

**Copake Comprehensive Planning Committee  
Report to the Public- November 2010**

When this Committee last reported to the public, we were about to conduct an action planning workshop. That workshop was conducted on July 31, 2010, with good attendance and participation. A report from that meeting will be posted on our website shortly. At the workshop, we announced that we expected to conclude our work and present a draft of the plan by the end of this year. Since that time we have adjusted our timetable somewhat.

In our first meetings this fall, the committee wrestled with whether the schedule we had announced publicly was realistic in view of the complexity of our task. The committee came to the conclusion that it would be impossible to produce a quality plan by the close of 2010. It was the opinion of the committee that some of the issues which had to be addressed required more committee discussion. We decided therefore, that we would take the remaining months of this year to wrap up our review, with the new goal of presenting a draft plan by late spring of 2011.

Since our July 31 workshop, we have met with members of the Town Board; Ellen Jouret Epstein, Land Protection Manager with the Columbia Land Conservancy, and Edgar Masters Chair of the Copake Conservation Resources Committee. We have also begun a review of the Copake Zoning Ordinance. We continue to meet at least twice a month. Our upcoming meetings will be November 9, 2010; November 18, 2010 and December 14, 2010. (Our next meeting will be our 68<sup>th</sup> meeting.) As always we welcome the attendance and input of Copake residents. If you have any questions you may contact us at [copakecompplan@aol.com](mailto:copakecompplan@aol.com) or call me at 329-2006.

Finally, we are including below, a Notice from the Copake Conservation Resources Committee. They are doing valuable work and we hope you will attend their hearing later this month.

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The Conservation Resources Committee will hold a public hearing at the Copake Town Hall on Saturday, November 27th at 10 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to seek public comment on the Conservation Resources draft report which is available at the Town Clerk's office and online at [copake.org](http://copake.org). We seek public comment on our recommended list of Copake's important resources, on suggested additions, and on our recommendation for the establishment of a standing Conservation Resources Committee

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