



Chenango County Vision & Goal Framework

WORKBOOK

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Framework Overview

Organizing Ideas & Elements

Vision - A general statement that describes the aspiration of the County; it is an end towards which all actions are aimed. The Vision should not dramatically change over time, but rather be consistent throughout the planning horizon. Ideally, the Vision contained in this Plan should be useful for the 30-year planning horizon.

Goal – A general statement of a future condition towards which actions are aimed addressing a particular area or issue facing the community that impacts the vision. Goals should not dramatically change over time but rather be consistent throughout the planning horizon.

Strategy – A statement of a measurable activity to be accomplished in pursuit of the goal; it refers to some specific aspiration which is attainable. Think in terms of actions such as “increase”, “develop”, “continue”, or “preserve.”

Action - A specific proposal to do something that relates directly to accomplishing a strategy; it can take the form of a plan, project, or program. The lifespan of an action item can vary from one to 10 years depending on the item.

In this plan, there are generally two types of actions:

- **Direct County Actions:** Actions that may be taken directly by Chenango County to help achieve the goals of a given focus area.
- **Community Actions:** Potential actions that can be taken by municipalities, businesses, organizations, and residents which the County may support as a coordinator, connector, and/or informational resource. The County may also assist with efforts to secure funding, where necessary and appropriate.



Chenango County

VISION STATEMENT

Our 2050 Vision shows us a County to be proud of; a place of diverse opportunities in a setting that preserves our cherished rural quality of life. We see a healthy, well educated, involved, and informed citizenry participating fully in all aspects of community life. We will strive to become a county known for its...

- **Community Health & Wellbeing.** We see a network of human services that supports those who cannot care for themselves while engendering self-sufficiency and greater productivity among those who can.
- **Innovative Infrastructure.** We see an advanced infrastructure system that ties the transportation, utility, and broadband network together to support growth and enhance physical and digital connectivity within the County.
- **Economic Opportunity.** We see a diverse economy, with business and industry in a true partnership with government and the educational system to provide challenging lifelong opportunities for work and learning.
- **Sustainable Living & Rural Environment.** We see a County that has grown and developed in a way that promotes sustainability and resiliency in a manner that protects our farmland and preserves our natural environment for the enjoyment of future generations.

In planning, our County will be a leader in implementation, working with community partners and providing guidance and support to municipalities that may not be able to accomplish these goals on their own.

“Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth it’s powers, build up its institutions, promote all its great interests and see whether we also, in our day and generation, may not perform something worthy to be remembered” – Daniel Webster

COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLBEING

Quality of life in the greater Chenango County community is supported by meeting basic individual and family needs and providing services that enrich one's physical and mental health and wellbeing. The primary elements identified by our community that directly impact our quality of life include availability and quality of housing, public health and safety services, childcare, education, and social and emotional development opportunities.

NEEDS IN THIS FOCUS AREA

1

Access to Healthcare: Many residents of Chenango County face barriers to accessing quality healthcare services, including geographical distance, lack of transportation, cost, and limited availability of healthcare providers, particularly in rural areas.

2

Chronic Disease Prevalence: Chronic diseases such as diabetes, obesity, and heart disease are significant health concerns in Chenango County. Lifestyle factors, including diet, access to nutritious foods, physical activity, and access to healthcare, play a crucial role in the prevalence of these conditions.

3

Mental Health and Substance Abuse: Mental health disorders and substance abuse are growing issues affecting Chenango County. Stigma, limited access to mental health and treatment services, lack of residential care, and economic stressors contribute to these challenges.

4

Lack of Diverse Housing: A lack of housing diversity impacts residents across various demographics, from affordable housing for low-income families to safe and accessible living facilities for seniors. This scarcity not only limits choices for those seeking to downsize, age-in-place, or find their first home but also hinders the county's ability to attract new residents and retain existing ones.

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Childcare: There is limited availability of affordable childcare facilities, especially in the more rural parts of Chenango County. Lack of reliable transportation and high childcare costs relative to household income reduce the accessibility of childcare.

Community Health & Wellbeing

GOAL STATEMENT

We are committed to improving the quality of life for our residents through the enhancement of community services and resources that support the physical, mental, and social wellbeing of all. Our ultimate indicator of success will be the satisfaction of basic resident health and safety needs and ability for all to achieve their fullest potential in terms of personal growth and self-sufficiency. Through these efforts we seek to foster a resilient spirit and strong sense of pride in our community.

STRATEGIES

1. **Support Healthy Lifestyles and Enhance Quality of Life.** Improve access to mental, emotional, and social development resources and physical health services to support healthy lifestyle choices.
2. **Increase Availability of Housing Options.** Increase availability, quality, and diversity of local housing stock to meet varying resident needs with respect to age, income, and lifestyle.
3. **Support Children and Families.** Expand availability of affordable, high-quality childcare options for families with children of all ages.

ACTIONS

Community Health & Wellbeing	County Actions	Community Actions
Strategy 1: Support Healthy Lifestyles and Enhance Quality of Life		
Follow NYS guidance to identify and designate Medically Underserved Areas or Populations to target program action and open funding opportunities.	TBD	TBD
Evaluate opportunities to improve availability and access to health (telehealth) and medical services.		
Continue to work with community service partners to evaluate and adapt to changing resident needs.		
Provide support for nonprofits to establish shared services agreements across agencies to reduce operation costs and build capacity.		
Encourage shared or collaborative municipal public safety and service delivery.		
Actively recruit new volunteers and leaders for public health and safety services and initiatives.		
Expand service level and awareness of drug addiction and mental illness support services.		

Community Health & Wellbeing	County Actions	Community Actions
Establish a task force of community members and public health and safety organizations to lead direct outreach and education efforts on mental health and drug addiction services and programs.		
Partner with local producers to reduce food deserts, promote locally grown food, and increase access to healthy food.		
Pilot local initiatives to reduce consumption of junk food; this includes addressing barriers to eating healthy due to poverty.		
Partner with local food producers like Chobani to promote nutritious food products and improve community access to nutritious food.		
Expand efforts to accept food stamps at farmers markets across County.		
Increase the number of walking, biking, and hiking opportunities with continued trail development and outdoor recreation amenities.		
Foster the creation of more public parks in populated areas accessible to residents by foot, bike, or car. E.g. City of Norwich.		
Strategy 2: Increase Availability of Housing Options		
Expand access to and awareness of home improvement programs for low-income and market-rate housing stock.		
Create a tool-library and/or neighbor-supported home service program for small-scale home improvements.		
Establish a Land Bank in Chenango County to formalize efforts bringing vacant, abandoned, and deteriorated properties back to productive use and foster additional housing investment.		
Continue the Chenango County Housing Council and work to expand capacity in membership and programming.		
Work with municipalities to identify where there are viable parcels for housing development and develop a checklist to prioritize the inventory of parcels.		
Work with municipalities to identify barriers in land use codes to build or redevelop housing.		
Assist municipalities in becoming NYS recognized “Pro-Housing Communities” to ensure eligibility for housing grant programs.		
Explore programming that would assist unhoused individuals with securing more permanent shelter and employment.		
Work with agencies to support tenants at risk of eviction to prevent increases in the rate of homelessness. Consider implementing emergency rental/mortgage assistance programs.		
Continue to encourage the formation of public/private partnerships for the development and delivery of housing and rehabilitation.		

Community Health & Wellbeing	County Actions	Community Actions
Support home rehabilitation, renovation, and maintenance efforts through local education, programming, and securing grants.		
Strategy 3: Support Children and Families		
Explore opportunities to support home-based childcare and/or shared services with community partners.		
Collaborate with schools and recreational programs to expand afterschool care and activities.		
Work with local employers on creative ways to provide more high-quality affordable day care.		
Use ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) household data to identify gaps in services and connect families to resources that augment and/or lessen financial burden on basic family needs.		
Secure funding to programs supporting disconnected youth to address chronic absenteeism and early interventions.		
Support programs promoting access to public benefits, such as SNAP, federal Child Tax Credits, etc., for residents and students that are underserved.		

INNOVATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

The foundation of our infrastructure lies within the advancement of the community's transportation network and broadband services. We will continue to grow and develop our infrastructure, while also adapting to evolving technologies. It is critical to ensure our community has a sense of connectivity to meet the infrastructural needs and desires of our County. Creating a more efficient, accessible, and reliable infrastructure and utilities is essential to ensure a high quality of life for the community and the abilities for businesses to operate and expand within Chenango County.

NEEDS IN THIS FOCUS AREA

1

Broadband Access: One of the most pressing infrastructure challenges in Chenango County is the lack of reliable and high-speed internet access, particularly in rural areas. Limited broadband connectivity hinders economic growth, restricts access to educational resources, and impedes telecommuting and remote work opportunities.

2

Transportation Networks: The county's transportation infrastructure, including roads and bridges, requires significant investment to ensure safety, efficiency, and accessibility for residents, businesses, and visitors. Improving transportation networks is essential for supporting local businesses, promoting tourism, and enhancing connectivity within the county and beyond.

3

Water and Wastewater Systems: Aging water and wastewater systems in Chenango County pose environmental and public health risks. Upgrading and modernizing these systems are critical for ensuring clean and safe water supplies, protecting natural resources, and supporting sustainable growth and development.

4

Energy Infrastructure: Enhancing energy infrastructure, including electricity distribution and renewable energy resources, is essential for reducing reliance on fossil fuels, promoting energy efficiency, and mitigating the impacts of climate change in Chenango County.

Innovative Infrastructure

GOAL STATEMENT

We are committed to working with community partners to provide a multi-modal transportation network and reliable broadband service that encourages the use of modern technological advancements. Our goal is to promote pedestrian friendly environments that enhance the quality of life for residents and the experience of visitors. Meeting the needs of local businesses and attracting new ones is essential. As the County continues to grow and develop, we will ensure now and in the future that the necessary infrastructure meets the needs of the community.

STRATEGIES

1. **Promote a Multi-Modal Transportation Network.** Ensure all modes of travel (walking, biking, public transportation, and driving) are well provided for, increasing accessibility and connectivity of transportation infrastructure for users of all modalities and mobility levels.
2. **Expand Broadband Access.** Improve coverage, quality, and reliability of broadband access for residents, visitors, business, and industry.
3. **Maintain Quality Utility Infrastructure.** Ensure investment and management of municipal services and utilities are supporting resident and business needs in an efficient and sustainable manner, including the incorporation of alternative energy sources.

ACTIONS

Innovative Infrastructure	County Actions	Community Actions
Strategy 1: Promote a Multi-Modal Transportation Network		
Continue efforts to implement the Chenango County Coordinated Transportation Plan.	TBD	TBD
Support the development of Active Transportation Plans and complete streets policy guidance in populations centers to foster more pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity.		
Seek funding to develop new and expand existing walking trails/sidewalks and bike lanes for use of alternative transportation.		
Explore opportunities to raise funds, connections, and ridership for public transportation options between city, town, and village centers.		
Promote NYS 511 Program to serve residents and commuters with information about transportation services and conditions.		
Identify best delivery routes for tractor-trailer traffic to decrease burden on local roads and infrastructure.		
Support transit-oriented development practices in the City of Norwich, villages, and hamlets.		

Innovative Infrastructure	County Actions	Community Actions
Strategy 2: Expand Broadband Access		
Continue to implement and extend quality and reliable broadband services throughout the County and the last mile		
Develop digital literacy and cybersecurity programming to help residents better access, navigate, and utilize online resources.		
Expand access and services using electronic and fiber optics networks.		
Connect local businesses and entrepreneurs with online marketing and tech resources to expand accessibility for residents and visitors.		
Consider and prepare for cybersecurity needs of utility infrastructure investments that move to “cloud based” management (e.g. off-site metering of water/sewer facilities).		
Strategy 3: Maintain Quality Utility Infrastructure		
Provide more electric vehicle charging stations (Level 2 and/or Level 3 service) at key destination points like parks and the airport.		
Consider supporting diversification of energy generation and supply models county-wide (i.e. utilizing commercial properties to generate energy rather than agricultural lands).		
Continue to evaluate appropriate sites for alternative energy facilities, such as large-scale solar.		
Develop and/or update local alternative energy system (solar, wind, battery storage, etc.) regulations to guide investment, where appropriate.		
Incentivize the installation of solar panels above parking areas and rooftops.		
Encourage participation in community choice aggregation and demand response programs.		
Pursue certification in NYSERDA’s Clean Energy Communities program to open up additional clean energy infrastructure planning and implementation funding opportunities.		
Work with New Energy New York programming to expand energy generation and promote industry expansion.		
Consider regional wastewater treatment facility to compost septic, organic waste, and wastewater sludges for beneficial reuse.		

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The County will continue to focus on economic development strategies that support and utilize our small businesses and major employers along with existing agricultural and tourism assets as economic drivers for future growth. By continuing to support small and large businesses, and educational institutions, we are providing the Chenango County community with long-term economic growth opportunities that foster an economically stable and attractive community. Providing the community with long-term growth strategies can provide Chenango County with a diverse and vibrant local economy.

NEEDS IN THIS FOCUS AREA

1

Limited Tourism Sector: Despite its natural beauty and cultural attractions, Chenango County's tourism sector remains underdeveloped. The lack of marketing efforts, infrastructure investments, and visitor amenities has hindered the county's ability to attract tourists and capitalize on its potential as a destination for outdoor recreation, cultural experiences, and agritourism.

2

Employment Opportunities: Many residents of Chenango County face limited job prospects and economic opportunities, particularly in rural areas. The decline of traditional industries, such as agriculture and manufacturing, coupled with the lack of diverse employment sectors, has contributed to unemployment, underemployment, and outmigration from the county.

3

Workforce Development: The mismatch between available jobs and the skills of the local workforce presents a significant challenge for economic growth in Chenango County. Investing in workforce development programs, vocational training initiatives, and educational partnerships can help bridge this gap and equip residents with the skills needed for emerging industries and occupations.

4

Business Retention and Expansion: Retaining existing businesses and supporting their growth is essential for maintaining a strong economic base in Chenango County. Challenges such as limited access to capital, regulatory barriers, and workforce shortages can hinder business expansion efforts and impede entrepreneurial success in the county.

Economic Opportunity

GOAL STATEMENT

Chenango County will continue to work with local and regional partners to grow existing businesses, establish new businesses, expand tourism, and attract investors and people from outside the county to ensure goods and services that the community requires are available and attainable. It is essential to foster a healthy economy that provides a wide array of employment opportunities for our residents and supports the growth of business and industry from within our community.

STRATEGIES

1. **Develop our Workforce.** Support the economic growth and independence of residents through increased job and skills development as well as the attraction and retention of local talent.
2. **Promote Chenango County as a Destination.** Increase tourism efforts to attract more visitors to the Chenango County area, increase the tax base, and boost community assets, events, and businesses.
3. **Support Local Businesses.** Provide support for local businesses, entrepreneurs, and institutions to promote and retain economic opportunity within the community.
4. **Grow Economic Development Infrastructure.** Invest in the economic development infrastructure, both physical and policy based, that is necessary to attract and grow regional jobs and business.

ACTIONS

Economic Opportunity	County Actions	Community Actions
Strategy 1: Develop our Workforce		
Pilot industry-led workforce training initiatives to expand across the county.	TBD	TBD
Create partnerships with educational programs like BOCES and SUNY Morrisville to promote specialty and higher education opportunities within the County.		
Encourage regional educational Institutions to identify ways to expand educational programs and services making them more effective and accessible for residents (e.g. with the use of technology).		
Engage with statewide resources, like NYS Economic Development Councils, to access training and networking opportunities in and around the county.		
Identify and promote pathways for manufacturing careers that are in-demand by the private sector.		

Economic Opportunity	County Actions	Community Actions
Support efforts to diversify entertainment, cultural events, and other amenities that will retain and attract the workforce needed to grow the economy.		
Strategy 2: Promote Chenango County as a Destination		
Create enhanced “day trip” experiences for visitors that connect the City and nearby villages and towns.		
Develop a Rail Trail through the County and support agri-tourism.		
Assist local farms to partner with tourist destinations in the development of weekend vacation packages.		
Utilize outdoor recreational assets as a method to attract more visitors.		
Leverage anchor events like Taste Chenango to cross-promote other activities in the region and direct visitors to the upcoming events.		
Use a large regional event as an opportunity to learn about the market and conduct a quick visitor survey to get real-time information on clientele.		
Connect with regional metro tourism agencies to market Chenango as a rural getaway alternative or a day trip in both NY and PA.		
Provide digital and physical material to demonstrate how to spend a weekend/day in Chenango County.		
Develop a County-wide Tourism Plan to ensure a cohesive approach to implementation of these actions and new opportunities.		
Expand lodging options and event spaces to draw local and regional interest and special event offerings (e.g. hotels, wedding venues).		
Strategy 3: Support Local Businesses		
Prioritize business retention and expansion efforts with existing businesses across the County.		
Connect with small and medium-sized businesses and maintain a record of what information is collected as part of the visit or digital outreach.		
Investigate the feasibility of a business incubator program that can assist smaller local businesses with start-up and ongoing success.		
Increase awareness of succession planning tools, and if demand is present, seek ways to match exiting business owners with the next generation of ownership.		
Regularly engage the business community to gather real-time feedback on their experiences and opportunities in the sectors. Ensure that a cross-sector of businesses is represented throughout the engagement.		

Economic Opportunity	County Actions	Community Actions
Leverage the existing local economic development groups around the county to align regional and local efforts.		
Create peer learning networks to demystify internet sales and marketing.		
Brand the Chenango County community, highlighting broadband access along with lively downtown and authentic local amenities.		
Assist the local business community in a process that will allow them to define a “community vision” for the economic future of Chenango County.		
Strategy 4: Grow Economic Development Infrastructure		
Continue to foster manufacturing, agricultural production, food/beverage manufacturing as the County’s target sectors.		
Define the message for what role Chenango County plays in the regional economy and the sectors of industry that are well-suited to grow based on the existing industry mix. Use market data to make the case for the business environment in the county.		
Work with regional economic development leaders who can help identify opportunities spinning out from Micron and the supply chain/workforce needs. Promote what role Chenango County is poised to play within a 5-, 10-, or 20-year timeframe.		
Bring in speakers or visiting economic developers to discuss the long-term potential of Micron to this region.		
Designate a project development team that can shepherd emerging economic development projects through a process of preparing them for CFA and other funding opportunities.		
Identify publicly owned land that could be suitable for expansion or new projects. Identify what infrastructure exists and what is lacking on each site and pursue feasibility studies to advance the project-readiness of the sites.		
Determine what parcels will become viable as business opportunities as water/wastewater infrastructure is expanded in Norwich.		
Create an inventory of “shovel-ready” sites to attract new business and industry.		
Evaluate with Southern Tier REDC leaders how Chenango County can support the region’s five investment pillars.		

SUSTAINABLE LIVING & RURAL ENVIRONMENT

Adopting a sustainable lifestyle for our residents allows for the growth of the community to meet its current economic, social, and environmental needs. Environmental and natural resources such as the Chenango River, the several state forests within the County, rural landscapes, etc. shape our communities and add to the quality of our lives. The County will need to consider a regional balance of development to ensure that environmentally friendly and resilient measures are being taken to protect ourselves from extreme weather events and/or flooding. By promoting sustainable development, we are ensuring that our community is adaptive and resilient to the triple line of sustainability, social, economic, and environmental.

Our thriving agricultural sector, characterized by dairy farms, crop production, and sustainable farming practices, is a cornerstone of Chenango County's economy and identity. We recognize the crucial role of agriculture in preserving our rural character, supporting local food systems, and contributing to the county's resilience and sustainability goals.

NEEDS IN THIS FOCUS AREA

1

Climate Change: Chenango County, like many regions in NYS, is not immune to the impacts of climate change. Increased frequency of severe weather events, including flooding, droughts, and storms, threatens the county's infrastructure, agriculture, and overall community well-being.

2

Renewable Energy: The transition to renewable energy sources is crucial for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combating climate change. However, challenges include funding the initial investment, integrating these systems into the existing infrastructure, and ensuring they are accessible and affordable for all residents.

3

Natural & Rural Environment: Chenango County's natural resources and rural character are one of the region's largest assets. The protection and preservation of open spaces, environmentally sensitive areas, and agricultural lands is vital to maintaining the rural charm of the County and the associated social, economic, and environmental benefits.

Sustainable Living & Rural Environment

GOAL STATEMENT

We are committed to investing in our towns, villages and the city in a manner that revitalizes our communities while sustaining the beauty and value of our natural and rural environment. Over time, Chenango County will strive to make public and private investment decisions that protect our natural resources, foster resiliency in our citizens and our lands, and enhance the livability of the places we call home. We will continue to support the local agricultural industry, recognizing its role in building economic opportunity, protecting soils, and maintaining our bucolic and pastoral setting. It is our responsibility to make mindful decisions that capitalize on these environmental assets while reducing our impact and conserving lands for future generations.

STRATEGIES

1. **Promote Sustainable Living Practices.** Foster a culture of sustainable choices in everyday actions of individuals, municipalities, and local industry.
2. **Support the Viability of Agriculture.** Support the long-term viability of agricultural lands and sustainable operations.
3. **Protect Natural Resources and Increase Environmental Resiliency.** Protect open space, natural resources, and environmentally sensitive areas and increase efforts to promote biodiversity, sustainable development, and resilient land management practices.

ACTIONS

Sustainable Living & Rural Environment	County Actions	Community Actions
Strategy 1: Promote Sustainable Living Practices		
Promote and seek funding for clean technology upgrades to residential and commercial properties (e.g. heat pumps, geothermal, etc.)		
Evaluate the feasibility of implementing a Countywide program to reduce waste, including household recycling, hazardous waste recycling, composting, and farm waste reduction programs.		
Promote collaboration between neighboring municipalities for shared sustainable waste management practices.		
Support shift to electric small equipment and tools (leaf blowers, lawn mowers).		
Promote conversion to LED lighting and help coordinate bulb trade-in programs.		
Support and promote repair cafes and reuse centers.		
Educate and encourage consumers and businesses to use reusable products, like refillable containers, the reuse or up-cycling of used goods, goods repair, etc.		

Sustainable Living & Rural Environment	County Actions	Community Actions
Provide guidance on green infrastructure implementation and consider incentives for incorporation of green infrastructure in public and private projects like development bonuses, grant funding, and awards and recognition programs.		
Provide education and resources on the conversion from lawn space to native plantings and/or low or no-mow lawns.		
Identify grants and educational resources for businesses and homeowners to install rainwater collection and graywater systems.		
Develop a Green Procurement Policy and support the implementation of green building code practices.		
Develop a County-wide Climate Action Plan to inventory greenhouse gas emissions and identify necessary climate mitigation measures.		
Pursue certification in NYSERDA’s Climate Smart Communities program to open up additional climate action planning and implementation funding opportunities.		
Provide training to community officials and board members on environmental policies and land use best practices.		
Strategy 2: Support the Viability of Agriculture		
Continue efforts to implement the Chenango County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Program.		
Continue administration of the Agricultural District Program through NYS Agriculture and Markets.		
Pursue new biofuel options in the agricultural industry to ensure sustainable development.		
Promote a branding campaign for products grown or produced in Chenango County.		
Secure funding through the NYS Climate Resilient Farming program to increase sustainable farming practices, such as biomass plantings, cover cropping, and upgraded irrigation systems/reservoirs.		
Ensure local land use regulations provide reasonable protections to agricultural lands from development pressures and protect the right-to-farm.		
Strategy 3: Protect Natural Resources and Increase Environmental Resiliency		
Continue to work with local environmental and conservation organizations to educate local decision makers and residents on environmental stewardship efforts that apply to their geographical region (i.e. watersheds, forestry).		
Identify opportunity areas for expanding public access along the Chenango River.		

Sustainable Living & Rural Environment	County Actions	Community Actions
Identify opportunity areas for ecorestoration that could increase biodiversity and offset or sequester greenhouse gas emissions (e.g. restore wetlands on unused agricultural lands).		
Coordinate land use management efforts between municipalities to help direct development towards existing infrastructure.		
Support municipalities in participating in and securing funding through the NYS Brownfield Opportunity Area Program, where applicable.		
Encourage the redevelopment of underutilized sites and direct development near existing infrastructure to reduce pressure on undeveloped lands and green space.		
Support programs to increase tree cover, establish tree canopy goals across the County, and consider creating a tree fund, prioritizing planting trees in vulnerable areas.		
Support programs to conserve more land in collaboration with land trust organizations and conserve more wooded lots.		
Ensure local land use regulations prohibit inefficient development patterns and fragmentation of open space. Consider additional regulations that protect environmentally sensitive features and scenic vistas.		
Inventory large impervious surface areas and consider alternative development practices to reduce stormwater run-off.		
Track severe weather events and impacts to community services, property values, and cost of infrastructure maintenance/repairs.		
Create policies for the removal and/or relocation of impervious surfaces and buildings in floodplains, wetlands, or other areas prone to flooding. Prohibit replacement of such infrastructure in vulnerable areas.		