

Comprehensive Plan

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Introduction



- City of Corning last updated its Comprehensive Plan in 2002.
- The 2002 Comprehensive Plan set groundwork for projects and accomplishments made in last 20+ years.
- Local community and society have changed.
- An \$80,000 NYS Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Program grant was awarded to the City to update our Plan.
- The Steering Committee has been working with City's consultant, LaBella Associates since January 2024.

Why is a Comprehensive Plan Important

- Set forth in NYS Statute in General City Law § 28-a
- Provides policy direction and guides official decision-making
- Serves as legal basis for zoning regulations
- Builds confidence in government through public participation and transparency
- Reflects community's vision and goals
- Builds consensus for how to adapt to change and respond to challenges
- Provides the private sector and community partners with guidance and basis for grant applications



A Requirement
of Grant
Funding are
that Smart
Growth
Principles
Incorporated In
Plan

Complete Streets (walkable, bikeable, transit friendly)

Allow for and encourage mixed-use neighborhoods

Prioritize infill and redevelopment of existing buildings

Provide well-planned, equitable, and accessible public spaces

Enable a diverse mix of housing types, providing opportunity and choice for all

Promote climate resiliency and adaptation

Preserve open space, agricultural resources, and natural resources

Encourage compact neighborhood design and concentrated development around existing infrastructure

Build on unique traits to create an attractive and welcoming community with a strong sense of place

Inclusive, community-based outreach and engagement in planning process

The Process



Summary of Community Engagement Efforts

1. Steering Committee Meetings

- *Five meetings held to Date (June 2023, January 2024, April 2024, September 2024, December 5, 2024)*
- *City Council appointed 27 members*
- *Meetings open to the public*

2. Community Open #1 Held June 13, 2024

- *Held June 13, 2024 at Corning-Painted Post High School*
- *Attended by approximately 100*
- *Input also received at Farmer's Market during that same day*

3. Comprehensive Plan Survey

- *Survey Period: June 10, 2024-August 21, 2024*
- *360 Total Responses (70.8% were City residents)*

4. Community Open Houses #2

- *Three Open Houses held over two days: February 25, 2025 and February 27, 2025*
- *Open Houses were at Library, Severn Elementary, and First Congregational United Church of Christ on W. Pulteney Street*
- *Attended by approximately 125*

Components of a Comprehensive Plan

1. Introduction
2. Existing Conditions- Community Profile
3. Public Engagement
4. Vision Statement
5. Goals
6. Strategies/Recommendations to Accomplish Goals
7. Priority Projects
8. Implementation Plan



Draft Vision Statement

The City of Corning is the premier small city in the Region, blending innovation, history, and community to attract residents, businesses, and visitors. As a regional hub, Corning offers an attractive quality of life with walkable, well-maintained, and affordable neighborhoods, thriving commercial districts, advanced manufacturing, and abundant arts, cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities. A strong sense of connectedness defines the city-linking people to each other, to the natural environment, and to the global economy. Corning features well-integrated transportation networks that support pedestrians, cyclists, public transit, and vehicles. Revitalized spaces and a strong commitment to sustainability ensure the city continuously reinvents itself while honoring its rich heritage. The City of Corning is a welcoming and thriving community for all.

10 Emerging Goals

- Provide A Range of Housing Opportunities
- Preserve And Enhance Our Neighborhoods
- Recalibrate and Diversify the Economy
- Revitalize Our Commercial Districts
- Repurpose Underutilized Sites
- Enhance Gateways Into the City
- Connect City Neighborhoods
- Continue Stewardship of City Facilities
- Protect And Enhance The City's Environment
- Solidify The City Center As the Hub of Regional Tourism

Upcoming Next Steps

- Invited to continue to follow Comprehensive Plan page on City's website under Strategies.
- Steering Committee reach consensus on vision, goals, strategies, and priorities for implementation
- Development of Draft Plan
- City Council Workshop to be held once Draft Plan is completed- estimated by Summer 2025