

Comp Plan Activities -Town Board Update - 1/15/09

1. Comp Plan Activities --The Comp Plan Committee has finalized a set of proposed strategies and action plans necessary to implement the 2030 Vision and Goals. These strategies will be mailed to the Community next week along with an invitation to attend four Comp Plan “strategy workshops” on Monday, February 2 and 9 from 7 to 9.30 PM and on Saturday, February 7 and 14 from 9:30 AM to 12 noon.

2. CDBG Activities -- The CDBG Project Team has received engineering reports on the 82/7 and 8/3/82 intersections and on septic options for Ancram, and expects to receive one additional report on the feasibility of renovating the three deteriorating buildings in the center of Ancram. In addition, we have received an alternative preliminary design concept from Synthesis for revitalizing the center of Ancram which does not require the Fire House to be moved. The CDBG Project team has been discussing how to approach the development of an economic development plan for Ancram, and is focusing on the development of a “short term plan” to implement some of the ideas coming out of this effort during 2009 and 2001.

3. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan (AFPP) – We are still waiting for our Farmland Protection Plan Grant funding contract from the NY State Department of Ag and Markets. The AFPP Team met January 5 to discuss the scope and process of developing a municipal agriculture & farmland protection plan.

4. Budget – Comp Plan related spending in 2007 and 2008 has been on budget. Spending in 2008 was about \$40,000. Comp Plan completion in 2009 will cost another \$10,000. We have also incurred about \$13,000 in CDBG project costs, but spent none of the \$35,000 budgeted in 2008 for the Zoning Revision effort, so these funds are available for zoning revisions in 2009 if required.