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Introductions

NICE TO MEET YA!





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About Us!

- Planning Nerds
- **Zoning Geeks**
- Former Municipal Planners
- Former Review Board Volunteers

Our Experience

- 50+ Comprehensive & Long-Range Planning Efforts
- 40+ Zoning & Land Use Regulation Projects
- **13+ Joint Planning & Zoning Updates**
- **300+** Public Meetings & Workshops

Who's in the Zoom?

Planning Board or Commission Member

Zoning Board of Appeals Member

Legislative Board Member

Municipal Staff (CEO, Planner, etc.)

Other

In what type of municipality do you serve?

Town

Village

City

County

#GOALS

Increase understanding of your role, powers, and parameters of influence

Help you get the results you want from new development with local tools

The Why

YOUR VISION & LOCAL REGULATIONS





On the CES map (page 69) the low-density neighborhoods appear in light yellow, labeled #3, and the medium density neighborhoods are shown in dark yellow, labeled #4. Both character areas are comprised predominately of single-family, detached homes. They differ, however, in streetscape, building

Generally, the medium density areas represent the traditional grid-like settlement pattern of the Village, with older homes on smaller lot sizes than those found in the low-density area. Recause low density neighborhoods were developed primarily in the latter half of the 20th century, they exhibit suburban design features, with larger homes on larger lots and limited sidewalk connectivity. A comparison chart of typical low and medium density neighborhood characteristics is provided below.

NATIONAL CONTEXT

resulted in American consumers becoming decreasingly interested in the retail experience of mails and big-box stores, indicating a need for a shift in retail development across the nation, including within the Town of Greece.

- "ONLY ONE LARGE NEW MALL HAS OPENED IN THE ILS. SINCE 2007."

SIS APPROACH



rough consistent and historically accurate enance and renaire





TRANSECT ZONE





- Preserve the traditional character of existing
- residential neighborhoods. Improve connectivity of existing neighborhoods with downtown and other activity locations by extending sidewalks in the low-density neighborhood areas.
- Require sidewalks and "complete street" concepts with all projects.
- Identify infill development opportunities and ensur that projects are consistent with surrounding neighborhood characteristics (housing style, lot si

Retail Shifts by Town (2007-2012)



RETAIL MARKET

Enhancement Strategy (CES) 79

Regional Role Greece has historically been a major

retail center for northwestern Montoe County, as well as for communities in 16% of retail sales for Monroe County and has remained a relatively retail sales for the past two decades

While Greece's retail sales increased the overall decline in retail sales may raise concern about Greece's continued role as a retail hub in the region, however many other towns with significant retail developmen



ises to coexist. eRoy will create a vibrant Main Street mosphere that extends into the ebsite (below), should romote local events and

Downtown area, the Village should not only update its existing Zoning Code to ensure that the mixing of uses is rmitted downtown but also partne ith local organizations to attract an

Mixed use development can help contribute to the Village's triple bottom line by providing societal, environmental, and economic benefits.

ecreational attractions

the Village, such as the

edal boats along Oatka

2019 Waterfront & Downtown Revitalization Strate

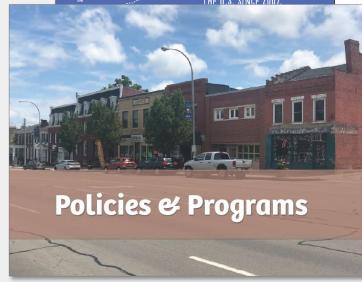
Planning is Just the Beginning

Snapshots of Plans We've Completed...

TOP: Village of Pittsford 2019 Comprehensive Plan

MIDDLE: Town of Greece 2019 Master Plan

BOTTOM: Village of LeRoy 2018 Waterfront & Downtown Revitalization Strategy



The branding and marketing strates for the Village should highlight a healtl mix of activities and attractions that reflect different aspects of its identity This may include, but is not limited to the Villege's history, nearby natural amenities, cultural heritage, recreations opportunities, and quality goods and services. A multifaceted showcase of unique places to see and things to do will keep people coming back.

Listed below are some suggestion for topics, items, and activities for the Village to highlight in its branding and marketing initiatives:

- . The Village's connection to the creation of Jell-O
- . Shopping and dining opportunitie · Proximity and access to regional multi-use trails
- Waterfront access Festivals and events

The Village should use the branding materials developed as a part of this action item in all future web and prin

COMMUNITY-WIDE VISION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OTHER Current Conditions, Needs & Issues, **PLANS/STUDIES** Vision, Goals/Policies & Objectives DRI, LWRP, Market Future Land Use & Implementation Strategies Assessments, etc. **FUNCTIONAL PLANS IMPLEMENTATION** Zoning, Development Review, Land Use Natural Resources, Housing, Transportation, Public Utilities, etc. Regulations, Building Code, etc. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION** Fiscal Impact Analysis, Capital Budget, Plan Reviews, Development Permits, Building Permits, Enforcement, etc. etc.

Plans Set Policy & Inform Law



NYS GENERAL CITY LAW § 28-A

NYS TOWN LAW § 272-A

NYS VILLAGE LAW § 7-722

Spectrum of Control



No Local Regulation



Some Local Regulation



Heavy Local Regulation

HOW MUCH INFLUENCE DO YOU HAVE? HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT?

What's Your Vision?

COMMUNITY PREFERENCE SURVEY (CPS)





Select your preferred image based on. . .

- ✓ Building Scale / Location
- ✓ Building Design
- ✓ Landscaping / Screening
- Parking
- Signage
- ✓ Etc.

THIS?

OR

THAT?

Why a CPS?

- Determine your attitudes towards different types of development
- Get you thinking about the character of your community today versus its potential

Multi-Family Residential





A

B

MF Residential: Which do you prefer?

Commercial





A

B

Commercial: Which do you prefer?

Mixed-Use





A

B

Mixed Use: Which do you prefer?

The Who, What & How

YOUR ROLE, POWERS & PROCEDURES



Your Level of Influence

GOOD NEWS

- You play an important role in the development review process
- Your decisions may protect character and quality of life of your community
- Some of you have the ability to effect change above and beyond the Code

Provided Some Discretion:

- Legislative Body
- + Planning Board/Commission

BAD NEWS

- Mismanagement of the development review process could hinder investment
- Your decisions could permit detrimental actions to your community's vision
- Some of you are more limited in the way you can effect desired change

Limited by Law:

- + ZBA
- + Code Enforcement

Variances

CONTEXT & EXAMPLES



Who?

Zoning Board of Appeals (required)

What are the triggers?

- + CEO denies application that doesn't meet code requirements
- + Technically an "appeal"
- Variances are a reality for ALL types of codes per NYS Law (Form based, traditional, hybrid, etc.)

Types of Variances...

- + AREA "Due to the physical conditions of my property I am incapable of meeting your requirements."
- + USE "I'd like to do something (a use) you don't allow (and generally don't want)."

Variances



ADDITION TO HOME – Doesn't meet side setback requirement

Area Variance

"Due to the physical conditions of my property I am incapable of meeting your requirements."

AREA: Review Criteria – Set by NYS Law (no variation):

- Will it cause an undesirable change in neighborhood character, will it create a detriment to nearby properties?
- Will the variance have an adverse impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district?
- + Is the requested area variance substantial?
- Is the alleged difficulty self-created?
- + Can the benefit be achieved by some other method?

Area Variance

"Due to the physical conditions of my property I am incapable of meeting your requirements."

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Which question is within the ZBA's purview?

Will the addition include more bedrooms?

What will the design of the addition look like?

Have you considered a smaller size or different location?

How is your relationship with your neighbor?

All of the Above



236.73-02-23 236.73-02-24 236.73-02-37 236.73-02-36 236.73-02-25 236.73-02-35 236.73-02-26 236.73-02-34 236.73-02-27 236.82-01-28 236.73-02-33 236.81-05-08 236.82-01-31 236.82-01-30 236.81-05-09 236.81-05-10 236.81-05-13 **ZONING: R-1A District** Single-Family Home **EXISTING USE: PROPOSED USE: Flower Shop RETAIL PROHIBITED IN R DISTRICTS**

Use Variance

"I'd like to do something (a use) you don't allow (and generally don't want)."

- USE: Review Criteria Set by NYS Law (no variation):
 - They cannot realize a reasonable return on any other permitted use, demonstrated by competent financial evidence.
 - + Their alleged hardship has not been self-created.
 - The requested use variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood.
 - Their alleged hardship is unique and does not apply to a substantial portion of the district or neighborhood.
 - * APPLICANT MUST PROVE ALL OF THESE APPLY *

Use Variance

"I'd like to do something (a use) you don't allow (and generally don't want)."

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Which question is NOT within the ZBA's purview?

What are your planned hours of operation?

Who's going to own and operate the flower shop?

How do you plan to accommodate cars and deliveries?

Have you tried to sell your property as a residential use?

All of the Above



Factors of Decision

- + Must grant **minimum variance necessary**
- + May impose conditions

Result of Approval

- + Permanent approval for property **NOT** nonconforming
- + May **NOT** be revoked

Variances

"Due to the physical conditions of my property I am incapable of meeting your requirements."

"I'd like to do something (a use) you don't allow (and generally don't want)."

Special Use Permits

CONTEXT & EXAMPLES



Who?

- Zoning Board of Appeals (most common)
- + Planning Board (sometimes **best practice**)
- Municipal Board (least common)

What are the triggers?

- + You select the uses subject to special use permit
- + Clearly identify in your zoning/land use law

EXAMPLE: City of Geneva 2021 Draft Code

LAND USE	LDR	MDR	SMR	MR	ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS
RESIDENTIAL					
Single- or Two-Family Dwelling	P	P	P	P	
Multi-Family Dwelling, By Conversion	-	SP	-	SP	§350-7.13
Multi-Family Dwelling, Up to 6 Units	-	P	-	Р	§350-7.13
Multi-Family Dwelling, 7 to 12 Units	-	-	-	P	§350-7.13
Multi-Family Dwelling, Over 12 Units	-	-	-	SP	§350-7.13
Fraternity or Sorority House	-	SP	SP	SP	-
Bed and Breakfast or Short-Term Rental	SP	SP	SP	SP	§350-7.7 & 7.17
Home Occupation (including Day Care)	P	P	P	Р	§350-7.12
Hospice, Nursing Home, or Assisted Living	-	SP	-	SP	-

Special Use Permits

"I'd like to do something (a use) that may be okay if I meet certain criteria."



PROPOSED USE: Auto Body Repair Shop

§640-16

SUP TRIGGER:

Special Use Permits

"I'd like to do something (a use) that may be okay if I meet certain criteria."





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ZONING:

ADDRESS: 193 S 1st Street

PROPOSED USE: Auto Body Repair Shop SUP TRIGGER: §640-16

C2 District

Special Use Permits

"I'd like to do something (a use) that may be okay if I meet certain criteria."

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General Review Criteria

- + Adopted Plans & Studies
- + District & Use Regulations
- + Neighborhood Character
- Intensity of Use
- + Landscaping & Screening
- Circulation, Access & Parking
- + Traffic
- + Noise
- Public Services & Utilities
- General Public Health, Safety & Welfare
- + Etc.

Special Use Permits

"I'd like to do something (a use) that may be okay if I meet certain criteria."

Which question is NOT within your purview?

How do you plan to finance the business?

What kind of services/repairs will you provide?

Are you proposing an outdoor storage area?

Do you plan to allow overnight parking?

All of the Above



Special Use Permit: How would you decide?

Approve

Approve with Conditions

Deny



Factors of Decision

- + May negotiate for mitigating measures
- + May impose time limitations and/or require renewal
- + Make sure conditions/parameters of use are in written decision

Result of Approval

- + Permit for use **AS PROPOSED**; expansions/alterations require new
- + **Differs from use variance** in that a use variance is permanent

Special Use Permits

"I'd like to do something (a use) that may be okay if I meet certain criteria."

Site Plan Review

CONTEXT & EXAMPLES



Who?

- + Planning Board (most common **best practice**)
- Municipal Board (sometimes)
- Planning / Zoning Staff (typically with "minor" actions)

What are the triggers?

- You select the development actions subject to review
- + Clearly identify in your zoning/land use law

ACTION	EXEMPT	MINOR	R MAJOR	EXAMPLE: Village of Be	ergen 20	021 Dra	ft Cod
CONSTRUCTION / EXPANSION / ALTERATION		[<u> </u>			
Primary Use or Structure				ACTION	EXEMPT	MINOR	IOCAM
Single- or Two-Family Dwelling	•		CONSTRUCTION	N / EXPANSION / ALTERATION			
Other Use, Up to 1,000 sf		•	Driveway	-,,			
Other Use, Over 1,000 sf				Joint, Shared, or Through Residential Driveway		•	
Accessory Use or Structure 1				Within Existing Curbcut	•		
Single- or Two-Family Use, Up to 250 sf	•			Requiring New or Altered Curbcut			•
Single- or Two- Family Use, Over 250 sf		•	Solar Energy Sy	stem (Accessory Use or Structure)		•	
Other Use		•	Park or Playgro	und Equipment		•	
Landscaping, Exterior Lighting, Mechanical Equipment, or	Stormwater,	/Green Ir	Telecommunica	tions Facility			•
Single- or Two-Family Dwelling	•		OTHER ACTION	· S			
Other Use		•		r, Maintenance, or Replacement In-Kind	•		
Off-Street Parking / Loading Area			Interior Alterati		•		
10 Spaces or Less		•	Change of Use		•		
Over 10 Spaces				Approved Site Plan			
table continued on next page				evelopment District (Articles 6 & 13)		•	
				tructure(s) in VCC District (over 250 sf)			
				g Utility Infrastructure			•

Site Plan Review



Site Plan Review



Site Plan A

General Review Criteria Context

- + Code requirements
- + Local Comprehensive Plan, LWRP, etc.
- Water, sewer, drainage, lighting, etc.
- Traffic circulation, access, and parking
- + Pedestrian and bicyclist access and circulation
- Landscaping and screening
- + Building design and location
- + Site design and transitional treatments
- + Etc.

Site Plan Review

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Site Plan A: How would you decide?

Approve

Approve with Modifications

Deny





Site Plan B

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Site Plan B: How would you decide?

Approve

Approve with Modifications

Deny





- Baseline Code Requirements
- Your Leverage in Review Process





- Baseline Code Requirements
- Your Leverage in Review Process



- Baseline Code Requirements
- Your Leverage in Review Process



- Baseline Code Requirements
- Your Leverage in Review Process

Check Limitations of Your Code...

CODE COMPLIANT (SITE PLAN A)



FRONT SETBACK REQUIREMENT:

25 ft

NOT CODE COMPLIANT (SITE PLAN B)



FRONT SETBACK:

Area Variance Needed

Amendments

CONTEXT & EXAMPLES



Who?

- + Municipal Board (required final decision)
- + Planning Board (optional advisory decision)

What are the triggers?

- Legislative Board or PB notices the code doesn't jive with community's vision/plan
- + Petition by Owner(s) of at least 20% of property(s)
- + Petition by Owner(s) of at least 50% of property(s) frontage

Types of Amendments (Re-Zonings)

- + Text
- + Map
- + Planned Developments

Amendments

"The code doesn't provide for this, but it may be consistent with our vision"

General Review Criteria

Defer to direction of planning documents, studies & SEQR

Implications of Decision

- + YES We feel this will rectify a plan/code disconnect
- NO We didn't allow it for a reason; doesn't align with our vision

Result of Approval

+ Official adoption of a supplement to, repeal, or change of regulations to the code and/or district boundaries

Amendments

"The code doesn't provide for this, but it may be consistent with our vision"

Text Amendments

§ 640-7 ZONING § 640-7

ARTICLE III Use Regulations

§ 640-7. R-1 Residential District.

- A. Purpose. The R-1 Residential District is established to provide and maintain land area for neighborhoods of single-family dwellings on large-size lots.
- B. The following use shall be permitted in any R-1 Residential District, provided that such use is in compliance with Schedule A¹ and other applicable provisions of the zoning regulations contained herein:
 - (1) One single-family residential dwelling per parcel of land.
- C. The following accessory residential structures/uses shall be permitted in any R-1 Residential District, provided that such structures/uses are in compliance with § 640-13 and other applicable provisions of the zoning regulations contained herein:
 - (1) One detached residential garage.
 - A private swimming pool.
 - A residential greenhouse.
 - (4) A residential garden/tool/storage shed.
 - (5) A deck, gazebo.
 - (6) Private tennis court.
- D. The following uses shall be permitted in any R-1 Residential District with site plan approval from the Planning Commission, provided that such use is in compliance with Schedule A and other applicable provisions of the zoning regulations contained herein:
 - Church or other places of worship; a religious education center, parish house, rectory, parsonage or convent.
 - (2) Public or private school accredited by the New York State Department of Education.
 - (3) Public park or playground.
 - (4) Police or fire station.
 - (5) Municipal public or private utility structure. [Added 5-5-1998 by L.L. No. 6-1998]
- E. Multi-family dwellings to single-family dwelling conversion. [Added 4-4-2018 by L.L. No. 7-2018]
- 1. Editor's Note: Schedule A is included as an attachment to this chapter.

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§ 640-9 ZONING § 640-10

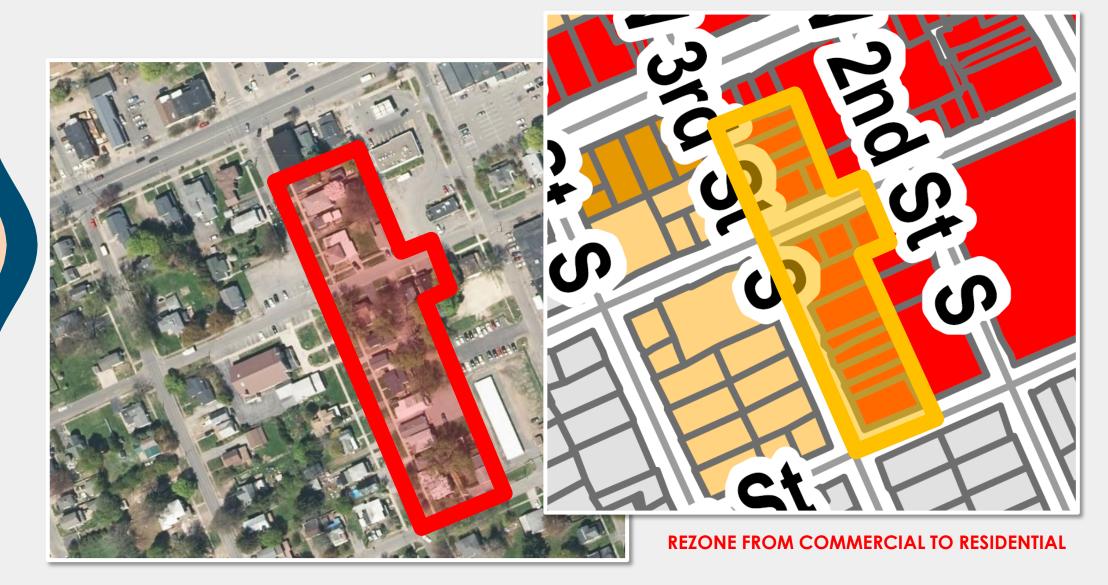
- C. The following accessory residential structures/uses shall be permitted in any R-2 Residential District, provided that such structures/uses are in compliance with § 640-13 and other applicable provisions of the zoning regulations contained herein:
 - One detached residential garage.
 - (2) A private swimming pool.
 - (3) A residential greenhouse.
 - (4) A residential garden/tool/storage shed.
 - (5) A deck, gazebo.
 - (6) Home occupations (allowed only within an owner-occupied dwelling unit).
- D. The following uses shall be permitted in any R-2 Residential District with site plan approval from the Planning Commission, provided that such use is in compliance with Schedule A⁴ and other applicable provisions of the zoning regulations contained herein:
 - (1) Hospital/nursing home.
 - Professional physician/dental office.
 - (3) Funeral home.
 - (4) Municipal public or private utility structure.
 - (5) Church or other places of worship; a religious education center, parish house, parsonage or convent.
 - (6) Public or private school accredited by the New York State Department of Education.
 - (7) Public park or playground.
 - (8) Public library, art gallery or museum.
 - (9) Police, fire or ambulance station.
 - (10) Cemetery.
- E. Any proposed uses described in Subsection D herein which involve property adjacent to or fronting on the Oswego River shall also be subject to special use permit requirements as contained in Article XII of this chapter. [Added 4-1-2008 by L.L. No. 3-2008]

§ 640-10. R-2A Residential Cluster Overlay District.

4. Editor's Note: Schedule A is included as an attachment to this chapter.

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Map Amendments



Wrap it Up!

FINAL THOUGHTS & FURTHER EDUCATION



The Deeper Dive...

REQUIRED ELEMENTS

- Public Hearings (NYS Municipal Law)
- State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)
- County Referrals (NYS Municipal Law)
- Local Waterfront Consistency Review (Required if you have an LWRP)

OPTIONAL PROCEDURES

- Subdivisions
- Planned Developments
- Cluster Development
- Incentive Zoning
- Historic Preservation
- Other Land Use & Development Tools...

- Update plans to reflect your current vision
- Ensure your code aligns with your plans & policies
- Clearly define triggers & review criteria
- Craft regulations that support your expectations & give you "teeth" for negotiation
- Reward the "good" and reject the "bad"
- Identify potential ways to streamline processes

Did You Zone Out?

Here are the high points!



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Planning Nerds to the Rescue

- Preliminary Code Audit
- Additional Training & Topics
- Municipal Review Assistance
- Planning, Zoning & More

Phew!

COMMENTS? QUESTIONS?

