

TOWN OF SCHROON

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

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AGENDA

- **Introductions**
- **What is a Comprehensive Plan?**
- **Planning Context**
- **Planning Process**
- **Topic Areas**
- **Group Discussion**
- **Next Steps**
- **Open House**





WORKING COMMITTEE

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WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A Comprehensive Plan is a **guidance document that sets goals, policies, and priorities** for investing in the physical, economic, and environmental future of the Town.

A Comprehensive Plan also helps **improve the success of grant applications** and provides a **basis for updating zoning** regulations.

A Comprehensive Plan includes an **inventory of existing conditions**, identifies **opportunities & challenges**, & articulates residents' **desire for the future** of the community.

The **Town's last Comprehensive (Master) Plan was adopted in 1977.**

**Management plan
for Paradox Lake**

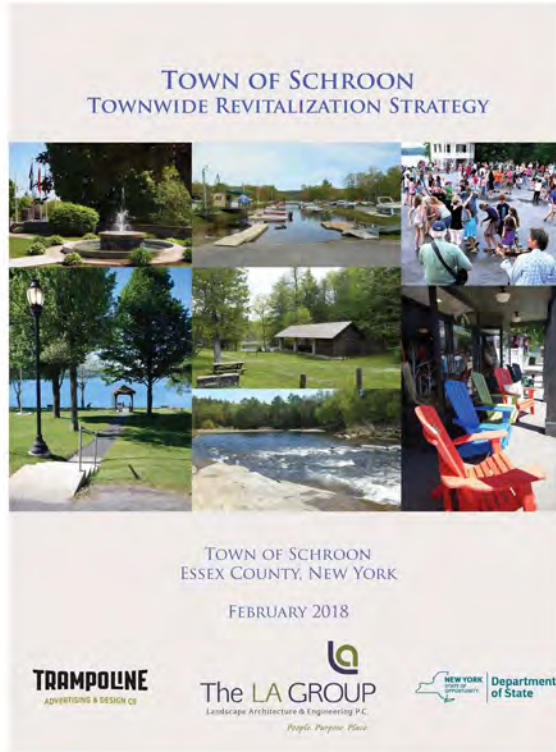
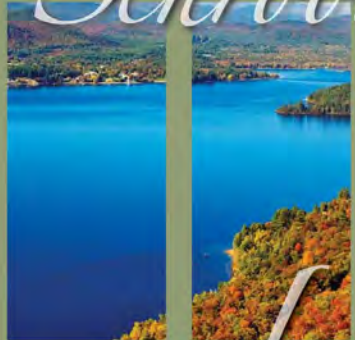
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Occasional Paper No. 1
State University of
College at Oneonta

Watershed Manage

Schroon



PLANNING CONTEXT

- 1972 Master Plan
- 1980 Main Street Revitalization Plan
- 1989 Route 9 Corridor Study
- 2009 Tourism Destination Plan
- 2010 Watershed Management Plan
- 2018 Townwide Revitalization Strategy
- 2019 Watershed Management Plan Addendum
- 2019 Battenkill Riverside Park Master Plan
- 2022 Zoning Ordinance (1971)

**Build on & synthesize work already
completed**

An aerial photograph of a lakeside town. The foreground shows a dark blue lake with several wooden docks and a few boats. A sandy beach is visible on the left. The middle ground features a cluster of buildings, including a large white house, a parking lot, and a small gazebo-like structure. The background is dominated by dense green forests and rolling mountains under a cloudy sky.

TOPIC AREAS

- **Economy**
- **Housing**
- **Transportation**
- **Land Use & Zoning**
- **Infrastructure & Public Utilities**
- **Parks & Recreation**
- **Historic & Cultural Resources**
- **Health & Emergency Services**
- **Natural Resources & Climate**

PLANNING PROCESS

Tasks	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Committee Meetings															
Review of Past Plans															
Community Profile															
Community Survey															
Stakeholder Meetings															
Community Workshops															
Draft Comprehensive Plan															
Final Comprehensive Plan															
Local Adoption															

PROGRESS TO DATE

- ✓ Committee Meetings/Subcommittees
- ✓ Webpage
- ✓ Review of Past Planning Initiatives
- ✓ Newsletter #1
- ✓ Community Survey (in progress)

TODAY:
Public Workshop #1



Town of Schroon Comprehensive Plan Update

2023

Welcome to the Town of Schroon Comprehensive Plan Update!

In September 2023, the Town of Schroon initiated the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan. A Project Advisory Committee was appointed by the Town Board to guide the development of a new Town Comprehensive Plan. The Committee represents individuals from a wide cross section of the community. Planning consultant LaBella Associates will be guiding the planning process to update the 1977 Town of Schroon Master Plan. Much has changed over the past 46 years. The new Comprehensive Plan will provide a framework for achieving a community vision that is reflective of the current community conditions and builds on the progress that has been made to date.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is a guidance document that sets goals, policies, and priorities for investing in the physical, economic, and environmental future of the Town. The Comprehensive Plan is both a vision for the future and a roadmap for how to achieve the vision. It provides the Town Board with direction for making decisions about improvements to town infrastructure, revising zoning regulations, allocating resources in the annual budget, and supporting grant applications for high priority projects. A broad range of topics are addressed in the Comprehensive Plan, including but not limited to economic development, tourism, housing, climate change, infrastructure, land use, natural resources, recreation, and community services.

**We want to hear
from you!**

Take our online
survey by scanning
the QR code:



- Community Survey: Complete by January 18**
- Synthesize information from public workshop**
- Draft Community Profile: January 17**
- Conduct stakeholder meetings**
- Prepare Vision, Goals, and Objectives**
- Newsletter #2**

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you could describe the community in one word, what would it be?
2. What exactly makes Schroon a special place for residents?
3. What are the issues or challenges limiting the town from growing and improving?
4. What opportunities, initiatives or projects would you suggest?





THANK YOU
