

Copake Comprehensive Plan: Spotlight on the Town's Hamlets

In the next few months, the Copake Comprehensive Plan Review Committee will conduct several focus groups, each concentrating on one of the hamlets in the Town of Copake.

On June 2, there was a well-attended and lively focus group session with residents of Copake Falls, discussing the unique charms of that hamlet as well as areas of potential enhancements to the community and its infrastructure. **The next focus group will concentrate on the hamlet of Copake and will take place on Monday, July 7 from 6:00 to 7:00pm at the Copake Town Hall.** All residents and businesses in the Copake hamlet are encouraged to attend in order to share their views on any and all aspects of life in the hamlet.

Copake's current comprehensive plan was adopted in 2011 and requires review and updating. The Comprehensive Plan Review Committee was appointed by the town board to carry out that review and is supported in its efforts by a grant from the NYS Department of State. The goal of the updated plan is to envision what Copake will look like in ten years and to propose strategies to attain that vision. In order for the new plan to best reflect the views of the entire Copake community, the committee will seek input in a number of ways, including:

- **A town-wide survey**, currently available online at [Comp Plan Survey](#) or via the website [Copake Plans and Project Website](#). The survey solicits information on the current demographics of the town as well as residents' goals and vision for the town's future;
- **A Vision and Goals Workshop, on Saturday, June 28 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Copake Town Hall**, that will focus on Smart Growth principles intended to balance sustainable development with resilient growth. We strongly encourage all residents and business to attend and hope for a solid turnout; a flyer describing the event in greater detail is available here: <https://www.copakeplansandprojects.com/events>

- **Additional focus group** sessions that will include:

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| ▪ Copake Lake and West Copake | August 4 |
| ▪ Businesses and Employers | September 2 |
| ▪ Craryville | October 6 |
| ▪ Not-for-Profits, Churches, Organizations | November 3 |
| ▪ First Responders and Health Care | December 1 |

All focus groups will take place from 6:00 to 7:00pm at the Copake Town Hall. Each session will also be announced via Copake Connection, the town's website and FaceBook page, and by e-mail to the extent that the town has e-mail addresses for the various constituents. For those who cannot attend the sessions in person, a link will be posted on the town website to enable remote access. Anyone having questions can also reach out to compplan2026@townofcopake.org.