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GUILDERLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



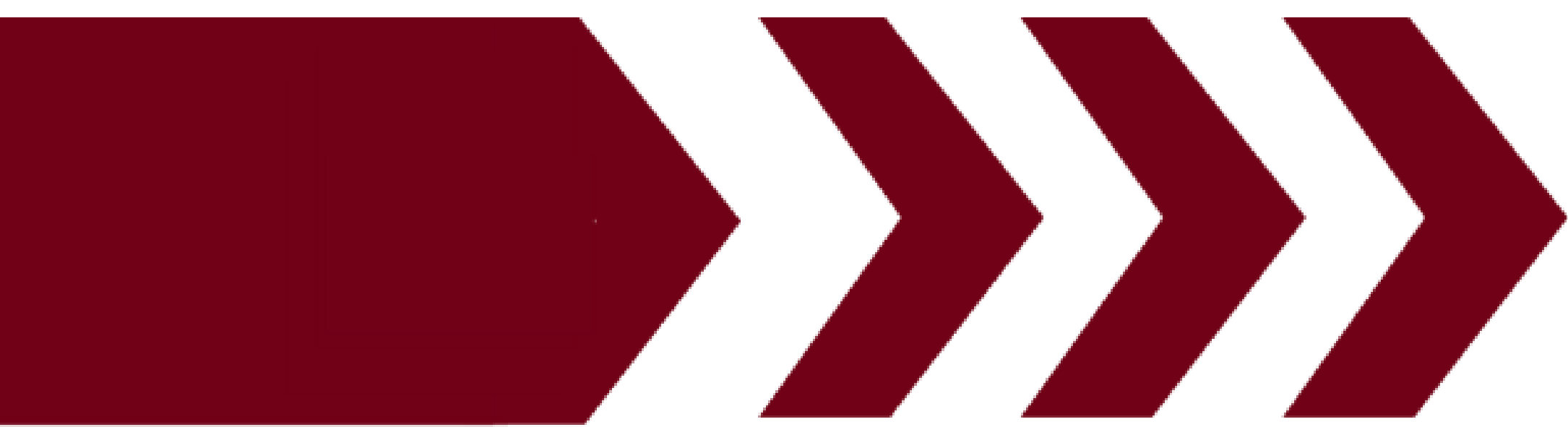
Guilderland Comprehensive Plan Update

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

Public Hearing

September 10, 2024





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PROJECT SCHEDULE

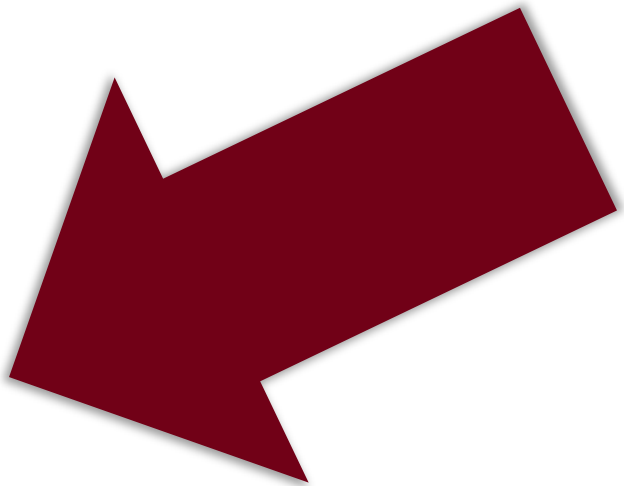


*CPUC Meetings – Every other month





COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROCESS

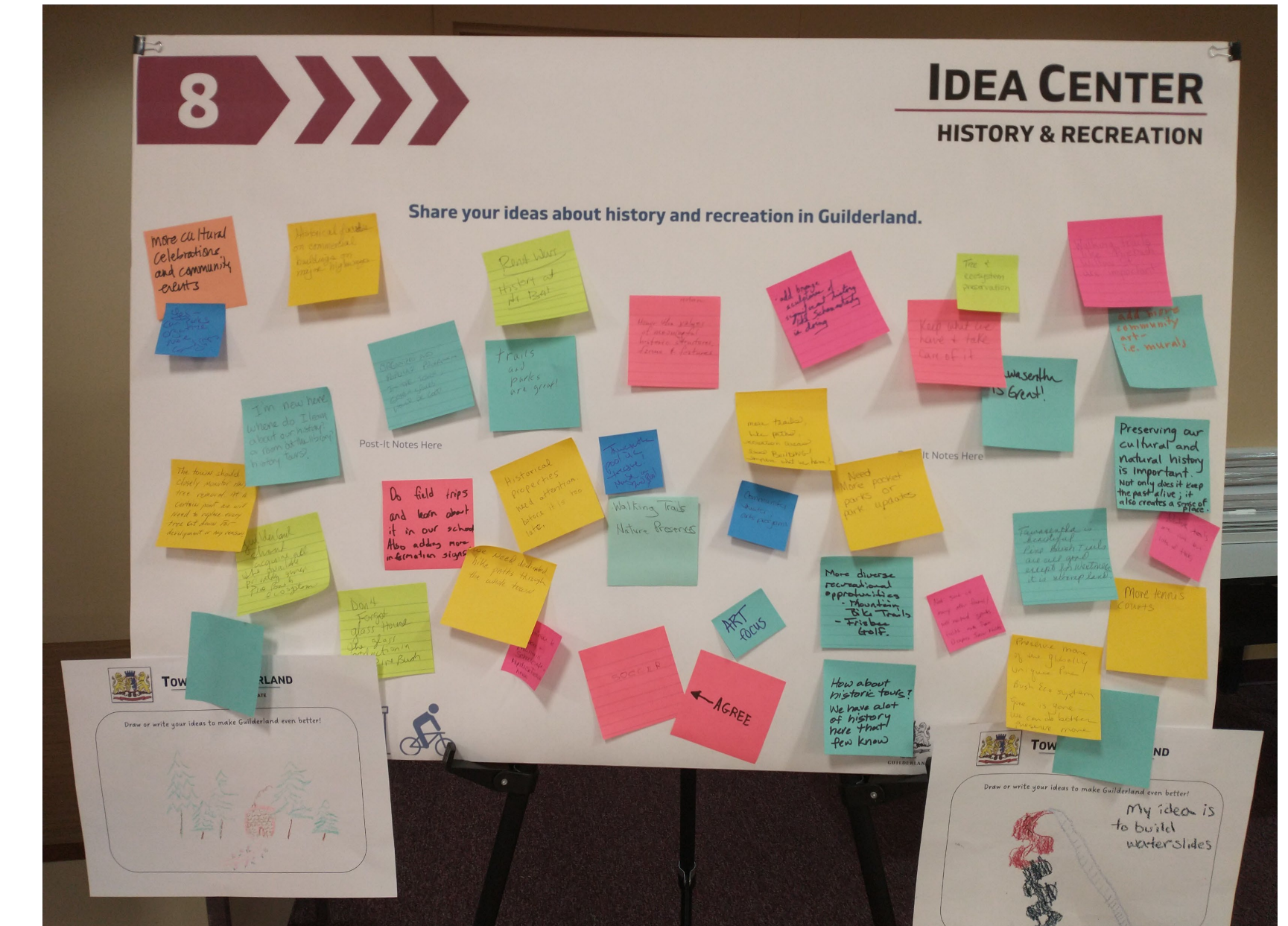
- Town Board established the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee (CPUC)
- CPUC prepared a draft plan (*11 CPUC Meetings to date*)
 - Public engagement
 - Topic-based sub-committees
- **CPUC Public Hearing (required)** 
- CPUC to advance draft plan Town Board for consideration
- Town Board approval process (required items)
 - Public Hearing
 - GML 239-m – County Planning Review; Other referrals
 - State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR)



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public Engagement

- ✓ Project Website Comment Portal - Ongoing
- ✓ Public Open House & Visioning Workshop – March 2023
- ✓ Stakeholder Focus Groups – March 2023
- ✓ Community Survey – March – May 2023
- ✓ Student Engagement – May 2023
- ✓ Public Workshop #2 – June 2023
- ✓ Public Open House #3 – February 2024
- ✓ Pop-up at Guilderland Library – August 2024
- ✓ Public Comment at each CPUC meeting
- **Public Meeting #4/CPUC Public Hearing – September 2024**



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROCESS

A Comprehensive Plan is both a vision for the future and a blueprint for how to get there. A Comprehensive Plan creates a framework for future decision-making on a range of topics such as land use, economic development, infrastructure, and housing. The Town of Guilderland adopted its current Comprehensive Plan in 2001, and the update process will help guide Guilderland into the future.

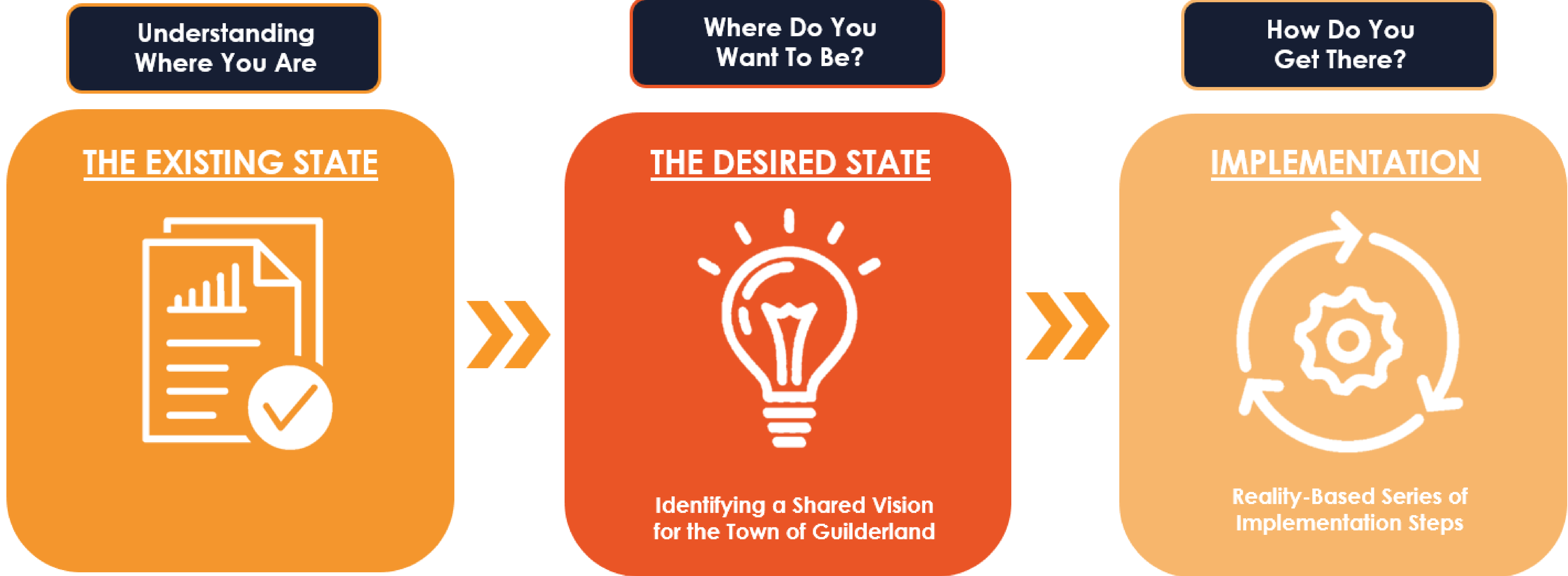
The planning process is being led by the Guilderland Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and facilitated by Town staff and a consultant team led by MJ Engineering and Land Surveying and supported by E.M. Pemrick & Company and Community Planning and Environmental Associates.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE

- ❖ Cody Betton – Chair
- ❖ Jim Abbruzzese – Vice Chair
- ❖ Richard Brustman
- ❖ Tara Cristalli
- ❖ Caitlin Ferrante
- ❖ Lisa Hart
- ❖ Elizabeth Lott
- ❖ Dominic Rigosu
- ❖ Stephen O. Wilson



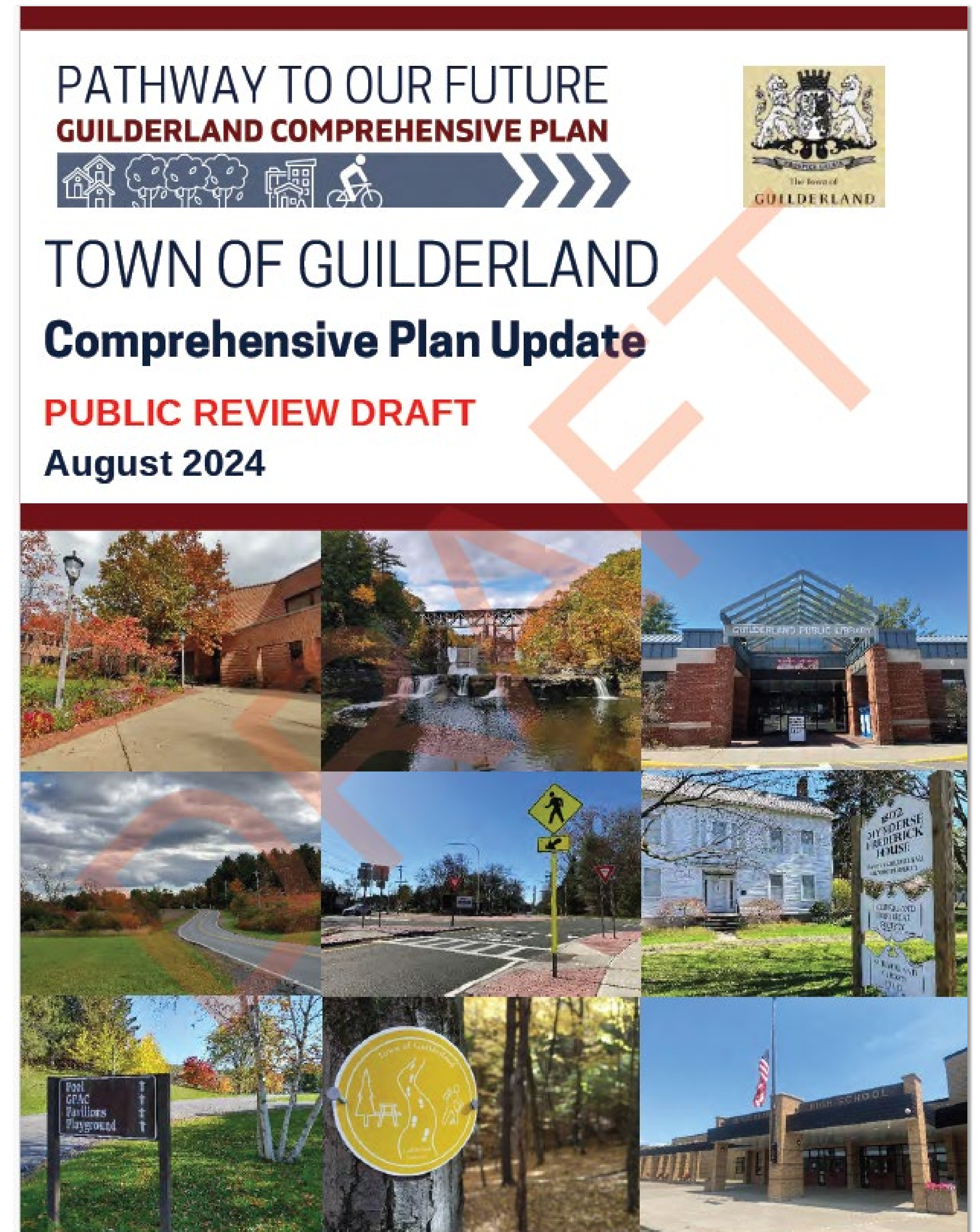
THE PLANNING PROCESS



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CPUC Draft Available for Public Review on August 9, 2024:

- www.PathwaytoGuilderlandsFuture.com
- Guilderland Town Hall
- Altamont Village Hall
- Guilderland Public Library





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DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A vision statement establishes the direction of the community over the next five, ten, or twenty years. The vision forms the basis for the Comprehensive Plan and all subsequent recommendations aim to achieve the established vision. The vision below was developed with input gathered from the public workshops, stakeholder meetings, CPUC meetings, and input from the online community survey.

Vision Statement

The Town of Guilderland is made up of distinctive, attractive neighborhoods, with abundant recreation open space, and scenic resources that serve to connect the community and support a high quality of life for all residents. Collaborative environmental stewardship of Guilderland's land, air, and water reflects the community's values and its commitment to forward-thinking resiliency planning. Varied, productive agricultural operations link the Town to its proud agrarian history, while the architectural legacy of Guilderland's past is honored through preservation and educational initiatives. The Town is home to a balanced array of prosperous and well-loved businesses, whose success generates the economic base necessary to support quality public services. Well-designed transportation corridors maximize safety for all travelers while facilitating efficient movement and incorporating relevant emerging technologies. Residents of all age groups and backgrounds contribute to the vitality of the Town, each proud to call Guilderland home.





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Agriculture

Ensure the long-term viability of agriculture as a vocation and economic pursuit within the Town of Guilderland by prioritizing the preservation of suitable farmland and by promoting agriculture as an important component of the Town's economy and character.

Business, Employment & Fiscal Resources

Establish and promote a diverse and strategic economic base that provides income, employment, and revenue to the community in a manner compatible with the future land use and unique identity of Guilderland.

Environment, Climate Change & Resiliency

Protect the natural resources that support quality of life and Town character in Guilderland through strategic hazard mitigation and resiliency measures to address the impacts of a changing climate.





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Neighborhoods & Housing

Provide a balanced blend of quality housing opportunities, including a desirable range of housing types and price ranges, which are affordable and accessible to residents.

Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Historic Resources

- Provide access to a diverse network of well maintained active and passive recreational facilities for Guilderland residents of all ages and abilities.
- Prioritize the preservation of open space in the Town of Guilderland, particularly where such areas perform critical ecosystem functions and/or contribute to scenic resources that influence the character, aesthetics, economy, health and welfare of the Town.
- Preserve Guilderland's historic resources and enhance cultural opportunities in the community.

Transportation & Mobility

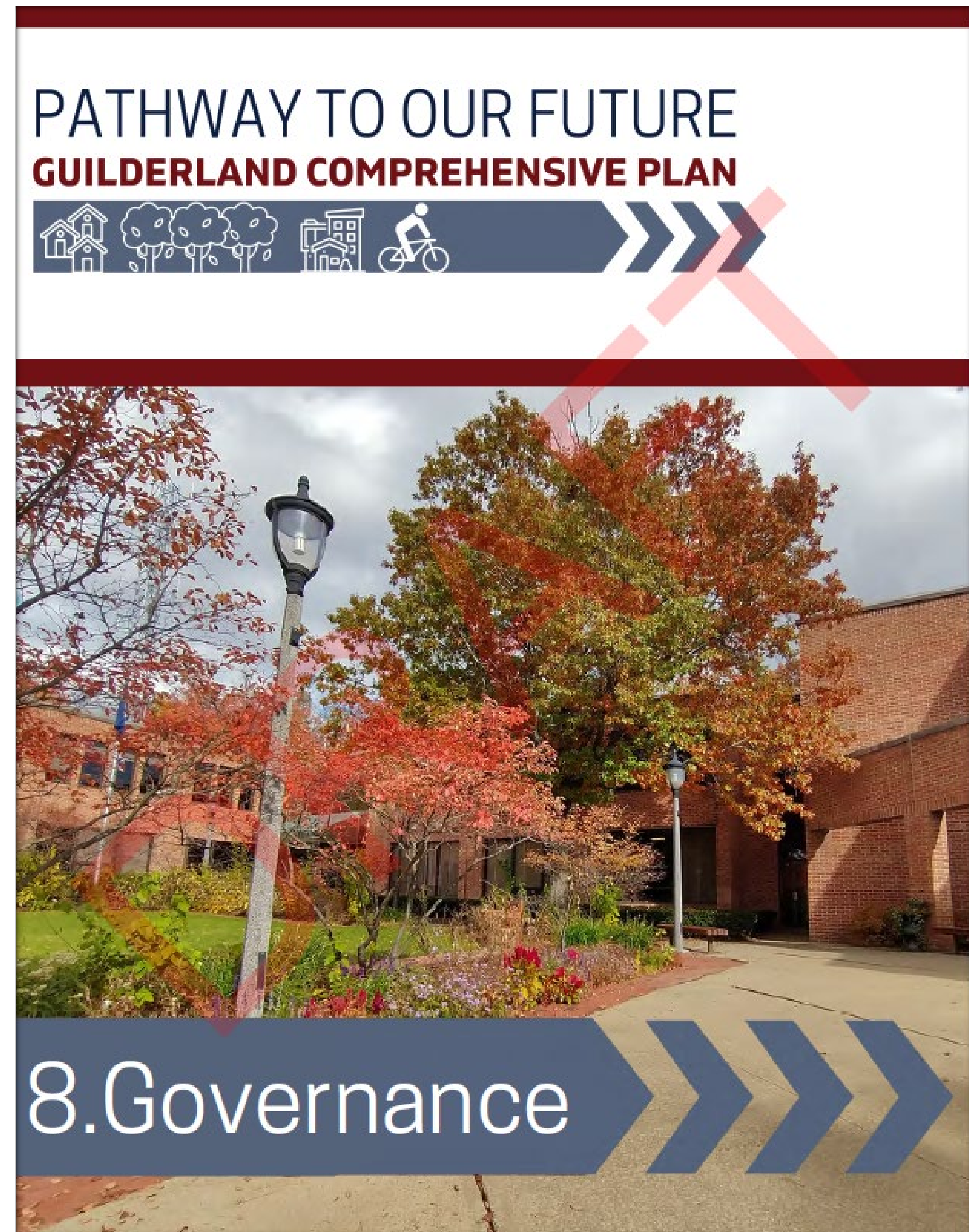
Provide safe, convenient, and efficient transportation options for people and goods within, through and around the Town of Guilderland, which are supportive of the Town's future land use plan and which minimize the negative impacts of traffic on the Town's character and quality of life.



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For Each Topic Area:

- Goal
- Overview
- Challenges and Opportunities
- Recommendations



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Implementation

Overview

- Identifies parties involved in the Comprehensive update process
- Briefly describes why implementation is important

Implementation Recommendations

Recommendation Table





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Appendices to Support Plan

Appendix A: Guilderland Demographic and Growth Analysis, 1990-2020

Appendix B: Development Growth Trends Analysis: Traffic

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CPUC PUBLIC HEARING

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TOWN OF GUILDERLAND **Comprehensive Plan Update**

PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT
August 2024

