

## **DRAFT Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources Element Presented to Town and Village**

**Tuesday, March 2, 2004** –The Town of Black Creek Plan Commission and Village Plan Commission met together this month to receive the initial draft of the Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources Element of the Multi-Jurisdictional Smart Growth Plan. Amy Emery and Brian Wayner of OMNNI Associates facilitated the meeting.

To begin the evening, Ms. Emery led a discussion to recap the major changes suggested in the Utilities and Community Facilities Element. These changes now include information about alternative energy sources, satellite communication, ETN sites, and internet technologies. An updated copy of the chapter is posted to this web site.

The focus of the meeting was the Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources Element. This chapter includes information about local farm operations, exclusive agricultural zoning, specialty farm operations, mega farms, wetlands, floodplains, woodlands, churches, cemeteries, and a host of other topics.

Mr. Wayner and Ms. Emery presented the draft chapter in a page-by-page fashion to introduce everyone to the information. A copy of this chapter has been posted to this web site under DRAFT PLAN CHAPTERS.

The Town and Village will spend the next month reviewing the chapter and will meet again on April 6, 2004 in the Village to further discuss the element. Residents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The **next meeting WITH OMNNI will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 4th.** This meeting will be a special session dedicating to recapping information from the previous chapters and an exercise where every participant will be able to create their own Future Land Use Map of the community.