

# City of Olean Comprehensive Development Plan

## Vision Statement

In 2045, Olean is the pride of the Southern Tier, and our renaissance continues. We have reversed the downward population trend, and our competitive position continues to improve. Our city blends welcoming historic charm with modern development, creating a safe, stable, and inclusive environment. Housing preserves our heritage while providing sustainable living solutions for generations to come. Our downtown is a thriving commercial hub, and our entrepreneurial culture nurtures and develops our workforce. Our transportation system enhances connectivity for all residents and increases access to opportunities. Olean's commitment to preserving natural resources strengthens our resiliency and sustainability, setting a model for responsible regional growth.

## Goals Statement

1. **Improve Housing and Neighborhoods:** Improve housing diversity through new development and enhance neighborhoods by fostering a sense of community, promoting livability, and ensuring sustained property value. Support the maintenance and improvement to existing housing stock.
2. **Develop Parks and Recreation:** Develop recreational facilities and safeguard open spaces to enrich the well-being of our current residents while preserving the natural legacy for future generations in Olean.
3. **Advance Economic Development:** Continue to advance Olean's renaissance as a vibrant entrepreneurial center. Reinforce downtown and commercial corridors as a thriving, pedestrian-friendly retail hub featuring a blend of housing, shopping, dining, services, and cultural amenities.
4. **Cultivate Transportation:** Cultivate an efficient, secure, and well-connected transportation system in Olean that aligns with current requirements and anticipates future growth. Prioritize economic viability and responsiveness to adjacent land uses.
5. **Promote Optimal and Efficient Land Use:** Promote optimal land utilization in Olean, enhancing both the physical and economic landscape by encouraging efficient land use practices that benefit the community.
6. **Improve Public Services and Infrastructure:** Improve and maintain robust local infrastructure to meet the needs of current and future developments in Olean. Ensure safety and adaptability to growth while providing responsive and adequate public services and facilities for residents and businesses.
7. **Enhance Quality of Life:** Uphold and enhance the overall quality of life in Olean by addressing key areas such as public safety, housing, recreation, economic development, and community engagement to create a well-rounded and fulfilling living experience. Cultivate a positive and engaging relationship with stakeholders in Olean, actively encouraging citizen participation and involvement in shaping the community's future.
8. **Prioritize Fiscal Responsibility:** Prioritize sound financial management in Olean, ensuring responsible allocation of resources to support sustainable development and growth while maintaining fiscal prudence and accountability.