

**Planning &
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**Smart Growth
Award Category:
Make Development
Decisions Predictable,
Fair, and Cost Effective**

**Recipient:
Town of
Lebanon
Comprehensive
Planning
Committee:**

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Congratulations to the Town of Lebanon Comprehensive Planning Committee for being selected for a Smart Growth Award. This Committee was selected for its dedication to creating the first Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Lebanon.



Lessons Learned

- Citizen Committees can do this: Lebanon Comprehensive Planning Committee, comprised of volunteer residents, established Nov. 2011
- Priority topics: Agriculture, Climate, Flora & Fauna, Geography & Geology, Government, History, Infrastructure, Land Use, Natural Gas, Population & Trends, Recreation, and Renewable Energy
- Key Component in the process was public input: Survey designed and mailed out. 41% response rate! The Committee credits the use of an advanced postcard mailing, mailed out about 3 weeks before the survey, prepping landowners ahead of time, for this high response success.
- Engage town decision makers while the survey is being developed to ensure that questions will yield sufficient information about important issues
- All recommendations in the plan are sourced as either from the Committee or from survey responses
- The Plan recommended reviewing and updating the Town's land use regulations, and the Town Board is already discussing how to approach this task

The Comprehensive Plan will be available to view online early Spring 2015 <http://townoflebanon.org>