

STATION 2: DRAFT VISION AND DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

VISION

In ten years, the Canton Community will be a model downtown center surrounded by scenic rural lands and active farms. The town, villages and hamlets will be the booming economic, cultural, recreational and educational hub of St. Lawrence County. The Canton Community will be widely recognized for its vibrant downtown center, quiet hamlets and neighborhoods, thriving local businesses, recreational experiences, educational opportunities, unique heritage, productive agricultural lands and its pristine Grasse and Oswegatchie Rivers. Canton will welcome visitors and businesses by encouraging innovation, connectivity and entrepreneurship while building upon its commitment to sustainability and diversity.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Expand opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship by supporting unique local businesses and innovation. Leverage Canton’s central location in St. Lawrence County to create a cultural and economic center by providing quality infrastructure and technology, expanding existing businesses, and enhancing housing options to attract active community members and skilled employees.

RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY

Enhance environmental, fiscal and economic resiliency through sound, deliberate and efficient sustainable practices. Support of local government efficiency, the application of smart growth techniques and expanded technology are important to achieve long-term community resiliency.

COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Strengthen Canton’s proud identity as the hub of St. Lawrence County by enhancing our waterfront resources while supporting downtown reinvestment. Canton’s accessible downtown promotes a vibrant, active community for residents and visitors of all ages and income levels. Building opportunities for recreation, agriculture, heritage-based tourism, the arts, and Canton’s innovative educational institutions is key to our continued success.

TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

Support a transportation system that is safe, convenient, and accessible to people of all ages and abilities with walkable downtowns, diverse transit options, and bicycle-friendly streets.

WHY A VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES?

The vision establishes what the community wants to be like in the next 5, 10 or 20 years and provides guidance for the direction of the Comprehensive Plan. The Guiding Principles and subsequent recommendations, aim to achieve that vision. The vision for the Canton Comprehensive Plan has been developed with input from meetings with local stakeholders, feedback from the first public open house and comments received through various public outreach events.



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Share your feedback on the Vision and Guiding Principles.

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