

## Potential CPAC Recommendations for Discussion

At the November 13, 2012 and January 10, 2013 meeting, the Committee identified a series of big picture issues that should be addressed in their work. Following are some potential recommendations arising from our discussions, listed under each issue category:

### **Sustainability** – Broader issue that encompasses all recommendations

- Sustainable Bethlehem Program
  - Implementation of Climate Smart Community Pledge
- Shade tree program for Bethlehem (*sample provided*)

### **Transportation**

- Develop a transportation plan for the Feura Bush/Wemple/Elsmere/9W area
- Begin a collaborative effort with NYS DOT on Town issues, including:
  - Transfer of New Scotland Rd. to develop New Scotland Hamlet and Slingerlands Pedestrian Plan as envisioned in Charrette/Study
  - Replacement of Trees in ROW on Town's historic streets that are State Roads (e.g., Kenwood, Delaware)

### **Pedestrian/Bicycle improvements**

- Annual Town funding for pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects (new projects and maintenance of existing facilities)
- Utilize Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee evaluations/recommendations
- Improve mass transit in Town

### **Parks**

- Develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, including identification of existing public and private resources (Schools, soccer club, YMCA, etc.) and identification of needs. Process should involve an ad hoc or formal advisory committee, with the outcome being a plan outlining priorities and possibilities. Expense should be a consideration along with timing and implementation. Evaluate local (pocket) and centralized parks and connectivity to residential areas
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian connections (sidewalks, bicycle facilities) to existing Town parks.
- Provide information on Town website describing all walking and other trails convenient for town residents use, whether town-operated, state, or non-profit

### **Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations**

- Hamlet Zoning
  - Develop/adopt zoning overlay district to support New Scotland Road Hamlet Concept (as envisioned in New Scotland Road Hamlet Charrette)
  - Develop Delaware Avenue Hamlet Overlay District (based on Delaware Ave Study)
- Planned Development Districts (PDD)
  - Evaluate the criteria for rezone to PDD
  - Clarify Town Board vs Planning Board roles
  - Define community benefits
- Mixed Economic Development (MED) Zoning District
  - Refine the review process - Town Board/Planning Board review or Planning Board review only, or establish thresholds for Town Board involvement
  - Review minimum acreage requirement (constrained vs unconstrained land)
- Review the land use regulations to simplify or organize so as to be more conducive to the type of businesses we want to see development

### **Miscellaneous**

- Identify scenic views important to the Town (such as Hudson waterfront and west of Route 32) and develop preservation measures

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- Enhance landscaping and planting within new developments (especially street trees)
- Planning and land-use regulation should support a town-wide economic development strategy, including:
  - A proactive approach to attract the type of development we desire
  - Specific locations: Selkirk Yards area and NYS Thruway Exit 22 area
  - Agricultural component
- Review economic impacts of all development proposals to identify and get the full picture of costs and benefits.

### Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)

- Plan should promote a Gateway vision for the Hudson River corridor
- Rural Light Industrial and Rural Riverfront zoning districts need to encourage development for riverfront uses including commercial activity (restaurants, marina)
- Plan for storm effects at Henry Hudson Park and elsewhere
- Promote awareness of rising water levels, climate change, and potential storm surge. Green infrastructure approach to stormwater management
- Keep larger industrial projects in the North Riverfront District
- Need safer access (motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists) to Hudson River waterfront
- Need to draw people to Henry Hudson Park
- Evaluate potential for “Park like” setting/trails integrated with commercial development
- Prepare Scenic Overlay District to preserve the special views of the Hudson River and beyond. Identify viewshed areas.
- Preserve lands for farmland, and agriculture – younger generation needs farmland
- Revitalize Route 144 economically in areas appropriate for development (e.g., near exit 22)
- Identify areas that are not developable due to natural constraints (wetlands, slopes)
- Identify areas within the waterfront area that the Town desires for development
- Identify developable areas the Town may want to protect from development
- Improve bicycle access and facilities on State & Town roads leading to the waterfront
- Identify lands that Scenic Hudson has protected (land purchase or conservation easements) and identify which lands have public access

### PENDING

**Open Space** – February 12, 2013 meeting