



Village of Lake Placid Climate Smart Communities

PE6: Comprehensive Plan with Sustainability Elements

The Lake Placid Comprehensive Plan can be accessed here:
<https://www.futurelakeplacid.com/2014-comprehensive-plan/>

CSC Points Requested: 15

Required: Support alternative modes of transportation (including strategies for bicycles, pedestrians, public transit, and electric vehicles)

Evidence:

Vision: Lake Placid/North Elba envisions a community with a transportation system that encourages healthy, active living, promotes all transportation options and independent mobility, and reduces environmental impact (p. 32)

Goal #1: To plan and establish a comprehensive, safe, and accessible network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities that is incorporated into existing and proposed facilities, and links residential areas; commercial businesses distractions; education, cultural, and recreational facilities; and community services (p. 33)

Objective 1: To identify opportunities to improve and expand the existing network of pedestrian/bicycle facilities, in coordination with road repair/reconstruction/construction efforts on Village, Town, County and State roadways (p. 33)

Objective 2: Create safe and convenient pedestrian connections between key destinations (p. 33)

Objective 3: Create safe and convenient bicycle connections between key destinations (p. 34)

Goal #2: Encourage and promote the use of pedestrian/bicycle network (p. 38)

Objective 1: Establish a community-wide wayfinding signage plan to help residents and visitors navigate the community by foot/bike (p. 38)

Objective 2: Provide a comprehensive system of bike parking facilities for residents and visitors (p. 38)

Objective 3: Promote and market LP/NE as pedestrian and bike friendly community (p. 39)

Goal #3: Improve life of residents of LP/NE by supporting enhanced county-wide public transportation (p. 39)



Objective 1: Enhance public transportation services for LP/NE (p. 39)

Goal #4: Improve trolley operation not reduce congestion on Main Street, improve downtown parking, and improve around-town transportation for tourists and those with personal vehicles (p. 40)

Objective 1: Increase efficiency of trolley operation (p. 40)

Goal #5: increase connectivity and transportation options to LP (p. 40)

Required: Promote smart growth principles in land-use policies

Evidence:

Promote Compact Building Design/Preserve Open Space:

Objective 3: Encourage cluster subdivisions or PUDs in areas to protect existing open space, viewsheds, and natural land forms (p. 58)

Walkable Neighborhoods:

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Foster Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place

Implementation Measures (pg. 60)

- Add signage signifying the entry into a historic neighborhood.



- Provide resources to home and business owners who are interested in maintaining the historic flavor of their property.
- Bring public light to those home and business owners who are following historic preservation guidelines and best practices.

Objective 1: To enhance and further develop an aesthetically pleasing, user-friendly

business district (pg. 56)

Implementation Measures

- Develop a Streetscape Enhancement Plan for Main Street.
- Formalize the Beautification Committee and allocate more funds to ensure the implementation of recommendations of the streetscape enhancement plan within the business district.
- Work with the downtown businesses to explore the feasibility of creating a Business Improvement District (BID) and include beautification methods in the BID Plan (see Appendix 1).

Required: Conserve natural areas (including strategies to designate open space and protect it from development)

Evidence:

Vision: regulate activities and development on shorefront, educate and encourage sustainable and low impact development (p. 54)

Goal #4: to preserve and enhance the natural beauty of viewsheds and open spaces (p. 57)

Objective 1: Maintain and enhance the use of public open spaces (p. 57)

- Develop an inventory of existing open spaces and target where they should be expanded
- Develop scenic easements along unprotected areas to maintain the rural character of those areas

Objective 2: Preserve vistas and open spaces (p. 58)

- Utilize the Conservation Advisory Council (see Environment section) to coordinate with the NE Land Conservancy to preserve vistas and open space by creating an Open Space Plan



- Identify various protection measures such as volunteer conservation easements and land use regulations

Required: Promote a healthy and safe community

Evidence:

Goal #5, Objective 4: Ensure that every neighborhood and lodging facility is accessible to a trail (p. 25)

- Identify and promote walking routes both into and out of the Village
- Design and up to date mapping system that outlines routes and access points
- Put into effect and publicize the existing Chubb River Trail plan
- Actively support the development of the railroad recreation path

Required: Foster equity (including strategies for housing, schools, transportation, recreation, food, and environmental exposures)

Evidence:

Goal #1: Increase the stock and availability of income-based housing in the North Elba/Lake Placid community (pg. 48)

Objective 3: Increase the opportunity for the private development of income-based housing

- Identify municipal or private lands that are suitable for the development of income-based housing.
- Identify foreclosed properties that are suitable for the development of income-based housing

Goal #4: Provide for the housing needs of an increased senior population (pg. 51)

Objective 1: Increase the housing that meets the requirements of seniors and those with physical disabilities such as building accessibility, location of bathrooms, door widths and height of controls.

- Promote universal design principles for the construction of new homes and the renovation of the existing housing stock.
- Create a one-stop "clearinghouse" with information regarding the requirements and benefits associated with utilizing the principles of universal design.



- Create and publish market studies relevant to the development of senior housing.

Goal #5: Increase the availability of subsidized independent housing for seniors (pg. 51)

Foster green economic development - 3 points

Evidence:

Goal #2: Continue to promote Lake Placid and the surrounding area as an eco-friendly residential, business, and tourism destination (p. 15)

Objective 1: Enhance, promote, and increase awareness of the eco-friendly offerings in the area

- Educate business owners, residents, and visitors on ways to implement eco-friendly practices and services
- Acknowledge, promote, and reward area businesses implementing green practices
- Enhance waterfront access and run water-based tourism that coordinate with environmental concerns

Decrease dependence on fossil fuels and support energy efficiency and renewable energy production - 3 points

Evidence:

Goal #2: Decrease Town/Village energy consumption and make existing usage more efficient (p. 9-10)

Objective 1: Decrease Town/Village overall energy usage by 10% by the year 2015; 25% by 2020; 40% by 2025

- Work with superintendent of electric department to research the feasibility of these benchmarks
- Apply for NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and NY Power Authority (NYPA) grants that will fund education all town and village entities including ORDA, P:SD, business owners, and first and second homeowners on ways to decrease energy usage by responsible use and by improving building energy efficiency that will in turn decrease town's total consumption
- Include a simple easy to read educational pamphlet on responsible, efficient energy usage with Village Electric Company bills on annual basis



- Increase awareness among elected officials and the public regarding the economic development benefits associated with alternative energy, including entrepreneurial opportunities and high paying skilled job opportunities
- Require and enforce certain standards of energy efficiency in new construction of commercial and residential buildings

Objective 2: Explore supplementing LP Electric Company energy sources with local renewable sources of energy including reopening local dams, solar panels, wind turbines, geothermal energy and biomass furnaces for individual school, municipal, and ORDA buildings where appropriate (p. 10)

- Conduct an inventory and review the Adirondack Communities who have successfully implemented cost savings measures – example: Town of Chester
- Partner with the North County Regional Development Council and Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) to identify potential renewable energy funding opportunities

Objective 3: Increase energy efficiency of school districts and ORDA facilities (p. 10)

- Continue to conduct energy efficiency audits of school district buildings, ORDA facilities, and transportation systems

Promote energy efficient housing - 3 points

Evidence:

Vision: provide a diversity of safe, energy efficient housing opportunities to attract people of all income levels and age groups (p. 48)

Goal #3: Promote energy efficiency in the construction of new homes and the renovation of the existing housing stock, including rental housing (p. 50)

Objective 1: Create a one-stop “clearinghouse” with information and guidance about programs available to contractors and homeowners (p. 50)

- Include information on energy efficient construction, renovation, and financing as part of the permit process

Objective 2: Develop methods for financing energy efficient construction (p. 50)

- Investigate the possibility of using special assessment districts, and other methods, to amortize costs more effectively



Objective 3: Promote energy audits of existing and new housing stock (p. 50)

- Develop a program to inform homeowners of energy leaks through the use of infrared photography
- Create outreach programs that target specific homeowners with information regarding incentives to participate in existing programs
- Train town/village employees to perform energy audits (BPI certification)
- Provide homeowners with specific information regarding costs and effectiveness of energy upgrades

Objective 4: Increase incentives for energy upgrades (p. 50)

- Provide technical assistance to homeowners applying for available energy conservation programs
- Use the Energy Conservation Fund to create a local program similar to the NYSERDA program

Promote the development of (or the conservation of) local food systems - 3 points

Evidence:

Goal #11: Provide healthy options by way of Community Gardens in residential neighborhoods (p. 29)

Objective 1: Establish community gardens in residential neighborhoods to provide healthy food and lifestyle recreation opportunities for residents (p. 29)

- Identify potential garden locations in residential neighborhoods
- Explore funding possibilities for GIS mapping of potential locations and establishment of community gardens in residential neighborhoods on town/village lands
- Develop a local model for sustainable community gardens that combines village land and services with residential needs

Minimize solid waste (including strategies to promote recycling and composting or anaerobic digestion of organic materials) - 3 points

Evidence:



Goal #9: Lake Placid will strive to be a zero waste community through recycling, composting, and reuse of building materials (p. 28)

Objective 1: Expand recycling opportunities (p. 28)

- Continue to explore the feasibility and methods of composting all food waste from households and commercial establishment
- Explore the feasibility of a no sort system for recyclable glass, plastic, paper, and metal materials for residential units, community facilities, and special events as a community-wide service in selected locations
- Determine stable markets for paper, glass, plastics, metals, electronics, etc

Objective 2: Provide a system for reuse or recycling of used and new building materials (p. 28)

- Establish a local warehouse to accept, store, and distribute/sell usable building materials to residents as needed

Objective 3: Educate, mandate, and enforce the practice of reduce, reuse, recycle (p. 28)

- Develop a set of guidelines for residential households and commercial properties and public departments
- Require recycling and waste reduction plans for all large events
- Require recycling and waste reduction plans for all public buildings, facilities, and government departments