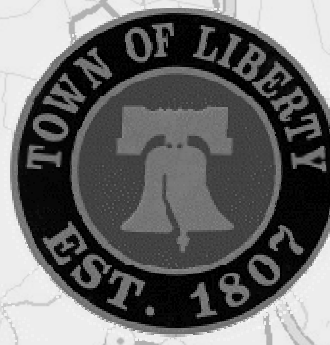
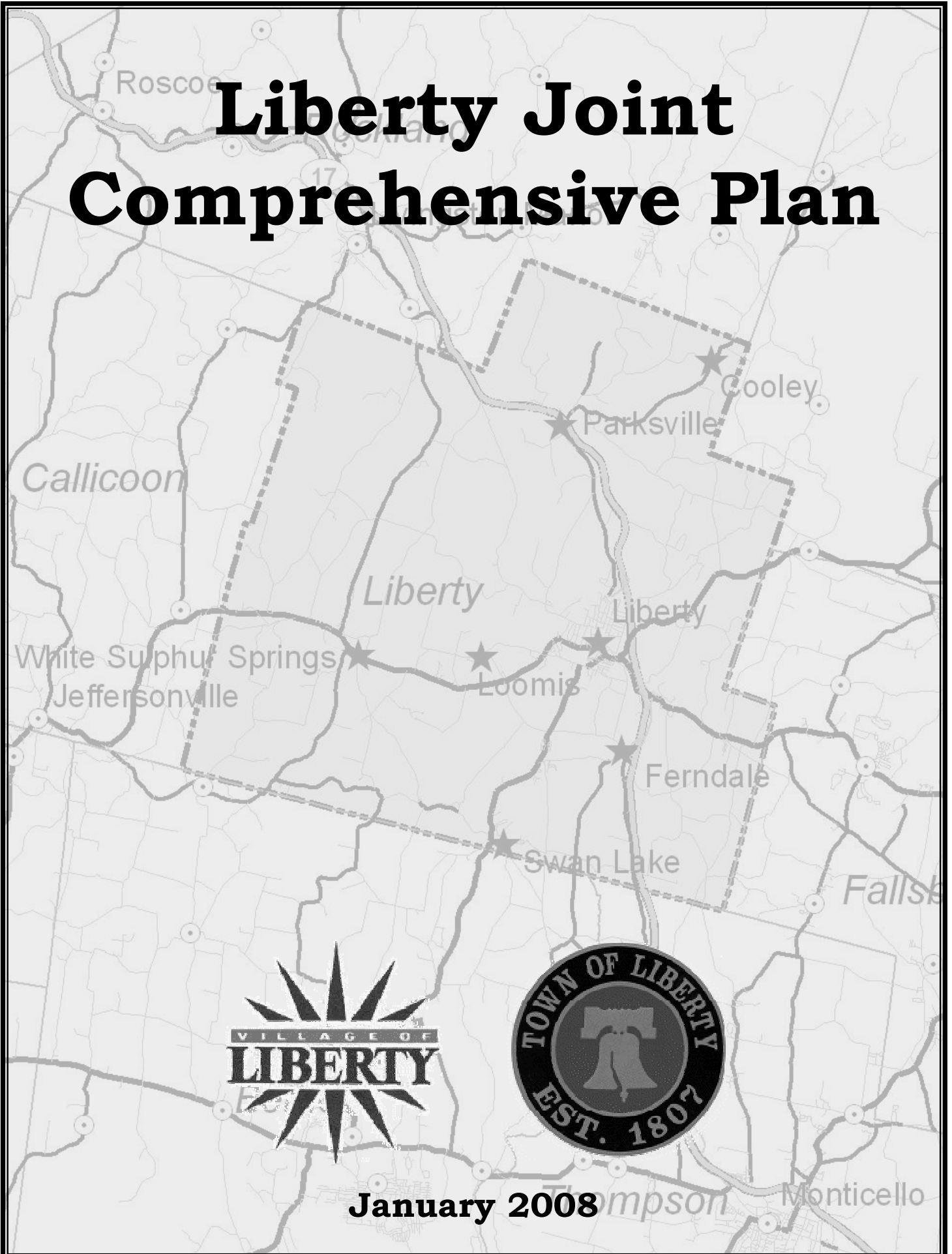


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Economic Development



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Objectives

- Work towards a diversified activities.
- Preserve and protect hist among Liberty's residents.
- Promote an attractive imag

OBJECTIVES - This section helps to identify specific items to be accomplished in working toward achieving the overall goal.

Economic Development Tasks

- ⊙ Establish the CDC as a clearinghouse "1-stop shop" for existing and new businesses.
- ⊙ Create tools (i.e. marketing, PR, informational packets) to educate small bu
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TASKS - The tasks set specific actions to help satisfy the goals and objectives. All of the tasks are also located in the Implementation Schedule.

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Agri-tourism: Tourism based on attracting visitors to a working farm or any agricultural, horticultural or agribusiness operation for the purpose of enjoyment, education, or active involvement in the activities of the farm or operation.
BID: A special assessment district to create a source of funds for economic development in which property owners agree to have an additional charge placed on their tax bill in order to fund special activities such as capital improvements or business

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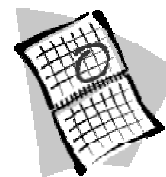
POLICY AREA - Refer to specific policy area for further information.

GOALS - Refer to page 9 to see what goals pertain to the policy area.

DEFINITIONS - Terms identified in the text are defined to help the reader understand the plan.

Economic Development

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How to Read the Implementation Schedule

Priority	Task	Policy Area	Timeframe	Key Leaders	Status

Priority: Divided into three distinct categories: High, Medium and Low. Tasks with a high priority and an immediate timeframe rating would be at one end of the spectrum while tasks with a low priority and a long-term timeframe rating would be at the other end.

Task: Identifies a specific activity that must be undertaken in order to support the goals and objectives of a policy area.

Policy Area: Six separate areas (Economic Development, Housing, Infrastructure, Government Issues, Open Spaces and Youth) that compromise Liberty's comprehensive plan. Each policy area is supported by goals, objectives and tasks.

Timeframe: Immediate, Mid-term and Long Term. Immediate identifies the tasks that need to be completed with one year. Mid-term identifies those tasks that need to be completed within one to three years. Long term tasks need to be completed within three to five years.

Key Leaders: Identifies the group that will take the lead role in assuring that the task is completed in support of the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan. This group might actually perform the task or may oversee another group or individual that completes the task. Key Leaders identified in this plan are:

(TB)-Town Board
 (VB)-Village Board
 (PB)-Planning Boards
 (ZB)-Zoning Boards
 (CDC)-Community Development Corp.
 (ECC)-Environmental Conservation Commission
 (PD)-Parks Department
 (LCS)-Liberty Central Schools
 (PEM)-County Planning and Environmental Management
 (CED)-County Community and Economic Development
 (SCP)-Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development
 (CPC)-Comprehensive Planning Committee

Status: Denotes the state of completion of a specific task at a specific point in time.

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Priority	Task	Policy Area	Timeframe	Key Leaders	Status
H	Create an Agricultural Taskforce at the CDC level to ensure farmland preservation.	Economic Development	I	CED	
H	Create a comprehensive business plan for Liberty by defining target industries and businesses that are desirable and suitable for Liberty, including a five-year strategic plan for Economic Development.	Economic Development	I	CDC	
H	Define development process for new developers by creating a checklist for developers at the planning board level to identify the necessary development processes to make it easier to follow ordinances.	Government Issues	I	PB	
H	Educate planning, zoning, town and village board members to stay informed on local land use issues.	Government Issues	I	TB, VB, PB & ZB	
H	Continue efforts to lobby for tax-exempt reform.	Housing	I	TB & VB	
H	Revise and amend the approval process for housing developments and construction to exclude premature development activities and to integrate innovative design, land use techniques and development standards.	Housing	I	PB	
H	Create a monitoring system for cumulative impacts of multiple developments.	Infrastructure	I	PB	
H	Develop standards for use of private water and water systems.	Infrastructure	I	ECC	
H	Create an Open Space Advisory Council to assist in the development of the Open Space Plan.	Open Space	I	TB & VB	
H	Develop high impact development checklist to assess cumulative impacts of projects.	Open Space	I	PB & ZB	

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H	Redefine district intent in zoning to promote desired land use.	Open Space	I	CPC	
H	Support the completion of the Skate park at Walnut Mountain Park.	Youth	I	CDC	
H	Establish and communicate a comprehensive activity and engagement program for Youth in Liberty	Youth	I	CDC	
H	Fully implement the Communities That Care (CTC) process for Youth development in Liberty.	Youth	I	CDC	
H	Continue efforts in developing the Ag Industrial Park.	Economic Development	M	CED	
H	Develop standards and target retail growth towards Main Streets to continue existing efforts.	Economic Development	M	CDC	
H	Develop a zoning code that is consistent between the town and village.	Government Issues	M	CPC	
H	Create programs for housing rehabilitation	Housing	M	CDC	
H	Improve zoning flexibility with regard to housing density and zone placements.	Housing	M	CPC	
H	Review and update local land use regulations.	Housing	M	CPC	

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Priority	Task	Policy Area	Timeframe	Key Leaders	Status
H	Create an Open Space Plan to identify open space and use, including, inventorying natural resource areas (i.e., CEAs, habitats, etc.)	Open Space	M	ECC	
H	Establish a Job Center for Youth to create apprenticeship and mentoring opportunities, develop entrepreneur training and promote jobs for youth.	Youth	M	LCS	
H	Create shovel ready sites (i.e. high tech/green corporate parks)	Economic Development	L	SCP	
H	Develop standards to provide clean/light industrial development opportunities along the Route 17 Corridor.	Economic Development	L	ECC	
H	Establish BID in Downtown Liberty.	Economic Development	L	Liberty Chamber of Commerce	
H	Create a "Green Liberty" Taskforce to work with the college to create incentives for green building techniques for new construction and renovations.	Economic Development	L	TB & VB	
H	Preserve the critical mass of farms and agriculture support service by creating a niche market for each farm through diversification and innovative farming strategies.	Economic Development	L	ECC	
H	Court enforcement of property maintenance codes for compliance.	Government Issues	L	Code Enforcement Officers	
H	Create a master plan for Liberty to define future needs for all aspects of housing.	Housing	L	CDC	
H	Create housing diversity guidelines.	Housing	L	CDC	

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Priority	Task	Policy Area	Timeframe	Key Leaders	Status
H	Promote the use of sustainable and/or renewable energy sources and environmentally sensitive building materials and techniques.	Housing	L	ECC	
H	Create a long term plan and revitalization concept for the development of an integrated, comprehensive water and sewer system for Liberty.	Infrastructure	L	TB & VB	
H	Demonstrate cost saving measures for Green Infrastructure (NYSERDA, LEEDS) Set an example for forward thinking and innovation for sustainability.	Infrastructure	L	ECC	
H	Reduce garbage & increase recycling opportunities.	Infrastructure	L	TB & VB	
H	Zone for Open Space by requiring a minimum percentage of Open Space in each zone for certain developments.	Open Space	L	CPC	
H	Educate residents on the importance of Forest Management by developing standards and regulations.	Open Space	L	ECC	
H	Educate youth in civic responsibility and participation.	Youth	L	LCS	
H	Promote the Youth and School District participation in the municipal government process.	Youth	L	LCS	
H	Work towards the creation of a Youth Center in Liberty.	Youth	L	CDC	
H	Create a sound capital improvement budget planning policy for all taxing authorities, including but not limited to the Town, Village, school district and emergency services.	Government Issues	L	TB, VB & LCS	

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H	Study and, if appropriate, implement consolidation practices.	Government Issues	L	TB & VB	
H	Development of a recreational trail system throughout the town, including converting the old O & W Rail Line to a public trail, to create linkages for interconnection of towns through open space.	Open Space	L	CDC	
M	Create and maintain an inventory of existing businesses.	Economic Development	I	CDC	
M	Create tools (i.e., marketing, PR, informational packets) to educate small businesses coming to the town.	Economic Development	I	CDC	
M	Establish an Economic Development task force in CDC to focus on promoting entrepreneurship and business recruitment.	Economic Development	I	CDC	
M	Promote community groups in their effort to improve the visual beauty of the town to encourage business development (i.e. downtown, views from highway, etc.)	Economic Development	I	CDC	
M	Research opportunities to promote Agritourism through the creation of a yearlong farmer's market or a produce transfer station, including marketing, processing and distribution/exportation opportunities.	Economic Development	M	CDC	
M	Review and create an abatement program for the improvement of buildings in Liberty.	Government Issues	M	TB & VB	
M	Review/create impact mitigation measures for new housing developments	Housing	M	PB	
M	Create a Capital Improvement Plan to carry out the Official map.	Infrastructure	M	TB, VB & LCS	

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Priority	Task	Policy Area	Timeframe	Key Leaders	Status
M	Create design standards for infrastructure (i.e. lighting, signage, roads, sidewalks, etc.) improvements.	Infrastructure	M	PB	
M	Develop and adopt an Official Map for town and village by identifying roads, bridges and culverts and prioritizing improvements.	Infrastructure	M	TB & VB	
M	Create a Recreation Development Plan for parks & recreation department.	Open Space	M	PD	
M	Research and identify development practices for the protection of open space (i.e. conservation easements, TDR, PDR, deed restrictions, land trusts, etc.)	Open Space	M	ECC	
M	Utilize existing tools and disseminate to the public to educate them on the importance of the environment and the protection of open space.	Open Space	M	ECC	
M	Develop programs to facilitate youth involvement in emergency services.	Youth	M	Emergency Services	
M	Assess public transportation needs, and create a comprehensive transportation development plan for the town and village.	Infrastructure	M	TB, VB & PEM	
M	Create Retention and Development Plans for local hamlets to create profiles/identities for business recruitment and retention.	Economic Development	L	CDC	
M	Establish the CDC as a clearinghouse "one-stop shop" for existing and new businesses.	Economic Development	L	CDC	
M	Research and develop a feasibility study for the creation of a county fairground.	Economic Development	L	CED	

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M	Research financial incentives to the improve aesthetics and overall quality of life for Liberty.	Government Issues	L	TB & VB	
M	Minimize the vacant building stock through adaptive reuse or rehabilitation and the elimination of substandard living.	Housing	L	CDC	
M	Look at requiring individual septic/water systems for large scale developments.	Infrastructure	L	TB & VB	
M	Research availability of DSL, Road Runner, Cable, Cell towers, natural gas possibilities, geothermal opportunities within town.	Infrastructure	L	TB & VB	
M	Foster collaboration between the Sullivan County Community College, BOCES and the new green technology initiatives to create degree programs.	Youth	L	CED	
L	Encourage the development of hotels, motels, B&Bs to locate within town the town (conference centers).	Economic Development	L	CDC	
L	Establish inclusionary zoning	Government Issues	L	CPC	
L	Build on and take advantage of I-86 conversion.	Infrastructure	L	CDC	
L	Promote conservation subdivisions to create linkages for recreational trail system.	Open Space	L	ECC	