

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A voluntary set of written and graphic materials 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.

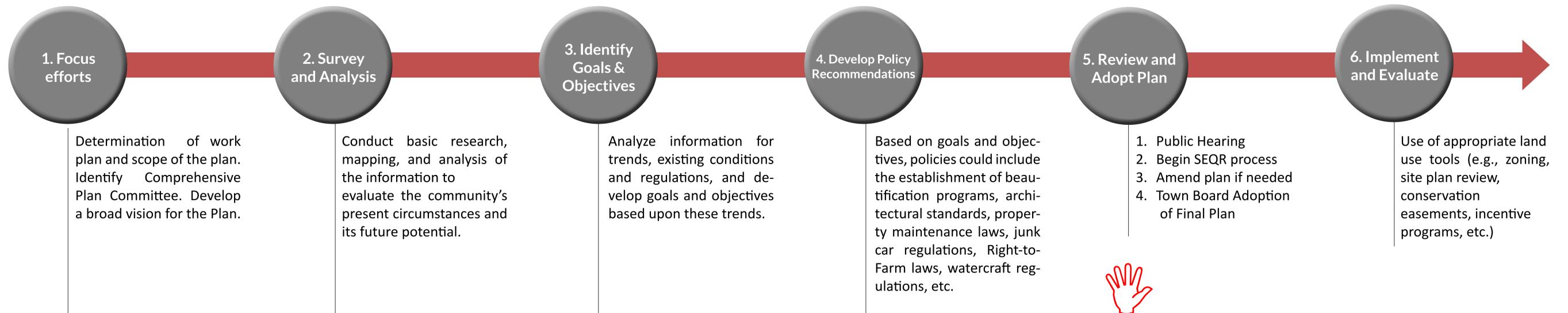
It includes a thorough analysis and inventory of current data showing land development trends and issues, community resources, and public needs for transportation, recreation and housing.

- New York State Division of Local Government Services

Relationship between Comprehensive Planning and Zoning

- Zoning is only one tool to implement Comprehensive Plans. Other tools include development of design guidelines, budgeting for capital improvements, or applying for Federal, State or Privately Funded Programs.*
- Adoption of a Comprehensive Plan does not require the adoption of zoning. However, if challenged in court, zoning must be proven to be based off of a “planning process.”*
- In 2008, 71% of Towns had Comprehensive Plans. In that same year, 71% of the Towns had Zoning. However, there were many Towns that had only Comprehensive Plans or only had Zoning.*

Process and Actions to Develop a Comprehensive Plan



 Feedback gathered from Oct. 7th Public Meeting #1

 Feedback gathered from Public Meeting #2 (Date TBD)



 = Opportunity for Public Participation