

Updated Vision, Goals, and Strategies

Recent Updates to the Vision, Goals, and Strategies

Since we last met, the Consultant Team has updated the drafts of the Vision, Goals, and Strategies based on:

LPC Feedback

June 26 Local Planning
Committee Meeting #2

July 21 Virtual workshop

Community Feedback

June 26 Public Workshop

Online Survey



Public Feedback on the Catskill DRI Vision Statement



Public Feedback on Catskill's Strengths



Public Feedback on Catskill's Challenges



Public Feedback on Catskill's Opportunities



Catskill DRI Vision Statement

Drawing on its history as a crossroads of the Upper Hudson Valley, Catskill will be a vibrant, active community that provides opportunity for all. Catskill will be affordable and accessible to people and families of all income levels and backgrounds while retaining its small-village character, natural beauty, and culture of care, inclusion, and creativity.

Catskill DRI Goals

1 – Housing Affordability

Address the local affordability crisis by building new homes at a range of price points, including options affordable to those earning the village's median salary, and improving existing homes.

2 – Downtown Assets

Invest in the unique assets of the downtown area, its businesses, and Catskill Creek to draw more residents and visitors.

3 – Community Spaces

Expand and improve accessible, affordable community spaces that serve Catskill youth, families, and seniors.

4 – Streetscapes and Mobility

Beautify streetscapes, improve wayfinding and accessible pedestrian infrastructure, and make it easier for residents and visitors to get around Catskill and age in place.

Goal + Strategies

Goal 1 – Housing Affordability

Address the local affordability crisis by building new homes at a range of price points, including options affordable to those earning the village's median salary, and improving existing homes.

Strategies

- Renovate underused buildings for housing.
- Build new housing on underused and vacant land.
- Renovate and expand Catskill's public housing stock.
- Enable property owners to take advantage of accessible dwelling unit policies to create more units.
- Enable property owners to rehabilitate and preserve existing housing.
- Promote an environmentally sustainable and resilient housing stock.

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Goal 2 – Downtown Assets

Invest in the unique assets of the downtown area, its businesses, and Catskill Creek to draw more residents and visitors.

Strategies

- Create new opportunities to have fun on and alongside the Creek.
- Preserve the natural beauty of the Creek and surrounding areas while welcoming public access and enjoyment.
- Diversify the mix of retail and dining, prioritizing options that are affordable to local residents.
- Enable existing businesses to upgrade and modernize their spaces.
- Create downtown spaces that are accessible and cater to young people and/or seniors.
- Unify online information about Catskill offerings and events and promote activities that draw residents and visitors in the off season.

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Goal 3 – Community Spaces

Expand and improve accessible, affordable community spaces that serve Catskill youth, families, and seniors.

Strategies

- Improve and expand Catskill's parks, playgrounds, and recreational spaces.
- Improve and expand community centers and other spaces that serve young people.
- Create and improve downtown attractions that serve Catskill residents of all ages.
- Increase access to affordable fresh food in the downtown area.
- Support organizations and resources that strengthen food security.

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Goal 4 – Streetscapes and Mobility

Beautify streetscapes, improve wayfinding and accessible pedestrian infrastructure, and make it easier for residents and visitors to get around Catskill and age in place.

Strategies

- Commission public art that activates underused spaces and buildings and honors Catskill's history and culture.
- Add wayfinding signage that promotes Catskill's brand and directs people to downtown's historic & cultural sites and other resources.
- Repair and expand sidewalks and accessible pedestrian infrastructure.
- Improve lighting and plant more greenery along Main Street.
- Improve the reliability and visibility of public transit.
- Invest in infrastructure to accommodate increased foot traffic, such as public restrooms and trashcans.