

# this is your ballot.

All Philipstown residents aged 13 years or older are eligible to vote.

I/we live in (circle one):

Cold Spring   Continental Village   Garrison   Nelsonville   North Highlands

Please read the summary of proposals included and vote for your top 3 priorities by writing the proposal number below (more detailed descriptions of proposals are available at ballot locations and online at [ecologicalcitizens.org/pccproposals](http://ecologicalcitizens.org/pccproposals)):

#### Household member 1

First and last name

\_\_\_\_\_

Top priority

# \_\_\_\_\_

Second priority

# \_\_\_\_\_

Third priority

# \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to learn more about how to help work on proposals I voted for (optional)

Phone number

\_\_\_\_\_

Email address

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#### Household member 2

First and last name

\_\_\_\_\_

Top priority

# \_\_\_\_\_

Second priority

# \_\_\_\_\_

Third priority

# \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number

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Email address

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For additional household members, please visit one of the ballot locations to complete a paper ballot or complete the online ballot at [ecologicalcitizens.org/pcc2017ballot](http://ecologicalcitizens.org/pcc2017ballot)

All information will be kept confidential.



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**VOTE for your top priorities  
by October 31, 2017**

## how to vote.



Place a first-class stamp on the enclosed ballot and mail it



Drop this ballot at:

Desmond Fish Library  
472 NY-403  
Garrison, NY 10524

Butterfield Library

10 Morris Ave  
Cold Spring, NY 10516



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Shared priorities for community action

## WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR PHILIPSTOWN?

To read the full proposals put forward by Philipstown residents, please visit a ballot location or go online to:  
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# proposals.

Over three public forums this summer, Philipstown residents offered 40 different ideas to preserve and promote a stronger community.

Which ones do *you* believe are the most important? Let's find our shared priorities and get to work! (more detailed descriptions of proposals are available at ballot locations and online at [ecologicalcitizens.org/pccproposals](http://ecologicalcitizens.org/pccproposals))

## List of proposals (in order of presentation):

- 1. Clean water:** Create community support for ensuring clean water for the future.
- 2. Teen center:** Create a teen center in Cold Spring, run by students and supervised by adults.
- 3. Localize Main Street:** An initiative to encourage locals to park it and walk, shop locally, and meet neighbors on Main Street.
- 4. Finding common ground:** Create a debate series, book club for neighborly discourse between left and right.
- 5. Climate Smart Community:** Help Philipstown create a sustainable future, join the Climate Smart Community Project.
- 6. Local civic engagement:** Encourage participation in the community, through voting, attending Town Board meetings, etc.
- 7. Emphasize education:** Encourage a renewed emphasis on education.
- 8. Community fair:** Organize a fair to disseminate information on implementation of Climate Smart goals.
- 9. Community garden:** Create a community garden in Philipstown that includes a workshop and greenhouse.
- 10. Comprehensive plan:** Continue efforts and update Philipstown's Comprehensive Plan.
- 11. Local hydroelectric power:** Investigate use of existing water infrastructure to generate micro-hydroelectric power.
- 12. Essential care at Butterfield:** Provide essential emergency services at the former Butterfield Hospital medical center site.
- 13. Biking/walking paths:** Invest in safe biking and walking paths throughout Philipstown.
- 14. Sustainable Township:** Work collectively to minimize environmental impact and live healthfully.

- 15. Rec Center improvements:** Improve the Philipstown Rec Center, e.g., by adding a pool, tennis courts, or fitness center.
- 16. Picking it up:** Encourage individuals to pick-up trash on roadways, sidewalks and in the woods of our community.
- 17. Cold Spring Boatyard:** Move forward with a shovel-ready project to build a boatyard on the CS waterfront.
- 18. Sales tax distribution:** Demand more sales tax dollars from the county to support and improve Philipstown.
- 19. Ban Styrofoam:** Eliminate single use polystyrene/Styrofoam packaging from Philipstown.
- 20. Participatory budgeting:** Institute a process where community members directly vote on how to spend part of a public budget.
- 21. Ban cell tower:** Ban the building of a cell tower overlooking the Cold Spring Cemetery.
- 22. Performing Arts Center:** Build a Performing Arts Center where after-school classes and performances will take place.
- 23. EV charging stations:** Install publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations in Philipstown.
- 24. Sister City:** Join the Sister City program to act locally and think globally.
- 25. Wildlife-proof trash:** Put wildlife-proof trash cans at Stony Point to reduce litter.
- 26. Opt-out electricity:** Require Central Hudson to enroll new accounts in local renewable electricity plans.
- 27. Drug Czar:** Create an elected or appointed paid Town position of Drug Czar to address the epidemic in Philipstown.
- 28. School consolidation:** Explore the possibility of consolidating the Haldane and Garrison School districts.

- 29. Municipal composting:** Create a municipal composting program that would convert mountains of trash to mountains of mulch.
- 30. School-library path:** Create a right-of-way path for Garrison School students to walk to the Desmond Fish Library.
- 31. Aging in Place:** Create a "senior census" of the town to ensure seniors can be evacuated in an emergency.
- 32. Public transportation:** Provide public transportation on the West side of the County.
- 33. Safe Metro-North transport:** Request that state and county officials work with residents to ensure a safe Metro-North.
- 34. Build another school:** Consider building a Philipstown school in Continental Village.
- 35. Improve road maintenance:** Encourage a dialogue on road maintenance and expenses and improve on what exists.
- 36. Rape crisis center:** Ensure rape crisis services are easily accessible to Philipstown residents.
- 37. Safety and sharing:** Investigate ways to promote safety and sharing of roadways between motorists and bicyclists.
- 38. Sowing seeds of love:** Residents can grow gardens for the Philipstown food pantry or share a portion of an established garden bounty.
- 39. Ban plastic bags:** Ban plastic bags from all stores in Philipstown.
- 40. Heroin Speaks Coalition:** Create a harm reduction coalition - Heroin Speaks - to address the opioid epidemic in our community.

## who we are.

The Philipstown Community Congress (PCC) provides opportunities for Philipstown residents to share ideas about how to preserve and promote a strong community, identify common ground, and present shared priorities to community leaders to guide future decisions and to encourage community-led action.



The Ecological Citizen's Project is a partner organization to the Philipstown Community

Congress initiative. We work to grow citizen-led campaigns to produce a more just, healthy, democratic and sustainable way-of-life.

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