



The Millbrook Listening Project is a year-long community listening campaign being implemented by the Village of Millbrook & Town of Washington. It is designed to gather input from residents and identify the projects that matter most by prioritizing ideas that will make our town healthier and more resilient.

Q: What are the outcomes of the Millbrook Listening Project?

Through listening events, word of mouth, and online engagement, we seek to engage the greatest number of residents in the Town of Washington/Village of Millbrook to both submit ideas and vote on their **top three community priorities** that will ensure a more healthy and resilient environment and ensure **every voice is heard**.

Q: How can I submit my project idea and vote?

From October–December 2025, submit your idea online through the Millbrook Library website or at a local drop-off station. In Spring 2026, all residents in **eligible zip codes*** can vote for their top three priorities on a town-wide ballot.

Q: How can I get involved?

- **Share** your project idea 10/1 – 12/31 2025 (online form via Millbrook Library website or drop-off stations).
- **Vote** in Spring 2026.
- **Spread** the word to friends and neighbors.



***Eligible zip codes:** 12545, 12514, 12522, 12578, 12592

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What is the Funding Futures grant program? Who is Partners for Climate Action?

The Funding Futures grant program provides technical assistance and funding for selected applicants to facilitate environmentally-focused community listening campaigns in their towns. The process will result in each community coming to a consensus on priorities and establishing reliable funding streams to safeguard their natural features with the ultimate goal of keeping communities and ecosystems healthy and resilient. Millbrook/Washington was one of six communities awarded in order to conduct outreach and host events over a 1-year period.

Partners for Climate Action (PCA) was founded in 2019 and is primarily a grant-giving organization, raising their funding from donations and foundations. Its goal is to move multiple forms of capital to where they would be most relevant, efficient, and effective to catalyze local projects that benefit the living systems of the Hudson Valley. PCA's grant programs have gone towards ecological restoration, youth-led programs such as water quality testing, and increasing energy efficiency and installing clean energy projects in municipal, school, and nonprofit buildings. PCA has also trained cohorts of climate smart task force coordinators volunteering for their local municipal governments, and developed a sustainability hub program for libraries in the Mid-Hudson network.

Who is on the planning committee?

Members of the planning committee currently include representatives of the Town of Washington, Village of Millbrook, Millbrook Library, the Millbrook Business Association, Stonewood Farm, Innisfree Garden, Grace Church, Cary Institute, Millbrook School District, Millbrook Arts Group, the Millbrook Farmers Market, and other dedicated residents and neighbors of the Village of Millbrook and Town of Washington. Christopher Wilson, a resident of the Town of Washington, is the lead Funding Future Fellow and point of contact for the Millbrook Listening Project.

What should I expect out of this planning process?

The Millbrook Listening Project is a year-long listening campaign from July 2025-June 2026 that will engage residents in submitting their community project ideas and vote on their favorites in Spring 2026. Between October and December 2025, residents will be able to submit community project ideas through an online form or physical form through one of our drop-off stations. These community project ideas will then be presented and included in a town-wide ballot in Spring of 2026. The top three community priorities will then be presented publicly with a report given to the Partners for Climate Action that could lead to new funding. Again, the purpose of this planning process is to establish reliable funding streams by which to make these ideas a reality.



We are here to celebrate the people, traditions, and heritage that continue to influence us to stay in our home and welcome new neighbors to our community every day. Coming together to think critically about what matters to our town and to prioritize projects that will ensure the next generation inherits the same health and beauty we now enjoy is the outcome of the project.