



# Town of Hague 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 @ 10:30**

### **1. Grants Status:**

- A Municipal Parks & Recreation (MPR) grant for Hague Park recreational improvements including a Performance Stage, Playground, Pedestrian Circulation & Accessibility, Boat Launch, Beach, and Stormwater Improvements filed on May 2.
- NY BRICKS Grant for Community Center Improvements including Vault/Storage, Museum, Kitchen Upgrades, and Grounds Master Plan due August 15. Need to build a strong cost estimate.
- NY Forward Grant: \$4.5million competitive grant program to conduct private and public transformative projects (fall application).
- Warren County Occupancy Tax: Investigate a project that could be funded through this program (September 2025).
- CFA Grants: Refile LWRP grant by July 31, 2025.
- DEC Smart Growth Grant 2025 fall round. Need to identify a project for this grant.

### **2. Discuss July 10 Public Open House Details**

### **3. Review Recommendations: see below**



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## Hague Comprehensive Plan Recommendations 6/30/25 For Advisory Committee Review

### COMMUNITY BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

SIGNATURE PROJECT
<p><b>1. Redevelop the Hague Visitor Center</b> Replace the existing visitor center with a new multi-purpose year-round building to serve as a hybrid space for greeting and informing visitors, a meeting venue for community gatherings and small events, and new public handicap accessible restrooms. <b>Total Estimated Cost:</b> Construction Drawings \$120,000; Construction \$ <b>Implementation Strategy:</b> Seek grants to assist in covering the cost of construction drawings and construction.</p>

#### **2. Hague Community Center Improvements**

Conduct a series of improvements that will enhance the use and enjoyment of the facility for all residents.

- Construct an addition to the Community Center:** accommodate the historical museum, town library, and storage and records vault.
- Upgrade the building's interior:** increase the capacity of the kitchen to accommodate community events and respond to public emergencies.
- Upgrade the building's exterior:** siding and repainting.
- Prepare a grounds master plan:** address parking issues, new pickleball courts, and basketball court improvements.

**Estimated Cost:** Not yet determined.

**Implementation Strategy:** Apply for grant through the NYS OPRHP NY Bricks program due 8/15/25. Will need detailed cost estimate for grant.

#### **3. Community Building Needs and Opportunity Assessment**

Conduct a study that provides an inventory and analysis of existing conditions of vacant or underutilized commercial and residential properties, as well as vacant lands in the hamlet. Identify and support improvements in underutilized or vacant buildings and spaces.

#### **4. Town Highway Garage Renovation**

Modernize and update utilities in the existing town garage facility based on Cedarwood Engineering feasibility assessment.

#### **5. Transfer Station Improvements**



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Description Needed

## 6. Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades

Description Needed

## PARKS AND RECREATION

SIGNATURE PROJECT
<p><b>7. Hague Town Park Enhancements</b></p> <p>Build improvements as recommended in the 2022 Hague Town Park Master Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>Redevelop the Visitor Center:</b> See recommendation #1.</li><li>b. <b>Performance Stage:</b> New performance stand-alone structure located between the current location and the playground, or potentially in the northeast corner of the park.</li><li>c. <b>Picnic Dock:</b> Sitting platform at edge of lake near stage.</li><li>d. <b>New Playground:</b> Replace current playground equipment.</li><li>e. <b>Boat Launch Dredging:</b> Remove excess material that is impeding boat movement at the launch.</li><li>f. <b>Beach Improvements:</b> Assess and develop strategies to control debris off beach area.</li><li>g. <b>Accessible Pathway Network:</b> Construct walkways between park features.</li><li>h. <b>Stormwater Improvements:</b> Address flooding, stormwater, and erosion control issues throughout the park.</li><li>i. <b>Expand Public Docks:</b> Reconsider adding more public docking.</li></ul> <p><b>Total Estimated Cost:</b> \$1.25 million</p> <p><b>Implementation Strategy:</b> Applied for \$1,000,000 in funds 5.2.25 through the OPRHP Municipal Parks and Recreation grant program</p>

## 8. Trails Master Plan

- a. **Trails Committee:** Appoint a committee to prepare a comprehensive and inter-connected multi-use year-round trail system.
- b. **Comprehensive System of Trails:** Develop and promote a system of easy to intermediate hiking areas and pedestrian pathways that are inter-linked and connected to the regional hiking, biking, and snowmobile trail network.
- c. **Trail Challenge Program:** Collaborate and coordinate with neighboring municipalities, organizations, and agencies to develop a new visitor trail challenge program.
- d. **Geocaching:** Expand the existing regional geocaching program.
- e. **Route 9N Off Road Trail:** Investigate the feasibility of establishing a dedicated pathway along 9N and safer shoulders along 9N for pedestrians.
- f. **Snowmobile Trails:** Work with Hague Snow Goers to identify existing snowmobile trails, gaps in the system, and trail links to Lake George, Silver Bay, Ticonderoga, and the greater region.



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- g. **Cross country Skiing:** Investigate other areas where cross-country ski trails could be expanded. Explore the potential of utilizing the existing snowmobile trails off-season for hiking and biking.
- h. **Silver Bay Trails:** Pursue agreements with Silver Bay Association for public use of the trail system that connects to the Watch Island Club and Jabe Pond trails.

### 9. Steamboat Dock Improvements

- a. Repair or rebuild the seawall along the entrance road.
- b. Construct a sidewalk to the town park
- c. Consider adding public docks

## TOWNWIDE AND HAMLET INITIATIVES

### SIGNATURE PROJECT

#### 10. Hamlet Enhancements Plan

A Complete Streets approach integrates people and place in the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of our transportation networks.

- a. **Streetscape improvements:** Address aesthetics, functionality, and the pedestrian experience year-round. Improve street furniture, lighting, plantings, and signage trees, benches, bike racks, green spaces.
- b. **Parking Assessment Study:** Develop a parking plan to accommodate vehicles and boat trailers of day and overnight users. Identify potential town-owned or private properties that may have an interest in providing a fee- based parking lot or leasing/selling the land to the Town.
- c. **Develop a Hamlet Signage Plan:** Prepare a plan that addresses welcoming, wayfinding, regulatory, interpretive, and parking.

#### 11. Capital Improvement Plan

Create a capital improvement and funding strategy to upgrade all infrastructure facilities to include sewer, water, wastewater management, transportation, power, and other public systems. Include an assessment of stormwater infrastructure capacity and identify flood prone areas and avoiding development in those areas. Review recommendations in the Hague Brook Restoration Project and Hague Stormwater Report.

#### 12. Emergency and Fire Services Sustainability Plan

Continue to investigate the potential and feasibility for shared emergency services with the towns of Bolton, Horicon, and Ticonderoga. Potentially seek funds through the NYS Local Government Efficiency grant program. Investigate the use of incentives for recruitment and retention including: Providing flexible training hours and accessibility; Integrating fire science courses into high schools and BOCES; Subsidizing health care or insurance related benefits; Increasing the personal income



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tax credit and offer property tax exemptions; Offering retirement credits; Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP).

## 13. Townwide Telecommunication Services Assessment and Upgrades

Assign a committee to research and update the existing inventory of available telecommunication services and mapping that indicates gaps in coverage. Work with the NY Broadband Program and local utilities to identify ways to improve the underserved areas.

## 14. Town Marketing Strategy

- a. **Marketing Plan:** Engage a professional marketing company to assist in the development develop a strong and unique brand for the community, such as "Hague, the other Lake George," that recognizes the benefits of Hague living, including quality of life, strong sense of community, beauty, and exceptional outdoor activities.
- b. **Travel Itineraries:** Collaborate with Bolton Landing, Ticonderoga, and Horicon to develop a distinctive set of itineraries for recreational, cultural, and entertainment visitor experiences.
- c. **Destination Project Planning:** Continue to monitor the status of the "Beachside Property" across from the Town Park in terms of its potential to serve as an extension of the Town's recreation resources or some other use determined by the town to be essential.

## NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENTS

### SIGNATURE PROJECT

#### 15. Hague Brook Management Strategy

Develop a Feasibility Analysis on dredging Hague Brook and the delta as per the Hague Brook Delta Improvements Plan.

## 16. Stormwater Resiliency Upgrades:

- a. Partner in Warren County's Climate Smart Communities grant that will inventory and assess town-owned culverts in high-risk areas. The resulting study would help position Hague for future funding.
- b. Participate in Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District's Rural Roads grant issued through the Champlain Basin program which covers roadside improvements.

## HOUSING AND LAND USE

### 17. Update Land Use Standards and Zoning Regulations

Appoint a committee to identify and address the current issues with the zoning code and subdivision regulations.



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## 18. LWRP

Consider re-applying to the DOS Local Waterfront Revitalization Program through the CFA due July 31.

## 19. Housing

- a. **Participate in Warren County's *Thriving Hamlets* study:** This initiative through the Adirondack Park Agency assesses buildable land, infrastructure, and environmental constraints to identify development potential in all hamlets in Warren County.
- b. **Identify Housing Information Sources:** Establish partnerships with regional housing organizations and programs such as the North Country Rural Development Coalition and Adirondack Community Housing Trust.
- c. **Increase Middle Income Housing Units:** Identify land that could support a housing project through the Adirondack Community Housing Trust.