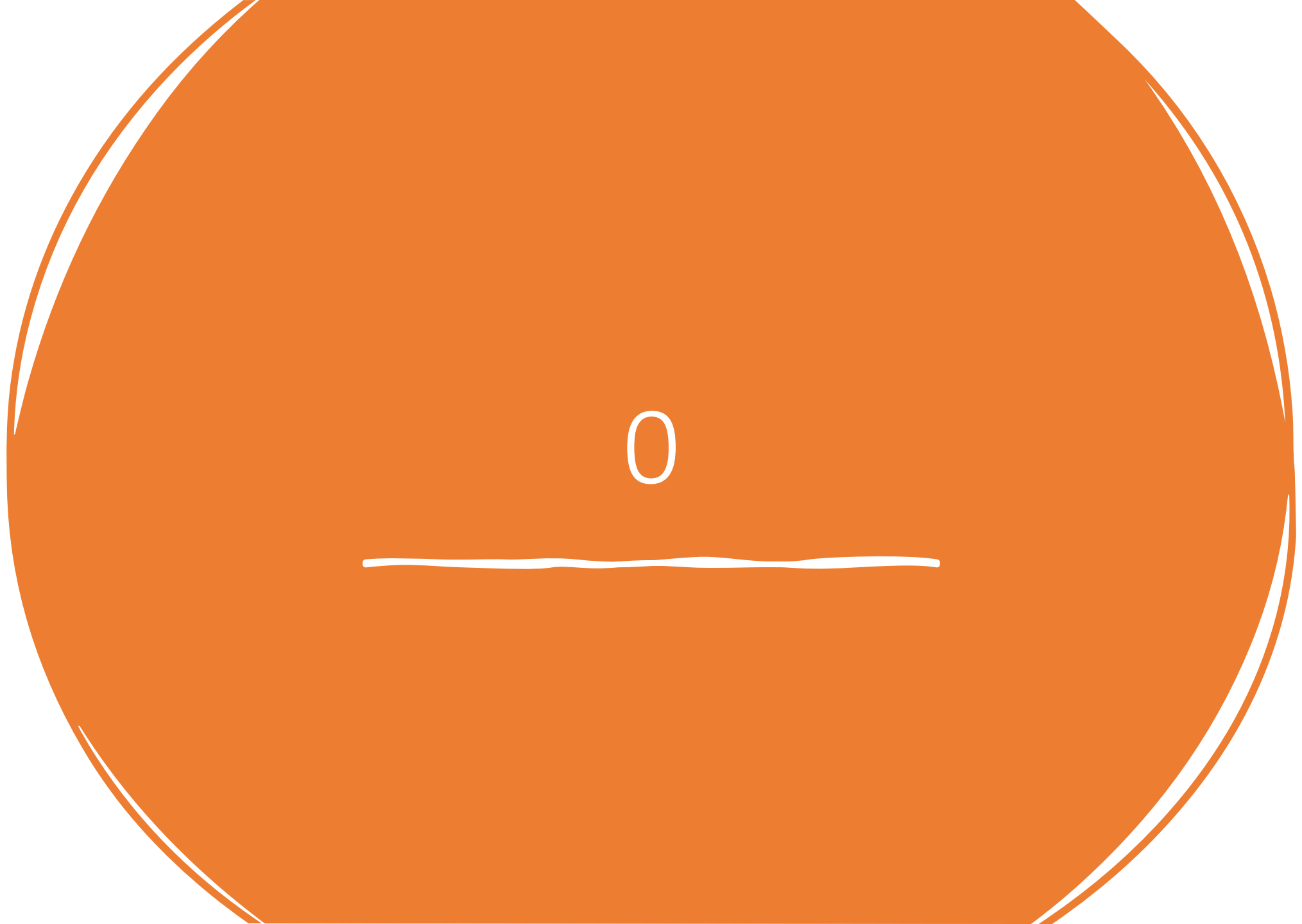


Town of Hartwick
Comprehensive Plan Update
Information & Priorities



How much did it
cost?



Consequences of paying nothing:

This is an update, not a rewrite. Most of the current (2010) plan is retained, and only data and updated planning documents are included in this plan.

Issues and recommendations written originally by certified planners in the current (2010) plan have been retained in their entirety.

What did the committee do?

- Charge from town board was to update, not rewrite, the existing plan.
- Statistics and maps were updated as necessary
- Plans developed since the 2010 Comprehensive Plan were incorporated into the update
- No material written by certified planners has been removed
- This is basically the same plan the town has used for the past ten years, but updated

What does a Comprehensive Plan do?

- Identify issues or opportunities affecting the town that may or may not need to be addressed in the future
 - Such as:
 - Potential issues related to water availability
 - Potential issues related to increased development, including traffic and safety concerns
- States goals for the future
 - Such as:
 - Investment in current or future infrastructure, such as water, lighting, or sidewalks
 - Improving safety, recreational, or other services
- Document for external agencies
 - Such as:
 - Water system: Federal and state aid require that a comprehensive plan mention need
 - Outside agencies: The comprehensive plan can be cited as a means to get outside agencies to improve infrastructure, e.g., crosswalks and stop signs at 4 corners

What a Comprehensive Plan is not:

- A law: A comprehensive plan is more like a “wish list” for achieving funding
- Legally binding: A comprehensive plan “sets the stage” for future action by the town board or a town-sanctioned committee, and actual implementation is normally different than the original plan.
- A guarantee of action: Just because language is in a plan does not mean it will be acted upon.
- It does not advocate for a particular legal course of action, such as a law.

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- So:



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- The plan proposes a location, but the Town Board needs to act by setting aside the town property for a Veteran's Park.
- The Town needs to contact interested community groups and organizations to see if there is interest in a Veteran's Memorial
- A committee that includes people from the Town, Veteran's Organizations, and the general public needs to be formed
- Money needs to be raised. With the memorial in the plan there is the possibility of external aid, but without it the money comes from taxpayers and volunteers



Major initiatives in plan:

- Continued exploration of water issues along Route 28
 - This issue dates back nearly 15 years to a water study that found that continued development along 28 could affect wells uphill
 - Town has no law to prohibit such development, so we need to explore other options such as a water district
 - The plan incorporates the findings of a recent engineering report





Major initiatives in plan:

- Safety issues along Route 28
 - Pedestrian safety: Lack of sidewalks and lighting
 - Traffic: We need NYS Department of Transportation to address ongoing concerns with congestion and infrastructure

Major initiatives in plan:

- Hamlet revitalization
 - Improvements to Town park, e.g., Puppy Path, playground
 - Park benches throughout town—already underway thanks to Revitalization Committee
 - Drainage along non-town streets (205, 11)
 - Veteran's Memorial





Major initiatives in plan:

- Other major concerns:
 - A plan for the hamlet of Toddsville
 - Fire and ambulance protection over the long term
- These issues likely represent about 90 percent of the committee's time, but we did not revisit 2010 language written by certified planners