

Town and Village of Delhi Joint Comprehensive Plan Update

COMMITTEE MEETING #2

FEBRUARY 25, 2026



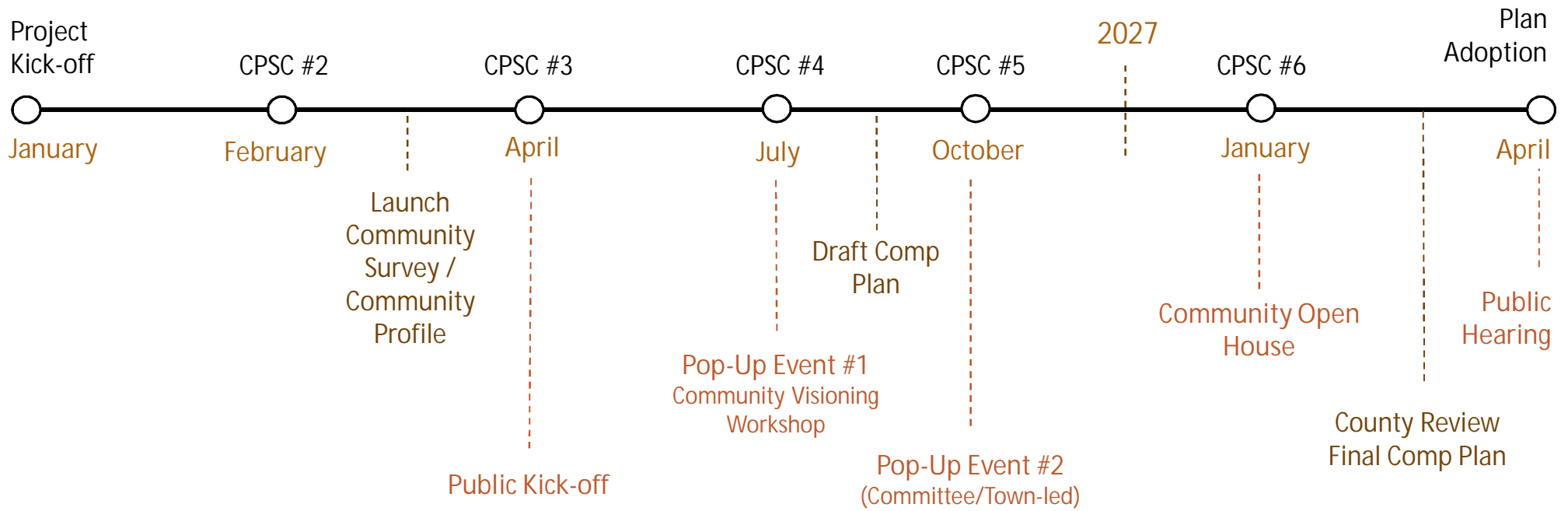
Agenda

1. Kick-off Overview
2. Community Participation Plan
3. Draft Survey Review and Process
4. Next Steps



Kick-off Review

MEETING SUMMARY AND SWOT
ANALYSIS



SWOT Analysis

Strengths

Charm
 People want to be here
 Strong academics at all levels
 County Seat
 Cooperation between Town and Village
 Location, NYC Watershed
 SUNY Volunteers
 Local industries / Employment Opportunities
 Main Street / Court House Square
 Recreation Facilities

Weaknesses

Cell service
 Housing availability
 Communication – all levels for all ages
 Water and sewer access
 Location, NYC Watershed
 Street infrastructure and safety
 Seasonal impact on retail
 Disconnect between SUNY and Village (getting students to Main Street)
 Affordability

Opportunities

Better Town-n-Gown relationship
 Hotel, lodging, and SUNY hospitality program
 Affordable Housing
 Trout fishing tourism, Wedding venues and golf courses
 Chamber of Commerce
 NYC Watershed programs and funding
 ARC
 DCEC – co-op electric
 "Bubble" community facility at SUNY
 Reservoir Park waterfall
 Efficiency of Town and Village services

Threats

Short-term rental and second homes
 Affordability for young families
 Land use regulations limiting housing affordability
 Limited bike and pedestrian infrastructure
 Lack of a community center for public
 NYC watershed regulations/proximity to NYC
 Tax-exempt lands
 Traffic Control

The SWOT analysis for the two communities highlights the area's identity as an educational center, with convenient access to retail and recreation. Strengths include the existing co-operation between the Town and Village, the thriving Main Street, proximity to regional assets, and the Village's position as Delaware County Seat

However, the town faces several challenges, particularly around the physical disconnect between SUNY Delhi and the Village, poor cell service coverage, and a lack of affordable housing. Housing affordability is a growing concern across the county, likely driven by the prevalence of vacation homes.

Despite these weaknesses, the two communities have opportunities to leverage their natural assets and relationships with local organizations to enhance commercial corridors and recreational opportunities.

Threats include the prevalence of short-term rentals / second homes, affordability for young families, and NYC watershed land-use regulations that limit housing availability. These insights will inform strategies that reinforce Delhi's strengths while proactively addressing growth, infrastructure, and quality-of-life considerations.

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Community Participation Plan

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Components and Timeline:

- Community Survey (March 2026)
- Public Kickoff Meeting (April 2026)
- Visioning Public Engagement (April - July 2026)
 - Online Interactive Tool
 - Visioning Pop-up Event #1
- Actions Public Engagement (July-Oct 2026)
 - Online Interactive Tool
 - Stakeholder Interviews
 - Pop-up Event #2 (Committee-led)
- Community Open House / Committee Public Hearing (Nov 2026-Jan 2027)
- Joint Public Hearing between Town / Village Boards (Feb-Mar 2027)



Community Survey

22 Question Survey

- Collects demographic information to know who the survey is reaching (Residents, Visitors, Business Owners, etc)
- Respondents help identify:
 - Regional strengths and weaknesses;
 - Assets that can be leveraged;
 - Long term investment goals;
 - Housing priorities
- The survey will be hosted on [surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com)



What are the best ways to disseminate the survey to the local population?

- Government social media pages, municipal websites, local gathering spots, etc.
- Who can be a “point person”?

Survey Distribution

Ideas for promoting the survey to residents

- Notification in local news publication;
- On municipal websites;
- Municipal social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, etc.);
- Partner with local businesses to hang/post informational flyers;
- Partner with SUNY Delhi;
- At the planned pop-up events;
- Any other ideas?



Stakeholder Lists

How should we establish stakeholder groups?

- Two or three focused topic areas
- Examples: housing, tourism, transportation, health care, economy, etc.

Committee Task:

- Assemble a list of interested people, their affiliations, and contact info by **March XX**





Document Structure

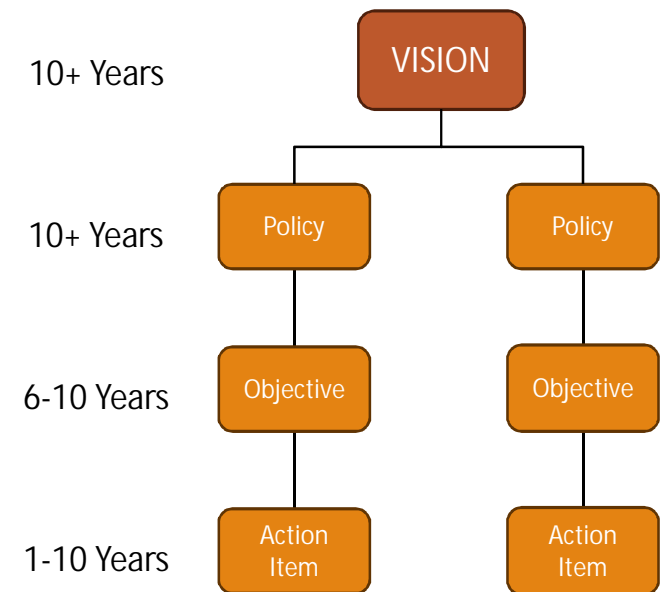
Vison and Policy Framework

Vision: A general statement describing the aspiration of the Village; an end towards which all actions are aimed

Policy: A statement supporting the vision; addressing a particular area or issue facing the Village

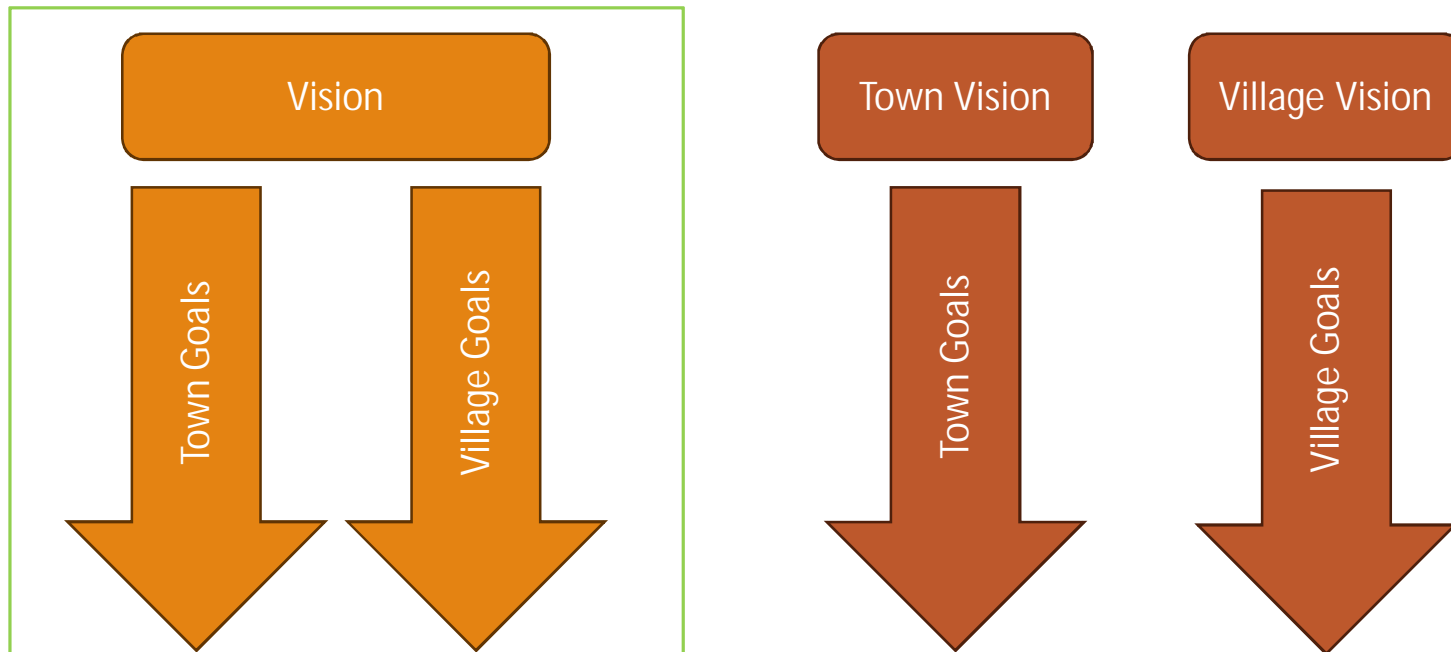
Objective: A measurable activity to be accomplished in pursuit of the policy; refers to a specific aspiration which is reasonably attainable

Action Item: A specific proposal to do something that relates directly to accomplishing an objective; it can take the form of a plan, project, or program



Vision Statement

As discussed in the kickoff meeting there are two routes that the plan can take: a shared overarching vision or individual visions





Next Steps

OUR TASKS AND YOURS

General Project Timeline

Task	Timeline
Launch Survey	March 16 – April 3
Develop First Draft of Vision/Goals	April 10
Committee Meeting #3	Early April
Public Info Meeting	Late April
Visioning Public Engagement	April – June
Actions Public Engagement	July – Sept
Draft Plan	Fall

Next Steps

B&L Team

Launch Survey (March 16 – April 3, 2026)

- Create Survey Flyer (March 6)

Continue to refine Community Profile

- To be distributed to Committee (Mid-March)

Collect results from Survey

Draft Vision and Goal Framework

Draft Online Engagement Tool Feedback

- to be discussed at Committee Mtg #3

Committee

1. Promote Survey
2. Send photos of area for inclusion in document
3. Build Stakeholder List

Next Committee Meeting

Early April – April __, 2026

Public Info Meeting

Late April – April __, 2026