

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING**

ADOPTION OF THE *TOWN OF OSSINING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN*

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining Town Board is responsible for the preparation and adoption of the *Town of Ossining Comprehensive Plan*, pursuant to Section 272-a of the New York State Town Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town's existing comprehensive plan had not been thoroughly updated in more than 32 years and does not reflect the community's current vision and specific initiatives to help achieve that vision; and

WHEREAS, the Town desired to have a vision and plan for the community to refer to when addressing potential uses and impacts from the reuse of properties and the development of the vacant parcels in the Town; and

WHEREAS, The Town desired to be proactive in dealing with regional and intermunicipal issues, protecting its resources, and planning for community and/or service needs; and

WHEREAS, the Ossining Town Board, Comprehensive Plan Committee and its planning consultants undertook a comprehensive 18-month study of the historic and existing conditions in the Town, the surrounding vicinity and the rest of the County; identified issues and opportunities; analyzed numerous topics and potential options; and developed goals, objectives, policy recommendations and implementation strategies which resulted in the *Town of Ossining Comprehensive Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the *Town of Ossining Comprehensive Plan* is a vision document which identifies the important positive attributes and components which define the Unincorporated Area of the Town of Ossining and which provides a blueprint for the future; and

WHEREAS, the *Town of Ossining Comprehensive Plan* will provide guidance to decision makers, residents, property owners and organizations through its Vision Statement, 7 Goals, 34 Objectives and 105 Implementation Strategies and Policy Recommendations relevant to the subject matters of: Community Appearance; Environmental Resources; Residential, Parks and Recreation; Community Services and Facilities; Transportation; and Future Development/Redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, there has been public participation throughout the process, including public workshops, a public hearing held on June 25, 2002 and adjourned to September 24, 2002, a public opinion survey, outreach meetings, and review of background documents and drafts of the *Town of Ossining Comprehensive Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Committee and Town Board consulted with various boards including the Planning Board, committees and other representatives, County departments/agencies and officials, surrounding municipalities, business groups, environmental and civic groups, as well as various Federal, State and regional organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board referred the Proposed Plan to the Westchester County Planning Board in accordance with Sections 239-l and m of the New York State General Municipal Law and the County Planning Board responded by means of its letter dated July 11, 2002 wherein the County Planning Board commended the Town for undertaking this important project and recommended that the Town Board adopt the Comprehensive Plan after consideration of the County's comments and those of Ossining residents; and

WHEREAS, the *Town of Ossining Comprehensive Plan* was finalized by the Town of Ossining Town Board after widely distributing the Draft and Proposed versions of the Plan and revising the document in response to issues and comments raised by the County Planning Board and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the Negative Declaration dated September 24, 2002 regarding the *Town of Ossining Comprehensive Development Plan* for the extensive reasoning contained therein, and thereby completes the SEQRA review of the proposed action pursuant to the criteria contained in Section 617 of 6 NYCRR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Ossining Town Board hereby adopts the proposed *Town of Ossining Comprehensive Development Plan* dated May 2002, as modified by the items in the memorandum from Frederick P. Clark Associates, Inc. dated August 2, 2002, as an important planning tool which identifies a wide range of issues, initiatives, studies, projects and programs which can be undertaken by various entities in the short-term and the long-term.

Resolution Adopted: September 24, 2002