

VOLUNTEER TOOLS TOWARDS EMPOWERMENT

COLOR YOUR PLANS: it's quick, it's simple, it points out the issues and becomes the tool for bargaining.

LEARN ALL YOUR TOWNS REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES: Knowledge is power and you can ensure each proposal follows your rules.

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE FROM YOUR PLANNER/ENGINEER: Meet with your town staff or the town consultants reviewing the plans to talk about the project and possible concerns.

CONDUCT A SITE WALK: WALK THE SITE WITH THE ENTIRE PLANNING BOARD. Have the developer stake building corners, roadway centerlines etc., this will give you an idea of scale of the project and the site.

INSPECT PROJECTS YOU'VE APPROVED: Bring your plans and compare them with what's been built.

NEGOCIATE FOR WHAT YOU WANT AND INSIST ON APPLICATIONS THAT ARE TOP QUALITY: Let the developer know what it is you want as far as the application as well as what will be on the site.

REVISE YOUR REGS IF YOU DON'T LIKE THEM: You and the voters of your town can insist on regs that work for your town. Do not rely on developers to make your town's dreams come true.