Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #1   **01.30.2013**

Purpose
- The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the Steering Committee to the project.
- The overall scope of work and schedule was presented and discussed.
- Next steps: R. Lane to present outcomes of Tasks 1 and 2: strategies for synthesizing the 4 foundational documents around the 5 major Greenway Compact themes.

Issues
- Ulster County is different than Orange County and some of the other neighboring counties: A huge amount of land is already preserved.
- Some places will be resistant to this kind of planning.
- Different municipalities may feel different levels of affinity with their neighbors. For example, Plattekill relates more to Orange County.
- Some issues are not in the documents but in other regulations, for example road configuration standards.
- There are some precedents for regional planning and inter-municipal cooperation: Shawangunk Mountain range preservation/conservation; Route 9W.
- Language is very important. How we describe and label things will affect receptivity at the local level.
- Environmental Justice (EJ) areas: this is a federal designation. The plan will have to deal with this at some level.
- "Infill" is an effective way to talk about redevelopment.

Major Themes
The Greenway concept is based on finding a *balance* between economic development and environmental conservation/open space preservation. The 5 Greenway themes are equal in importance.

The current draft outline from the scope of work lists 6 themes:

   3.1. Priority Growth and Conservation Areas
   3.2. Housing and Neighborhood Preservation
   3.3. Natural Land Resources
   3.4. Transportation System
   3.5. Community Fabric
   3.6. Economic Development Strategies

These should be prioritized. Perhaps one way would be to prioritize 3.3., 3.5, 3.6 and suggest that the way to accomplish those three major objectives is through 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4

Housing:
- Diverse and aging housing stock does not necessarily align with current and future needs.
- Environmental issues with older housing stock.
- Lack of understanding of how to accommodate/allow for different kinds of housing.
- Aging in a place has been raised has an issue.

Environment Infrastructure:
- Need a tool for linking resources
- Great opportunity with the current Green Infrastructure pilot study

Economic development:
- agriculture and tourism are key sectors
- agriculture has revived interest around related issues of healthy, food security, protection of rural character
- Some potential for "boutique scale" manufacturing

Thoughts about the Document
- Need to be clear on how we are building on the existing documents.
- Think of the Compact as a "toolkit": explain how the document can be used

Outreach
- Ultimately need to bring in elected officials, Planning Board and Zoning Board members.
- When we are ready, reach out to the Supervisors Association at the Community College.
- R. Lane to investigate potential for MindMixer site application.