

# Town Topics

## Letter to the Supervisor:

(The following was in response to the Wawarsing Comprehensive Plan Survey that was sent to area residents earlier this year; a short version of the survey appeared in September's **Wawarsing.Net** and the public was encouraged to send in comments such as these.)

The cover letter to the survey states things like: 'Wawarsing/Village of Ellenville faces many challenges in the FUTURE. Accommodate economic development and provide for needed community facilities.'

I would like to have seen wording in this Comprehensive Plan that would suggest the use of hydroelectric power, windmills, and solar power collection units.

We have the natural recourses right here at our fingertips! Stream and creeks are all about us, for the use of hydropower. The **Shawangunk Mountain Range** for windmills and flat roofs on the *Ellenville School* and other municipal buildings for the use of solar power. Alternate fuel and energy sources that would alleviate the tax burden of the area resident/taxpayer.

If this office is serious about its claims for the future, one only has to look at what is going on in the world about us. I'm sure you'll hear things from people and groups saying that the fish population will be upset with the use of hydropower. Or windmills will upset the balance of the frog population and besides that, it will be unsightly to look at.

And for the people that will really want to throw a monkey wrench into the entire matter will say that it wouldn't be cost effective. Nonsense!!! What is ugly to look at in this matter is the heating fuel and electric bills at

the end of the year for buildings like the *Ellenville School* and the like.

Camouflage the windmills! Mostly all schools have flat roofs and no trees around them for solar collection panels. I'm sure most of these alternatives would be offset by government programs.

Respectfully,  
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