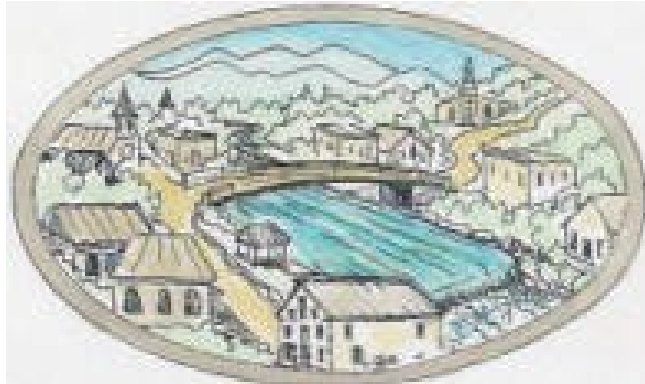


Town of Willsboro Local Planning Program



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 - Go over our overall goals for the Comprehensive Plans.

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- Part II:
 - Possible subjects for study in the Comprehensive Plan
 - How the comprehensive planning process will work over the next year or so
 - Your questions and answers

What is a Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Why is it Important to Willsboro?

- A Comprehensive Plan paints a picture of a community's **past, present, and plans for the future.**

The Plan outlines how will your actions over the next 5-10 years contribute to the landscape that you live in.



TOWN MEETING



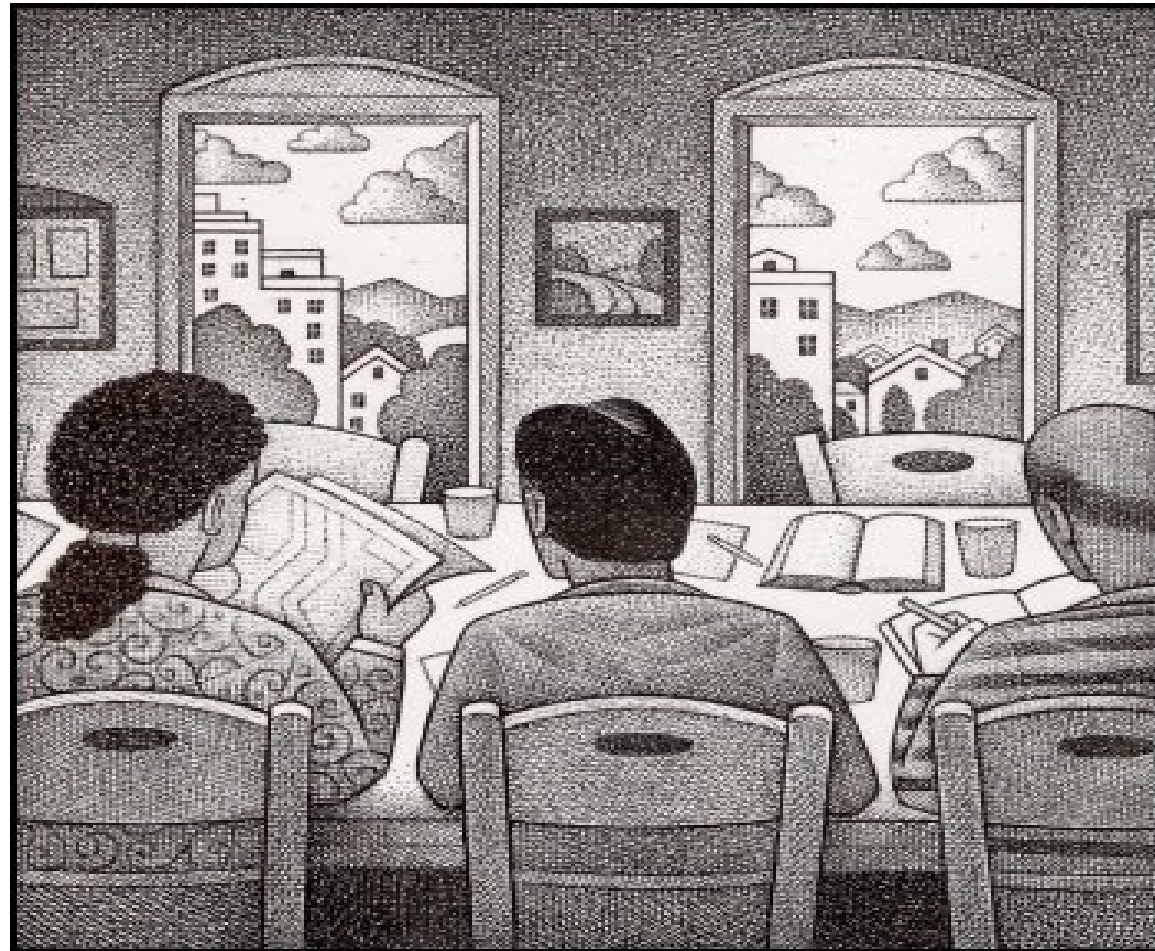
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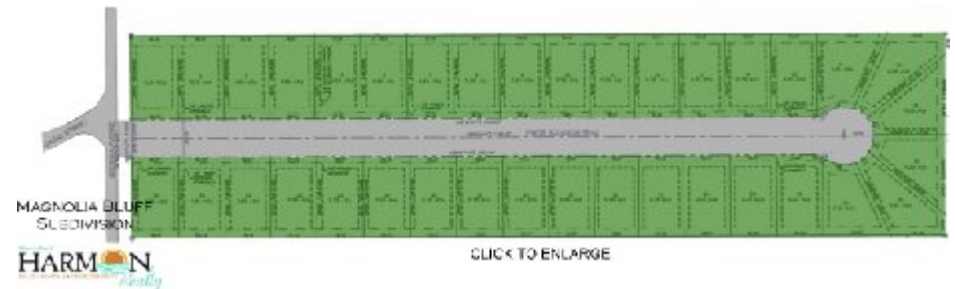
Authors of the Comprehensive Plan can set into motion recommendations and actions that may impact many **people, homes and businesses, livelihoods, entertainment, recreation, land use, and reason for being here.**

It is an exceptional opportunity for the community to participate in land use decisions



Goals for the Comprehensive Plan:

- To apply Smart Growth principles to future land uses in the town.
- To promote sustainable economic development,
- To encourage pedestrian-friendly design in the hamlet.
- To preserve open space and farmland,
- To preserve sensitive areas



Goals for the Comprehensive Plan:

- To protect water quality,
- To ensure compatible waterfront development
- To promote public access to the waterfront



Goals for the Comprehensive Plan:

The plan will be used to reinforce the Town's hamlet as a regional center on Lake Champlain, destination for water-based recreation and related tourism activity which are significant component of the local and regional economies.



Goals for the Comprehensive Plan:



Develop a comprehensive plan, land use regulations, and project review guidelines for the Town that emphasize Lake Champlain, Long Pond and Boquet River waterfront areas, to be submitted to the Adirondack Park Agency for consideration as an approved local land use program.

Goals for the Comprehensive Plan:

- To reflect current conditions and trends through a vibrant and modern Comprehensive Plan that: provides the legal foundation for the land use laws, supports the Town's grant and capital program and reflects the will of the people.
- To replace the complex, difficult to use and follow Zoning, Subdivision and Special Use Laws with state of the art, practical and easy to interpret regulations that reflect the community's long term land use goals.

Recap: What we've covered so far:

- Review what a Comprehensive Plan is and why it is important we prepare one.
- Go over the overall goals for the Comprehensive Plans.

What we will cover next:

- Possible subjects for study in the Comprehensive Plan
- How the comprehensive planning process will work over the next year or so
- Your questions and answers

Possible subjects for Willsboro's Plan:

- **History of Willsboro**
- **Community Demographics & Profile**
- **OUR LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
 - Protecting Natural Resources
 - Smarter Growth and Land Use
 - Working Landscape: Recreation, Parkland, Agriculture & Forestry
 - Water Quality, Open Space & Critical Environmental Areas

Possible subjects for Willsboro's Plan:

- **OUR ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY AMENITIES**
 - Revitalizing Commercial Activity
 - Driving the Innovative and Creative Economy
 - Generating Jobs
 - Enhancing Community Housing
 - Health, Education & Social Capital
 - Historic & Cultural Resources

Possible subjects for Willsboro's Plan:

- **OUR TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES**
 - Supportive Water and Wastewater Systems
 - Energy Efficient Utilities
 - Advancing Communication
 - Improved Facilities
 - Responsive Services

Possible subjects for Willsboro's Plan:

- **BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY'S CHARACTER**
 - Quality of Life Improvements
 - Future Land Use Recommendations
 - Community Development Recommendations:
 - Waterfront Revitalization & Access Recommendations

Your Comprehensive Plan 2009

- What do you want for Willsboro?
- Why do you want it? (challenge assumptions)
- How will you know when you achieve it?
- What indicators will satisfy you to measure it?
- What benchmarks do you want along the way?
- What knowledge and information do we need to collect in order to analyze and measure for these?

The Comprehensive Plan is the

SPECIAL invitation

YOU receive as a community

to JOIN with neighbors

to LEARN about the landscape,

IMAGINE what Willsboro can become.....

and then take ACTION to realize that future.

“We must endeavor as fish to see the water that we swim in.” *(Marshall McLuhan)*

YOUR Next Steps:

- Sign up for the list serve by emailing: **willsboroplan@willsborony.com**
- When the Community Survey is sent, this summer, PLEASE complete it.
- Sign up, Attend meetings, stay involved, ask questions, participate any way you can.

Review of the Work Plan

Questions for the
Committee

Thank YOU

Organizing Committee for the Comprehensive Plan:

- **Lori Lincoln Spooner, Town Supervisor**
- **Steve Benway, Town Councilman**
- **Mark Bonfey, Chair, Willsboro Planning Board**
- **Tommy Gilliland, Chair, Willsboro Zoning Board of Appeals**
- **Win Belanger, Designee, citizen**
- **Ashley Walker, Town of Willsboro**
- **Ann Ruzow Holland, Community Planning Advisor, Planning Consultant, Ph.D. Candidate Antioch University, New England**



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