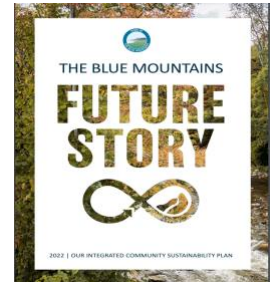


Objectives for Sustainable Development and Climate Change Action

- Strategic objectives introduced to recognize the Town's declaration of a Climate Change Emergency and to ensure development is built with the environment, social well-being and climate change mitigation as top priorities.
- Ensure the Town achieves the vision, goals and objectives of the Community Sustainability Plan: Future Story. The Town will work to increase community resilience through energy conservation, innovation and nature-based solutions.
- Encourage the use of Green Development Standards that incorporate criteria for environmental, social and economically sustainable design.



Compact Mixed-Use Development and Active Transportation



- Policies updated to encourage compact, higher-density and mixed-use developments, infilling, and additional residential units to utilize land more efficiently and to support walkability and active transportation as viable travel options.
- Policies updated to improve and promote active transportation as a sustainable travel mode to increase climate resilience and adaptation, as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Sustainable Development

- The Town will encourage the use of Green Development Standards that incorporate criteria for environmental, social and economically sustainable design.
- Design guidance added directing sustainable design, low-impact development features and energy efficient building and site design to be controlled through Site Plan Approval and further directed by the Community Design Guidelines Update.
- Policies encourage the protection, enhancement and expansion of the Town's tree canopy and the planting of native tree species and vegetation that are resilient to climate change and provide high levels of carbon sequestration.
- Support for agro-tourism and small-scale farming added to support local food security, as well as strengthen connections between communities and local food sources.



Parkland Development and Design

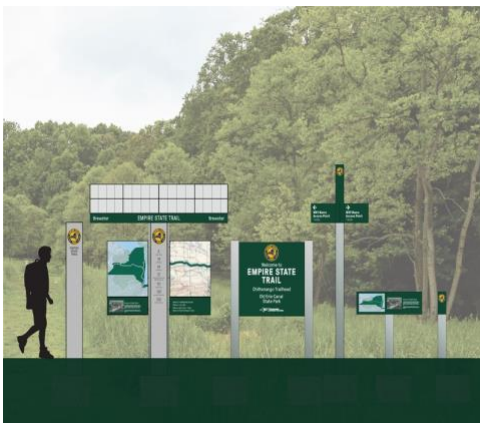
- Policies updated to reflect the recommendations of the 2021 Leisure Activities Plan (LAP).
- Encourage the co-location of public parkland with educational or major recreational facilities, particularly in proximity to residential and commercial uses.
- Ensure parkland design is accessible for all ages and abilities and designed using the principles of universal design.
- Incorporate natural heritage features and the planting of native species and naturalized landscapes wherever possible.
- Direct parkland design to integrate elements such as play structures, information playgrounds, seating, hard surface areas, public art, shaded areas, open air structures, pedestrian-scaled lighting and distinctive tree, shrub and ground cover planting.
- Design parks to provide a focal area, feature or plantings that provide character to the park, as well as a range of passive and informal uses.



Parkland Dedication

- Parkland dedication identified as a priority over cash-in-lieu of parkland in order to accommodate a range of facilities across the Town through new development. Criteria added to restrict circumstances where cash-in-lieu is accepted over parkland dedication.
- Direction to spend 60% of the monies received through cash-in-lieu of parkland annually.

Trail Network



- Policies updated to emphasize the importance of the overall trail network, with linkages which support the integration and enhancement of the Bruce and Georgian Trails.
- Public linkages between residential, commercial and institutional areas, as well as the waterfront, should be enhanced wherever possible through the development process.
- Bicycle racks, seating and plantings, as well as a comprehensive wayfinding system, should be incorporated and maintained along the trail network.