

# Broome County Department of Planning & Economic Development

Debra A. Preston, County Executive . Frank Evangelisti, Director

November 12, 2015

Ms. Carolyn Price, Supervisor Town of Windsor 136 Baker Road Windsor, New York 13865

RE: Review Pursuant to Section 239-I and -m of the General Municipal Law

Dear Supervisor Price:

The Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development has received your request for review of the below captioned matter:

Applicant:

Town of Windsor

Project:

Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Town wishes to review and adopt

amendments to the 2006 Comprehensive Plan.

Municipality:

Town of Windsor

Tax Map No:

entire town

BC Case:

239-2015-133

The Planning Department has reviewed the above-cited case and has not identified any significant countywide or inter-community impacts associated with the proposed project. This Department congratulates the Town of Windsor on its efforts to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

The case file was routed to the following agencies for review:

- Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study (BMTS)
- New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)
- Broome County Department of Public Works (DPW)
- · Broome County Health Department (BCHD)

Enclosed are comments from the BMTS that need to be addressed.

Please submit a copy of your decision in this case within seven (7) days of taking action so it can be included in the case record.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Sincerely,

Frank Evangelisti

Director

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cc: Ms. Cheryl Sacco, Town of Windsor Attorney, Coughlin & Gerhart, L.L.P.

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# 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

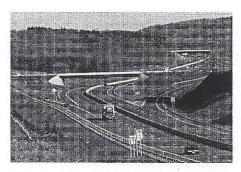
EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Number	Percent
Population 16 years and over	4,958	100%
In labor force	3,143	63.40%
Civilian labor force	3,143	63.40%
Employed	2,998	60.50%
Unemployed	145	2.90%
Armed Forces	0	0.00%
Not in labor force	1,815	36.60%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	2,974	100%
Car, truck, or van drove	2,599	87.40%
Car, truck, or van	327	11.0%
Public transportation	0	0.0%
Walked	23	0.8%
Other means	0	0.0%
Worked at home	25	0.8%
Mean travel time to work	23.7	(X)
CLASS OF WORKER		
Civilian employed population	2,998	100%
Private wage and salary	2,271	75.8%
Government workers	598	19.9%
Self-employed in own not	129	4.3%
Unpaid family workers	0	0.0%

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The largest employer in the Town is the Windsor School District, which employs 336 people Including full and part-time teachers, aides, administrators, custodians, bus drivers, mechanics, coaches, nurses and others.

A diverse and revitalized economy will provide job opportunities, businesses that cater to the its natural resources, beauty and small-town nature. A variety of quality employment opportunities will exist to attract and keep young families in the Town. Commercial growth and economic needs of residents and visitors alike, and build upon the Town of Windsor 's greatest strengths activities will be done, however, in a manner that complements and enhances the existing small town and rural character of the Town and will not negatively impact the environment.

# **Transportation**



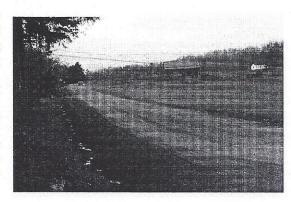
(Future I-86) and NYS Route 79.

### Private Roads

The Town has several privately built and maintained roads that access residential areas. Private roads are not maintained by the Town. Therefore, they were built to the same standard. They are primarily narrow dirt roads accessed from Town or County roads. Most of these roads are maintained by the homeowners and fees are

# Town, County and State Highways

There are approximately approximately 118 miles of Town maintained roads in the Town of Windsor. Many of the roads are oil and stone construction while others are dirt. The more heavily traveled Town roads are asphalt. There are 29 miles of County maintained roads and 208 miles of state maintained roads. The State roads include NYS Route 17



assessed through a homeowner's association. However, others have no formal arrangements for maintenance and one or two homeowners maintain the road for all of the users. The Town regulations do not require private roads be built to a specific construction standard leaving it to the discretion of the developer. This can pose problems for both the safety and convenience of the residents living in these developments. Therefore, the Town should address a basic road construction standards for all private roads built in the Town.

Bridges

2015-10-22-18:39:20 Bridges in the Town of Windsor are maintained by New York State or Broome County. A bridge is any traverse that is 20 feet in length or longer. Anything less than 20 feet in length is considered a structure and is then maintained by the Town. Bridges and structures are the most expensive infrastructure to maintain and repair for any municipality.

# Air Transportation

There is one private airstrip in the Town of Windsor adjacent to New York State Route 17 in the Occanum area. It is a turf strip with one hangar. There are no other landside amenities such as fueling or tie-down areas. The closest airports include the Tri-cities Airport in the Village of Endicott and the Greater Binghamton Regional Airport in the Town of Maine.

#### Public Transit

There is limited public transit in the Town of Windsor. Currently the only form of transit is for seniors through in the Town of Windsor is BC Country. They provide a curb-to-curb service and this service can be used for shopping, doctor's appointments and other services in the metropolitan area. BC Country will pick you up in the morning, bring you to your destination in the urban core of Broome County, and provide a return trip in the afternoon or early evening to the Town of Windsor. The cost is \$3 per one-way ride. For persons with disabilities, the cost is \$2 per one-way ride. If you are age 60 or over, you can apply for a Broome County Office for Aging Identification Card. This card will allow you to ride at no charge; however, a suggested \$1.50 donation will help offset the cost of your ride. The Broome County Office for the Aging (OFA) helps arrange busing service for seniors in the rural Broome County areas through the services of BC Country. This service is used for shopping, doctor's appointments and other services that can be provided in the metropolitan area. There is a \$1 donation for one way service for people age 60 and over and a \$2 donation for users under 60 years of age. They provide a curb-to-curb service and can be used once a day.

By using BC Country to get to the BC Junction, the transfer point for the fixed

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route public transit system, town residents can also reach the terminals for Coach USA, Greyhound, Trailways, and Megabus. This connects residents to destinations such as Other forms of public transit are accessible to residents of Windsor in the City of Binghamton for further destinations. Greyhound and Shortline Bus services in Binghamton transport residents to destinations such as New York City, Buffalo/Rochester and Scranton on a regular basis.

### Place of Work

## SEE EXCEL DOCUMENT WITH UPDATED CENSUS DATA

The Census reports information on place of work for the employed population of 16 years or more. The 2000 census indicates 3,034 Town of Windsor residents over the age of 16 are employed. Table 9 illustrates a

breakdown of working class residents and general information pertaining to their place of work. The 2000 census reported that 2,980 of the 3,034 residents in the work force commute to work and the average commute time was approximately 27 minutes.

Table 9 - General Employment and Place of Work Information

Subject	Number	Percent
Employment Status		
Population 16 years and over	4,752	100
In labor force	3,199	67.3
Civilian Labor force	3,196	67.3
Employed	3,034	63.8
Unemployed	162	3.4
Armed forces	3	0.1
Not in labor force	1,553	32.7
All parents in family in labor force	341	67.8
<del>Class of Worker</del>		
Private wage and salary workers	2,216	73.0
Government workers	647	21.3
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	171	<del>5.6</del>
Unpaid family workers	0	0.0
Commuting to work	rea	
Car, truck, or van drove alone	2,469	82.9
Car, truck, or van carpooled	401	13.5
Public transportation	8	0.3
Walked	15	0.5
Other means	18	0.6
Worked at home	69	2.3
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.8	N/A

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000 Census