

# The Planning Process

The Village of Granville began the planning process in May of 2002 by establishing a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. The Committee was created with the intent of representing a large cross section of the community, the Village Board, the business community, fraternal and religious organizations, senior citizens, students, homeowners, and the cultural attractions.

The Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, realizing the importance of public participation in the development of a Comprehensive Plan, held open meetings throughout the entire process. The Village of Granville sought methods of community outreach beyond simply inviting public to the Committee meetings. Several opportunities for community outreach were afforded to the residents, including: a resident survey, a business survey, and two community Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) workshops. The meetings were advertised through articles in *The Granville Sentinel*, which is distributed throughout the Village. The draft and final Comprehensive Plan was also presented at public hearings.

Listed below are events that took place over a 13-month period beginning in May 2002 for the development and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

- Appointment of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee with meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every other month.
- May 20, 2002 - Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee Orientation Meeting. Review of the Comprehensive planning process, identify key issues, identify stakeholders, discuss the public participation process, and establish a timeline.

## *Events*

- July 15, 2002 - Review the Key Issues white paper, examine the Existing Conditions Working Document, and review the example Residential and Business surveys.
- September 23, 2002 –Review the results of the Residential Survey, the facilitation of the Residential and Business Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Workshop #1.
- October 28, 2002 – Special meeting, Review of the public opinion survey results, review of the Existing Conditions Working Document edits, guest speaker, facilitation of the SWOT Workshop #2.
- November 18, 2002 – Discussion and analysis of the SWOT workshop and the facilitation of the visioning and goal development exercises.
- January 20, 2003 – Development of draft goals and recommendations.
- March 10, 2003 – Presentation of the Draft Plan to the Committee, creation of implementation schedule and concept plan
- April 21, 2003 – Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee Public Hearing, Committee votes to recommend the adoption of the Plan by the Village Board.
- May 2003 –Forward Draft Plan to Washington County Planning Board for review.
- June 2003 – Village Board Public Hearing and State, Environmental, Quality, Review Act (SEQR) Determination. Comprehensive Plan adoption.