

Canton Comprehensive Plan

Town of Canton and Villages of Canton and Rensselaer Falls

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CANTON KICKS OFF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH FIRST PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND OPEN HOUSE

Canton, New York - The Town of Canton, Village of Canton, and Village of Rensselaer Falls are working together to develop a Comprehensive Plan for Canton. Once completed, the plan will guide Canton's long-term vision and provide a framework for making this vision a reality.

The public is invited to a workshop and open house on Thursday, November 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES offices (40 W. Main Street, Canton), to kick off the year-long Comprehensive Plan process. Anyone interested in the future of Canton is encouraged to attend.

The workshop and open house will introduce this important project and provide an overview of the steps for developing a Comprehensive Plan. The public will be invited to offer suggestions at various activity stations during the open house, from 6:30 to 7 and 7:30 to 8 p.m.; a 30-minute presentation and question-and-answer session is scheduled for 7 p.m..

"This is a great opportunity for all Canton residents to have their voices heard as we create a roadmap for Canton's future progress and growth," says Canton Village Trustee Carol Pynchon, co-chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. "The committee hopes to hear from everyone at this initial event and during the year-long process."

"We will be looking at everything from economic development, tourism, and waterfront revitalization to land use, zoning, transportation, and infrastructure," explains committee co-chair and Town Councilman Jim Smith. "This planning process is long overdue – Canton's last comprehensive plan was developed in the mid-seventies. This time around it's great to have the Town and both Villages working together to develop the plan."

Public participation will be encouraged throughout the Comprehensive Plan process. Multiple public workshops and formal hearings will be held, and information will be available and exchanged on an interactive website – www.cantonnycomprehensiveplan.com – and the Canton, New York Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Canton-New-York-226200548308/).

The planning process will be guided by the Comprehensive Plan Committee, which includes representatives from each community; M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., with the support of River Street Planning & Development, is facilitating the process. This project is supported by funding provided by the New York State Department of State, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

For additional information and to keep up to date on the planning process, visit www.cantonnycomprehensiveplan.com.

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