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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview

The Village Board of Trustees has recognized the need for a Strategic Plan to identify and prioritize economic development projects, provide an articulated direction and focus, and allocate scarce village resources to ensure the successful completion of specific projects consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Due to the Village’s unique geographic position as a regional and local transportation node in the New York metropolitan region, Port Chester is identified for continued economic development opportunities by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council and directly aligned with the policies and principles identified through the Sustainable Communities Initiative, New York State Regional Economic Development Council, Mid-Hudson Sustainability Plan and other regional planning agendas. As such, the Village is particularly well-positioned to leverage grant funding through the annual New York State Consolidated Funding Application process in furtherance of specific strategic plan objectives.

Process

On March 22, 2014, the Village Board of Trustees held a special workshop facilitated by John Nolon of the Pace Land Use Law Center to commence the strategic planning process. After reviewing federal, state and local development goals and associated funding sources, the Board identified the following five opportunity areas for focus in the strategic plan:

1. Facilitating transit oriented development in the downtown
2. Creating a new municipal center
3. Enhancing and revitalizing waterfront areas
4. Redevelopment of Fox Island peninsula
5. Redevelopment of the United Hospital site

At conclusion of the workshop, the Village Board of Trustees tasked Village Staff to formulate this draft strategic plan document to detail potential feasibility, cost-benefit analysis, grant funding sources and availability, sequence and time frames, implementation strategies, and action items relative to each priority opportunity area for the ensuing two years (March 2014-February 2016).
STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY

The Downtown/Train Station ‘higher intensity planning zone’ allows for mixed use and transit oriented development. This area is targeted to absorb residential development pressure by encouraging studio and one bedroom residential units. Appropriate scale and design of new development should keep in concert with the existing community fabric.

- Encourage investment in various modes of public transit
- Promote walking for commuting, recreation and other trips by creating safe and attractive pedestrian environments throughout the Village
- Provide infrastructure and facilities to encourage safe and convenient bicycling for commuting, recreation and other trips
- Improve Port Chester’s commercial areas to encourage new investment and create more attractive locations for visitors and residents
STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY

Exploring the feasibility for a new municipal center, housing Village Departments, the Town of Rye Assessor, the Port Chester Police Department, and state representatives will enhance operational services through shared services.

- Maintain and, as necessary, construct government buildings and offices to ensure that the administration of the Village operates effectively and efficiently
- Encourage inter- and intra-municipal cooperation and coordination to provide quality services efficiently and in a cost-effective manner
- Coordinate with community centers and service providers to share services and facilities
STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY

The promotion of appropriately-scaled and attractive development that does not negatively impact the natural environment will enhance and revitalize Port Chester’s waterfront in addition to providing new opportunities for public-waterfront interfacing.

- Promote the waterfront area as a commercial, recreational and cultural destination
- Improve Port Chester’s commercial areas in the downtown to encourage new investment and create more attractive locations for visitors and businesses
- Connect neighborhoods, parks and the waterfront through various transportation networks

WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT & REVITALIZATION
OPPORTUNITY AREA #3
STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY

Opportunities for the Fox Island Peninsula include new, “wharf-type” development, featuring restaurants, commercial, office, and residential uses. Providing new public open spaces and water-front accessibility is paramount. Relocating the existing Department of Public Works facility is crucial for redevelopment to occur.

- Promote the waterfront area as a commercial, recreational and cultural destination
- Encourage a balanced range of housing types and densities that consider the associated costs of servicing future density
- Connect neighborhoods, parks and the waterfront through various transportation networks
FORMER UNITED HOSPITAL SITE REDEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITY AREA #5

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY

The former United Hospital site is currently vacant and located on over fifteen acres. Zoned as PMU Planned Mixed Use District, the site can be reactivated as a place-making mixed use development comprising some combination of a hotel/convention, retail stores, restaurants, community facilities and residential development comprised mainly of studio and one-bedroom units. The site should not detract from the existing downtown retail and commercial base.

- Strengthen and expand economic opportunities and ventures to the Village’s tax base
- Increase Port Chester’s retail capture rate by recruiting new establishments based on market demand
- Actively “brand” the Village to facilitate economic development
- Improve Port Chester’s commercial areas to encourage new investment and create more attractive locations for visitors and residents