

Planning and Environmental

Mission

The City of Niagara Falls Department of Planning and Environmental Services was created to promote and protect the health, safety and general welfare of all residents by enhancing and conserving the social, economic and environmental health of the residential, commercial, industrial and recreational areas by fostering the most appropriate use of municipal land and resources.

The Department of Planning and Environmental:

Maintains the City's comprehensive plan, including transportation, land use, housing, public service, community facilities and its other elements;

Administers zoning, subdivision and handles amendments to these and related codes;

Advises on disposition of City owned property, including dedication or vacation of streets, alleys and some easements;

Assists in capital improvements and economic development;

Engages in site planning and design for construction, sale, lease or other use agreements involving City holdings;

Provides staff services to the City Officials, Planning Board, Historic Preservation Commission, Board of Appeals, and others;

Provides services for code enforcement, community development and other regulatory agencies;

Maintains maps, aerial photography, demographics and other information related to community growth and change;

Works with schools, businesses, institutions and private individuals to ensure compliance with city development regulations and general consistency with our development goals.

Coordinates and manages certain initiatives, grant opportunities, FEMA flood zone maps, State Environmental Quality Review, and the City's Geographic Information Systems.

Below are links to various resources related to the Department :

[City of Niagara Falls Comprehensive Plan 2009](#)

[Official Copy of Niagara Falls Zoning Ordinance, amended 9.15.2021.](#)

2022 Level 1 Site Plan Review Application Packet
2022 Level 2 Site Plan Review Application Packet
Floodplain Development Permit Application

While our mission is focused on zoning and physical planning and largely accomplished through zoning enforcement, site plan review and land use analysis, Planning is a comprehensive field, that requires the City's Planning Department to have access to all kinds of information. On a typical day, the Planning and Environmental Department may field calls for land use regulations, floodplain data, demographics, brownfields, recycling, economic development, municipal operations or other topics.

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)

Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Grants from the New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) - Add website link

Brownfields Assessment Grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) - Add website link

FEMA Flood Zones

National Flood Insurance Program

Floodsmart

6 NYCRR Part 617 • State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NFIP Annual Flood Mitigation Progress Report Documentation

Niagara County GIS - update website link

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Bylaws

Planning Board Meeting Schedule 2023

~~City Hall Council Chambers~~

~~745 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY~~

Planning Board Meeting Minutes for April 25th, 2023

Planning Board Meeting Agenda for April 25th, 2023

Planning Board Meeting Agenda for April 12th, 2023

Planning Board Meeting Agenda for April 6th, 2023

Planning Board Meeting Agenda for March 29th, 2023

Planning Board Meeting Cancellation Notice for March 15th, 2023

NOT
BOLD

Planning Board Meeting Minutes for February 22nd, 2023

Planning Board Meeting Agenda for February 22nd, 2023

Planning Board Meeting Minutes for February 8th, 2023

The Planning Board meeting scheduled for 01/25/2023 has been cancelled.

Planning Board Meeting Agendas and Meeting Minutes from 2022

Planning Board Meeting Agendas and Meeting Minutes from 2021

Planning Board Meeting Agendas and Meeting Minutes from 2020

Planning Board Meeting Agendas and Meeting Minutes from 2019

Planning Board Meeting Agendas and Meeting Minutes from 2018

Planning Board Meeting Agendas and Meeting Minutes from 2017

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

~~Historic HPC Bylaws~~ [add doc]

← **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Schedule for 2023**

Historic Preservation Meeting Cancellation for May 4th, 2023 — NOT BOLD

Historic Preservation Meeting Cancellation Notice for March 2nd, 2023

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Historic Preservation Meeting Agenda for February 2nd, 2023

Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes for February 2nd, 2023

~~Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Schedule for 2023~~ — NOT BOLD

Historic Preservation Meeting Cancellation Notice for December 1st, 2022

Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes for November 3rd, 2022

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda for August 4th, 2022
