

**Request for Proposals
For
Creation of a Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Orchard Park**

The Village of Orchard Park is requesting proposals from qualified firms to create a Comprehensive Plan. The Village received a grant from the New York State Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Program to help fund the project - the total budget is \$72,222. The chosen consultant will collaborate closely with the Village to fulfill all grant requirements.

A Comprehensive Plan is imperative for the Village of Orchard Park because of our history and anticipated growth trajectory. We have a strong community that has a shared vision of what we want the future of our Village to look like. A Comprehensive Plan will help to put this vision into words and tangible goals and serve as a roadmap for sustainable development. It will encompass resident input, business needs, environmental considerations, recreational facilities, and more.

The Village of Orchard Park is looking for a consultant or firm that has experience with similar projects, is located within New York State, and will research to have a strong understanding of the Village of Orchard Park's organization and community.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for the Village of Orchard Park's Comprehensive Plan, please submit five (5) hardcopy proposals to the Orchard Park Village Office and an electronic copy to clerk@orchardparkvillage.org by Thursday, June 6th, 2024 at 11am. Please address the outside of the sealed envelope as:

Village of Orchard Park
Attention: Clerk-Treasurer Mary Beth Jensen
4295 South Buffalo Street
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Please Note: Proposals must be electronically submitted via email as well as provide a hardcopy to the Village office. Fax submissions are not accepted.

Village of Orchard Park

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Village of Orchard Park is engaging in a community-driven planning process to develop its **first ever** Comprehensive Plan. The Village is situated in the Town of Orchard Park in the southern part of Erie County, New York.

PROJECT POINTS:

The Village of Orchard Park currently does not have a Comprehensive Plan.

The Village of Orchard Park is situated in the Town of Orchard Park in the southern part of Erie County, New York.

The geographic area involved in the Comprehensive Plan will involve the entire Village of Orchard Park, approximately 1.38 square miles, with a population of 3,108.

The basic components of the project will be managed by the Village Board with assistance from a Comprehensive Plan Committee.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES REQUIRED

The hired consultant will create a new Comprehensive Plan from start to finish. A Comprehensive Plan Committee will be selected to work with the hired consultant to ensure all information is accurate. This committee will be appointed by the Village Board. The scope of services will include, but are not limited to:

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The hired consultant will develop the Comprehensive Plan from start to finish. It is envisioned that a Comprehensive Plan Committee will be selected to work with the hired consultant. However, the Village will leave it up to the hired consultant to develop a scope of work to meet the deliverables set forth in this Request for Proposals. The Plan will need to be developed according to the work plan agreed upon between the Village and the State. A copy is attached to this Request for Proposals for consultant information. Generally, tasks include but are not limited to:

- Acting as the Municipality's consultant to create a new Comprehensive Plan;
- Working with the Municipality and Comprehensive Plan Committee to ensure all information in the Plan is accurate;
- Clearly state the objectives and desired outcomes of the Comprehensive Plan;
- Drafting of the Comprehensive Plan and presenting to the Village Board;

- Attend and Present at all Public Hearings required for the adoption of the new Comprehensive Plan;
- Attend and Present at all Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings;
- Prepare any necessary reports for the NYS Department of State, as required in the grant award from the State;
- Conducting the SEQR process in accordance with the NYS Requirements;

PLAN COMPONENTS

The Comprehensive Plan aims to formulate a forward-looking strategy to guide long-term sustainable growth. It will include a range of various topics that are aligned with the specific needs and future aspirations of the Village of Orchard Park. The Comprehensive Plan must address the following general Smart Growth principles, in addition to the elements suggested by the New York State statute:

- Promote mixed land uses in focus areas
- Create an adequate range of housing opportunities and choices
- Promote development and redevelopment where infrastructure is adequate and sustainable
- Build on traits that make a distinctive and attractive community with a strong sense of place
- Promote well-planned and well-placed public spaces
- Promote sustainable compact neighborhoods
- Increase mobility and circulation within jurisdictional lines and improve connectivity with areas outside jurisdictional lines.
- Promote sustainable mass transit that reduces the local levels of greenhouse gas emissions
- Promote walkable/bikeable neighborhood designs
- Promote and integrate clean energy resources and related incentives
- Improve green infrastructure and resident's participation to this effort
- Increase resiliency to extreme weather events
- Encourage social diversity and integration
- Expand planning and implementation efforts across jurisdictional lines, to increase effectiveness, sustainability, and resiliency
- Promote community and stakeholder collaboration in planning

Specific Components from the Village to include in the Plan

The Plan needs to establish a long-term strategy for future growth and protection of resources and will include the following topics:

- Land-Use (both existing and future)
- Traffic Calming Study Implementation

- Economic Development
- Housing – align with *NYS Pro-Housing Communities*
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Capital Improvements
- Education
- Recreation

A detailed strategy implementing the community’s policies, concepts, projects and programs shall be identified in the plan. This includes phased implementation approach (short-term, mid and long-term), as well as anticipated costs, and priorities.

PROJECT PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Village will establish a Comprehensive Plan Update Committee that will meet on a regular basis during the planning process to advance the preparation, review, and approval of the Comprehensive Plan, and to work with the consultant on organizing and conducting community engagement events.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

The consultant will be required to prepare a Community Participation Plan that describes the public outreach and participation efforts that will be conducted during the development of the Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to the local and State statutes. At a minimum, the Community Participation Plan shall include (in-person or virtual) interviews with local and regional stakeholders, a community survey, a public information meeting, one or more public workshops, one or more public hearings, and a webpage with links to announcements, presentations and documents prepared during the planning process. The Community Participation Plan shall identify key individuals, organizations, and entities to be involved, and shall identify roles and responsibilities in coordinating the entire outreach process, logistics, and the proposed schedule of the proposed public outreach and participation efforts.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

- The firm must be located in New York State
- Must have experience in similar projects
- Must have an understanding of the organization/community
- All Proposals must be received in the Orchard Park Village Office by 11am on Thursday, June 6th, 2024.

PROPOSAL CONTENT

Proposals should include the following items:

- Scope of Work
- Project timeline, major milestones and key deliverables
- A detailed budget including a schedule with tasks and estimated hours for each task
- Names and resumes of proposed staff members that will be assigned to the project
- An organizational chart that shows all team members and consultants, including Women and Minority-Owned Business Enterprises
- Description of three (3) similar projects that the firm has completed. Please give a summary and references for each of these projects including name, email and telephone number
- Any additional information that the consultant deems necessary

EVALUATION

Proposals will be considered by the Orchard Park Village Board at a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, June 10th, 2024 at 7pm in the Municipal Center, 4295 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated on multiple elements: proposal completeness, submission by the correct date and time, understanding of the Village of Orchard Park, firm's capability to complete the project based on similar project completed in the past, budget and timeline.

Qualified State certified MWBEs are encouraged to submit proposals.

The total MWBE utilization goal for this project is 30%. (\$10,833 MBE - 15%/ \$10,833 WBE - 15%).

Other firms are encouraged to partner with qualified state certified MWBEs to achieve the utilization goal. Qualified State certified MWBE firms can be identified using the NYS Directory of Certified Firms (<https://ny.newnycontracts.com/>).

REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

- The Village of Orchard Park reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

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QUESTIONS

Any questions should be addressed to:

The Village of Orchard Park
4295 South Buffalo Street
Orchard Park, New York 14127

Attention:
Mayor Jo Ann Litwin Clinton
716-662-9327
mayor@orchardparkvillage.org

ATTACHMENT C - WORK PLAN

Village of Orchard Park Comprehensive Plan

1. Project Description

The Village of Orchard Park (Contractor) and its Comprehensive Planning Committee will prepare a Comprehensive Plan pursuant to General City Law § 28 / Town Law § 272-a / Village Law 7-722. The Comprehensive Plan will establish the objectives that the community wants to achieve, and will guide future sustainable growth within the municipality, enhance the local cultural identity, and protect natural and cultural local resources.

The Comprehensive Plan must address the following general Smart Growth principles, in addition to the elements suggested by the New York State statutes:

- Promote mixed land uses in focus areas.
- Create an adequate range of housing opportunities and choices.
- Promote development and redevelopment where infrastructure is adequate and sustainable.
- Build on traits that make a distinctive and attractive community with a strong sense of place.
- Promote well-planned and well-placed public spaces
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- Improve green infrastructure and resident's participation to this effort
- Increase resiliency to extreme weather events.
- Encourage social diversity and integration.
- Expand planning and implementation efforts across jurisdictional lines, to increase effectiveness, sustainability, and resiliency.
- Promote community and stakeholder collaboration in planning

The Contractor will use the funding/grant for consultant services necessary for the coordination of the planning process and preparation of the Comprehensive Plan.

2. Project Attribution and Number of Copies

The Contractor must ensure that all materials printed, constructed, and/or produced acknowledge the contributions of the Department to the project. All final and public facing materials must include the Department of State logo and the following acknowledgment:

"This [document, report, map, etc.] was prepared with funding provided by the New York State Department of State Environmental Protection Fund."

The contributions of the Department must also be acknowledged in community press releases and other notices issued for the project, including web site postings and other forms of digital distribution. The Contractor must provide adequate notice, at least two weeks, to the Department prior to any press release and/or events including groundbreakings and ribbon-cuttings to coordinate appropriate DOS attribution and participation. Project press releases and other notices shall be approved by the Department prior to release.

The Contractor must submit to the Department all required products, clearly labeled with the NYS Comptroller's contract number as indicated on the Face Page of this Contract and where applicable, the related task number from this Work Plan.

Unless otherwise specified in the Work Plan tasks, the Contractor shall submit products in the following formats:

- Draft products: one digital copy of each product must be submitted in Microsoft Word and Adobe® Acrobat® Portable Document Format (PDF), created using 300 dpi scanning resolution.
- Final products: one electronic copy of each product must be submitted in Microsoft Word, PDF (20 MB maximum, per PDF), created using 300 dpi scanning resolution. In addition, one paper copy of each final product (including reports, designs, maps, drawings, and plans) must be submitted, upon request.
- Electronic data for all Geographic Information System-based mapping products and associated spatial data must be submitted in either ArcGIS format, or similar product acceptable to the Department, and comply with the requirements for Contract GIS Products. Formal metadata must be provided with all digital GIS data which includes, at minimum, a file summary/abstract, intended use, data, source data, and author information.
- Electronic data for all designs, drawings, and plans must be submitted in the original software that they were created (such as CAD format or other similar product acceptable to the Department), as well as in JPG format.
- Photographs and images must be submitted in JPG format with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi, must be dated and captioned with the location and a brief description of the activity being documented, and include any associated metadata (including the photo's GPS location where available).

3. Compliance with Procurement Requirements

The municipal attorney, chief legal officer or financial administrator of the municipality shall certify in writing to the Department that applicable provisions of General Municipal Law were fully complied with.

4. Reporting Documents

Documents and guidance for regular reporting and payment requests are made available the OPDCI Contract Resources webpage available at <https://dos.ny.gov/opdci-contract-resources>. Documents available include payment requests, status reports, amendment requests, final project closeout document, project signage, procurement certification, contract reporting requirements and MWBE forms.

5. Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Training

As part of the Smart Growth Planning Grant Program, the Contractor will participate in a virtual training session or sessions focused on developing smart growth strategies. The purpose of this training session is to build knowledge and provide support to community leaders to advance smart growth planning efforts and advance grant priorities.

6. Project Components

Task 1: Project Initiation Meeting

The Contractor, the Department, and any partners responsible for managing the project, shall hold an initial meeting to review and agree upon the project scope and schedule, project requirements, budget, roles and responsibilities, the selection process for procuring consultants, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) compliance requirements, MWBE requirements, the number of public meetings and techniques for public involvement proposed for the project, and any other information which would assist in project completion. In addition, the composition and role of the Comprehensive Planning Committee shall be discussed during the project initiation meeting. The Contractor, or a designated project partner, shall prepare and distribute to all project partners a brief meeting summary clearly indicating the agreements reached at the meeting. Work on subsequent tasks shall not proceed prior to Department review of the proposed approach as outlined in the meeting summary.

Products: Project initiation meeting held with appropriate parties. Written meeting summary outlining agreements reached.

Task 2: Comprehensive Planning Committee

Establish a Comprehensive Planning Committee, as a special municipal board (if applicable), to conduct/oversee the development of the Comprehensive Plan in cooperation with municipal officials, other municipal boards, and the project consultant(s), if applicable. The Comprehensive Planning Committee shall have at least one member from the planning board and shall include representatives from a large range of ethnic, social, and cultural backgrounds and a diverse range of stakeholders, such as residents, civic leaders, business owners, elected officials, environmental experts, municipal board members.

The members of the Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) conduct/oversee the planning process and the development of the Comprehensive Plan, participate in meetings, generate ideas and build consensus, provide the consultant team with relevant information

reflective of the community's current condition and needs (including a list of completed and ongoing local planning efforts and initiatives), review materials drafted by the consultant team and provide constructive feedback, support each of the proposed public participation and outreach efforts, and set the stage for cooperation and the plan's implementation.

Products: Draft and final list of proposed members of Comprehensive Planning Committee.
Project advisory committee established.

Task 3: Procurement of Consultant (if applicable)

Prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) or similar instrument (if applicable) including a complete project description with site conditions, expected final results, a schedule for completion, MWBE requirements, and criteria for selecting a preferred proposal. Consultant services requested shall include all applicable tasks, activities and responsibilities outlined in the "Project Components" section of this work program.

The Contractor must actively solicit bids for contracts and subcontracts from qualified State certified MWBEs which can be identified using the NYS Directory of Certified Firms (<https://ny.newnycontracts.com/>). The Contractor must retain records of the procurement process including direct solicitation to MWBEs; results; and any actions that its subcontractors have taken toward meeting MWBE contract participation goals. To demonstrate good faith efforts to achieve MWBE contract goals the following should be retained:

- Evidence of outreach to MWBEs: mail, email, phone calls and follow-up.
- Written responses by MWBEs to the grantee/vendor's outreach.
- Copies of search(es) of the directory and advertisements for participation by MWBEs in appropriate general circulation, trade, and minority or women-oriented publications.
- Attendance at any pre-bid, pre-award, or other meetings, if any, scheduled by the grantee with MWBEs including dates and location.
- Description of how the scope of work maximizes opportunities for MWBE participation.
- Description of how non-MWBE subcontractors' have engaged MWBEs to undertake part of the project's work or to procure equipment/ materials/supplies.

NYS Department of State requires a licensed professional engineer, architect or landscape architect licensed to practice in New York State for preparation and certification of final designs and construction documents, and for supervision of construction.

Submit the RFP or similar instrument to the Department for review and approval prior to release for solicitation of proposals.

Products: Approved RFP or similar instrument released through advertisement in local papers, the New York State Contract Reporter, or other appropriate means.

Documentation of procurement including direct solicitation to MWBEs and actions taken toward meeting MWBE contract participation goals.

Task 4: Subcontract and Compliance with Local Procurement Requirements

Prepare the draft subcontract(s) to conduct project work with the selected consultant(s). The subcontract(s) shall contain a detailed work plan with adequate opportunity for review at appropriate stages of product completion, a payment schedule with payments tied to receipt of products, and project costs.

Incorporate the Department's comments on the subcontract work plan, or scope of services, prior to execution of the final subcontract(s).

The municipal attorney, chief legal officer or financial administrator of the municipality shall certify in writing to the Department that the Contractor fully complied with applicable provisions of General Municipal Law and with local procurement procedures. A procurement certification form will be supplied by the Department.

The Contractor's procurement record and consultant selection are subject to approval by the Department.

The Contractor remains responsible for the legal sufficiency of the subcontract in accordance with the requirements in the Master Grant Contract and Attachment A-1.

Products: Consultant(s) selected and approved by the Department. Executed subcontracts and written certification of compliance with procurement procedures.

Task 5: Comprehensive Planning Committee Meetings

The Comprehensive Planning Committee will meet on a regular basis during the planning process to advance the preparation, review, and approval of the Comprehensive Plan, and to organize and conduct community participation events.

During the first meeting, the Comprehensive Plan Committee will review project requirements and roles and responsibilities, transfer necessary information to the team of consultants (if applicable), and identify new information needs and next steps. The Comprehensive Plan Committee or the consultant (if applicable) will prepare and distribute a brief meeting summary clearly indicating the understandings reached at the meeting.

All subsequent meetings will advance the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan and assess the evolution of the project, the new information needed, changes in roles and responsibilities, and next steps.

Work on subsequent tasks shall not proceed prior to Department review.

Products: Meetings held with appropriate parties. Written meeting summaries outlining what has been discussed and understandings reached and identifying the participants to the meeting.

Task 6: Community Participation Plan

Prepare a Community Participation Plan that describes the public outreach and participation efforts that will be conducted during the development of the Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to the local and State statutes. At a minimum, the Community Participation Plan shall include (in-person or virtual) interviews with local and regional stakeholders, a community survey, a public information meeting, one or more public workshops, one or more public hearings, and a webpage with links to announcements, presentations and documents prepared during the planning process. The Community Participation Plan shall identify key individuals, organizations, and entities to be involved, and shall identify roles and responsibilities in coordinating the entire outreach process, logistics, and the proposed schedule of the proposed public outreach and participation efforts.

All public outreach and participation efforts will be publicized in the community through press releases, announcements, individual mailings, and any other appropriate means. Public access must be provided to each public meeting or workshop. Outreach efforts should encourage participation from populations who are frequently underrepresented in this process, including immigrants, refugees, and minorities.

Meeting and public engagement should be scheduled at times that are convenient to underrepresented communities (e.g., at night or on weekends instead of during the day) and at locations that are ADA accessible. Meetings shall be advertised with generous advance notice to garner maximum publicity, awareness, and participation.

A summary of each public outreach and participation efforts will be made available to the public in written form and through other appropriate means, such as websites.

Products: Draft and final Community Participation Plan.

Task 7: Community Survey and Stakeholder Interviews

Develop a relevant and realistic community survey about current local conditions and issues. The survey should be made available to the public as hard copy and online. In addition, identify a set of topics that shall be discussed with stakeholders to obtain additional relevant information and elicit stakeholder reactions and suggestions. Following the completion of the survey, develop a summary of results and analysis.

Products: Draft and final Community Survey. Draft and final list of topics to be discussed during the stakeholder interviews. Summary of survey and interviews responses and analysis.

Task 8: Review Local and Regional Planning Efforts and Ongoing Initiatives

Identify and review existing local and regional planning documents and ongoing initiatives. This review process will also include consultation with community leaders and with neighboring communities, if applicable, to identify common issues and assess if Smart Growth principals are the basis for addressing those issues.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee and the consultant(s), if applicable, shall develop a written findings report describing and assessing existing planning documents and the issues and opportunities identified by community leaders.

Products: Written findings report.

Task 9: Community Profile

Draft a Community Profile consisting in an inventory and analysis of existing conditions, including narrative, maps, and relevant data. The inventory will be used to assist in the identification of local issues and potential opportunities. The analysis of the local conditions and issues will be conducted from a Smart Growth perspective and identify potential solutions to existing issues and potential opportunities. A chart of smart growth principles will be provided to be included in the comprehensive plan which will summarize the opportunities and challenges to addressing each principle. The inventory and analysis of existing conditions may include the following, at a minimum:

- History of the municipal jurisdiction and boundaries.
- Description of previous comprehensive plan development and adoption processes.
- Demographic characteristics (population and growth trends, age distribution, average household size, ethnic composition, average household income, social diversity and integration, demographic trends).
- Local and regional economic characteristics (unemployment rates and trends, work force characterization, dominant business sector type, major employers and industries, sales tax information, property tax rates, economic trends and jobs range).
- Housing characteristics (the age, type, and condition of structures, type of occupancy - renters versus owners, vacancy rates and trends in the community and length of residency - percentage of residents five years in home, the extent and availability of low-income housing throughout the community and in identified neighborhoods, assessment of housing opportunities and choices, housing trends and access to jobs).
- Local and regional economies and development trends (including housing, commercial, industrial and agricultural development).
- Land use and smart growth focus areas.
- Agricultural and forest lands, uses, and districts.
- Infrastructure and public utilities (i.e., drinking water supply, sewage disposal, solid waste disposal, stormwater management and green infrastructure, communications, gas and electricity) extent, capacity, age, and maintenance.
- Transportation systems, local levels of greenhouse gas emissions, levels of mobility and circulation, walkable/bikeable neighborhood, connectivity with areas outside jurisdictional lines, distance to jobs.

- Natural resources and climate (air quality, watercourses, wetlands, floodplains, aquifers, forests/tree cover, steep slopes, soil types, and rare plant and animal habitats, precipitations, winds, temperatures, etc.).
- Extreme weather events, flooding, erosion hazards, and local resiliency.
- Health and emergency services and facilities.
- Parks and public spaces, recreation facilities, range of passive and active recreation, capacity and maintenance, accessibility etc.
- Historic, cultural, and scenic resources.
- Waterfront resources and public access.
- Zoning and other relevant local development controls.
- Fiscal resources.

The draft Community Profile shall be submitted to the Department for review before being used to design workshop activities and prepare materials needed to conduct community visioning workshops or to draft the Comprehensive Plan.

Products: Community Profile report, including a comprehensive inventory and analysis in the form of relevant data, narrative, maps, and graphics.

Task 10: Community Visioning Workshops

Conduct at least two public workshops that will inform the public about the findings of the planning process conducted up to this point, present a clear assessment of how Smart Growth policies are integrated in the municipality's planning efforts, governmental decisions, and ongoing initiatives, and will solicit public input on existing resources, community character, and future growth. The workshops are also intended to identify Smart Growth solutions to current issues and future growth.

Each workshop shall be advertised with generous advance notice to garner maximum publicity, awareness, and participation. The site of the workshops must be accessible to the public.

Products: Published workshops announcements and fliers. Materials prepared for each public workshop. Workshops held.

Task 11: Draft Comprehensive Plan

Assemble the draft comprehensive plan that addresses each of the Smart Growth policies and establishes a long-term strategy for future growth and protection of resources, and may include the following topics commensurate with the community's needs and vision for future actions:

- Goals, objectives, principles, policies, and standards upon which proposals for the immediate and long-range enhancement, growth, and development of the community.
- Consideration of regional needs and the official plans of other government units and agencies within the region.

- The existing and proposed location and intensity of land uses.
- Consideration and recommendations for the protection of agricultural and forest lands, historic and cultural resources, natural resources, and sensitive environmental areas.
- Consideration of population, demographic and socio-economic trends and future projections.
- Location and types of transportation facilities that reduce the local levels of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Existing and proposed general location of public and private utilities and infrastructure, including clean energy generation.
- Existing housing resources and future housing needs, including affordable housing.
- The present and potential future general location of educational and cultural facilities, historic sites, health facilities, and facilities for emergency services.
- Existing and proposed recreation facilities and parkland.
- The present and potential future general location of commercial and industrial facilities.
- Specific policies and strategies for improving the local economy in coordination with other plan topics.
- Proposed measures, programs, devices, and instruments to implement the goals and objectives of the various topics within the comprehensive plan.
- All or part of applicable plans of other public agencies.
- Any and all other items which are consistent with the orderly growth and development of the community.

A detailed strategy implementing the community's policies, concepts, projects, and programs shall be identified in the plan. This includes phased implementation approach (short-term, mid, and long-term), as well as anticipated costs, and priorities.

Submit the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Department for review and approval and incorporate the Department's comments in the final plan.

Products: Draft Comprehensive Plan, including relevant data, narrative, maps, and graphics.

Task 12: Review by the Local Municipal Board

Submit the draft Comprehensive Plan to the local municipal board, for review, comments, and recommendations. The comments received from the local municipal board shall be addressed before the initiation of the SEQRA compliance process.

The comments and recommendations prepared by the local governing board/local legislature shall be addressed and incorporated into the final plan and prior to making the draft available for public review.

Products: Comments and recommendations received from the local municipal board submitted to the Department.

Task 13: Environmental Quality Review

Prepare materials necessary for compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The adoption of a new or amended Comprehensive Plan is classified as a Type I action, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and 6 NYCRR Part 617. The Comprehensive Planning Committee or the consultant(s) shall comply with SEQRA requirements and, if appropriate, prepare the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to provide a review of land use actions proposed in the comprehensive plan. The local municipal board shall declare to be the Lead Agency for the action of adopting the new or amended comprehensive plan.

The Department recommends the following resource:

- Department of Environmental Conservation's SEQR Handbook available at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6188.html> for guidance on the use of SEQR in the planning process.

Copies of all SEQR documents shall be submitted to the Department.

Products: SEQRA documents

Task 14: County Planning Board Review

Submit the draft Comprehensive Plan to the County Planning Board for review and recommendations pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law. Comments received from the County Planning Board shall be addressed in the final version of the Comprehensive Plan that will be locally adopted.

Comments received from the County Planning Board shall be submitted to Department.

Products: Comments and recommendations prepared by the County Planning Board.

Task 15: Final Comprehensive Plan

Address all comments and recommendations received from the public and involved local, regional and State agencies and incorporate into the Final Comprehensive Plan and schedule a public hearing and the local adoption of the plan.

The final Comprehensive Plan and the date of the public hearing and local adoption of the plan shall be submitted to Department.

Products: Final Comprehensive Plan ready for local adoption.

Task 16: Public Hearing and Local Adoption

Conduct a public hearing prior to adoption of the comprehensive plan. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the community at least ten

calendar days in advance of the hearing. The proposed comprehensive plan shall be made available for public review during said period at the office of the municipal clerk and public library and shall be posted on the municipal website. The public hearings may also be publicized in the community through press releases, announcements, individual mailings, and any other appropriate means.

Copies of the public hearing minutes and the local adoption resolution shall be submitted to the Department.

Products: Minutes from the public hearings and record of decision submitted to Department.

Task 17: Final Project Summary Report and Measurable Results

Submit the Final Project Summary Report and Measurable Results electronically at: <https://forms.office.com/g/eZERFeEeKM>.

Products: Final Project Summary Report and Measurable Results submitted to the Department.

Task 18: MWBE Reporting

Comply with MWBE Reporting Requirements by completing the following actions:

- Submit Form D - MWBE Utilization Plan to indicate any state-certified MWBE firms selected to work on this contract. Form D must be updated and submitted to the Department whenever changes to the selected MWBE firms occur (addition or removal).
- Record payments to MWBE subcontractors using DOS funds through the New York State Contract System (NYSCS).

Technical assistance for use of the NYSCS system can be obtained through the NYSCS website at <https://ny.newnycontracts.com> by clicking on the “Contact Us & Support” link.

Products: Ongoing reporting through NYSCS during the life of the contract. Form D submitted as necessary to reflect updated MWBE subcontractors.

Task 19: Project Status Reports

Submit project status reports semi-annually (every June 30 and December 31) on the form provided, including a description of the work accomplished, the status of all tasks in this work plan, schedule of completion of remaining tasks, and an explanation of any problems encountered.

Products: Completed project status reports submitted to the Department during the life of the contract.

7. Project Responsibilities

The Contractor shall administer the grant, execute a contract with the Department, and ensure the completion of work in accordance with the approved Work Plan and budget.

The Contractor:

- will be responsible for conducting all project work in conformance with the Work Plan included in the executed contract with the Department.
- will be responsible for all project activities including drafting request for proposals and managing subcontracts with consultants and sub consultants.
- will certify to the Department that the procurement record for project consultants and subcontractors complies with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law.
- will receive approval from the Department for any and all consultant subcontracts before beginning project work.
- will be responsible for submission of all products and payment requests.
- will be responsible for coordinating participation and soliciting comments from local government personnel, project volunteers, and the public.
- will be responsible for ensuring that all public engagement communications and opportunities are made accessible to underrepresented communities (e.g., meeting locations, meeting materials, meeting notices, plan documents)
- will keep the Department informed of all important meetings for the duration of this contract.
- will receive approval from the Department before purchase of any equipment.
- will secure all necessary permits and perform all required environmental reviews.
- will ensure that all materials printed, constructed, and/or produced acknowledge the contributions of the Department to the project.
- will ensure that all products prepared as a part of this contract shall include the NYS Comptroller's contract # as indicated on the Face Page of this contract.
- will ensure the project objectives are being achieved.
- will ensure that comments received from the Department and the project advisory committee, or other advisory group, are satisfactorily responded to and reflected in subsequent work.
- will recognize that payments made to consultants or subcontractors covering work carried out or products produced prior to receiving approval from the Department will not be reimbursed unless and until the Department finds the work or products to be acceptable.

The Department:

- will review and approve or disapprove of subcontracts between the Contractor and consultant(s) and any other subcontractor(s).

- will participate in project initiation meeting and attend meetings that are important to the project.
- will review all draft and final products and provide comments as necessary to meet the objectives.
- must approve or disapprove any and all design, site plan, and preconstruction documents. Department approval must be obtained before construction may begin.

