

# Don Meltz – AICP

## Don Meltz Planning and GIS

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## Projects

Don has worked in some capacity on the following projects as the primary planner, sub-contract consultant, or as a partner with Nan Stolzenburg under the CP&EA banner.

### Columbia County, NY Municipalities:

#### **Columbia County**

Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan  
Broadband mapping project (Columbia County Economic Development Corporation)  
Environmental Assessment Form Workbook training (with Columbia Land Conservancy)

#### **Ancram**

Comprehensive Plan, Zoning update, Ridgeline protection analysis,  
Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, GIS installation and training

#### **Austerlitz**

Viewshed analysis maps

#### **Canaan**

Zoning map

#### **Chatham**

Comprehensive Plan and viewshed analysis,  
Zoning update (twice), Community Preservation Plan

#### **Claverack**

Comprehensive Plan, Zoning update

#### **Copake**

Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, Zoning update

#### **Gallatin**

Comprehensive Plan, Zoning update

#### **Germantown**

Wetlands map

#### **Ghent**

Comprehensive Plan, Zoning update

#### **Hillsdale**

Comprehensive Plan, Farmland inventory, Various mapping tasks

#### **Hudson**

Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Application

#### **Kinderhook Village**

Comprehensive Plan and updates, Village Boundary update

## Other Counties:

**Dutchess County, NY** – Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, Multiple training sessions for municipal officials

**Jefferson County, NY** – Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

**Orange County, NY** – Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

**Otsego County, NY** - Environmental Assessment Form Workbook Training

**Putnam County, NY** – Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

**Schoharie County, NY** - Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, Stream restoration project

**Sullivan County, NY** – Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan (County-wide) and a joint four-town municipal Farmland Protection Plan (Towns of Bethel, Liberty, Callicoon, and Delaware)

**Washington County, NY** - Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

## Towns:

**Athens, Greene County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan and Zoning update

**Ausable, Clinton County, NY** – Comprehensive Plan and development of first Zoning law

**Ballston, Saratoga County, NY** – Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Law, Zoning update, Sewer District Expansion mapping

**Berne, Albany County, NY** – Comprehensive plan and Zoning updates, East Berne Hamlet Study, Zoning map updates

**Broadalbin, Fulton County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan

**Butternuts, Otsego County** - Comprehensive Plan

**Cairo, Greene County, NY** – Comprehensive Plan and new Zoning law, GIS installation and training

**Charlton, Saratoga County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan

**Conesville, Schoharie County, NY** - Manorkill Watershed plan

**Cooperstown, Otsego County, NY** - Generic Environmental Impact Statement

**Durham, Greene County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan

**Elizabethtown, Essex County, NY** – Comprehensive Plan update, Zoning update

**Galway, Saratoga County, NY** - Zoning Law

**Granville, Washington County, NY** - Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

**Greenville, Greene County, NY** - Zoning map

**Guilford, Chenango County, NY** - Online survey for the Land Use Committee

**Halcott, Greene County, NY** – Comprehensive Plan, Zoning, and Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

**Hamilton, Madison County, NY** – Comprehensive plan

**Jewett, Greene County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan and Town-wide GEIS

**Lexington, Greene County, NY** – Long Term Community Recovery plan

**Meredith, Delaware County, NY** - Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

**Middleburgh, Schoharie County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan

**Middlefield, Otsego County, NY** - Subdivision project review

**Middletown, Delaware County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan

**Minden, Montgomery County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan and Zoning update, GIS installation and training

**Nassau, Rensselaer County, NY** – Troy Sand and Gravel mining permit/special use permit review

**New Baltimore, Greene County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan, Zoning map

**New Paltz (Town and Village), Ulster County, NY** - Mill Brook Preserve plan

**Otsego, Otsego County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan

**Peru, Clinton County, NY** – Comprehensive Plan, Zoning, and Open Space Plan

**Pine Plains, Dutchess County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan, Zoning update, Review of the Hudson Valley Club development proposal, Advised the Conservation Advisory Council

**Pittstown, Rensselaer County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan, Zoning update

**Princetown, Schenectady County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan

**Rensselaerville, Albany County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan, Zoning, and GIS training

**Roxbury, Delaware County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan

**Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan and GIS training

**Sharon, Schoharie County, NY** - Historic Inventory

**Stamford, Delaware County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan

**Victor, Ontario County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan

**White Creek, Washington County, NY** - Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

### **Villages:**

**Altamont, Albany County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan and Zoning updates

**Athens, Greene County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan and Zoning update

**Port Henry, Essex County, NY** – Comprehensive Plan update and Zoning law

**Schoharie, Schoharie County, NY** – Long Term Community Recovery plan, Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, various mapping tasks

**Seneca Falls, Seneca County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan

**Sharon Springs, Schoharie County, NY** - Zoning amendments

**Springfield, Otsego County, NY** - Zoning update

**Stamford, Delaware County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan and Zoning update

**Voorheesville, Albany County, NY** – Comprehensive Plan update

**Waterford, Saratoga County, NY** - Multiple development project reviews

**Whitesboro, Oneida County, NY** - Comprehensive Plan and Zoning update

### **Regional Areas:**

**Esopus-Delaware Economic Revitalization Plan, Greene and Delaware Counties** – GIS mapping, analysis, and workshops

**Cazenovia Preservation Foundation** – Strategic land conservation plan

**Tug Hill Commission** - Planning training session

### **Additional descriptions of municipal and non-municipal projects:**

#### **Community Planning and Environmental Associates**

Don works very closely with another planner, Nan Stolzenburg AICP, on many projects. Nan is located in Schoharie County, and operates under the banner Community Planning and Environmental Associates (CP&EA). The two often partner together and with other planning professionals in order to provide the proper balance of expertise needed for each particular project. Working with Nan, Don has assembled GIS databases, produced resource maps, build-out and viewshed analyses, worked on online and mail surveys, in-person workshops, and all other aspects of the planning process.

#### **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation**

##### **Environmental Assessment Forms Workbooks**

Partnering with Nan Stolzenburg, Don was co-author of the EAF Online Workbooks. These are a set of online resources that help educate users on how to use the updated short (SEAF) and full (FEAF) environmental assessment forms. In addition to helping write the content of these workbooks, it was Don's responsibility to design and format the workbooks as a series of webpages in order to make them widely accessible and easily updateable.

#### **Columbia County Farmland Protection Plan**

Don worked with the Columbia County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board in developing a county-wide agriculture and farmland protection plan. Specific tasks included identifying and mapping all currently farmed properties, assembling pertinent digital geographic data layers for resource mapping, and leading the board through an in-depth analysis of farmland resources resulting in a prioritized list of farmland preservation locations.

#### **Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District**

Don has provided support and training to staff, including updating and processing of the county-wide tax parcel data for use in their GIS.

## **Columbia Land Conservancy**

### **Protected Lands Map**

Don produced an annual map for Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) showing all of the publicly owned land and private property with conservation easements located in Columbia County. Using parcel boundary data from the county's Soil and Water Conservation District office and hardcopy maps provided by CLC, digitized the sections of individual properties that are under easement by CLC and other Not-for-Profit organizations.

### **Regional Public Conservation and Recreation Lands Map**

Don produced a map showing all of the publicly accessible properties in an eight county region around Columbia County, New York. Contacted and received data from over 15 different sources, processed the data so it was in a similar format, and modified and refined the information so it was as accurate and complete as possible. This map shows all properties and recreational trails owned by Federal, State, County, and Local governments in the region. It also shows properties owned by individuals and non-profit organizations that are freely open to the public.

### **North Bay Recreation Area (City of Hudson)**

Don produced a set of maps and graphics for use in the final plan

### **EAF Workshops**

Don developed and presented two workshops (with Nan Stolzenburg) to provide in-person training on the use of the updated Environmental Assessment Forms adopted by NYS DEC in 2012.

## **Village of Kinderhook, Columbia County, NY**

Don worked with the village to develop an updated zoning map, incorporating new village boundaries based on extensive deed and survey research. He continues to supply GIS and digital mapping services as needed.

## **Town of Canaan, Columbia County, NY**

Don provided GIS services and an updated zoning map based on interpretation of the town's 1970's zoning map and recently updated zoning law.

## **Town of Hillsdale, Columbia County, NY**

Don provided GIS services, digital, and hard copy maps for their comprehensive plan and zoning law update. He has also provided additional mapping services as needed for a farmland inventory, sidewalk inventory, and other smaller projects.

## **Town of Austerlitz**

Don provided GIS services to help identify a potential viewshed overlay district within the town.

## **Town of Stockport Comprehensive Planning Committee, Zoning Update Committee**

Don initiated the formation of a comprehensive planning committee, and led the members as its chairman through the comprehensive planning process. When the plan was complete, he then led the zoning update committee through a multi-year process updating the towns zoning law.

## **Town and Village of New Paltz**

### **Millbrook Preserve**

Partnering with Nan Stolzenburg, developed a long range plan for a 230-plus acre undeveloped area straddling the Town and Village of New Paltz. The plan included identification of the areas essential to preserve the natural function and environmental setting of the property. The plan provides both pedestrian and bicycle access into and through the property and identifies ways to help maintain a healthy ecosystem.

## **Brittany Hollow Associates**

### **Hyde Park Zoning**

Don worked with Principal planner Chuck Voss, AICP, on an update to the Town of Hyde Park zoning map. This project included obtaining the most recent parcel data from Dutchess County, and digitizing the hand drawn concept map the zoning committee had been working on. Many revisions were produced as the update was reviewed by the public, the Town Board, and the Planning Board.

### **Tannersville Build-out Analysis**

Don worked with Brittany Hollow Associates and J. Kenneth Fraser Associates, performing a buildout analysis for the Village of Tannersville, Greene County, NY. This project consisted of assembling all available GIS data, analyzing the physical constraints and current developed area within the village's boundaries, and developing a variety of scenarios in an effort to build consensus on the communities preferred future land use build-out.

## **Jessie Ravage:**

Don worked on three Historic Resource Inventory projects for the Village of St. Johnsville, the Village of Fultonville, and the Town of Lexington. Tasks included developing a historic resource inventory map, and verifying the build-date through information included in the parcel data supplied by the various counties.

## **SHARE-IT, Sharon Springs**

Don produced a GIS database that inventoried all of the historic buildings and sites in a five municipality region including the Towns of Sharon, Springfield, and Cherry Valley, and the Villages of Cherry Valley and Sharon Springs.

## **Open Space for Tomorrow: A Capital District Sprawl & Open Space Action Strategy**

Don, working with Katherine Daniels, AICP, producing a series of maps for a report analyzing the potential for open space preservation and/or land acquisition programs in the Capital District area. This study covered Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, and Saratoga Counties. The project also included a detailed build-out analysis for the Town of Bethlehem in Albany County.