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TOWN OF BALLSTON
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Comprehensive Plan Update: Town Board Status Update

September 28, 2021

MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. has completed Phase 1 and is advancing Phase 2, Phase 3 and Phase 4. Below is a status update on each of tasks as well as an outline of next steps in the process.

Phase 1: Visioning and Engagement – completed.

Phase 2: Targeted Comprehensive Plan Update – in progress.

- Public hearing held in person on September 14, 2021 and via Zoom on September 15, 2021 to gather feedback. Draft Comprehensive Plan available for public review on EnvisionBallston.com and hard copies at Town Hall and the Library.
- Comments compiled and considered for possible edits/revisions to the draft plan. MJ has prepared possible proposed revisions for the Town Board to consider.
- Preparation of Final Comprehensive Plan based on public feedback and direction from Town Board.
- County Planning Board Referral (General Municipal Law 239-m) submitted to Saratoga County on September 3, 2021. Anticipated to be on October 21, 2021 County Planning Board agenda.

Phase 3: Zoning Update – in progress.

- Zoning checklist initiated based on MJ team review and Town Staff input about current zoning.
- Identification of potential amendments to be consistent with preliminary draft plan. This has been advanced following the public hearing on the Draft Plan.
- Next Steps:
 - Preparation of draft amendments for Town Board and Town staff review.
 - Draft amendments made available for public review and public hearing – to be scheduled.





Phase 4: Targeted GEIS Update – *Initiated – Phase 4 scope of work/proposal expected to be on next Town Board agenda.*

- Preparation of a targeted Generic Environmental Impact Statement in compliance with SEQR regulations. Focus to be on traffic, sewer and water infrastructure.
- Preparation of a draft SEQR scoping document – initiated
- Public scoping session – to be scheduled.
- Gathering of information and data
- Updating of hydraulic model (last updated in 2014) - initiated
- Scheduling of hydrant flow tests to gather data for model calibration – anticipated next week - week of October 4, 2021.
- Scheduling of traffic counts at key intersections – anticipated October 16-23, 2021.

General SEQR Update

- Town Board initiated coordinated review on August 10, 2021 and potential interested/involved agencies notified.
- Anticipate declaring Town Board as lead agency for SEQR at future Town Board meeting, reviewing Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Parts 1,2 and 3, and issuing a Positive Declaration. This procedural step formally initiates the preparation of the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS).