

Implementation

7. IMPLEMENTATION

Relationship of this Plan to Other Planning Documents

This plan is directly related to many other planning documents that have been created in the past and are likely to be created in the future. We have utilized the various planning and development related plans created from 1996 through 2006 in the creation of this document. It is also expected that there are direct tie-ins from documents that we are unaware of at this time, as they have been created by other agencies that have not been fully involved with this plan's development. Where possible important ideas from other documents have been incorporated into this document. Copies of some documents will be included in the official listing and available on the website www.alleganyplanning.com

OVERVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION

In order to be a strong, vital community we must have strong and sustainable infrastructure, utilities, and transportation, as well as adequate financial resources at all government levels. All projects are subject to the SEQR process if needed during their respective implementation.

The following chart outlines what we believe to be an appropriate first step toward successful implementation of this Comprehensive Plan. The lead agencies, departments,

and other entities necessary for completing various aspects of the Plan are delineated in the chart.

We have limited these to three immediate, three mid-range and three long-range priorities – not because that is all that needs to be accomplished, but because of the need to focus initially on a select few high-priority items. Accomplishing a few important tasks in the first months or first year of the Plan will provide the momentum and confidence necessary to undertake larger and more ambitious projects. These tasks should be assigned to the appropriate agencies or departments immediately following the adoption of this Plan by the Board of Legislators. Progress on these assignments should be reviewed by the County Planning Board within six (6) months; this progress report should then be submitted to the Board of Legislators.

A progress review should be conducted by the County Planning Board within six [6] months after adoption with a report being submitted back to the Board of Legislators on the progress.

Priorities	Level	Description	Lead Agency or Department	Contributing Agency or Department
Immediate 1 Year to 18 Months	A	Proceed with Construction for Sewer and Water that is planned for I-86 and Route 19 Area	Department of Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Board of Legislators 2 County Administrator 3 Department of Public Works 4 County Planning Board
Immediate 1 Year to 18 Months	B	Intensify lobbying for public support of key development items	Department of Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Board of Legislators 2 County Administrator 3 IDA 4 Greater Allegany County Chamber of Commerce 5 County Planning Board 6 NYS Elected Officials
Immediate 1 Year to 18 Months	C	Develop and Market more positive image for the County	Greater Allegany County Chamber of Commerce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Office of Tourism 2 Tourism Advisory Board 3 Office of Development 4 County Planning Board 5 Local Chambers of Commerce and Business Associations

Priorities	Level	Description	Lead Agency or Department	Contributing Agency or Department
Mid-Range 18 Months - 3 years	D	Establish a Priority List for Infrastructure	County Planner	1 County Planning Board 2 Department of Development 3 Board of Legislators 4 Department of Public Works
Mid-Range 18 Months - 3 years	E	Develop a County Wide Sewer and Water Agency or Authority that in turn will develop a countywide sewer and water plan.	County Planner	1 County Planning Board 2 Department of Development 3 Board of Legislators 4 Department of Public Works
Mid-Range 18 Months - 3 years	F	Develop vehicles for business investment.	Department of Development	1 IDA 2 Development Advisory Board 3 Community Leaders

Priorities	Level	Description	Lead Agency or Department	Contributing Agency or Department
Long-Range 3 years - 10 Years	G	Construct sewer and water in the identified corridors preferably by a countywide agency or authority.	County Planner	1 Department of Development 2 Board of Legislators 3 Department of Public Works
Long-Range 3 years - 10 Years	H	Increase Inter-governmental/municipal cooperation	Board of Legislators	1 Courts 2 Assessors 3 Department of Public Works 4 County Planning Board
Long-Range 3 years - 10 Years	I	Housing - Develop housing stock and revitalization projects in existing communities.	County Planner, County Planning Board and Municipal Planning Boards	1 ACCORD 2 Towns and Villages Government 3 Commercial Funding 4 Developers

The following are items that need to be followed by the Board of Legislators:

Grants

There are many strategies noted throughout this document that rely on the idea of better utilizing grant funds to undertake projects and fully implement them. An important part of this implementation plan is to become more proactive in our efforts at securing funds from New York State, the US government and private foundations from across the nation and world.

Goal:

Our goal is to implement this plan and develop projects that promote growth throughout Allegany County.

Objectives:

- Adopt and facilitate the implementation of all aspects of this plan.
- Be proactive in finding money for projects within the County.

Strategies:

- Promote collaboration and cooperation of all citizens of Allegany County to utilize all aspects of this Comprehensive Plan.
- Encourage all levels of government to cooperate in the implementation of this countywide plan.
- Facilitate coordination of grants between County, Towns, Villages, State, and Federal levels.
- Create a Central Grant writing program. Investigate employment/contract status of a grants writer and possible sharing with colleges/Towns/Villages

- Aggressively offer support to Towns and Villages in their efforts to attract State and Federal funding.
- Develop I-86 Projects for submission to ARC and/or EDA for Grant funding
- Utilize grant funds to maximize signs and possibly billboards for location information, tourism, development, recreation opportunities within the County.



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Comprehensive Plan Adoption Procedures

Preparation.

Upon completion of the Allegany County Comprehensive Plan the Allegany County Comprehensive Planning Board shall, by resolution, recommend such proposed Allegany County Comprehensive Plan to the Allegany County Legislature.

Environmental review.

The Allegany County Comprehensive Plan and any amendments thereto shall be subject to the provisions of the state environmental quality review act under article eight of the Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations. The County Comprehensive Plan may be designed to also serve as, or be accompanied by, a generic environmental impact statement pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review act statute and regulations. No further compliance with such law is required for subsequent site-specific County actions that are in conformance with the thresholds established for such County actions in the generic environmental impact statements and its findings.

Agricultural review and coordination.

The Allegany County Comprehensive Plan and any amendments thereto for a county containing all or part of an agricultural district or lands receiving agricultural assessments within its jurisdiction shall continue to be subject to the provisions of article twenty-five-AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law relating to the enactment and administration of local laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations. A newly adopted or amended County Comprehensive Plan shall take into consideration applicable

County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans as created under article twenty-five-AAA of the agriculture and markets law.

Referrals.

The Allegany County Legislature shall, prior to adoption, refer the proposed Allegany County Comprehensive Plan or any amendment thereto to the County Planning Board and Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board. The Allegany County Legislature shall, prior to adoption, refer the proposed Allegany County Comprehensive Plan or any amendment thereto to the legislative bodies and to the planning boards of each Town and Village within the County for review and recommendation.

Public hearings; notice.

- a. Prior to adopting or amending a County comprehensive plan, the Allegany County Legislature shall hold one or more hearings on such proposed plan or amendments thereto.
- b. Wherein the Allegany County Comprehensive Planning Board prepared the proposed Allegany County Comprehensive Plan, the Allegany County Legislature shall, within ninety days of receiving the ACCP board's recommendations on such proposed plan, and prior to the adoption of the plan, hold a public hearing on such proposed plan.
- c. Notice of a public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least ten calendar days in advance of the hearing. Notice shall also be mailed to the chief executive officer and the chairperson of the Planning Board of each municipality at least ten days before such

hearing. Representatives of the regional and/or County Planning Board, the Director of Public Works, or his or her representative, County departments, municipalities, citizens and other interested parties shall be given the opportunity to be heard.

Adoption.

The Allegany County Legislature may adopt by resolution this County Comprehensive Plan or any amendment thereto.

Filing of adopted County comprehensive plan.

The adopted County Comprehensive Plan and any amendments thereto shall be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and a copy thereof filed in the office of the Allegany County Planning Board, with the Secretary of State, as well as with the Clerk of each Town and Village within Allegany County.

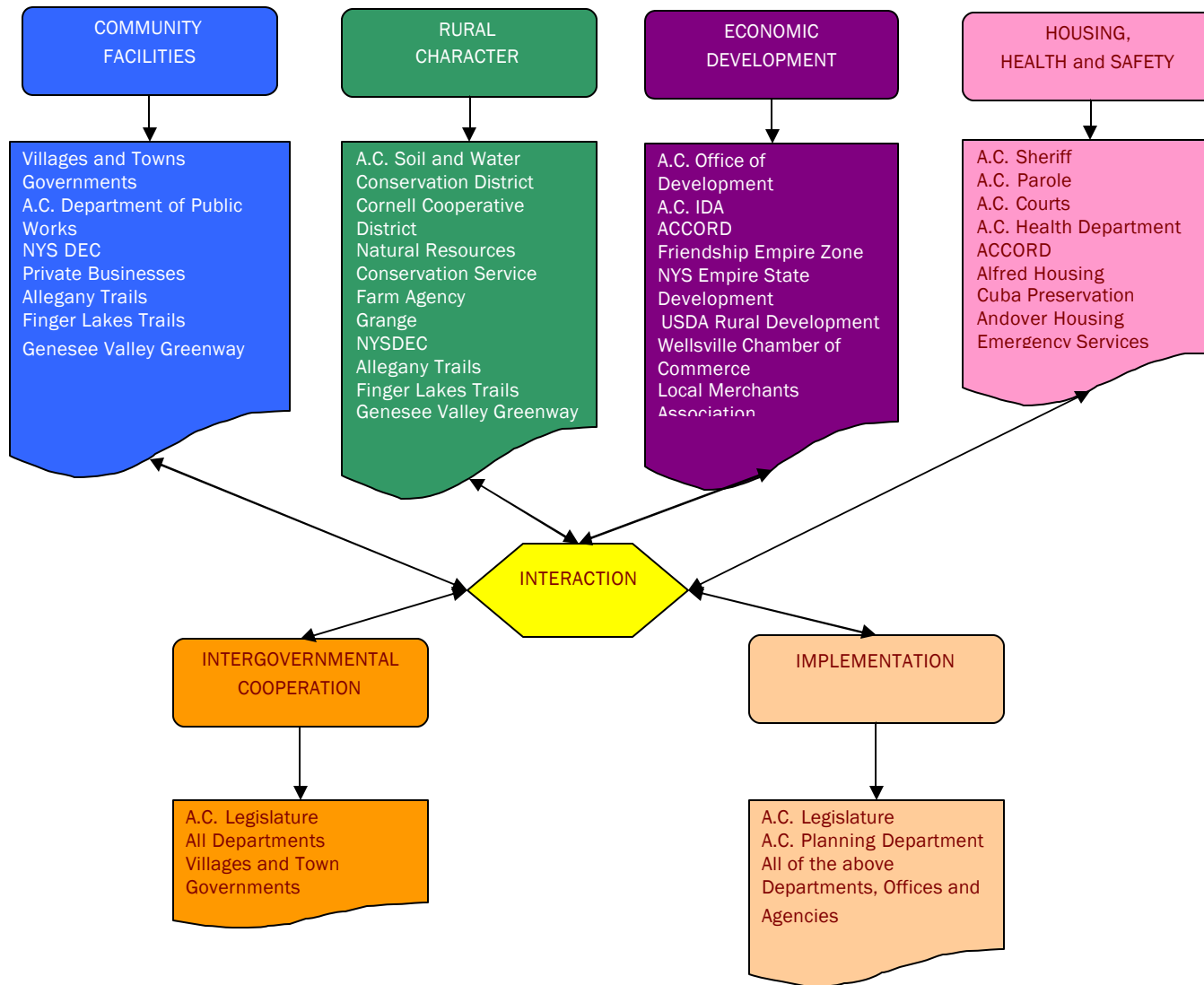
Effect of adoption.

- a. All County land acquisitions and public improvements, including those identified in the County official map adopted or amended pursuant to this article, shall be in accordance with a County Comprehensive Plan, if one exists.
- b. All plans for capital projects of a municipality or state governmental agency on land included in the County Comprehensive Plan adopted pursuant to this section shall take such plan into consideration.

Periodic review.

The Allegany County Legislature shall have the Comprehensive Plan reviewed and updated according to the Comprehensive Plan review cycle shown in the last subsection.

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Integration, Amendment, and Update of Comprehensive Plan Elements

Goal:

To utilize this plan into the day-to-day operations of the departments, agencies and local governments of this County.

Objectives:

- Keep the plan up to date.
- Actively work to implement the plan
- Monitor and evaluate the progress of implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.

Strategies:

- Have plan reviewed by Department Staff on an annual basis
- Have Plan updated on a minimum of four-year cycle and approved by the Legislature on same cycle.
- Authorize staff to pursue implementation of the plan.
- After the comprehensive plan is done and approved: place all the old plans in the County archive building under the County Historian's control.
- All the Departments shall consider the goals of the Comprehensive Plan when developing the goals of their own Department.

The Comprehensive Plan Delivery System

1. Plan implementation and project development will build on existing structure and strengths within existing County departments and foster inter-agency collaborations. Specific goals will be prioritized and targeted for in-house action under the guidance of

the legislative body and legislative committee structure.

2. Stakeholder collaboration among special interest groups, agencies, and non-profit organizations will unify associated interests to accomplish plan goals under the leadership of the Office of Economic Development.
3. A dedicated fund supporting the accomplishment of the Comprehensive Plan is recommended. This fund would support project development, meet required grant matches, equipment, consulting, and provide fundamental support of Comprehensive Plan delivery. The fund will be managed by the Legislature with recommendations for the Planning Board and Office of Development.
4. Comprehensive Plan accountability, measurement of progress, performance, and accomplishments as well as review and making recommendations to the Legislature for updating of the plan will be coordinated by the Planning Board and the Office of Economic Development.
5. The County will develop planning and production capacity in the Office of Development by maintaining a County Planner position as well as supporting grantsmanship, information system development, and project management under guidance of the Office of Economic Development.

Comprehensive Plan Review Cycle

The Allegany County Comprehensive Planning Board considers this extremely important. The built in review procedures for this plan are to be operated as follows. The process will be:

The Chairman of the Legislature will appoint a committee as the Allegany County Comprehensive Planning Board made of nine members at the end of the first year after Legislative elections. The nine-committee members will be:

- three County Planning Board members,
- three County Legislators and
- three at-large members.

This group of nine will be allocated the financial and staffs support to complete a full review and update of the Comprehensive Plan. The timeline will be similar to this effort with a goal of having a completed and approved plan by the middle of the third year of the Legislative cycle.

1. Strengthen the Tax base in order to ease the tax burden.
2. Construct infrastructure to support industrial sites, business, and housing.
3. Preserve the natural environment in concert with increased industrial growth.
4. Provide quality education and fully utilize our Colleges as partners.
5. Sustain and support growth in agriculture
6. Workforce development preserves career opportunities and retains youth.
7. There is an immediate need to improve housing stock and availability of homes.
8. Recruit Doctors to meet the need and improve medical service delivery systems.

The Allegany County Comprehensive Plan is a compendium of issues, ideas, situations, and solutions. The power of the intention imparted to the Plan is testimony to our County resolve to move our living situation forward. It is a dynamic endeavor and the planning group does hereby charge the community and its leadership with the taking of the next

steps, the unification of stakeholders, amassing the resources and moving forward. Initial guidance for such movement is implicit to the comprehensive planning process. Economic security, development of infrastructure, business, and industry must unfold and flourish in concert with the preservation of our natural environment, cultural heritage and serve to improve our quality of life.



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