

Memorandum

Date: June 1, 2005
To: Woodbury Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
From: Nicolette Wagoner
Project Name: Woodbury Comprehensive Plan
Project #: 04045
Subject: Draft Vision Statement and Goals

Message:

All:

Please look over the text below in advance of our next meeting on Thursday, June 9. As you'll see on the agenda, I'd like to spend the bulk of our time together updating you on what has happened since the last meeting, discussing the conservation and development maps, and discussing the overarching vision statement and goals for the plan. Based on opinions expressed in our CPAC meetings and the Issues Identification workshop, I've drawn up a draft vision statement and set of goals for discussion, below. These will form the foundation of the Comprehensive Plan. With this in mind, please read them over carefully and be prepared to provide suggestions, as they will be modified based on your input.

See you all next week.

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DRAFT Vision Statement

Note: The Vision Statement is written as if it was 2020 and one was describing the Town of Woodbury. This is how we hope to be able to describe Woodbury in fifteen years.

In the Year 2020, the Town of Woodbury is a community of attractive residential neighborhoods, vibrant hamlets, successful mixed-use commercial and office centers, and protected undeveloped lands. These places are suitably connected by accessible regional highways and local streets, adequately served by public transportation, and linked by a network of sidewalks and trails. As the "Gateway to Orange County," Woodbury offers convenient access to all that the region—including the New York metropolitan area, surrounding counties and upstate New York—has to offer. It is recognized for the excellence of its schools, the quality of its public safety and community services, the abundance of its recreational opportunities, the productivity of its local businesses, inspiring views of the Hudson Highlands and Harriman State Park, and the beauty and health of its natural environment. The exceptional quality of life contributes to the economic growth and prosperity of

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the Town and the region, assuring that Woodbury can continue to meet the increasingly diverse needs and expectations of its residents in a fiscally sustainable manner.

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DRAFT Goals

1. Maintain and Strengthen the Town's [Rural and Suburban] Character
2. Create Gathering Places for Town Residents and Visitors
3. Respond to the Changing Population
 - a. Decreasing Demographic Diversity
 - b. Aging Population
 - c. Changing Family Lifestyles
4. Promote the Creation of a Diverse Employment Base and Economic Development
5. Foster Stewardship of Sensitive Natural Resources

(Note that many of the other issues that we've discussed at length will fall under these 5 goals. Of course, the content of this list is up for discussion.)

cc: Bob Bristol, Saratoga Associates