



**Colden Comprehensive Plan:** The Town of Colden is updating our 1993 Master Plan to develop a new and refreshed Comprehensive Plan vision for the next 8-10 years. We invite you to take part in brief surveys (5-10 minutes).

What is the direction of the Colden community over the next 8-10 years? Do we want to grow? Conserve & protect lands & resources? What are our opportunities and our shortfalls? A Comprehensive Plan is the means to provide this guidance based on community input with the development of a future vision along with goals and action items to achieve it. The Town's existing plan is from 1993 – and some things have changed since then! We need your feedback!



**Colden Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan:** Colden had changes with respect to Agriculture and Farmland issues. Farming and agriculture are essential elements for open space preservation and maintaining a balanced community, as well as enhancing the local economy. Colden is developing our first Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan to supplement our existing "Right to Farm" local law. Information gathering for this needs your input to build on comments provided by residents at a Public Information meeting held in December 2021. The team would like to better define what "farming" presently means in Colden, and where it's heading. Is it raising crops, keeping animals of any type (including horses), cattle farms, growing herbs, vegetables, or similar things in gardens on your property, keeping bees, raising chickens for eggs, forestry, timber harvesting, tree farms, raising Christmas trees, or other similar activities *of any size or scale*, and where do these activities occur? Hobby farms, family gardens, and any size Agricultural activity is of interest for our planning. Please assist with your feedback on this important topic.

### **Colden Landowners and Residents, You Can Help:**

We want to hear from Colden residents and landowners, and invite you to take part in two brief surveys giving your feedback; 5-10 minutes of your time to help your community over the next 10 years... not a bad trade off! Landowners and Residents can assist both of these projects by **filling out the paper survey forms included with your Colden Spring 2022 newsletter, or better yet by doing the same identical surveys via the online method.** The online survey also allows adding additional relevant information to a companion map helping us identify types and extent of agricultural in Colden.

**Colden Residents, More Information Available Online:** The project website is: <https://jsteinbach26.wixsite.com/coldenplan/community-involvement>. While you're online, feel free to check out the rest of the site to learn more.

The two surveys will be open for at least 5 weeks duration from the first week in April 2022. We ask that any mailed survey forms be submitted as soon as possible since there is going to be much more manual work to assemble the data for analysis when not done online.

**The QR Code below will take you to the online information for the two Plans. Thank you!**

