

IMPLEMENTATION

This section of the plan outlines general guidelines for implementing the recommendations in the document, and provides initial guidance on priorities. It also provides a methodology for keeping the plan up-to-date. An effective Comprehensive Plan will reflect the changing circumstances and conditions in the Town, the region, the State and the Country. The Town should regularly assess the Plan and its recommendations, updating recommendations and prioritization as circumstances dictate.

Highest Priority Actions: Immediate Actions

- After the Plan is adopted the Town should form a Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC). This committee will take responsibility for overseeing implementation of the Plan. The committee's duties include identifying projects that will help the Town with implementing its vision, and reviewing actions for their consistency with the Town's vision. The CPIC can also provide assistance to other boards, departments and committees on how to use the Comprehensive Plan as a basis for decision-making.
- An electronic copy of the Comprehensive Plan should be made available on the Town's website. Hard copies of the Comprehensive Plan can be provided to appropriate Town departments, committees, and boards. The Planning Board and Zoning Board should use the plan as a reference when they evaluate development projects.
- A copy of the Plan (hard copy and/or electronic) should be provided to Niagara County. The Town should consider making copies available to Regional and State agencies. The County and State must refer to the Town's Comprehensive Plan when considering actions or projects that will impact the Town.
- It should be clearly stated policy that the Town Board and Planning Board refer to the Comprehensive Plan when evaluating potential rezonings. If the proposed rezoning conflicts with the Plan, the Town can refuse to entertain it. In cases where the Plan is not clear whether the proposed rezoning is in conformance or not, the Town should use the information in the plan to formulate and document the Town's decision.



TOWN OF CAMBRIA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Map 6
Vision Map

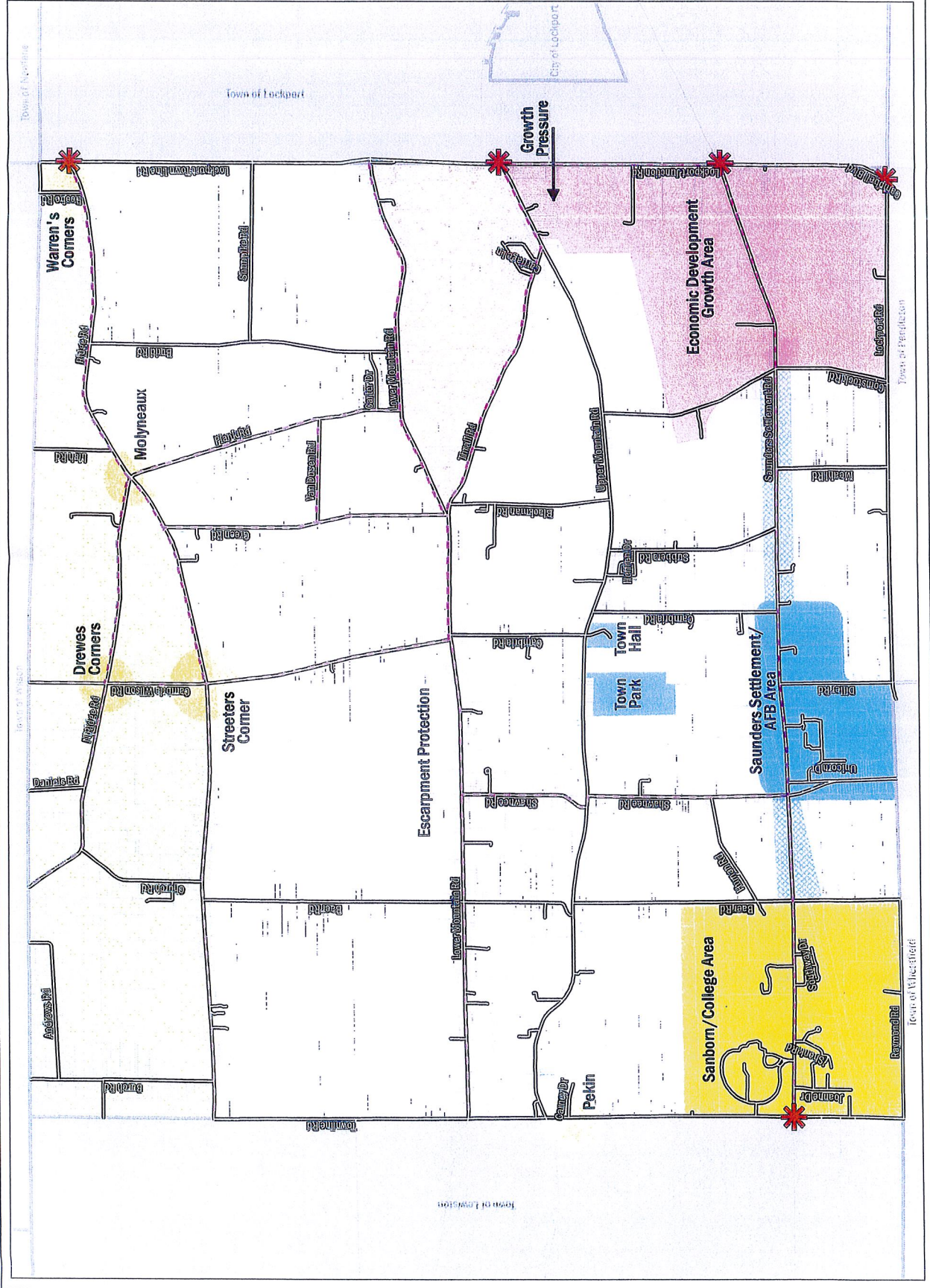


LEGEND

- Parcel Boundary (2013)
- Nigeria Wine Trail
- Village
- Economic Development Growth Area
- Agriculture Overlay
- Escarpment Protection
- Escarpment Plateau
- Sanborn/College Area
- Saunders Settlement/AFB Area
- Town Hall / Town Park
- Hamlet Connection Route
- Saunders Settlement Connected Development Area
- Hamlet
- Gateways

0 100 200 300 400 500 feet

This map must be used in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan and is not a future land use map or zoning map.



High Priority Actions: Near Term Implementation (First Year)

- The Town should evaluate the Town's zoning ordinance for conformance with the Plan and the Town's stated vision and goals. It is likely there will be conflicts or incongruities, or areas where amendments can make the zoning better support the Town's goals. The Town should identify zoning problem areas and prioritize them to be implemented over time.
- Town Department heads should refer to the Plan to help in determining specific projects and developing their annual capital requests.
- The Town should investigate whether there are available grant programs to help fund projects that will help implement the Plan's recommendations.
- The Implementation Committee should review the recommendations section and identify projects and activities to sponsor.
- The Implementation Committee should meet with the Town Board at budget time to discuss actions and projects for the coming year and determine the budgets necessary to accomplish those actions.

Priority Actions: On-Going Implementation

- The Town should continue to make progress toward ensuring the zoning code best reflects the goals of the community, by making amendments to the zoning code as needed.
- The Town should also review other Town laws, such as subdivision regulations, to assess their effectiveness in supporting the Town's goals, and amend these laws as needed.
- The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee should make an annual report to the Town Board that summarizes the following:
 - A summary of the implementation actions accomplished in the preceding year, by the Committee and by the town and its departments.
 - A summary of new private and public development projects within the Town over the past year.
 - Major county, regional and State actions or projects that have occurred during the past year that may affect the Town of Cambria.
 - Studies and reports completed by the Town, County, and State that relate to the goals and objectives of the Town Plan.

- A proposed work plan for the upcoming year for implementation activities.
 - Recommendations, if any, for revisions, amendments or additions to the Comprehensive Plan document.
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- The Town Board should seek to keep the Plan up to date by making recommended additions or revisions on a regular basis. The changes can be as simple as appending new data or studies by reference. More extensive changes could entail revisions to the Recommendations or Implementation sections of the document.
 - Official amendments to the document would require a public hearing on the proposed changes, conducting SEQR and then officially adopting the changes by resolution or motion at a Town Board meeting.

Implementation: Long-Term

- Approximately every five years, the Town should undertake a more thorough assessment of the Comprehensive Plan, and determine if a new Update is warranted. This process would entail a more rigorous update to the inventory, expanded public outreach (surveys, public meetings) and a careful look at the goals and objectives for the Town.