



**Dryden**  
**2045**

## **Town of Dryden**

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## **Media Advisory**

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## **Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee to Host Virtual Community Workshops**

**Dryden, N.Y.** – The Town of Dryden is currently updating its 2005 comprehensive plan. During the past year the Steering Committee for the project conducted stakeholder focus groups, provided public presentations, and administered a community survey. Based on these interactions the Steering Committee developed preliminary goals and strategies to address the community needs.

On **January 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** the Steering Committee will host a series of **Virtual Sessions** to solicit feedback on the draft goals and strategies. The Virtual Community Workshops will provide community members with the opportunity to review draft goals and strategies and provide their thoughts, reactions, and ideas on how to refine those goals and strategies for the future of the Town of Dryden. Six thematic areas were identified by the Town. Each session will focus on two of the six thematic areas as follows:

**Session 1, January 20<sup>th</sup>:** Affordable Housing and Land Conservation

**Session 2, January 26<sup>th</sup>:** Transportation and Walkable Communities

**Session 3, January 27<sup>th</sup>:** Economic Development and Energy Sustainability

Town of Dryden Supervisor Jason Leifer invites widespread participation, adding "It is important that Dryden residents of all ages participate in shaping our comprehensive plan. These sessions are open to everyone and I encourage people to participate in as many of these workshops as they can."

Beginning the week of January 4<sup>th</sup>, community members will be able to access information on how to attend the sessions and on the draft goals and strategies through the project website ([www.dryden2045.org](http://www.dryden2045.org) , "Virtual Community Workshop" link). The materials will remain available and comments may be submitted on the website through February 10, 2021.

To have a paper copy mailed to you, contact the planning department at [planning@dryden.ny.us](mailto:planning@dryden.ny.us) or 607-844-8888 x216.

**About the Dryden 2045 Comprehensive Plan Update**

In April of 2019 the Town of Dryden Town Board requested that the Town Planning Board manage a general update to the Town Comprehensive Plan. The Town Planning Board is serving as the Steering Committee for the project.

Comprehensive planning is a process that documents community goals and aspirations in terms of community development. The result is called a comprehensive plan and both expresses and regulates public policies on land use, housing, recreation, transportation, and public infrastructure such as utilities. The planning process includes a thorough analysis and inventory of current data showing land development trends and issues, community resources, and public needs. Community residents participate in and guide the process through interviews, meetings, workshops, surveys and hearings. Comprehensive plans guide future growth for municipalities and inform ordinances such as zoning and subdivision codes.

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