

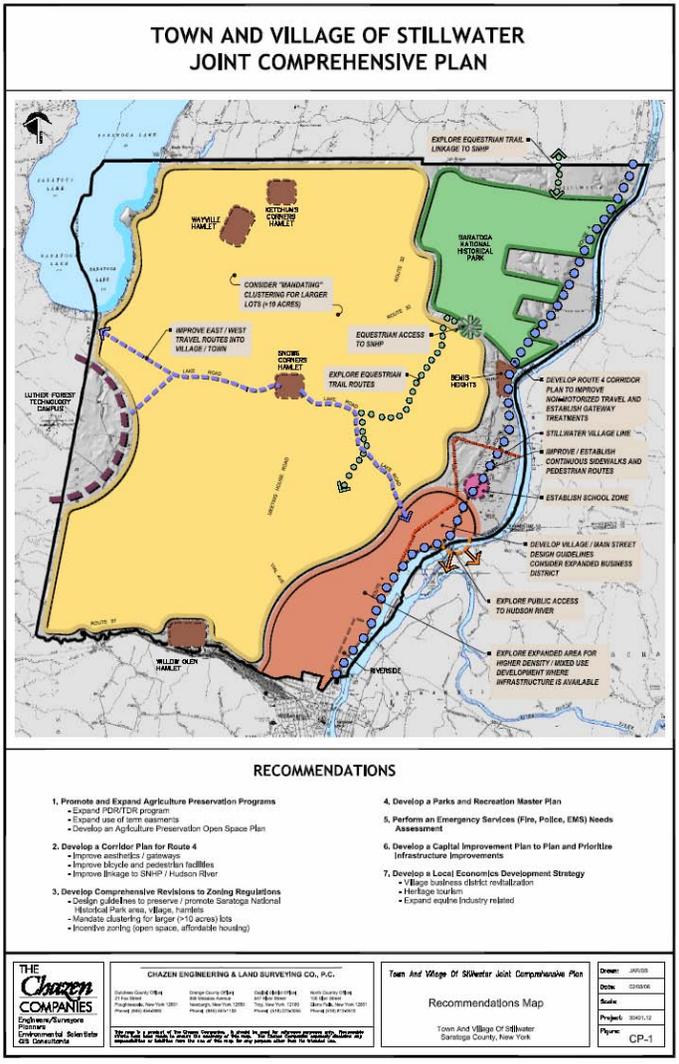


Stillwater Comprehensive Plan

Discussion Draft

Informational
Open House

February 9, 2006

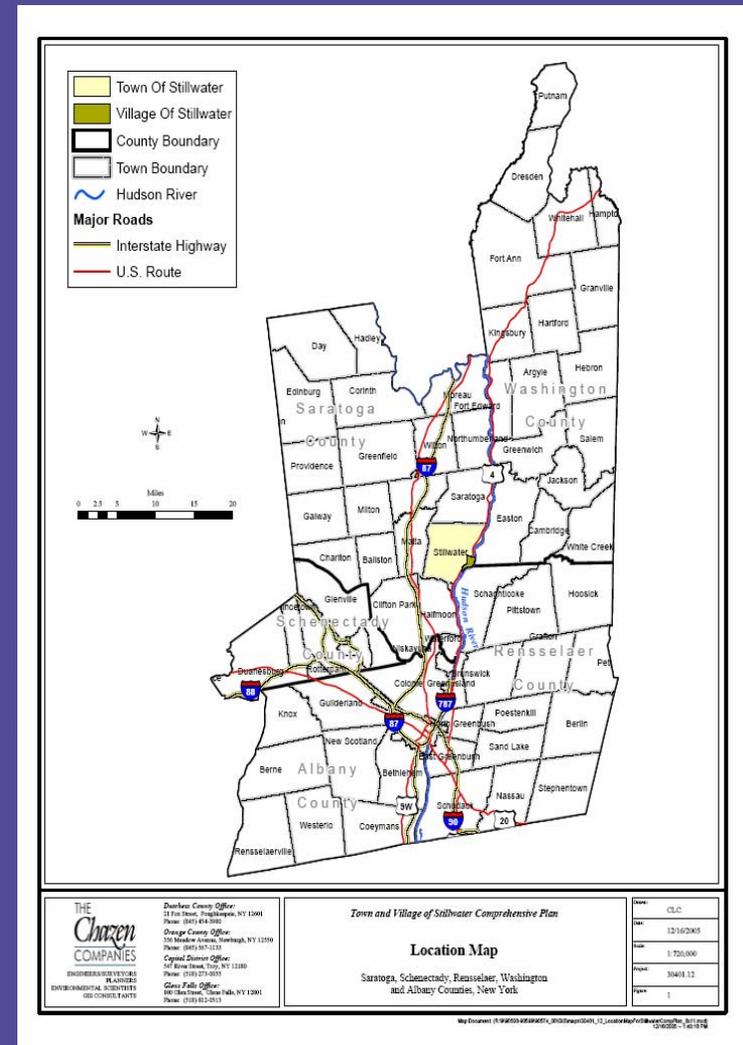




Purpose

Goal for Tonight's Meeting

- How We Got Here
- Present Recommendations
- How you can provide Comment
- Next Steps



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Steering Committee

- Alec Mackay
- Anthony Ponzillo
- Bill Beckman
- Dave McCann
- Ernie Martin
- Linda Tracey
- Greg Connors
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- Joe Kaz
- Karen Lorf
- Mark Minick
- Mike Van Patten
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- Jim Close
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Comprehensive Plan Process

Issues Identification



Inventory & Analysis



Vision



Goals & Objectives



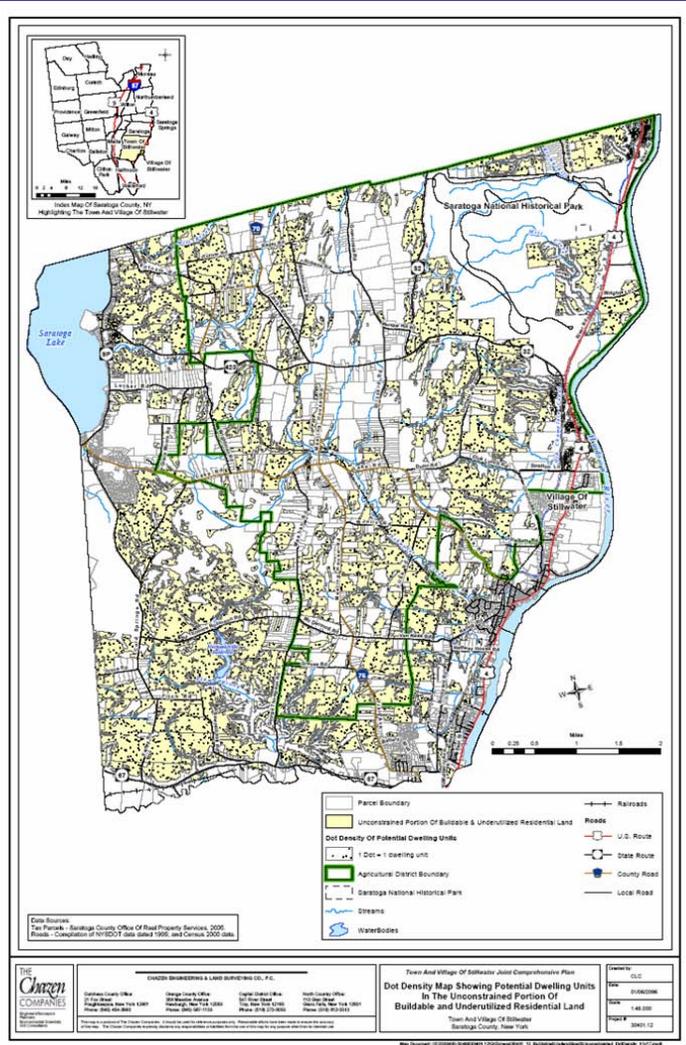
Recommendations

Likes/Dislikes

What do you like about Stillwater?	What don't you like about Stillwater
<p>Small Home Town Feel</p> <p>Rural & Historical Character</p> <p>Nice People</p> <p>Quality of School Systems</p>	<p>Village & Town Government are separate</p> <p>Vacant/Rundown Structures</p>
What would you like Stillwater to become in 20 years?	What don't you want Stillwater to become?
<p>Manage growth, preserve agricultural and open space lands</p> <p>Expanded recreational facilities & trails</p> <p>Improved access to River</p> <p>Expanded stores & services in Village</p>	<p>Suburban Community with sprawling subdivisions, big box stores and haphazard development</p>

Inventory & Analysis

- Collected Data
- Review of Census
- Mapping of Environmental Features
- Buildout Analysis



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Vision Statement

Stillwater aspires to retain and strengthen its rural character, open space resources & agricultural traditions. It seeks to manage growth and change in a manner that protects and enhances

the community's historic and aesthetic attributes, improves community quality of life, stimulates economic activity, and supports social and civic institutions for this and future generations of Stillwater residents.

ENGINEERING

SURVEYING

ENVIRONMENTAL

PLANNING

- Preserve rural & historical character
- Sustain a Balanced Tax Base
- Promote opportunities for agricultural economic development
- Expand active & passive recreation choices
- Allow for a diversity of housing sizes and types to meet local needs



Discussion Draft-Recommendations

- Route 4/Hudson River
- Agriculture/Rural Development
- Land Use
- Local Economy
- Business District
- Infrastructure
- Parks & Recreation
- Community Services

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Saratoga County, New York

Issued January 6, 2006

Please Note: This version does not contain
Sections 1-4 or the Appendices

A complete copy of the Plan
can be found on the Town's website:
www.StillwaterNY.org

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The Village of Stillwater
The Stillwater Central School District

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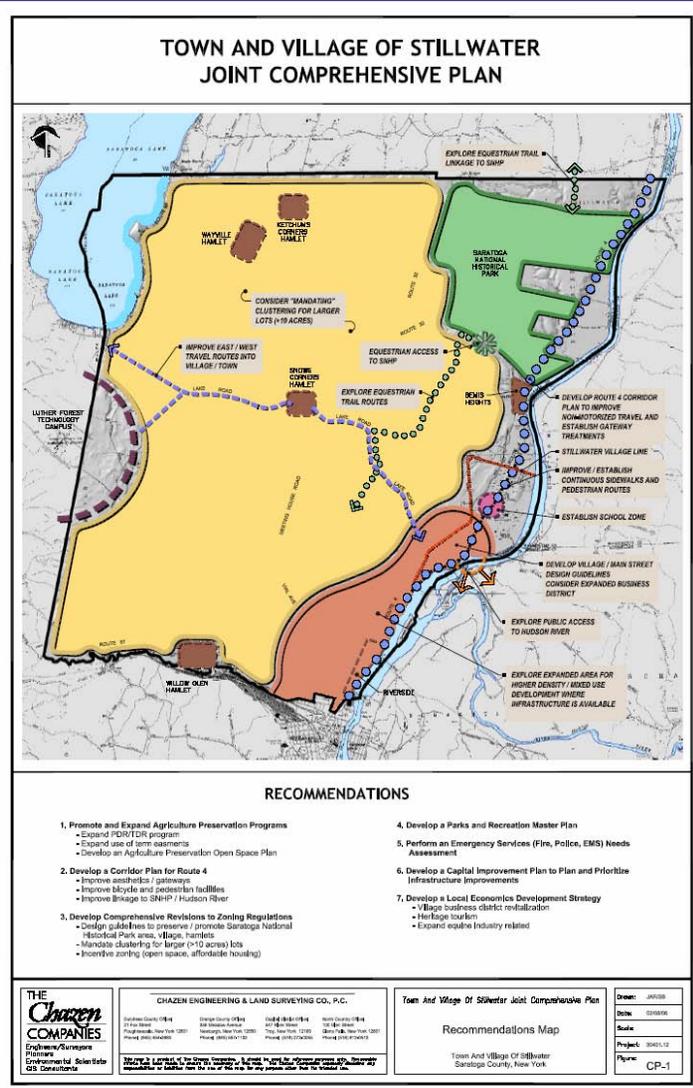
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Route 4/Hudson River Corridor

- Develop Corridor Plan for Route 4
 - Establish Gateways
 - Improve Connections:
 - SNH Park & Village
 - Hudson River
 - Improve Bike/Pedestrian Facilities
 - Establish a Unifying Aesthetic Theme



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Saratoga National Historical Park



- Partner with the National Park Service (NPS) to promote tourism
- Expand and improve links (physical & relational) between the Town/Village and the Park
- Improve access from the Hudson River to the Saratoga National Historic Park
- Develop land use regulations and design guidelines that are consistent with the Park's GMP

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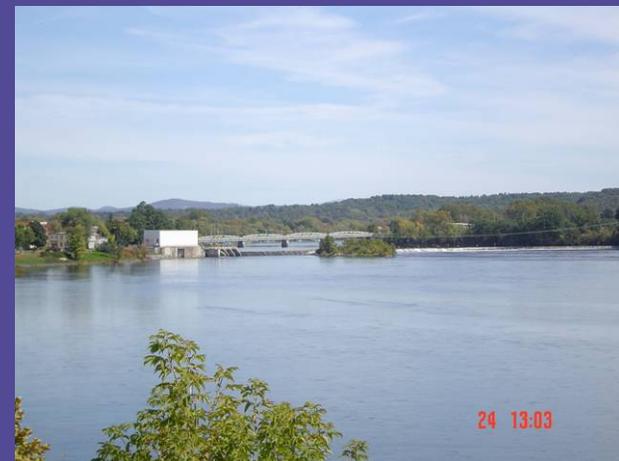
Village North

- Establish School Zone on NYS Rte 4
- Consider traffic calming measures and aesthetic treatments
- Establish improved safety measures for pedestrians, including sidewalks and crosswalks



Village Business District

- Establish a Village Business Association/
Business Improvement District (BID)
- Develop a Strategic Plan
Consider Main Street
Design Guidelines
- Explore the development
of a publicly controlled
marina on the Hudson
River



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Agriculture/Rural Development

- Public information program on the benefits of farming and agricultural land uses
- Expanded outreach program to inform the agricultural community of the variety of existing programs available to reduce local property taxes



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Agriculture/Rural Development

- Assessor Education Program
- Correct land use classifications/maps
- Promote expanded support services for agriculture
- Develop a local farm/agriculture awareness event with the Saratoga National Historical Park



Agriculture/Rural Development

- Stillwater Agriculture Forum
- Incentive Zoning Regulations
- Expand Saratoga County Preservation Programs
- Consider a local Conservation program (TDR, PDR, Term Easement/Tax Abatement)



Recreation/Open Space

- Develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Establish a Town Recreation Commission
- Develop an Open Space Plan to establish local priorities for the protection of open space
- Saratoga County Open Space Plan



Infrastructure

Water/Sewer/Stormwater/Gas

- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) CIP process to link community policy to investment policies
- Conduct an Intermunicipal Cooperation Roundtable



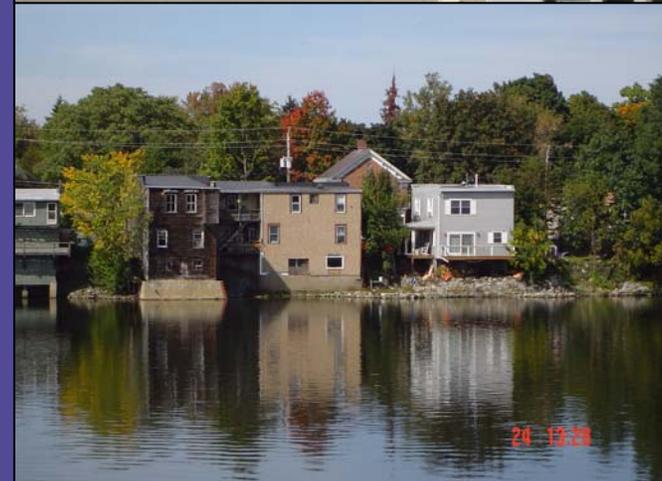
Transportation

- Coordinate with local/state/federal transportation officials to plan for the traffic impact as a result of the LFTC
- Develop a strategy to address Nuisances on River
- Examine re-establishment of mass transit and use of “Park and Ride
- Partner w/ CDRTC and Saratoga County DPW to address unsafe driving conditions
- Identify key locations for:
 - traffic calming improvements
 - pedestrian improvements
 - installation and maintenance of streetlights and



Local Economy

- Develop a Strategic Plan for Heritage Tourism, Agri-Business and the Village Business District
- Improve the marketing of the SNH Park as a component of regional heritage tourism efforts.
- Explore Micro-Enterprise Program for Agriculture spin-off businesses



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Historic Preservation

- Explore Certified Local Government (CLG) designation
- Local historic districts and local landmark preservation ordinance
- Expand public education efforts
- Consider development of a local scenic road program



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Regional Effort

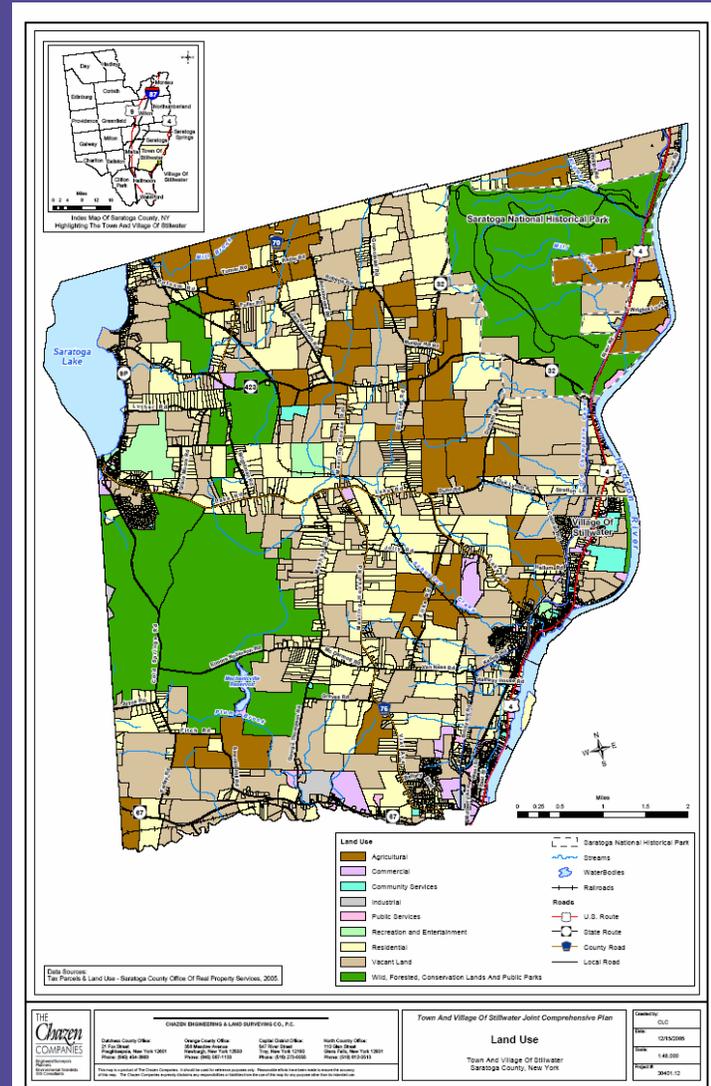
- Inclusionary zoning
- Allow flexibility in design and density
- Promote Mixed Use & TND style development in select locations



Modify Planned Development District (PDD) to require workforce housing units within a PDD

Land Use

- Comprehensive Review and Evaluation of Stillwater's Planning and Zoning regulations
- Manage Infrastructure to coincide w/planned growth



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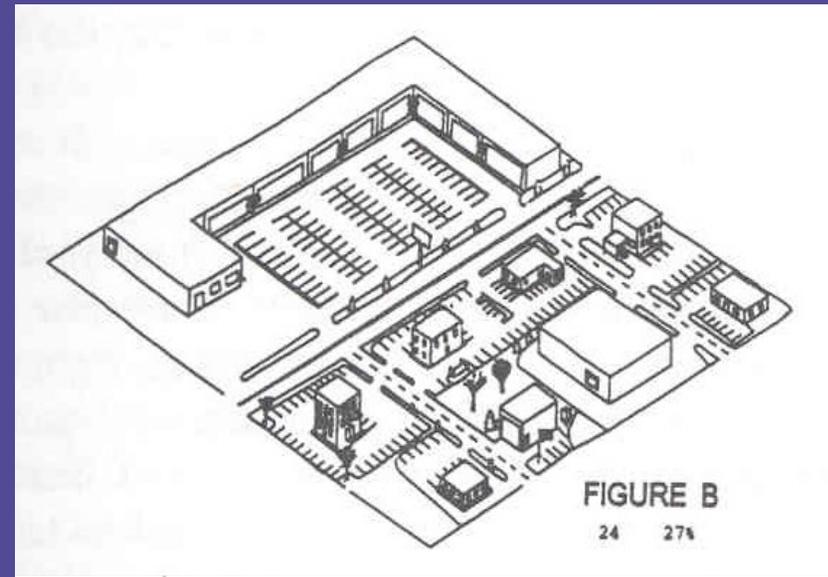
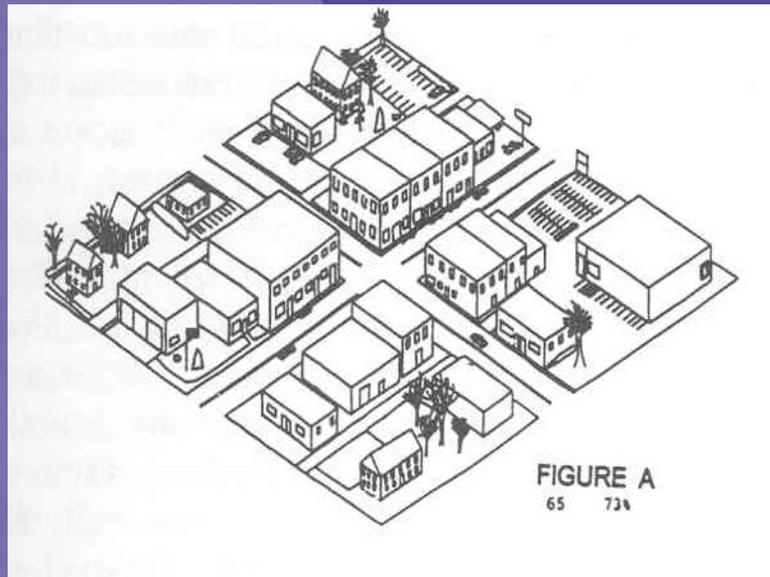


Update Land Use Regulations

- Design Guidelines
 - Business District
 - Hamlets
 - SNHP/Historic & Landscape Sensitive
- Inclusionary Zoning
- Incentive O/S Zoning
- Conservation Design & Clustered Subdivisions

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Village Center Design Guidelines



Illustrations from a visual preference survey conducted by the Livingston County (Michigan) Planning Department. From Randall Arendt's, *Rural by Design: Maintaining Small Town Character*, APA Planners Press, 1994.

Updated Land Use Regulations

Conventional vs. Clustered





Community Services

Fire/Law Enforcements/EMS

- Needs Assessment for each of the community service providers
- Public Safety Planning committee
- Service Awards program for volunteers.
- Use the Town's web site to better inform the public regarding the Fire/Police/EMS services



Community Services

Law Enforcement

- Improve joint operations
- Establish a Police/Citizen Committee
- State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

Fire Protection

- Dry Hydrant Network
- Expand Fire Safety/Prevention Programs



Community Services

EMS

- Evaluate the need for paramedic staff
- **Library & SACC**
- Strategic Plan
- Establish a Planning committee
- Evaluate a sharing a facility

Healthcare

- Work with a local hospital in the region to evaluate the local health care needs and define a strategy to address the issues



Implementation

Use the Document to Guide Future
Actions & Initiatives:

- Zoning Ordinance Update
- Local/Area Plans (Route 4)
- Planning Board Actions
- Municipal Expenditures

Adopt as Formal Policy



Implementation

Suggested Priority Projects

- Route 4 Corridor Plan
- Updated Land Use Regulations
- Agricultural & Open Space Preservation Plan(s)
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Emergency Services Needs Assessments
- Village/Economic Development Strategy
- Community Center/Library Plan



Next Steps

- Copies Available www.StillwaterNY.org
- Comments Sheets
- Revise as Necessary (before & after PH)
- Public Hearing (date to be set)
- Adoption by Communities as Policy
- Move Forward w/Projects