



APPENDIX H:

PUBLIC WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS





Welcome to Town of North Greenbush Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop

Economic Development and Commercial Corridors



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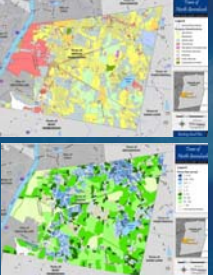
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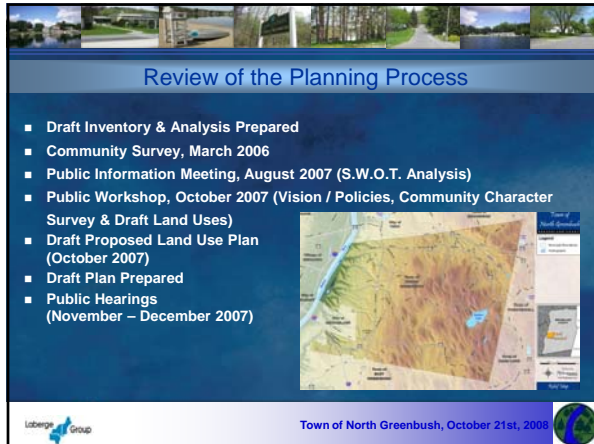
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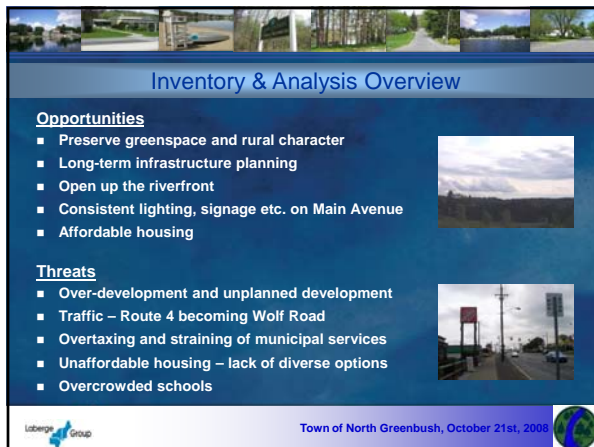
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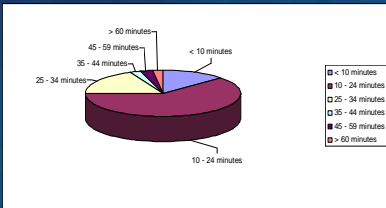


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Travel Time to Work

North Greenbush Commuting Time

Nearly 75% of workers in North Greenbush are able to get to work in less than 25 minutes.



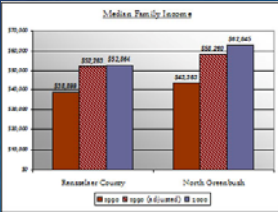
Commuting Time Range	Percentage (Approximate)
< 10 minutes	10%
10 - 24 minutes	25%
25 - 34 minutes	15%
35 - 44 minutes	15%
45 - 59 minutes	15%
> 60 minutes	20%

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Income

Median Income for North Greenbush

- Projected Household Income for 2008 is \$72,817
- Household Income from the 2000 US Census is \$55,422



Year	Westchester County	North Greenbush
1999	\$51,889	\$43,383
2000	\$52,364	\$49,282
2005	\$52,884	\$62,843

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Retail Market Sales Leakage & Surplus

- In comparing the supply with demand, a "Leakage/Surplus Factor" is identified in retail marketplace analysis. This is the difference between what a local area's residents buy and what local area retailers sell.
- Leakage - when residents are buying more than what is sold in the area; therefore the residents must be traveling outside the area to shop.
- Surplus - when residents are purchasing less than the amount actually being sold in the area.

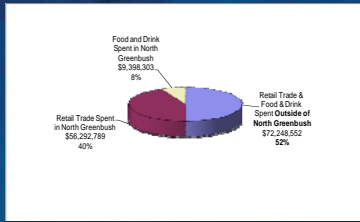
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Retail Market Analysis

Retail and Food and Drink Dollars

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Retail Market

Sales SURPLUS in Retail Market

North Greenbush Residents Spend **\$65,691,092** per year on Retail Trade and Food and Drink in North Greenbush

- Beer, Wine and Liquor Stores
- Limited Service Eating Places
- Gasoline Stations are approaching surplus
- Specialty Food Stores are approaching surplus



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Retail Market

Greatest Sales LEAKAGE in Retail Market

- Furniture & Home Furnishing Supplies - COMPLETE leakage
- Lawn and Garden Equipment and Supplies - COMPLETE leakage
- Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores - COMPLETE leakage
- Nonstore Retailers - COMPLETE leakage
- Department Stores - COMPLETE leakage
- Shoe Stores - COMPLETE leakage
- Special Food Service & Drinking Places - COMPLETE leakage
- Clothing and Accessories Stores
- Grocery Stores
- Office Supplies, Stationery and Gift Stores
- Health and Personal Care Stores
- Full Service Restaurants
- Used Merchandise Retailers

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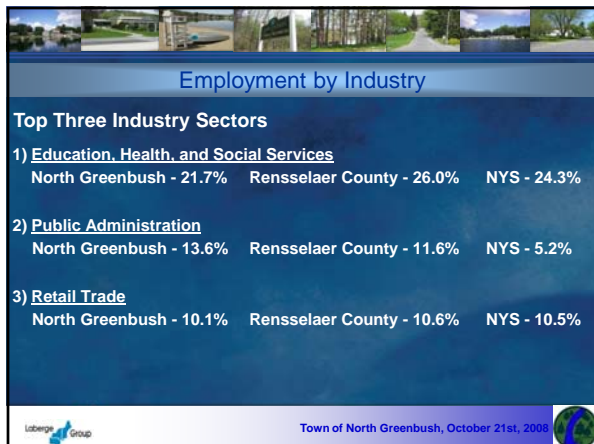


Top Employers

Rensselaer County Employers

Employer	Employment Level
Northeast Health	2,773
New York State	2,561
Stewart's Shops	2,100
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1,734
Rensselaer County	1,600
Hudson Valley Community College	1,200
Troy City School District	1,100
Saratoga Health Systems	1,055
Pittsford Maspeth	813
CDTA	800
East Greenbush Central School District	796
Averill Park School District	675

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Employment by Industry


Top Three Industry Sectors

1) Education, Health, and Social Services
 North Greenbush - 21.7% Rensselaer County - 26.0% NYS - 24.3%

2) Public Administration
 North Greenbush - 13.6% Rensselaer County - 11.6% NYS - 5.2%

3) Retail Trade
 North Greenbush - 10.1% Rensselaer County - 10.6% NYS - 10.5%

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Employment by Industry


Top Three Resident Occupations

1) Management / Professional
 North Greenbush - 39.0% Rensselaer County - 35.9% NYS - 36.7%

2) Sales / Office and Admin Support
 North Greenbush - 30.5% Rensselaer County - 28.1% NYS - 27.1%

3) Production/Transportation/Materials
 North Greenbush - 11.0% Rensselaer County - 12.7% NYS - 11.7%

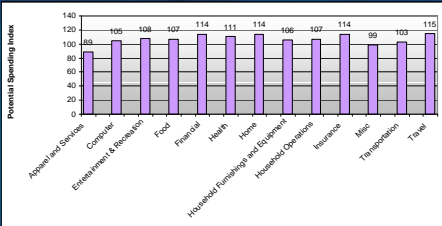
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Retail Market Analysis

Potential Spending Index for North Greenbush

The National Average Potential Spending Index is 100.



Category	Potential Spending Index
Apparel and Services	89
Computer	105
Entertainment & Recreation	108
Food	107
Financial	114
Health	111
Home	114
Household Furnishings and Equipment	106
Household Operations	107
Insurance	114
Misc. Transportation	99
Travel	115

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Economic Development & Commercial Corridors Overview

Economic Development Objectives

- Ensure that North Greenbush strikes a creative balance between a business friendly environment and a sustainable approach to development.
 - Partner with RPI and HVCC to address opportunities and constraints associated with their success in the Town.
 - Work with Rensselaer County to attract new businesses to fill significant gaps in desired products and services.
 - Create an inventory of properties for new or infill development to encourage businesses to relocate in North Greenbush.
 - Continue to support the North Greenbush Business and Professional Organization.
- Restore the Hamlets as centers of commerce, community identity and civic life.
 - Develop revolving loans and a small grant pool to be used for small business owners who want to relocate in one of the Hamlets.


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Economic Development & Commercial Corridors Workshop Exercise




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Group Discussion Questions

1. What businesses could be attracted to complement existing businesses?
2. What business "leaking" from North Greenbush should be attracted to North Greenbush? Where should these businesses be located?
3. What obstacles do local businesses face in North Greenbush?
4. What can North Greenbush do to attract new businesses?
5. What can North Greenbush do to retain businesses?

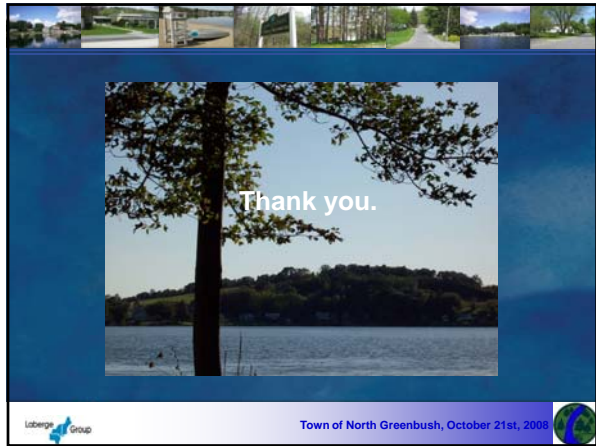
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Housing & Hamlet Redevelopment, Revitalization & Preservation



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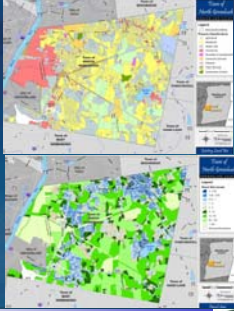
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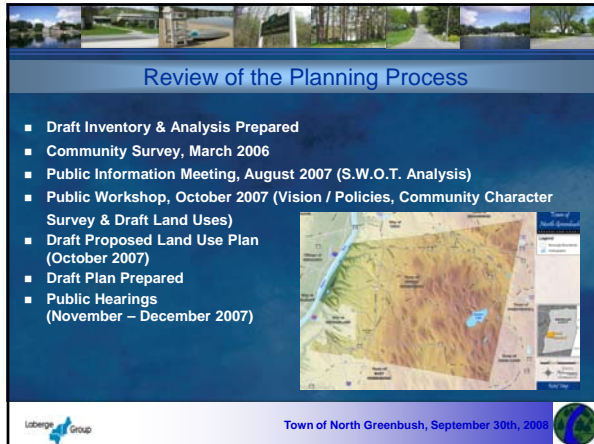


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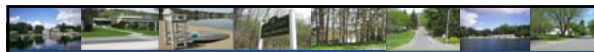


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Housing & Hamlet Overview

What is the Goal of this Meeting?

To ensure that the needs of the Defreestville, Wynantskill and Snyder's Corner Hamlets are met, while continuing to maintain their own unique identities and enhancing the qualities that attract residents, businesses and visitors...
Hamlets are places for walking, driving, working, playing, and *LIVING*.



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Housing & Hamlet Overview

Anatomy of a Successful Hamlet

- Drive-ability
- Walk-ability
- Civic & Economic Anchors
- Cultural Heritage & Architectural Integrity
- Mix of Uses
- Landmarks and Gateways
- Quality Outdoor Spaces and Design
- Protection of Natural Resources
- Effective Planning and Zoning



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Housing & Hamlet Overview

Drive-ability - What makes a community drivable?

- Speed Control
 - Bump-outs & Streetscape Elements
 - Building Setbacks
- Visibility & Signage
 - Clear & Distinctive
- Landmarks
 - Promotes Easier Navigation
- Pedestrian Safety
 - Crosswalks
 - Streetscapes
- Parking
 - Clear Signage & Good Access




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Walk-ability - What makes a community walkable?

- Convenient Parking
 - On-Street
 - In Rear of Buildings
- Pedestrian Safe Zones
 - Sidewalks, Lighting
- Separation of People & Vehicles
 - Streetscapes

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Civic and Economic Anchors

- Provides daily destinations and help preserve cultural and architectural integrity.









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Cultural Heritage & Architectural Integrity

- Provides a sense of place and encourages mixed uses and a vibrant social/economic structure.


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Mixed Uses

- Promotes living, playing, working, shopping...
- Single-Family, Multi-family, Rental Units, Workforce Housing, Senior Housing, Assisted Living Facilities, 1st-Time Home Buyers




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Landmarks and Gateways

- Provides identity and a sense of arrival.
- Creates a "sense of place".



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Outdoor Spaces & Preservation of Natural Resources

- Carefully designed outdoor spaces draw people and encourage them to return.
- Natural resources improve the quality of life for residents.



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Effective Planning & Zoning

- Façade improvements
- Landscaping
- Attractive street lighting
- Uniform signage
- Street trees
- Setback requirements for new development
- Parking to side or rear for new development



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Housing & Hamlet-Related Objectives

- Preserve and expand the range of housing options within the Town.
 - Perform a Town-wide Housing Study
- Restore the position of the Hamlets as centers of commerce, community identity and civic life.
 - Encourage landscaped buffers in areas of transition and at edges of parking lots.
 - Create Master Plans for the Hamlets, including design guidelines, traffic calming techniques, public space improvements, access management techniques and conceptual site plans.
 - Create a Parking Plan for Wynantskill to promote existing parking and create strategies to meet demand.
 - Adjust intersections to accommodate pedestrian, bicycle and motorized traffic.


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Housing & Hamlet Workshop Exercise





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Group Discussion Questions


1. What features or "anatomy" of each Hamlet should be preserved or enhanced?
2. What features or "anatomy" of each Hamlet are missing and should be encouraged?
3. What types of redevelopment, revitalization or preservation do you want in each Hamlet?
4. What types of housing should be encouraged and where? Please mark them on the maps.
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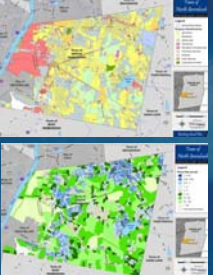
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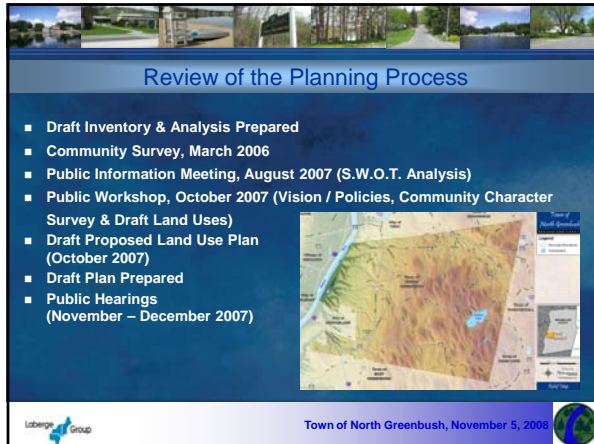


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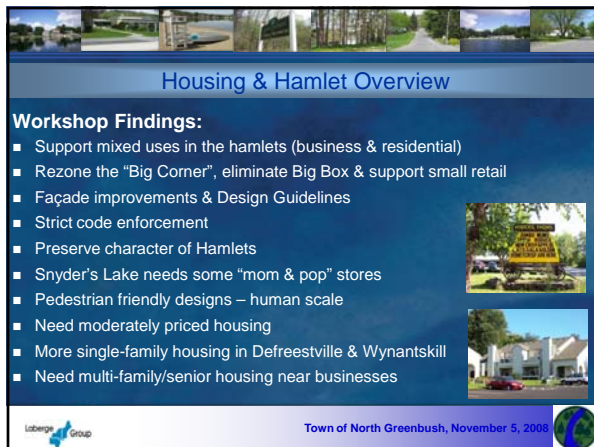
Recreation, Open Space & Agriculture Overview

Workshop Findings:

- Require developers to provide amenities (trails, greenspace, open space, sidewalks, etc.)
- Support & provide more recreational opportunities
- Develop connecting sidewalks to neighborhoods & parks
- Create & expand trails, regional trail network
- Preserve and protect Wynantskill Creek
- Continue to improve the water quality of the lake
- Maintain large lot size on Route 43
- Buy development rights to properties





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Housing & Hamlet Overview

Workshop Findings:

- Support mixed uses in the hamlets (business & residential)
- Rezone the "Big Corner", eliminate Big Box & support small retail
- Façade improvements & Design Guidelines
- Strict code enforcement
- Preserve character of Hamlets
- Snyder's Lake needs some "mom & pop" stores
- Pedestrian friendly designs – human scale
- Need moderately priced housing
- More single-family housing in Defreestville & Wynantskill
- Need multi-family/senior housing near businesses

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Infrastructure, Services & Transportation Workshop

Workshop Findings:

- Top municipal services in North Greenbush
- Balance/Limit infrastructure improvements
- Create connections (sidewalks, trails, walkways)
- Create community events & rotate through Hamlets
- Traffic calming needed on many roads (Route 4, Blooming grove, Main Avenue, Route 43, Whiteview Road)
- Too many curb cuts
- Need more parking in the Hamlets



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Economic Development Overview

Workshop Findings:

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- Continue to support the Tech Park
- Improve infrastructure along business corridors
- Promote training for business owners
- Provide small business revolving loan funds
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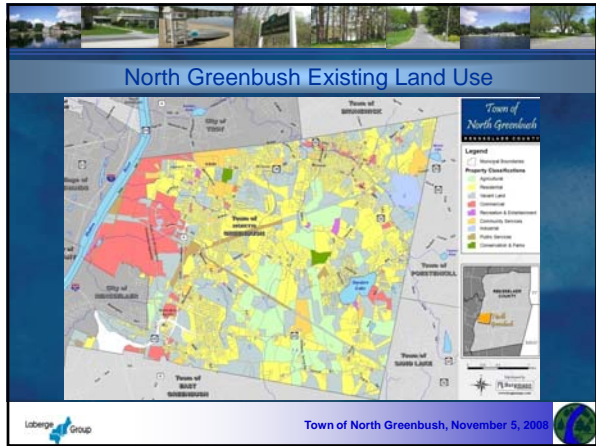
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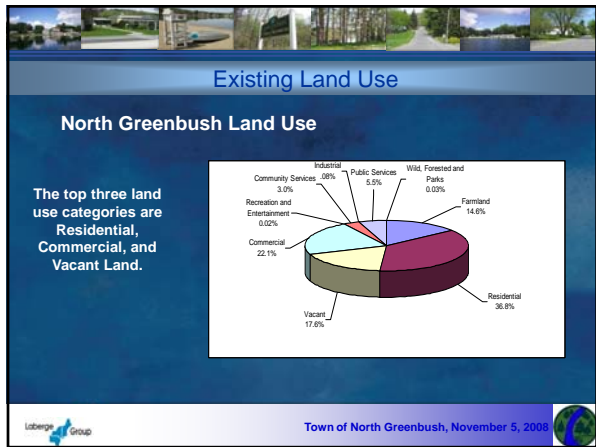
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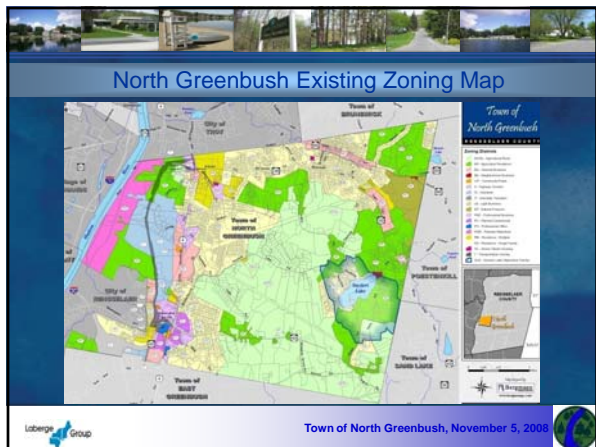
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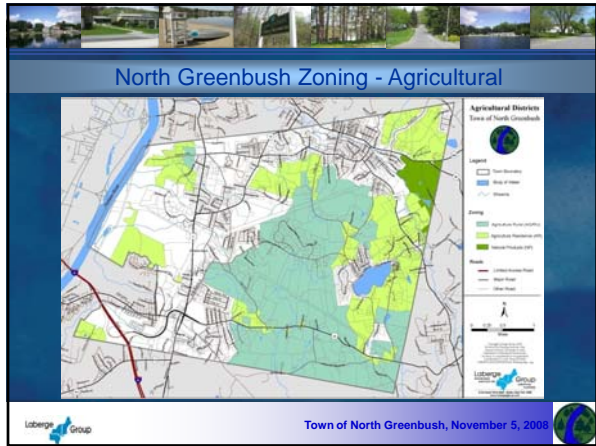


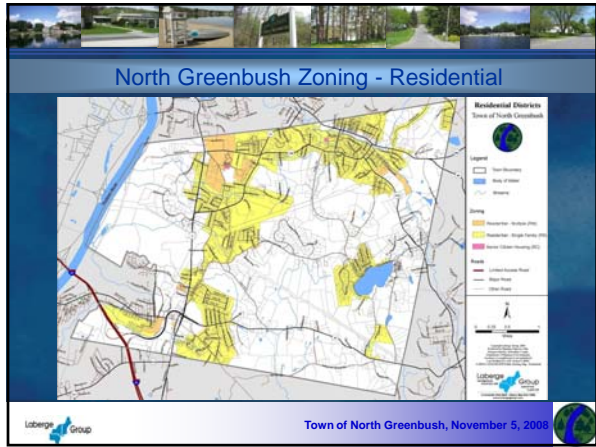
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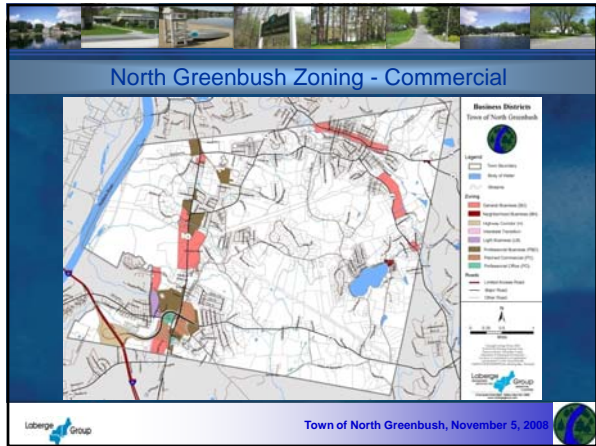


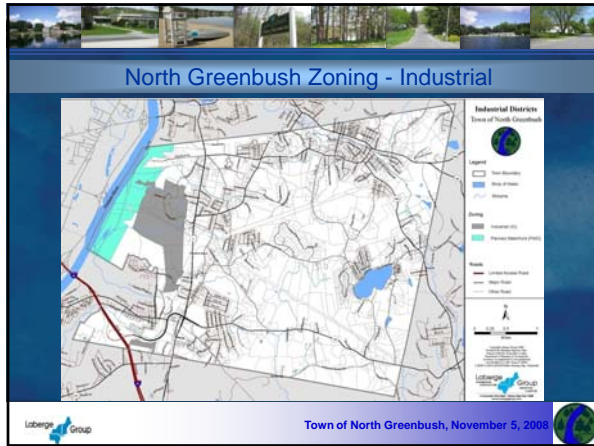












North Greenbush Zoning - Industrial

Industrial Districts
Town of North Greenbush

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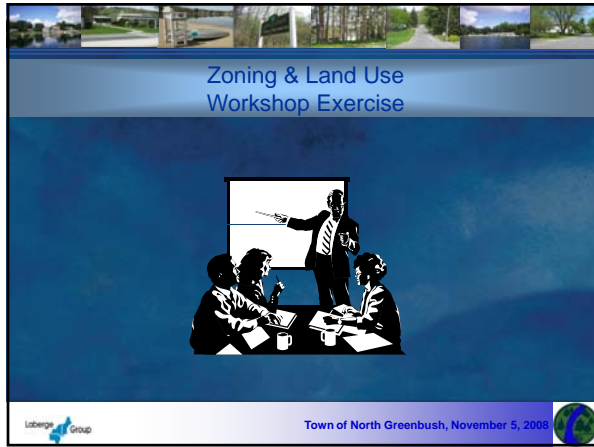
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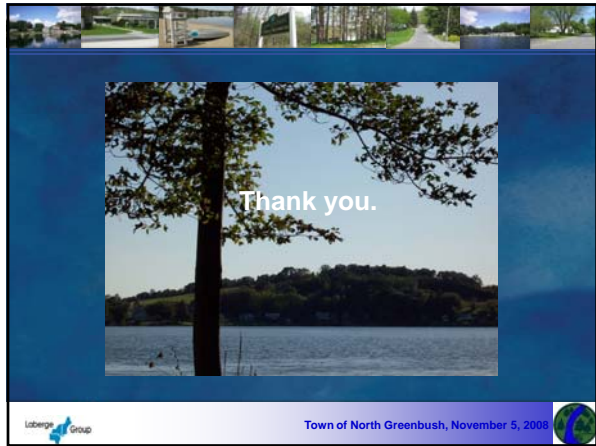


Group Session Procedures

- Divide into 5 Groups
- Review the Zoning & Land Use Map at current Table
- Highlight on the Map and write ideas about proposed changes and/or pros & cons of each land use area (15 minutes)
- Rotate to a new table
- Review the next Zoning & Land Use Map at new Table
- Review the Ideas Generated for the Map & Place a Check Mark next to each idea you support & add new ideas (15 minutes)
- Rotate tables until you have completed all 5 tables
- Map & Idea Presentations

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Welcome to Town of North Greenbush Comprehensive Plan Recreation, Open Space and Agriculture Workshop



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Components of a Comprehensive Plan

- Plan Introduction
- Community Profile
- Goals & Recommendations
- Implementation Strategy
- Maps and Graphics
- Appendix / Supporting Material



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Why Prepare a Comprehensive Plan?

- To Establish a Community Vision
- To Gain an Understanding of your Assets and Liabilities
- To Protect Important Natural and Cultural Resources
- To Improve Economic Conditions
- To Provide Direction to Governmental Agencies
- To Improve Access to Financial and Technical Assistance

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Strengths & Weaknesses Summary

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- Location
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Opportunities & Threats Summary

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Why Protect North Greenbush's Open Space and Agricultural Lands?

- Maintain rural character.
- 80% of survey respondents support protection of these lands.
- Preserve scenic viewsheds.
- Preserve space for recreational activities.
- Protect local habitats.
- Provide public access to waterfront.





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North Greenbush's Farms and Open Space (2008 data)

- Sixteen landowners actively farming land.
- Four agricultural parcels not being farmed.
- Fourteen parcels less than ten acres classified as rural vacant.
- Forty parcels **greater** than ten acres classified as rural vacant.







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North Greenbush's Agricultural Resources



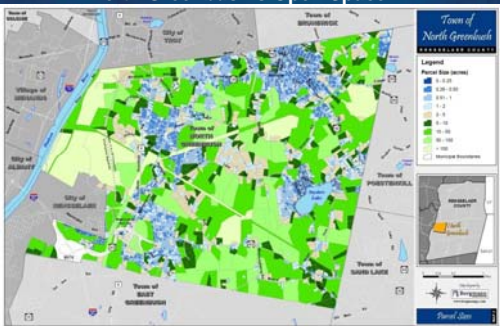



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North Greenbush's Open Space





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Recreation Goals from Recreation & Open Space Master Plan

1. Reorganize and upgrade Williams Road Facility.
2. Develop a larger Town Facility to support team field sports.
3. Develop the Hudson River Parcel as a Town "water activities" Facility.
4. Develop Neighborhood Facilities to serve residential populations.
5. Develop Sub-Neighborhood Facilities for higher-density housing areas.



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Open Space Goals & Objectives from Recreation and Open Space Master Plan

1. Within proposed larger Town Facility, include trails and picnic areas.
2. Create trails to connect the proposed Hudson River Parcel to the existing trail system.
3. For new housing developments, institute a planning ordinance that requires the development to meet certain greenspace standards.
4. Develop a multi-use trail system that links neighborhoods and recreational facilities.



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Agriculture & Open Space Objectives from Draft Comprehensive Plan

1. Develop an Open Space Plan to identify important agricultural land and other significant open spaces that should be preserved.
2. Work with Rensselaer County to assist farmers/landowners in protecting farmland and open space.
3. Develop a Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan to identify and prioritize recommendations for expanding and improving sidewalks, multi-use trails and related amenities.




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Recreation, Open Space & Agriculture Exercise



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Group Discussion Questions

1. What properties should be preserved as open space? Please mark them on the map.
2. What additions, extensions or improvements would you like to see to North Greenbush's parks? Where would you like to see these occur? Use the map to mark the locations.
3. Which farms or key farmlands should be protected? Please mark their locations on the map.
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5. Review North Greenbush's Goals for Recreation, Open Space & Agriculture. Do you agree with the Goals? What concepts should be added?

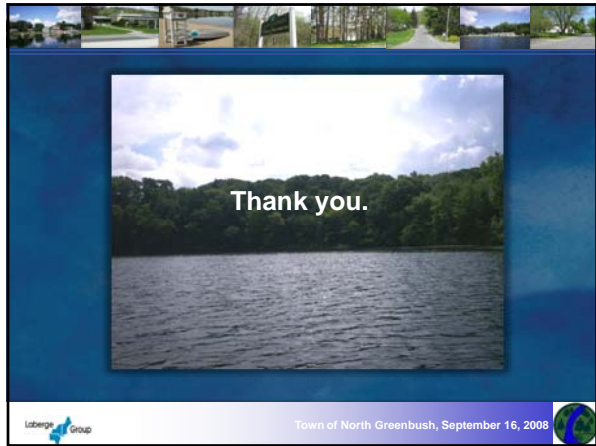
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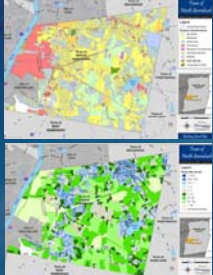
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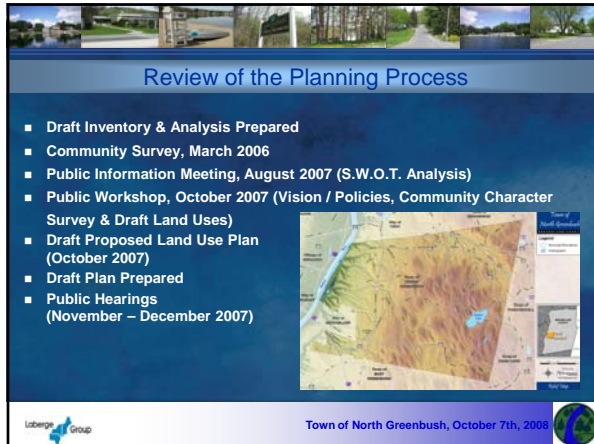


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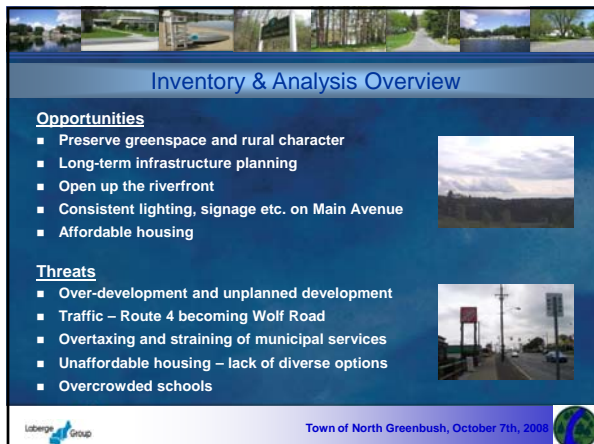


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Transportation, Infrastructure & Municipal Services

What is the Goal of this Meeting?

To ensure that pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists all enjoy safe and convenient roads and sidewalks; parking areas are well-designed and accessible; and municipal services are adequate now and into the future.





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Transportation Overview

Managing Traffic

- Traffic Calming is the process of reducing the physical and social impacts of traffic on urban life, principally through the reduction of traffic speeds and volumes.

How does Traffic Calming help?

- Reduces traffic speed
- Increases pedestrian and bicyclist safety
- Decreases accident incidences and severity
- Reduces noise levels



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Transportation Overview

Traffic Calming Techniques

- Bump-outs
- Raised pedestrian crossings
- Small pedestrian islands
- Speed cushions
- Surface material changes
- Curb extensions
- Striping



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Transportation Overview

Sidewalks

- Safe
- Accessible
- Connect to daily destinations
- Wide enough for two people to pass comfortably
- Well-lit
- Easy to use
- Landscaped

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Transportation Overview

Parking

- Easily accessible & convenient
- Well-marked
- Strategically located
- Quality design

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Infrastructure & Municipal Services Overview

Infrastructure and Municipal Services include...

- Roads
- Sidewalks
- Public Water Supply
- Community Sewer
- Fire Departments
- Police Department
- Youth and Senior Services
- Library
- Schools

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Infrastructure & Municipal Services Overview

North Greenbush Water Districts

- Over half the Town is served
- Fourteen public districts
- One area served by City of Troy
- One private water district
- Two parcels served by East Greenbush
- One area serviced by Rensselaer

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Infrastructure & Municipal Services Overview

North Greenbush Sewer Districts

- Less than half the Town is served
- One area served by City of Troy


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Infrastructure & Municipal Services Overview

North Greenbush Municipal Services

- Two Fire Response Areas
- County Highway Department (Bloominggrove Dr.)
- Police Station (Defreestville)
- Ambulance Service (Wynantskill)
- Sewage Treatment Plant
- Town Garage (Lape Road)


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Infrastructure & Municipal Services Overview

School Districts serving North Greenbush

- Four public school districts
- Three public schools located in the Town
- Five private schools located in the Town



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Transportation, Infrastructure & Municipal Services Overview

Infrastructure Objectives

- Ensure that public infrastructure accommodates the desired land use pattern.
 - Encourage the NYS DOT to advance the Route 4 and I-90 Connector project.
 - Complete the expansion of the sewer and water districts to ultimately provide these services to every citizen in Town.
- Ensure the road network maximizes connectivity and convenient access without jeopardizing rural character and environmentally sensitive areas.
 - Require developers to provide roadway and/or pedestrian connections to existing and future development on adjacent parcels.
 - Identify desirable neighborhood linkages to connect existing developments.
 - Design a roadway and trail system to connect Route 4, the I-90 Connector and the Hudson Riverfront.

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Transportation, Infrastructure & Municipal Services Overview

Municipal Services Objectives

- Ensure municipal and emergency services are delivered in a cost-effective manner.
 - Develop a hazardous waste collection day for the Town.
 - Adopt the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Law, as required by state and federal clean water regulations to protect the Town's stormwater facilities and preserve water quality.
 - Perform an analysis of municipal services in order to identify deficiencies.
 - Explore the feasibility of consolidating certain aspects of emergency service operations.
 - Support the fire departments as they pursue avenues to efficiently provide services to the community.


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Transportation, Infrastructure & Municipal Services Workshop Exercise




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Group Discussion Questions

1. What areas of the Town could use traffic calming techniques? Which techniques would work best?
2. Which neighborhoods could be connected with additional sidewalks and/or roadways?
3. Should public water and sewer be expanded? Identify priority areas on the maps.
4. What are the most important municipal services and how could they be improved.
5. With three hamlets and four School Districts - what can be done to create one identity for North Greenbush?
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