



AMHERST, TONAWANDA EARN WNY AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION BEST PRACTICE AWARD

Willow Ridge Parkview Action Plan Recognized for Excellence

(Amherst, NY) – The Towns of Amherst and Tonawanda’s [Willow Ridge Parkview Action Plan](#) has been awarded the 2024 Best Practice Award from the Western New York Section of the American Planning Association (APA). Honored on May 15 at the WNY APA Section Annual Awards Event, the Towns, Planning Departments and project consultants were recognized for utilizing innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices that help to create communities of lasting value.

“In partnership with the Town of Tonawanda, the Willow Ridge Parkview Action Plan takes a comprehensive look at the needs of those neighborhoods. Addressing issues that have been plaguing the community for years, the plan identifies opportunities to make this section of town a more vibrant, connected and safe inter-municipal community. Our Planning Department excelled in the creation of this plan, with a lot of credit also going to the community who invested their time to outline this area’s needs,” said Supervisor Brian Kulpa.

The Willow Ridge Parkview Action Plan, led by Amherst Planning Director Daniel Howard and Senior Planner Kimberly Amplement, along with Tonawanda Director of Planning and Development James Hartz, was developed to improve connectivity and pedestrian safety, and revitalize the corridor. The Towns will employ the Action Plan to update Comprehensive Plan policies, create new goals and objectives, and utilize implementation strategies to create a more vibrant, connected and safe inter-municipal community. The Town worked with various consultants on different elements of planning for the district, including Dover Kohl & Partners, Nelson Nygaard, G. Kellogg & Co. and Colliers Engineering & Design (formerly Bergmann Associates).

Because this effort won a Section APA Award, it will now be forwarded on to the New York Upstate Chapter of the APA for consideration of a Best Practice Award.

Town of Amherst Planning Department initiatives can be found [HERE](#).

