PENFIELD, N.Y., MAY 12, 2010 – Penfield residents are invited to attend an information sharing session on the Draft 2010 Comprehensive Plan on Monday, May 24 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. Town staff will present highlights of the Draft Plan and explain the remainder of the process. The Draft 2010 Comprehensive Plan document has been available for public review since April 22, 2010 on the town’s website (www.penfield.org), and in hard copy at the Town Hall and Penfield Library.

The Town Board is now reviewing the draft document and has scheduled this presentation as part of its effort to inform the community on the content of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and the status of the Draft Plan. No actions are being taken at this presentation, and there is no public comment period on the evening’s agenda. Staff will present a timeline for the remainder of the process and provide information on how the public is invited to participate in the process. Written comments are encouraged and should be submitted by email, postal mail or fax (details on website). The next forum for public comments is tentatively scheduled for August 23, 2010. Adoption of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan is expected in the fall after Town Board and public review.

The Town of Penfield updates its Comprehensive Plan about every 10 years. The Plan functions as the legal foundation for all land use decisions, defines the community’s vision, provides guidelines for development, and establishes goals and objectives for the next 10 to 15 years. The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee worked on the two-year project from May 2008 until their presentation of the Draft Plan to the Town Board on April 21, 2010. The committee was chaired by County Legislator Debbie Drew and assisted by John Steinmetz of Steinmetz Planning Group and Matt Ingalls of
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Ingalls Planning and Design as consultants. The volunteer committee was made up of a cross-section of 20 Penfield residents.

“The thorough two-year Comprehensive Plan Update process has brought us to this Draft Plan phase. Now it’s time for the Town Board and community to review and comment on the draft document,” said Supervisor Tony LaFountain. “I thank Debbie Drawe and the 20 volunteers who invested 24 months of thoughtful work to help prepare the Penfield community for its next decade.”

Attendees are encouraged to review the draft 2010 Comprehensive Plan before attending the presentation. Go to www.penfield.org and follow the link from the home page quick links to review the Draft Plan, learn more about the process, read meeting minutes, and find associated documents.

The meeting will be televised on PCTV Cable 12 and WebTV (go to www.penfield.org). For information on the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and process, please contact Katie Evans, Town Planner at 340.8682 or Jim Costello, Development Director at 340.8642.

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