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Village of Menands To Host Public Presentation to Highlight Efforts on Comprehensive Plan

Menands, NY. The Village of Menands, in conjunction with the University at Albany Department of Geography and Planning, will open the doors at Menands Village Hall for a reflective presentation on the past, present, and future of Menands. Mayor Megan Grenier invites everyone in the Village who would like to have a stake in the future of the Village to attend. The presentation is scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

This event will feature the review of the public engagement efforts conducted by students from the University at Albany Master of Regional Planning Program. Students will present their findings from two Open Houses held in April and a community-wide survey that elicited over 330 responses from village residents and businesses.

Public feedback has shown that people seem to choose Menands for the combination of small-town community culture and the proximity to regional access and employment locations. But there is interest in achieving enhancements to amenities and services to help ensure stability and longevity of investment.

Based on this information and a review of historical planning documents relating to the village, students have crafted an analysis of opportunities for growth and development within the village.

The presentation will outline areas the village might focus on in the future, including economic development, horticulture heritage, climate smart community, Hudson River waterfront connection, transportation, parks and trails, housing, and food access.

There will be a discussion of next steps and how more public involvement can help shape the comprehensive planning process.

“We hope people will attend to contribute their thoughts on the future of our village” said Mayor Grenier.

Funding for this project is provided, in part, by a grant from the Hudson River Valley Greenway. The event is open to the public and is accessible to the handicapped. Light refreshments will be available.

For additional information, see the Village of Menands web site at: <http://villageofmenands.com/>.

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