

Town of Webster, NY

Comprehensive Plan Update





Overview

- What is a comprehensive plan and why do we need one?
- History of Comprehensive Planning in Webster
- Resources Needed
- Options and next steps

What is a comprehensive plan?

- ✓ Expresses a community's long-term vision, goals and objectives
- ✓ Establishes policies and strategies for future growth, development and protection of community assets
- ✓ Informs land use regulations and local decision making
- ✓ Prioritizes capital improvement and infrastructure projects
- ✓ Functions as a basis for updating the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Official Zoning Map



Comprehensive Plan Components

- Population demographics
- Housing types / density
- Economic demographics
- Transportation
- Infrastructure
- Land Use
- Culture & Recreation
- Sustainable Practices
- Environmental Resources

Data Collection & Analysis

Public Engagement

Vision, Goals, Strategies

Land Use Recommendations

Benefits of an up-to-date comprehensive plan

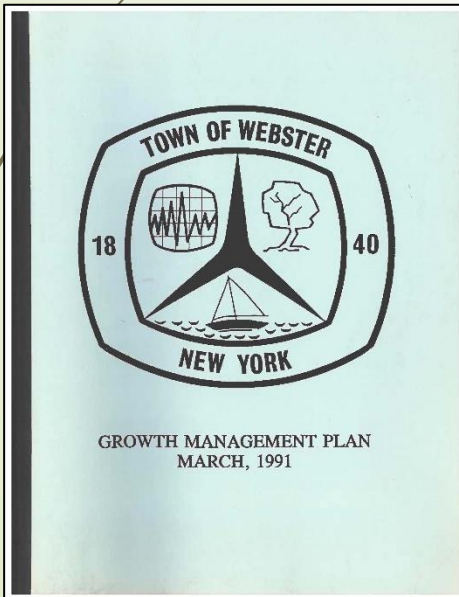
“Among the most important powers and duties granted by the legislature to a town government is the authority and responsibility to undertake town comprehensive planning and to regulate land use for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and general welfare of its citizens”

NYS Town Law Section 272-a

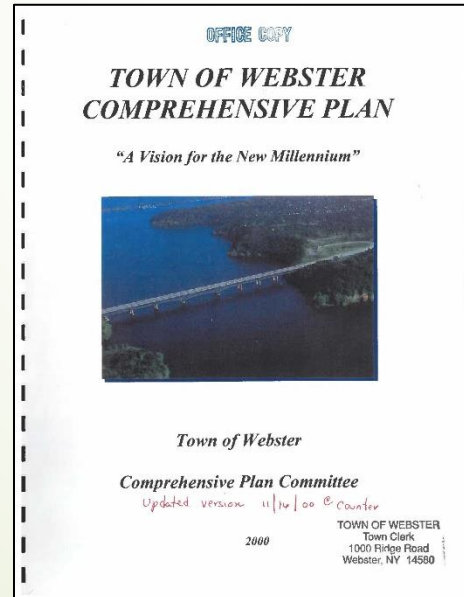
- ✓ Provides municipal officials with an understanding of historical trends, present conditions, and an opportunity to thoughtfully plan for future growth
- ✓ Provides for a balanced economic and community development strategy based on the community's physical, environmental and social conditions
- ✓ Provides guidance for public and private sector investments
- ✓ Helps attract grant funding opportunities for project implementation

Recent History of Comprehensive Planning in Webster

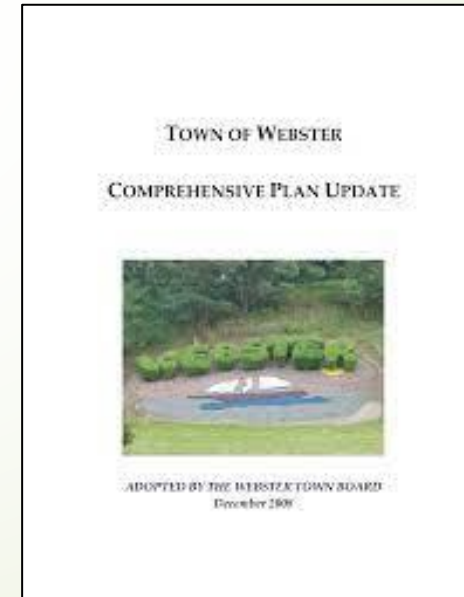
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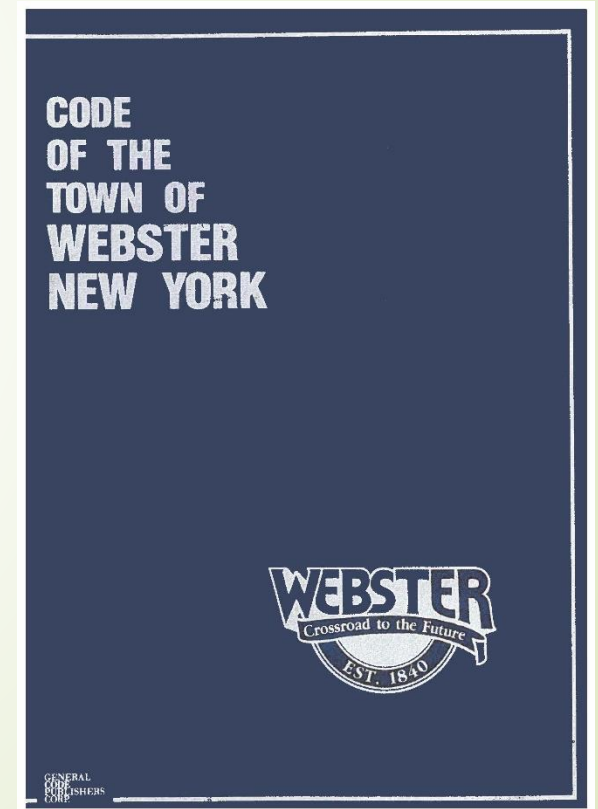
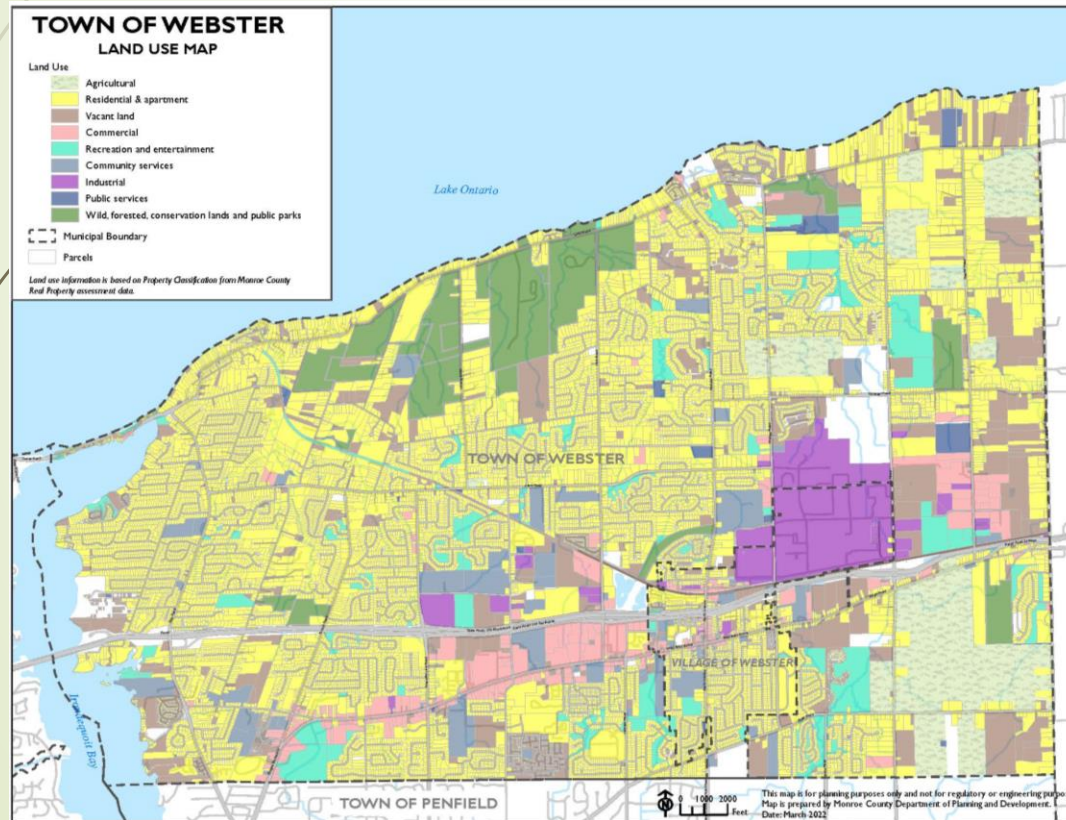
Comprehensive Plan Update – Resource Needs

- **Funding for Consultant Services (or additional Planning staff)**
 - Data collection / analysis
 - Plan document preparation
 - Public Engagement Assistance
 - Focus Group Meetings
 - Citizen Stakeholder Committees
- **Technology**
 - Project webpage
 - Interactive mapping and survey software



Typical Timeline & Cost

Comprehensive Plan Development	18-24 months	\$100,000 (est.)
Zoning Code Revisions	12-18 months	\$50,000 (est.)





Potential Funding Sources

- **2022 NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA Grant)**
 - Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Program
- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds**
 - General government services category
- **2023 & 2024 Town Budgets**
 - Approximately \$75,000 per budget year over 2 budget cycles



Next Steps

- Continue to evaluate implementation status of existing 2008 comprehensive Plan recommendations
- Identify & secure funding source(s) for plan update
- Develop scope of work for plan update
- Develop Request for Proposals for consultant services
- Form Advisory Committee(s)
- Prepare for kick-off of project in early 2023

Questions and Answers

Historic
Development Zoning
Safety Preservation
Parks Infrastructure Master
Transit Sustainability Business
Character Plan Pedestrians
Recreation Cyclists
Community
Land Comprehensive Use
Preparedness
Public