

If you had \$10 million to support Copake projects, how would you use it? (Consider projects that still need attention, arts and culture, types of housing, services, businesses or other amenities you wish were available, or public projects to reduce flooding, for example.)

Copake Grange park long-time residents
 new businesses community jobs work
 need housing Ag. Center
 downtown infrastructure
 broadband friendly hopeful grow
 farms SPUR! General Store

- With an aging population Copake needs a car and driver to take elderly residents to doctors or food shopping. They have this service in south Egremont mass funded by mass state. It is literally a lifesaving service. In Copake if you cannot drive you are out of luck This should be part of the plan Also rebuilding a public movie theater similar to the one that burned down several years ago
- As a year-round senior resident with visiting grandchildren, I eagerly await the completion of the sidewalks and streets project (now 2023?). In Taconic Shores, where I live, we have many new weekend residents and BnB visitors who would come to galleries, outdoor cafes and stores, particularly a pharmacy. Also, exercise studio and bike shop now that Copake Falls is shutting down. The Grange as a venue for events and theater is an excellent idea. A community garden with farm to table restaurant, bakery and cooking classes would be a great draw.
- For Copake Hamlet, I would: - put in sidewalks on all of the streets fanning out from the Clocktower - support improvements on all of the historic houses in Copake hamlet - make improvements to Grange Hall including bringing the exterior back to its original state with wood-shingle siding. Purchase adjacent land for parking and events. Build covered outside structure to use for events - purchase and restore the old school house and make it a hostel-style lodging for bicyclists - low cost and low amenities to make it affordable for less affluent cyclists. Make the outdoor space to make it more attractive. - improve the Clocktower area as depicted in the photo on the flyer - Make the town park more welcoming/interesting with landscaping, added features, amenities - Make town hall more attractive with landscaping and gardens.

NYS DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE SURVEY RESULTS

- Maybe a collection of artifacts - buggy wagons, farm wagons, farm equipment to give it historic relevance - buy the deteriorating house on Church Street and make them into low-cost rentals for seniors - buy a bus/large van to make rounds in Copake and to stores in the area - purchase the land required to connect the Rail Trail to Copake Hamlet - provide incentives to Jim's Auto Body to improve his property. make that strip of road into a car collectors haven with restored vehicle shops like the Morgan shop. This would give Copake an attractive specialty-business area. - make all necessary infrastructure improvement to the water system.
- Real sidewalks downtown. Sidewalk cafes. Arts and culture - galleries, etc.
- Finish the bike path bridge so it connects to the bike path on black grocery road. Offer a tax break to whomever wants to start a business in the hub. Create a parking lot similar to Millerton and Hillsdale just outside the town center. And extend and improve the sidewalks. Millerton attracts fancy business and wealthy people because the entire downtown is walkable and enjoyably walkable. Millerton was flooded with people on Labor Day weekend. I think if we create more bike paths and walk ways it'll cause people to slow down and get out of their cars and buy something. Copake Falls and Copake Lake has a lot of money and attractions, we need to think of urban planning that can get those hamlets closer to downtown Copake and more often.
- Copake is an active community, which likes to get out and about, but there are no walking paths from downtown to either the Town Hall, nor the Memorial Park, nor the nearby rail trail. I would link all of them with some funds left over to help maintain the trails. I would also create a communal outdoor space at down town, like outdoor picnic tables.
- - Enhance and develop downtown Copake to attract additional commerce and dining options. - Revitalize the Roe Jan School Building to be a Center for the Arts with artists in residence, studios and food / dining and performance space. - Complete the remaining Rail Trail link over 22 to connect current segments and link to Copake.
- Of course, #1 on the list has to be internet access. The lack of connectivity in Copake puts us on a par with third world developing nations. That said, here are some ideas for Copake to consider: 1) become the music capital of the county and surrounding counties. Be the "in" place to go hear jazz, bluegrass, rock, etc. An outdoor venue could easily be found and would be a draw for entertainment hungry visitors (who would also come for the best Chinese food in a 100-mile area). 2) Set up a school where visiting city folk could learn how to garden or raise livestock and even take cooking lessons. The old Roe Jan school would be perfect (but probably cost more than \$10m) to set up a hotel, school for gardening/cooking, farm to table restaurant, music and dancing venue, along with swimming pool, tennis courts and golf driving range. 3) Build a go-kart track. 4) Build a skating venue. Ideally, convertible rinks for ice in the winter and roller in the summer (or ice year-round). This could be paired with a cross country ski venue that has kiosks along the way for that cup of hot chocolate or soup or chili. 5) Summer league baseball, similar to the Cape Cod league.
- Larger public access to Copake Lake. Slower speed limit around lake. Cleanup of businesses on 7A south of downtown. Removal of gas station from hamlet center. Better cell service throughout entire community along with fiber optic internet access. Winter carnival on 7A in front of diner/bank.
- Bring new businesses to help create jobs. In affordable housing so people could stay living here. Add businesses to the town that would bring people to town. Clean up the entrance from the south side.
- Address the WATER issues. i.e. study flooding in area, implement study results to reduce flooding, install septic and water filtration systems, connect Copake falls and Copake hamlet by redoing bridge at route 22 and north entry to Copake to allow walking or biking directly to Copake hamlet by new construction of bridge, establish public access locations at multiple water bodies for recreational use. Water water everywhere. how to improve its use and accessibility.

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- Create vehicular traffic round-about at Copake Clock Monument to eliminate confusing and unsightly traffic signage and include pedestrian crosswalks 2) educate homeowners and businesses to reduce light pollution 3) expand town sidewalks and include installation of benches
- Senior and affordable housing.
- Public projects. Fix up downtown. Make it more appealing from a retail perspective. Clean up some of the junky storefronts (like the car dealer and the Clock tower grill). Add sidewalks. Draw foot traffic and more retail and restaurants.
- Affordable housing, drainage, sewer, fixing the Clock circle for easier traffic navigation.
- Reduce flooding, restructure the downtown.
- Make Copake a “destination” to live, work, visit, by offering features already envisioned in the comprehensive plan. Capitalize on the vistas and nature. Include pleasant outdoor space to gather, eat, socialize. Specifically: bury the overhead wires, brew pub in town, ice creamery/cheese shop.
- Movies/theatre. Attractive senior housing. Connect sites with walking, biking trails! Run scheduled electric transport thru town. Develop a public beach on Copake Lake for all to enjoy.
- Revamping of streets in the Hamlet with improved walking and sitting areas, new sidewalks, provide incentive to property owners at the southern entrance to correct the unsightliness of their operations, expand Town services that address abandoned buildings and unsightly properties, correct flooding problems, promote small affordable housing development opportunities.
- Build a spur trail from downtown to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, along the Bash Bish, using this opportunity to also figure out how to manage flooding of farmland to the east, and houses to the west of the stream. Address the decades-old issue of sewage in the hamlet. All the backyard septic tanks are a problem waiting to happen.
- more mom-and-pop business. improved housing.
- Renovations of historic buildings, revitalize the center of Copake with less pavement and more trees, better traffic flow around the Clock Tower, make it more family, pedestrian and cycling friendly and safe. Connection to the Rail Trail.
- There should be a bus shuttle from the train station in Wassaic to Columbia County.
- Businesses, affordable housing, youth programs.
- Don't know if it's part of the current plan, but how about making the sidewalk continue down Farm road to Mountain View, then to 7A and back to Main Street. That way there's a complete loop around town for people to walk around, and down to the park.
- Affordable housing for working people, updated playground, skate rink ,basketball courts, skate park
- A sidewalk that goes around the entire Copake loop that people like to walk. Reduce flooding to houses from Bash Bish run off.
- Affordable rent/housing. Sidewalks. Better signage. Revitalize old buildings. Fix the triangle in town. Can't see anything coming off Empire Road. Put up veterans of Copake banners up like other towns do. Copake community day - bring it back.
- Repair the grange building, maintain the community park, projects to reduce flooding.
- Access to creek, pedestrian friendly downtown !!, parking, more storefront space, link to rail trail, more storefront space.
- Some more sustainable business in the town, more affordable housing. Use of some vacant buildings. How about some more activities at the town park for families. Splash pad?
- Reduce flooding, deal with abandoned homes, hamlet parking.
- Sidewalks, lighting, participation from businesses to improve their facade and overall aesthetics, protecting waterways from run off.

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- Connect the rail trail to the center of town as well as the 5 hamlets - Develop better senior housing - assisted living, so seniors can stay in the community - Improve water management in town to prepare for higher levels of water and flooding that is happening in the NE.
- Become a town completely supported by clean energy (solar, wind, water) - Add bike lanes throughout the town - Improve walking paths, trails, sidewalks throughout the town - Support farmers - Support artists, culture (theatre, movies, etc.).
- Projects to make available public transportation to Copake.
- Addressing flooding 2. Attract new business 3. Affordable Housing Upgrade the buildings in down town. Subsidize Jim's auto body to pare down his inventory of derelict cars.
- Drainage n so we can attract businesses. I heard a Chinese restaurant could not open because of it.
- Improve traffic flow, and parking in downtown Copake, with proper walking paths. Encourage development of an artist's co-op and other shops. Market the town as a destination for Rail Trail participants bikers and travelers to and from the Berkshires. Renovate the theater and other buildings on 7A. Encourage the five hamlets that comprise Copake to unify as one town.
- A public project to renovate housing for citizens that are unable financially to do it themselves would be wonderful. Dutchess County has a program to assist homeowners maintaining their properties.
- Improve the physical appearance of the downtown area of the hamlet. Fix the area around the clocktower to make a small park as envisioned in some plans. Install sidewalks and better lighting. Make it an inviting place. Try to improve the parking areas too.
- Bring back Copake movie theater to show independent films and attract visitors. Add sidewalks. Add connection to Rail Trail.
- I would use the money to help complete the local rail trail and build additional spurs to connect the trail to the hamlet and the library. In addition I would increase educational programs targeted especially to the new and growing new community members on our natural resources AND how to safely and respectfully recreate with them. Simple things like even increasing the signage alongside roadways and bridges by waterways labeling the various creeks. Having programs that educate the community on waterways and wetlands, where to swim, where to fish, etc. These new community members also need educational info on how to safely bike on our roads (with traffic wearing helmets in bright colors), hike on trails (on the paths, without littering and no loud music) and boat and fish. There is a lot of work to be done to promote and at the same time protect our natural resources! Thank you for your work!
- Shops in town of Copake, a place for high school kids to learn skills for farming and building, farmers market on a weekday in summer, parking in all access points, a large dog park, Paint the town fun colors on the buildings.

What do you feel are the Town's greatest accomplishments over the last decade?

- The opening of the Copake Market and also the wine shop.
- Private citizens repairing their homes and especially the Octagon house being restored!
- Urgent care. Again saves lives.
- Retaining the few businesses we have--Dad's, two banks, the gas station and general store, plus new restaurant.
- Revitalization of the Copake Grange - Increase in businesses in Copake Hamle
- Electing Jeanne Mettler as supervisor!

Spur Trail walking paths connections
 affordable housing work water plans
 businesses improve buildings
 7a project **events** attractive parking
Grange Ramble
 walk sidewalks flooding
 maintain trails seniors

- It's been an incredible turnaround. After that bar with the wrap around porch closed, and after the Hub closed, it wasn't looking great for a while. But the businesses that have opened up and grown like the Copake General Store and Dads are great. What I like the most about Copake is there are businesses for every kind of person, from the wealthy vacationer to ordinary folks just wanting a beer and a burger.
- I think creating the farm space between the Town Hall and downtown, but it should have walking paths around it to help connect the parts.
- Strong community engagement. Development of agricultural commerce - Farmers Market, General Store, Empire Farms, small farm CSAs, etc. Roe Jan Library.
- Keeping an area that is dying a float. Getting the community through covid.
- Maintenance of scenic beauty throughout the town which is now under threat.
- Music in the Park summer program 2) ability to attract new businesses like Copake General Store, Copake Wine Works, and Copake Clock Tower Bar/Restaurant.
- Bringing viable businesses to Copake and greater community involvement.
- Being forward thinking about the current & future needs of Copake residents and the changing demographics. Things like working to bring Broadband Internet and working on the rail trail spur.
- Rapid Care, thanks to Joe.
- Comprehensive plan. Urgent care center New library Proactive zoning.
- Adoption of the Comprehensive plan and promotion of efforts to adhere to and implement it, since the election of a new supervisor, more competent communication and open government, revision of the Town code so as to be more supportive of the practical needs of residents.

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- The recruitment of extraordinary and skilled residents, who volunteer to serve on the various Town committees, support of expansion and improvement of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. Consistent support of the Roe Jan Community Library, the Copake Grange and the Copake/Hillsdale Farmer's Market as well as all the other community organizations.
- The hamlet downtown is in much better economic shape. The town deserves much credit for that.
- Downtown revitalization but there is more to do.
- Never losing the vision of our community's magnificent asset of nature, and working to preserve land and water, continuing to promote tourism focused on this theme. Being sensitive to the evolving needs of the residentsgrowing families, aging seniors.
- I like the sense of community that Dad's Diner/Copake Sunoco/Church St Deli concerts at the town park.
- We used to be a great and proud farming community; we need something to bring everyone together.
- Remaining a small town, low crime rate.
- The park. The increase of community activities... movies at the park... concerts. etc.
- The community park, the renewal of the grange, keeping taxes down.
- Keeping taxes where they need to be. But I feel the town could do a lot more. Be open to things that people want to bring to the town and increase tax base for the town. Sit back and look at the whole picture and how certain things can benefit the town. You need to keep our youth here. Make it someplace they want to stay. Most are leaving after college. Nothing for them here.
- Comp plan and zoning laws renewal.
- Copake has restored many of businesses to functioning. Clean up the south entrance to Copake - acreage in the center of Copake from development - Increased organic farming - Brought young families.
- Rapid Care location.
- Keeping General Store open. Need more stores in downtown.
- Revival of Copake Grange and the many events. Community events in the Town Park. Housing renovations on Main St. Copake General Store. The revitalization efforts.
- The hamlet has greatly improved with the presence of some wonderful small businesses, including the Copake General Store, Dad's Diner and the Copake Wine Works. All of these are businesses that I would encourage anyone from outside of Copake to check out.