

## **Comprehensive Planning Activities Town Board Update - 9/18/08**

**1. Major Activities** – The Comp Plan Committee continued to meet weekly over the past month to discuss and analyze possible strategies and action plans necessary to implement the 2030 Vision and Goals. The Committee plans to hold public hearings on the Comprehensive Plan in early 2009, after the new town board has taken office. The CDBG Project Team met on 9/10 to discuss the CDBG project plan for the “revitalization” of Ancram, economic development and historic preservation.

**2. Grants** – The three town council resignations delayed work on the CDBG project and the Farmland Protection Plan effort by one month. We plan to start work on the CDBG project in early October be done by the end of January 2009. So far we have had three individuals express interest in participating for the Farmland Protection Plan effort – Harold Miller, Carl Butler and Frank Martucci. We are hoping to add at least five others to the Farmland Protection Plan Project Team, plan to have an initial meeting in mid-October and will develop a project plan by the end of 2008.

**3. Comp Plan Committee Openings** – The Comp Plan Committee recommends that the Town Board appoint Suzanne Bressler and Hugh Clark to the Comp Plan Committee. They both responded to our public notice for volunteers to join the Committee. Both have appropriate backgrounds for this role. Mr. Clark has attended virtually all Comp Plan committee meeting for the past year, and Ms. Bressler has extensive experience with economic development and community development activities.

**4. Budget** – Comp Plan spending in 2008 has been about \$30,000 through the end of August.