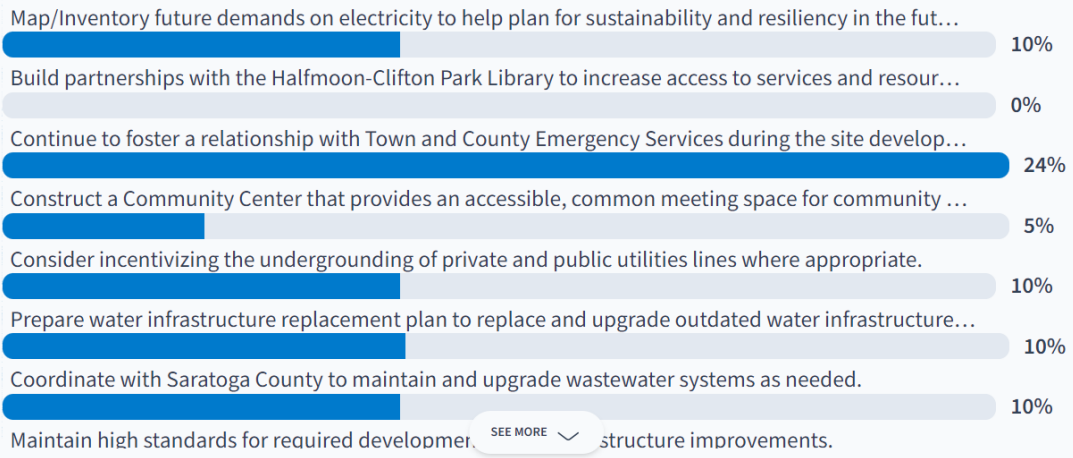
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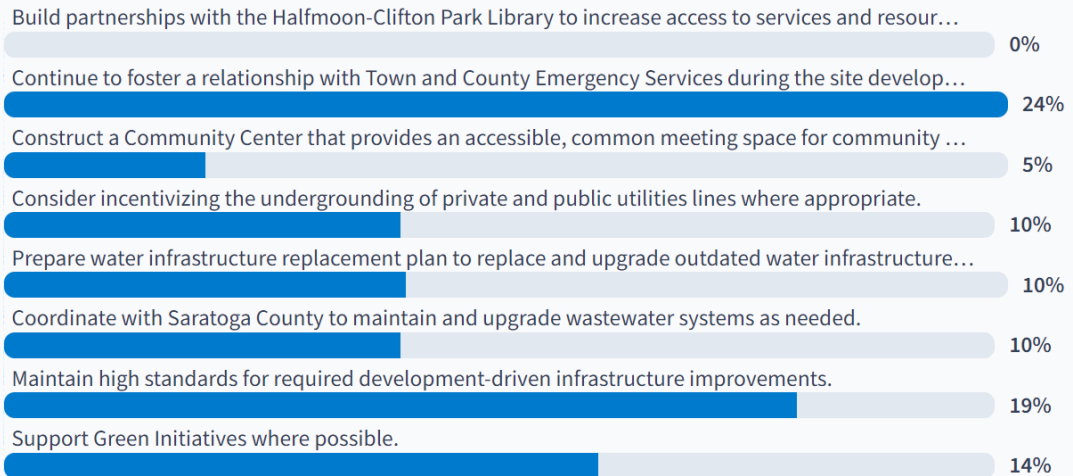
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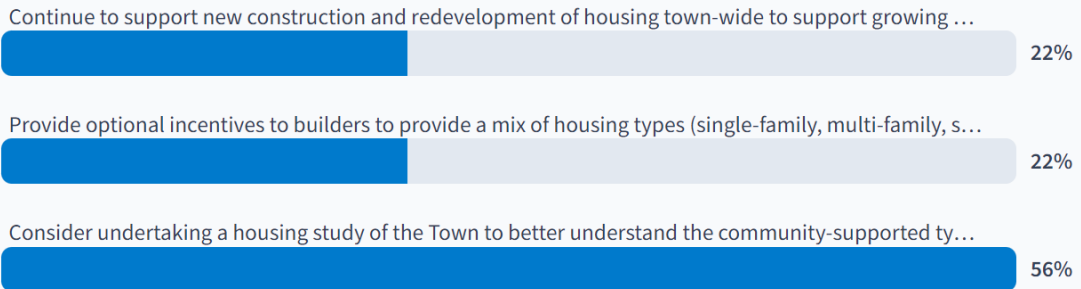
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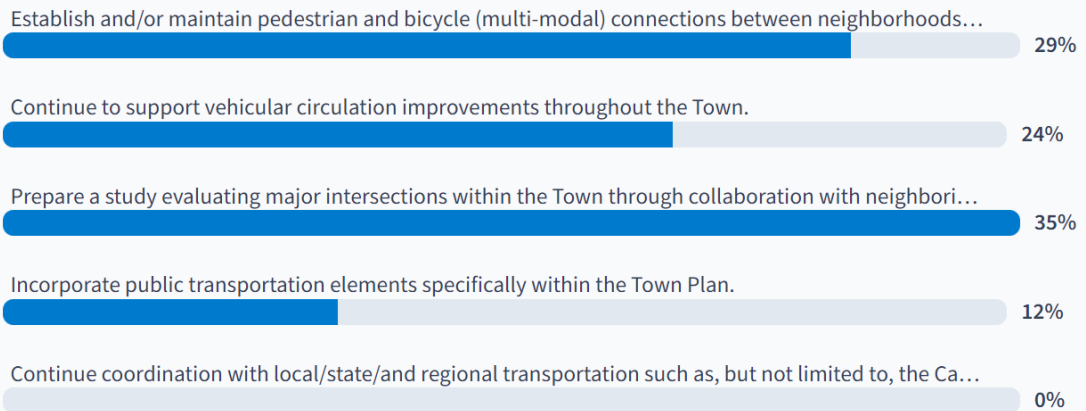
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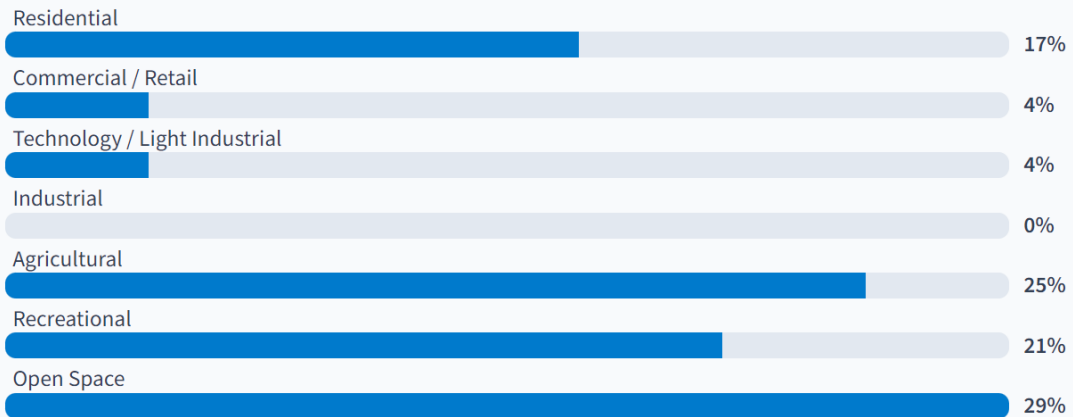
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What Land Uses do you want to see in Halfmoon in the future?



TOWN OF HALFMOON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

**Virtual
Public Workshop #4**

March 18, 2024

6:00 – 7:30 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*
- Jacob Landis, *Project Planner*
- Dan Madigan, *Planner & Webinar Host*



AGENDA



- Welcome
- Webinar “How To”
- Getting To Know You – Interactive Polls
- Project Overview & Update
- Introduction of Comprehensive Plan Update Draft Preliminary Recommendations
- 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
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU!



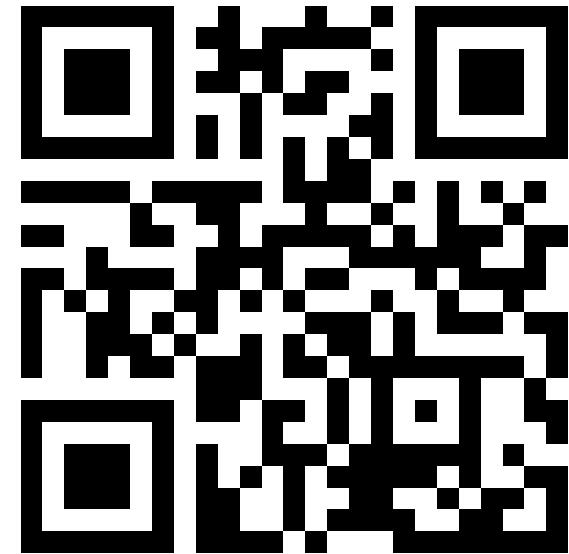
Help us to get to know who is “in the Zoom room” this evening by answering interactive poll questions!





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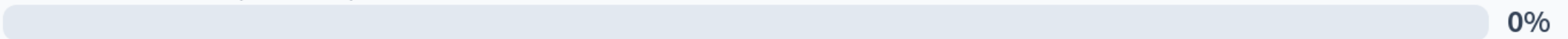
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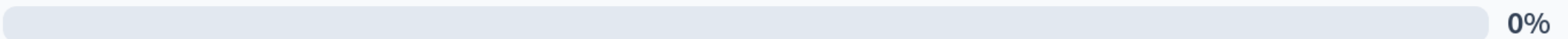
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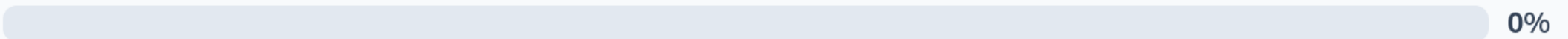
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Work in Town

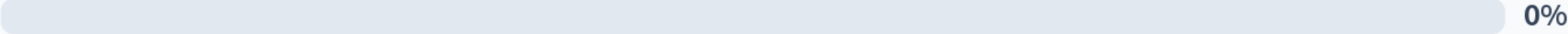


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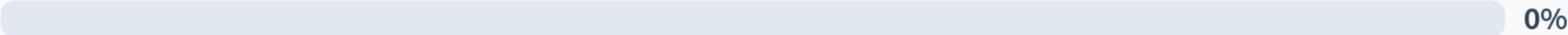


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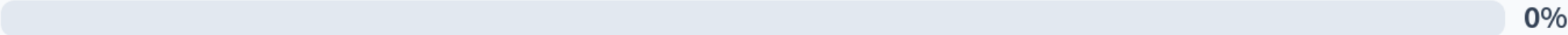
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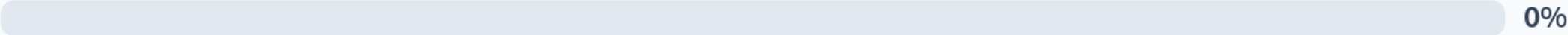
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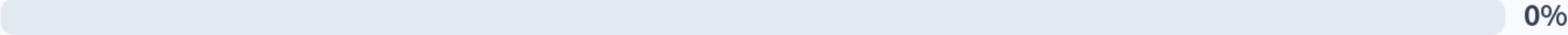
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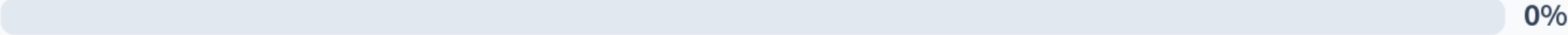
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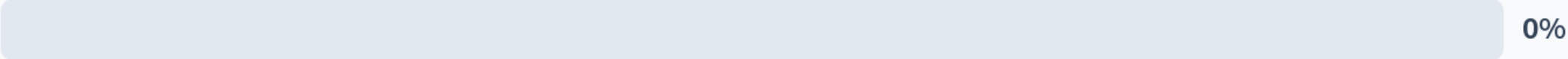


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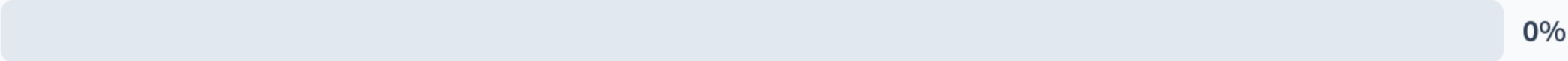


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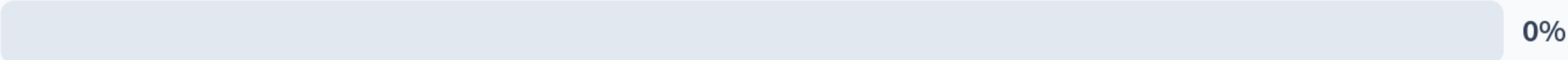
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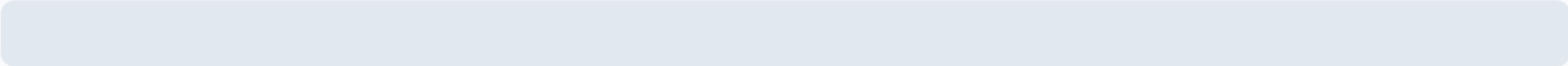


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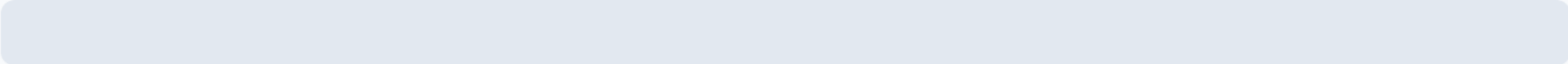
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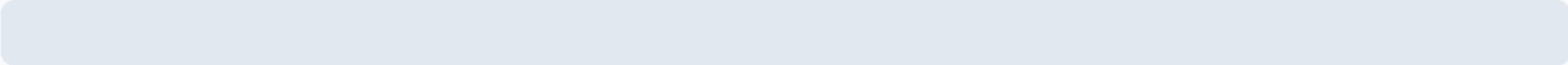
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

- 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 a consultant team, MJ Engineering and Land Surveying.

To learn more visit: planning.halfmoon.com

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE (CPUC)

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Halfmoon Population: 25,662

Population Growth 2000-2020

Year	Population	Change	Percentage
2000	22,000		
2010	24,000	2,000	9.1%
2020	25,662	1,662	7.3%

Age Groups in Halfmoon - Comparison

Age Group	Halfmoon	State
0-14	12.5%	13.2%
15-24	11.2%	12.1%
25-34	10.8%	11.5%
35-44	10.5%	11.2%
45-54	10.2%	10.9%
55-64	9.8%	10.6%
65-74	9.4%	10.3%
75+	9.0%	9.8%



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



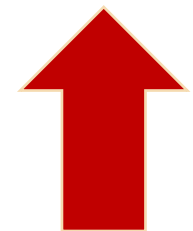
Identifying a Shared Vision
for the Town of Halfmoon

How Do You
Get There?

IMPLEMENTATION



Reality-Based Series of
Implementation Steps





SCHEDULE OF MILESTONES



*Committee Meetings – every other month



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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 2023
- Public Workshop #2 (In-person)
 - May 2023



- Public Workshop #3 (virtual)
 - December 2023
- Hard Copy Comment Forms
- Focus Group Meetings (virtual)
 - Multiple sessions (over 70 participants)



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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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

PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

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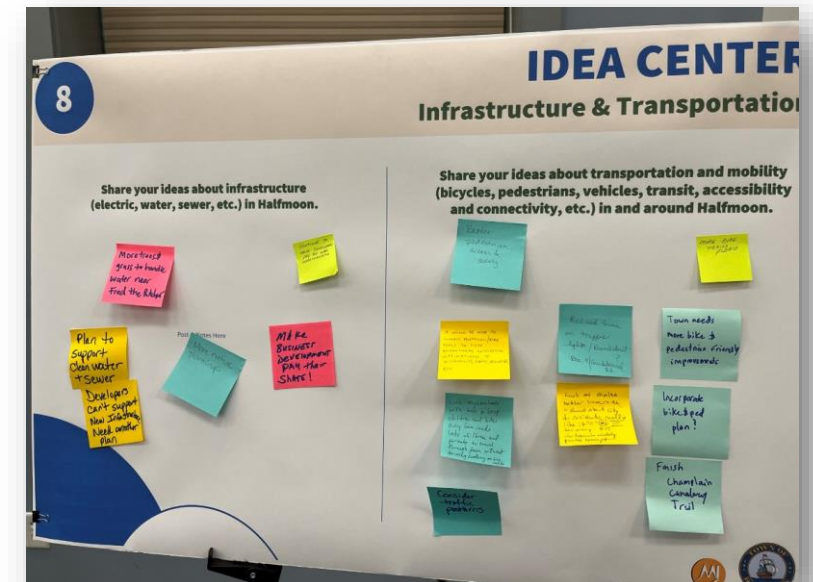
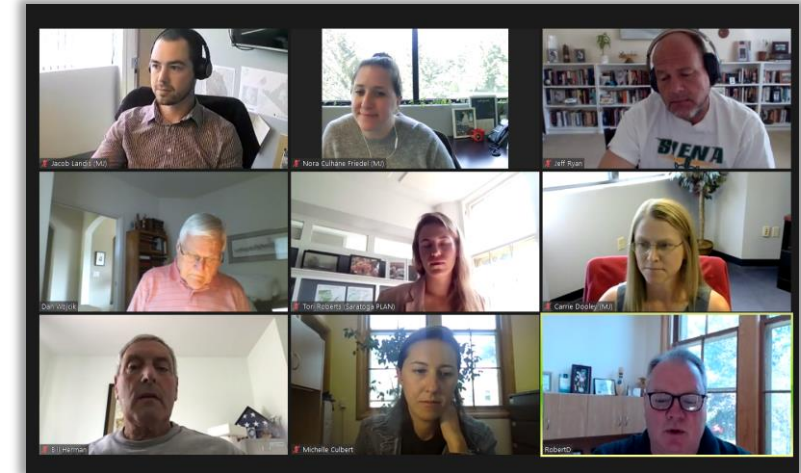
Recommendations are *action items* that help to implement the goals

- 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



PRELIMINARY DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSION

- These recommendations have been developed through:
 - Public meetings and Survey
 - Stakeholder sessions
 - Committee meetings
 - Public Comments



QUALITY OF LIFE, PLACEMAKING, AND PEOPLE

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.





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HISTORY AND CULTURE

GOAL:

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

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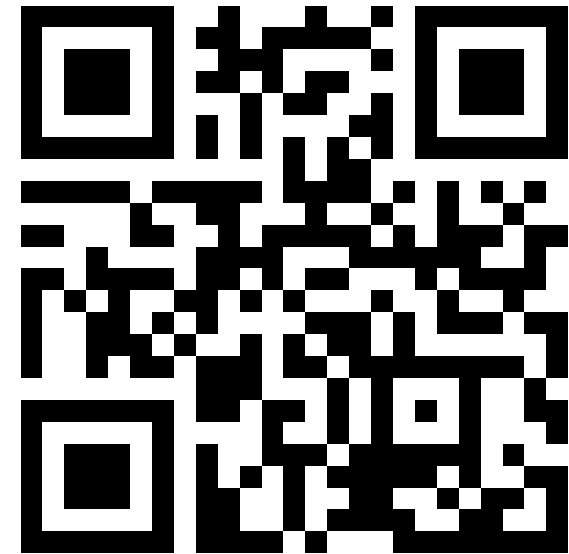
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- Promote Halfmoon's historic places through preservation and marketing methods such as signage and markers.
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GOAL:

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

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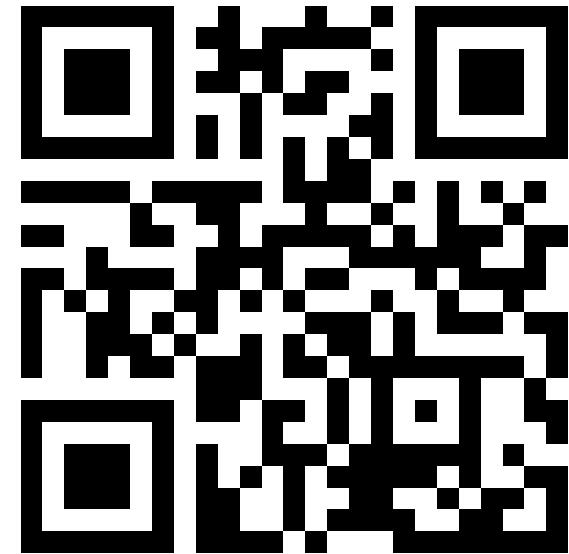
- Continue to maintain and expand opportunities at the Town Park and other Town-owned recreation spaces such as but not limited to a public swimming facility.
- Ensure accessibility to all Town-owned locations that offer recreation space.
- Maintain and promote inclusion and equity efforts in Town sports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





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ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY

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.





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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.



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.

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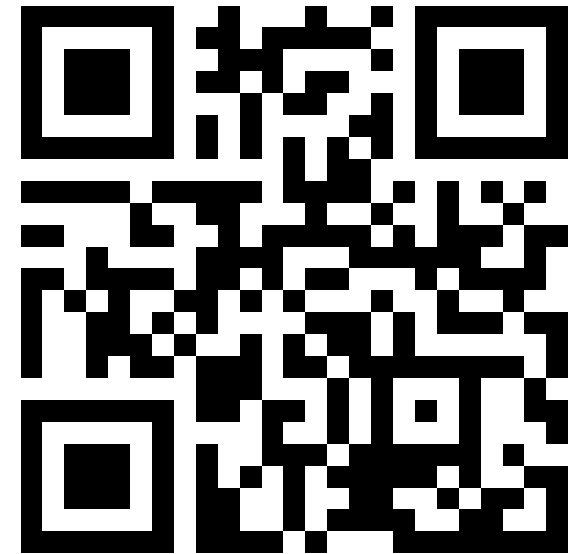
- Prepare water infrastructure replacement plan to replace and upgrade outdated water infrastructure to maintain adequate and reliable service.
- Coordinate with Saratoga County to maintain and upgrade wastewater systems as needed.
- Maintain high standards for required development driven infrastructure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



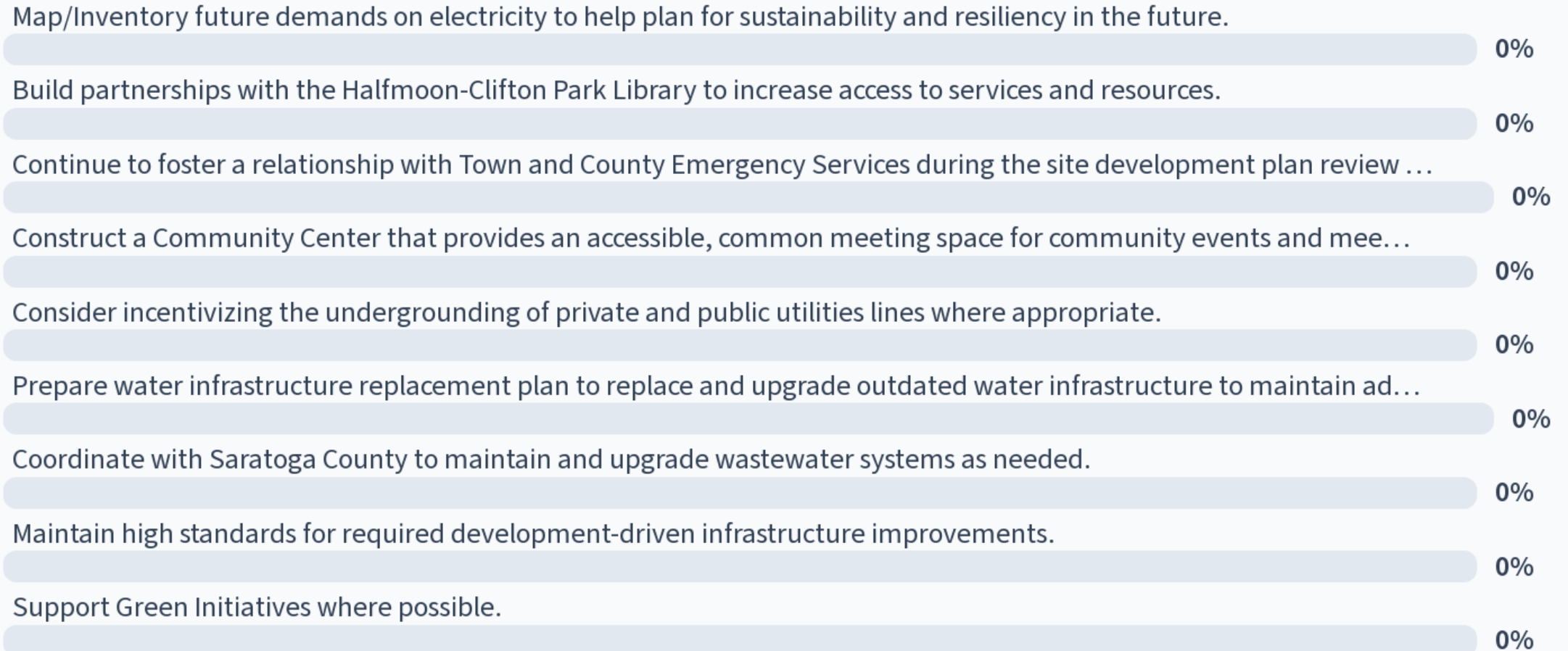


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HOUSING

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.





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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.



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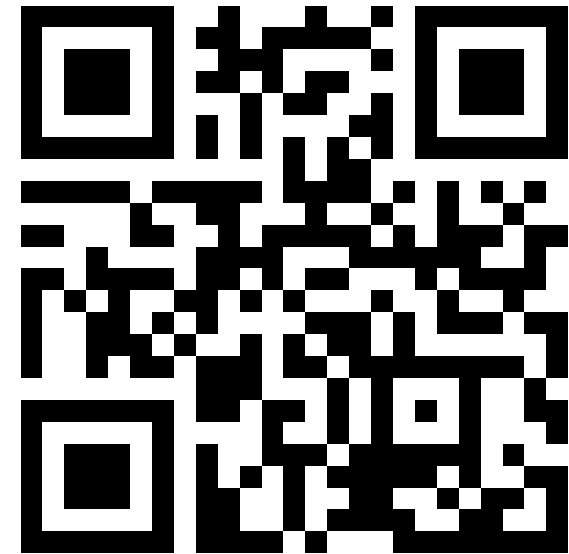
- Establish and/or maintain pedestrian and bicycle (multi-modal) connections between neighborhoods, open spaces, and recreation spaces through sustainable building practices.
- Continue to support vehicular circulation improvements throughout the Town.
- Prepare a study evaluating major intersections 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.



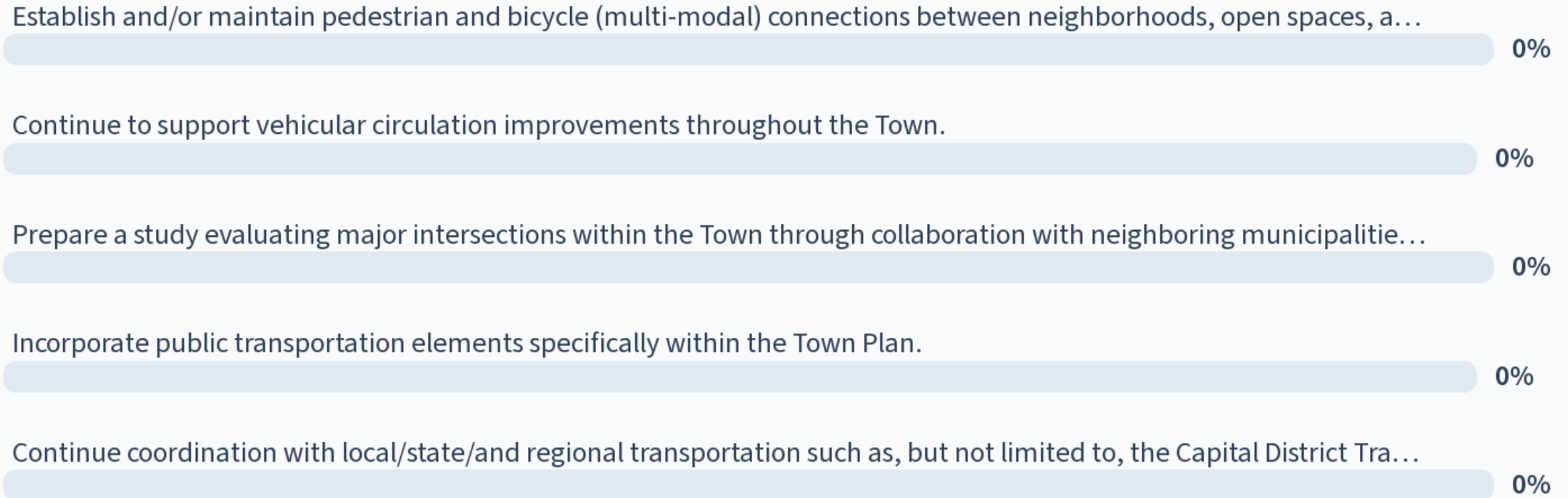


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AGRICULTURE, OPEN SPACE, AND RESILIENCY

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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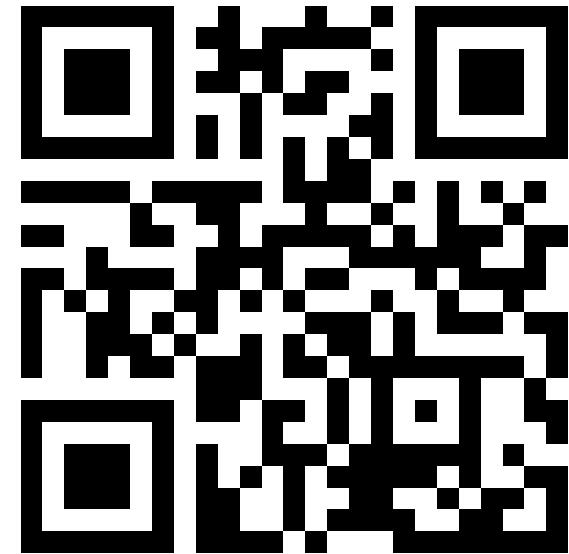
- Offer optional incentive programs to encourage new farm enterprises and support active farms through efforts to maintain operations and lower costs.
- Provide optional incentive programs to conserve open space and habitat.
- Protect and maintain viewsheds of the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers and surrounding 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).





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Of the recommendations discussed, which is most important to you?





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

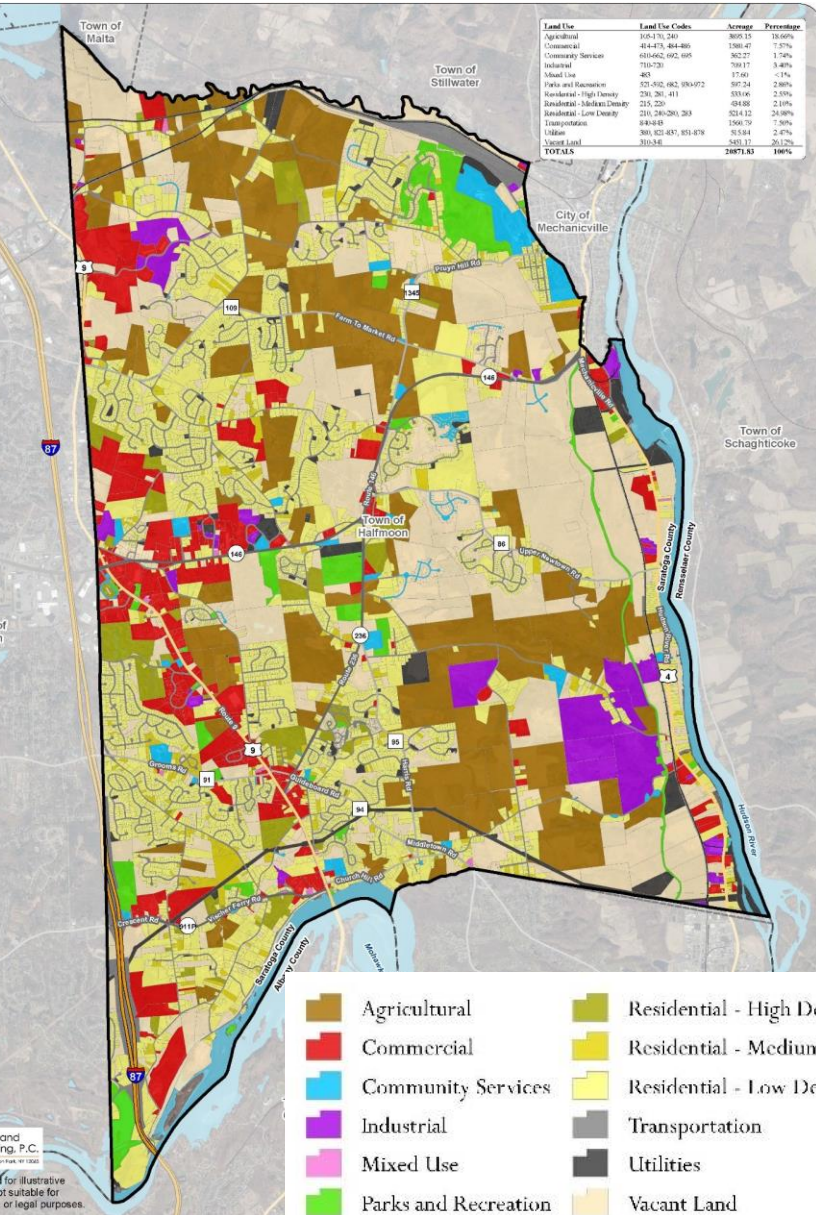


Tip: A Comprehensive Plan provides a direction for future land uses while the zoning regulates what is allowed on a parcel of land.





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

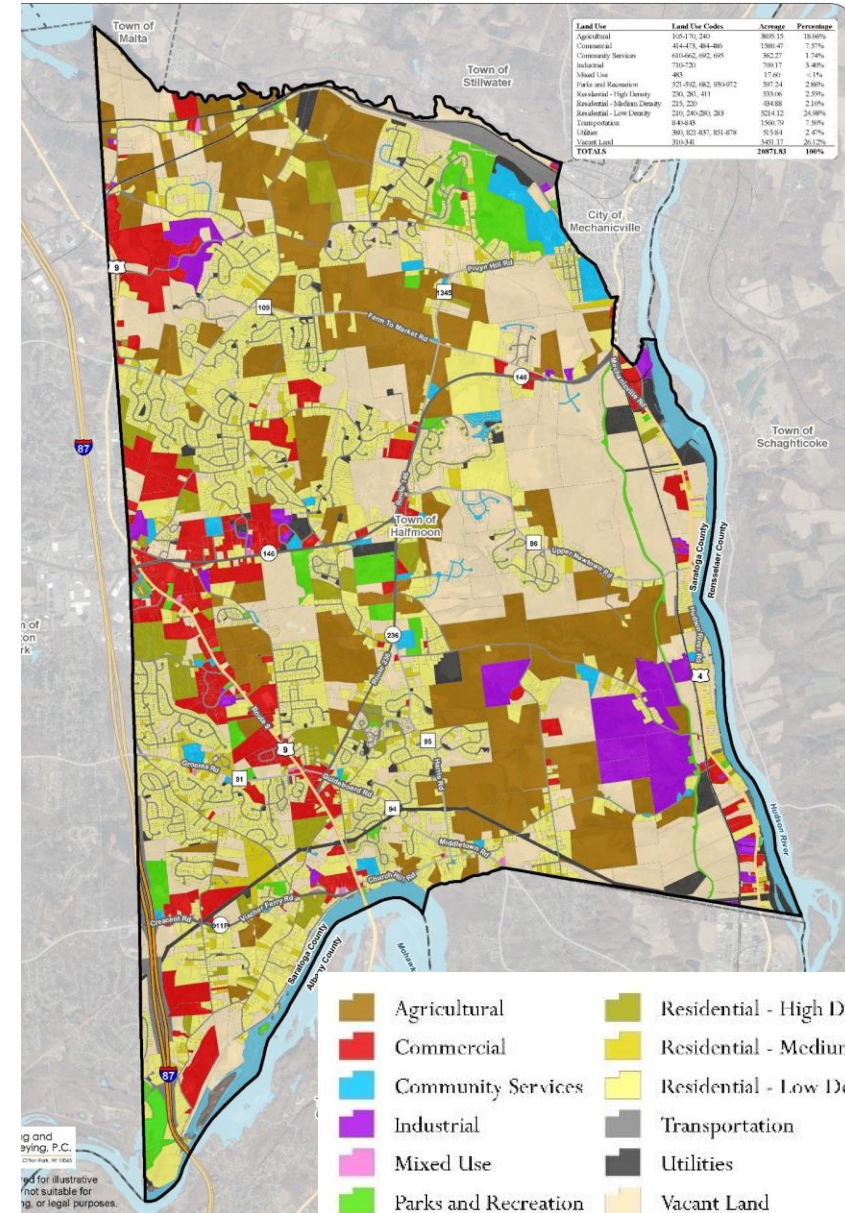
Land Use	Land Use Codes	Acreage	Percentage
Agricultural	105-170, 240	3895.15	18.66%
Commercial	414-473, 484-486	1580.47	7.57%
Community Services	610-662, 692, 695	362.27	1.74%
Industrial	710-720	709.17	3.40%
Mixed Use	483	17.60	< 1%
Parks and Recreation	521-592, 682, 930-972	597.24	2.86%
Residential - 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





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What Land Uses do you want to see in Halfmoon in the future?

(A) Residential

0%

(B) Commercial / Retail

0%

(C) Technology / Light Industrial

0%

(D) Industrial

0%

(E) Agricultural

0%

(F) Recreational

0%

(G) Open Space

0%



NEXT STEPS



- Town Wide Business Survey
 - Online format
 - Paper copies available at Town Hall
 - Live March 22nd – April 12th
- Next Committee Meeting
 - April 18, 2024 @ 6 pm

Submit comments on project website: www.PlanHalfmoon.com



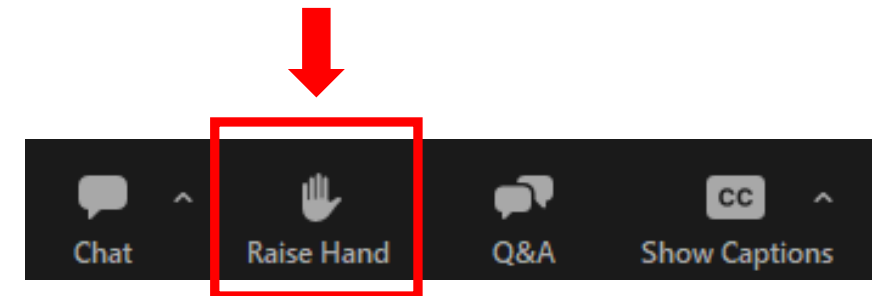
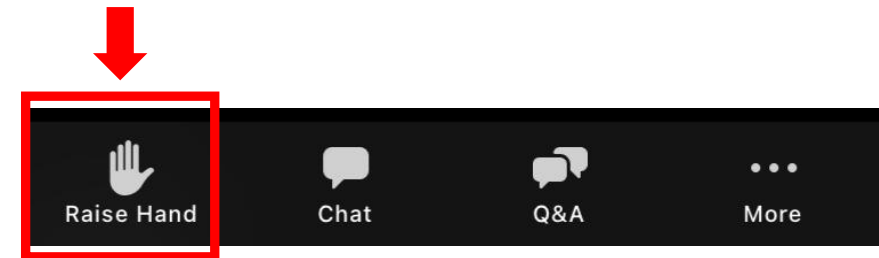
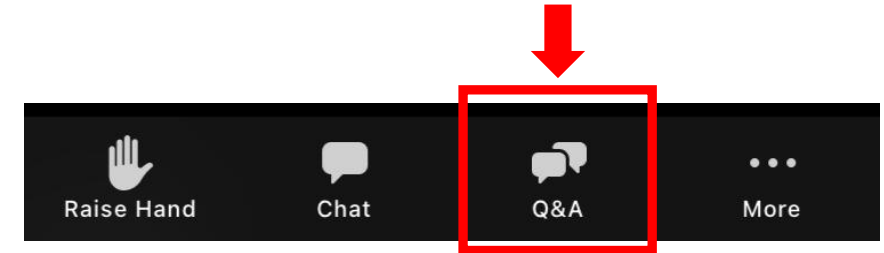


Q & A

- To pose a question, utilize the “Q & A” function in your Zoom Webinar Panel

OR

- “Raise Hand” by mobile device
 - On the left side of your Zoom pane, click on “Raise Hand”
- “Raise Hand” by Computer
 - In the middle of your zoom panel, click “Raise Hand”
 - Or press Alt + Y on your keyboard



Submit comments on project website: www.PlanHalfmoon.com





Q & A

- “Raise Hand” by phone
 - Dial *9 to raise hand
 - Dial *6 mute/unmute
- Participants will be allowed to speak in order of raised hand
 - Limit 3 minutes per participant
- Submit additional comments through website: www.PlanHalfmoon.com
- Comments will be shared with the Committee





MEETING SUMMARY

- PURPOSE:** Public Meeting #5
- DATE/TIME:** March 19, 2024, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- LOCATION:** Halfmoon Town Hall, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, Halfmoon
- ATTENDEES:** See Attached Sign-In

The Town of Halfmoon, as part of the public engagement component of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update process, held its fifth public meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Halfmoon Town Hall. The meeting had approximately 20 members of the public in attendance. The open house format allowed participants to informally walk through seven (7) activity stations to provide input and feedback on a series of draft recommendations that have been put forward through the planning process to date. A Participant Guide was provided to attendees to guide them through the various stations.

All participants were also encouraged to participate in the ongoing planning process and help spread the word about public engagement opportunities and the ongoing survey.

Agenda Item	Discussion
<p>Station #1: Overview</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>This station provided context about the purpose of a Comprehensive Plan and the roles of the consultant team, Town staff, and the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee (CPUC). CPUC members were identified by name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Richard Harris, AICP • Jeremy Connors, Town Board Liaison • Paul Hotaling, Town Board Liaison • Lyn Murphy, Town Legal Liaison

<p>Station #1: Overview cont.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Kucskar • Joseph Landy • Michael D. Morand • J. Daniel Wojcik • William Herman • Peter Bardunias • Nancy Morris • Deborah Curto • Donald Roberts <p>Additionally, participants had the opportunity to speak with CPUC members and the Project Team, who were present at the event to assist participants. Hard copies of comment cards were provided for those who wished to provide input on topics or issues beyond those represented on station boards. The Open House participant guide included a QR code and URL to access the project website, where additional written comments could be provided during or after the event.</p> <p>Workshop materials are provided as attachments to this summary. Attachments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participant Guide for Activity Stations • Open House Stations • List of Attendees
<p>Station #2: Community Vision</p>	<p>This activity station presented the text of the draft Vision. The text of the draft Vision read:</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>The draft Vision was last updated in August 2023.</p>
<p>Station #3: Draft Goals</p>	<p>This station presented the draft goals for the Comprehensive Plan Update. Comprehensive Plan Goals assist in achieving the vision. These goals are developed by integrating Committee and public input. They are also created by the Committee evaluation of the current Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Goal Categories Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation and Mobility • Infrastructure and Community Facilities

<p>Station #3: Draft Goals cont.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Quality of Life, Placemaking and People • History and Culture • Agriculture, Open Space, and Resiliency • Recreation • Economic Growth and Fiscal Sustainability
<p>Station #4: Preliminary Draft Recommendations cont.</p>	<p>This station presented the preliminary draft recommendations for various topics. Preliminary draft recommendations are topic based and align with the previously listed goals. They were developed through initial Committee feedback on the current Comprehensive Plan, survey, public meetings, public comments etc. Goals and draft recommendations may overlap and be interconnected. However, recommendations are action items that help implement the goals.</p> <p>Recommendations were separated by categories and presented with relevant goals. Attendees were encouraged to provide feedback on each of the Goals and Recommendations categories using sticky notes provided to them.</p> <p><i>Input received on the theme of Quality of Life, Placemaking, and People (in no particular order):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep zoning on Harris the same. Right to Farm Law • How many acres are left to develop? • Less apartments, more homeowners • Keep agriculture but don't take away property owner rights • Better Ag exemptions to promote agriculture • Exempt farms from taxes, lower assessments if you want to keep them • Coordinated with Saratoga Springs and other towns to extend bike/hike trails • Connect trailways and walkways <p><i>Input received on the theme of History and Culture (in no particular order):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect Historic Structures • Restore 2 old Historic buildings across from Snyder's restaurants • Keep up historical signage, grants to improve historical sites

**Station #4: Preliminary
Draft Recommendations
cont.**

Input received on the theme of Recreation (in no particular order):

- Basketball rec opportunities for all ages
- Is there a public swimming pool in Halfmoon?

Input received on the theme of Economic Growth and Sustainability (in no particular order):

- Need more businesses (less vacant property)
- Halfmoon needs a grocery (not just Walmart)
- Coordinate economic growth with agricultural activity
- Halfmoon needs a vibrant downtown and sidewalks

Input received on the theme Infrastructure and Community Facilities (in no particular order):

- Clean water update infrastructure what's the plan?
- Sewer for existing residents
- Will there even be a 'downtown' Halfmoon?

Input received on the theme of Housing (in no particular order):

- There is plenty of housing
- Require sidewalks for new developments
- Establish guidelines for reasonable deck sizes for 4 townhouse community
- Coordinate w/ open space agriculture areas and trail systems

Input received on the theme of Transportation and Mobility (in no particular order):

- Nearly impossible to turn left from Plant Rd onto Rte 146
- Traffic need to review plan
- Will the new Bass Pro Shops affect traffic in Halfmoon?
- Intersection of Rte 9 + Rte 146 is always a logjam
- Intersection of Rt 146 and Upper Newtown Rd., Daytime hard to get out

<p>Station #4: Preliminary Draft Recommendations cont.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric School Buses, Joint Grant (?) <p><i>Input received on the theme of Agriculture, Open Space, and Resiliency (in no particular order):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am all for keeping “open space” and agriculture but not excessive land use restrictions. My family has paid taxes on our farm for generations ~ don’t want to be told what we can use it • Most ag beef + crop No farms = No food • No additional restrictions on ag + open space • Promote Ag by more Ag exemptions. • Don’t change current zoning • Lower taxes on the agricultural “open spaces” • Re-examine assessments on farmland • Current regs already address O.S for new develop • No rezoning • Clifton Park Sugar Hill Rd example: taxes incentives • No rezoning • Current zoning is ok for large Ag/O.S landowners • Lower assessment for Ag land • Careful not to be too restrictive for Ag/O.S.
<p>Station #5: Future Land Use</p>	<p>The activity station featured a large-scale map of the Town of Halfmoon and the following prompt:</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Stickers were provided so that Open House participants could offer input on suitable locations for the following land uses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural • Recreation/Parks • Commercial/Office • Housing/Residential • Industrial • Commercial/Retail <p>The input collected at this station is to be used for further refinement of the draft preliminary recommendations.</p>

<p>Station #6: Other Thoughts and Ideas</p>	<p>This final activity station provided an opportunity for Open House participants to offer any additional input that had not been captured or addressed in any of the preceding stations.</p> <p><i>The following feedback was received (in no particular order):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak to large landowners before any zoning changes • Coordinate light industrial and agricultural components... in the growth process • Need sewer on Harris Road, municipal services • Halfmoon is not a city. If you left the city to come here you should have stayed
<p>Station #7: Kids Table</p>	<p>The provision of a Kids Table was advertised in advance of the meeting, as a way to facilitate the attendance and engagement of families with young children. Coloring materials were provided.</p>

This meeting summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and the input received. Please forward any additions, corrections, and/or questions to my attention.

Submitted by: Jacob Landis, MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.
cc: Consultant Team, CPUC, Town Planning & Zoning Department

Attachments:

- Participant Guide for Activity Stations
- Open House Stations



TOWN OF HALFMOON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC MEETING #5

MARCH 19, 2024 | HALFMOON TOWN HALL | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee (CPUC) welcomes you to Public Meeting #5.
Share your ideas and plan Halfmoon's future.

Please provide input at one or more of the activity stations.
If you have any questions about an activity, just ask a member of the project team!

PARTICIPANT GUIDE FOR ACTIVITY STATIONS

Station #1 – Project Overview: The what, why, and how of the project.

Station #2 – Community Vision: See the draft Vision developed from Community and Committee input.

Station #3 – Draft Goals: See the Goal Categories updated based on Community and Committee feedback.

Station #4 – Preliminary Draft Recommendations: Share your thoughts on each Draft Recommendation for each Goal Category.

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

Station #5 – Future Land Use: Use the maps and stickers provided to show what types of uses are suitable and/or needed in different parts of Halfmoon.

Station #6 – Other Thoughts and Ideas: Have more ideas to share? Share at this station.

Station #7 – Kids Table: This is a place for kids to be creative and share their ideas.



For more information, go to the Project Website:

www.planhalfmoon.com

Questions and comments can be shared on the website.



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**TOWN OF
HALFMOON
COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN UPDATE**



**PUBLIC
MEETING #5**



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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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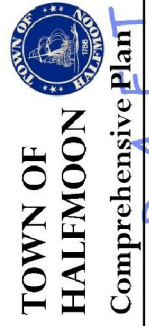
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE (CPUC)

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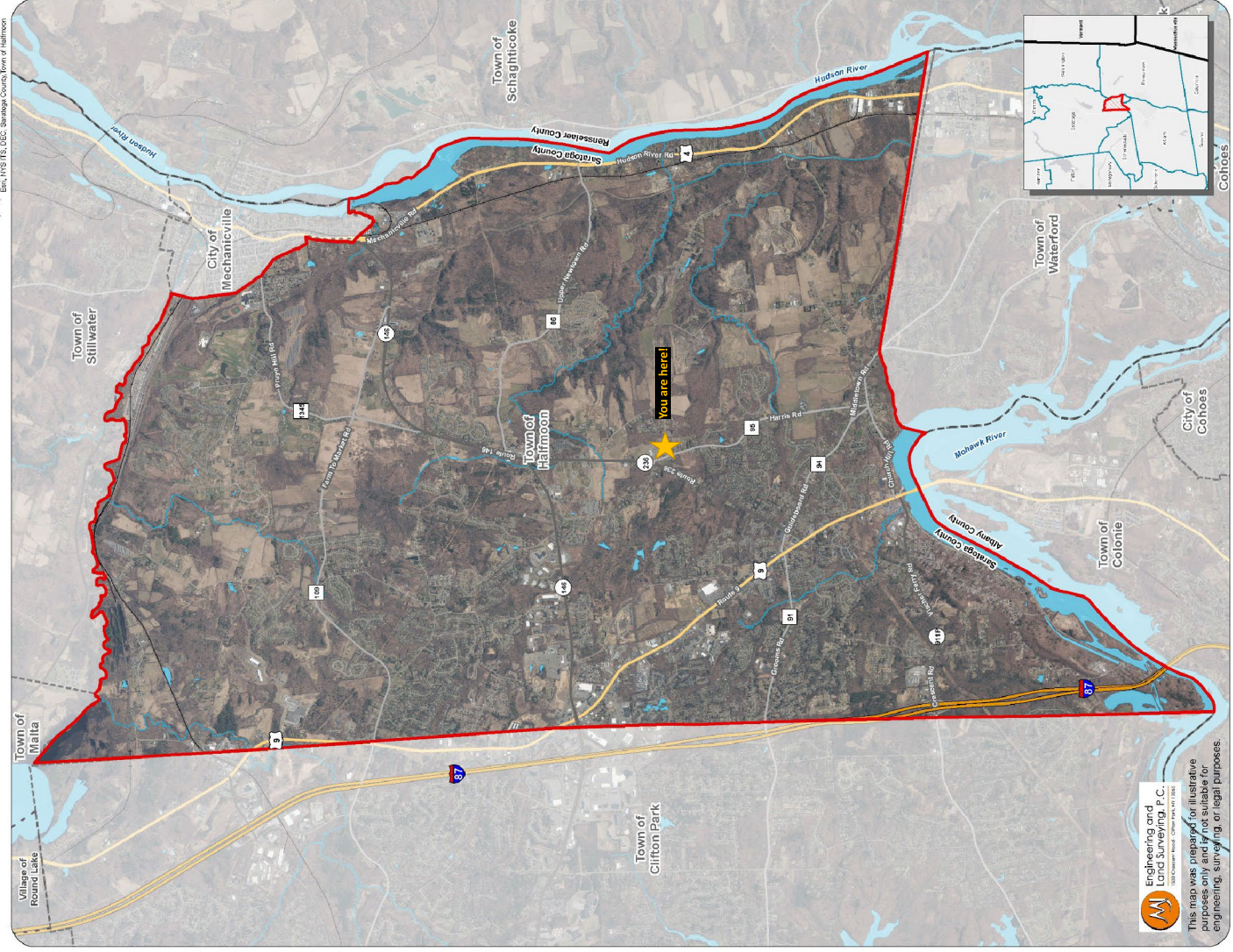


TOWN OF HALFMOON
Comprehensive Plan
Project Area
 March 2023

LEGEND

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

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 0 0.5 1 Miles
 Estimated Average: 2015/100
 Primary Study Area - Town of Halfmoon
 Sources: Esri, HSI, FIS, DEE, Statewide County Row of Services



Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.
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 This map was prepared for illustrative purposes only and is not suitable for engineering, surveying, or legal purposes.



Updated August 2023

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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



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QUALITY OF LIFE, PLACEMAKING, AND PEOPLE

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.



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QUALITY OF LIFE, PLACEMAKING, AND PEOPLE

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

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HISTORY AND CULTURE

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.



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HISTORY AND CULTURE

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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ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY

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.



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ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY

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.



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INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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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AGRICULTURE, OPEN SPACE, AND 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.

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).



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AGRICULTURE, OPEN SPACE, AND RESILIENCY

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

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FUTURE LAND USE

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

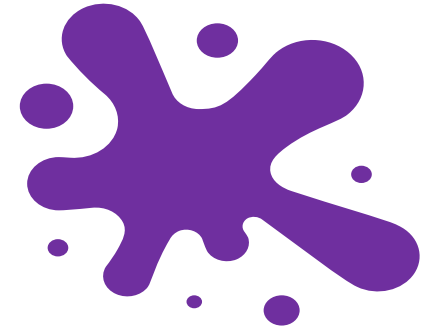
Share any additional thoughts and ideas you have for Halfmoon here!

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KIDS TABLE

