

Town of Otsego — Comprehensive Plan Implementation Schedule

Adopted implementation actions by program area

Program Area	Action	Timeline	Responsible Party
1.1 Local Economy & Agriculture	Shared Local Events Calendar: Centralize arts, culture, parks, and tourism/agritourism events on the town's website.	3 Months	Planning Board
1.1 Local Economy & Agriculture	Signage for Assets: Secure funding for aesthetic signage at culturally significant sites and local businesses.	1 Year	Town Board
1.1 Local Economy & Agriculture	Agritourism & Farmers' Market: Establish a new market aimed at agritourism during peak seasons.	1 Year	Town Board
1.2 Revitalization & Infrastructure	Emergency Services Impacts: Review emergency service impacts during subdivision and site plan reviews for future construction.	Ongoing	Town Board
1.2 Revitalization & Infrastructure	Climate Smart Communities Task Force: Assemble a committee with MVEDD to pursue CSC certification.	1 Year	Town Board, Task Force Committee
1.3 Transportation	Alternative Transportation & Transit Access: Fund EV charging stations; post bus schedules; compile rideshare/free transit info for seniors and low-income residents.	2 Years	Town Board
1.3 Transportation	Highway Maintenance: Review/revise road construction standards; ensure ecologically responsible materials; review speed limits.	Ongoing	Highway Dept., County & Town Municipalities
1.3 Transportation	Roadway Safety: Collaborate with Otsego County and NYSDOT to secure funding for speed deterrents.	Ongoing	Highway Dept., County & Town Municipalities
1.3 Transportation	CHIPS Funding Advocacy: Set up annual meetings with NYS Senate and Assembly Transportation committees to advocate for higher CHIPS reimbursements.	Annual	Town Board, Highway Dept.
1.4 Broadband	Increase Broadband Access: Collaborate with MVEDD, Otsego County Planning, and Vernonburg Group to address coverage gaps per the 2025 broadband survey.	1 Year	Town Board
1.5 Recreation & Natural Resources	Protect Drinking Water: Support the Otsego Lake Protection Plan; coordinate with the Watershed Supervisory Committee on salting, septic, and construction.	Ongoing	Town Board
1.5 Recreation & Natural Resources	Increase Lake Protections: Clarify zoning districts; establish a dedicated municipal Lake Protection Zone with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.	1 Year	Town Board
1.6 Housing Diversity & Land Use	Short-Term Rental Owner Occupancy: Pass an ordinance requiring owner-occupancy of short-term rental units.	1 Year	Town Board
1.6 Housing Diversity & Land Use	Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): Update land use laws to define ADUs and establish clear permit processes.	1 Year	Zoning Board
1.6 Housing Diversity & Land Use	Hamlet Development (Density Mapping): Consider eliminating minimum lot sizes in hamlets; remove conjoined-unit caps; revise parking rules near transit.	1 Year	Zoning Board
1.6 Housing Diversity & Land Use	AG Zone Density Boundaries: Enact zoning preventing parcels 40+ acres from being split into more than 3 lots.	1 Year	Zoning Board
1.6 Housing Diversity & Land Use	Density & Clustering Incentives: Encourage compact development (duplexes, townhomes); update Density Bonus section; increase min. lot sizes for non-clustered AG subdivisions under 40 acres.	1 Year	Zoning Board
1.6 Housing Diversity & Land Use	Heritage Barn Law: Adopt laws facilitating adaptive reuse of historic barns into housing (exempt from certain lot limits, up to 10 units).	2 Years	Town Board
1.6 Housing Diversity & Land Use	Sewer & Water Infrastructure Expansion: Initiate feasibility and needs review to support a municipal sewer system.	3 Years	Town Board
1.7 Monitoring & Feasibility	Inter-Board Assessment & Alignment: Convene joint meetings to review local law alignment, assess housing milestones, seek grants, and adjust budgets.	Every 1–2 Yrs	Town Board, Planning Board, ZBA, ZEO