

The Comprehensive Plan of the City of Saratoga Springs, adopted in 2015, is a unified set of policies that will guide the future development of the city. The Plan consists of nearly 250 recommended actions and a Future Land Use map that indicates the desired location, uses, and intensity of development. Key elements of the vision of the Comprehensive Plan include the "City in the Country" concept, and the importance of sustainability in all aspects of city management and development.

1. What steps will you take toward achieving sustainable economic development in the City, including diverse and affordable housing (both rental and ownership)?

*I believe diverse and affordable housing is critical to the growth of our city including mixed income development projects, comprised of housing units with differing levels of affordability, some at market rate and some reserved for lower income residents. I am a strong supporter of the current affordable housing projects recently approved by the city and look forward to seeing them come to fruition.*

2. The City Council recently adopted a resolution with a unanimous vote to support policies consistent with the Paris Climate Change Agreement. What policies and programs will you implement to improve the environmental health and resiliency of our community, including any policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, consistent with this resolution?

*I believe we need to continue to work towards the goals of the Paris Climate Change Agreement as a city and as individual residents. Continuing to push for green building growth, solar energy projects, and hybrid/electric vehicles for our city as well as supporting and expanding initiatives like Saratoga Recycles Day all help move us towards becoming a more environmentally healthy community.*

3. In 2016 the City Council adopted a recommendation that calls for the creation of a unified and efficient parking management plan and policy for downtown. What steps do you think should be taken to implement or amend that plan, and what are the other major transportation and mobility issues you think should be addressed?

*We seem to have spent an incredible amount of time researching and studying Saratoga's unique parking challenges and I think it is time to take the information we have and take action. I 100% support the implementation of a unified parking plan. The answer is not a one size fits all solution however, creative and different methods of parking need to be utilized to adequately address our city's needs.*

*I believe we also need to address the connectivity and accessibility of our city sidewalks, such that all pedestrians, especially those with mobility challenges, are able to comprehensively enjoy our walkable city. The Mayor's office recently did an incredible job securing a grant to help us achieve that goal and I look forward to working with the city council to implement more measures in the same spirit.*

4. The Greenbelt is the outlying rural area around the City's urban core.
- Do you support adjustments to the Comprehensive Plan that would change allowable uses or increase or decrease allowable densities in the Greenbelt?

*I support the Comprehensive Plan passed by the city in 2015 and am committed to maintaining Saratoga Spring's city in the country status. The Comprehensive Plan clearly outlines the allowable densities and increases/decreases in the Greenbelt and should be supported as written.*

- What kind of actions, if any, do you think the City should take to protect the watershed and Saratoga Lake from the deleterious effects of development?

*I am open to any and all measures that will help protect the integrity of Saratoga Lake.*

5. The Comprehensive Plan calls for action on key sustainability issues facing our community, including affordable housing, parking, trails, energy conservation, environmental protection, recycling and waste reduction, and multimodal transportation. However, the City Charter does not assign responsibility for these issues to any specific City department.

- What actions will you take to establish leadership and make progress in these areas?

*For any progress to be made in Saratoga, you need the collective action of the city council. I am a leader who will listen to the public, bring ideas and initiatives forward and then collaborate and work together with the city council towards decisive action.*

- For which of these specific areas will you pledge to assume responsibility, if no other council member has already assumed responsibility?

*I believe all of the aforementioned areas are crucial to the future viability of our city and would be happy to assume responsibility for any if needed.*

- Could a non-profit like Sustainable Saratoga play a role in achieving your agenda?

*ABSOLUTELY. I think Sustainable Saratoga is an incredible resource for our city and communication and collaboration with your organization is an absolute necessity for our health and success.*