

TOWN OF DAY  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE  
PROGRESS SUMMARY  
AN INTERIM REPORT FOR CITIZENS OF THE TOWN

One year ago – in June 2008 – the Town Board appointed a committee to update the Town’s comprehensive plan. It has been some 25 years since the first plan was written, and just over 20 years since the last minor update in November of 1988. The quality of life of our Town’s citizens depends in large part on the quality and character of our community.

The comprehensive planning process provides a vision for the Town’s future by examining current and future needs and making recommendations as to how best to shape physical and economic growth, preserve natural resources, maintain a safe and healthy environment and better serve the needs of all residents. The end product is The Comprehensive Plan, which guides the achievement of that vision. While the plan does not have the force of law, it is, nevertheless, the basis for the myriad decisions that the Town’s boards must make in meeting the needs of its citizens. This is important work for our Town, and it is expected to take a total of about two years to complete the entire process.

The committee comprises 2 members each from the Planning and Zoning boards, 2 citizens at large, our Town Supervisor, and our town Code Enforcement Officer. The Town Board has also engaged the services of a consultant, Dr. Richard Lamb of SUNY Plattsburgh, to facilitate the process. The Committee has been meeting monthly in the Town Hall, and the meetings are published and open to all.

Critical to any comprehensive planning process is obtaining as much input as possible from citizens of the Town. To that end the Committee designed a survey intended to capture the thoughts, insights and concerns of the people who live in Day. The survey was distributed to residents and property owners last December, and the response has been extraordinary – over 50% . The results of the survey are being published on the Town’s web site ([www.townofday.com](http://www.townofday.com)) , and presented in detail at the first of a number of open meetings planned for this summer. The first **information meeting** will take place on **July 11<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am in the Town Hall. In addition to survey results, preliminary goals and recommendations will be discussed with an emphasis on citizen input at that meeting. Subsequent **“workshop” sessions** are planned for **August 8<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** where more specifics of the plan will be fleshed out, and there will be more opportunity for citizen input. Mark your calendars and plan to participate in these sessions – it is important for you to be there.

In addition to the direct input of the Town’s residents, the Committee looked to gather information from many other parties with an interest in the Town. To accomplish that, the Committee has had meetings with representatives of State and County agencies, such as the DEC, the APA, Hudson River Regulating District, Saratoga County planners, and Capital Region planners. Input has been sought as well from emergency services

providers, and our own town officials in charge of code enforcement, highways, assessment, and legal issues. Additional meetings are planned for this fall and winter, as well. All of these interested parties have provided valuable information about their interactions with the town and how they may impact our future.

Also, a report titled “Inventory and Analysis, a supporting document of the Town of Day Comprehensive Plan,” is nearing completion by Dr. Lamb. It describes and maps the environmental resources of the Town, examines current land use patterns, analyzes growth trends, discusses future needs, and suggests policies that could be adopted to deal with planning issues. This document contains numerous maps, tables and graphs, and will be available at Town Hall as well as eventually posted on the Town’s web site.

Following the sessions this summer, the Committee’s work throughout the fall and winter will be to synthesize all of the information, suggestions, opinions, insights and concerns into an actual draft of the proposed new Comprehensive Plan. That document will be the subject of formal public hearings in the summer of 2010, with a planned adoption in the fall of that year.

The Committee considers it a privilege to be a part of this important work and is honored to serve the citizens of the Town of Day in carrying out this planning process.