

Niles Comprehensive Plan Project: Making Progress

Why does Niles need a comprehensive plan?

- A Comprehensive Plan provides a strategic long-term vision and basic goals, objectives, policies and recommendations to help guide the Town's future growth and development.
- The Plan will make recommendations in areas such as land use, economic development, parks and open space, historical and cultural resources, housing, community facilities, agricultural and natural resources, and utilities.

Where do these recommendations come from?

- Ideas generated during the four visioning sessions held in 2007. More than 80 Town residents, business owners and property owners participated in discussions focusing on agriculture, land use, recreation, lake, and watershed issues.
- Results of the community survey that was mailed to 900 residents in November 2007.

What are some of the community survey results?

- 235 surveys were completed & returned to the Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC).
- 65.7% of the survey respondents are 55+ years of age and 57% are 20+ year Town residents.
- An overwhelming 89.8% would like Niles to maintain its rural character.
- 72% want Niles to encourage cottage businesses.
- 60% would like hiking and biking trails.
- 59% would favor establishing a farmer's market in our Town.
- A majority of respondents said that Niles should have land use regulations for the siting of cell towers (75%) and wind turbines (71.6%).

Want to know more? Visit the project website: <http://www.cnyrpdb.org/NilesCompPlan/>

What's next?

- During the upcoming months, the CPC will use all of the information gathered from the visioning sessions and community survey to draft the Town's first comprehensive plan.
- A public hearing on the plan will be scheduled for Town residents.
- The plan will be presented to the Town Board for its review and consideration for adoption.

Thank You!

The CPC would like to thank everyone who has participated in the process of developing the Town's first comprehensive plan. If you have questions, please contact any member of the CPC:

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