
Town of Torrey

Comprehensive Plan



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Cover Photographs (Left to Right): *Farm buildings on Henderson Road; vineyards overlooking Seneca Lake; and the public park and beach on Seneca Lake owned and operated by the Town.*

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Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement

The Town of Torrey seeks to balance the preservation of its rural and agrarian character and the improvement of the water quality of Seneca Lake with the accommodation of new growth and development in order to enhance the high quality of life for its residents. Through its Comprehensive Plan, the Town will implement land use policies that protect and enhance its natural resources, safeguard the water quality of the Keuka Outlet and Seneca Lake, promote viable agriculture and viniculture, support economic development initiatives, and ensure new development is carefully integrated into the Town's rural and agrarian landscape.



A scenic view, looking north over agricultural fields with Seneca Lake in the distance, in the Town of Torrey.

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Plan Summary

The Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Torrey is organized into the seven following chapters:

- Chapter One, “Introduction,” includes a brief overview of the contents of a typical Comprehensive Plan and the Town’s reasons for undertaking the development of a new Comprehensive Plan.
- Chapter Two, “Community Participation,” contains commentary on the survey administered by the Planning Board to the Town’s land owners soliciting their input for the Plan, a summary of the survey results, and a review of the Citizen Focus Groups set up by the Planning Board to offer residents and property owners the opportunity to provide input into the Plan.
- Chapter Three, “Community Profile,” includes useful background information on the Town’s geography, topography, climate, and history.
- Chapter Four, “Land Use: Current Conditions,” profiles the current status of seven broad categories of land use conditions in the Town. These categories are: 1.) Agriculture and Viniculture, 2.) Local Economy and Real Estate, 3.) Natural Resources, 4.) Transportation, 5.) Municipal Government and Public Services, 6.) Lakefront Development, and 7.) Community Organizations and Recreation.
- Chapter Five, “Community Vision and Recommendations,” contains recommendations for protecting, preserving, enhancing, and regulating lands within the Town. These recommendations also identify the parties responsible for implementing them and, where appropriate, potential funding sources. This chapter is organized along the format used in Chapter 4 to provide continuity within the Plan document.
- Chapter Six, “Land Use: Future Conditions,” provides an assessment of the impact of the recommendations explained in Chapter Five on land uses in the Town. This chapter includes a description of the recommended land uses for each general area of the Town. This chapter is not intended to act as a zoning code, but rather as a guide to what land uses the Plan recommends for each general area of the Town.
- Chapter Seven, “Plan Update Process,” includes information on the schedule and procedures that the Planning Board will follow when it comes to update the Comprehensive Plan.

The basic intent of this Plan, as explained in the Vision Statement and as supported in the Chapter 5 policy statements, is the preservation of the Town’s current rural and agrarian character while accommodating carefully considered new development. A broad variety of environmental concerns, public policy concerns, and economic/business concerns are also addressed in this Plan.

This Comprehensive Plan will serve as the foundation of the Town’s zoning law, which will provide the legal basis for implementing the Plan’s recommendations. The Town’s current zoning law will be revised and updated following completion of this Plan to ensure that the Plan’s recommendations are encapsulated within local land use laws.

