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**CITY OF KINGSTON ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF DRAFT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT**

The City of Kingston Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is pleased to announce that a **DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** for the City of Kingston has been prepared and is available for public review and comment. The Draft is the result of various public outreach efforts, numerous committee meetings and review of several early versions.

The Plan is available online at www.kingston-ny.gov/2025, and can be reviewed in the City of Kingston Planning Office.

A public presentation, highlighting the essential elements of the Plan, including goals and objectives for the City's future, is scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2015, at 6:30 PM in the Common Council Chambers at Kingston City Hall, 420 Broadway, Kingston, New York 12401. After a brief presentation by consultants, public comment will be received by the Committee for review and consideration.

Chairman James Noble, Alderman at Large commented, "Updating the Comprehensive Plan is a priority that will provide a mechanism to achieve the goals enabling our municipality to focus on appropriate steps. Throughout this process it has been clearly recognized that the citizens of our City have various concerns and talents, which we have been incorporated into a blueprint for our future. With this document we hope to encourage growth and direction for our City's future. With the leadership of our consultant team, Shuster and Turner Assoc., along with the Kingston Planning Office and Steering Committee, I am confident that we have a document which is suitable for public review."

Suzanne Cahill, Planning Director added, "This undertaking has involved dedicated individuals and volunteers of varying interests and perspectives of our community. I encourage the public to review the Final Draft of the Comprehensive Plan, attend the public session and provide comment. It is a Plan that encompasses various aspects developed and collaborated through public outreach and extensive document review."

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Dan Shuster, one of the leaders of Shuster/Turner, the consulting team retained by the City, emphasized that the Comprehensive Plan will be an important guide for City agencies and officials as decisions are made in the future. He stressed that the Plan must be reviewed frequently so that it remains current and he thanked the Committee for the time and effort they devoted to the process.

Mayor Shayne Gallo states, “A Comprehensive Plan is a necessary element for a City’s growth. It recognizes framework for future development and strategies and means to achieve certain objectives. Kingston is blessed with a community that is rich in culture, history, industry and most importantly pride. I am grateful to all those who worked so diligently to prepare and contribute to a Draft document to this point of review for public consideration. Ultimately I look forward to moving it to adoption.”

Following the public hearing, the Committee will consider the comments received and make any revisions to the Draft prior to forwarding its recommended Plan to the Common Council and Mayor. Prior to any action regarding the Plan, the Common Council will also hold a public hearing to consider public comments.

All questions may be directed to Suzanne Cahill, Planning Director, by email to scahill@kingston-ny.gov or submitting written comment to the Kingston Planning Office, City Hall, 420 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401.