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**TOWN OF MAMAKATING SCHEDULES  
PUBLIC VISIONING WORKSHOP – JUNE 9, 2016 AT 7:00PM**



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In 2016, the Town Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of Mamakating formed a Steering Committee to update its Comprehensive Plan for the first time in more than fifteen years - the original Plan was adopted in February 2001. The Comprehensive Plan is a document which guides growth in the Town by establishing how land should be used throughout the Town, what building sizes and densities are appropriate, what roadway improvements should be made, what community facilities are required and other matters of public policy. The Comprehensive Plan, which is the basis for the Town's land use regulations, is an important tool in ensuring that future development in the Town occurs in an orderly and beneficial manner. An up-to-date Comprehensive Plan is also vital to securing public grants from State and Federal Sources, and attracting private investment.

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee recently began the process of preparing an update to the Plan. Turner Miller Group, a Hudson Valley planning firm, was selected to assist the committee in December 2015 and a kickoff meeting was held in March of 2016. Since then, the Committee has met every other Thursday to review existing conditions including land use, market data, demographics, environmental constraints, traffic and other matters.

The next step in the process, and perhaps the most vital will be to create a vision for how the Town should develop in the future. To accomplish this the Steering Committee wishes to engage a diverse segment of the Town's population, businesses, institutions and other stakeholders.

The Town of Mamakating Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will hold its first of a series of public meetings to gather input on a plan for the Town's future. The first meeting is intended to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the Town and impending opportunities and threats that the Town is facing. Additionally, the Steering Committee will engage the public on community needs and ideas for transforming the Town in the future. This information will be used to develop a "Vision Statement" for the Town and to develop goals and objectives as a basis for the Plan.

The Steering Committee invites Town residents, land owners, business owners and other stakeholders to attend the upcoming public Visioning Workshop at 7:00pm on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at Town Hall located at 2948 Route 209, Wurtsboro, New York. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and contribute. Refreshments will be served. For more information please visit the Town website at [www.mamakating.org](http://www.mamakating.org).