

Village of Mamaroneck

Comprehensive Plan Memorandum

The Village of Mamaroneck Board of Trustees adopted the Village's new Comprehensive Plan after a public hearing on September 12, 2023. The Comprehensive Plan sets the goals, objectives, priorities and recommendations for investing in the physical, environmental and economic future of the Village for the next ten years. While environmental and sustainability topics are identified throughout the Comprehensive Plan (e.g., Chapter 5 addresses Environmental Protection, Open Space and Flood Mitigation and Chapter 6 focuses on Transportation Systems including making the Village safe and enjoyable for walking and bicycling), Chapter 7 focuses specifically on Environmental Sustainability. Specific recommendations addressing environmental/climate action at both the municipal level and Village-wide are located in this chapter and summarized in the Index of Recommendations/Implementation Table (See Appendix 1).

The Comprehensive Plan recognizes that municipalities have an important role to play in meeting the New York State Climate Act's requirements and goals. Chapter 7 presents a strategic framework for the Village, which includes its own operations and facilities in addition to the homes and businesses that operate in the Village, to become more environmentally sustainable and contribute toward the state's greenhouse gas reduction targets. The Village understands the importance of identifying, planning, and implementing policies and actions to protect the natural environment. Therefore, a comprehensive strategy will provide a clear and decisive path forward to becoming a more sustainable community.

In 2018 the Village conducted an Environmental Sustainability survey (Table 10 on page 132). The results of this survey formed the basis for the Sustainability Action Plan (section f.) which is the core of Chapter 7. The Village's involvement in **NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities (CEC)** and **NYS DEC's Climate Smart Communities (CSC)** program informed the development of the Sustainability Action Plan. Both of these programs prescribe a range of activities that the Village must undertake in order to achieve certification in these programs. Specific CEC and CSC actions are identified as such, including any that the Village has already accomplished.

The newly completed Comprehensive Plan addresses the **five required sustainability elements** and **includes all 6 of the additional points-based elements** for the PE6 action as shown in the tables below. As such, the Village of Mamaroneck qualifies for a total of 21 points for this Priority action. The updated plan discusses progress on actions recommended in the 2012 Comprehensive Plan and then provides 2023 goals and recommendations for each section. The specific CSC actions that are recommended can be found in Appendix 1 of this memorandum.

Required Sustainability Elements	Recommended Actions	Page #s in Comp Plan
Support alternative modes of transportation	6-1 – 6-12, 7-30	116-118, 123-126, 128-130, 149
Promote smart growth principles in land-use policies	4b, 5	85-87, 109-111
Conserve Natural Areas	7-13, 8-2	109, 145, 173
Promote a Healthy and Safe Community	7-14, 7-15, 7-23, 7-26, 7-30	142, 145-149
Foster Equity (housing, schools, transportation, recreation, food, environmental exposures)	4a-15, 4a-19, 8-2, 8-3	38, 69-70, 104, 166

Points-Based Sustainability Elements	Recommended Action	Page #s in Comp Plan
Foster green economic development	7-48 – 62	68, 102-103, 154-157
Decrease dependence on fossil fuels and support energy efficiency and renewable energy production	7-1-10, 7-19-20, 29-34	134-135, 138-139, 148 158-160
Foster the efficient use of natural resources	7-11-34	144, 162
Promote the development or conservation of local food systems	7-41-42, 47	151-153
Protect drinking water sources from pollution	7-12-18	141-145
Promote adaptation to climate change (including strategies related to land use and public education and engagement)	7-63-65, 67, 69	158-162

Community Outreach

Pages 16 - 18

The Village conducted extensive community outreach to understand the concerns of residents. Much of the initial engagement for the Village comprehensive planning process took place in 2018 prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and Hurricane Ida. Given the time that had elapsed and the significance of these two events, another round of community engagement was launched. The overall purpose was to learn how sentiments may have changed, whether any priorities have shifted, if any existing issues have improved or worsened, or if any new issues have emerged.

The Village's Planning Board and volunteer committees, which included the Committee for the Environment, the Tree Committee, the Traffic Commission, the Rec & Parks Commission, and the Flood Mitigation Advisory Commission reviewed and commented on a draft of the comprehensive plan that had been completed in November 2020. The Village's consultant for this planning process also met with each of these committees to retrieve information about any accomplishments since 2019 and to discuss potential goals, objectives, and recommendations.

A Comprehensive Plan Community Survey was launched near the end of 2022 to reconnect with Village residents. More than 800 people took the survey. The focus of the survey was to gauge the level of satisfaction among residents about various aspects of the Village today and to identify the highest priority topics. Flood Protection, Land Use & Development, Utilities & Infrastructure, Housing (affordability), and Transportation (Biking) were the topics of greatest dissatisfaction (see Figure 19 on page 170). The top five topics priorities for survey respondents were Flood Protection, Utilities & Infrastructure, Land Use & Development, Businesses (stores, restaurants, services), and Housing (affordability), as shown in Figure 20 on page 17.

The public was invited to submit comments on two drafts of the **2023 Comprehensive Plan** via e-mail and to attend one of four public hearings held between June and August 2023.

Appendix 1 to Comprehensive Plan Memorandum

7. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

#	RECOMMENDATIONS	PHASE	RELATED STRATEGIES	OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	CAPITAL INV.	EST. YR. FOR CAPITAL INV.	GRANTS	LEAD + SUPPORT
	LEAD, MANAGE & COORDINATE: Municipal Facilities & Operations							
7-1	Submit application for bronze certification by NYSEERDA's Clean Energy Communities program (CEC7)	P						
7-2	Consider roles of CSC Task Force, CFTE, and Tree Committee in assessing, advising on, and/or taking ownership of certain sustainability initiatives	S						
7-3	Consider hiring additional staff, interns, or outside professionals/consultants to manage, implement, and/or promote sustainability initiatives	S		\$				
7-4	Adopt policies to require or encourage the purchase of environmentally-preferable products	P						
7-5	Update the Village's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory	S						
	LEAD, MANAGE & COORDINATE: Village-Wide							
7-6	Continue coordinating with neighboring municipalities on sustainability education, awareness, and planning initiatives and implementing joint initiatives (CSC PE10).	X						CFTE
7-7	Invite and work with universities and research institutions to share knowledge of successful sustainability strategies and to study sustainability topics and challenges in the Village.	S						
7-8	Involve local high schools to learn about and participate in local sustainability initiatives through relevant classes and active involvement from student groups.	S						CFTE
7-9	Engage the Mamaroneck and Rye Neck school districts to share information on environmental sustainability initiatives and accomplishments.	S						CFTE
7-10	Engage local businesses to learn about and promote any existing sustainable features and practices and to encourage the adoption of	M		\$				

	such practices among businesses located in the Village.							
	CLEAN WATER: Municipal Facilities & Operations							
7-11	Identify, locate, and implement green stormwater management demonstration projects on Village property.	M		\$	\$			
	CLEAN WATER: Village-wide							
7-12	Create or update a watershed assessment to identify flooding and water quality priorities (CSC PE7).	P		\$				
7-13	Preserve natural areas, particularly wetlands, through zoning or other regulations (CSC PE6).	P	5-7					
7-14	Continue to promote the Healthy Yards campaign to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides on residential and non-residential properties and to encourage the planting of native species and pollinators	X		\$				
7-15	Educate homeowners about green stormwater management and encourage them to implement green stormwater management techniques (e.g., rain barrels, cisterns, rain gardens)	S		\$				
7-16	Adopt rules to control outdoor residential watering during peak hours and to limit outdoor watering from automated systems to limited windows of time	S						
7-17	Conserve, re-vegetate, and reconnect floodplains and buffers	P						
7-18	Use green infrastructure to manage stormwater in developed areas	P						
	CLEAN AIR: Municipal Facilities & Operations							
7-19	Adopt a policy to report the energy use of buildings (CEC 1).	S						
7-20	Perform a professional energy audit on four major Village buildings.	S		\$				
7-21	Begin implementing the <i>Urban Forest Canopy Management Plan</i> .	S		\$	\$			
7-22	Adopt a formal vehicle fleet efficiency policy (CSC PE3) and right-size the Village's fleet of vehicles (CSC PE3)	P					CSC	
7-23	Consider a more uniform leaf blower ban among neighboring municipalities.	S						
7-24	Convert Village offices from bottled water to water fountains with bottle fillers.	S			\$			

7-25	Consider incentives that encourage Village employees to commute via bicycling, transit, or carpooling versus personal vehicle (CSC PE3).	M						
7-26	Consider converting or encouraging the conversion of licensed taxis to hybrid or electric vehicles.	L						
	CLEAN AIR: Village-Wide							
7-27	Consider additional zoning safeguards in the industrial area to prevent hazardous materials release into the environment.	S						
7-28	Undertake a tree inventory track the location, type, and planting date of recently- and newly-planted trees on public property using GIS.	P		\$				
7-29	Convert lighting fixtures in Harbor Island Park to LED.	X						
7-30	Implement strategies that support bicycling and walking (CSC PE6). Plan for and implement traffic calming measures (CSC PE6).	P	6-3, 6-4				CSC	
7-31	Perform a review of Village street lights and recommend lighting improvements to promote security and to encourage walking and the use of Village parks.	X						
7-32	Consider transportation-related revisions to zoning provisions for multi-unit residential development that could benefit air quality.	S						
7-33	Continue to create campaigns to educate and remind residents, property-owners, and landscaping businesses about the seasonal ban on leaf blowers.	X		\$				
7-34	Consider new regulations and incentives to reduce or eliminate the use of gas-powered lawn and garden equipment.	P						
7-35	Consider requiring provision of parking spaces with electric charging capabilities in certain new private developments.	S						
	TOWARD ZERO WASTE: Municipal Facilities & Operations							
7-36	Conduct a waste audit of Village facilities and operations and track diversion rates over time (CSC PE5).	S		\$				
7-37	Provide recycling bins next to all trash receptacles in Village facilities (CSC PE5).	P		\$				
7-38	Provide more trash and recycling bins in parks and on sidewalks along Village streets and apply clear signs/instructions.	S		\$				
7-39	Promote the Waste Wizard Recyclopeda	S						

7-40	Continue to support the Marine Education Center with coastal cleanups.	P		\$				
7-41	Continue to participate in and promote the “Love Your Food” program (CSC PE5).	S		\$				
7-42	Provide organic waste collection and composting in Village facilities (CSC PE 5).	M		\$	\$			
	TOWARD ZERO WASTE: Village-Wide							
7-43	Provide recycling bins in public places and events (CSC PE6)	M		\$				
7-44	Set up and manage a resource recovery center to encourage reuse of gently-used or new materials that have been discarded (CSC PE5)	M		\$				
7-45	Consider grassroots programs, contests, and/or games that involves residents in litter collection.	M						
7-46	Adopt a construction and demolition waste reduction program or policy (CSC PE5)	M					CSC	
7-47	Consider expanding food waste collection to encourage and involve commercial businesses.	L		\$				
	GREENER BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES, STREETS: Muni Facilities & Ops.							
7-48	Adopt a green building standard for Village-owned buildings and facilities (CSC PE3).	P	8-1					
7-49	Retrieve data from utilities on energy and water consumption of municipal facilities and operations.	S						
7-50	Adopt the NYStretch Energy Code	S						
7-51	Implement several green stormwater management demonstration projects on Village property, including parks, where feasible.	S		\$				
7-52	Construct a new green building (CSC PE3).	M	8-1	\$\$	\$\$\$\$			
7-53	Adopt an energy benchmarking requirement for Village buildings (CEC 10, CSC PE3).	M						
7-54	Conduct a feasibility study for renewable energy installations (CSC PE4)	M		\$				
7-55	Consider installing a geothermal pump or other geothermal technology at a new or existing Village property (CSC PE4)	L		\$	\$			
	GREENER BUILDINGS, PROPERTIES, STREETS: Village-Wide							
7-56	Retrieve data from utility providers on residential and commercial energy and water consumption.	S						

7-57	Request participation in another Solarize program (CEC 6)	P						
7-58	Adopt policies, programs, and regulations to conserve water for residential and commercial outdoor use	S						
7-59	Consider adopting a residential energy efficiency financing program (CSC PE8)	M						
7-60	Consider establishing an Energize NY PACE Financing Program to encourage buildings to implement energy efficiency projects	M						
7-61	Consider adopting a green building standard for new development (CSC PE3)	S						
7-62	Adopt energy benchmarking requirements for privately-owned buildings (CSC PE8)	M						
	TAKING CLIMATE ACTION: Municipal Facilities & Operations							
7-63	Develop a government operations climate action plan (CSC PE2).	P		\$			CSC	
	TAKING CLIMATE ACTION: Village-Wide							
7-64	Streamline the approval process for solar (CEC 8).	P						
7-65	Develop a community greenhouse gas emissions inventory.	P		\$				
	BUILD AWARENESS & INVOLVEMENT: Municipal Facilities & Operations							
7-66	Implement data collection protocols and track sustainability accomplishments and associated cost savings internally	S						
7-67	Create an incentive program for Village employees.	M		\$				
	BUILD AWARENESS & INVOLVEMENT: Village-Wide							
7-68	Create a “buy local/buy green” campaign (CSC PE8)	S		\$				
7-69	Hold green vendor fairs (CSC PE8)	M		\$				
7-70	Create a green jobs training program (CSC PE8)	M		\$				

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2021, AT 8:00 P.M.
VIA TELE AND VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**RESOLUTION RE:
ADOPTION OF THE 2021 WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

(Name of Jurisdiction) Village of Mamaroneck

(Governing Body) Village Board of Trustees

(Address) 123 Mamaroneck Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543

WHEREAS, all jurisdictions within Westchester County have exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County and local economy; and

WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Village adopted its own Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2012, which was later superseded by the Westchester County Hazard Mitigation Plan which was adopted by resolution of the Board of Trustees at their December 21, 2015 meeting; and

WHEREAS, by law, Hazard Mitigation Plans must be adopted every five (5) years and Westchester County began its planning process for the update in 2019, however, the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic prevented the County from completing this process in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the impact that COVID-19 had on governmental resources, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided an additional one-year period for the County to complete the update to their plan; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Westchester County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Mamaroneck Board of Trustees

- 1) Adopts in its entirety, the 2020 Westchester County Hazard Mitigation Plan (the "Plan") as the jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- 2) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
- 3) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
- 4) Will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan.
- 5) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.
- 6) Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.
- 7) Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

Ayes: Wenstrup, Natchez, Lucas, Tafur, Murphy

Nays: None

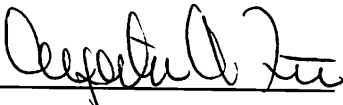
I, the undersigned Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Mamaroneck, Westchester County, New York,

DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mamaroneck, including the resolution contained therein, held on 22nd day of November 2021 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Village this 23rd day of November 2021.



Agostino A. Fusco