

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

February 22, 2022

Please find attached the update to the Town of Hartwick Comprehensive Plan. The new plan maintains much of the initial analyses from the 2010 plan. However, with the use of updated data (e.g., census), new data (e.g., two surveys), and the addition of various governmental plans conducted since the 2010 plan (e.g., Hartwick Hamlet Revitalization Plan of 2012), the current update reflects current conditions and opportunities better than the older plan.

While projects like the hamlet of Hartwick sidewalks (as per the 2010 Plan) were completed and many others are ongoing, the availability of funding hinders larger projects like sidewalks and lighting on the NYS Route 28 Corridor. Therefore, the Town Board, Staff, and various Committees should be ever vigilant and aggressive about funding mechanisms, both private and public, to ensure that dollars flow to the Town to accomplish the priorities listed in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Update Existing Local Ordinances

Continue reviewing and fine-tuning the suitability of existing and potential Town ordinances to ensure that local laws are clear, comprehensive and up to date to meet current challenges.

Communications Infrastructure

Investigate and amplify the Town's role in coordinating efforts to secure area-wide broadband (high-speed internet) and cell phone services, as well as prepare for future technology.

Toddsville Community Planning Task Force

Create a Planning Task Force, similar to the Hartwick Hamlet Development Plan and Hartwick Seminary Development Plan, to identify Toddsville's assets and plan for growth. It is recommended that the task force should include representatives from both the towns of Hartwick and Otsego.

Special Use Districts

Reorganize Special Use Districts to streamline services such as water and lighting in the hamlet of Hartwick (potential blueprint for a future water and lighting district on the NYS Route 28 Corridor). Continue bench program (privately funded) to promote use of the Hartwick Hamlet sidewalks and parks, which can be expanded throughout other hamlets and suitable areas in the Town.

Hartwick Seminary-Hyde Park Corridor (NYS Route 28)

Continue the ongoing engineering study to assess water, sewer, and waterfront protection for future development viability. Short-term priorities include street lighting, sidewalks, and signs.

Hartwick Hamlet

Target and invest in infrastructure improvements, including in the Town Park and sidewalks. The town should consult the street and sidewalk assessment conducted by the Hartwick Conservation Advisory Committee as part of the New York State Complete Streets Program (Appendix E).

Begin process with Otsego County to change street names back to historical names: South Street and North Street along State Highway 205, and Main Street along County Highway 11, to enhance the character of the hamlet.