

Vision Statement

Located in the heart of the Adirondacks, Newcomb has transitioned in the last 30 years from a mining town to a second home community. In addition to its great natural beauty, Newcomb's assets include recreation facilities such as trails, lakes and streams, a state campground and a town golf course; historic facilities such as Santanoni and Tahawus; and the Adirondack Visitor's Interpretation Center. Newcomb's innovative school system and Syracuse University's Huntington Research Forest are also important facilities. Newcomb seeks to continue its redevelopment by taking advantage of its pristine environment to attract visitors. The Town will improve its physical appearance and create the infrastructure to attract a new generation of year-round residents who will take advantage of the Town's high quality of life. The Town will become a destination for heritage and environmental tourism, as well as hikers and recreationists. The Town will create the necessary infrastructure to support these goals.

Goals

1. Develop a community center to include facilities such as a library, internet access, youth room, meeting space and exercise facilities.
2. Develop a commercial center in order to attract small scale commercial business to the Town.
3. Develop a Business Incubator with the technological infrastructure to attract new businesses.
4. Develop a light industrial park focusing on attracting green/sustainable businesses that use forest resources.
5. Redevelop the National Lead property.
6. Explore cooperative ownership of a gas station/convenience/grocery store.
7. Expand high speed internet service in the Town.
8. Develop a plan for the Rt. 28 corridor in the Town, to include uniform signage and streetscape elements/improvements to help create a sense of place.
9. Develop a slogan/ branding and marketing strategy for the Town to include taking advantage of its recreational, historical and educational resources.
10. Coordinate heritage and environmental tourism and educational/initiatives/activities between/among Newcomb's institutions.
11. Utilize signage to drive traffic through Rt. 28 to the Northway.
12. Support school initiatives to attract students and provide necessary support infrastructure.
13. Address issues with the Winebrook Water District.
14. Study expanding the Town golf course and adding a restaurant.
15. Construct a kiosk for Town information at the High peaks Overlook.
16. Designate an area for affordable housing.
17. Designate an area for senior housing.
18. Develop snowmobile connector trails to surrounding communities.
19. Investigate providing disabled access to Camp Santanoni with theDEC.
20. Promote lodging facilities.
21. Explore placing developmental homes in the Town.
22. Explore redeveloping the train tracks as a long-distance trail.