

Planning



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Mission

- ☐ Assure safe, healthy, and productive, as well as aesthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings for all residents of Huntington.
- ☐ Attain the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment without degradation, risk to health, safety or other undesirable consequences.
- ☐ Preserve important historic, cultural and natural aspects of our heritage and maintain an environment that supports diversity and variety of individual choice.

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Operational Responsibilities

- ☐ Responsible for reviewing applications and creating the record for land-use decisions.
- ☐ Assists in the preparation of any Comprehensive Plans or updates pursuant to NYSTL, Section 272a and Town Code Section 52A-5.
- ☐ Providing assistance to the various boards in the Town to comply with the requirements of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, Part 617 SEQRA regulations.
- ☐ Responsible for maintaining all records pertaining to the acquisition of land by the Town. The Division also creates, maintains, and expands the Town's comprehensive Geographic Information System (GIS) and all matters pertaining to the Town's land inventory.

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Operational Responsibilities

- ☐ The Zoning Board of Appeals is responsible for Town Code, Section 198-68 that requires the Planning Department to provide technical input for the Zoning Board of Appeals applications for conditional permits within 30 days of receipt.
- ☐ The Environmental Open Space and Park Improvement Committee makes recommendations to the Town Board on purchasing open space property, allocating funds towards park improvements, neighborhood enhancements, and green initiatives.
- ☐ The Conservation Board reviews and provides comments to the Town Board, Planning Board, Board of Trustees, and Zoning Board of Appeals on applications for land use change that have the potential to affect Open Space Index-mapped property.

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Operational Responsibilities (Continued)

- ☐ **The Beautification Council** is generally charged with making recommendations concerning landscaping, litter control and aesthetic improvements to the appearance of public properties and rights-of-way within the Town of Huntington. The Council also performs public education and information function, forms advisory groups, and researches and reports to the Town Board on grant opportunities.

- ☐ **The Greenway Trails Advisory Committee** assists the Parks & Recreation and Planning & Environment departments with trail identification, mapping and planning, assists with park programming. Members lead hikes and monitor trails to assess repair and maintenance needs.

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2020 Achievements

- ☐ Collaborated with Maritime Services to prepare Draft Crab Meadow Watershed Hydrology Study and Stewardship Plan.
- ☐ Prepared numerous code amendments to implement local Planning efforts such as the Melville Employment Center Plan.
- ☐ Assumed responsibility for preparing the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan.
- ☐ Further development of a Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) and GIS database to support town departments with compliance of federal, state, and local clean water act reporting requirements.
- ☐ Participated in numerous activities to further the efforts of Renaissance Downtowns to revitalize Huntington Station.
- ☐ Installed and configured new GIS Servers for the Town-wide GIS system.

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2021 Goals

- ☐ Draft modifications to the Melville Plan with the objective of adoption of the plan by the Town Board.
- ☐ Full implementation of ArcGIS Portal Server 10.6 with deployable mobile applications.
- ☐ Finalize Crab Meadow Watershed Hydrology Study and Stewardship Plan initiated in 2014.
- ☐ Continue operational improvements to account for Covid-19 related social distancing rules. Expand remote capabilities.
- ☐ Continue to implement local planning efforts.
- ☐ Complete draft inventory and policy sections of LWRP and establish Community outreach.

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2021 Budget Highlights

- ❑ Operating expenses increasing 1.6% from due to contractual increases.

	Fund/ Division	2019 Actual	2020 Modified Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
Authorized Positions					
Zoning Board of Appeals	B8010	7	7	7	7
Planning Department	B8020	19	19	18	19
Planning Board	B8025	7	7	7	7
Department Total		33	33	32	33

		2019 Actual	2020 Adopted Budget	2020 Projected	2021 Budget
Expenses					
Salary and Wages		\$ 1,664,509	\$ 1,711,340	\$ 1,720,648	\$ 1,733,698
Employee Benefits and Taxes		128,113	136,745	136,745	138,635
Contractual Costs, Materials & Supplies		92,089	110,000	125,816	117,800
Total Expenses		\$ 1,884,711	\$ 1,958,085	\$ 1,983,209	\$ 1,990,133