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**Unified Zoning Ordinance Steering Committee  
Schedules Zoning Workshops**

**(Endwell, New York – February 13, 2009)** – The Steering Committee for the Town of Union Unified Zoning Ordinance project has scheduled a series of zoning workshops designed to allow residents to provide input for drafting the new ordinance. The fifteen member committee consists of representatives from Town and Village Code Enforcement offices, Planning Boards, and Zoning Boards of Appeal. Each community is also represented by a layperson resident with representatives from the environmental, business, and development fields rounding out the balance of the committee. The Town of Union Planning Director and the Town’s consultant, Steinmetz Planning Group, are responsible for project coordination.

The Town of Union received a grant from the New York State Shared Municipal Services Incentive (SMSI) Program for the purposes of preparing a zoning ordinance that will govern land use activities in the Town of Union, Village of Endicott, and Village of Johnson City. The primary goal of the project is to develop and adopt a unified zoning ordinance that will ultimately facilitate shared code enforcement activities between the three communities.

The program for each of the four workshops will consist of several elements including:

- **Project Overview** - A summary of the process, timeline, and work products for the project.
- **Community Preference Survey** – A visual exercise using photographs to identify desirable types of development.
- **Identification of Key Elements** – Participants will be asked to express their concerns and expectations for the project by identifying specific issues that should be addressed.
- **District Mapping** – Participants will be broken up into smaller groups to “draw” any zoning changes they would like to suggest.

Residents can follow the progress of the project under the Planning/Zoning section of the Town of Union web page at: **[www.townofunion.com](http://www.townofunion.com)**

For further information, please contact the Town of Union Planning Department at 786-2975 or by electronic mail at: [planning@townofunion.com](mailto:planning@townofunion.com)

<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Thursday	February 26	6:30 PM	George Korutz Justice Building, 2nd Fl. Training Room 31 Avenue C, Johnson City
Saturday	February 28	10:30 AM	Town Hall, 2nd Fl. Town Board Meeting Room 3111 East Main Street, Endwell
Wednesday	March 4	6:30 PM	American Red Cross, Lower Level Training Room 620 East Main Street, Endicott
Thursday	March 5	6:30 PM	Endwell Fire Department 3508 Country Club Road, Endwell

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