

CHAPTER 5
CONCLUSION

TOWN OF PITTSFORD



1. CONCLUSION

The Town of Pittsford is a unique community that residents are proud to call home. While the conveniences and attractions of a large metropolitan area are close at hand, the town maintains a solidly residential character, complemented by a landscape of working farms and open space. The heart of the town is graced with a historic and vibrant village



and canal. In an age when many communities lack a sense-of-place, the Town of Pittsford has a firm sense of its identity. This identity rests on a foundation of the past and clear sense of the future.

Each generation of Pittsford residents has left its mark on the town and made it the place it is today. Through this plan, today's generation of residents have the chance to write the next page in the town's history. The responsibility and privilege to do so cannot be underestimated. Nor can the ability of town residents to rise to the occasion – time and again they have demonstrated a commitment to the town's high quality of life and unique character through hard work and dedication. This process can best be described as the imperfect art of "place making," at the heart of which is a community's collective ability to address the tough questions, many of which do not lend themselves to black-and-white answers. Recognizing that nearly every solution has a trade-off, the town has nonetheless continually embraced the future through its proactive planning efforts.

The community conversation that successful place-making in the Town of Pittsford has required, may be the biggest legacy of all. Throughout this project, more than any tangible characteristic, town residents pointed to each other – the people of Pittsford – as the town's single greatest attribute. By working together to solve common problems and shared opportunities, town residents have not only invested in the town, but in themselves. Looking ahead, the implementation of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan Update will provide a new opportunity for residents to engage with one another and chart the course for the future of the town and the community.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD