



# TOWN OF ULYSSES

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

### **A Resolution Recommending that the Town Board Adopt the Ulysses 2045 Comprehensive Plan**

WHEREAS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE FINDS THE FOLLOWING:

1. The intent of New York State legislature under the Consolidated Laws of New York (CLNY) Chapter 62 Article 16 Section 272-A encourages, but does not require, the preparation and adoption of a comprehensive plan (Comp Plan) for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens; and
2. The Town of Ulysses completed its last periodic update to the Comp Plan in 2009 but did not conduct any annual update or any other update since its adoption; and
3. The Town of Ulysses applied for and received a grant from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) as part of the 2022 Climate Smart Communities Grant Program; and
4. The Ulysses Town Board created a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC); charged it with the preparation of a draft Comp Plan and related public engagement with the assistance of a Planning Consultant (Consultant); appointed the first members on December 13, 2022; and resolved to continue outreach efforts to attract and appoint additional members; and
5. The CPSC first met on April 17, 2023 to develop committee rules, to develop a work plan, and to start research on best practices for the Comp Plan; and
6. DEC finalized the grant contract with the Town on November 21, 2023, approved the CPSC's work plan and process to proceed with Consultant acquisition; and
7. The CPSC in coordination with Town Staff directed the development and release of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Consultant; and
8. The CPSC conducted interviews for Consultants on April 18, 2024; deliberated on the qualifications and proposals of the applicants during their May 9, 2024 and June 5, 2024 meetings; and indicated a majority preference for MRB Group (MRB) to be the Consultant at the June 5, 2024 meeting; and
9. The Town Board resolved to select MRB as the Consultant during their June 25, 2024 meeting and the Town subsequently entered into a contract with MRB to act as the Consultant to facilitate the development of the draft Comp Plan and to assist in public engagement; and
10. The CPSC in coordination with the Consultant led the public review and development of the draft Comp Plan, including 40 meetings and workshops, five public pop-up events, three public open houses, and 12 public hearings; and

11. The Town Board approved a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) on September 24, 2024 developed by the CPSC that identified stakeholders and outlined a broad process to engage members of the public in the development of the Comp Plan; and
12. Early and continuous public participation was encouraged throughout the periodic update process following the PIP; and
13. The Consultant led a series of targeted focus groups to identify strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and opportunities related to planned specific elements of the Comp Plan with noted stakeholders identified in the PIP and with members of the public; and
14. The first focus group was held on October 24, 2024 to discuss economic development, housing, and historic preservation and the built environment, and the CPSC reviewed the result of stakeholder input during their November 6, 2024 meeting; and
15. The Consultant conducted a series of interviews with professional staff and elected officials on October 24, 2024 to identify strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and opportunities for the town, and the CPSC reviewed the result of that input during their November 6, 2024 meeting; and
16. The second focus group was held on November 15, 2024 to discuss environment and natural resources, and climate change and resilience, and the CPSC reviewed the result of stakeholder input during their December 4, 2024 meeting; and
17. The third focus group was held on December 13, 2024 to discuss capital facilities, community well-being, and transportation, and the CPSC reviewed the result of stakeholder input during their January 8, 2025 meeting; and
18. The fourth focus group was held on March 13, 2025 to discuss agriculture and land use, and the CPSC reviewed the result of stakeholder input during their April 2, 2025 meeting; and
19. The Consultant, under direction of the CPSC, developed a community-wide survey that was released to members of the public on December 7, 2024 and was available for input through March 2025, and the CPSC reviewed the results of the survey during their April 2, 2025 and May 7, 2025 meetings; and
20. The CPSC in coordination with the Consultant conducted the first joint session with Town Board members on January 8, 2025 to develop a Vision Statement; reviewed drafts of the vision statement during their February 5, 2025 and March 5, 2025 meetings; conducted a second joint session with Town Board members during their April 2, 2025 meeting; reviewed revised drafts of the vision statement during their May 7, 2025 meeting; and discussed the majority preferred Vision Statement during their June 4, 2025 meeting; and
21. The CPSC in coordination with the Consultant conducted the first public open house on March 19, 2025 which presented the preliminary draft Vision Statement and solicited input to identify the strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and opportunities related to economic development, housing, built environment, environment & natural resources, climate change & resilience, capital facilities, community well-being, transportation, agriculture and land use, and the CPSC reviewed the result of the open house input during their April 2, 2025 meeting; and

22. Development of the draft elements of the Comp Plan was conducted in a phased process; the CPSC reviewed initial drafts of the Housing and Built Environment elements during their May 7, 2025 meeting; reviewed initial drafts of the Economic Development, Environment & Natural Resources, and Climate Change & Resilience elements during their June 4, 2025 meeting; reviewed initial drafts of the Transportation and Community Well-Being elements during their July 2, 2025 meeting; reviewed an initial draft of the Capital Facilities element during their August 6, 2025 meeting; reviewed materials and started workshopping the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) during the September 3, 2025 meeting; and reviewed initial drafts of the Land Use element, FLUM, and Introduction chapter during the September 24, 2025 meeting; and
23. The CPSC directed the release of initial drafts of the Comp Plan elements for public dissemination in a phased process; the Housing, Built Environment, Economic Development, Environment & Natural Resources, and Climate Change & Resilience elements were available to the public after their July 2, 2025 meeting; and the Capital Facilities, Community Well-Being, Transportation, Agriculture and Land Use elements were available to the public on October 6, 2025; and
24. The CPSC is required under CLNY 62.16.272-A.6.b to hold a public hearing on the proposed Comp Plan; and
25. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Ithaca Journal, was posted on the Town's Public Legal Notice Board, was posted on the Town's webpage, and was mailed to over 2,400 known property owners, stakeholders, and interested agencies; and
26. The CPSC conducted public hearings on the first draft of the Comp Plan in a phased process starting on September 3, 2025 to receive public input on the Housing, Economic Development, and Built Environment elements; continued their public hearing on September 24, 2025 for public input on the Environment & Natural Resources and the Climate Change & Resiliency elements; continued their public hearing on October 8, 2025 for public input on the Community Well-Being and Capital Facilities elements; continued their public hearing on October 22, 2025 on the Transportation and Land Use elements; and continued their public hearings on November 5, 2025, December 10, 2025, January 14, 2026, and January 28, 2026 for public input on the full draft Comp Plan; and
27. The CPSC in coordination with the Consultant conducted a second public open house on October 6, 2025 which presented the draft plan and solicited input, and the CPSC reviewed the result of the open house input during their October 8, 2025 meeting; and
28. The CPSC in coordination with the Consultant conducted a third public open house on November 19, 2025 to solicit additional public input, and the CPSC reviewed results during their December 10, 2025 meeting; and
29. A revised second draft of the Comp Plan was released February 2, 2026 that incorporated amendments made by the CPSC in response to public input; and
30. The CPSC continued their public hearings on February 11, 2026, February 25, 2026, and March 11, 2026 for additional public input on the draft Comp Plan; and

31. The CPSC in coordination with the Consultant conducted a targeted four-hour workshop on March 7, 2026 to make amendments to the draft FLUM in response to public input; and
32. A revised third draft of the Comp Plan was released on March 18, 2026 that incorporated amendments made by the CPSC in response to public input; and
33. The CPSC conducted their last public hearing on March 25, 2026 where it reviewed the revised draft and received public input;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE RESOLVES THE FOLLOWING:**

1. The CPSC recommends that the Town Board adopt the Ulysses 2045 Comprehensive Plan as presented in Exhibit A, attached hereto, with the following amendments:
  - A. Policy number LR-P-2.2.1 in the Land Use and Rural Issues Element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Support the long-term viability of agriculture in Ulysses by coordinating with Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Soil and Water Conservation District, and other regional partners to provide technical assistance, succession planning resources and education programs for farmers."; and
  - B. Policy numbers LR-P-2.2.2 and LR-P-2.2.3 in the Land Use and Rural Issues element, and Policy EN-P-1.1.6 in the Environment and natural Resources element shall be removed; and
  - C. Objective number H-O-1.1 in the Housing element shall be amended to, "Strive to meet current and projected regional housing needs of all economic and demographic groups by increasing Ulysses' housing supply"; and
  - D. Policy numbers H-P-1.2.1 and H-P-1.2.2 in the Housing element shall be removed; and
  - E. Policy number LR-P-1.1.2 in the Land Use and Rural Issues element shall be amended to, "Create a Hamlet Area Development Plan that focuses on improving Jacksonville's ~~and Waterburg's~~ public realm and sense of place."; and
  - F. Policy number H-P-1.1.1 in the Housing Element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Consider research and analysis, including housing studies and zoning audits, to identify strategies that increase housing supply and affordability in Ulysses."; and
  - G. Policy numbers H-P-1.1.2 & H-P-1.1.3. in the Housing Element shall be removed; and
  - H. Policy number H-P-1.2.8 in the Housing Element shall be relocated to Objective area T-O-1.1 in the Transportation element and shall be amended to, "Connect neighborhoods to parks and other amenities and services with sidewalks, designated bikeways or bike paths and safe infrastructure to ensure that residents can access them."; and
  - I. Policy number H-P-1.3.4 in the Housing element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Explore legal options for designating housing types below a certain threshold or within certain areas as Type 2 actions under SEQR."; and
  - J. Policy number H-P-1.5.2 in the Housing element shall be relocated as a policy under Objective area EN-O-2.1 in the Environment and Natural Resources Element; and

- K. Objective number H-O-1.6 in the Housing element shall be amended to, "~~Ensure it's~~ Work to make it possible for households of all income levels to live affordably in Ulysses, and reduce over time the unmet housing needs of lower-income households in Town."; and
- L. Policy number H-P-1.6.1 in the Housing Element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Support the development and preservation of affordable housing through tools such as land banking, streamlined permitting, public or nonprofit land acquisition, and mixed income housing initiatives."; and
- M. Policy numbers H-P-1.6.4, H-P-1.6.6., H-P-1.6.2, and H-P-1.6.3 in the Housing Element shall be removed; and
- N. Policy number ED-P-1.2.1 in the Economic Development element shall be relocated as a policy under Objective LR-O-2.3 in the Land Use and Rural Issues element and shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "In accordance with the Town's Agriculture and Farmland protection plan, re-establish and support an agriculture committee in the Town to provide input from local farmers, farmland owners, and agricultural businesses on how to expand and support a diversity of agricultural activities in Ulysses."; and
- O. Policy number ED-P-1.2.4 in the Economic Development element shall be amended as follows, "Promote housing and population growth in the Town, ~~ensuring that to provide~~ existing industries like education, healthcare, government and retail ~~have with~~ access to customers and workers." and
- P. Policy numbers ED-P-2.1.5, ED-P 2.2.1, and ED-P-2.2.5 in the Economic Development element shall be removed; and
- Q. Policy number ED-P-2.2.4 in the Economic Development element shall be relocated as a policy under Objective T-O-1.1 in the Transportation element; and
- R. Policy number ED-P-3.1.1 in the Economic Development element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Coordinate with Trumansburg Chamber of Commerce and County organizations to market available jobs for the local workforce, including promoting job fairs and career training opportunities."; and
- S. Policy numbers ED-P-3.1.2, ED-P-3.1.3 and ED-P-3.1.5 in the Economic Development element shall be removed; and
- T. Policy number ED-P-4.1.1 in the Economic Development element shall be relocated as a policy under Objective CU-O-1.1 in the Capital Facilities, Services and Utilities element; and
- U. Policy number T-P-1.1.1 in the Transportation element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Coordinate land use planning with transportation elements by supporting mixed-use development near transit services and planning multimodal improvements in growth areas such as the Hamlet of Jacksonville."; and
- V. Policy number T-P-1.1.6 in the Transportation element shall be removed; and
- W. Policy number T-P-1.1.3 in the Transportation Element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Improve bicycle connectivity by identifying local bike routes. Work with NYS DOT and TC to identify and widen road shoulders as needed to ensure safety for cyclists and pedestrians."; and
- X. Policy numbers T-P-1.1.4 and T-P-1.1.13 in the Transportation element shall be removed; and

- Y. Policy number T-P-1.1.2 in the transportation element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Expand pedestrian infrastructure such as sidewalks, crossings, and walkable street networks, particularly in the Hamlet of Jacksonville, growth areas, and new subdivisions."; and
- Z. Policy number T-P-1.1.5 in the Transportation element shall be removed; and
- AA. Policy number T-P-1.1.7 in the transportation element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Collaborate with TCAT, regional planning agencies, employers, and local partners to improve transit services, transportation programs, and funding opportunities for residents."; and
- BB. Policy numbers T-P-1.1.8, T-P-1.1.9, T-P-1.1.10 and T-P-1.1.11 in the Transportation element shall be removed; and
- CC. Policy number T-P-1.1.14 in the Transportation element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Improve connections to the Black Diamond Trail and other recreational routes by expanding trail access points, bicycle routes, wayfinding information and mapping preferred and safest cycling routes."; and
- DD. Policy number T-P-1.1.15 in the Transportation element and policy numbers CW-P-2.1.3 and CW-P-2.1.4 in the Community Well-Being element shall be removed; and
- EE. Policy number CU-P-1.1.1 in the Capital Facilities, Services and Utilities element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Evaluate expansion of municipal water service areas based on cost, community interest, and appropriateness for long term growth."; and
- FF. Policy number CU-P-1.1.2 in the Capital Facilities, Services and Utilities element shall be removed; and
- GG. Policy number CU-P-1.1.4 in the Capital Facilities, Services and Utilities element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Adopt the Town of Ulysses Drinking Water Source Protection Plan and proactively implement the strategies identified."; and
- HH. Policy numbers CU-P-1.1.6 and CU-P-1.1.7 in the Capital Facilities, Services and Utilities element shall be removed; and
- II. Policy number CU-P-2.1.5 in the Capital Facilities, Services and Utilities element shall be relocated as a policy under Objective T-O-1.1 in the Transportation element; and
- JJ. Policy number CU-P-3.1.4 in the Capital Facilities, Services and Utilities element shall be relocated as a policy under Objective CR-O-3.2 in the Climate Change and Resiliency element; and
- KK. Policy number CU-P-2.1.6 in the Capital Facilities, Services and Utilities element shall be amended as follows, "Minimize flooding hazards and poor stormwater management by ~~developing a roadway map identifying Town Roads in need of improvement~~ expanding the culvert assessment and improvement mapping and strategy the Town has started on."; and
- LL. Objective number CU-O-3.1 in the Capital Facilities, Services and Utilities element shall be amended as follows, "Preserve and protect the Town's treasured characteristics while-by making well considered investments and improvements to services that will enhance quality of life while protecting valued natural resources."; and
- MM. Policy number EN-P-3.1.3 in the Environment and Natural Resources element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Promote educational opportunities related to biodiversity, habitats, and environmental stewardship through partnerships with local organizations."; and

- NN. Policy number EN-P-3.1.4 in the Environment and Natural Resources element shall be removed; and
- OO. Objective number EN-O-3.2 and policies numbers EN-P-3.2.1 and EN-P-3.2.2 in the Environmental and Natural Resources element, and Goal number LR-G-3, Objective number LR-O-3.1, and Policy number LR-P-3.1.1 in the Land Use and Rural Issues element shall be removed; and
- PP. Policy number CR-P-2.1.1 in the Climate Change and Resiliency element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Communicate with residents about climate change preparedness, sustainability initiatives and the work of Town committees and regional partners."; and
- QQ. Policy numbers CR-P-2.1.3 and CR-P-2.1.5 in the Climate Change and Resiliency element shall be removed; and
- RR. Policy number CR-P-2.1.7 in the Climate Change and Resiliency element shall be amended as follows, "Work with the Village of Trumansburg on developing ~~an~~ a coordinated, Town wide emergency preparedness plan that incorporates hazard mitigation efforts."; and
- SS. A new policy shall be added to Objective number CR-O-2 in the Climate Change and Resiliency element that states, "Support public education initiatives related to agriculture, environmental stewardship, transportation safety, and climate resilience through partnerships with local institutions, community organizations, and regional agencies."; and
- TT. Policy number LR-P-2.3.2 in the Land Use and Rural Issues element, policy number T-P-3.1.8 in the Transportation element, and policy number CR-P-3.2.1 in the Climate Change and Resiliency element shall be removed; and
- UU. Policy number CR-P-3.2.7 in the Climate Change and Resiliency element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Promote renewable energy development including community solar, rooftop solar, battery storage, distributed energy resources, and other local clean energy opportunities."; and
- VV. Policy number CR-P-1.1.3 and CR-P-4.1.2 in the Climate Change and Resiliency element shall be removed; and
- WW. Policy number CW-P-4.1.1 in the Community Well-Being element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Establish advisory committees, as needed, to support implementation of plan priorities such as housing, agriculture, historic preservation, and community programming."; and
- XX. Policy numbers CW-P-4.1.6 in the Community Well-Being element, LR-P-2.3.3 in the Land use and Rural Issues element, and BE-P-2.1.5 in the Built Environment element shall be removed; and
- YY. Objective number CW-O-2.1 in the Community Well-Being element shall be amended as follows, "~~Support expanded public transportation options and~~ Improve access to community destinations by supporting safe and convenient multi-modal traveling options for residents."; and
- ZZ. Policy numbers CW-P-2.1.1 and shall be amended as follows, "Advocate for expanded TCAT service to address service gaps in ~~rural areas of~~ Town of Ulysses.; and
- AAA. Policy number CW-P-2.1.2 in the Community Well-Being element shall be relocated as a policy under Objective number T-O-1.1 in the Transportation element; and

- BBB. Policy number BE-P-2.1.3 in the Built Environment element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Identify, document and protect historic resources through tools such as historic districts, a local historic register and preservation planning efforts."; and
- CCC. Policy numbers BE-P-2.1.8 and BE-P-2.1.9 in the Built Environment element shall be removed; and
- DDD. Policy number BE-P-2.1.4 in the Built Environment element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Support educational programs, tours and events that highlight the Town's historic, agricultural and natural heritage."; and
- EEE. Policy number BE-P-2.1.6 in the Built Environment element shall be removed; and
- FFF. Policy number BE-P-2.1.7 in the Built Environment element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Install wayfinding and interpretive signage to historic sites, cultural resources and community landmarks."; and
- GGG. Policy number BE-P-2.1.14 in the Built Environment element shall be removed; and
- HHH. Policy number BE-P-2.1.11 in the Built Environment element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Ensure that new development and building alterations near ~~or to~~ designated historic structures are compatible with the scale, massing and design character of historic resources."; and
- III. Policy numbers BE-P-2.1.12, BE-P-3.1.2, and BE-P-3.1.7 in the Built Environment element shall be removed; and
- JJJ. Policy number BE-P-4.1.2 in the Built Environment element shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, "Encourage rehabilitation of historic structures by promoting available incentives, including tax credits, grants and other financial assistance programs."; and
- KKK. Policy number BE-P-2.1.13 in the Built Environment element shall be removed; and
- LLL. The phrase "drive-thru restaurants" shall be removed from the document; and
- MMM. A new policy shall be added to the Transportation element section regarding safety of ditches stating, "Expansion of transportation and other infrastructure shall strongly consider protection of non-invasive plants, habitat, and natural resources." or as refined by MRB as needed; and
- NNN. Policy number H-P-1.2.1 in the Housing element shall be removed; and
- OOO. Policy number ED-P-1.2.3 in the Economic Development element shall be removed; and
- PPP. Objective number CW-O-5.1 in the Community Well-Being element shall be amended as follows, "Integrate ~~the "Blue Zone Power of 9"~~ healthy living principles into Town of Ulysses" and
- QQQ. Policy number CW-P-5.1.2 in the Community Well-Being element shall be amended as follows, "Based on Town leadership interest, create a working group of leaders and community members that will inform the community on the benefits of ~~the Blue Zone~~ healthy living principles."; and
- RRR. Text under Phase 6: in the Executive Summary dated 2.2.26 shall be amended as follows: "The Plan will be reviewed by the Town Board and County Department of Planning and Sustainability and sent to NYS Agriculture and Markets with a request for discretionary

- review.** An additional public hearing will be held. The State Environmental Quality Review Act – Type 1 review will be conducted prior to adoption.”; and
- SSS. Text in the Capital Facilities section of the Executive Summary, first bulleted Objective, shall be amended as follows: “Work with Town leadership, key stakeholders, and residents to explore options for expanding **municipal water service in areas of the Town that are appropriate for increased residential or business development.**”; and
- TTT. Text in the second and third sentences of the opening paragraph of the Climate & Resiliency section of the Executive Summary, and in the Introduction and Background Information Section (A) of Chapter 8 shall be amended as follows, “**Climate change refers to long-term shifts in regional temperature and weather patterns. While these can be naturally occurring, human activities associated energy and land use that increase greenhouse gas emissions are primarily driving changes over the past 200 years. Consequences of climate change particularly relevant to Ulysses include increased droughts, fires, flooding, and catastrophic storms, which affect can affect our health, agricultural productivity, housing and safety.**”; and
- UUU. The 5th bullet under Objectives in the Community Well Being section of the Executive Summary (“Integrate the Blue Zone Power of 9 Principles into Ulysses”) shall be removed; and
- VVV. The 7th bullet under Objectives in the Built Environment section of the Executive summary (“Create better pedestrian, bicycle, and transit linkages...”) shall be removed; and
- WWW. The 8th bullet under Objectives in the Built Environment section of the Executive summary (“Promote infill development ...”) shall be removed and
- XXX. The 9th bullet under Objectives in the Built Environment section of the Executive summary shall be amended as follows, “**Encourage redevelopment and infill in appropriate future land use character areas, to incorporate a mix of uses, support pedestrian activity and transit services, support appropriately scaled economic activity, and exhibit a distinctive design character.**”; and
- YYY. A map of Tompkins County Agricultural District 2 shall be added to Section II. Rural Issues, in Chapter 2; and
- ZZZ. Figure LR-2 ‘Town of Ulysses Property Classification’ shall be removed; and
- AAAA. Figure LR-4 ‘Ulysses Land Use and Land Cover’ shall be relocated after the FLUM; and
- BBBB. Figure on the bottom of p. 114 and Figure ED-1 shall be removed; and
- CCCC. Objective number ED-P-2.1.5 in the Economic Development element shall be removed; and
- DDDD. Figure T-5 shall be removed; and
- EEEE. Figure CU-1, ‘Water Districts’ shall be retitled ‘Municipal Water Service areas’, missing lines of Water District 3 shall be added, lines services the Village shall be ‘Permissive Service Areas No. \_’, and Town water districts shall be labeled as ‘Water District No. \_’; and
- FFFF. The last sentence of the first paragraph on page 189 shall be removed; and
- GGGG. A new boldface sub-heading titled ‘Wastewater Management Issues’ shall be added before the second paragraph on page 189; and

- HHHH. The third sentence of paragraph two on page 189 shall be amended as follows, “Expanding municipal water and installing sewer infrastructure could be costly, and installing sewer infrastructure can be quite costly, and options for shared septic for onsite waste management have regulatory requirements that can be costly at all but small scales. †The community might be less supportive of municipal water investments if they are not paired with feasible sewer investments or onsite wastewater treatment options. The ability to increase residential development density in areas served by municipal water is also constrained by the need for adequate wastewater management systems.”; and
- IIII. A new map of soil types shall be added as a figure under the ‘Soils’ section of the Environment and Natural Resources element; and
- JJJJ. A topographic map of Ulysses shall be added as a figure under the ‘Topography’ section of the Environment and Natural Resources element; and
- KKKK. ‘Frontenac Creek’ shall be added to the second sentence of the third paragraph on page 201; and
- LLLL.
- MMMM. The last sentence of the third paragraph on page 201 shall be replaced in its entirety as follows, “Many of these areas lie in “100-year” flood-risk zones, This risk is defined by FEMA as 1% chance of a flood in any given year. The entire shoreline of Cayuga Lake in the Town of Ulysses is also classified as vulnerable to “100-year” floods. The frequency of flood events is likely to be higher in these hazard areas with climate change, as FEMA estimates rely on long-term data without any weighting for increased flood occurrence in more recent years.”; and
- NNNN. The second sub-heading on page 202 shall be amended from ‘Unique Natural Areas’ to ‘Natural Features Areas’; and
- OOOO. A new map shall be added to the ‘Natural Features Areas’ section in the Environment and Natural Resources element showing Tompkins County Natural Features in Ulysses, including overlays for Unique Natural areas, Agricultural Resources Focus areas, Taughannock Creek Focus area, 100 yr flood zones, Open Space, and NYS DEC wetlands; and
- PPPP. The figure at the bottom of page 206 shall be amended to include the text ‘Development patterns that increase impervious surfaces and fragment landscapes’ with an associated image; and
- QQQQ. The first sentence of the first paragraph on page 218 shall be amended as follows, “These climate change impacts will affect all Ulysses residents. Climate change impacts will affect all Ulysses residents but can be unevenly distributed due to social and economic factors and thus disproportionately affect residents with fewer resources or support systems.”; and
- RRRR. The second sentence of the first paragraph on page 218 shall be amended as follows, “However, climate change will negatively and disproportionately affect marginalized and underserved communities, including communities of color, Indigenous communities, and low-income some communities.”; and
- SSSS. The fifth sentence of the first paragraph on page 218 shall be removed; and

- TTTT. The last sentence of the first paragraph on page 218 shall be amended as follows, ~~“They may struggle to evacuate in an extreme event due to transportation and lodging costs, and have a hard time rebuilding afterward, especially if they do not have flood or property insurance~~ Evacuation in an extreme event may be more difficult due to transportation and lodging costs and rebuilding afterwards may be more difficult.”; and
- UUUU. Figure CR-3 shall be relocated to the Appendix with reference; and
- VVVV. Text shall be added at the top of page 225 that describes the social vulnerability to Ulysses conveyed in Figure CR-3; and
- WWWW. A callout shall be added to the Climate Change and Resiliency element that highlights the things the Town has done to date to reduce greenhouse gas and energy use reductions with Town facilities.
2. The CPSC also recommends the Town Board direct the Planning Board to develop a recommended implementation strategy for the Comp Plan prior to the 2027 budget season.
  3. The CPSC further recommends the Town Board pass a Resolution of Dissolution for the Committee as soon as is agreeable to the Board and should the Town Board consider the Committee has fulfilled its charge of preparing the draft Comp Plan and related public engagement thus far; and additionally, that the Planning Board be charged with preparing annual updates to the Comp Plan or as may be needed or directed by the Town Board.

  
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 Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Vice Chair

4/10/26  
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 Date

**Ayes:** Klankowski, Klein, Meador, Moore, Olson, Weatherby, Weaver

**Nays:** Marino

**Absent:** Basilius, DiPetta

**Abstain:** None