

## **Town of Stratford Seeks Public Input on the Future of the Town**

### **For immediate release**

The Town of Stratford Planning Commission invites the public to attend a public meeting on the 2013 Plan of Conservation & Development Update. Attendees will learn about the draft vision for the future of Stratford and hear preliminary recommendations on how the town could be enhanced.

The meeting is open to the public and is scheduled as follows:

**6:30 p.m., Wednesday June 12, 2013  
Baldwin Senior Citizens Center  
1000 West Broad Street, Stratford 06615**

The meeting will cover background information about the plan, public input results to date and an overview of present conditions in the town. Participants will have the opportunity to review and provide feedback on preliminary recommendations for the plan.

The Plan of Conservation and Development guides growth and change in the town. The plan considers all facets of community life including population, growth, housing, transportation, waterways, parks and open space and the economy. The plan will establish a series of action steps designed to achieve a vision of Stratford's future that has been crafted during this process.

"Participation in the planning process has been a tremendous success to date," says Planning Commission Chair John Zbell. "We have incorporated a wide range of suggestions, ideas and concerns into the Draft Plan. The June 12 public meeting will provide residents the opportunity to see the results of their contributions and provide further input to help shape a Plan of Conservation and Development truly rooted in the vision of the community."

This is the second public meeting and complements additional public input that includes a local steering committee, public survey, focus groups and personal interviews. Information received from the public has raised awareness of issues facing the town, defined future priorities and shaped the recommendations that have been drafted to date.

The town's consultant, Peter J. Smith & Company, Inc., of Buffalo, NY, will facilitate the session.

The community last produced a Plan of Conservation and Development in 2003. The 2013 plan is a comprehensive update and will include new guiding goals, objectives and policies.

The workshop is free and open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend and participate. For more information, contact Town of Stratford Planning & Zoning Administrator Gary Lorentson, (203) 385-4017

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