

Draft 7 (4/4/08) **Goals for the Town of Ancram**

Goals describe what we intend to do over time to implement our 2030 Vision. Strategies (which will be developed next) will define how we plan to achieve these Goals. When a goal has been achieved, it contributes to making the Vision real. The goals listed below support the Town of Ancram 2030 Vision.

1. Agriculture and Open Space: Encourage farming and the rural, small town, scenic character of Ancram by promoting the profitability and productivity of our town's current farms, attracting new farming ventures, protecting farmland, and preserving open space and important scenic views.

2. Environment: Develop programs to protect our natural environment -- groundwater, watersheds, streams, wetlands, woodlands, ridgelines, wildlife habitats, clean air and "dark skies", and encourage the use of alternative energy sources.

3. Community Character: Promote a strong sense of community through communication, an open exchange of information and building consensus on important decisions facing the Town. Actively support volunteer activities and groups as well as community efforts to preserve the town's historic places and landscapes.

4. Community Services: Provide appropriate and adequate community services, and recreational facilities and opportunities to meet the needs of all age groups, consistent with the Community's priorities.

5. Town Infrastructure: Maintain adequate and appropriate buildings, roads, signs, traffic control and bridges. Infrastructure should be scaled to meet the needs of a small, rural community.

6. Town Centers: Enhance the appearance and ensure the safety of the buildings in the hamlets. Provide for safe roads, crossings, intersections and traffic flows, and control heavy truck traffic in the hamlets.

7. Economic Development: Encourage home-based and small businesses serving local needs, and other economic development consistent with our rural, small town character, supported by reliable telecommunications services.

8. Residential Development: Develop land use policies which protect agricultural land, open space and scenic landscapes, avoid large scale new home developments, support the Community's desire for affordable housing and housing appropriate for seniors, and reinforce the Community's desire for limited growth of new housing.