

# Comprehensive Plan Adoption Resolution 2012

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**TOWN OF WILLSBORO**  
**Resolution**  
**ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF WILLSBORO**  
**Comprehensive Land Use and Action Plan**  
*(Final Version 26R 7-31-2012)*  
**September 12, 2012**

WHEREAS, the Town of Willsboro Town Board is responsible for the preparation and adoption of the *Town of Willsboro Comprehensive Land Use and Action Plan*, pursuant to Section 272-a of the New York State Town Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town's existing comprehensive plan had not been thoroughly updated in more than 35 years and does not reflect the community's current vision and specific initiatives to help achieve that vision; and

WHEREAS, the Town desired to have a vision and plan for the community to refer to when addressing potential land uses and environmental impacts from the reuse of properties and the development of the vacant parcels in the Town; and

WHEREAS, The Town desired to be proactive in dealing with regional and inter-municipal issues, protecting its resources, and planning for community and/or service needs; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that the participation of citizens in an open, responsible and flexible planning process would be essential to the designing of the optimum Comprehensive Plan, in March, 2009, the Town Board voted to form a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to oversee the development of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, between March 2009 and June 2012, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee listened to experts and citizens, collected studies, and reviewed data. Members inventoried and analyzed existing conditions, surveyed and interviewed citizens, evaluated future trends, mapped and studied natural and community resources, and ultimately made the recommendations included in this plan; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and Town Board consulted with various boards including the Planning Board, committees and other representatives, County departments/agencies and officials, surrounding municipalities, business groups, environmental and civic groups, as well as various Federal, State and regional organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board referred the Proposed Plan to the Essex County Planning Board in accordance with Sections 239-l and m of the New York State General Municipal Law and the County Planning Board responded by means of its letter dated February 22, 2012 wherein the County Planning Board indicated that it would not comment on the plan; and

WHEREAS, substantial opportunities for public input and comment were provided to the citizens of Willsboro and included the August 2009, Community Listening Sessions, the February 2010, Community Survey, four Visioning Workshops in March and May of 2010. In July 2010, and

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January 2012, the Comprehensive Plan hosted community meetings. Public Hearings on Plan Adoption and for SEQRA were held in January 2012 and May 2012. Citizens participated extensively throughout the planning process and public meetings were well attended. Community members contributed thoughtful comments and suggestions, providing continual to prepare an initial draft and then several re-drafts of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the *Town of Willsboro Comprehensive Land Use and Action Plan* is a vision document which identifies the important positive attributes and components which define Willsboro and provides a blueprint for the future; and

WHEREAS, the *Town of Willsboro Comprehensive Land Use and Action Plan* will provide guidance to decision makers, residents, property owners and organizations through its Vision Statement, Goals, Objectives, Implementation Strategies and Recommendations relevant to the subject matters of the built and natural environments, economic revitalization, public facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the *Town of Willsboro Comprehensive Land Use and Action Plan* was finalized by the Town of Willsboro Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee after widely distributing drafts of the Plan and revising the document in response to issues and comments raised by the agencies and the public; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Town Board have carefully and thoroughly reviewed the *Town of Willsboro Comprehensive Land Use and Action Plan* as revised and is satisfied that it meets the needs of the Town and requirements of applicable laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts *Town of Willsboro Comprehensive Land Use and Action Plan* dated July 31, 2012 (Final Version 26R 7-31-2012), as an important planning tool which identifies a wide range of issues, initiatives, studies, projects and programs which can be undertaken by various entities in the short-term and the long-term.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roll Call Vote

Resolution \_\_\_\_\_: September 12, 2012