



We're Open for Business

The Greater Newburgh Partnership (GNP) was created as a catalyst for transformative change, consistently and purposefully working cross sector, to accomplish meaningful advances to enhance the economic viability.

New businesses interested in relocating to the city of Newburgh have expressed that the process is lengthy and unclear. Time is money for businesses. There is full agreement that new and additional jobs and an expanded business tax-base are vital to Newburgh's renewal.

Cities throughout the region have created business-friendly processes, many providing expeditors and one-stop shopping to entice serious growth projects. Newburgh has been unable to offer such simplicity, citing an antiquated zoning code at the core.

GNP, working with City Council, staff and residents are working collaboratively to declare Newburgh: ***“Open for Business!”***

Zoning: A Transformative Project

City leadership identified the need for rezoning as THE transformative project needed to facilitate change. GNP set making that project a reality. Through grants, donations and other sources of revenue, GNP is committed to not only funding the project, but providing the leadership and coordination necessary to get the job done -- on time and in budget.

The objective is to rewrite the City of Newburgh zoning code to align with the recently adopted Land Use Plan, updating sections of the code no longer relevant to how people live and work today, allowing the creative repurposing of existing buildings for newer more timely uses, and streamlining the application process.

All of which currently causes developers and the City needless delay and money.

Central to the process is public involvement and comment. The project is divided into three phases:

- Phase One** The Leadership Team and Advisory Task Force (selected by city staff) sets the stage for strong community engagement and review of existing City documents that will provide perspective on the existing code.
- Phase Two** The nuts and bolts of the project; digging into the code with actual rewrite through conversation and engagement of the Leadership Team/ Advisory Task Force and their constituencies. It is necessary for each member of the Leadership Team/Advisory Task Force to involve members of their respective organizations to provide input and guidance.
- Phase Three** Public presentation and feedback that will result in the adoption of the new Zoning by the City Council.

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