



**The Village is embarking on an update of its Comprehensive Plan, which was last prepared in 1964. The Comprehensive Plan is a long- range policy guide that identifies the goals, objectives and guidelines for the physical development of the community. It differs in scope and legal import from other planning and zoning exercises that the Village has gone through in recent decades. To help update its Comprehensive Plan, the Village has retained planning consultant, Pat Cleary of Cleary Consulting.**

**The Comprehensive Plan is in part a technical document that addresses various aspects of the Village such as municipal infrastructure, transportation, land use and zoning, but is also aspirational, serving to define the collective “vision” for the community.**

**Establishing that vision is a methodical and deliberate exercise, where members of the community, working in concert with the Village’s consultant’s team, strive to establish a consensus for both long and short term goals, policies and objectives for the future of the Village.**

**At the initial project “Kick-Off” meeting, held on April 20<sup>th</sup>, the Village’s consultant introduced the process. It is important to understand that the process for updating the Comprehensive Plan will take several months. The process begins with the consultant leading community workshops or “charrettes” where the various elements of the Comprehensive Plan will be defined and crafted. The public will be asked for input at these workshops and also at other points in the process, including surveys and public meetings. The public’s input is vital to the process.**

**Ultimately, a draft Comprehensive Plan will be produced, which will then be reviewed by the public and the various agencies that have a stake in the Comprehensive Plan’s recommendations and finally for approval by the Board of Trustee.**

**This process is being funded in part from grants secured through the New York State Consolidated Funding Act program and the Hudson River Valley Greenway.**

**In addition to the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan, Cleary Consulting will be assisting the Village in creating a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (“LWPR”). The LWPR is essentially a comprehensive plan for the Village’s waterfront area along the Saw Mill River. This State program was expanded in recent years to include inland waterways, and the Saw Mill River was identified as one of the tributaries that would qualify for this municipal development program.**