

SOCPA Hour

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What Do We Do?



County Planning

City Planning

City Zoning

GIS Services

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Introduction to OCPB

- Operates under General Municipal Law § 239-l, m, & n ("GML 239")
- Consists of 7 members, including 2 ex-officio
- SOCPA provides staff support to the OCPB
- Reviews over 500 referrals from over 100 municipal boards per year

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Action must meet
both criteria

What is a referable action?

- Criterion 1: Type of Action
 - adoption or amendment of a **comprehensive plan**
 - adoption or amendment of a **zoning ordinance or local law** pertaining to zoning or subdivisions
 - issuance of **special use permits**
 - approval of **site plans**
 - granting of **use or area variances**
 - **other authorizations** which a referring body may issue under the provisions of any zoning ordinance or local law
 - approval of **preliminary and/or final subdivision plats** or proposal to develop an undeveloped plat

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What is a referable action?

- Criterion 2: Location – within 500 feet of any of the following:
 - a municipal boundary
 - the boundary of an existing or proposed County or State park or other recreation area
 - the right-of-way of an existing or proposed County or State parkway, thruway, expressway, road or highway
 - the right-of-way of an existing or proposed stream or drainage channel owned by the County
 - the boundary of existing or proposed County or State owned land containing a public building or institution
 - the boundary of a farm operation located in a NYS agricultural district

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Exemption Agreements

- Municipality & OCPB enter into an agreement
- Designate low impact actions as being of local concern, which would not be subject to referral
- Examples of actions include:
 - Area variances for accessory structures
 - Special permits for signs
- OCPB has existing agreements with 29 municipalities



Contact SOCPA to see if you have an existing agreement!

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Submitting a referral

- Deadline to submit is 12 days (two Fridays) prior to OCPB meeting dates
- Referrals are submitted by local board, not the applicant
- Referral requirements:
 - Action meets both type of action and location criteria
 - A completed Referral Notice
 - A copy of the local application
 - A survey, site plan and/or subdivision plan
 - The complete text of a proposed new ordinance or law
 - SEQOR forms and materials required to make determination of significance

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Reviewing a referral

- County-wide and inter-municipal impacts, like:
 - Compatibility of land uses
 - Traffic generation
 - Impacts to existing or proposed County or State uses
 - Protection of community character
 - Drainage
 - Community facilities
 - Compatibility with local and County development policies

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Reviewing a referral

- Review includes consultation with other agencies, like:
 - New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)
 - Onondaga County Department of Transportation (OCDOT)
 - Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection (WEP)
 - Onondaga County Health Department
 - Onondaga County Water Authority (OCWA)
 - New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA)

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Interpreting recommendations

- OCPB reports recommendations in a formal, signed resolution to the municipality
- Recommendations include:
 - Approval
 - Modification
 - Disapproval
 - No Position with Comment
 - No Position
- Advisory notes and informal comments

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Modifications and what do they mean?

- Requires super majority vote by local board, unless modifications are followed
- Common modifications include:
 - Traffic impact study vs traffic data
 - Location of septic system, wastewater disposal plans
 - Copy of stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP)

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Available online
with today's
presentation!

What's new for 2019?

- Guide to Onondaga County Planning Board Referrals
- **coming soon** SharePoint site for electronic submissions
- **coming soon** easier-to-read resolutions, meeting agendas, and meeting minutes
- **coming soon** simplified recommendations for local boards

Suggestions?

Help us improve the referral process!

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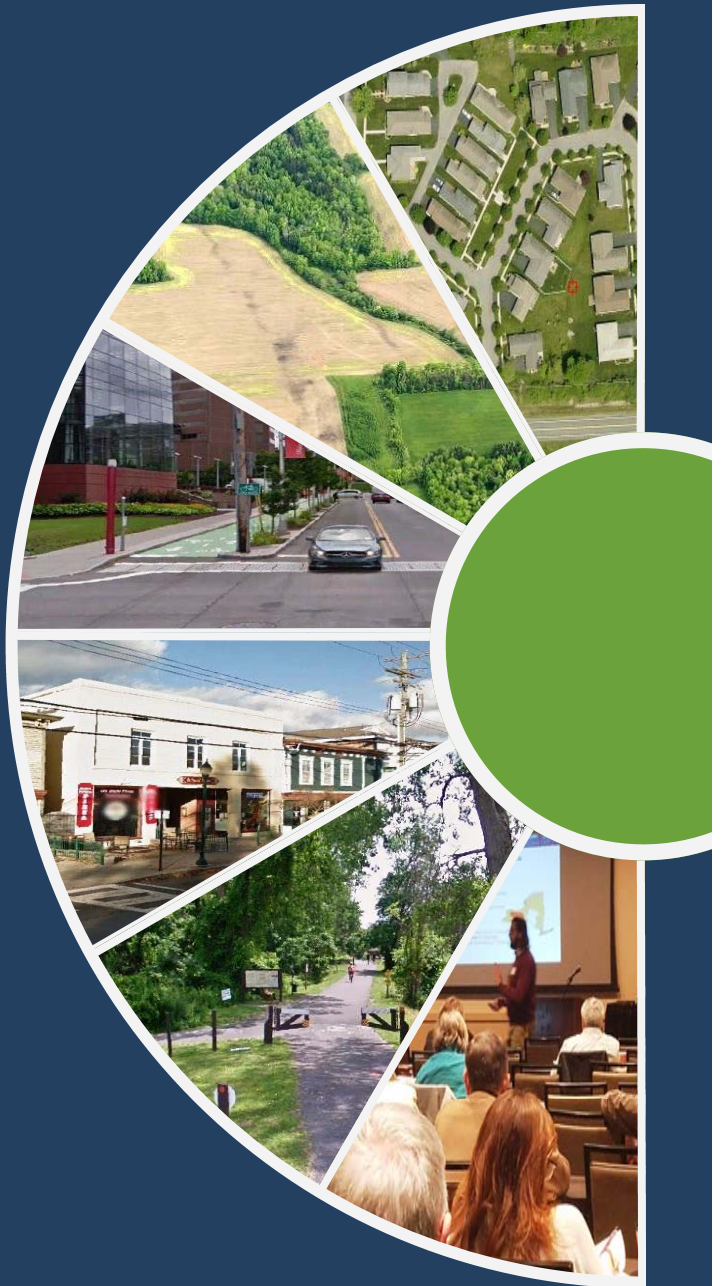
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COUNTY PLAN

People, Places & Partnerships



*Conceptual themes for
a new comprehensive plan*





GOALS

- Use and promote community and design-based planning
- Create a vision with the municipalities to increase competitiveness with other regions
- Develop a positive outlook
- Improve quality of life now through placemaking and amenities
- Attract new residents and businesses
- Identify long-term planning goals and required resources to reach them
- Implement the County Plan by helping municipalities develop and find resources for local planning projects

"If we've learned any lessons during the past few decades, perhaps the most important is that preservation of our environment is not a partisan challenge; it's common sense. Our physical health, our social happiness, and our economic well-being will be sustained only by all of us working in partnership as thoughtful, effective stewards of our natural resources."

-Ronald Reagan

(Remarks upon signing the annual report of Council on Environmental Quality, July 11, 1984)



Create places where people want to live & do business through:

Community Engagement



- Community and design-based planning



Create places where people want to live & do business through:

Strong Centers

- Character
- Function
- Value
- Placemaking

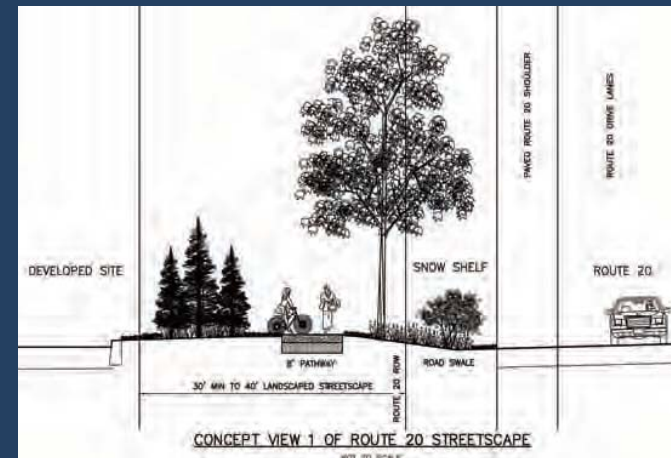




Create places where people want to live & do business through:

Transportation Corridors

- Plan for high performance
- Account for future development potential





Create places where people want to live & do business through:

Agriculture



- Protect
- Promote
- Grow





Create places where people want to live & do business through:

Greenways & Greenbelts



- Protect
- Conserve
- Restore



Create places where people want to live & do business through:

Housing & Neighborhoods

- Diverse
- Efficient
- Attractive



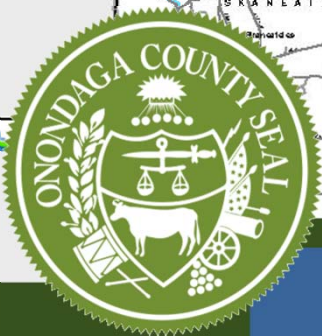
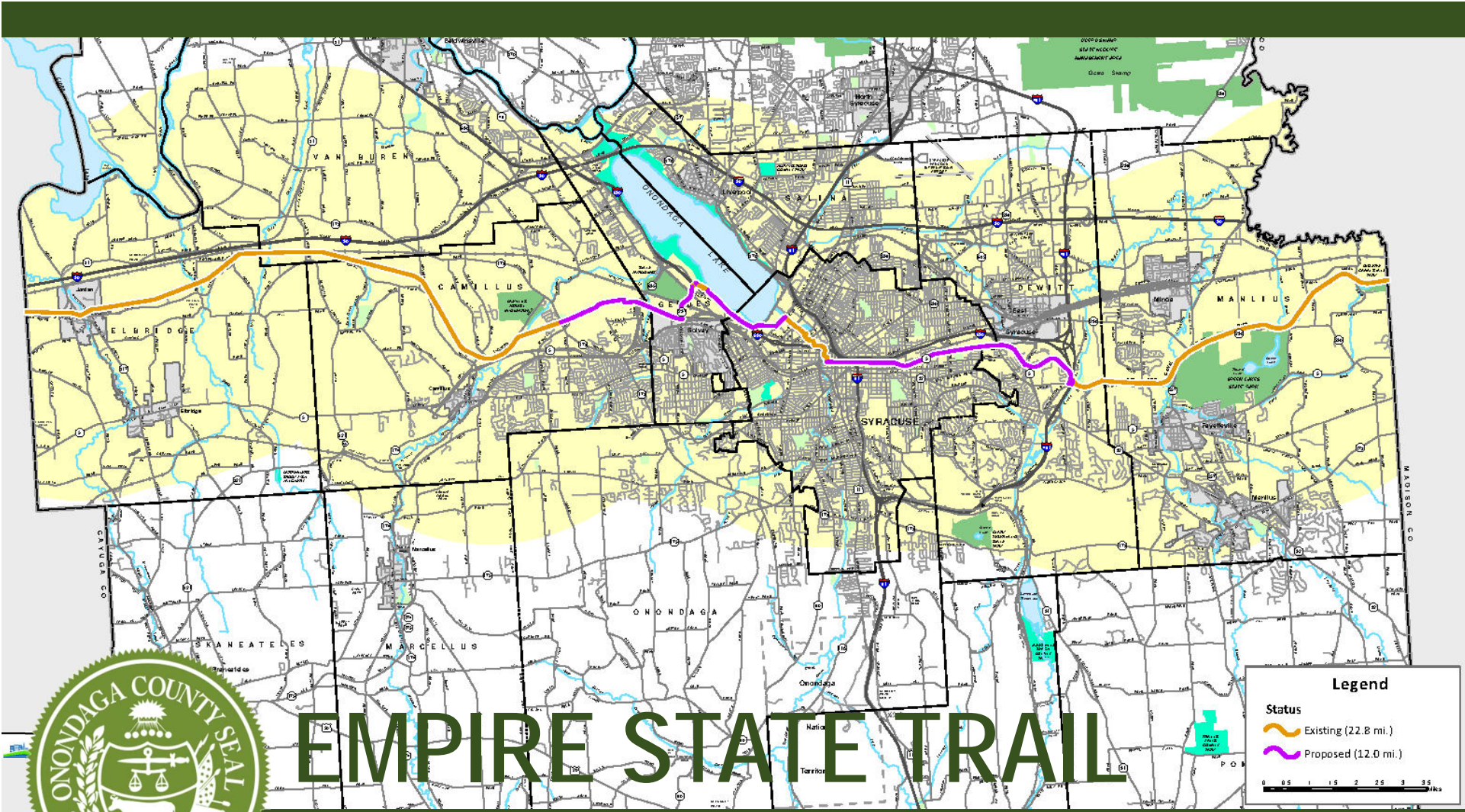
Between 1970 and 2012, the share of households that were married couples with children under 18 halved from 40 percent to 20 percent.





TIMELINE

- Perform engagement
- Develop community profiles
- Prepare initial findings
- Develop scope, work plan, budget and resources
- Prepare timeline
- Initiate public engagement strategy
- Funding, implementation



EMPIRE STATE TRAIL

Local Economic Opportunities Plan



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Please share your vision and help shape
our future!

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