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**Comprehensive Plan
Visioning Workshop**

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Presentation Outline

- **What is a Comprehensive Plan? Why do a Plan?**
- **Overview of the Planning Process**
- **Community Profile**
- **Why Public Participation is Necessary?**
- **Assets and Liabilities Exercise**



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What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is a written document that identifies and established the goals, objectives, principals, policies, standards, and strategies to guide the future growth and development of the community.



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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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Overview of Planning Process

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| Phase I | Project Initiation |
| Phase II | Issue Identification, Data Collection and Analysis, Public Participation |
| Phase III | Develop Goals and Objectives |
| Phase IV | Plan Development |
| Phase V | Implementation |



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Comprehensive Plan Contents

A Comprehensive Plan should reflect current conditions, identify new needs and prepare for future growth and development. The major topics of the Comprehensive Plan are:

- **Community Outreach Process**
- **Demographic and Economic Profile**
- **Physical and Environmental Features**
- **Economic Development Resources**
- **Community Facilities and Resources**
- **Existing Land Use and Zoning**
- **Goals and Strategies**
- **Implementation Matrix**



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Tasks Accomplished to Date

- **Advisory Committee Meetings (September 2007 - Present)**
- **Profile of Existing Conditions (September 2007 - Present)**
- **Asset and Liability Workshop (November 2007)**
- **Stakeholder Interviews (December 2007)**
- **Issue Roundtable Visioning Exercise (Tonight)**



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Community Profile: Understanding Who You Are

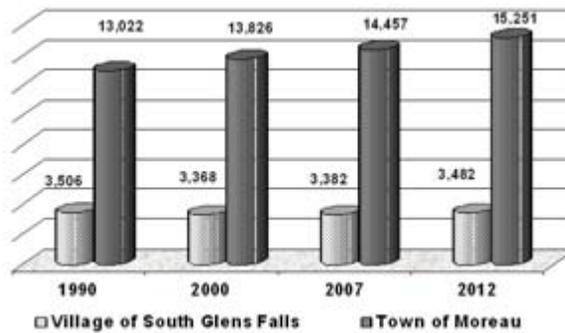


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Community Profile: Understanding Who You Are Population Projection, 1990-2012



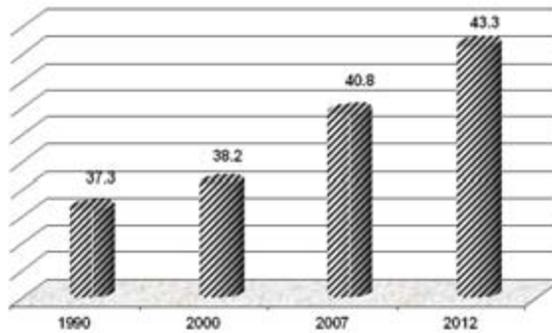
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Community Profile: Understanding Who You Are

Median Age Trends, 1990 – 2012



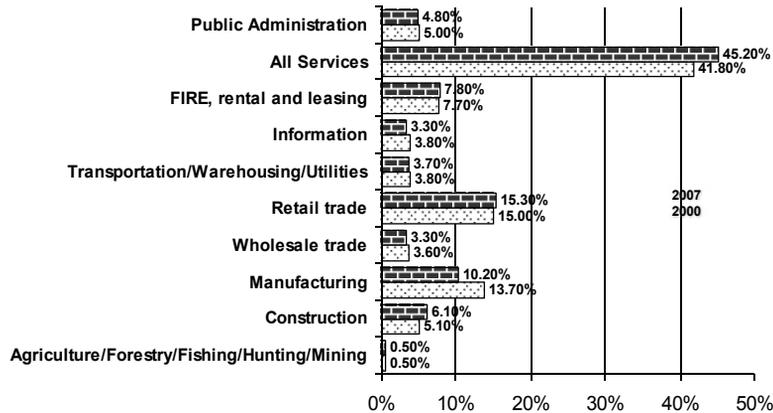
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Community Profile: Understanding Who You Are

Residents Employment by Industry, 2000 and 2007



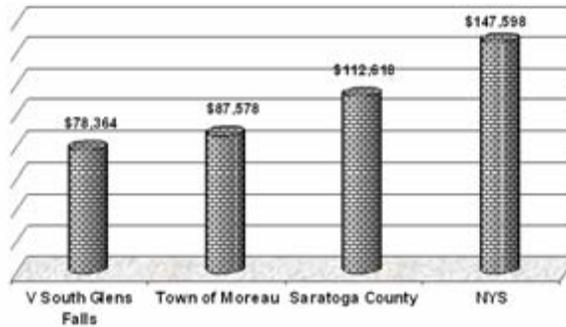
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Community Profile: Understanding Who You Are

Median Housing Unit Value, 2000



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Why is Public Participation Necessary?

Involving community members in the planning process from an early date allows them to identify more closely with the process and the Plan, which is necessary for successful project implementation.

Public participation includes public meetings & workshops, stakeholder interviews and surveys. Obtaining feedback from the public will allow the Advisory Committee to better understand the Village's needs.



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Public Participation

- **Public Workshops:**
 - **Assets & Liabilities**
 - **Visioning Workshop**
- **Stakeholder Interviews**
- **Community Survey**
- **Public Hearings**



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Visioning Workshop



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Visioning Session Procedures

- **Appoint a table captain to keep track of time spent on each topic.**
- **Key Topic Areas are on the handouts.**
- **Use questions to guide brainstorming, but feel free to think of other questions or issues within that topic.**
- **Imagine the Future. Provide Solutions.**
- **Use of map to locate physical features and jot down ideas.**
- **Use of large paper to write down points.**
- **As you move to the next topic, put a check mark next to ideas you support, but are already written down.**



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Environmental & Recreational Resources

Issues:

- *Protection of scenic beauty and open spaces.*
- *Protection of surface (streams) and ground water supply.*
- *Need to expand biking, hiking, nature trails to connect Village and Town.*
- *Need to enhance the existing parks.*

Questions to Consider:

- What should be done to preserve scenic lands and open space?
- Where could bike, hike and recreational trails be developed?
- What types of improvements are needed to the parks system?
- What additional amenities should be provided near the Hudson River and how should the existing parks be improved?



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Housing Resources

Issues:

- *Some existing rental housing is in poor condition.*
- *Lack of space to develop new housing.*
- *Lack of affordable/quality housing for senior citizens.*

Questions to Consider:

- How can the Village accommodate new housing development and where? (e.g., zoning, density and height limitation changes)
- What type of senior housing is desirable and where?
- What should the Village do to encourage the clean up of dilapidated properties, e.g., the Clearview Motel?



Economic Development & Tourism

Issues:

- *Need to promote/market historical and cultural attractions.*
- *Appearance improvements for business districts.*
- *Limited space for new development.*
- *Maintaining and improving community character.*

Questions to Consider:

- What can be done to encourage further heritage tourism?
- How can the Village improve upon and market the existing tourist attractions?
- What type of new development is desired, and where should it be located?
- How can we encourage well-designed/aesthetically pleasing businesses?
- How can the Village better utilize the Hudson River as an economic asset?





Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

Issues:

- *Lack of contiguous system of sidewalks, trails and bike lanes.*
- *Lack of pedestrian accessibility between neighborhoods and business.*
- *Unsafe pedestrian crossing areas.*
- *Lack of snow removal from sidewalks.*
- *Poor lighting in business districts.*

Questions to Consider:

- What should be done to improve the Village's transportation system?
- Where should the Village focus on new sidewalks, trails, and/or bike paths?
- Where should the Village focus on traffic calming?
- How and where is pedestrian-scaled lighting necessary for safety?



Municipal Services & Land Use Policies

Issues:

- *Need for more year-round adult activities.*
- *Need to continue upgrading old sewer lines and drinking water system.*
- *Lack of adequate codes and code enforcement.*

Questions to Consider:

- How can the Village improve the municipal services?
- How can the Village further support the Moreau Community Center?
- How can the Village better preserve and protect historic buildings and sites?
- What types of development patterns are desirable and where?
- What changes to the Zoning Map/Regulations should be considered?





Thank you!



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Environmental & Recreational Resources



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Station 2

Housing Resources



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Station 3

Economic Development & Tourism



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Traffic and Pedestrian Safety



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