



# RESULTS OF PHASE TWO PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

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## INTRODUCTION

On October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, the Village of Airmont Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee held the second public meeting of the comprehensive planning process. The first public meeting, held in July, focused on resident and stakeholder sentiment regarding existing conditions within the Village. Using the results of the July meeting, the committee developed a set of goals and objectives, which will be used to frame the implementation of future policies and programs for the Village of Airmont. These goals and objectives were presented to the public at the most recent October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

To accomplish this, Nelson, Pope & Voorhis - the Comprehensive Plan consultants - coordinated with the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to design a meeting that allowed the public to vote and comment on each goal and objective, and offer more detailed feedback at specific activity tables.

The meeting began with a background presentation by the Village Planner, Adriana Beltrani, and a welcome and overview of the project by the Chairman of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – Paul Marchesani. Adriana provided a short description of what a Comprehensive Plan was and why the Village was undertaking its update. She explained the purpose of the public meeting, introduced the process that the committee had undertaken thus far, and provided an outline for how the workshop would proceed.

## METHOD

Prior to the meeting start time, poster sized charts of the goals and their objectives were taped to the walls of the Airmont Village Hall Community Center, including columns where participants could vote: “I agree”, “I disagree” and in a third column, offer comments. Each poster stated the goals and their subsequent objectives. Each set of goals and objectives has an overarching theme such as “Sustainability” or “Natural Resources”. The Goals presented are as follows:

**Goal 1: Community Character and Development-** Maintain a responsible level of development within the Village which emphasizes the value of Airmont’s community character and considers the availability of natural resources and physical infrastructure to support additional development

**Goal 2: Natural Resources-** Protect and conserve existing natural resources throughout the Village of Airmont.

**Goal 3: Transportation-** Provide a more aesthetically enhances, safe and efficient transportation network which improves traffic circulation, as well as pedestrian safety and accommodation along the street network.



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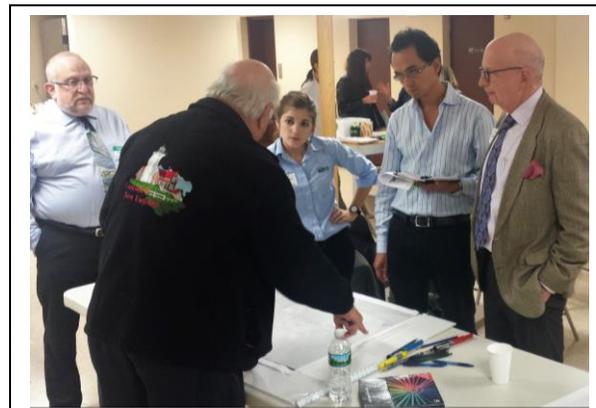
**Goal 4: Sustainability-** Encourage the expanded use of renewable energy sources, green building practices, and the principles of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) and smart growth throughout the Village in order to promote green, eco-friendly, and sustainable development standards.

**Goal 5: Community Connection-** Encourage community development and socialization by connecting park land through off-street trails, organizing (or reviving) a Recreation Committee for youth and young adult programming, and developing wi-fi hotspots at bus kiosks and other public spaces.

**Goal 6: Commercial Character and Development-** Determine the desired architectural appearance for non-residential development within the Village and codify it to provide guidance and consistency among the Planning Board, Architectural Review Committee and new applications.

A member of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee was assigned to each goal in order to offer clarification and facilitate discussion around each objective listed. Some objectives included breakout activities for participants to expand on the ideas within each objective: Maps were provided to supplement objectives relating to natural resources, and visual preference surveys accompanied objectives relating to commercial design and solar installation. The Village planning consultants facilitated mapping activities that looked at the feasibility of a Village-wide off-street trail system or greenway, and that looked at pedestrian safety among businesses along Route 59.

The meeting was run as an open house, where participants could move between goal posters and activities however they wish, and spend as much time at each as needed. Participants used colored stickers to vote for whether they agree or disagree with an objective, and used post-its to offer comments on the objectives. Facilitators were able to help answer questions about the objectives and direct participants to the activities that might interest them.



Pedestrian Safety Activity Table – October 25, 2017

The presentation given at the beginning of the meeting was running on the television in the background throughout the night, and handouts of the presentation were provided to participants, as well as the results report from the first public meeting in July. A suggestion box was provided at the meeting for those that wished to provide more input, participants were added to the Village email list and encouraged to check back often for updates on the process. Since the Steering Committee members and consultant team were directly involved as facilitators, these discussions will be reflected by the continuing involvement of the group facilitators as Steering Committee members.



## **RESULTS**

The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and Village Planning Consultant found the public comments at the October meeting very helpful and will be taking the comments and voting into account as they continue to write the plan. Stay tuned for the draft Comprehensive Plan to be released for public comment in early 2018! Updates and meeting dates will be posted to the Village website: [www.airmont.org](http://www.airmont.org)

