



CHENANGO COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

# Public Kick-Off Meeting

AUGUST 9, 2023



**BERGMANN**

ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS PLANNERS

*Bergmann has joined Colliers Engineering & Design*



# Agenda



**01 INTRODUCTIONS**

**02 PROJECT OVERVIEW**

**03 VISION 2020 – THEN & NOW**

**04 NEXT STEPS**

**05 Q&A**





01

# Introductions

# 01 Project Team

**John Steinmetz, FAICP**  
Planning Principal



**Molly Gaudio, AICP**  
Project Manager



## Subconsultants



*Note: Bergmann is now Colliers Engineering & Design*





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# Our Experience



- 50+** Comprehensive & Long-Range Planning Efforts
- 40+** Zoning & Land Use Regulation Projects
- 13+** Joint Planning & Zoning Updates
- 300+** Public Meetings & Workshops

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# Our Expertise



- **Community Planning & Engagement**
- **Economic Development**
- **Transportation & Infrastructure**
- **GIS & Mapping**
- **Conservation & Sustainability**
- **Marketing & Branding**



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& La Fayette Square.  
Saw Mills.  
Bank.  
Bank.

Fort Hill Block.

## OXFORD, N. Y.

15 Baptist Church.  
16 Oxford Academy, Pa.  
17 Bowling House.  
18 Methodist Church.  
19 Congregational Church.  
20 D. L. & W. Depot.  
21 Enterprise Chair Mfg.  
22 St. Paul's Church and

# About you!

## WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

## WHY DID YOU JOIN US

## TONIGHT?





# 02

# Project Overview





# Project Background



Appalachian  
Regional  
Commission

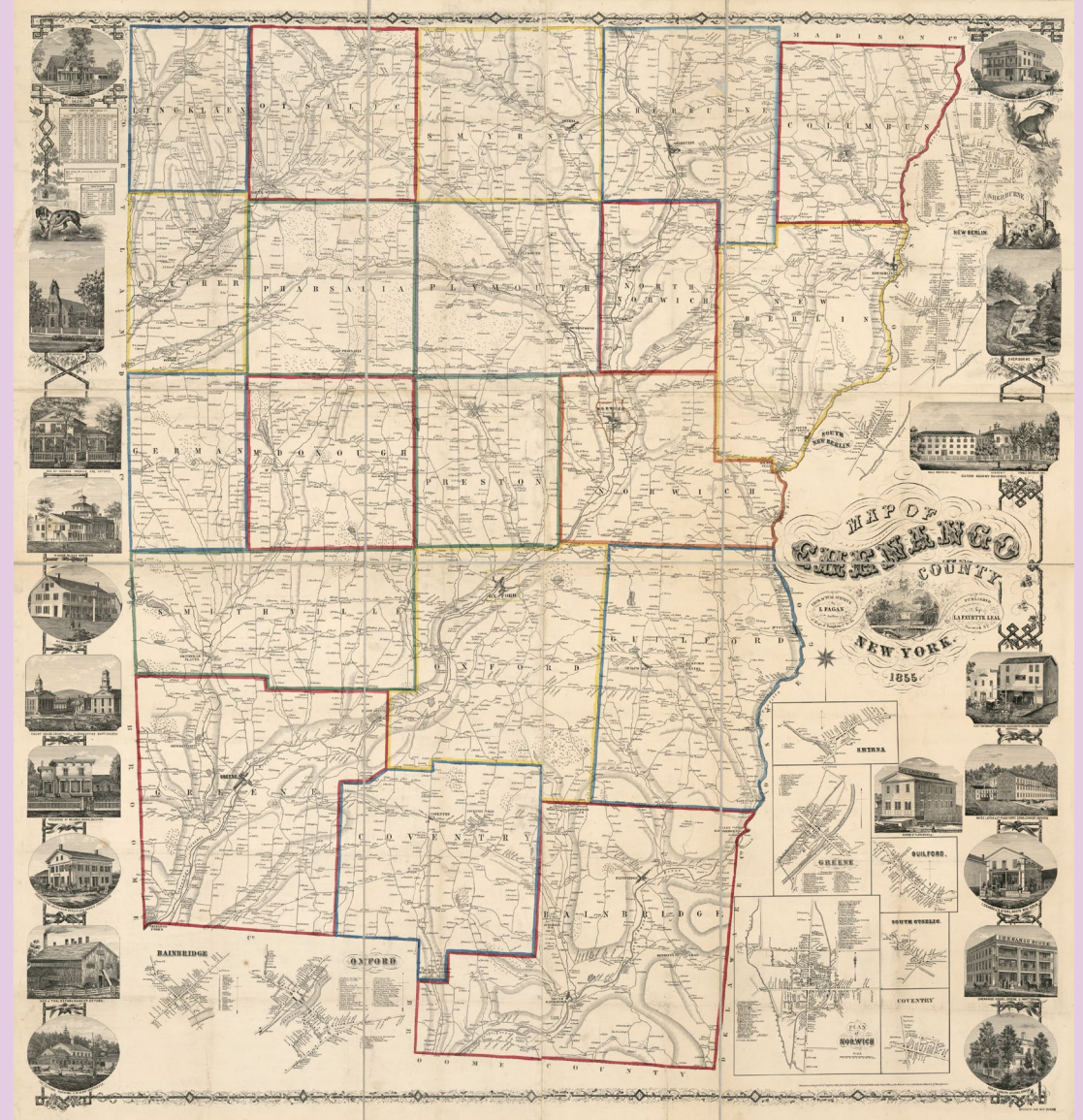


- Identified need to update and refocus the 2020 Vision Plan into a 2050 Vision Plan.
- Partnership with Chenango County Planning & Economic Development Committee, Development Chenango Corporation (DCC), and Southern Tier 8
- Awarded \$90,000 and \$80,000 in grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission and Empire State Development, respectively
- Secured a \$10,000 commitment from DCC.



# 02 Project Goals

- Foster high level of public engagement
- Direct how and where economic development should occur
- Guide efforts for resiliency, sustainability, and energy independence
- Define how to enhance personal services, such as broadband, childcare, housing, and transportation
- Identify goals and strategies for County, local governments, and other agencies and organizations to achieve the vision





# Project Committee



<b>NAME</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Victoria Mitchell	United Way of Mid Rural New York
Diane Scalzo	Town of Columbus
Ted Guinn	Town of Norwich Planning Board
Zachary Meseck	Town of Preston
Paul Romahn	Town of Oxford Planning Board
Paul Thomsen	Town of New Berlin
Dan Ryan	City of Norwich
Robert Davis	Town of Guilford Planning Board
Salvatore Testani	Commerce Chenango
Erik Scrivener	City of Norwich
Michael Flanagan	City of Norwich
Karol Kucinski	City of Norwich





# 02 Plan Focus Areas

Identified as top priorities for the County.



# Anticipated Timeline



# Public Outreach



## Project Website

- Information Sharing
- Document Posting
- Q&A / Comment Form

## Three (3) Surveys

- Visioning Survey
- Priority Actions
- Draft Plan Review
- Both Online & Hardcopy

## Four (4) Pop-ups

- Staff info booths at community events
- Various County locations
- May do more!





03

**Vision 2020**

**Then & Now**



# Vision 2020 Plan

**“OUR WISH IS A CLEAN  
ENVIRONMENT, GOOD JOBS,  
COMFORTABLE HOMES, A  
QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL ...”**

CHENANGO  
COUNTY'S

2020 VISION

*Summary Report  
of the 2020 Vision  
Commission on  
the Future*



Anticipating the 21st Century

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# Then & Now

## CURRENT PLAN WAS PREPARED IN 1992

- What **was** happening then?
  - George H. Bush was president
  - Gallon of gas cost \$1.13
  - Cowboys beat the Bills in Superbowl XXVII
  
- What **wasn't** happening then?
  - Amazon booksellers was founded in 1994
  - Social media platforms did not exist
    - Facebook founded in 2004
    - Twitter founded in 2006
  - Millennials were being born
  - Generation Z did not exist



Mobile Phone: 1992  
First Camera Phone: 2000  
First iPhone: 2007



# Why update the Vision Plan?

## CIRCA 1992

- US Population: 257+ Million
- **County Population: 52,087+**
- Fortune 500 Top Companies
  - General Motors
  - Exxon Mobile
  - Ford Motor
  - Intl. Business Machines
  - General Electric

## CIRCA 2022

- US Population: 333+ Million
- **County Population: 46,500+**
- Fortune 500 Top Companies
  - Walmart
  - Amazon
  - Apple
  - CVS Health
  - UnitedHealth Group

MANUFACTURING ECONOMY

SERVICE-BASED ECONOMY

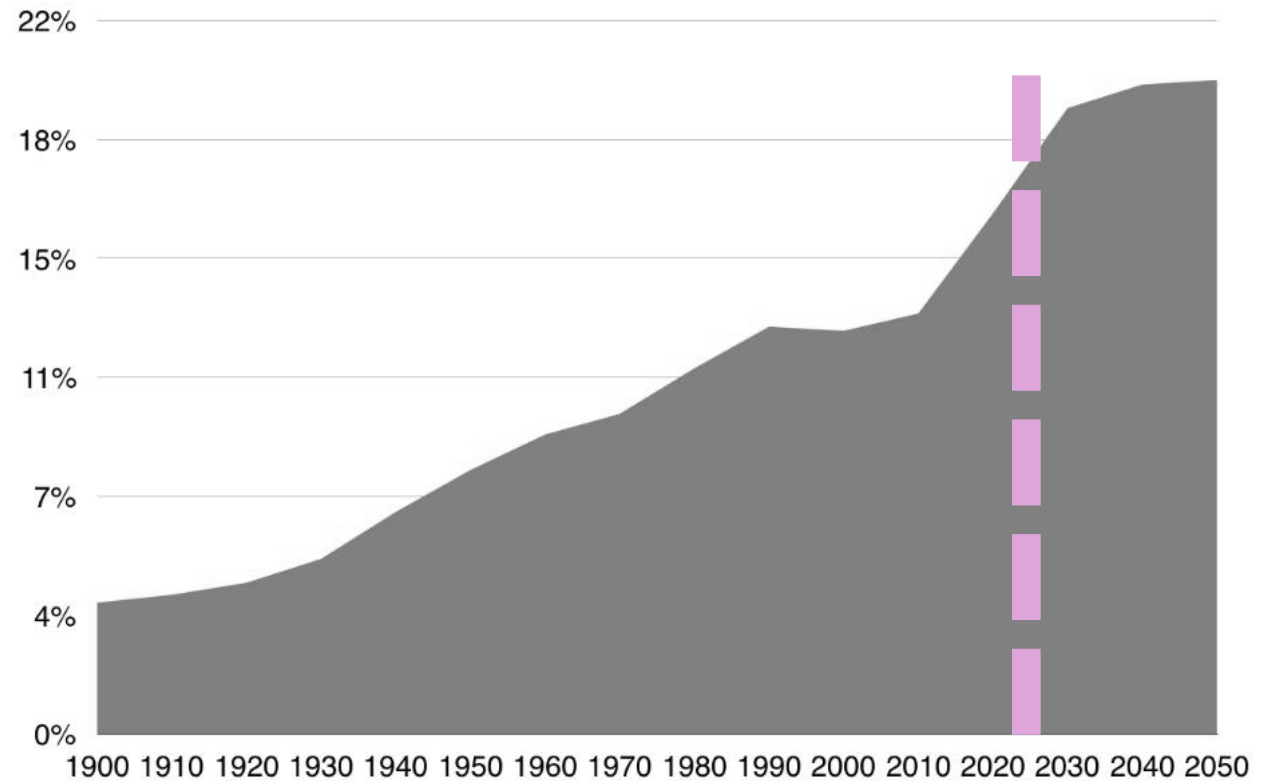




# Population Trends

WE'RE GETTING OLDER...

**% of US Population Aged 65+**

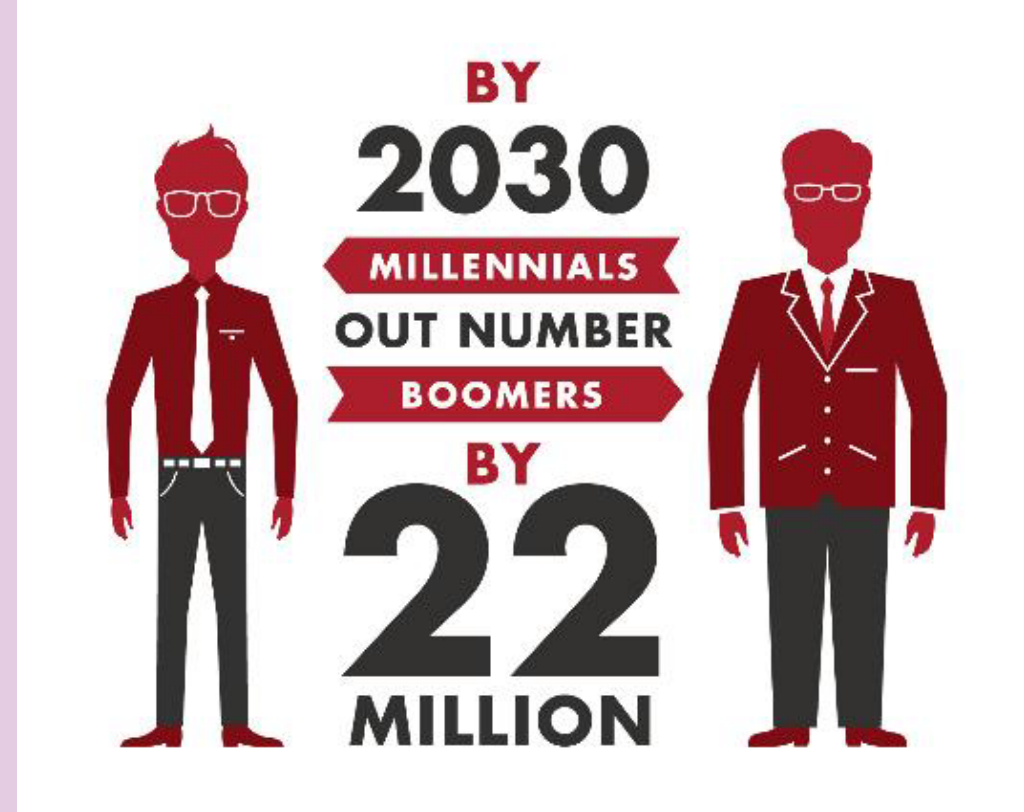


Source: U.S. Administration on Aging & U.S. Census Bureau



# 03 Population Trends

- Influence of younger generations is increasing







# 03 Other Trends

Home / News / Health News / Young Americans Face Rising ...

## Young Americans Face Rising Rates of Obesity, High Blood Pressure, Diabetes

By [HealthDay](#) | March 6, 2023, at 1:54 p.m.



By Dennis Thompson HealthDay Reporter

MONDAY, March 6, 2023 (HealthDay News) -- Young adults in the United States carry an increasing burden of heart health risk factors, making it more likely they'll suffer a heart attack and stroke as they age, a new study warns.

More adults ages 20 to 44 are obese and diabetic than a decade ago, and they are more likely to have poorly controlled blood pressure, according to the study published March 5 in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Researchers also found that young Black and Hispanic adults are more likely to suffer from these risk factors than white young adults.



 (HEALTHDAY)

### MORE HEALTH CARE NEWS

#### HEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES HEALTH NEWS

Preventable Deaths Rose During Pandemic



#### HEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES HEALTH NEWS

Cancer Patients Face Medicine Shortages



#### HEALTH NEWS

Will Americans Take Another COVID Shot?





# 03 Other Trends

- 1998 – 110,000 volunteer firefighters
- 2021 – 75,000 volunteer firefighters
- 32% drop in volunteers
- Meanwhile calls increased by 29%

## **NYS Volunteer Firefighter Shortage**





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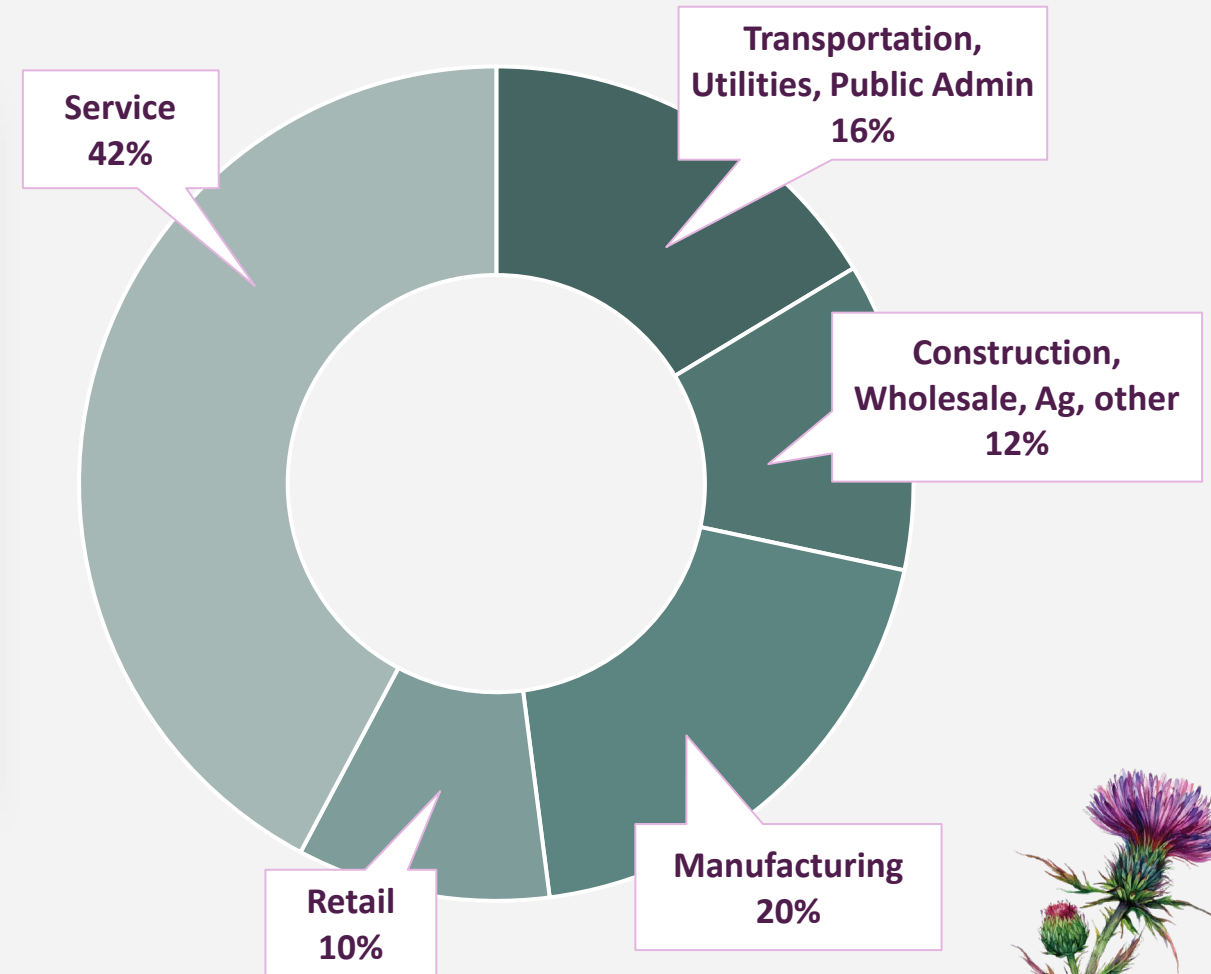
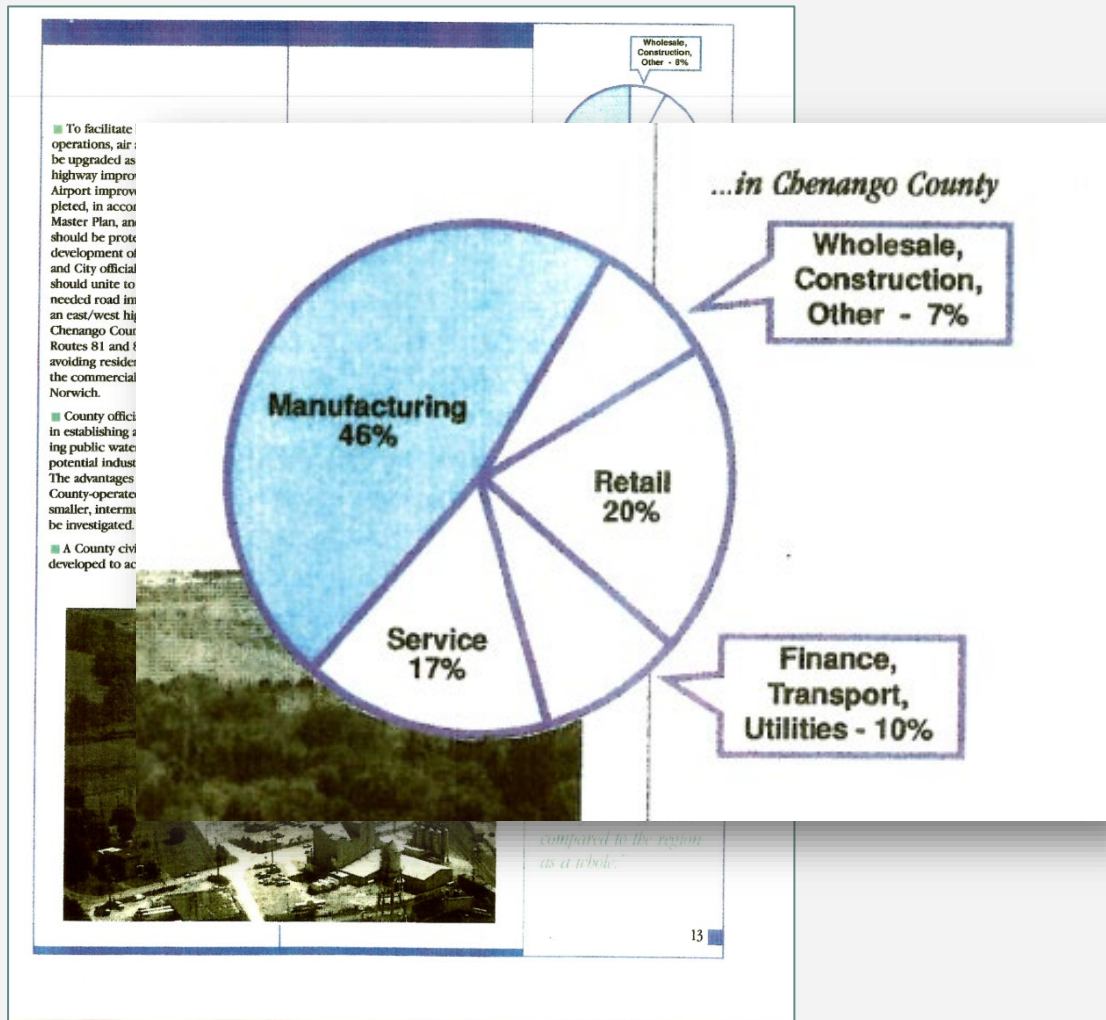
## Child Poverty

- 1,641 children live in poverty in Chenango County
- 17% of children in the county live below the poverty line
- NYS child poverty rate is 20%





# Employment Industries







# Vision 2020 Plan Goals

- 1) RECREATING THE PIONEER SPIRIT
- 2) PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT
- 3) STREAMLINING FOR THE LONG HAUL
- 4) PRESERVING OUR RURAL ATMOSPHERE
- 5) INVESTMENT FOR A HEALTHY ECONOMY
- 6) SHELTER FOR TOMORROW STARTS TODAY
- 7) MASTERING TECHNOLOGY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW
- 8) POOLING OUR RESOURCES, PULLING TOGETHER

TOWARD THE  
**21<sup>ST</sup>**

CENTURY...

Our VISION is ambitious. Some would say "unrealistic," "too romantic," "unreachable." And so it is, if we do not seize the opportunity and do what must be done to bring about our better tomorrow.

The 2020 Planning Teams, together with the Commissioners, have sorted through a myriad array of facts, opinions and ideas to arrive at the recommendations that follow. Some require financial commitments from government and the private sector. Many do not. All require the will to see the 2020 Vision accomplished and to follow through on proposals that may sometimes be unpopular. We believe that they include many of the tools we will need for our journey into the 21st century. We offer them in that spirit.

Let us begin...

*"Our wish is a clean environment, good jobs, comfortable homes, a quality education for all, no toxic waste problems, no crime, no drugs."*





## GREENE, N.Y.

10. Barber, Salesman for Stone,  
11. Co., Boots & Shoes,  
12. Works, Tannery, Machine Shop  
13. and Mill.  
14. Smith, Wagon Repairer,  
15. Stone, E. H. Agt. and Coal Dealer,  
16. Hartman, Groceries & Provision,  
17. Knickerbocker, Hats & Grey, General  
18. Store Agt.  
19. Jones, Lawyer,  
20. Smith, Clothing & Great Furnishing  
21. Store,  
22. Wilson, Groceries,  
23. and, Justice of the Peace.

24. O. K. Merrill, Fancy Groceries,  
25. Chalmers House, Lewis C. Hill,  
26. Joseph Franklin, Tannery, Artist  
27. Thompson & Telf, Livery and  
28. Dr. J. J. Mackinnon, Military  
29. R. P. Crossfield, M. D.,  
30. R. K. Alexander, Furniture & M.  
31. Undertaking,  
32. E. L. Page, General Merchandise  
33. "The Challenge of American"  
34. Dickinson & Roberts, Props.,  
35. Eugene Clinton, Lawyer,  
36. J. H. Bates, Boots & Shoes,  
37. Lewis J. Hall, Job Printer.

# Vision 2020

HOW IS THE COUNTY DOING?  
HAVE PRIORITIES CHANGED?



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**Next Steps**



# Visioning Survey

LIVE NOW!

[www.ChenangoCounty2050.com](http://www.ChenangoCounty2050.com)





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# Next Steps

- **Existing Plans & Studies Summary**
- **Stakeholder Interviews**
- **Committee Meeting #2**
- **Draft County Community Profile**





# 05 Question & Answer

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING! 😊