

## **Conquest Comprehensive Plan Public Launch Meeting**

December 14, 2021

### **Questions, Comments, and Responses**

- Why are we so focused on solar instead of wind power?
  - *The Comprehensive Plan process can address solar, wind, and other energy industries – it does not have to be focused on one or another.*
- Why is the county planning department doing this plan for the town?
  - *The County Planning Department is providing assistance to the Town to develop the Comprehensive Plan.*
- Is the county going to push the town to do anything?
  - *No, the County is just facilitating the process. All decisions about the content of the Comprehensive Plan will be made by the Town.*
- How many surveys have come out and how will we have them ready for the meeting in January?
  - *34 surveys have been returned as of 12/14/21. The results of the survey will be presented at the public workshop on February 8. There will be a Steering Committee meeting in January to begin brainstorming the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan.*
- What gives the plan teeth to go to court or fight something?
  - *The teeth are the actions taken after the Comprehensive Plan is adopted to further the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document, not a regulatory document.*
- Is there any way going backwards? Does everything get grandfathered in?
  - *The Town can amend the Comprehensive Plan after it's adopted – the document is intended to be flexible and not binding.*
- This is like a cookie cutter? All the towns will become a part of this plan?

- *Comprehensive Plans are unique to their municipality and decisions for the content of each Comprehensive Plan are made locally.*
- I have solar and geothermal. Most of my solar is on the roof, you can grow things underneath as long as they don't cover the panels.
  - *Noted.*
- Concerned that information from the surveys will be given away.
  - *The surveys are anonymous and the information is just to be used for the Comprehensive Plan process.*
- If we haven't had a plan until now why do we need one?
  - *There is more interest now in the Town than there was in the past to explore land use guidance and structure. The Comprehensive Plan will provide that structure.*
- How can property owners become more involved to make sure their voices are heard? Only heard about the plan from the survey sent to her house.
  - *The following options are available to stay involved:*
    - *Submit the survey by January 15 to either*
      - *the dropbox at the Town Hall or*
      - *mail to the Cayuga County Planning Dept., 5<sup>th</sup> floor, 160 Genesee Street, Auburn NY 13021.*
    - *Attend a Planning Board Meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6 PM at the Town Hall; contact the Planning Board at [townofconquestplanningboard@gmail.com](mailto:townofconquestplanningboard@gmail.com)*
    - *Attend a Town Board Meeting every 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM at the Town Hall*
    - *Stay up to date by checking into the website periodically: <https://cayugaplanning.wixsite.com/conquestplan>*
    - *Contact Greg Hutnik, Senior Planner at 315-253-1483 or [ghutnik@cayugacounty.us](mailto:ghutnik@cayugacounty.us)*