

# Sustainability Planning Framework *DRAFT*



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# What is Sustainability?

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**Social**

**Quality of life  
Sense of community  
Safety  
Education  
Housing  
Social Justice**

**SUSTAINABILITY**

**Environmental  
health/quality  
Ecosystems/  
biodiversity  
Public lands/open space**

**Employment/Jobs  
Business scenario  
Cost of living  
Economic growth  
Prosperity**

**Environment**

**Economy**



# Dryden Strives for:

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- ❑ A strong local economy
- ❑ Vibrant, healthy communities and people
- ❑ Healthy, protected ecosystems and natural environment



# Purpose

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**“The purpose of this project is to create a plan and a planning process that will integrate sustainability principles into Town policy and decision-making activities to guide the Town of Dryden towards the measurement and achievement of a sustainable future”**


# Goals

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1. Define and describe sustainability at the town level
  - Identify and create a baseline of sustainability indicators
  - Create a system by which sustainability can be tracked, benchmarked, and reported
2. Set goals for progress toward a more sustainable future derived from the baseline
3. Create an action plan to implement practices, activities, and policies that will support the achievement of sustainability goals

# Goal 1: *Create a baseline measurement of sustainability in Dryden*

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- ❑ Define sustainability
  - ❑ Gather data on economic, social, and environmental systems
  - ❑ Analyze data
  - ❑ Establish system for ongoing measurement, benchmarking and reporting of sustainability in the Town of Dryden
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- A photograph showing two hands, one on the left and one on the right, held up with palms facing each other, framing a single green tree in a field. The background is a blue sky with light clouds. This image symbolizes protection, care, and environmental stewardship.
- ❑ Compile report and share with the public and town boards

## *Goal 2: Set goals for progress towards a more sustainable future*

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- ❑ Public, board, and interdepartmental participation to identify and propose goals
- ❑ Build consensus, create timelines
- ❑ Passage of a resolution by the Town Board to accept goals and support the recommended measures to achieve them

### *Goal 3: Create a sustainability plan to guide implementation of the practices, activities, and policies that will support the achievement of the goals*

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- Develop strategic objectives and recommendations to achieve goals
- Recommendations → action plan:
  - *Timelines for implementation of initiatives and recommendations*
  - *Responsible departments/ individuals/ organizations*
  - *Key milestones for each measure*
  - *Process for monitoring implementation progress*



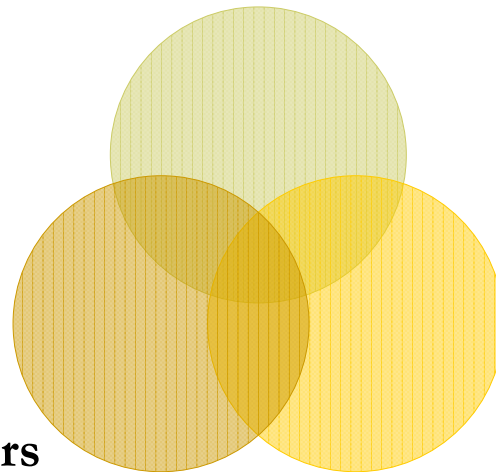


# Process

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*Engage stakeholders to articulate vision and collectively create plan*

Community Members



Board Members

Town Staff

# Outcomes

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- Sustainability Plan
  - Reflects community's vision
- Integration of the Sustainability Plan into the Town of Dryden's Comprehensive Plan
- Strategy for implementation of Sustainability Plan
  - Systems in place to ensure on-going progress
  - Establishment of Sustainability Team comprised of community members and local government staff, officials, and board members to guide process

# We can't do it without you!

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