

Sample Visions from the Visioning Exercise

1) Vision Statement – Town and Village of Liberty, New York

The Town and Village of Liberty envision a future that honors the beauty of our natural environment, the richness of our history and cultural diversity, and the enduring strength of our small-town, neighborly character. Surrounded by scenic landscapes and strengthened by people from many backgrounds, Liberty is a welcoming community where residents feel connected, supported, and proud to call this place home. Our vision builds upon these assets to preserve open spaces, commemorate our history, protect environmental resources, and foster a vibrant community life that values inclusion, collaboration, and respect.

At the same time, we recognize the challenges that must be addressed to ensure long-term vitality and opportunity for all. Liberty is committed to expanding affordable and diverse housing options, modernizing aging infrastructure, and pursuing thoughtful development that broadens the tax base while easing the burden on residents. By encouraging investment in clean, sustainable industries and supporting local businesses, we seek to create stable, well-paying jobs that allow people to live and work in the community. Through responsible planning, strategic investment, and community engagement, Liberty will grow in a way that is economically resilient, environmentally responsible, and reflective of the values of its people.

2) Over the next 10 to 15 years, Liberty will become a more efficient, unified, and forward-looking community that delivers high-quality services at a lower cost to taxpayers. By fully merging Village government into the Town, we will eliminate duplication, streamline operations, and create a single, coordinated system that is easier for residents to navigate and more responsible with public dollars. This step will allow us to focus our resources where they matter most—strengthening services, stabilizing taxes, and building confidence in local government.

At the same time, Liberty will invest in the housing and infrastructure that supports long-term growth and quality of life. Reliable water and sewer systems, safe and walkable streets, and modern public facilities will form the backbone of a stronger community. These improvements will not only protect public health and safety, but also attract new residents, support local businesses, and position Liberty for sustainable development in the years ahead.

Finally, Liberty will fully embrace its natural assets and recreational potential. We will complete a continuous rail trail that connects neighborhoods, businesses, and visitors, and we will transform the former Grossinger property into a destination for championship-level golf and outdoor recreation. By building on the outdoor spaces we already have, Liberty will strengthen tourism, support the local economy, and create opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy everything our community has to offer.

