

## **June 8, 2010. Press Release - Town of Day Comprehensive Plan**

Mary Ann Johnson, Town of Day Supervisor, announced that the Town of Day Town Board accepted the draft **Town of Day Comprehensive Plan** at their June 3rd meeting. This sets the stage for the Public Hearing and Agency reviews required before formal plan adoption by the Day Town Board.

The Plan is the result of over two years of work devoted to understanding the Town's priorities and goals. When formally adopted, the Comprehensive Plan will serve as a guideline for Town Government and local Land Use Policy. Formal adoption requires additional steps. Comment will be gathered from all interested parties at a public hearing this summer on July 31, 2010. In addition, the Plan will be reviewed by the APA, and requires approval by the Saratoga County Planning Department.

The Town of Day's 2010 Comprehensive Plan was developed by an 8 member committee appointed by the Town Board. The committee was supported by a consultant; Richard Lamb, PhD. from SUNY, Plattsburg. The committee drafted the Plan document utilizing information gathered over more than 2 years of research and discussion. The Plan document is based on a survey mailed to the Town's 1583 property owners, with 804 surveys returned and analyzed. In addition to the survey, interviews were conducted with stakeholders and interested parties representing state and county government, other towns, professionals from our area, environmental groups, local business people and local service organizations. Public information and discussion meetings were held with groups of residents.

At the core of the Plan is the Town's vision statement.

**Vision Statement:** "The vision of the future of the Town of Day is grounded in the past and in the present. Simply put, 20 years from now, the Town of Day should look and feel as it does now – rural, rustic, quiet and unspoiled with woods and lake and mountain views."

The Plan recognizes the inevitability of growth, but recommends that economic growth be managed, and be based on growth in residential housing on the Town's existing stock of legal building lots. No major changes in the Town's existing Local Land Use Policy are recommended. The document calls for the Town's elected officials to become proactively involved in working with the New York State regulatory agencies whose actions affect the Town's ability to make its vision of the future a reality. These agencies include, but are not limited to the HRBRRD, the APA, and the DEC. The Plan recommends the enhancement of a variety of local recreational and community services that will be available to both year round and seasonal residents.

Town residents are invited and encouraged to read the Plan and its supporting documents on the Town of Day web site [www.townofday.com](http://www.townofday.com) or at Day Town Hall. Any questions or comments can be forwarded to Diane Byrne, Committee Secretary at Town Hall, 1650 North Shore Road, Hadley, NY 12835 or by email to [dayplanzba@roadrunner.com](mailto:dayplanzba@roadrunner.com). This will insure that they are considered by the Town Board and the Comprehensive Plan Committee.