



TOWN OF ULYSSES

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

A Resolution Recommending 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 for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens; and
2. Ulysses' last periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2009; and
3. The Ulysses Town Board created a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC) and charged it with the preparation of a draft Comprehensive Plan; and
4. The Town Board entered into a contract with MRB to act as the consultant to facilitate the development of the draft Comprehensive Plan and to assist in public engagement; and
5. The Town Board approved a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) developed by the CPSC that identified stakeholders and outlined a broad process to engage members of the public in the development of the Comprehensive Plan; and
6. Early and continuous public participation was encouraged throughout the periodic update process following the PIP; and
7. The CPSC led the public review and development of the draft Comprehensive Plan, including 32 meetings and workshops, five public pop-up events, two public open houses, and four preliminary hearings before holding its final public hearing and deliberations on the full Comprehensive Plan draft on November 5, 2025; and
8. The CPSC, as part of its review of the draft Comprehensive Plan, also reviewed a draft of Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form compiled by the consultant; and
9. Public dissemination of the Comprehensive plan draft elements were released in a phased process; the CPSC's first public review of the draft Vision Statement started on February 5, 2025; a public open house which presented the draft Vision Statement and solicited input to shape the development of the draft Comprehensive Plan was held on March 19, 2025; the first public review of drafted elements of the Comprehensive Plan started on May 7, 2025; the CPSC approved the first public release of drafted elements of the Comprehensive Plan in July 2025; the first public hearing on drafted elements of the Comprehensive Plan started on September 3, 2025; and a public open house which presented all drafted elements of the Comprehensive Plan and the environmental analysis was held on October 6, 2025; and

10. The CPSC is required under CLNY 62.16.272-A.6.b to hold a public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan; and
11. 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
12. The CPSC held a public hearing on November 5, 2025 to solicit written and spoken comments on the draft Comprehensive Plan prior to making a recommendation to the Town Board.

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 Attachment A (,with the modifications listed below: (as needed))
 - A. **(Chapter Title: e.g. Add a new policy to...)**
 - B. **(Chapter Title: e.g. Remove the proposed...)**
 - C. **(Chapter Title: e.g. Amend Policy XX.XX.XX/2nd paragraph on Page XX/etc. as follows: (Full text w/ strikeout/underscore redlines)**
2. The CPSC further recommends the Town Board develop an implementation strategy for the Comprehensive Plan prior to the 2027 budget season.

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Chair

Date

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: