

## DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOALS, SUBGOALS AND STRATEGIES

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| <p><b>Preserve and protect the rural character and Environmental Quality of the town</b></p>  | <p>Develop clear but flexible tools to regulate major subdivisions<br/>In keeping with the rural and historic character of the town</p> <p>Encourage housing developments that preserve open space<br/>Over those that do not be adopting concepts of smart growth and conservation design</p> <p>Limit multi-unit developments (condominiums, apartments, and mobile home parks) to certain parts of town</p> <p>Give special attention to appropriately regulating development on lots where environmental limitations exist</p> <p>Seek opportunities to preserve and protect historic buildings and sites, scenic landscapes, sensitive environmental sites, and public access to the Hudson River</p> <p>Seek ways to protect rural character and environmental quality other than simply increasing the minimum lot size</p> <p>Conduct an inventory of the places and things that make New Baltimore special, including historic buildings and sites, scenic vistas, active farms, open spaces that are already protected, and natural areas that deserve special attention.</p> | <p>Revise the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations to make conservation subdivisions mandatory for <u><i>Major subdivisions</i></u></p> <p>Implement an incentive zoning program</p> <p>Create a Rural Siting Manual to encourage minimal environmental impact in the design of <u><i>Major subdivisions</i></u></p> <p>Further refine the zoning ordinance to take the location of multi-unit developments into account</p> <p>Institute stricter engineering requirements for <u><i>Major subdivisions</i></u></p> <p>Collaborate with Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District for the review of stormwater plans (<i>Major subdivisions</i>)</p> <p>Encourage the preservation of historic buildings, landscapes, and estates through the preparation of a Historic Preservation Plan</p> <p>Create a Natural Resources Inventory</p> |
| <p><b>Promote and encourage business development that is consistent with the rural and historic character of the town and that contributes to the town tax base</b></p> | <p>Concentrate development in the Route 9W Corridor</p> <p>Provide potential developers with clear expectations for what the community requires for quality development, including requirements for the appearance of businesses</p> <p>Promote and encourage appropriate home based businesses</p> <p>Review administrative processes and improve them as needed to assure that they are thorough, prompt, and efficient,</p>  | <p>Work with the IDA and Greene County Economic Development Department to maximize the benefits to New Baltimore</p> <p>Create a standing Economic Development Committee</p> <p>Review and revise the location of desired land uses along Route 9W</p> <p>Prepare a 9W Corridor and Connectivity Plan to inform future zoning decisions and identify the desired forms of development patterns and infrastructure improvements</p> <p>Institute design guidelines or standards for commercial development</p>   |

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| <p><b>Promote agriculture and protect farmland by recognizing the unique role that agriculture can play in supporting economic prosperity and protecting the things that make New Baltimore special</b></p> | <p>Maintain and enhance an understanding in the community, and with elected and appointed officials, of the importance of farming both to enhance prosperity and to protect the things that make New Baltimore special</p> <p>Actively pursue opportunities provided by major initiatives of the Greene County Agricultural Development and Farmland Protection Plan, especially regarding right-to-farm laws, marketing, new specialty enterprises, and agricultural development such as recreational leasing, Hudson Valley Fresh branding, etc.</p> <p>Explore opportunities with the Thruway Authority to expand the farmers market at the service area, including access to the farmers market from Route 144 so local residents can patronize it as well</p> <p>Pursue opportunities presented by the State Farmland Protection Program, including pursuing possible grants for purchase of development rights to farmland</p>  | <p>Create a standing Agricultural Committee to promote the local application of farming resources in New Baltimore</p> <p>Adopt Right to Farm/Right to Forestry Law</p> <p>Consider zoning changes that protect and promote farming</p> <p>Research the feasibility of a conservation easement program to provide tax relief to large landowners and farms</p>   |
| <p><b>Advance the administration and understanding of local laws and ordinances</b></p>   | <p>Continue to inform residents of local laws and ordinances through a town newsletter, website, informational booklets, and/or public information forums. Involve enforcement personnel and town justices in developing the content of information distributed</p> <p>Review wording and legal enforceability of local laws to give code enforcement personnel the tools needed for effective enforcement. Current laws regarding trash, litter and debris, and property maintenance, are ambiguous, lacking in specific definitions, and/or have inadequate penalties</p> <p>Provide adequate staffing and training of enforcement personnel</p> <p>Retain laws banning landfills and waste management facilities</p> <p>Review local Codes for consistency, clarity and legibility</p> <p>Consider updates or supplemental regulations to Town Codes that address complex land use issues</p> <p>Conduct periodic ongoing review of Town Codes to keep them current</p> <p>Promote a “Good Neighbor Policy” for the Town</p> | <p>Update the Town’s website to contain application forms, town ordinances, meeting agendas and minutes, comprehensive plan and maps, and contact information. These items should be kept up to date</p> <p>Use training resources available from Greene County Planning, Department of State, and local conferences</p> <p>Continue to include Planning Board, Town Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Building Inspector, and Code Enforcement Officer in training efforts</p> <p>Retain laws banning landfills and waste management facilities</p> <p>Create a Citizen’s Guide for zoning and/or other codes</p> <p>Create Planned Unit Development Regulations</p> <p>Explore methods to improve the effectiveness of the Town’s Zoning Ordinance</p> <p>Review and revise the Town Subdivision Ordinance (<b>Major Subdivisions</b>)</p> |