



**FAYETTE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES**

**September 25, 2023; 5:30 pm
TOWN HALL**

I. Review of Prior Meeting Notes MRB Group

The Steering Committee received meeting notes as part of the agenda distribution. All members present concurred that the notes were accurate. The MRB Group Team will send the September meeting minutes to the Town Clerk for posting on the Town's website.

II. Review of September Public Engagement MRB Group

Emma Falkenstein provided an overview of the joint comprehensive plan/NYF public engagement event that took place earlier in September. Emma noted that there was a good turnout of people at the event. She stated that much of the feedback on the Comprehensive Plan's Implementation Matrix focused on advancing sustainability measures while also protecting the farming community's right to farm. There was substantial feedback on the Town's desire to advance renewable energy and multiple people raised concerns regarding losing viable agricultural land for large solar projects.

III. Feedback on Implementation Matrix/Planning Chapters **MRB Group**

Emma overviewed the implementation matrix and the Steering committee engage in discussion regarding the plan's action items.

Emma noted that she had catalogued the feedback from the public engagement event and was working on incorporating the edits into the Implementation Matrix.

Emma stated that she and Supervisor Trout met with a representative from the NYS Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Program to discuss the Town's interest in being a sustainability leader in the region and the process of registering for the CSC Program.

Emma encouraged the Steering Committee to send her any comments/edits on the Implementation Matrix in the next few weeks.

V. Future Land Use Exercises **MRB Group**

Emma provided a brief explanation of the role of the future land use map within the Town's comprehensive plan. She noted that the map will serve as a guide for the Town Board and Planning Board regarding how land should be used in the future. The map will serve as the baseline for future zoning code updates and other planning activities in the Town.

She explained how the primary land use in the Town is rural residential due to the amount of active agriculture in the area. She noted that the three predominant areas for mixed-use residential include the hamlet of Fayette, the hamlet of Canoga, and part of the Village of Waterloo. These areas will be the prime focus for future development. Emma noted that the future land use map should include a growth boundary around the hamlets and Village in order to promote concentrated development within areas that already have existing buildings and infrastructure. She explained that encouraging infill development in the hamlets and designating areas for future development will help to protect the Town's agricultural land. Emma encouraged the Steering Committee to review the future land use character area descriptions distributed in the meeting packet.

Emma led the Steering Committee through future land use exercises using the Town's existing land use and aerial maps. The Steering Committee engaged in discussion regarding growth boundaries in the hamlets/Village, future industrial growth around the stone quarry,

transportation corridor growth along Route 96A and E Lakeview Rd, and wetland/greenspace conservation along the lakeshores.

Steering Committee members drew growth boundaries in the hamlets of Fayette and Canoga and the Village of Waterloo. Keith Tidball indicated a desire to know how much land the stone quarry currently owns and asked for the future land use map to include an industrial growth boundary for the quarry. Keith also asked for MRB Group to create a map showing the Town's prime agricultural soil. This map will show where the Town's prime agricultural soil is related to existing and future land uses.

VI. Activity Prior to Next Meeting

MRB Group

Emma stated that she will continue to work on the Implementation Matrix and Future Land Use sections of the plan. She noted that she will coordinate with MRB Group's GIS Department to create the Future Land Use and Soils maps.

VII. Other Business

Emma asked the Steering Committee if they were comfortable pushing the next meeting to November to allow her enough time to finish the draft of the plan. The Steering Committee members present agreed to skip the October meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting

Steering Committee Meeting 11/27/23