

**Town of White Creek
28 Mountain View Drive
Cambridge, New York 12816
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**TOWN OF WHITE CREEK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

TOWN OF WHITE CREEK – The Town of White Creek’s Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Weds. November 19th at 7:30PM in the Town’s offices at 28 Mountain View Drive in Cambridge. The purpose of the meeting is to begin work with the consultant Nan Stolzenburg who will help facilitate and guide development of the municipality’s Comprehensive Plan and Agriculture/Farmland Protection plans with community members. A plan for additional data collection and public meetings to gain further community input will be discussed. The public is welcome to attend.

Certified Planner Nan Stolzenburg is founder of Community Planning & Environmental Associates. Community Planning & Environmental Associates (CP&EA) concentrates in the special planning and environmental needs of small communities and rural areas. Nan has experience working with a myriad of communities on the development of Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plans including Herkimer County, and award winning plans for Otsego and Putnam counties as well as comprehensive plans (like White Creek’s) that have significant agricultural components including the townships of Rennsellearville, Kinderhook, Schaghticoke, Athens, Peru Pine Plains and Chatham (which included the Keep Farming Initiative).

Nan has a Master’s in Regional Planning degree from the University at Albany, a Master’s in Wildlife Biology degree from the University of Massachusetts, and a Bachelors degree from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and Syracuse University. Nan is a member of a small, rural community in Schoharie County, where she assists her husband in the management of their 120-cow Holstein dairy farm.

In August, the NYS Department of Agriculture awarded the Town of White Creek a \$25,000 grant to hire a consultant to further its participatory, community-driven Comprehensive Plan process and to develop an Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.

In addition to meeting with the Steering Committee ten times over the course of the next 18 months, Nan will facilitate four meetings with the agricultural community to discuss the current state of the agricultural sector, prioritizing farmland, identify potential strategies and solutions to strengthen agriculture and review draft plans. With regard to the comprehensive plan three-six meetings will be held engaging the public to review the communities strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, develop a vision and goals

for the community, and explore potential recommended strategies for implementation moving forward.