



**CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY:  
MOVING OSSINING FORWARD**



# TONIGHT'S AGENDA

7:00 – 7:15	Welcome
7:15 – 7:30	What is a Comprehensive Plan?
7:30 – 7:45	Current Village Plan
7:45 – 8:30	Breakout Activities: Public's Participation in the Plan
8:30 – 9:00	Report Out

# **WHAT WE USE THE LAND USE SYSTEM TO ACCOMPLISH . . .**

**“Among our most important powers of local government is the responsibility to undertake comprehensive planning and to regulate land use to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.”**

N.Y. Town, Village, General City Law

# WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

*Planning helps individuals and communities prepare for the future.  
Planning also helps communities adjust to new needs—such as changing  
technology.*

A written document formally adopted by the local legislature that contains goals, objectives and strategies for the future development and conservation of the community.

“Comprehensive planning is society’s insurance that the public welfare is served by land use regulation.”

*Pace Land Use Law Center: The Comprehensive Plan – The Foundation of  
New York’s Land Use System*

# APPOINT A TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE

- Charge an existing task force/committee
- Create a new Comprehensive Plan/LWRP Committee
- Must have a planning board member on your Comprehensive Plan Committee

# WHO SITS ON THE COMP PLAN COMMITTEE?

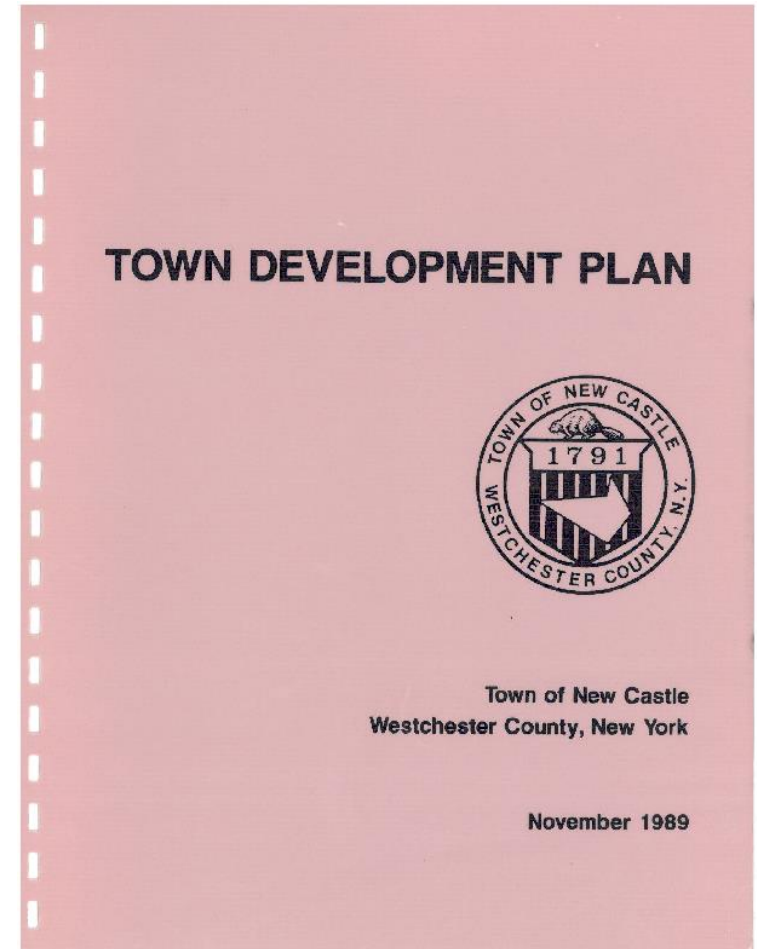
- Municipal Officials
- Chamber of Commerce
- HOAs
- Environmental/Non-profit Community
- Historic Preservation Representative
- Developers
- Landowners & Farmers
- Housing Advocates
- Planning Board Member (required for Comp. Plan)

# WHAT IS THE COMMITTEE'S ROLE?

- Conducting studies & performing research
- Partnering with adjacent communities
- Leveraging state and federal technical assistance grants
- Developing a community engagement process
- Amending the comprehensive plan
- Considering regulatory changes

# TIME FOR A NEW PLAN

- Request for Zoning Amendments
- Social and community needs change
- Local, national, international shifts





# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STRUCTURE

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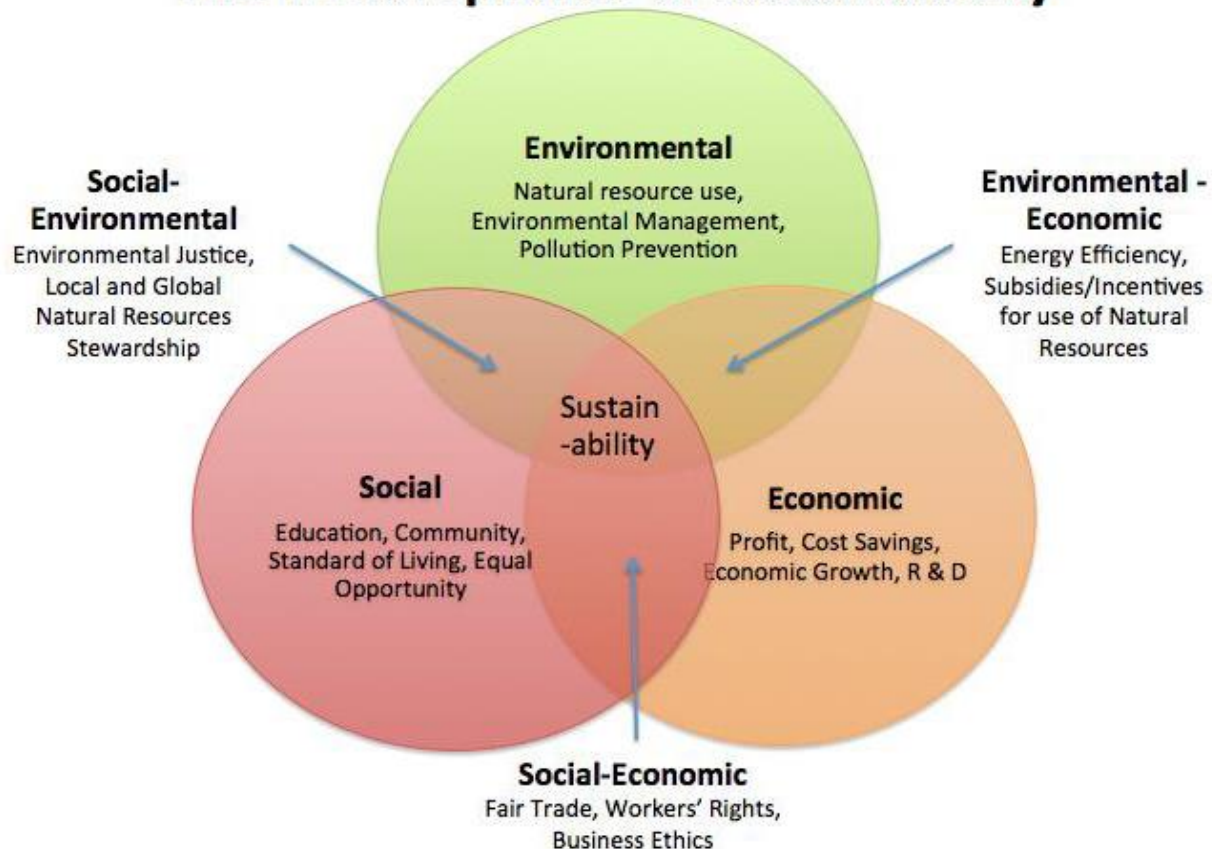


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# SUSTAINABILITY AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

## The Three Spheres of Sustainability



- APA Comprehensive Plan Standards for Sustaining Places
- LEED ND Rating System
- NYS Climate Smart Communities Certification Program
- STAR Communities Rating System



# MAJOR THEMES

Livable Built Environment



Harmony with Nature



Resilient Economy



Healthy  
Community



Responsible Regionalism

# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Public workshops
- Stakeholder and interest group meetings
- Town advisory board discussions
- Online survey
- Poster Boards
- Town Festivals

