

INITIAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Community character—What makes Alden special?
- Growth Management
- Residential development- where and what kind?
- Zoning and land use in the Town
- Agricultural Protection
- Transportation/ infrastructure (public water/sewer)
- Economic Development
- Important community features
- Vision for Alden

OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

NOW: During this meeting, we want to hear your opinions, thoughts and ideas. We hope to provide everyone with an opportunity to talk.

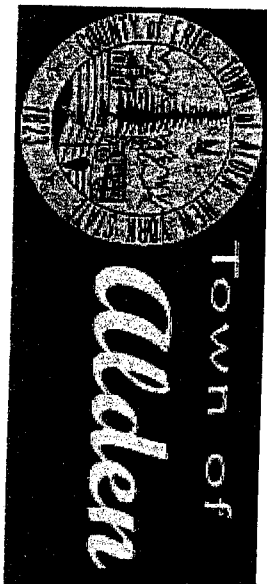
LATER: If you prefer to make comments in writing, or have some additional ideas later, please contact us.

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WEBSITE: Information about the plan will also be available on the Town website:

<http://alden.erie.gov>

TOWN OF ALDEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



PUBLIC KICK-OFF MEETING

Wednesday, July 29, 2008
6:30 p.m. - Alden Village Hall Auditorium

PLANNING FOR ALDEN'S FUTURE

WENDEL  DUCHSCHERRER
ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

WELCOME.

Thank you for taking the time to attend this evening and participate in this project.

AGENDA

The Comprehensive Plan: The Town of Alden is beginning the process of writing a Comprehensive Plan ("Master Plan") for the Town. The Plan will set forth priorities to help guide future decision making in the Town, particularly about land use and development.

Tonight's Meeting: This meeting will provide information about the planning process and the steps that we will be taking in creating the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Public input: This meeting is also the first opportunity for the public to provide input into the Plan. Listening to the community is a very important part of the planning process. Your comments will be used to help establish goals for the Town. We want to get **your** opinions, thoughts and ideas about the Town of Alden and its future. What are the important issues facing the Town? What are your concerns?

A second public meeting later in the process will be held to confirm the ideas and priorities raised at this meeting, and there will be a presentation and public hearing after the plan is drafted.

An initial set of discussion topics is listed on the back of this brochure to help generate ideas. There is also a list of other ways of getting your thoughts to us.

I. OPEN HOUSE 6:30-7:00

- Sign-in
- Review Maps

II. WELCOME

- Introductions
- Project Background and Purpose

III. THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN -

- Andrew Reilly and Wendy Salvati,
- Wendel Duchscherer
- What is a Comprehensive Plan
- The Planning Process
- Purpose of Meeting

IV. INPUT AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

V. NEXT STEPS and THANK YOU

Building the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Alden

Comprehensive Plan

*Draft
Plan*

*Public
Hearing*

Recommendations

Consensus Building Implementation Strategy

Goals and Objectives

*Concept Planning Idea Generation
Future Visioning*

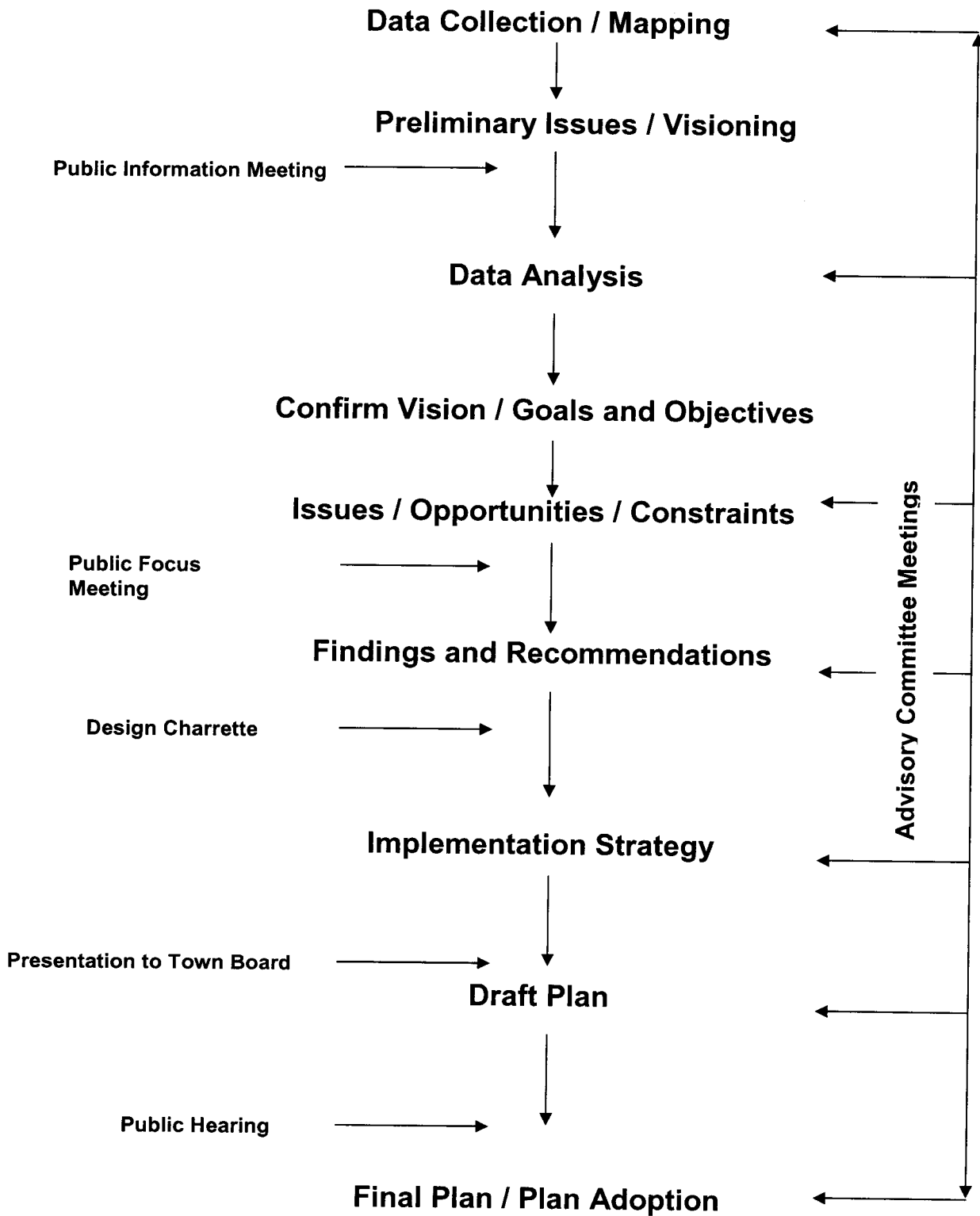
Confirm Local Issues /Project Focus

*Past, Present & Future Trends Economic & Environmental Issues
Community Statistical Analysis Land Use Analysis & Projections*

Identifying Issues and Opportunities

*Land Use and Zoning Issues
Community Concerns Quality of Life Issues Cultural Assets
Economic & Environmental Issues*

Town of Alden Comprehensive Plan "The Planning Process"



**Town of Alden Comprehensive Plan
Public Information Meeting – July 29, 2008**

Informational Survey

1. Do you live in the Town or the Village of Alden? How long have you lived in there?

Town _____ Village _____ Years _____

2. What makes the Town of Alden a special place?

3. What do you consider the top three issues in the Town?

4. How important is agriculture and farming for the future of the Town?

Very Important _____ Important _____ Relatively Important _____ Not Important _____

If important, what do you think should be done to keep this industry productive?

5. Is pressure for development an issue of concern in the Town?

Yes _____ No _____ No Comment _____

6. Does the Town of Alden need additional residential development and housing opportunities?

Yes ____ No ____ No Comment ____

If yes, which types of housing are needed (check all that apply):

- Single family homes on large lots*
- Single family homes on small lots*
- Patio homes*
- Condominiums and townhouses*
- Apartments / Duplexes*
- Senior housing opportunities*
- Affordable housing opportunities*

If yes, where do you think new residential development should be located?

7. Is additional commercial development needed in the Town?

Yes ____ No ____ No Comment ____

If yes, what type is needed and where do you believe it should be located?

8. Does the Town need additional recreational amenities?

Yes ____ No ____ No Comment ____

If yes, what types?

9. Are there enough programs for youths and seniors in the Town?

Yes ____ No ____ No Comment ____

If no, what do you think is needed to better service youth or seniors?

10. What is your vision for the Town of Alden?

Additional Comments:

If you want to be contacted about future public meetings, please provide an email or mailing address for us to contact you:
