



Gates Mills Comprehensive Plan – The Final Town Hall Meeting

Our Advisory Committee has been hard at work putting together a near-final draft of our Comprehensive Plan. Now it is time to hear from you!

When: Tuesday, April 18

Time: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. (Plan to attend for the entire two hours)

Where: Gates Mills Elementary School (GMES) gym

What to expect:

The format for this Town Hall will be small group discussions. Each small group will work in timed segments to make the most of our time together. Additionally, each attendee will be asked to list their priorities within each goal and then prioritize the goals themselves.

Your input here is essential. It will help the Advisory Committee as they work to finalize the plan, so we hope you can attend the meeting and stay for the full two hours.

Is there a specific question you would like covered at the town hall?

You can submit your questions ahead of time (no later than April 10) by:

- Emailing them to ComprehensivePlan@gatesmillsvillage.com or
- Submitting them anonymously at the drop tray in Town Hall

Your homework:

The complete draft of the Comprehensive Plan is available on the Village website. Pour yourself a nice beverage of choice. Get comfy. Read through the plan and think about your priorities for the six goals and the objectives within each goal.

Note about parking:

Please park at the GMES lot on Chagrin River Road. Parking at the school on Colvin Road should be prioritized for those with difficulty climbing stairs.



Gates Mills Comprehensive Plan – Quick Start Guide

You might get a bit overwhelmed when opening the Comprehensive Plan for the first time. Be sure to read through the first page – it gives great direction on what is inside.

One key outcome of the Town Hall is to know what goals and objectives are particularly important and a priority to you.

To help get you prepared, we listed the six goals from the draft Comprehensive Plan:

A. RURAL VILLAGE CHARACTER Preserve/retain the history-steeped rural character of Gates Mills, including its extensive wooded hillsides, the beautiful Chagrin River, vast expanses of natural green space and the Village’s numerous homesteads and well-tended historic estates.

B. HARMONY WITH NATURE Aspire to be a leading sustainable municipality in the Chagrin River Valley committed to reducing environmental damage, addressing climate change, and encouraging low-impact/green infrastructure strategies to improve Gates Mills’ resilience.

C. DESIRABLE HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS Promote and preserve the variety and value of existing housing and neighborhoods while carefully managing the limited allowance for new housing that preserves the Village’s character and quality in order to attract new wage-earning residents and provide options for existing residents.

D. COMMUNITY PRIDE & ENGAGEMENT Promote/foster a sense of community pride and increase engagement among residents with a focus on Village Center.

E. ACCESS & CONNECTIONS Promote a safe and convenient transportation system that facilitates local travel, promotes walking and biking, and fosters physical well-being.

F. QUALITY AMENITIES & SERVICES Continue to maintain and enhance community amenities/services that support a high quality of life with the right balance of community services for taxes paid while respecting residents’ desire to protect and enhance the natural environment.

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