

Comp Plan Activities -Town Board Update - 2/19/09

1. Comp Plan Activities --The Comp Plan Committee held four Comp Plan “strategy workshops” over the last two weeks, and now plans to incorporate changes to the Strategies based on Community and Town Official feedback. We expect to have a revised Comp Plan by the end of March, plan to hold public hearings in April, make additional revisions as necessary, and present a draft Comp Plan to the Town Board at the May Town Board meeting.

2. CDBG Activities -- The CDBG Project Team has spent the past two meetings 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 the CDBG effort during 2009 and 2010.

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 February 2 to discuss the scope and process of developing a municipal agriculture & farmland protection plan, and to set some objectives for 2009 assuming we do not get the Ag & Farmland Protection grant funding. We are planning to conduct an inventory of farming activities and farmland use in Ancram, including things like type of farms, acreage used for different crops, employment levels, products, revenues and future plans.

4. Budget – Comp Plan related spending in January was about \$3900, as we incurred the costs of printing the Detailed Strategies, FAQs, Glossary of Terms and the printing and mailing the Comp Plan Summary of Goals & Strategies to over 1100 families.