

Vision statements drafted by public participants (Sat)

The Future Ancram Will Have the Following Characteristics:

1. A vibrant agricultural sector with lots of successful farms and lots of support for farming among citizens and town government. Development is consistent with goals of preserving open space and rural character. Downtown Ancram and Ancramdale have become nice places to walk around and provide basic necessities. Easy and inexpensive communication (tel, internet) exists. Better schools and activities for children. Elderly assistance programs. Self-sufficient and self-sustaining. Emergency health access. Provide affordable transportation. Identify, keep and renovate historic houses, barns, and structures.
2. Public access to Roe-Jan and have safe walking trails. Maintain and develop agricultural access in Town. Encourage small local business while maintaining historical character of the Town. Fair, equitable taxes. Have a community center and a transportation system for the elderly and facilities for kids. Affordable housing for low income families. Maintain the natural beauty of other area. Have good cell and internet use and service. A recycling center.
3. Maintain a rural character. No commercial development to change rural character. Have equitable taxes. The economy is prosperous and supports the residents. The Town has great communication with the residents. Encourage farming/agriculture/horses, livestock.
4. Maintain a strong and diverse agricultural base. Maintain current housing diversity. Better communication services such as cell phones and internet. The Town has a strong sense of community. Maintain the rural character with safe, well maintained roads. Encourage more small businesses in hamlets by upgrading buildings and increasing parking.
5. Have more Town facilities and recreation for the elderly and the youth. Maintain historic interest. Have nice easy flowing traffic. Better social services like having better internet and cell service. Build a Town center. Keep the farming and agriculture in Ancram. Protect the wildlife and the environment. Mix of rentals affordable and substantial housing with zoning. Support services and facilities for different ages. Ample parking in Town Center with thriving businesses, landscaped, strong with diverse businesses and adequate parking.
6. Ancram is a small thriving small village with a preserved rural character and expansive landscape where both wildlife and farms flourish.

7. The Town has maintained a rural character with more farms than today, wooded land, streams, and wetlands are protected. The Town has small scale businesses with production and retail that serves the needs of the residents. High quality infrastructure with better communications available. Reliable energy including alternate sources. Variety of houses, but no derelict buildings. Route 7/82 traffic is improved and all roads are in excellent condition.
8. Maintain the rural and agriculture character. Have more small stores and businesses with more job opportunities. Have affordable housing for the seniors.
9. Preserved historic town center and outlying areas. Have designated historic district and preservation of history. Preserve the scenic beauty and the open spaces by regulating development. Have strong environmental protection with innovative approach to gravel mining. Develop more recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. The Town has improved utility services. The Town has an agricultural economy with specific community based food marketing and regulatory programs to enhance agriculture. Incentives are given to preserve old homes and buildings and barns. Farmers and weekenders work together to preserve the land and beauty. Small businesses and residences centered in hamlets creating sense of community.
10. A Town which embraces and enforces strong environmental protection and fosters historic preservation. A Town with a working, rural landscape and many farms where agriculture prospers. A Town with hamlets that service and support both full time local residents, as well as weekenders, with a spirit of neighborliness. Open space, trails, nature centers accessible by the public. A town with safe "rural character" roads where speed limits are reasonable for the type of roads.

Vision Categories Identified by Participants (Each of these areas should be addressed in the Plan in some way and represent board categories of topics addressed in the various vision statements):

- Agriculture
- Community
- Zoning
- Town Development
- Technology
- Children
- Elderly
- Emergency Services

Transportation/Traffic
 History
 Housing/Affordable Housing
 Community Character
 Cell Phone Use
 Recycling
 Community Center
 Taxes
 Recreational Facilities/Activities
 Town Center
 Communication/Education
 Visual
 Infrastructure

Common vision elements from each table:

-Listed from most to least common and compiled from the post-it-notes

Have more small stores and businesses
Have more successful and working farms
Provide more hiking and biking trails
Reconstruct intersection of Route 7 and 82
Maintain a rural character
Have affordable housing
Provide better internet and cell service
Maintain open spaces and land
Preserve and restore old historic buildings
More controlled development
Provide more Town recreation
Build a community center
Have more Town parking
The Town provides public transportation
Sense of community
Build better Town center
Better parklands
Preserve the forest and wetlands
Architecture is consistent with the rural area
No trailer housing
Have more job opportunities
Have less and more flowing traffic
Have quality schools
Have farms provide food for the Town
Alternative energy
Maintain nice and scenic roads
Recognize the historic buildings
Have more livestock
Rail trails

Vision statements drafted by public participants (Mon)

The Future Ancram Will Have the Following Characteristics:

1. A small local village center. Viable farming community with large and small family owned farms. Let hunting be allowed. Scenic, accessible, environmentally friendly open land. The Town is economically viable for rural populations of young and old.
2. The hamlet has sidewalks, water sewer, parking restored houses and businesses. A family-friendly community. The Town has more farms and farmers and farms are profitable. Have locally grown products available to purchase. Ancram has small lots and clustered housing available for both affordable and more expensive rates. The Town has many recreational and cultural facilities. Vehicle traffic in hamlets is slow, quieter, safer. Ancram paper mill is still open and there are more opportunities for local employment.
3. An improved intersection of Route 7 and 82 and a safe and efficient transportation grid. Specific recreational and cultural activities supported by the Town. Mixture of big and little parcels by zoning that preserves the scenic beauty of the Town and which the community also supports. Farms that are financially stable and supports the community. More forms of small businesses and stores. Create tax and other forms of incentives for all businesses.
4. Ancram supports and encourages a variety of economic development. We have protected our rural environment and scenic areas. The Town encourages a variety of housing options. Improve and create more recreational facilities and programs. Foster a considerable and caring community.
5. Have open landscapes with controlled growth. The Ancram paper mill is running at full force. An excellent mix of all economic levels of housing including senior citizen and affordable housing. A mix of small shops and adequate parking with good traffic flow. A culture center with hiking and biking trails and with ball fields. Small family farms, good mix a dairy, beef, horse, sheep, and small crop farms. Many small businesses throughout Town.
6. A mix of housing that protects the Towns open spaces and revitalizes the Town center. Retain the open space and rural landscape. People of all ages and economic status feel a part of the community. Support thriving agriculture. A functioning, economically vibrant, and safe Town center that retains the local character.

7. A Town that supports rural character and agriculture. More agriculture businesses. More youth recreation and activities. Keep attracting small commercial businesses. Plan for housing for the next generation.
8. Have more youth and senior facilities. Have a historic center and preserve history of the Town. Have economic development. Keep the beauty of the Town. Have better infrastructure. Have more recreational and cultural activities for the Town.
9. Allow for small, clean business development. A community center that delivers more Town services. Provide affordable housing. Limit and control thru truck traffic and noise. A developing Town while keeping the rural character. Install a light on the intersection of route 7 and 82.
10. A safe and crime-free Town. Have a way for agriculture and development to co-exist and grow. A public park for families and programs for seniors. Balanced zoning laws to give equal opportunities to agriculture, businesses, and residents. Attract suitable businesses to Ancram. Encourage refurbishing of old buildings and create central squares where people gather for services and entertainment.

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- Environment
- Employment
- Affordable Housing/Cluster Housing
- Traffic
- Social/Cooperation
- Agriculture
- Hamlets
- Historic Preservation
- Infrastructure
- Cultural/Recreational
- Downtown Refurbishment
- Town Center
- Business/Industry
- Housing
- Rural Character
- Open Land
- Social Services
- Youth Activities
- Beautification
- Land Use

Unified Community
Public Safety
Support Systems

Common vision elements from above statements:

-Listed from most to least common and compiled from the post-it-notes

Have more small stores, businesses, and shop centers
Keep rural landscape and character
Affordable housing
Have many working family farms
Remodel and improve Route 7 and 82 intersection
Have a community and Town center
More public parks and ball fields
Restore old and historic buildings
Keep open land and spaces
Less trucks in passing though Town an smooth traffic flow
Have development and cluster housing
More job opportunities
Have a senior center with facilities
Have a Town general store
Keep clean and quiet environments
Maintain better roads
More youth centers and facilities
Have a nice Town library
Build cell towers
Have clean water and good water supply
Offer more services
Build a historic center
Preserve wildlife
Plan housing for the next generation
The Town should support agriculture
More police service
The Town should provide more parking
Have better zoning