

Town of Clarkson Comprehensive Plan Summary

Overall Vision

The Town of Clarkson aspires to retain its rural character while accommodating a fiscally sound balance of housing, commercial and light industrial development, parks and trails, and agricultural lands and other open space.

Goals

The following goals expand on the overall vision stated above.

1. Preserve the distinctive features of Clarkson's character, including its historic hamlet areas, rural road frontages, and natural drainage systems.
2. Focus development at existing nodes.
3. Match the location and capacity of infrastructure and community services to Clarkson's rural vision.
4. Diversify the tax base to improve community quality of life and municipal fiscal management.
5. Designate neighborhoods and rural residential areas to accommodate a wide range of life-style preferences with regard to density, cost, size and type.

Translating Community Values into Physical Form

- Hamlet Design Principles
 - Pedestrian friendly streets
 - Trees and multi-story buildings frame pedestrian zone
- Neighborhood Design Principles
 - Pedestrian friendly streets
 - Highest density neighborhoods close to hamlet areas
 - Yards in residential areas provide transition from public realm of street to private realm of the home
- Rural Design Principles
 - Low-density development
 - Preserve natural features of site including streams, woodlands and wetlands
 - Curvilinear forms and natural materials
 - Varied location and character of buildings and vegetation

Implementation

Short-Term (1-3 years)	Long-Term (2-10 Years)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan adoption and dissemination • Zoning revisions • Clarkson Corners streetscape study • Road extensions and trail development • Expand park and open space offerings • Adopt right-to-farm law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan review and amendment • Town-wide drainage study and plan for consolidated drainage facilities • Continue road extensions and trail development • Continue park and open space acquisition and development • Develop farmland preservation plan