

To: Town Board, Town of Canaan New York
From: Comprehensive Planning Committee
Re: Final Draft Comprehensive Plan

We are pleased to submit the full draft of the 2026 Town of Canaan Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board for its consideration for adoption. In addition to the Plan, we have attached the signed Resolution of the Comprehensive Plan Committee approving the full draft for submission to the Town Board as well as the County.

We would like to note the high attendance and active participation by attendees at the Public Hearing held March 28th, 2026. The meeting confirmed that the community recognizes the importance of the Comprehensive Plan to serve as a guide to the future of the Town.

The majority of feedback we received during the hearing and in written commentary submitted echoed the areas we emphasized in the Plan including

- Careful consideration of the environmental impact of development particularly around Queechy Lake, including the possible future benefits of an Environmental Impact Analysis
- Affordable housing accessible to young people and older adults
- Economic development suitable to a rural township

Finally, as members of the Comprehensive Planning Committee we thank you for allowing us to help shape the future of Canaan through our appointment to the Committee. We hope you will agree that the Plan appropriately balances preservation and growth in a manner that enables us to foster opportunities and address challenges the community may encounter.