

Welcome to the Public Open House!

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A comprehensive plan is a long-term blueprint created by a community that outlines its vision for the future. It includes an analysis of community issues, maps and graphics. Key subjects include agriculture and natural resources, public services, housing, parks and recreation, transportation, land use and zoning. Comprehensive plans contain goals, objectives, and recommendations that aim to achieve the community's vision.

Why does Forestport need a Comprehensive Plan?

Forestport is changing. The community has experienced fluctuating population, received grant funding for critical projects and endured significant weather events. The 2025 Comprehensive Plan update symbolizes a refreshed and renewed vision that will guide the community forward.

Who has been involved in the process?



Comprehensive Plan
Committee Meetings



Focus Group
Meetings

600

Responses to the
Community Survey



Public Open Houses

Questions, comments or suggestions?

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Proposed Vision Statement

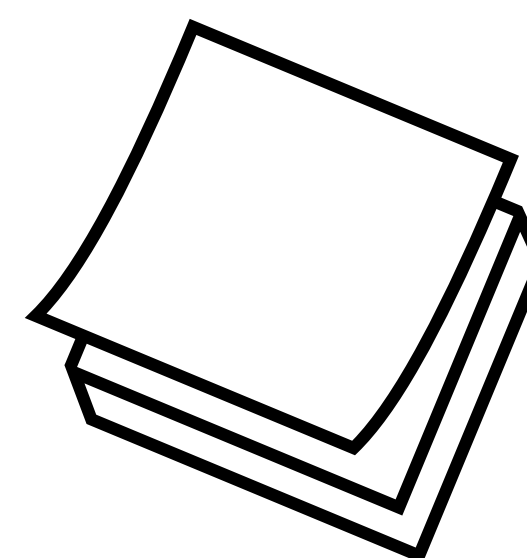
Forestport residents, year-round and seasonal, enjoy a high quality of life sustained by diverse local businesses, amenities and services that allow residents to spend more time in their community and less time commuting.

A range of housing is available that accommodates all income levels and families. New developments are connected to hamlets and make efficient use of existing infrastructure while fostering walkability.

Forestport offers rich outdoor recreation opportunities by leveraging its expansive rivers, lakes, and forests with its proximity to the Adirondacks. Safe and well-maintained trails and multi-use pathways connect parks and amenities and support active transportation throughout the town. Both indoor and outdoor Town-owned recreational facilities are built for all ages and abilities.

The Town leverages the camaraderie of the north country and has built mutually beneficial relationships with neighboring municipalities to achieve the visions, goals, and objectives of all.

**What do you think of the
proposed Vision Statement?**



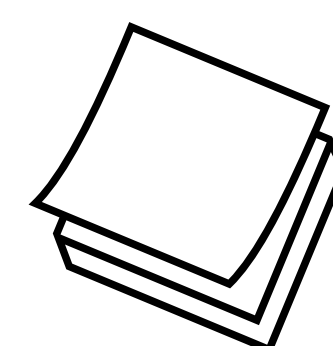
Is anything missing?

Guiding Principles

The Town's new Comprehensive Plan is guided by a set of principles that aim to support, and achieve, sustainable, resilient, and successful communities. These principles are tailored to the community include, but are not limited to, efficient use of infrastructure, community uses and amenities, development patterns, and natural resource protection. Within these overarching principles, the Town of Forestport has developed a land use planning framework that assists with achieving their vision. These guiding principles are:

1. *Develop plans and land use regulations that maximize use of existing infrastructure while being compatible with the character of the existing community.*
2. *Enable a diverse mix of housing types, providing opportunity and choice for all.*
3. *Prioritize infill and redevelopment of existing vacant or underutilized properties to revitalize hamlets.*
4. *Provide well-planned, equitable, and accessible public spaces.*
5. *Preserve open space, agricultural resources, and natural resources.*
6. *Prioritize walking and cycling throughout the Town for both recreation and day-to-day trips.*
7. *Promote climate resiliency and adaptation.*
8. *Build on unique traits to create an attractive and welcoming community with a strong sense of place.*
9. *Engage in an inclusive, collaborative public planning process that considers the needs and character of the community.*
10. *Prioritize public health in decision making for community development and planning projects.*

**What do you think of the
Guiding Principles?**



Is anything missing?

TOWN OF FORESTPORT

Land Use & Growth Management

Goals:

- 1) Develop a land use plan that prioritizes growth in areas with existing development and adequate servicing.
- 2) Encourage infill development and reuse of underutilized or vacant properties.
- 3) Protect natural resources from expansive development(s).
- 4) Emphasize the hamlets as centers for new development.

What do you think?

Place sticky dots on the most important recommendations

Recommendations:

Priority

Comments

Review the Town's Site Review Law for consistency with the vision, goals, and recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan.

Continue to consider explore grant opportunities to fund the development of a land use code that implements the land use directions of the Comprehensive Plan.

Identify Town-owned and privately-owned underutilized and vacant sites as candidates for future redevelopment.

Develop incentives for identified underutilized and vacant sites.

Develop flood prevention criteria to avoid or mitigate potential flood damage. This should be consistent with FEMA Guidelines and Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping Activities Under the Risk MAP Program. The criteria should be consistent with FEMA floodplain mapping in the Town and outline administrative procedures for reviewing projects and enforcing regulations.

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Housing

Goals:

- 1) Increase the supply and diversity of housing options for all households.
- 2) Encourage the upkeep and maintenance of existing residences.
- 3) Consider impacts of Short-Term Rentals in the Town.

Place sticky dots
on the most
important
recommendations

What do you
think?

Recommendations:

Priority

Comments

Partner with local housing organizations to provide home repair, mobile home replacement, and rehabilitation programs to prevent homes from falling into major disrepair. Ensure that rental housing stock is well-maintained and in compliance with state building codes.

Evaluate the spectrum of options for regulating short-term rentals to determine the best model for the community.

Obtain Pro-Housing Community certification.

Through review of the Site Review Law, or new development ordinance, enable Accessory Dwelling Units throughout the Town subject to adequate servicing and infrastructure.

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Economic Development

Goals:

- 1) Enhance and expand the business community with an economic development approach that supports an increase in seasonal and year-round residents.
- 2) Promote Forestport as a visitor destination while balancing the needs of residents.

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important
recommendations

What do you
think?

Recommendations:

Priority

Comments

Establish a visual identify for the Town that represents its residents and communicates its history and vision for the future in an attractive and engaging manner.

Create a comprehensive trail map for the Town that delineates snowmobiling, hiking, multi-use, and ATV trails.

Develop an economic development plan to meet local needs, capture travelers, maintain existing commerce and locate new business.

Explore funding sources and staffing options to host signature all-season community events.

Explore funding options for local businesses to improve building facades.

Develop and implement a wayfinding strategy throughout the Town that provides direction to key destinations like hamlets, boat launch, parks, and trailheads.

Support the establishment of business networking and knowledge sharing opportunities for local entrepreneurs and prospective businesses interested in establishing in the Town.

Leverage relationships with local and regional organizations to promote and market the Town of Forestport as aviable business geography.

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Community & Culture

Goals:

- 1) Improve the quality, accessibility, and availability of parks, trails, and recreational opportunities to enhance community well-being and maintain the Town of Forestport as a sought-after recreational destination.

Place sticky dots on the most important recommendations

What do you think?

Recommendations:

Priority

Comments

Assess the feasibility for additional Town-owned parks and recreation facilities.

Evaluate existing Town-owned recreation facilities for compliance with the *Americans with Disabilities Act* and identify areas of improvement.

Explore placemaking opportunities with local businesses and property owners that highlight popular establishments in the hamlets and rural areas.

Partner with the State's Department of Environmental Conservation to enhance the boat launch located at the Forestport Reservoir.

Create a collection of historic interpretation features, including signage, kiosks, walking tours, building markers, and murals, to showcase the community's rich history and culture.

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Public Services & Infrastructure

Goals:

- 1) Continue promoting the Comprehensive Plan within the community and monitor its success.
- 2) Ensure that Town water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure can accommodate all new development.
- 3) Increase the volunteer base for emergency services.

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recommendations

What do you
think?

Recommendations:

Priority

Comments

Develop a Capital Improvement Plan with funding strategies to ensure that infrastructure systems—such as roads, utilities, and public facilities—are effectively designed, well-maintained, and capable of meeting the community's needs. The Plan can be structured to incorporate all infrastructure-related recommendations.

Review procedures for enforcement of site review law, subdivision regulations, property maintenance and building codes to ensure clarity and ease of understanding.

Incorporate the Comprehensive Plan into annual budget discussions and meetings to inform fiscal planning for project implementation, routine updates to Comprehensive Plan, and asset management.

Work with local and regional partners to continue to expand and enhance access to high-speed broadband internet and cell service.

Conduct a sidewalk audit to evaluate sidewalk conditions, identify areas requiring repair or replacement, and establish a sidewalk inventory.

Actively seek funding to implement highway facility improvements.

Develop an Emergency Response Plan for the Town that involves neighboring communities and local agencies, and enables funding for emergency service providers.

Host an information session on the importance of emergency services in upstate communities to encourage volunteers.

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Sustainability & Climate Resilience

Goals:

- 1) Prevent development from harming the ecological functions of the Town's natural resources.
- 2) Be prepared for the increasing effects of a changing climate.

Place sticky dots on the most important recommendations

What do you think?

Recommendations:

Priority

Comments

Enable community gardens through development regulations.

Promote Farmers Markets and community gardens Town-wide that support the local and regional economy.

Review and update emergency response plans while developing a Town wide disaster response strategy for extreme weather and other emergencies.

Explore partnerships with County and State authorities to develop emergency response plans and strategies.

Identify locations for Electric Vehicle charging stations and apply for funding to support installation.

Create an inventory of existing storm water infrastructure.

Obtain grant funding and work with regional partners to develop lake management plans for Kayuta Lake, Otter Lake and Little Long Lake.

Complete required actions of the Climate Smart Communities program to achieve silver certification

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Land Use Plan

Goals:

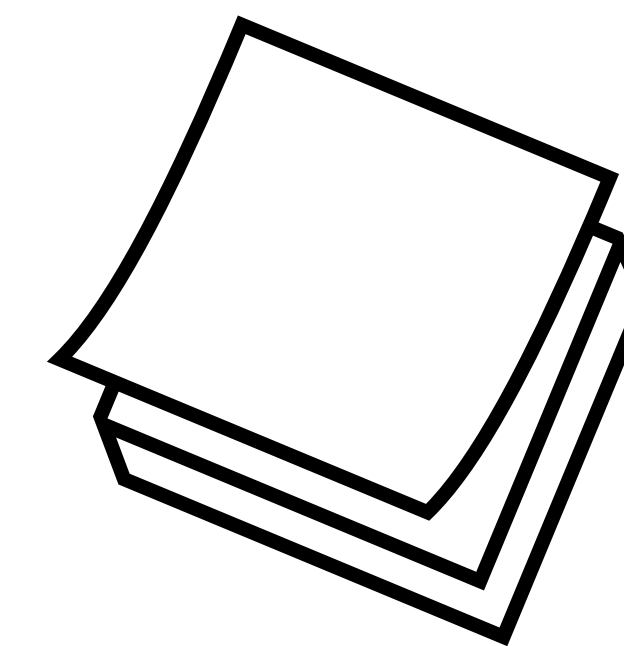
- 1) Provide a framework for land use and development in Forestport.

Name	Proposed Areas	Intent	Uses
Conserve	Natural resources and heritage features	Protect natural resources and heritage features throughout the town by limiting allowable uses to conservation, preservation, flood mitigation uses. Include critical environmental areas.	Passive outdoor recreation, conservation efforts, flood mitigation.
Enjoy	Public uses and buildings, passive outdoor recreation.	Promote outdoor recreation, community development, and environmental stewardship through specially designated lands that will foster a strong sense of place, community gathering.	Passive outdoor recreation, community facilities.
Grow	Hamlets	Support the responsible growth of the hamlet areas by permitting a mix of residential, commercial and employment uses where sufficient infrastructure (water, sewer, stormwater) already exists. The Grow designation will optimize use of existing infrastructure by supporting increased development within its boundaries. Grow boundaries will be supported by servicing capacity.	Residential uses, commercial uses, light industrial, public uses, offices, mixed-uses.
Sustain	Rural residential, lakefront areas. All properties with frontage on a waterbody.	Permit low-density residential area throughout the Town. Support low-density residential development while protecting the integrity of lakes and waterbodies. The Sustain designation will support the continued low-density residential and agriculture uses of the areas Forestport outside of the hamlets. To stay true to the predominantly residential character of the rural areas while also allowing some flexibility for alternative housing options, accessory dwelling unit provisions will be enabled. Note that Accessory Dwelling Units may be subject to Adirondack Park Agency review.	One-unit dwellings, accessory dwelling units, public uses, parks, conservation uses, agriculture.

Next Steps:

- 1** Revise Vision, Guiding Principles and Recommendations based on comments and feedback from today.
- 2** Complete Draft Comprehensive Plan
- 3** Referral, Review and Public Hearing
- 4** Final Comprehensive Plan and Adoption

Any other comments?



Thank you for coming.