

Comp Plan Activities -Town Board Update - 3/19/09

1. Comprehensive Plan Committee Activities --The Comp Plan Committee is in the process of revising and finalizing the detailed strategies to incorporate recent Community and Town Official feedback. We expect to have a revised Comprehensive Plan by the end of March, plan to hold workshops to review the Plan with the Town Board in April and hold a public hearing on April 25.

Following the public hearing, we will make additional revisions to the Plan as necessary, and present the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Town Board at the May Town Board meeting.

2. CDBG Activities -- The CDBG Project Team has spent the past few meetings working on an economic development plan for Ancram, and will focus next 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 March 2 to develop 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. At the next meeting on April 6, a representative from the Glynwood Center, an agricultural research organization, will be addressing the Committee on how Glynwood’s programs may assist us in developing our Ag & Farmland Protection Plan.

4. Budget – Comp Plan related spending in February was about \$840. Year-to-date we have spent \$4700 of the \$16,500 full year budget.