

WARREN COUNTY

New York

WARREN COUNTY 2040
PAG MEETING 1

August 23, 2023



AGENDA

- I. Introductions
- II. Project Overview
- III. Background Material/Other Planning Efforts
- IV. Public Engagement Approach
- V. Issues & Opportunities Discussion
- VI. Public Comments

INTRODUCTIONS



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CONSULTANT TEAM



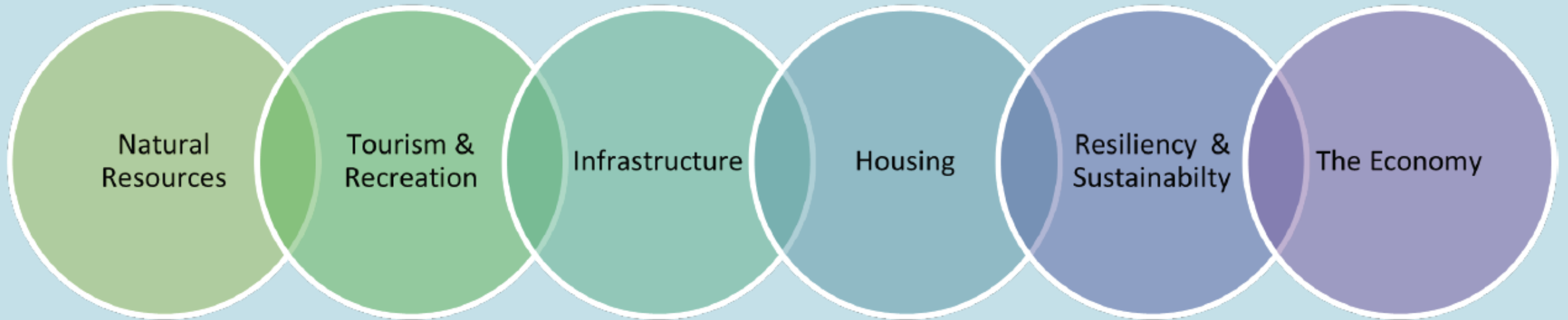
PROJECT OVERVIEW



GENERAL PROJECT SCOPE

- Review of existing conditions:
 - County operations
 - Demographic and market trends
 - Partnerships
- Evaluate internal and public perceived County strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats
- Recommendations:
 - Establish overarching County priorities and strategies
 - Focus on the sectors that the County has influence on
 - Identify new partnership opportunities
- Serve as an inward and outward-facing reference document

PRELIMINARY FOCUS AREAS



PROJECT SCHEDULE

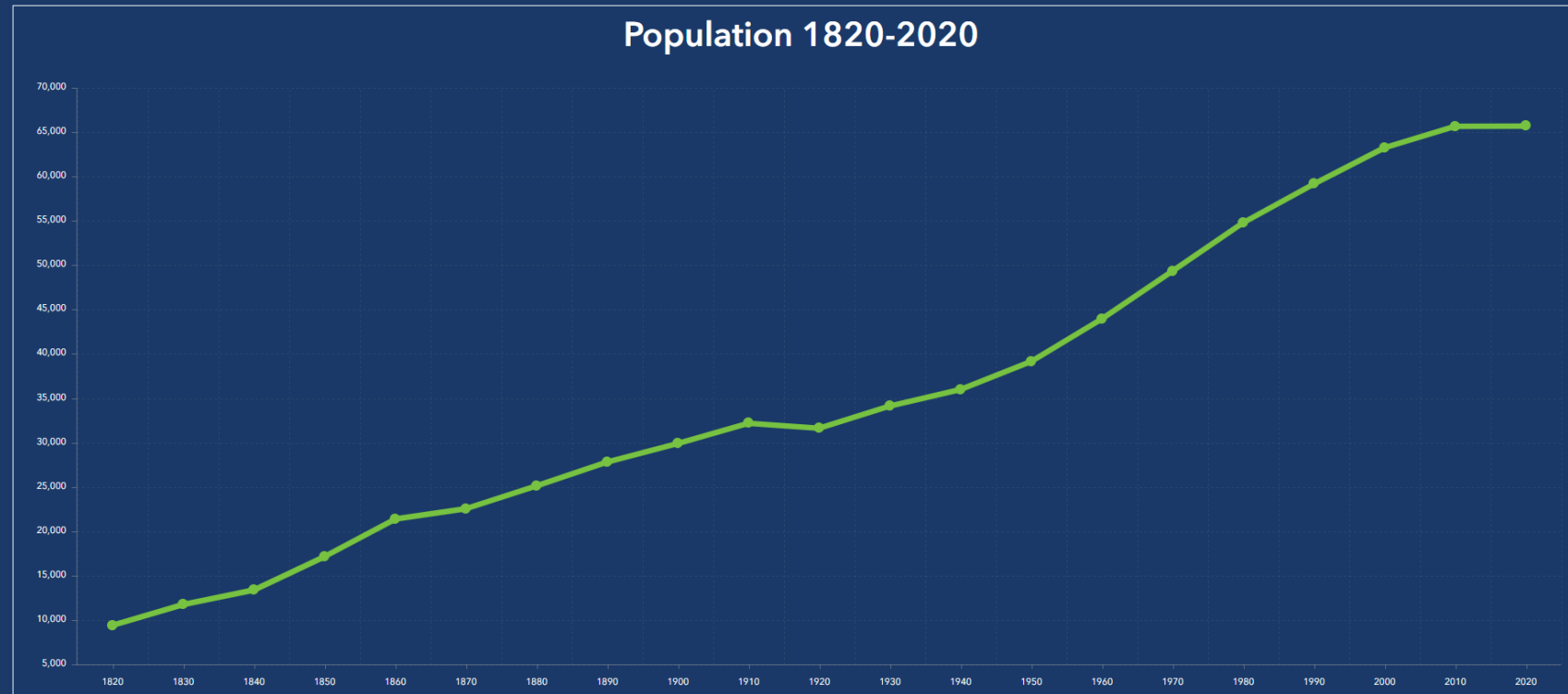
2023				2024			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Project Scoping							
	Existing Conditions Review (Demographics, Market, & Operations)						
		Partner Org. Interviews, Public Survey					
		Deep Dive into Focus Areas (Existing Conditions, Additional Stakeholder Outreach)					
			SWOT Report, Public Workshop				
					Plan Drafting		
						Public Presentation of Plan	

BACKGROUND MATERIAL & OTHER PLANNING EFFORTS

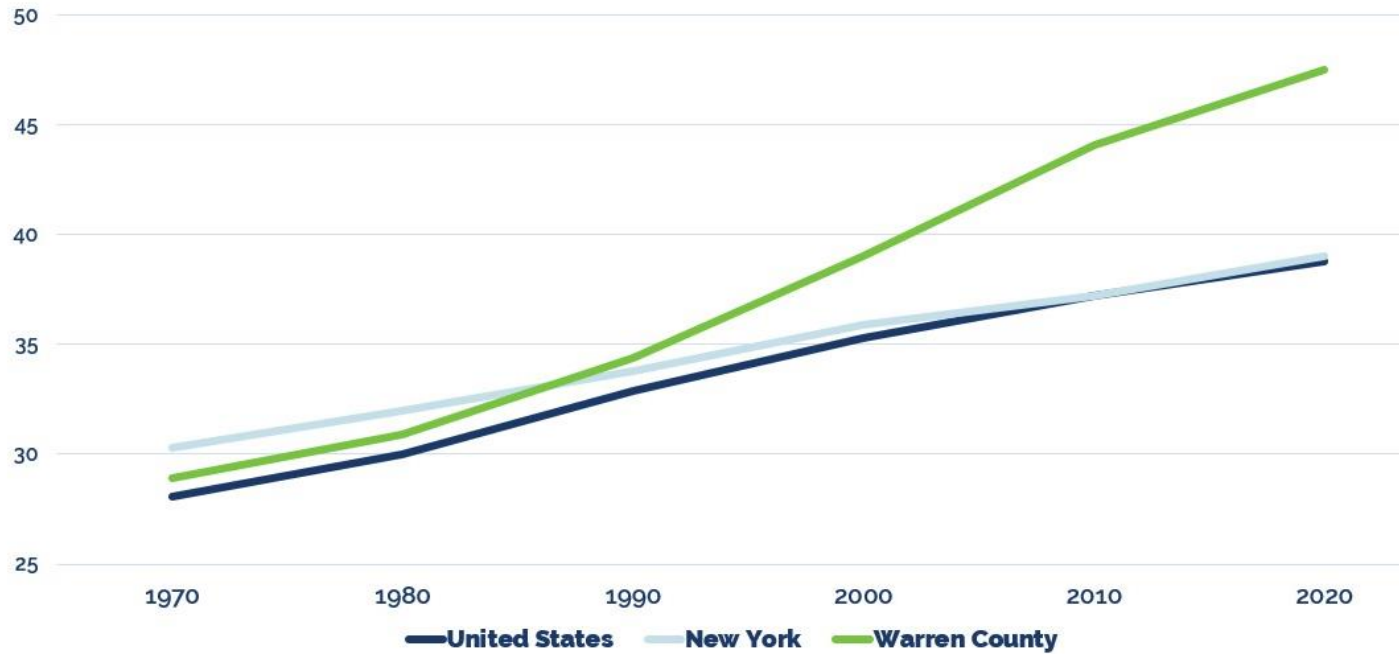


POPULATION TRENDS

- Relatively slow growth until 1980 and stagnated since 2010.
 - *This is consistent with general rural America & upstate NY trends*
- Capital Region growth has largely been in the urban areas. This trend is expected to continue through 2040.



Median Age by Decade



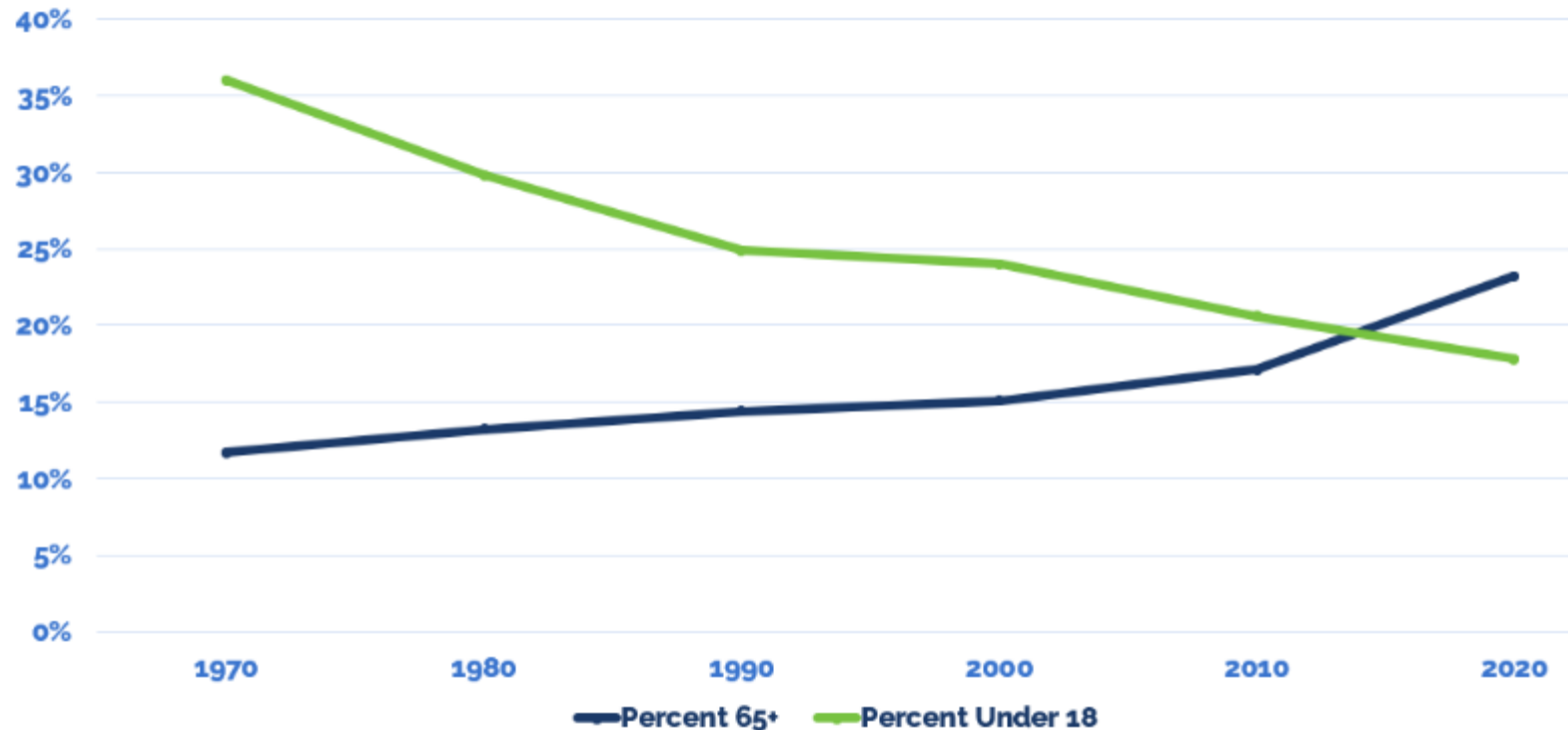
Population Over Age 65



AGE TRENDS

- Warren County's population is aging. While this is not a trend unique to the County, it is especially notable to Warren County (median age 47.5).
 - *Second highest median age of the ADK counties.*
 - *4th oldest county in the state*
 - *In the top 5th of oldest counties in the US*

Under 18 and 65+ Populations 1970-2020



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

- Over the past 50 years, the percentage of the County's population of children has decreased by more than 100%
- Over the past decade, the percentage of the population over 65 increased to surpass the school age population



COUNTY OPERATIONS STUDY

- Interviewed of all County department heads between May and July
- CGR drafting report, which will be shared once completed.
- Goals:
 - Understand how the County currently operates & how this compares to other comparable counties
 - Identify potential issues and opportunities looking to the future
 - Serve as a reference document for County staff

OTHER PLANNING EFFORTS

- LCLGRP *Forward Together: Economic Resiliency Plan* (2021)
- Warren County Housing Study (ongoing/nearing completion)
- Warren County Recreational Economy Study (just starting)



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT APPROACH



PAG MEETINGS

- Open To Public – in-person
- Meetings Regularly Scheduled and Announced
- Approx. every 2-3 months

SURVEY

- Issues, Opportunities, & Vision
- Coordinated with Recreation Economy Study

PUBLIC MEETINGS/ WORKSHOPS

- Project introduction/overview & visioning meeting
- Review of plan recommendations

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

- Partner organizations (ongoing)
- Focused outreach/focus groups organized around theme areas

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS/ STAKEHOLDERS

- Adirondack Economic Development Corporation
- A/GFTC
- Adirondack Park Agency
- Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce
- ANCA
- Capital Region Economic Development Council
- GGFTA/CDTA
- LCLGRPB
- Lake George Association
- LGLC
- Northern Forest Center
- SWW Workforce Development Board
- Northern Borders Regional Commission
- Warren County EDC
- WWIDA
- Warren Co. Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Warren Co. Department of Workforce Development
- WCSWCD

ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES DISCUSSION



What makes Warren County unique?

In what ways could Warren County improve?

What trends are having positive impacts in Warren County, and what trends are you most concerned about?

NEXT STEPS





NEXT STEPS

- Public Survey
- Data Collection & Stakeholder Outreach
- Next PAG meeting in the fall (date, time, location preference?)

PUBLIC COMMENTS
