

**TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN
&
ROCKLAND COUNTY**

NEW CITY HAMLET CENTER VISION PLAN

Kick-off Meeting and Community Workshop

Agenda

*Clarkstown North High School
March 1st 2006 7:00 pm*

Welcome

Introduction

- Town and County officials

Presentation

- Behan Planning Associates Presentation
 - Study area highlights
 - Project goals, objectives, and expected outcomes
- Image Survey
 - Warm-up planning exercise: Participants rate and consider images for potential “fit” in New City

Break-out group exercises

- Participants work in groups to discuss expectations and conduct a short visioning exercise.

Group presentations

- Each group will present brief highlights of their discussion and visioning work.

Summary and conclusion

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Classroom Break-out Session – Agenda

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1. Issues and Opportunities

- a. Likes: What are the best features and aspects of the New City Hamlet Center? What do you like about the area? What makes New City Hamlet Center special and unique?
- b. Dislikes: What needs improvement, what are the problem areas? Is there something in particular that you dislike?
- c. Opportunities: What can we take advantage of to improve the area? What assets can we build on? What are the opportunity sites and resources? Is there something in a nearby town or place that might work here? What would you like to see happen in New City?
- d. Barriers and Obstacles: What are the existing or potential barriers to improvement and obstacles to enhancement of the New City Hamlet Center? What needs to happen to realize improvement? What can we do to get around or remove these barriers?
- e. Priorities: By a “show of hands” what are the three (3) most important opportunities to take advantage of or barriers to address (bullets C and D)?

2. Draft Vision

- a. Read the vision statement provided (next page)
- b. What are your initial thoughts? Does it reflect the previous discussion?
- c. What is missing? What should be added?
- d. What should be removed? What is there that shouldn't be there?
- e. How would you improve the statement? Can we agree on an updated version?

Draft Vision:

The New City Hamlet Center is a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly community center with a wealth and diversity of business and job opportunities. The hamlet includes pleasant places for all ages through a mixed-use environment of entertainment, businesses, parks, and living opportunities and is strengthened by the presence of the town and county government offices whose workers shop, dine, and contribute to the overall vitality of the area.

Links to enhanced park and recreation facilities such as Dutch Garden and the Demarest Kill County Park bring residents and workers closer to the natural beauty of the area while the overall design and density of the hamlet reflects the character of a traditional small town Main Street.

The quality of life within surrounding neighborhoods is maintained through buffers to infill and development and enhanced through connectivity to walkable shops, restaurants, parks and other hamlet activity centers.