

# What is a Comprehensive Plan?

## **An updated Comprehensive Plan will -**

- Communicate the Town's vision for:
  - Development
  - Capital improvements/projects
  - Land preservation
  - Government structure & services
- Provide a roadmap to make this vision a reality:
  - Policy recommendations
  - Updated zoning code recommendations
  - Priorities for implementation
- Guide local decision makers for the next 10 – 20 years (or more)

## **Why is inclusive and wide-reaching public participation so important?**

- We want true representation of the people who live and work in Lewisboro
- We want people to see their ideas in the Plan and feel connected to it
- Developing the Plan is an investment in the future of Lewisboro

## **More information:**

A comprehensive plan, also known as a general plan, master plan or land use plan, is designed to guide the future actions of a town, city or county. It presents a vision with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect the local government. It is a document by the people, for the current and future betterment of people who live and work in Lewisboro.

The Town of Lewisboro appointed a Steering Committee to implement a process to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Town's current Plan was created in 1985 and last reviewed in 1999. View the current Plan here: <https://www.lewisborogov.com/planningboard/page/master-plan>.

New York State Town Law, Section 272-A guides our understanding of Comprehensive Planning (learn more about the Law here: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/TWN/272-A>).

Town residents will have many opportunities to participate. The process to update the Plan may take 18 months to 2 years and will involve significant public input. Near the end of this process, the Steering Committee will make recommendations to the Town Board, which has the ultimate authority to adopt a new Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, we can expect that some community issues may be worthy of additional study. Oftentimes, the Comprehensive Plan

process leads to additional plans for specific geographical areas, or for specific community needs.

Want to learn more about Comprehensive Planning? Click here to watch a 1 hour informational session featuring Jan Johannessen, Principal of Kellard Sessions Consulting & Consultant to the Town of Lewisboro: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZI742jjXAMQ> (link is external)