

Town and Village of Liberty Joint Comprehensive Plan
Meeting #1, February 11, 6-8 pm
Town of Liberty Senior Center

- Introductions and Overview
- Brief recap of the purpose and importance of a comprehensive plan
- Introduction of Steering Committee, Topics, and Advisory and Special Interest Groups
- Project Organization and Schedule
- Survey
- Committee Assignment – Review 2008 Comp Plan
- Group Exercise – Strengths & Weaknesses

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- Expression of a goals and recommended action to achieve those goals
- Outline for orderly growth, providing continued guidance for decision-making
- Document which focuses on immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development
- Town Law §272-a
Village Law §7-722

Do the state comp plan statutes require villages and towns to adopt comprehensive plans?

- Master Plan
- Land Use Plan
- Comprehensive Master Plan

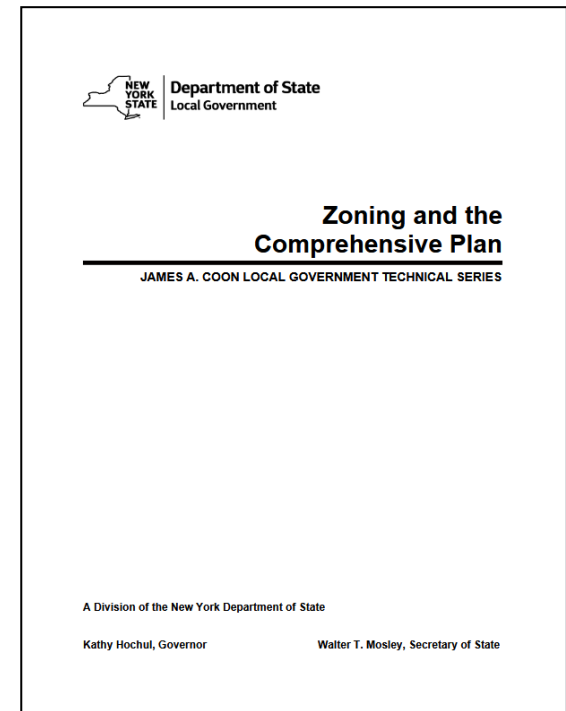
Can we afford to do comprehensive planning?

Can you afford not to?

- Improve chances for grants & loans
- “Project Readiness”
- Provide a more welcome environment for economic growth
- Aids predictability for
 - Residents
 - Prospective businesses

Planning provides a legal defense for regulations

- Zoning Must be in Accordance with a Comprehensive Plan
- Provides the basis for other actions affecting the development of the community.



The Public's Role

“NYS Town Law §272-a.1. (e) The participation of citizens in an open, responsible and flexible planning process is essential to the designing of the optimum town comprehensive plan.”

Informing the Public

- Local News Media
- Materials Available at Convenient Places
- Be Available to the Public
- Hold Open Meetings



Involving the Public

- Surveys or Questionnaires
- Informational Sessions
- Ongoing Outreach
- Design Charrette
- Seek Out Opinions
- Internet site

Advantages of a Joint (Town-Village) Comprehensive Plan

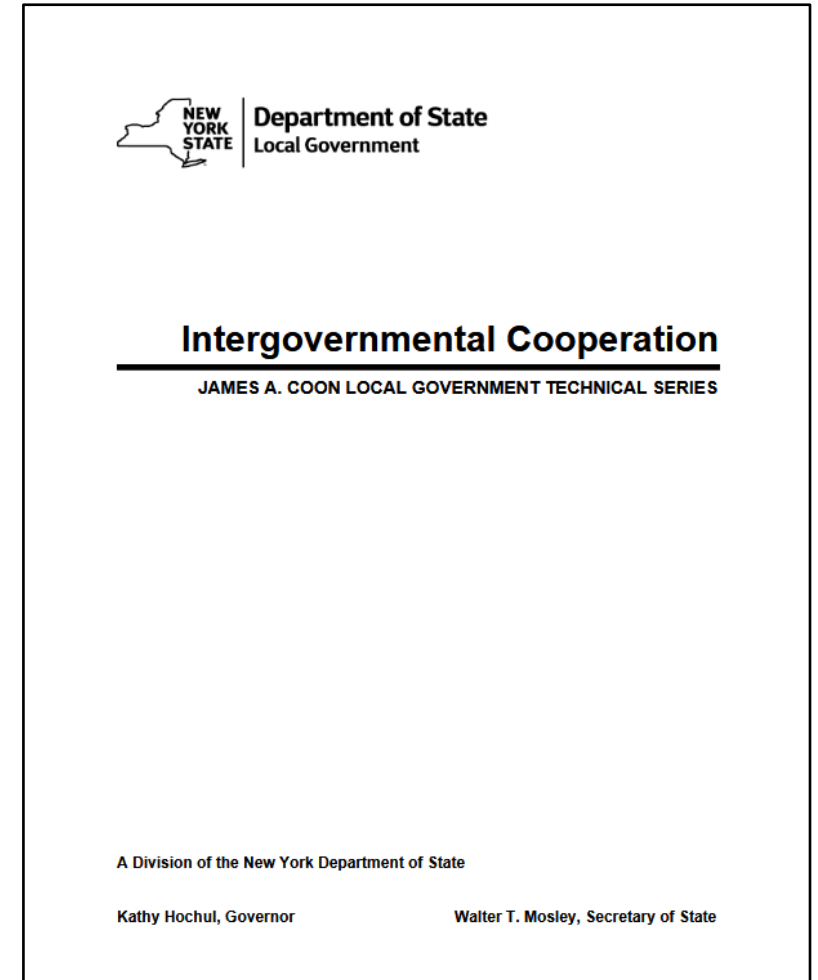
Intermunicipal dialogue and planning can result in cost savings and more resources dedicated to specific projects

New York State has long encouraged many types of intermunicipal cooperation, backed by statutory authority and funding programs

This joint comprehensive plan is funded by the NYS Local Government efficiency program

One of our tasks will be examining which initiatives set forth in the plan might be best advanced jointly or individually

Some intermunicipal projects may involve several towns as well as the county



Project Structure - Topics and Steering Committee

Economic Development (Business)	Marc Baez
Community Services, Infrastructure, Transportation	Nick Rusin
Open Space and Agriculture	Eugene Thalman
Government Issues	
Town Board Representation	Frank DeMayo
Village Board Representation	Joan Stoddard
Town Planning Board	Lynn Dowe
Village Planning Board	Dara Williams
Housing	John Liddle
Historical, Cultural and Recreation	Hope Blecher
Environmental Resources	Cory Dame
Land Use	Dean Farrand

Steering Committee Members bring experience to respective topics and were recruited based on expertise

The topics align with sections/ chapters of this comprehensive plan -- and comp plans in general

Each topical section will include:

- Background/ Inventory
- Goals (overall vision statements),
- Recommendations/ objectives/ actions (articulated prescriptions to implement plan)

Project Coordination – Peter Manning

Includes:

- Designing and facilitating meetings
- Conducting research and drafting the plan
- Coordinating SEQR, public hearings, county referral

Other sections/ contents of the plan include:

- Town/ village history; demographics
- Previous and related plans
- Maps; photos; tables/ charts
- Implementation (what, who, when, funding resources) – expressed in a chart

Project Process – Steering Committee and Advisory Groups

The Steering Committee will guide consensus and is responsible for finalizing the draft plan and presenting it to the governing boards.

The Steering Committee will help organize and facilitate activities for the Advisory Groups

Advisory Groups are comprised of individuals who are interested and knowledgeable on specific topics and in contributing to the development of the plan.

Advisory Groups will be tasked to discuss and present the topics/ policy areas of the plan. This should include background information, strengths, challenges, concerns, ideas, and recommendations.

Several meetings will be organized around the individual topics of the plan and the findings/ presentations of the Advisory Groups.

The Steering Committee, working with the consultant, will gather all information provided by the Working Groups and develop the draft comprehensive plan

Special Interest Groups

Hasidic/Orthodox Jewish Community	Manny Steinberg; Abraham Rutner
Latino Community	
Schools	
Youth	
Seniors	
Camps	
Hamlets	
White Sulphur Springs	
Swan Lake	Michael Edwards Abraham Rutner Yvonne Eronymous Efraim Reiss
Parksville	Harriet Dorfman Brent Farrand
Ferndale	Yvonne Gomez
Outlying Areas	Courtney Cross
Fact Finding	Dean Farrand Brent Farrand
Quality Review	
Additional interested participants	Paul Kavleski

Meetings

Special Interest Groups will also present information at meetings

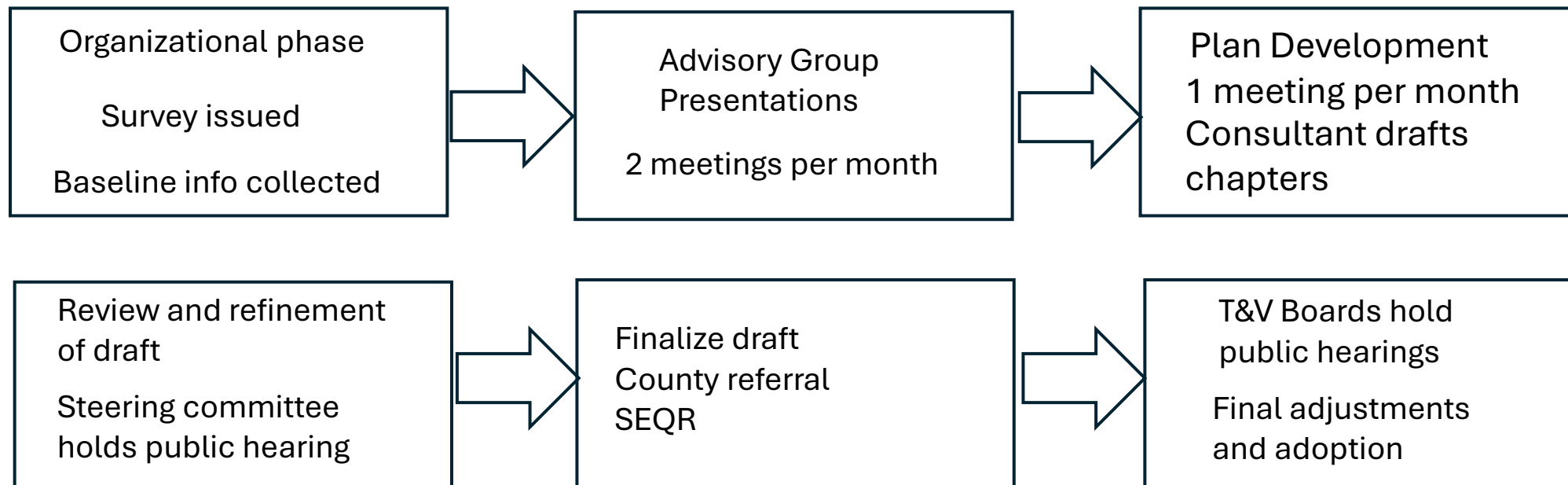
The project is scoped to include as many as 20 meetings. Two or more topics and/or groups may be combined into a single meeting.

Meetings will also include or be specifically designated to review sections of the plan and identify adjustments

We need to establish regular meeting times and dates for this project. Two meetings per month are needed during the earlier inventory/ presentation phase of the project.

Volunteers are needed for Advisory and Special Interest Groups. Please consider joining a group and helping to recruit others. Thank you!

General Schematic



Month	Project Components
1	1. Introduction meeting
1-3	2. Review Existing Plans
2-3	3. Survey Development and Distribution
4-6	4. Design (Consultant and committee meet to develop the comp plan; Hold committee meetings (20); Includes Public Workshop (to present results of survey))
6-9	5. Research, draft, and illustrate draft baseline sections
6-9	6. Research, draft, and illustrate draft topical sections
10	7. Communicate with the Town Board and Public as to the progress of the Comp Plan update and receive feedback from public, committee, Town Board
10-11	8. Review, edit, and complete comp plan
12	9. Schedule two public hearings and gather public feedback
13	10. Complete SEQR process and facilitate County review
14	11. Complete any revisions to plan after comment from T&V Boards and DOS; and Finalize plan

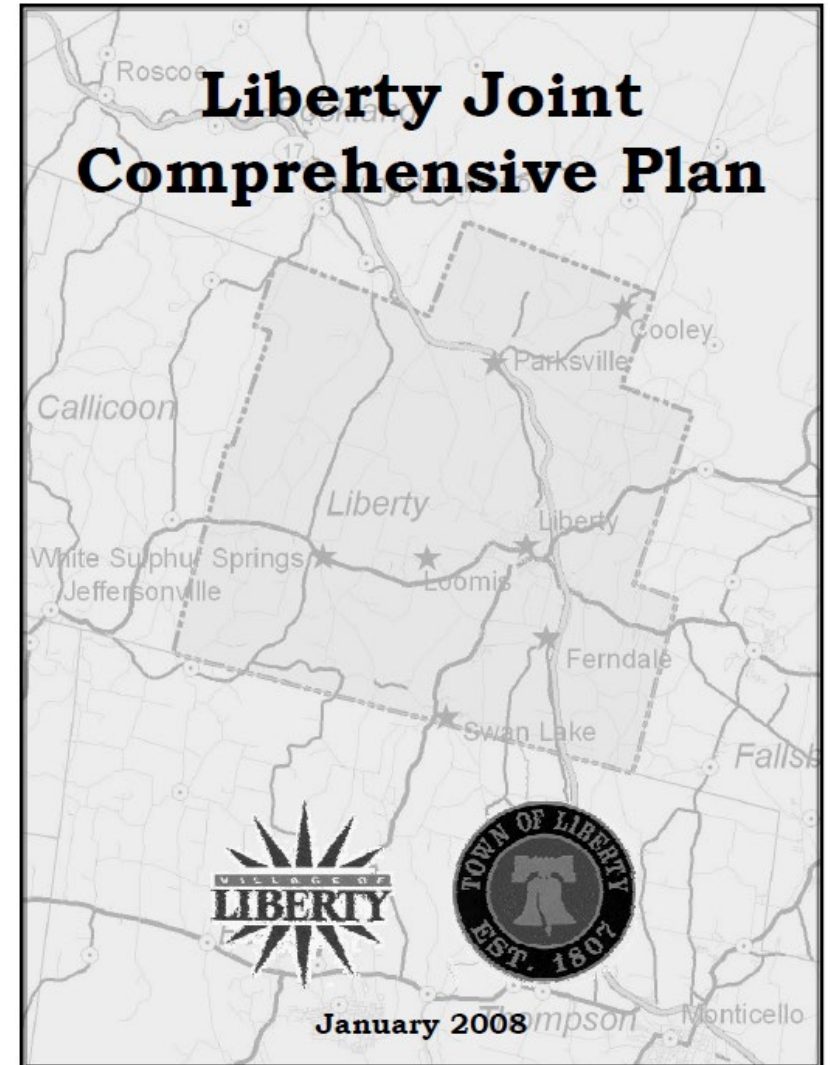
Survey

- A draft survey has been posted on the project website and paper copies are available here tonight. www.townofliberty.org/documents-forms/ then clicking on “Liberty Joint Comprehensive Plan.”
- This comprehensive plan survey has been used in other municipalities.
- Please review the document to see if any adjustments need to be made. We will finalize this survey at the next meeting.
- It will then be posted electronically and mailed.



Committee Assignment – Review 2008 Comp Plan

- Please review the existing Liberty Joint Comprehensive Plan (2008)
- It can be viewed on the project page of the town's website:
www.townofliberty.org/documents-forms/ then clicking on “Liberty Joint Comprehensive Plan.”
- Within the policy areas: What is still relevant? What is not? What has or has not been accomplished? What's missing?
- We will devote time to this at an upcoming meeting.



Next Meeting

Group Exercise

On the distributed index card, please list the following:

3-5 assets/ strengths of the town/ village

3-5 challenges (or liabilities/ weaknesses/ areas of improvement) of the town/ village

Including your name is optional

We will collect your card(s) once you are done

Thank you!

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