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Village of Trumansburg and Environmental Design and Research Receives Comprehensive Planning Award

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Environmental Design and Research (EDR) and the Village of Trumansburg are proud to announce that they received a Comprehensive Planning award at the American Planning Association New York Upstate Chapter Resilient Together Conference. The award recognizes the Village of Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan for advancing the science and art of comprehensive planning for Upstate New York. The award celebrates group achievements based on the plan's originality and innovation, public engagement, education of community planning, implementation, and effectiveness of the plan in making a difference in the lives of people.

The Village of Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan presents an inclusive vision for a community invested in its people and places. The plan utilizes that vision as a roadmap for future actions to be undertaken within the village. It addressed the local need to update the 2008 comprehensive plan with updated information that reflected current challenges faced by the Village of Trumansburg (e.g., housing, climate change, and social equity). The plan recommends innovative solutions, such as accessory dwelling units and other tools to promote housing affordability, greenhouse gas reductions for climate change mitigation, increased and improved recreational amenities, improved stormwater management systems, and other measures that improve the quality of life.

"The Comprehensive Plan Revision Committee as a group faced the challenge of fulfilling their mandate while navigating the COVID pandemic and the numerous restrictions put in place in response to the health crisis." Rordan Hart, Mayor of Village of Trumansburg, stated. "The group also had to operate in an environment of heightened concern and awareness with respect to very large societal issues including national and regional housing shortages, social inequity, and climate change. The Comprehensive Plan developed by this committee boldly addresses each of these issues, while promoting livability, accessibility, and financial sustainability for our small community."

"It's so great when you get the chance to work with communities who are interested in adapting to and being at the forefront of change," says Erica Tauzer, EDR Project Manager. The award was



given by New York Upstate Chapter – American Planning Association, whose mission is to serve and support the professional, student, and citizen planning communities in New York State and to improve the quality of life using planning.

Founded in 1979, EDR is a certified Woman Owned Business (WBE) dedicated to creating and sustaining a better environment for our clients, employees, and communities — and doing so with integrity, a collaborative approach, a genuine passion for our craft — today's EDR is comprised of a diverse group of environmental professionals, including ecologists, botanists, wildlife biologists, GIS specialists, archaeologists, historians, visualization specialists, planners, landscape architects, and engineers.

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