

VI. ADOPTION and MAINTENANCE

FORMAL ADOPTION and FILING

State statute requires that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee hold at least one public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan to ensure citizen participation. A notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 10 days prior to any hearing. During this time, the proposed Plan must be available for review in the Town Clerk's Office and other locations, such as a public library. Following the public hearing, the Steering Committee may make a recommendation to the Town Board for adoption. Such recommendation should be in the form of a resolution.

Within 90 days of the Steering Committee's recommendation, the Town Board must hold a public hearing on the proposed plan. This hearing is in addition to any hearings held by the Steering Committee. In addition, the Plan must be submitted to the Cayuga County Planning Board for review and recommendations prior to adoption. Subsequent to the Town Board's public hearing and review by the County Planning Board, the Comprehensive Plan may be adopted. It is permissible to adopt a Comprehensive Plan by resolution.

After adoption, this Plan must be filed in the Town Clerk's Office, and a copy must also be filed with the Cayuga County Planning Department.

The Town should consult with its Town Attorney to ensure that all processes, hearings, time frames, and adoption requirements are met, including SEQRA requirements detailed below.

SEQRA

A Town Comprehensive Plan is subject to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Under Town law § 272-a, adoption of a Comprehensive Plan is classified as a Type 1 action. For the purposes of the SEQRA process, the Town Board may serve as the lead agency. The Town must either complete a SEQRA long form or a generic environmental impact statement (GEIS). This process requires a public hearing prior to the Town's determination of significance. The draft SEQRA long form or GEIS should be completed and available for public review at the same time as the draft Comprehensive Plan, as detailed above.

PERIODIC REVIEW

As time passes, community conditions, values, and attitudes may change. If the Comprehensive Plan does not continue to reflect the values of the Town, the Plan should be revisited, changed, and amended according to the community's desire. Revisiting the Plan on a periodic basis for amendment considerations will keep the Town's Comprehensive Plan up-to-date. Therefore, the Town Board will review the Comprehensive Plan every five years, which will be the maximum interval for a review process. The identification of the maximum interval for review of a comprehensive plan is required by State law.

EFFECT OF ADOPTION

Should the Town of Sennett decide to update/amend its land use regulation(s), the regulation must be in accordance with this Comprehensive Plan. In addition, all plans for capital projects of another governmental agency on land included in the Town of Sennett Comprehensive Plan shall take this Plan into consideration.