

Planning Committee Meeting

August 27, 2025



DUTCHESS COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

Better ways from here to there

DCTC Meetings: Ground Rules

For all meetings:

- Please plan to participate!
 - Prepare ahead of time
 - Participate in discussions
- Add to, don't repeat

Virtual meetings:

- Start on mute; unmute to speak, or use chat
- Turn on your computer's camera (if available)
- Set aside distractions; avoid multi-tasking

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Announcements
3. Partner Updates
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Planning Updates
7. Meeting Review

Announcements

2a. Funding Opportunities

- Bridge Investment Program (BIP) - Large Bridges (\$100M+)

2b. State Updates

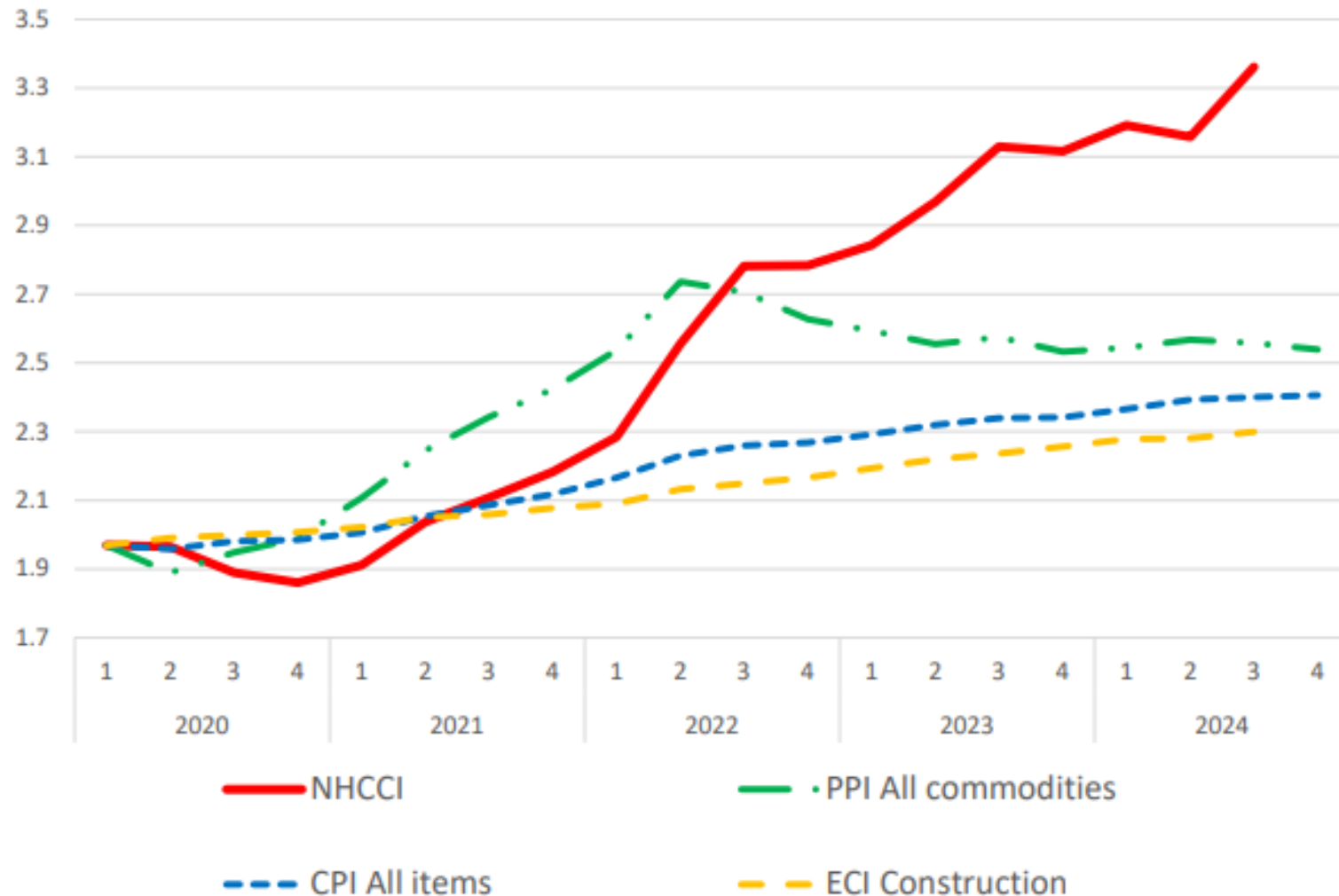
- FFY 2026-2029 STIP comment period starting soon

2c. Eno Center for Transportation: Rising Construction Costs

- Costs remain elevated at a new normal, above pre-pandemic levels
- Supply chain disruptions, high materials and inputs costs, labor market shortages, and higher borrowing costs increases

FHWA National Highway Construction Cost Index (NHCCI)

Figure 1. Comparison of NHCCI with PPI, CPI, and ECI (rebased to NHCCI 2020 Q1).

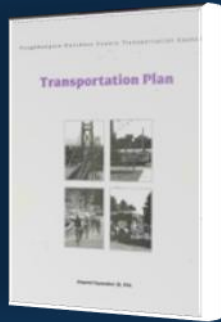


- Average number of bidders on Fed-Aid highway projects was lower in 2022-2024, compared to 2017- 2021
- 6.5 percent cost increase from 2024 Q2 to 2024 Q3
- New post pandemic normal?

Partner Updates

- NYSDOT
- Dutchess County
- Municipalities
- Other Agencies
- Public

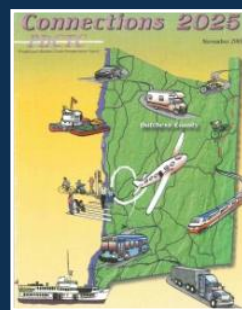
Transportation Plan - Recap



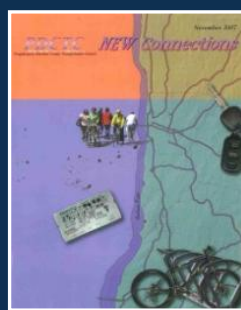
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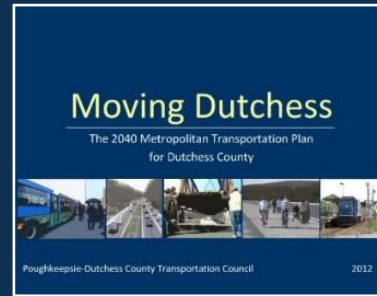
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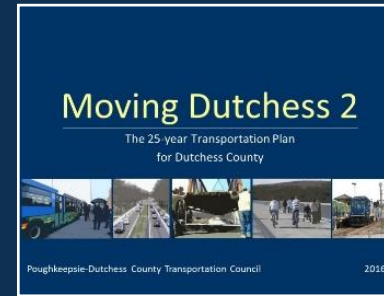
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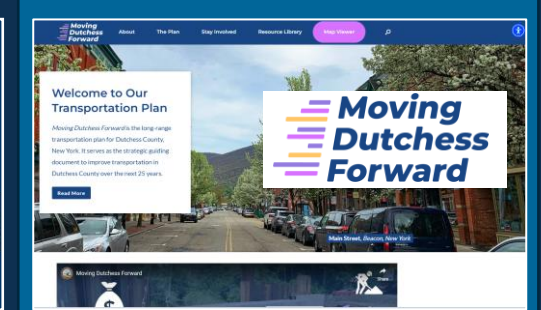
2007



2012



2016



2021

<https://movingdutchessforward.com>

- Strategic vision & plan: 20+ year horizon (i.e., 2050)
- Sets transportation policies and priorities
- Forms basis for federal transportation funding
- Updated every 5 years – due in 2026

New Business

5.a. 2026 Transportation Plan Update

- Public Engagement (with Highland Planning)
 - Pre-engagement interviews (5 done to date)
 - Ambassador Program (two paid positions)
 - [Fillable pdf](#) and [online form](#)
 - Applications due Sept. 19th
 - Video, fact sheet, & survey in development

Plan Overview

- **Introduction** (Our Region, People, & Transportation System)
- **Goal 1 – Learn** (Trends)
- **Goal 2 – Assess** (Barriers)
- **Goal 3 – Advocate** (Policies)
- **Goal 4 – Invest** (Projects)

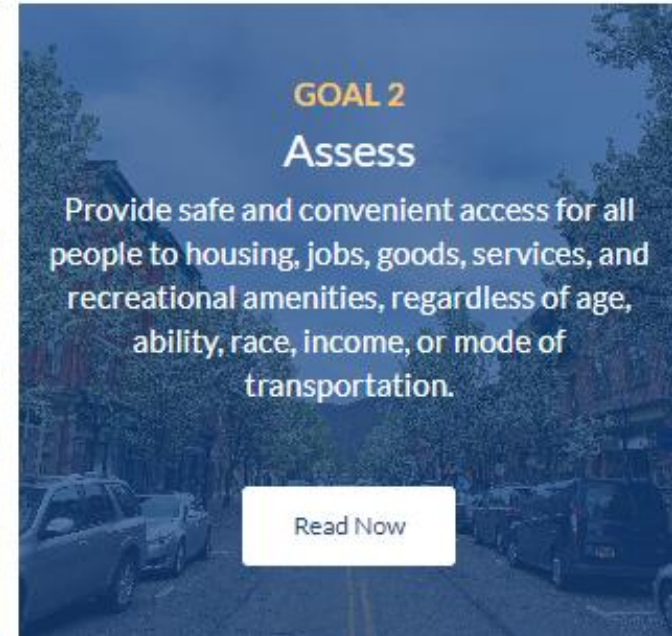
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GOAL 1
Learn

Prepare a transportation system that can anticipate and adapt to changes in the population, economy, technology, climate, and travel behavior.

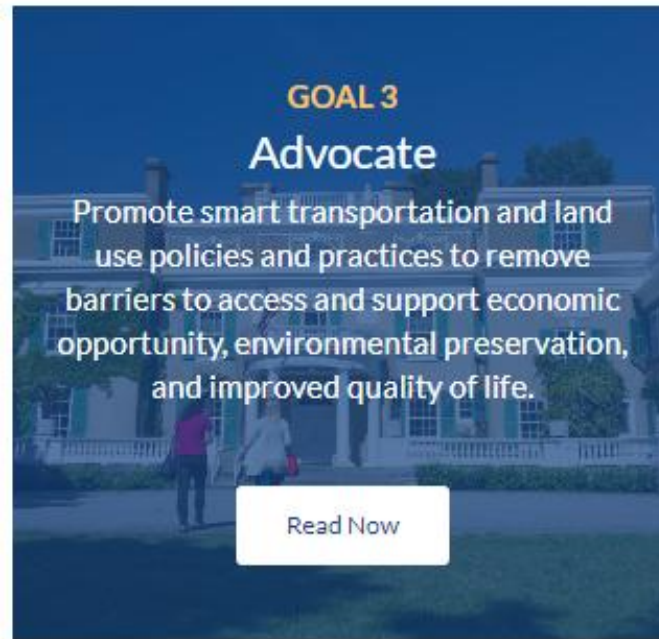
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GOAL 2
Assess

Provide safe and convenient access for all people to housing, jobs, goods, services, and recreational amenities, regardless of age, ability, race, income, or mode of transportation.

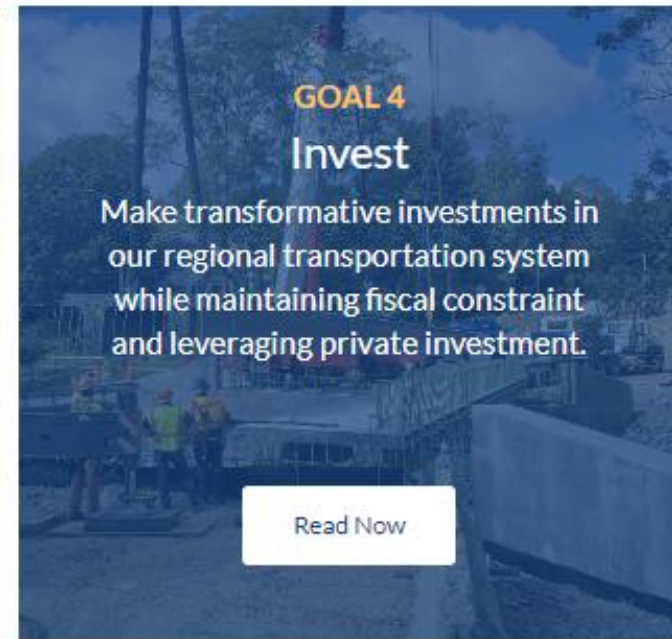
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GOAL 3
Advocate

Promote smart transportation and land use policies and practices to remove barriers to access and support economic opportunity, environmental preservation, and improved quality of life.

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GOAL 4
Invest

Make transformative investments in our regional transportation system while maintaining fiscal constraint and leveraging private investment.

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5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

LEARN – What are the trends?

1. Demographics
2. Travel
3. Housing
4. Economy
5. Freight
6. Climate Change
7. Transportation Technology

OUR GOAL

Prepare a transportation system that can anticipate and adapt to changes in the population, economy, technology, climate, and travel behavior.

5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Demographic Trends (2026)

1. **Very slow population growth (change)**
2. Uneven population changes across the county
3. More older residents and fewer younger residents
4. **Flat or slowly growing household incomes (change)**
5. Increasing racial and ethnic diversity at the county level; uneven at the local level

5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Demographic Trends (2026)

Highlights:

- Slow population growth: to ~315,000 people by 2050
 - 7% percent increase from 2020
- K-12 enrollment fell by over 8,800 students (20%) from 2010-2023
- East Fishkill, Fishkill, Poughkeepsie (City & Town), Wappinger, and Wappingers Falls seeing population gains
- Age 65+ pop. will increase by 36% through 2040, age ≤17 pop. will decrease by 9%

5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Travel Trends (2026)

1. Continued dominance of personal vehicles
2. **Slightly more people working from home (change)**
3. People will still travel for many reasons, and not only for work
4. **Continued acceptance of on-demand transportation services (change)**
5. **Modest growth in Vehicles Miles Traveled (change)**

5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Travel Trends (2026)

Highlights:

- 81% of all trips in Dutchess, and 77% of commutes, made by personal vehicle
- Passenger vehicle count grew by 4% (7,500 vehicles) from 2010-2025
- Working from home still an exception, though increasing
 - 5% of workers in 2010; 14% in 2023
- 36% of trips made for family/personal business, followed by 28% for social/rec activities, & 21% for work
- VMT projections show growth slowing to about 6% through 2050

5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Housing Trends (2026)

1. Detached single-family homes will continue to make up much of our housing stock
2. For new housing, more apartments, condos, and townhouses (slight change)
3. Tight market, rising costs (slight change)
4. Lack of housing options for low- and moderate-income renters and buyers

5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Housing Trends (2026)

Highlights:

- Over 60% of housing stock is detached single-family units
- BUT: apartments, condos, and townhouses make up more than 80% of proposed residential units in Dutchess
 - For the past several years, more apartments have been built than one-family homes (detached, townhouses, & condos)
- Rental vacancy rate still around 2% in 2024
- More than half of renter households are cost burdened
- Median home prices in Dutchess have increased by 60% over past decade

5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Economic Trends (2026)

1. Aging labor force & slow labor force growth
2. **Continued presence of remote and hybrid work schedules**
(slight change)
3. More people working multiple and/or part-time jobs
4. **Growth in e-commerce and warehouse & distribution centers**
(slight change)

5.a. Moving Dutchess Forward Update

Draft Economic Trends (2026)

Highlights:

- Estimates show Dutchess County's labor force will be flat until 2040
 - Dutchess County's Workforce Development Programs
- Wages have not kept pace with inflation, especially for lower-income households
- More delivery traffic between warehouses/distribution centers and homes and businesses
- Tourism in Dutchess generates more than \$750 million in visitor spending

New Business

5.b. Mid-Hudson Valley TMA Federal Certification Review

- Done with OCTC & UCTC
- Joint response sent to FHWA & FTA addressing recommendations from 2021 certification
- Public outreach component
 - Planning Committee meeting Sept. 24th
 - Public Survey/Questionnaire

Planning Updates

6.a. Transportation Safety Action Plan

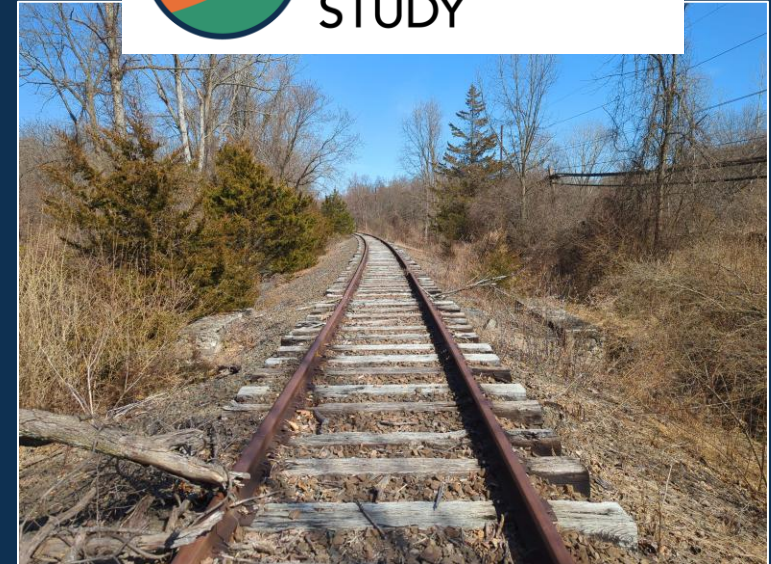


- Field investigations: August 28-29
 - Concept renderings to be developed for each
 - Main & Corlies, C/Poughkeepsie
 - Pinewoods Rd, T/Hyde Park
 - Rossway Rd, T/Pleasant Valley
 - East Main St, V/Wappingers Falls
 - Mechanic St, T/Amenia
 - Lake Walton Rd, T/East Fishkill
 - Merritt Blvd, T&V/Fishkill
- Desktop reviews: 1 per municipality & 1 County road
- Virtual Public Meeting held August 19 (recording & slides posted on webpage)

Planning Updates

6.b. Beacon-Hopewell Rail Trail Feasibility Study

- Advisory Committee meeting held August 14th
- Virtual public meeting held August 20th
 - Recording posted on [study website](#)
 - Over 90 attendees!
- Draft Final Report on study website
 - Comments requested by Sept. 12th



The most feasible option for this corridor is: Rail To Trail - converting the existing rail bed to a multi-use trail.

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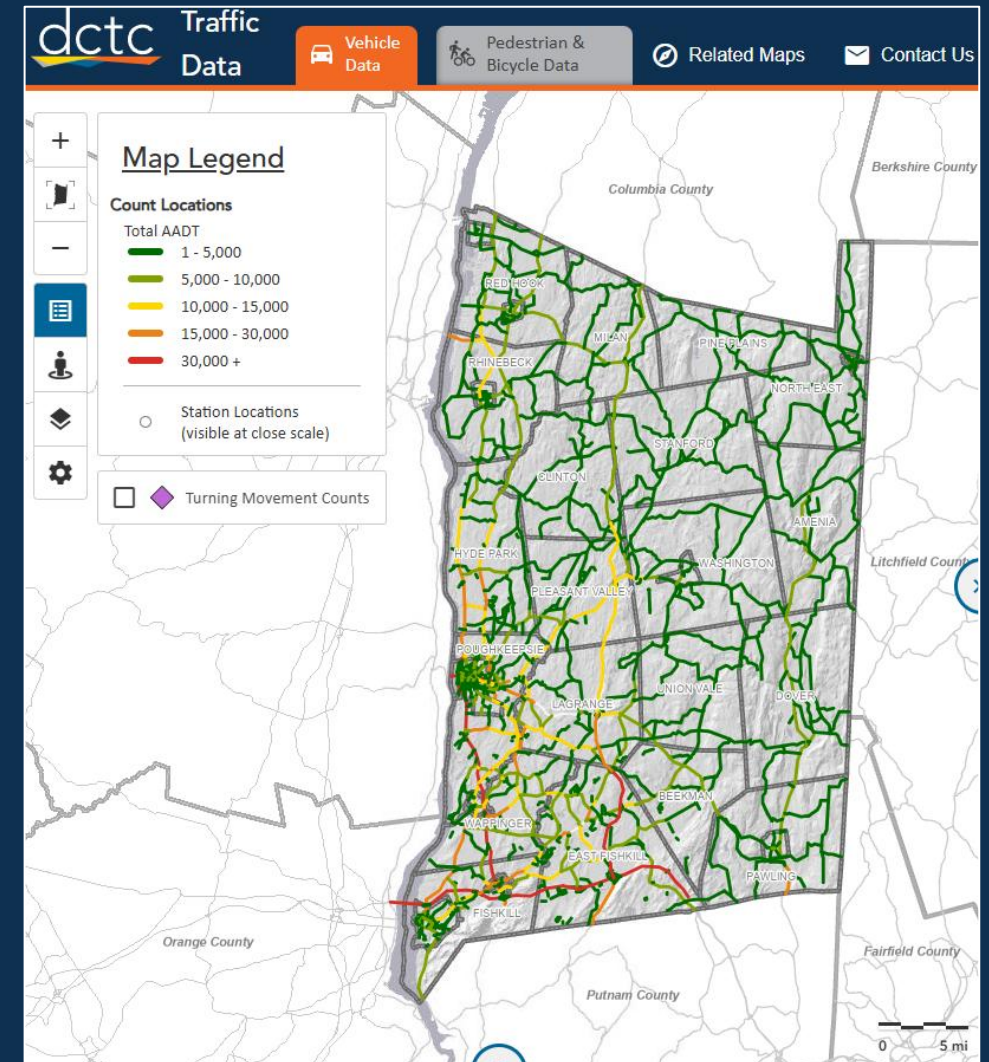
6.a. Coordinated Plan

- Held second AC meeting on August 6th
- Completed service provider and client surveys
- Next Steps:
 - Listening Sessions (in-person)
 - North East-Millerton Library
 - Red Hook Friendship Center
 - Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center
 - Stakeholder meetings with agencies/providers (virtual) (6 total)

Planning Updates

6.d. Traffic Count Program

- 2025 vehicle counts completed
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Counts
 - Sept. 20-27th
 - Volunteer counts: 21 locations
 - Video counts: 28 locations



Meeting Review

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Upcoming Meeting:

- **Planning Committee**
Wed., September 24th, 10 am