This was the second of two preliminary community workshops for the City of Port Jervis Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update project. The goal of this workshop was to start the public discussion about the Comprehensive Plan.

Presentation

After welcoming everyone, Michael Welti (B&L) started the meeting with a presentation that included: an introduction to the project team, an explanation of comprehensive planning and the relationship of zoning to the Comprehensive Plan, and a description of how the Port Jervis Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update will be developed (presentation slides attached).

Issues Identification

At the start of the Comprehensive Plan process, it’s important to collect data and information about the community and to engage the community in a discussion about the issues of concern that should be addressed in the plan. Mr. Welti asked a series of questions to the meeting attendees to begin the conversation about the community’s strengths and their concerns regarding the future.

What do you like about living/working in Port Jervis?

- Compact, small, intimate, quaint
- Beauty
- Historic buildings and architecture
• Enhancement of river, trails has been undertaken
• Diversity of people, neighborhoods
• ‘Old’ and new residents
• Accessibility (transit)
• Walkable
• Diverse activities available on foot
• History and historic preservation
• Affordable homes
  o Vis a vis major metro area
• Feels safer than big cities
• Churches are involved in community
• Patriotism
  o Parades
• Forward thinking
• Has potential
• Public access TV
• Agility of business community and city officials
  o It’s easy to access the leadership
• Accessible to Nature

What problems/concerns should be addressed through the plan?

• 60% renters
  o upkeep issues
  o need responsible renters
• High foreclosure rate
• Slumlords
• Aesthetics lacking
• Code enforcement
• Taxes - tax base lacking
• Drug problems
• Need for higher wage jobs
• Transportation options need to be broadened
• Train – not wheelchair accessible
• Senior shuttle cut back as well as other senior services
• “Ugly” train station
• Need express train – current one is too slow (2.5 hours to NYC)
• Litter
• Not enough police and no respect for them
  o Jurisdiction issues
  o Tri-state cooperation is complicated
• Health care access for children and women
• Lack of recreation services in city
  o Train to bike service would be good
• Homeless living in woods
  o Limited shelter system
• Poor broadband service – limitation on economic opportunity
• Missing: robust economic development effort
“The Turntable” – revisit
Infrastructure
Global competition
Fiber optic – delay in getting to Port Jervis
Lack of community college
Lack of grocery store
Resiliency must be considered (flooding)
River access (walkway) lacking
Railroad divides city
Car-centric
Local site soil contamination
Need to attract tourists
Need alternative taxation strategies – especially for education in NYS
School system needs to improve
Scarce sites for new industry – proposed annexation could help
Need more civic engagement
Negative self-image is clouding ability to see changes for the better
Need marketing ideas
  o City branding
Jersey Avenue and Main Street – Beautification of entranceways to the City and to Downtown

How to get the word out?
  Food – such as an ice cream social – might help bring people to these public meetings

Next Steps
  Next Committee Meeting: 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 28, 2017
  Stay in touch:
  Website: http://www.portjervisny.org/

Wrap-up and Adjournment

The meeting was completed and adjourned at about 9:00 PM.
CITY OF PORT JERVIS
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & ZONING CODE UPDATE
ISSUES IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

July / August 2017
City of Port Jervis - Orange County, New York

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Introduction

- **Common Council**
  - Kelly Decker, Mayor
  - David Bavoso, Councilman at Large
  - Sarah Hendry, 1st Ward
  - Regis Foster, 1st Ward
  - George Belcher, 2nd Ward
  - Kristin Trovei, 3rd Ward
  - Gina Fitzpatrick, 3rd Ward
  - Stan Siegel, 4th Ward
  - Lisa Randazzo, 4th Ward

- **Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Update Committee**
  - Cooper Boone
  - David Bavoso
  - David Church
  - David Krantz
  - David Rivera
  - Dominic Cicalese
  - Eric Hipsman
  - John Corso
  - John Faggione
  - Jessica Ridgeway
  - Kelly B. Decker
  - Kristin Trovei
  - Sean Donnelly
  - Stan Siegel
  - Valerie Maginsky
  - William Bavoso
  - Gerald Oney, Advisory
  - Thomas Vicchiariello, Advisory
Introduction

- **Barton & Loguidice**
  - Michael Welti, AICP, Senior Land Use Planner
  - Chuck Voss, AICP, Senior Land Use Planner
  - Robert Murphy, AICP, Land Use Planner III
  - Katie Crawford, Land Use Planner I
  - Ted Kolankowski, RLA, LEED AP, Managing Landscape Architect
  - Donald Fletcher, PE, Vice President

- **Courtney Strong Inc.**
  - Patrice Courtney Strong
  - Melissa Herreria

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What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- The definition of “city comprehensive plan” identifies a document with both an immediate and a long-range view:

  “city comprehensive plan” means the materials, written and/or graphic, including but not limited to maps, charts, studies, resolutions, reports and other descriptive material that identify the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, devices and instruments for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the city.

  New York Consolidated Laws, General City Law §28-a (emphasis added)

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- A Comprehensive Plan’s primary role is to:
  - Establish the community’s vision for its future;
  - Be directional about how to attain this vision; and
  - Assign responsibilities for and to prioritize the specific actions that will be taken following completion of the plan.
What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Plan provides a venue for identifying:

- **The current state** - take stock of the situation
  - What do you cherish?
  - What are your issues/concerns about the future?
- **The desired state** - what does the community want to be like in the future
  - What is its vision?
  - How does the community intend to get there?

According to state law, the city comprehensive plan may include a wide range of topics “at the level of detail adapted to the special requirements of the city...”

Topics such as land use, community character, economic development, transportation, infrastructure, environment, historic and cultural resources, recreation and/or others may be addressed in the Port Jervis Comprehensive Plan.
What is a Comprehensive Plan?

**Benefits of adopting a Comprehensive Plan**
- All land use regulations must be in accordance with a comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to this section.
- All plans for capital projects of another governmental agency on land included in this comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to this section shall take such plan into consideration.

**Updating zoning and subdivision regulations** is one of the most important tools communities in New York State have for ensuring that future growth contributes to achieving the community’s vision and goals described in the Plan.

**Zoning & Regulatory Measures:**
- Design Guidelines or Standards
- Innovative Zoning Techniques
- SEQ R Compliance

**Potential Non-Regulatory Tools:**
- Parkland acquisition, open space conservation
- Brownfield remediation
- Special districts (BID, SAD, etc.)

**Capital Budgeting:**
- Community Facilities and Infrastructure
- Phasing Strategy
- Grants and Financing Opportunities

**Organizational Capacity:**
- Governmental and Private Sector
- Regional and Inter-municipal Connections
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Existing Planning Documents:

Locally Adopted Documents:
- Delaware River Waterfront Revitalization Plan (2009)
- City of Port Jervis Zoning (Chapter 535)

Countywide Documents:
- Mid-Hudson Sustainability and Smart Growth Toolkit, 2016
- Economic Development Strategy, 2015
- Orange County Greenway Compact, 2013
- Comprehensive Plan, 2010
- Orange County Design Manual, 2010
- Regional Housing Needs Assessment, 2009
- Open Space Plan, 2004
Development of the Plan

Community Profile

Housing Tenure

- Port Jervis: 206 (50%) Vacant, 53,386 (13%) Rent Occupied, 8,774 (21%) Owner Occupied
- Orange County: 5,824 (47%), 38,604 (28%), 1,676 (13%)

*Source: 2010 U.S. American Community Survey*

- 43% of adults are renter-occupied
- 47% of adults are owner-occupied
- 10% of adults are vacant
- 24% of homeowners have a household income below the poverty level
- 52% of renter-occupied has a household income below the poverty level
- 18% of the median household income
- 46% of residents work within the county

Population by Age and Sex

- Port Jervis: 8,774
- Orange County: 5,824

Population by Race and Ethnicity

- Port Jervis: White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, Other
- Orange County: Same categories

*Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress*
*Regional Plan Association*
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**Age of Housing Stock**

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**Housing Cost as Percent of Income**

- Renters: 25%, 24%, 46%
- Owners: 12%, 24%, 21%
- Renters & Owners: 16%, 23%, 27%

Citations:
- Regional Plan Associates and Western Institute for Progress, November 2017, "Cost Solution Agenda 2020: Metropolitan Profiles.

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**Median Household Income**


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- Regional Plan Associates and Western Institute for Progress, November 2017, "Cost Solution Agenda 2020: Metropolitan Profiles.

**Households in Poverty**

- Port Jarvis: 16.1% (2000), 18.2% (2013)
- Orange County: 9.1% (2000), 10.6% (2013)

Citations:
- Regional Plan Associates and Western Institute for Progress, November 2017, "Cost Solution Agenda 2020: Metropolitan Profiles."
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  **Labor Force Participation**


  - Percent of Residents Ages 15 and Over
  - Not in Labor force
  - Employed
  - Unemployment Rate

  **Employment and Education**

  - Years 2000-2012 American Community Survey

  - Number of Residents Between Ages 25 & 64

  - Less than High School: 57%, 13%
  - High School: 36%, 56%
  - Associate's Degree: 8%
  - Bachelor's Degree +: 77%

  - Percentages show the proportions of residents within each level of educational attainment who are employed, unemployed, or not in the labor force.

  **Taxes based on $174,600 Home**

  - Port Jervis City Tax: $4,709 / 65%
  - County Tax: $1,086 / 20%
  - School Tax: $543 / 9%

  **Annual Residential Building Permits**

  - Buildings
  - Units
  - Value

  - Total: $10,000,000

  **Citations**

  - Regional Plan Association and Hudson Valley Planning Commission, November 2013: Value Study/Agenda 2013: Metropolitan Area.
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Place of Work & Mode of Travel

Source: 2014 CPS 5 Year American Community Survey

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Project Website – Just Launched!

Visioning Workshop

City-wide Public Meeting

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Project Timeline
- Committee Meetings - Ongoing
- Community Outreach:
  - Issues Identification Workshops - July/August 2017
  - Visioning Workshop - Fall 2017
  - City-wide Public Meeting - Winter 2018
  - Public Hearings - Spring 2018
- Adoption of Plan and Zoning by Common Council - Spring/Summer 2018

Vision and Goals
Plan Concepts
Draft Comprehensive Plan and Zoning
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- What do you like about living/working in Port Jervis?
  - What is working?
  - What should be protected or enhanced?

- What problems/concerns should be addressed through the plan?
  - What can be done to improve life in Port Jervis?
Issues Identification

- 3-5 Priority Issues:
  - What would we like to accomplish in regard to this issue?
  - What are some of the obstacles to accomplishing this?

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