

Resolution 97-2026

TOWN OF CANAAN

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
FOR THE TOWN OF CANAAN**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board for the Town of Canaan, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 13th day of July, 2026, at the Canaan Town Hall, County Route 5, Canaan, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: _____;

Seconded by: _____.

WHEREAS, a Comprehensive Plan is a statutorily recognized instrument under Town Law §272-a for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth, and development in a Town, and a properly crafted comprehensive plan assists with the protection of the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Canaan Town Board identified that an up-to-date comprehensive plan was needed to properly plan for growth and development, protect the environment, and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the community and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, pursuant to Town Law 272-a appointed and assigned the task of developing a draft plan to the Town of Canaan Comprehensive Plan Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Committee has drafted this plan with the assistance of a planning consultant and has solicited input from the community via a survey, planning workshop, focus groups, and public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Plan includes the long-term vision, goals, objectives, and strategies to guide the future growth in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Committee held a duly noticed public hearing pursuant to Town Law 272-a; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee submitted that draft plan to the Town Board of the Town of Canaan for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, adoption of a comprehensive plan pursuant to Town Law 272-a has been determined to be a Type I action, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) 6 NYCRR Part 617.4, and

WHEREAS, the proposed action will not require permits and approvals from any other local, regional, and State agencies before adoption of the plan, a coordinated SEQRA review is not required, the Town Board declared itself Lead Agency, and conducted a Type I SEQR using the Full Environmental Assessment Form; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the draft Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a public hearing within 90 days of receipt of the proposed Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Town Law 272-a, received both written and oral comments relative to same; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Comprehensive Plan was referred to the Columbia County Planning Board for review as required by General Municipal Law §239-l and §239-m; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Planning Board advised the Town of Canaan in correspondence dated May 19, 2026, that the adoption of the proposed Comprehensive Plan will have no significant county-wide impacts or inter-community impact, and was thus a local decision to be determined by the Town of Canaan and which could be approved by a simple majority vote of the Canaan Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action will not require permits and approvals from any other local, regional, or State agencies prior to adoption of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has made a negative declaration that adoption of the comprehensive plan will have any significant adverse environmental impacts, and authorized filing of a negative declaration with the Environmental Notice Bulletin, according to SEQRA, NYS 6 NYCRR Part 617;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Canaan hereby determines that the Comprehensive Plan and all its Appendices, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted as the Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Canaan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall file a final copy of the adopted Town of Canaan Comprehensive Plan with the Town of Canaan Town Clerk and with the Columbia County Planning Department as required in 272-a; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall cause a full copy of the adopted Comprehensive Plan, including all associated documents and maps included in the Appendices be placed and maintained to be accessible on the Town website.

Upon calling the question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

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The following Board members voted "No" in opposition thereto:

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The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Canaan.

Dated: July 13, 2026

Sandra Bevens, Town Clerk
Town of Canaan