

**8.7 SQ MILES**  
Project Area

**AUG 2023**  
FBC Adopted

*“This new code is truly the vision of our community—it will encourage incremental growth and smart development across the City, while preserving our open spaces. Crucially, this code reform will reduce barriers to the creation of new housing at every level and will help us combat the housing crisis... I thank the Common Council for moving swiftly in considering the proposed zoning code, our wonderful consultants at Dover Kohl, and all the residents who participated in the drafting and adoption process.”*  
- Mayor Steve Noble

**KINGSTON FORWARD, KINGSTON, NEW YORK**

On August 1, 2023, the City of Kingston unanimously adopted the Kingston Forward zoning code, becoming one of only a few communities nationally that have entirely replaced their existing zoning with a citywide form based code (FBC). The code adoption followed a two year planning process to revise the city’s prior ordinance which dated to the 1960s and did not align with Kingston’s historic town-building tradition. A week-long charrette with virtual and in-person meetings, walking tours, and open studio hours kicked-off community engagement, giving the community an opportunity to voice their ideas and concerns, and providing a foundation of citizen input for the code.

Kingston’s new code eliminates minimum parking requirements across the city and supports incremental infill development, including the creation of a variety of “missing middle” housing types such as duplexes, townhouses, and live/work units. The code legalizes accessory dwelling units (ADUs), corner stores and other types of mixed-use development, and provides a streamlined approvals process for minor site plan development. Form-based building and street design standards ensure future development will continue to contribute to Kingston’s walkability and historic appeal. Floodplains, steep slopes, and other sensitive habitats are protected in accordance with the Kingston Open Space plan.

The City’s ‘Kingston Forward’ webpage features a wealth of information and resources, including an interactive zoning map as well as links to review past drafts, recordings, and other materials that went into the development of the FBC. Visit [engagekingston.com/kingston-forward](http://engagekingston.com/kingston-forward) to learn more.

Kingston Forward was led by Dover, Kohl & Partners, in collaboration with Laberge Group, Land Use Law Center, Hall Planning & Engineering, and Gridics.

Below: Kingston City-Wide Regulating Plan

