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TOWN OF EAST GREENBUSH KICKS-OFF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH FIRST PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE AND VISIONING WORKSHOP

East Greenbush, New York – The Town of East Greenbush will hold an interactive public open house and visioning workshop on Monday, June 17th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Red Barn at East Greenbush Town Park, 100 Town Park Road, East Greenbush to kick-off the Comprehensive Plan Update process. Residents, business owners, property owners and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

This public open house will introduce the project and provide an overview of the Comprehensive Plan Update process. The public will have an opportunity to provide input at various activity stations during the open house and share their vision for the future of East Greenbush over the next 5, 10 or 20 years. The evening will begin with an open house session from 6:00 – 6:30 pm. A presentation led by the project team will take place at 6:30 – 7:00pm, followed by an open house session between 7:00 -8:00 PM.

The planning process will be guided by the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC), a special board created by the Town Board which includes a broad range of community representatives. A Consultant Team, lead by M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. (MJ) and supported by River Street Planning and Environmental Design and Research (EDR) is facilitating the process.

A Comprehensive Plan is a blue-print for the future of a community. The Plan will create a framework for the future, particularly in the areas of land use, economic growth, sustainability, community identity, housing and transportation. This framework will guide the community's long-term vision and identify the tools and actions needed to achieve that vision.

Town Supervisor Jack Conway said, “The public meetings are critical to the process. We have no preconceived ideas as to the form the new Plan should take because we want to know how Town residents envision the future of their Town. Are we growing too fast? What areas and resources should be protected? What do we mean by the term “smart growth?” How can we enhance walkability? What are the implications of the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail? There are many questions that have to be answered before we can put together the right Plan. Please come and share your views.”

There will be several opportunities for public participation throughout the process via public workshops, formal hearings and an interactive webpage located at www.eastgreenbush.org. More information about public participation opportunities will follow.