

Copake Comprehensive Planning Committee
Report to the Public- May 2010

As the next step in public involvement for the Town of Copake Comprehensive Plan the Committee has scheduled a Saturday morning action-planning workshop to be held on **July 31, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Copake Park Building**. We know that the summer is a very busy time for everyone, but by setting this date early, we hope that both seasonal residents as well as full time residents can plan to attend.

At this workshop we will update the public on our progress, share a draft vision statement and goals and work in small groups to identify a list of actions (programs, projects, and incentives) which the Town can take to achieve each goal. The workshop will be organized so that everyone will have the opportunity to discuss each goal. The action plan is perhaps the most important part of the comprehensive plan since it outlines the steps, large and small, short term and long-term that the town will take to achieve your vision for the community. The public's input at this point is absolutely critical.

In the meantime, the Committee is continuing to meet at least twice a month, and all meetings are open to the public. At our most recent meeting, on May 11, 2010 we heard from Steven Winkley, Source Water Protection Specialist with the New York Rural Water Association. Mr. Winkley discussed the Groundwater Resources and Protection Plan, and suggested how the location and availability of groundwater in Copake may influence the Committee's proposals with regard to development and housing.

The Committee's next regular meeting will be on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. The Committee will also meet on Tuesday May 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at which time our consultant Margaret Irwin will lead the discussion.

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