



# Chapter 4:

## ADOPTION & MAINTENANCE

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### **FORMAL ADOPTION**

The Town Board appointed a special board, namely the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, to prepare the proposed Comprehensive Plan. By State statute, it is necessary for the Steering Committee to hold at least one public hearing, recommend the proposed Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board for adoption.

Prior to the Town Board formally adopting the Comprehensive Plan, the Plan must be submitted to the Onondaga County Planning Board for review and recommendation as required by State law. Within 90 days of the Steering Committee's recommendation, the Town Board needs to hold a second public hearing. Prior to both public hearings the proposed Plan must be available for review in the Town Clerk's office and other locations, such as the public library.

A Town comprehensive plan is subject to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Under Town law § 272-a, adoption of a Comprehensive Plan is classified as a Type I action. Therefore, prior to adoption, the Town of LaFayette needs to satisfy the requirements for a Type I action under SEQRA. This process requires a public hearing prior to the Town's determination of significance. The draft SEQRA long form or GEIS should be completed and available for public review at the same time as the draft Comprehensive Plan, as detailed above.

### **PERIODIC REVIEW AND FILING**

As time passes, community conditions, values, and attitudes may change. If the Comprehensive Plan does not continue to reflect the values of the Town, the plan should be revisited, changed, and amended according to the community's desire. Revisiting the plan on a periodic basis for amendment considerations, rather than ignoring the Plan, will keep the Town's Comprehensive Plan up-to-date. Therefore the Town Board of Trustees will review the Comprehensive Plan every five years, which will be the maximum interval for a review process.

After adoption, this Plan must be filed in the Town Clerk's Office, and a copy must also be filed with the Onondaga County Planning Department.

### **EFFECT OF ADOPTION**

Should the Town of LaFayette decide to adopt any type of land use regulation, the regulation needs to be in accordance with this Comprehensive Plan. In addition, all plans for capital projects of another governmental agency on land included in the Town of LaFayette Comprehensive Plan shall take this plan into consideration.