The neighborhood has created a vision statement to guide the Sheridan Hollow Opportunity Area planning process. “Our vision for Sheridan Hollow is for a great place to live and work and a community where people want to stay.”

Within the next 10 years, the neighborhood envisions that a visitor to Sheridan Hollow will see that homes are well maintained and occupied by a mix of homeowners and tenants who engage with their neighbors. Many homes will be new as in-fill housing has occurred on formerly vacant lots. If a lot is vacant, it is because it is being actively used and maintained for community garden space, off-street parking for residents or public use such as parks and playgrounds.

Commercial spaces in Sheridan Hollow are filled by entrepreneurs and artisans or service providers such as day care centers. Sheridan Hollow residents are able to find employment by participating in redevelopment activities or at the newly renovated Freihofer building, where they might be engaged in healthy food production and processing.

The neighborhood will be a desirable place to live because of its walkability and commitment to the environment – thanks to well-maintained sidewalks and energy efficient street lighting. Sheridan Hollow will no longer experience flooding because green infrastructure practices have been implemented such as rain barrels, rain gardens, and well maintained bioswales. The green space between the long stairs will be redeveloped into a park with walkable paths and fitness stations. Major points of entry into the neighborhood will be welcoming – for example, the Clinton Lark park and the Henry Johnson overpass will have good lighting and welcoming murals. Neighborhood residents are benefitting from a variety of renewable energy programs.

Sheridan Hollow will celebrate its history with a revitalized Veterans Memorial Park. Historic markers will remind residents of the neighborhood’s importance in the early development of Albany and an oral history project will capture memories of the neighborhood’s vibrancy, diversity and community engagement when its population was at its peak.

Sheridan Hollow will have a strong neighborhood association that connects residents to resources and provides opportunities for neighbors of all ages to engage in activities. Through the association, neighbors have a strong voice in the continued growth, development and advocacy about the concerns of the people living in the neighborhood.
The neighborhood believes this vision to be achievable, and will work to implement this vision with the help of neighbors, small business owners, employees of companies in the neighborhood and engaged stakeholders.

To achieve the Community Vision, the neighborhood is exploring the following opportunities:

Goal 1: housing redevelopment and neighborhood revitalization

Goal 2: economic redevelopment and job creation

Goal 3: how to strengthen social capital and quality of life

Goal 4: how to strengthen the neighborhood’s infrastructure and create a resilient, sustainable, green community