Keeping Ancram the way it is... only better!

That's the future we decided to build together back in 2010 when we adopted Ancram’s first ever Comprehensive Plan!

We had found by talking to one another in workshops and through our survey that we all like our town - our open spaces and farming heritage, our natural resources and what they contribute to our quality of life here, our historic and cultural heritage. We just wanted some improvements.

But to make the improvements we all wanted, we knew we had to make some changes. Here’s how we made it happen, in a nutshell:

1. Managed our finances and organization to keep town taxes flat (they actually declined!) and to develop the resources to invest in our facilities, roads and equipment.

2. To keep everyone informed and involved, implemented an extensive communications program based on AncramTownNews, Ancramemails, AncramDirectory. Sponsored many more events at Town Hall.

3. Developed new resources to help identify, manage and fund our progress by encouraging volunteers, getting grants, and attracting donations. Turn the page to see what we did!

4. Revised Zoning to support the Comp Plan and our vision of the future—our step-by-step approach to accomplishing the first zoning changes in 40 years shown below.


We took a step-by-step approach so that our Zoning Revisions Committee of volunteers could consider details carefully and Town residents could more easily participate in sections of greatest interest to them.

First, the 1972 Zoning Ordinance was revised and adopted by the Town Board in 5 separate packages:

- Package 1 - July 21, 2011 (Sections I, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII)
- Package 2 - October 20, 2011 (Sections V (I), XIII)
- Package 3 - September 20, 2012 and October 18, 2012 (Sections II, III, IV (B), IV (I), V (J))
- Package 4 - February 21, 2013 (Sections IV, V, V (J) (10))
- Package 5 - June 19, 2014 (Section V (H))

Second, the 5 packages were combined into one Zoning Law, adopted on November 20, 2014.

Third, Land Subdivision Regulations were handled separately. Regulations were adopted in preliminary form in 2015, and then reconfigured, finalized, and adopted as Local Law #3 of 2017, June 2017.

Rather than waiting another 40 years, the Town intends to refine or add regulations as the need arises.

“The town’s big project this year is to review our Comprehensive Plan and set our priorities for the next 10 years.

Together, we’ve done a lot—check out the chart on pages 2 & 3.

Your neighbors make up our Comp Plan Review Committee. Members are listed on page 4 along with the 2010 Comp Plan and Zoning Revisions Committees.

Come to a workshop:
Saturday March 17 or Tuesday April 3!

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-Art Bassin
Ancram Supervisor
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**Working together - Volunteers, Donors, Town Board and Staff**

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### Land

- Protect ground water (for drinking) 94%
- Protect streams, ponds, wetlands 92%
- Maintain open space 90%
- Encourage agriculture 90%
- Protect woodlands 84%
- Use alternative forms of energy 79%
- Protect ridge tops from development 76%
- Promote a sense of community 78%
- Improve Town Government 77%
- Preserve historic sites 74%
- Provide senior citizen services 68%
- Expand youth activities and services 60%
- Expand recreation & parks 60%
- Support hunting and fishing 55%
- Improve town roads 71%
- Improve the town centers 66%
- Improve traffic safety 64%
- Support affordable housing 58%
- Attract business and jobs 56%
- Encourage residential development 27%

### Community

- Ancram Emails, Newsletter, & Directory start 1999
- Financial Advisory Council starts
- Property Revaluation Review
- Paint Town Hall
- Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors: starts w. Food Baskets & School Supplies
- Ethics Law
- Memorial Walkway at Town Hall - Donations
- Playground at Town Hall - Donations
- Kids’ Camp & start of BBQ Fundraiser
- Town Hall Historic Vestibule-Donations
- NHHV adds: Backpack Weekend Food
- Heritage Resources Development Plan
- Historic Inventory - Donations
- Ancram Community Days
- Ancram Angels 2014-2015 Rescue Squad Fundraiser
- Town Hall Historic Vestibule-Donations
- NHHV adds: Weekly Food Distribution
- Rollins House Renovation Tour
- Union Cemetery Fence Renovation
- Display/Event One-room SchoolHouses
- Display/Event Homegrown Ancram Farms
- Display/Event Nature’s Tales
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- Display/Event Ancram Farms
- Display/Event Ancram Veterans
- NHHV adds: Grants for Adult Educ.
- Anancamdale Historic District Designation
- Winterfest Celebration
- Simon’s Store renovation
- Pool Improvements
- Rail Trail extends through Boston Corner connecting Millerton to Ancram - starts Summer 2018

### Infrastructure

- Anancamdale Community Clean-up Day at Town Garage
- Road Clean-up Day organized by Ancramdale Neighbors Network
- Community Development Strategic Plan - 2009 $35K grant
- Building Permit Brochure
- Firehouse Renovation
- 75th Fire Co. Anniversary
- Unsafe Building Law
- Culvert Study: Environmental Conservation & Climate Change
- DEC Culvert Grant $220,000;
- Pat’s Road
- Highway Construction Stndrs Law
- Energy Code Training for Bldg Dept
- Habitat for Humanity 2 Houses in Ancramdale For Ag/Rural Families
- New Road Grader
- New Tractor/Mower, Dump Truck/Pow

### Town Board and Staff

- Salt Shed built within Historic Milk House
- 82/7 Project to improve intersection visibility
- Stiehe House Silhouettes
- southwestern
- DEC Culvert Grant $35K DEC Grant
- Hall Hill Rd
- New tractor, New Road Grader
- New Tractor/Mower, New Road Grader
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Volunteers are our greatest resource. Would you like to join in?

- Comp Plan
- Hamlet Planning
- Rail Trail through Boston Corner
- Boards, Councils

Contact Art Bassin
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By the way, if you are not yet getting your news by email, please let me know. It will save the town money and keep you more up-to-date!

Come to a workshop!
March 17 or April 3

Comp Plan Calendar

2010 Comprehensive Plan Committee 2007-10
Art Bassin, Chair
Barry Chase, Vice Chair
Suzanne Bressler
Hugh Clark
Bonnie Hundt
Kyle Lougheed
Don MacLean
Jim Miller
Leah Wilcox

Donna Hoyt
Kyle Lougheed
Bonnie Hundt
Don MacLean
Bob Mayhew
Jim Miller
Bob Roche
Jane Shannon
Dennis Sigler

Subdivision Regulations Revision Committee ’15-’17
Hugh Clark, Chair
Terry Boyles
Barry Chase
John Ingram
Don MacLean
Bob Roche
Dennis Sigler

2018 Comprehensive Plan Review Committee
Art Bassin, co-chair
Hugh Clark, co-chair
Sue Bassin
Terry Boyles
Suzan Flamm
Gerry Fultz
Fred Gold
Donna Hoyt
John Ingram
Kyle Lougheed
Coleen Lutz
Trish MacArthur
Jim Miller
Jerry Peele
Jim Stickle

March 17 Sat Workshop - Weekend Town Hall, 10-12 noon. Bring your ideas.
March 19 Mon Committee Meeting Town Hall, 7 pm. Open to all.
April 3 Tues Workshop - Weekday Town Hall, 7-9 pm. Bring your neighbors.
April 7 Sat 3 Hamlet Planning Groups Town Hall. Want to join? Contact Art. 10 am Ancramdale /1 pm Ancram / 4 pm Boston Corner
April 16 Mon Committee Meeting Town Hall, 7 pm. Open to all.
May Town-Wide Survey