

Press Release: Ancram Comp Plan Survey In The Mail

Ancram – November 13: The Ancram Comprehensive Planning Committee has completed work on a seven page, 44 question confidential survey questionnaire which will be mailed to all residents, property owners and businesses in mid-November. In addition to the 44 question general survey, Ancram residents, property owners and businesses will be asked to complete a separate one page questionnaire on the depth and quality of their water wells.

The general survey focuses on the issues identified by the over 200 Ancram residents and property owners who participated in the 9/29 and 10/1 Planning Workshops and the Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings which have been held over the last seven months. The survey is designed to allow everyone in Town to express their opinions on the planning issues facing the Town, and indicate their sense of what the priorities for the Comprehensive Plan should be.

The well water survey is designed to identify and map the depth and quality of the Town's drinking water supplies by area, as a way to help guide future development. This survey is part of a larger water study being conducted as part of the Comprehensive Planning effort.

Both surveys are being mailed to each individual in the Town of Ancram, and should be filled out by anyone 18 years old or over. "One per person", said committee Chair Art Bassin, "not one per household. It is very important that everyone understand that we want everyone in a household over 18 to fill out the surveys".

While the Ancram Comprehensive Planning Committee made every effort to construct a mailing list which included every individual by name, there may be cases where individuals who should have gotten a survey to complete do not get one. If that happens, individuals should contact Comprehensive Plan Committee Chair Bassin at 329-0921 or at abassin@aol.com to make arrangements to have a survey delivered.

The questionnaires are due back by November 26. The seven page general questionnaire can be mailed back to the Ancram Town Hall, or dropped off with the Ancram Town Clerk. Town Clerk hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9AM to 12 noon. The one page well water survey should be mailed back to the address indicated on the survey, or dropped of at the Town Hall. Responses to both surveys will be kept strictly confidential.

Survey results will be tabulated and analyzed in December and January, and the results will be posted on the Ancram web site (www.townofancram.org) in February.