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Town of Penfield Comprehensive Plan Adopted February 2
-Town Board supports 10 year Plan -

PENFIELD, N.Y., FEBRUARY 3, 2010 – The Penfield Town Board voted to adopt the 2010 Comprehensive Plan at its Legislative meeting February 2 following a two-and-a-half year consultant-led process that included committee planning, public meetings, public input and an environmental impact study. Residents were encouraged to, and did, participate throughout the entire project.

The Town of Penfield updates its Comprehensive Plan about every 10 to 15 years. The Plan functions as the foundation for future land use decisions, defines the community’s vision, provides guidelines for development, and establishes goals and objectives for the next 10 to 15 years. The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee worked on the project from May 2008 until their presentation of the Draft Plan to the Town Board on April 21, 2010. A public input period and final Town Board review followed the committee’s submission. The committee was chaired by County Legislator Debbie Drawe and assisted by John Steinmetz of Steinmetz Planning Group and Matt Ingalls of Ingalls Planning and Design as consultants. The volunteer committee was made up of a cross-section of 20 Penfield residents.

“Town representatives, consultants and residents were thorough and innovative in their work on this Plan. They were consistently focused on the best future for our community,” said Supervisor Tony LaFountain. “Now the Town Board and staff will work together to prioritize implementation of recommendations of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.”
Highlights of the Plan include addressing the needs of the Town’s aging population by providing a variety of housing options designed to meet the abilities and lifestyles of senior citizens. The Plan also places a strong emphasis on fiscal responsibility. The Town Board recognizes the direct relationship between property taxes and land use and will continue to ensure that land use decisions do not result in an unnecessary financial drain on town taxpayers. Another major policy initiative is to allow additional mixed use development within the town. These areas are intended to offer a unique blend of residential, neighborhood commercial, governmental, and recreational opportunities. Any mixed use development should be designed to blend with the character of surrounding uses.

Over the next decade, the Town will look to this document as guidance in decision making that will continue to provide a very high quality of life to its residents.

The 2010 Comprehensive Plan and supporting documents are available at www.penfield.org. Follow the link from the home page “quick links.” Hard copies are available at the Town Hall and Penfield Library.

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