About the Town of Gallatin Comprehensive Plan Update

October 2021

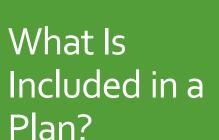
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What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- A 'roadmap' for decisionmaking.
- Town vision, goals, and policy.
- Addresses elements of importance to the community.
- A grass-roots document.
- The Plan is not a law.





Description of current conditions in the Town



Vision and goals statements



Strategies and actions to help the Town attain their vision

Why Update the Existing Plan?

- It is 14 years old!
- Plans need to be updated to be useful.
- New data shows changes and trends facing Gallatin.
- The Plan is the foundation for Town policy and land use regulations. It must be up to date to meet needs.

Planning Process

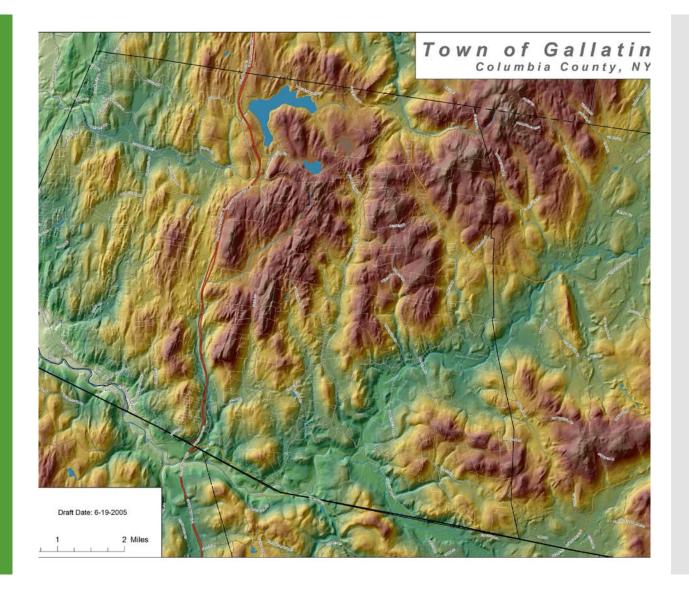
Step 1: Update Data

Maps

Demographic Data

Community Resources

Enviro. Conditions



Step 2: Planning Process

Public Input

- Workshop with elected and appointed officials (held 9/2021)
- Meetings with Steering Committee (ongoing)
- Open house (held 10/2/21)
- Follow up Open House Survey (October)
- Town-wide Survey (Later in Fall)
- Identification of issues and needs (Early 2022)

Step 3: Planning Process

Develop Vision and Goals

Strengths (Positive attributes to be maintained) Weaknesses
(Areas to be improved)

SWOT

Opportunities

(Features to take advantage of to address weaknesses or keep strengths)

Threats

(Potential problems caused by factors the community cannot control)

- Analysis of all public input and data, including maps
- Organization of data into SWOT
- Development of vision statement
- Development of goals

Step 4: Update Strategies and Actions

- Recommendations ...
 - Priority projects
 - Critical first steps
 - Responsibilities and time frames

Example Strategy From 2007 Plan:

Allow or require both clustered and conservation style subdivisions.

- a. Amend subdivision law.
- b. Require mandatory cluster or conservation subdivision in certain locations or types of lots.

Topics to be Reviewed and Updated in New Plan

- Rural Character
- Scenic Beauty
- Environment
- Farming
- Quality of Life and Sense of Community
- Public Services and Government Functions
- Historic Resources
- Recreational Opportunities
- Regulatory Tools and Methods to Reach Goals
- Capital Improvements
- Policy Development/Programs

Your Input is Important

If you were unable to attend the October 2, 2021 Open House, you can add your input through a short survey at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G6H6RKQ