

FINAL SCOPING OUTLINE
DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

July 7, 2010

Name of Action: Town of Penfield 2010 Comprehensive Plan

Classification of Action: Type 1

Lead Agency: Town of Penfield Town Board

GENERAL GUIDELINES

This final scoping outline is intended to define the scope of information to be included in a draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS). A public scoping process has been held and this document reflects the reventant comments to the draft scoping outline. The intent of the scoping process is to *“focus the EIS on potentially significant adverse impacts and to eliminate consideration of those impacts that are irrelevant or nonsignificant.”* [6 NYCRR § 617.8(a)]. As such, this draft scoping outline will be focused primarily on potentially significant adverse impacts. The proposed action involves the adoption of the Town of Penfield’s 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

The DGEIS should include a discussion of all listed topics, where those topics have been identified in the scoping process as applicable and significant. All appendices and supporting documentation need only be referenced. These appendices will be sufficiently summarized in the DGEIS and/or made available in locations where the DGEIS is available for review.

PROPOSED ACTION

The purpose of this Comprehensive Plan is to provide an overall framework for future public and private investment in our community. This 2010 Comprehensive Plan updates the recommendations of the 2000 Plan to reflect current conditions and Penfield's vision for its future. In addition to articulating the Town’s current vision, this plan establishes policies and strategies to achieve that vision. It will serve as the foundation upon which future planning and policy decisions are to be based.

This plan is consistent with New York State Law applicable to municipalities such as the Town of Penfield. According to NYS Town Law 272-a, a Comprehensive Plan is defined as, “the materials, written and/or graphic, including but not limited to maps, charts, studies, resolutions, reports and other descriptive material that identify the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, devices and instruments for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the town located outside the limits of any incorporated village or city.”

This Plan articulates the vision of the Town and establishes our community's policies and strategies in order to achieve that vision. It will serve as the foundation upon which future planning and policy decisions are to be based. Although this document is an instrument of Town Policy, it should not foreclose future decisions that may not align precisely with the stated vision and policies. However, for actions or decisions that deviate from the strategies expressed in the Plan, a sound argument and rationale must be presented that is as convincing as that presented in the Plan. Such deviations should not be a normal practice or easy to achieve and should be supported only after careful consideration of the overall benefit to the community.

SCOPE OF DGEIS

I. COVER SHEET & TABLE OF CONTENTS

- A. This shall identify all required information contained in applicable SEQRA regulations at 6 NYCRR § 617.9(b)(3).

II. SUMMARY

- A. Description of the proposed action
- B. Potential impacts
- C. Mitigation measures
- D. Regulatory requirements

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

- A. Purpose & need of the Plan update
- B. Summary of the Plan update
- C. Permits & approvals

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING, IMPACTS & MITIGATION

This section will discuss the general setting and land use existing in Penfield today, along with potential impacts and mitigation associated with the adoption of the Plan and its Future Land Use recommendations. These will include but are not limited to:

- A. Potential increase of density of residential, commercial, and mixed-use development
 - i. Growth-induced impacts to infrastructure
 - 1. Summary of recommendations from key strategic transportation studies and reports including but not limited to LUAMP, Routes 250, 286, and 404 Corridor Studies, and other strategic transportation planning initiatives.
 - 2. Identification of strategic locations of sewer infrastructure that may be impacted by an increase in density.
 - 3. This should include discussions as to how drainage may be impacted with higher densities in identified areas.
 - 4. This should include a discussion on technology infrastructure needs and capacities to support potential increase in densities.

- ii. This should include discussion on potential impacts to sensitive environmental areas including wildlife habitat areas, wetlands, watercourses, floodplains, steep slopes, and woodlands (EPODs).
- iii. This should include a discussion on the need of these land use recommendations
- B. Growth-driven demand on community facilities and services
 - i. This should include a discussion on potential impacts to emergency services, recreation, schools, and governmental support.
- C. Pressure on agricultural uses, open space areas, and potential conflicts with open space goals identified in the 2001 and 2006 Open Space Plans

V. ALTERNATIVES

- A. No-action Alternative
- B. Adoption of portion of Plan
- C. Adoption of another plan

VI. IRREVERSIBLE & IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES

This section will discuss any anticipated commitment of resources that may be associated with adoption of the Plan and those reasonably anticipated as the Plan is implemented.

VII. APPENDICES

- A. 2000 Comprehensive Plan & DGEIS
- B. 2003 Browncroft Blossom Creek Neighborhood Center Plan
- C. Open Space Plan (2001 and 2006 Update)
- D. 2007 North Penfield Crossroads Area Plan and DGEIS
- E. 2007 Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- F. 2008 Economic Development Action Plan
- G. 2008 Bicycle Facilities Master Plan
- H. 2009 Route 250 Corridor Transportation Study
- I. 2009 Route 250 Corridor Land Use Analysis
- J. 2003 Irondequoit Bay Harbor Management Plan