

Public Involvement Opportunities & Information

To develop an effective comprehensive plan, active public participation is needed throughout the planning process. For this reason, OMNNI Associates (the Town & Village's planning consultant) will work closely with the Town and Village to facilitate opportunities for public input. Specifically, the following public meetings will highlight the participation opportunities:

- **Kick-Off Meeting.** This meeting represents the official start of the plan development process. At this meeting, OMNNI will make a presentation about the Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Law and its impact on the Town of Black Creek. During the presentation, OMNNI will explain what a plan is and does for the town. At this meeting, OMNNI will also present demographic, housing and economic information provided by the 2000 U.S. Census and other sources. Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to identify town strengths and weaknesses that should be addressed in the plan. **The Town's Kick-Off & Information Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 30, 2003 at 7:00 pm in the Town of Black Creek Hall. The Village will host a Kick-Off Meeting in June. Please check this web site for the exact date, time and location.**
- **Mid-Course Meeting:** Near the mid-point of the planning program (date to be announced), the Joint Planning Committee will host a public workshop to provide an update of planning activities to the public, share the work that has been completed by that point, ask for public feedback, and again invite the public to participate in the planning program. It is anticipated that the vision for 2025 developed by the Joint Planning Committee will be presented at this meeting.
- **Intergovernmental Meeting:** The Town and Village will host a special meeting during the planning process, specifically dedicated to the topic of intergovernmental cooperation. At the meetings, representatives of neighboring communities, the school districts and other public agencies will be given the opportunity for mutual exchange of ideas and recommendations. The draft Intergovernmental Chapter of the Plan will be presented and discussed at this meeting.
- **Open House and Public Hearing:** In addition to the required public hearing, the Joint Planning Committee will host an "Open House" to give interested residents the opportunity to review the recommended plan and plan maps. The "Open House" provides an informal setting for residents to get their individual questions about the plan and plan maps answered by members of the Joint Planning Committee and OMNNI Associates.

In addition to those special public meetings described above, the Joint Planning Committee will meet regularly. These meetings are also open to the public. OMNNI will attend most meetings to present additional information, draft text, maps, and other

materials related to the nine required plan elements. Please check this web site for meeting dates, times and locations.

For more information about upcoming meetings and other activities, please visit this website regularly!!!!

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