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Town Hires Planning Firm to Update Comprehensive Plan

Millbrook, New York, January 9, 2008 — The Town of Washington recently hired an Upstate New York Planning Firm during a competitive selection process to assist the Town in updating the 1987 Town Master Plan. River Street Planning & Development LLC is a woman-owned professional consulting firm located in Troy, New York that provides community planning and economic development services to communities, organizations and developers throughout the northeastern United States. River Street Planning has extensive experience working on comprehensive planning projects in a variety of towns, villages and cities across New York State. River Street Planning will work closely with town residents, the Update Committee and Town of Washington in developing the Comprehensive Plan.

The planning process was initiated on December 4th with a scoping session with the Update Committee and River Street Planning as well as meetings with the seven subcommittees who have spent the last year gathering data for the Comprehensive Plan update. The Steering Committee also provided a guided tour of the town to the consultants. On January 6th committee representatives and River Street Planning met to target the expansion of sub committee reports, clarification of materials, the format of the final document and tentative timetables. Opportunities for public input in the development of the plan will be announced via the Town's website <http://www.washingtonny.org/> as well as local newspapers, mailings, and flyers among others.

Key staff resources from River Street Planning that will work on this project include: Principal in Charge: John M. Holehan, Principal

John is a founder and Principal of River Street Planning & Development who will serve as Principal in Charge, overseeing all aspects of the project.

Project Manager: Leila Jabour, Principal Planner

Leila is a Principal Planner who will be responsible for day-to-day project coordination of the Master Plan. She is a skilled and experienced project manager. Leila will be assisted by Monica Ryan.

Community Consensus: Margaret W. Irwin, Principal

Margaret is a founder and Principal in the company who will be responsible for the community consensus building and meeting facilitation tasks.