

Town of Copake - Vision, Goals and Actions

A Vision of what Copake will be in 2030

Proud Past: Promising Future

As seen in 2030, Copake is a great place to live because of its rural beauty, and strong sense of home-town community. Year round and part-time residents treasure Copake's beautiful vistas, woods and meadows, lakes and streams. Copake offers a quiet, relaxed way of life, and a clean, safe and attractive place in which to raise a family.

Farming is our heritage and foundation. Our productive land, abundant water and access to urban markets all support our thriving farms and agricultural tradition. Promoting agriculture helps Copake to maintain open spaces. Our healthy environment balances clean air and water, agricultural and open land with carefully managed growth and protected historic resources. We enjoy our many recreational resources with a keen sense of being environmental stewards.

Our cultural, social, economic and entertainment needs are met in a vibrant and prosperous historic downtown with a variety of thriving small businesses, shops, and restaurants. Each hamlet has a unique character but is connected to the larger Town through a network of communication and activities, as well as roadways and bike paths. Community events and other venues thrive, offering social and cultural events appealing to children, teens and adults.

Our business friendly attitude encourages compatible light industry and welcomes commercial uses in designated areas which do not conflict with our neighborhoods or jeopardize our environment. We recognize the importance of tourism, and our businesses work together to increase patronage and the success of all involved.

The successful implementation of the comprehensive plan begun 20 years ago, has created a healthy inventory of well planned housing. Young people just starting out as well as families and those who have reached retirement can find suitable and affordable housing. Our roads, bridges, and water systems are safe, sound and well-maintained. We have anticipated the needs of future generations with modern communications. Clean, conservative energy use and the development of green businesses make Copake a leader in the county.

The communication between our residents, farmers, business people and leaders is a testament to our success. Our government officials care foremost about our citizens; they work cooperatively, transparently and responsibly for the welfare of the Town in partnership with nearby communities. Our community grows in a logical, responsible manner which provides efficient basic life services, keeps tax burdens under control and bears in mind the rights of Copake citizens. Our commitment to this community, our commitment to preserve the land, our lively hamlets, and the Town's rural character unites us.