

# TOWN OF BRISTOL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

## COMMUNITY UPDATE MEETING



*Town of Bristol  
Comprehensive Plan  
Committee*



## Supervisor's welcome

- Input is important – **our** plan for our Town
- Plan = common vision, focused efforts/goals
- Volunteer committee
- Recent assistance from outside consultant

Thank you!



# Committee Chair welcome

## Tonight's Agenda

- Comprehensive Plan? A recap!
- Background
- What we've heard/researched
- What we've done
- Where we go from here



Thank  
You...



## What is a Comprehensive Plan again?

Community-driven document that:

- Establishes the official **land use policy** of the community
- Presents **goals** and a **vision** for the future to guide official decision-making
- Recommends **actions** to achieve those goals over next 10-15 years
- Provides **guidance** for **collaboration & opportunities**

...**OUR** plan for the future!







## Plan Elements

- Community Profile
  - *Background on land, people*
  - *Research and input*
- Vision
- Policy Areas
  - *Key topics*
- Moving Forward
  - *Future land use*
  - *Action Plan and implementation*





# Community Profile

- Steering committee meetings (monthly)
- Review of previous plan
- Community outreach – Bristol Fun Days, public meeting
- Research on issues
- Analysis of Town resources, features, & people

## 2.0 COMMUNITY PROFILE & EXISTING CONDITIONS

### Age Breakdown

So what does our community really look like? The majority of the Town residents are considered Working Adults or the 25-54 age group. The group is firmly settled in their careers and likely raising a family of pre-college children. This is supported by the next highest age group - School Age or 5-19 years old. Rounding up the top three groups is the Empty Nester or 55-64 age range, as shown at right.

Looking at the trends over time (Figure 2-4), the School Age group decreased between 2000 and 2010, but has leveled off in the recent decade. Two groups that have increased include College (20-24) and Empty Nesters (55-64). A common trend throughout the country is the increase in the latter group and seniors and Bristol is no exception to this, with the greatest change associated with the 55-64 age range. Although it is a small increase, the slight uptick in the College group is a good sign that more youth are potentially attracted to the Town with it is hoped, a desire to stay and settle here for longer term.

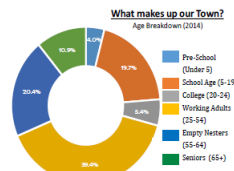


Figure 2-3: Age Breakdown, 2014 (US Census)

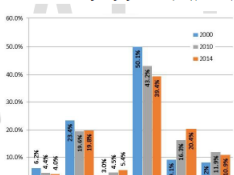
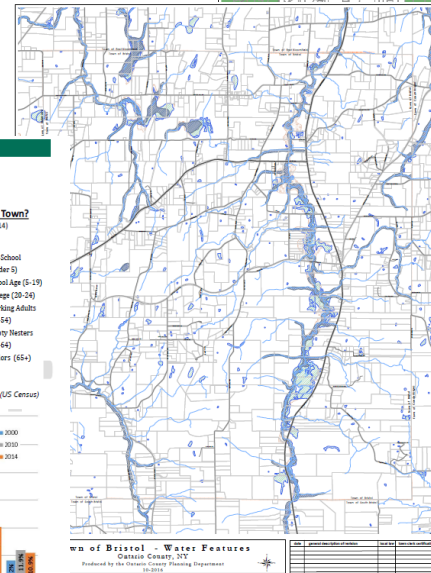
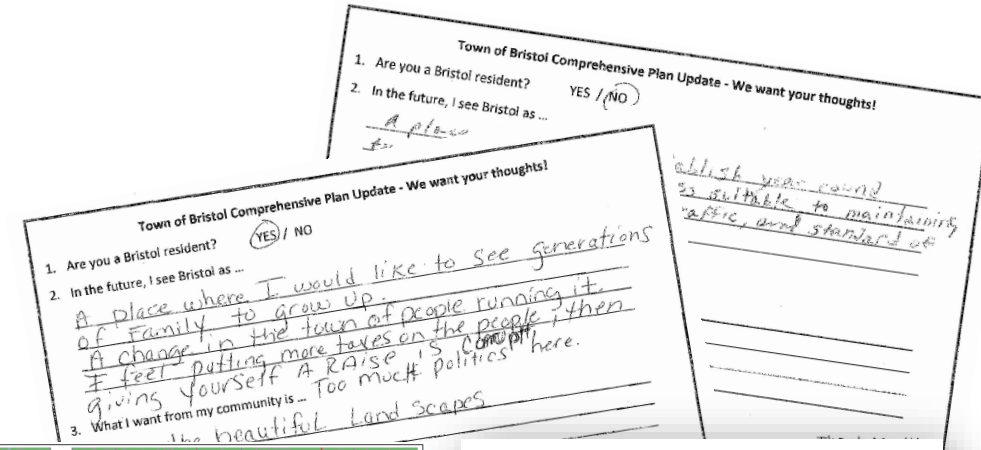


Figure 2-4: Age breakdown comparison, 2000-2014 (US Census)



Town of Bristol - Water Features  
Data: US Census, 2010  
Produced by the Town of Bristol Planning Department  
2014



### Community Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Bristol Fire Hall, 4350 State Route 64

Join us to learn more about our Comprehensive Planning process, and to share your thoughts about Bristol's strengths, needs, and opportunities.

**Everyone is welcome!**

(light refreshments provided)

Comprehensive Planning Committee  
Town of Bristol





# WHAT WE'VE HEARD

## Community input!

- Basis for research
- Community priorities
- Focus of our work
- Key topics

Bristol Comprehensive Plan														
Community Event Oct. 26, 2016														
What would make our Town even better than it is today?														
Group	Response	No. of Stickers	Business	Character	Tourism	Environment	Infrastructure	Renewable Energy	Parks & Recreation	Eagle Mountain	Internet Access	Vistas	Zoning	Agriculture
3, page 2	Protect rural character	16		16										
3, page 2	Protect environment	10				10								
3, page 1	Encourage small business w/ low impact	10	10											
4	Town efficiency / shared services	9					9							
3, page 1	Maintain/lower taxes -> low impact economic development	9	9											
3, page 1	How can we draw upon traffic of Rte 64 - Artisans - farm markets i.e. Ithaca Brewery-micro / winery	8	8		8									
1	Better Internet/Broadband service	7												
5	Solar / wind farms - renewable energy	7						7						
1	Maintain our vistas	6												
1	Increase public lands, parks, recreational - fat tire trails	6							6					
4	Eagle Mountain re-use	6	6							6				
1	Improve Infrastructure - water, sewer, etc. Nat gas	5					5							
1	Encourage Business - "Chamber of Commerce"	5	5											
1	Renewable energy promotion	5						5						
3, page 2	Not allow fracking	5				5								
1	Eagle Mt - Bus. Co-op? Artists, etc.	4	4							4				
4	Improve relationship with town and residents	4		4										
1	Increase tourism appeal to bring small businesses & visitors	3	3		3									
2	Need year - round Biz - higher population (local)	3	3											
5	Reflect historical value of town	3												
5	High speed Internet	3												
3, page 2	Grants - research/apply	3												
4	Foster growth to assets (Ag - Recreation)	3												
3, page 1	Review zoning laws - protection of the town	3												
2	Generate income w/ small biz - No big box, Dollar General - light industry? community solar?	2												
3, page 2	Town Board - to encourage Businesses - Green Industries	2												

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What would make our town even "Better" than it is today?

- maintain/lower taxes  
↳ low impact economic development
- review zoning laws - protection of the town
- encourage small businesses w/ low impact
- How can we draw upon traffic of Rte 64  
- Artisans  
- Farm markets  
- Brewery/micro/winery
- How to attract small businesses

Bristol Comprehensive Plan	
Community Event Oct. 26, 2016	
What do you value most in the Town?	
Group	Response
Group 1	Small Town - Rural Nature
Group 1	Beauty - pretty in the Fall
Group 1	Lib + F.D. Close by - Park
Group 1	Cluster of good businesses
Group 1	Retreat From City
Group 1	Library
Group 2	Rural Character - nature - freedom to do what want
Group 2	Feeling Safe
Group 2	Small Town atmosphere - know everybody, less people, privacy
Group 2	Close to Cndga
Group 2	Convenient to services
Group 2	Quiet
Group 2	Dark at night - can see stars
Group 2	wildlife - diversity
Group 3	Rural Feel (country living)
Group 3	Open space
Group 3	Space & quiet
Group 3	Privacy / Library / Park
Group 3	People know each other (Small-town community)
Group 3	Pristine landscape / no interference from neighbors
Group 3	Clean air/wildlife & all of the above <u>No</u> large polluting industries
Group 4	Sense of Community
Group 4	Potential of anything
Group 4	Geographics
Group 4	Beauty



## WHAT WE'VE HEARD

### **We value...**

- Rural character
- Convenience to other locations
- Environment, nature, views, etc.
- Local businesses
- Library, parks, etc.
- Community

### **Our Concerns...**

- Tax base
- Maintain small town feel
- Infrastructure
- Aging population
- Development balance
- Support of services (library, fire dept./ambulance)

### **How can we make it better...**

- Encourage small business
- Protect character/environment
- Strategic infrastructure investment
- Draw off of Route 64 traffic
- Expand/re-use existing resources





## Vision Statement

*“The Town of Bristol boasts a naturally beautiful environment with rolling hills, woodlands, and scenic views. The community will continue to work to preserve our environment and natural features, support agriculture and businesses, and build upon our local and regional recreational resources and infrastructure. Bristol seeks to capitalize on its assets by encouraging responsibly planned economic development that enhances the rural character and heritage of the community, ensuring its sustainability for residents and visitors alike.”*



## WHAT WE'VE DONE

### Policy Areas

- Environment and Natural Resources
- Agricultural Resources
- Recreational Resources
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Community Character, Facilities, and Services
- Housing

*Vision* – Broad statement

*Policy Area/Goal* – More specific area or issue

*Objective* – Measurable strategy (what to achieve)

*Action* – Recommendations for “doing something”





## WHAT WE'VE DONE

### Moving Forward

- *Future Land Use* – where/how we encourage growth or conservation/preservation
- *A Plan for Action* - recommendations
- *Implementation* – tools and strategies for carrying out the plan

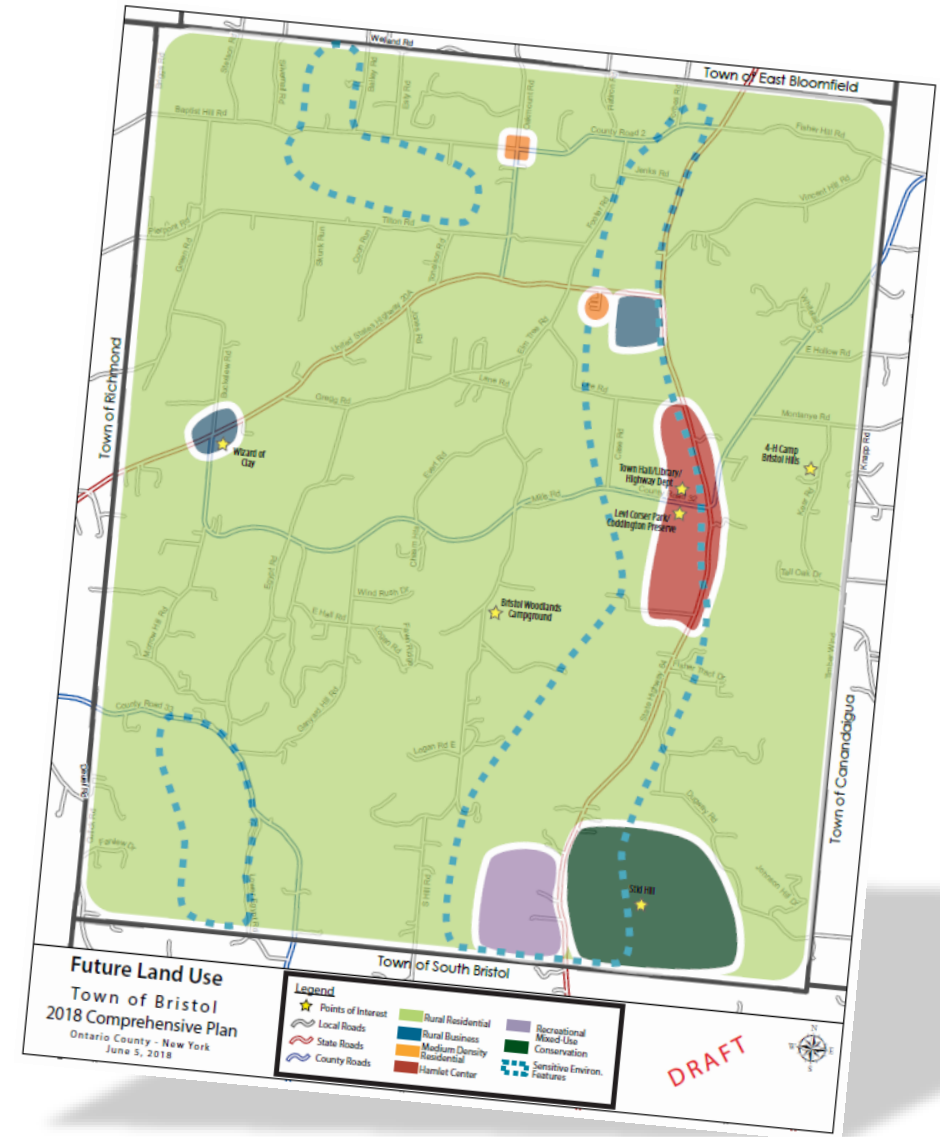




# WHAT WE'VE DONE

## Future Land Use

- How/where do we want to encourage growth?
- Where do we want to preserve/conserve?
- “Land use vision”
- Takes many elements into account...
- Proactive, not reactive!





# WHAT WE'VE DONE

## Moving Forward

- *A Plan for Action* - recommendations
- *Implementation* – tools and strategies for carrying out the plan
  - *Local regulations (zoning, site plan, etc.)*
  - *Capital improvement plans*
  - *Budget process*
  - *Implementation committee(s)*
  - *Community engagement*
  - *Plan review*
  - *Funding opportunities*

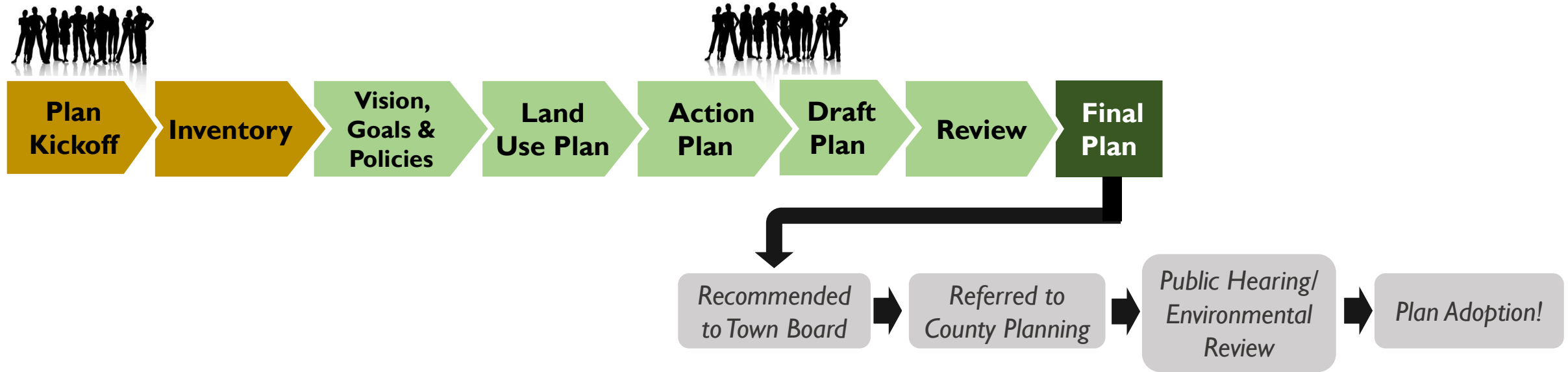
Policy/ Objective	Item No.	Action Item	Potential Partners	Priority
ENR-B	17	Promote flood resiliency in affected areas by evaluating roadside ditch maintenance and cleaning practices (incl. timing and frequency), and ensuring use of hydro-seeding and rock armoring as appropriate. <sup>6</sup>	Town Board, Planning Board, Highway Superintendent, Highway Planning Committee, Canandaigua Lake, Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force, Watershed Association	SHORT
ENR-B	18	Protect and enhance natural features such as vernal pools, backwater flood ponds, stable stream banks and natural stream	Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, DEC, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association, Resident volunteers	ONGOING

Policy/ Objective	Item No.	Action Item	Potential Partners	Priority
ENR-C	24	Promote residential and business practices that manage stormwater runoff and increase rainwater infiltration.	Town Board, Resident volunteers, OCSW	SHORT
AGR-A	1	Provide guidance to current and interested land owners on agricultural assessment program requirements and benefits.	Town Assessor, Ontario County Real Property Tax Dept.	SHORT
AGR-A	2	Provide guidance to current and interested land owners on Federal and State Programs including the Conservation Reserve Program (USDA) and Agricultural Environmental Management (NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee) program.	USDA, Ontario County SWCD	SHORT
AGR-A	3	Promote and enforce the "Right to Farm" Law.		ONGOING
AGR-A	4	Encourage agricultural planning. Explore opportunities for Purchase of Development Rights.	Ontario County Agricultural Enhancement Board	SHORT





## WHERE WE GO FROM HERE



- Review of community input
- Revisions to draft document
- Compile final draft
- Recommendation to Town Board



## **We want your feedback!**

- Are we on the right track?!
- Review the policy areas/objectives/recommendations
- Future land use

