

# 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.
- We have budgeted a \$30,000 local match.

# What is a Comprehensive Plan

- Set forth in NYS Statute in General City Law § 28-a
- Other names: Master Plan or Land Use Plan
- Serves as the basis for official land use policy of a community
- Presents goals and a vision for the future
- Guides official decision-making
- Provides the private sector and community partners with guidance.
- Adopted by the City Council as an Official City Policy.



# Benefits of a Comprehensive Plan

- Sets goals and objectives to achieve desired outcomes.
- Prepares the community for challenges.
- Builds confidence in government through public participation and transparency.
- Builds consensus for how to adapt to change.
- Encourages investment in the community.
- Serves as the basis for grant applications.



# Select Accomplishments of the 2002 Comprehensive Plan

- 1. Improvement of Housing Conditions and Opportunities**
  - Target areas for housing rehabilitation through partnerships with Community Progress, Corning Housing Partnership (Three Rivers Development and Arbor Housing and Development), Habitat for Humanity, and Steuben County Lank Bank
  - Conversion of existing upper office/commercial space on Market Street to residential use with assistance from New York Main Street, Restore NY, and City Economic Development Loan Program
  - Complete redevelopment of former Meadowbrook Apartments for affordable housing at Lamphear Court by Arbor Housing and Development
  - Adoption of financial tax incentives include 421 (f) Exemption for Capital Improvements to Residential Buildings
  - Redevelopment of Northside Blodgett Middle School site for housing
  - Adaptive re-use of War Memorial Library
  - Added an additional Code Officer to help address Nuisance Properties.

# Select Accomplishments Continued

2. Development of Commercial Districts Design Guidelines
3. Updated Zoning Ordinance
4. Walkability/Pedestrian Improvements
  - Centerway Pedestrian Bridge Improvements
  - Traffic calming for Pulteney and Bridge Streets
  - Safe Routes to School on the northside
  - Added Accessibility: Handicap ramps and count-down pedestrian timers
  - Crosswalk improvements on Denison Parkway



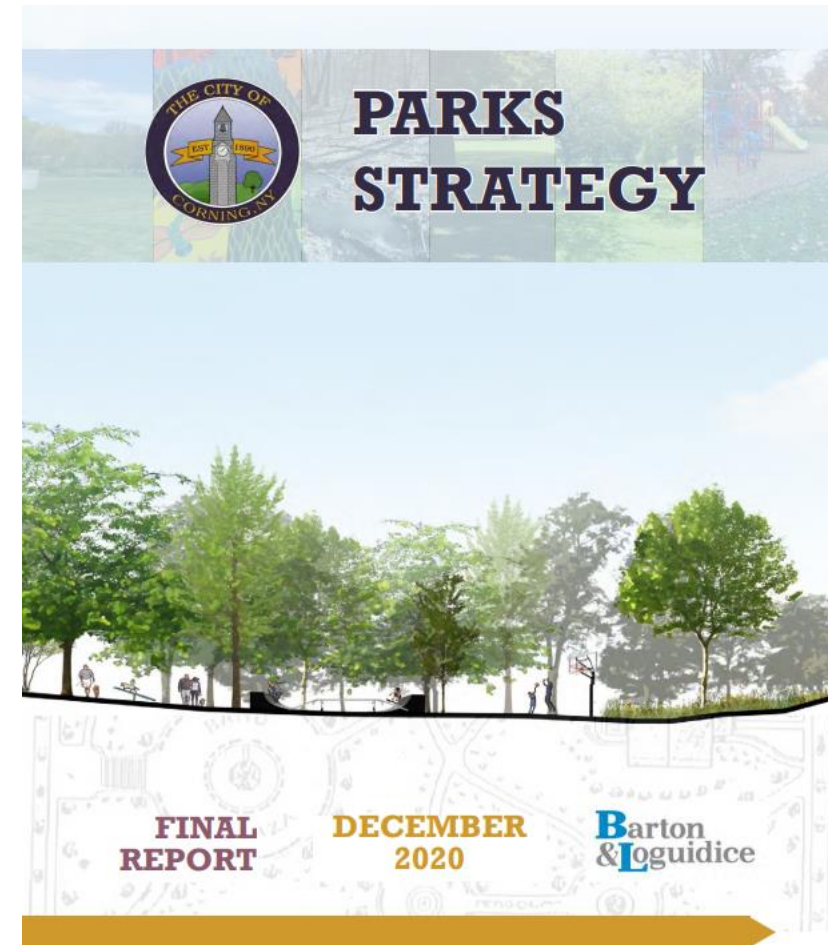
# Select Accomplishments Continued

5. Development of the Corning Transportation Center
6. Infrastructure Improvements
  - 2003 Northside Sanitary sewer project
  - Replace of 100-year old stone water reservoir with new concrete tank
  - Increased investment into street paving (\$1M built into Budget)



# Select Accomplishments Continued

7. Creation of Historic Preservation Commission and Historic Tax Exemption
8. Development of a multi-year park improvement plan (2020 Parks Strategy)
9. Wayfinding Signage (DOT Blue wayfinding program)





# Smart Growth Principles

Complete Streets (walkable, bikeable, transit friendly)

Compact development in areas appropriate for higher density (downtowns)

Infill development, including brownfields

Transit-Oriented Development

Downtown revitalization

Historic preservation and adaptive re-use

Environmental justice

Mix of housing options to accommodate all households, ages, backgrounds, and incomes

Green infrastructure, stormwater management

Public art

Storm resiliency

Safe, accessible and well-planned public spaces

Inclusive, community-based outreach and engagement in planning process

Green buildings, energy efficiency, and renewable energy

# The Process



# Role of the Steering Committee

- Committee has been appointed by City Council (No proxy votes)
- Subcommittee will provide input during consultant selection (Next Step)
- Share information on community's current condition and needs
- Generate and share ideas
- Support public participation and outreach efforts
- Serve as ambassadors for the project and build consensus
- Review materials drafted by the consultant team
- Provide constructive feedback during process
- Communications flow through Chair (internal and external)

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