

Comp Plan Activities - Town Board Update - 7/16/09

1. Comprehensive Plan Committee Activities --The Comp Plan Committee has revised and finalized the Comp Plan based on comments from the June 22 Public Hearing, and will present the Plan to the Town Board at the July Town Board meeting. Next steps are for the Town Board to review the Plan, hold its own public hearings within 90 days, and appoint a Zoning Revisions Committee to begin revising the Town's zoning laws to bring them into alignment with the new Comp Plan.

2. CDBG Activities -- The CDBG Project Team is working to finalize the "Community Development Strategic Plan", and plans to hold public hearings on this Plan in the fall. The next CDBG grant opportunities are for another Technical Assistance Planning Grant (application due in November 2009) requiring a \$15,000 match, and a no-match \$400,000 construction/renovation grant (application due in April, 2010). We have used about \$14,000 of our current \$21,000 CDBG grant funding, and expect to use the balance of the funds finalizing the Community Development Strategic Plan over the next few months.

3. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan (AFPP) – We circulated a Farm Inventory to about 40 farm operators in Ancram, and expect to have results from this survey by the end of September. We are still waiting for the first \$6250 advance from the NYS Departments of Ag & Markets on the \$25,000 grant we have been awarded. A portion of these grant funds will be available to help underwrite the zoning revisions efforts related to the Comp Plan.

4. Budget – Comp Plan spending in June was about \$500, and Ag & Farmland Protection Plan spending was about \$700. Through June, we have spent approximately \$10,500 of the \$16,500 full year budget.