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**Public comment period open for the Draft Scoping Document for the preparation of a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) for the proposed Mixed Use Zoning District**
~ Submit comments July 21 through August 20 ~

**PENFIELD, N.Y., JULY 27, 2016** – The public is invited to submit written comments regarding The Draft Scoping Document as requested by the Penfield Town Board to outline potential impacts that may result with the creation of a new Mixed Use Zoning District along the Route 250 corridor, which proposed to rezone 360+/- acres currently zoned Rural Residential 1 (RR-1), Rural Agricultural 2 (RA-2) and Limited Business (LB).

The Penfield Town Board is accepting written comments regarding the Draft Scoping Document in anticipation of a DGEIS to address potential impacts associated with a new Mixed Use Zoning District. The Mixed Use Development Manual has been drafted to establish guidelines for the district.

All details and project history are available at [www.penfield.org](http://www.penfield.org) under Quick Links, “Mixed Use District Info.” The Draft Scoping Document for the Mixed Use Zoning District project, dated July 20, 2016, is available under ‘Documents of Interest’ on the project webpage.

Public comments will be accepted in writing by the Penfield Town Board from July 21, 2016 through 5:00 p.m. August 20, 2016. Comments may be submitted via mail Attn: Planning Department, 3100 Atlantic Avenue, Penfield, NY 14526, hand delivery to Town of Penfield, by fax 585.340.8644, or email planning@penfield.org.
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Background:

The Town of Penfield’s 2010 Comprehensive Plan calls for the creation of a new mixed use zoning district ordinance to guide future land use. By definition, mixed use districts offer a variety of residential development blended with community and neighborhood commercial uses to create intentional neighborhoods that preserve community character, appeal to residents and developers, and provide a diverse tax base.

In accordance with the Comprehensive Plan, the town’s current project is the creation of a Mixed Use District Design Manual that will become the adopted reference for all code requirements relating to future mixed use development.

The project is funded under a federal grant through the Genesee Transportation Council’s (GTC) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the town budget. Other key involved agencies include Monroe County Department of Parks, New York State Department of Transportation, and the Genesee Transportation Council.

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