

Comprehensive Plan Committee Town Board Update - 2/14/08

1. Meetings -- We plan to meet weekly over the next few months as we review the results of the questionnaire and Water Study, and focus on finalizing the Vision Statement for the Town, along with developing the goals, strategies and programs to implement the Vision.

2. Survey/Questionnaire—We got back 434 questionnaires, about a 28% response rate. This response rate represents a statistically significant sample with a confidence level of between 95% and 99%. 306 replies were necessary for a 95% confidence level. 461 replies would have given the survey a confidence level of 99%. The survey results are available on the Town web site at www.townofancram.org.

The Committee is in the process of reviewing the survey results, and plans to develop and analyze a series of cross-tabs to more fully understand the data.

3. Grant Applications – We have prepared a grant application for \$25,000 to support the development of a Farmland Protection Plan, which we would like the Town Board to approve today by resolution. In December, as was reported last month, we filed an application for a \$21,000 grant to support economic development in Ancram, which we hope to hear about by the end of this month.

4. Next Meetings – We plan to meet at 10 AM on Saturday 2/16 to review the Groundwater Protection Plan done for us by the NY Rural Water Association, and again at 7PM 2/25 to continue our review of the survey data and the results of our cross-tab analyses

5. Budget – Through the end of January we have spent \$24,000 of the \$60,000 Comprehensive Planning budget.