



TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

MEETING SUMMARY

Purpose: Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group (LWRAG) Meeting #8
Date and Time: April 12, 2017 3:00-5:00 pm
Location: Town Hall, Room 100-B, 445 Delaware Avenue
Attendees: See Attached

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome	Mr. Leslie (Town) and Ms. Hakes (MJ) welcomed the LWRAG to the meeting and reviewed the meeting agenda.	N/A
Discuss Proposed Projects/ Recommendations	<p>The discussion of proposed projects and recommendations will be found within Section IV of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). The proposed projects and recommendations will set the direction for the Town to implement the LWRP. In addition to describing the proposed projects and recommendations, project partners and stakeholders will also be identified. The proposed projects and recommendations will be connected to the New York State Coastal Policies as managed by the New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) and the LWRP's Section II Inventory and Analysis.</p> <p>The LWRAG reviewed an internal working draft list of proposed projects and recommendations. The draft list was compiled using projects and recommendations identified in the 2010 LWRP, comments from the Local Waterfront Revitalization Area Group (LWRAG), and public comments received at Public Workshop #1.</p> <p>For discussion purposes, the proposed projects and recommendations were classified into one (1) of the following eight (8) categories which are reflective of the Inventory and Analysis topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zoning and Land Use ▪ Infrastructure 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Natural and Environmental Resources and Water Quality ▪ Historic, Cultural, and Scenic Resources ▪ Open Space, Public Access, Recreation, and Tourism ▪ Economic Development ▪ Resiliency ▪ Waterfront Revitalization Partners <p>The LWRAG discussed the applicability of each proposed project and recommendation while noting that it is important to develop specific projects during this LWRP update. Through this process, several of the proposed projects and recommendations were removed from the draft list because they have been addressed or are currently being addressed. Additionally, several projects were thought to remain applicable within the proposed waterfront revitalization area (WRA), but would serve as support for a larger project. As a result, these standalone projects were folded into a more defined, larger project.</p> <p>The following proposed projects and recommendations remained after the LWRAG discussion.</p> <p><u>Zoning and Land Use</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to expand land conservation initiatives in the southern portion of the waterfront area such as conservation easements, acquisitions, and programming ▪ Develop design guidelines for rural roadways (such as Clapper Road and Weisheit Road) ▪ Update zoning to reflect LWRP recommendations <p><u>Infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Perform Corridor Study for the NYS Route 144/River Road Corridor to Assess Improvements Related to Speed Reduction, Safe Crossings, and Access for Bicyclists and Pedestrians ▪ Evaluate Opportunities to Reduce Wastewater Treatment Plant Odors and Upgrade the Existing Plant <p><u>Natural and Environmental Resources and Water Quality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protect and Restore Fish and Wildlife Habitats ▪ Continue to Protect Water Quality of the Hudson River and Tributaries (stormwater regulations, non-point source pollution, etc.) 	<p>MJ to revise proposed projects/ recommendations list based on discussion and send to Town and LWRAG for review.</p>
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	<p><u>Historic, Cultural, and Scenic Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a Heritage and Nature-based Tourism Strategy with Regional Partners ▪ Develop a Scenic Overlay District to Preserve and Improve Viewing Opportunities of the Taconic Mountains and the Hudson River ▪ Create a Self-guided History Trail <p><u>Open Space, Public Access, Recreation, and Tourism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish Clear Gateways in the Waterfront Area (provide signage, landscaping, informational kiosks, etc.) ▪ Partner with Property Owners Along Waterfront to Enhance Public Access (Moh-He-Con-Nuck Nature Preserve, Glenmont Job Corps Facility, etc.) ▪ Develop a Multi-use Path Along NYS Route 144/River Road ▪ Explore Options for Developing a Riverfront Trail Along the Length of the Hudson River ▪ Provide Safe Bike and Pedestrian Connections to the Waterfront (possible route: Wemple Road to Weisheit Road to Clapper Road) ▪ Partner with Scenic Hudson to Enhance Public Access to the Baker Farm Site <p><u>Economic Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support Existing Businesses and Industry ▪ Enhance Marine-based Commercial and Industrial Activities in the Northern Portion of the Waterfront Area ▪ Establish New Business Activities Where Appropriate <p><u>Resiliency</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plan for the Impact of Sea-Level Rise Projections on Improvements Along the Waterfront ▪ Enhance Resiliency of Public Infrastructure (floodproof buildings, elevate mechanicals, etc.) ▪ Provide Educational Opportunities to Private Businesses Along the Waterfront to Build Resiliency <p><u>Waterfront Revitalization Partners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinate with Neighboring Communities on Riverfront Development Initiatives ▪ Partner with Regional Municipalities to Designate a Portion of NYS Route 144/River Road as a NYS Scenic Byway ▪ Partner with State and Federal Agencies to Implement Recommendations Related to NYS Route 	
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	<p style="text-align: center;">144/River Road (NYSDOT, NYSDEC, etc.)</p> <p>The following proposed projects and recommendations have been removed from the draft list. An explanation for removal, as provided by the LWRAG, is included.</p> <p><u>Zoning and Land Use</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Examine potential for new compact residential development. <i>LWRAG deemed no longer applicable.</i> ▪ Review land dedication standards as part of an open space plan. <i>LWRAG deemed no longer applicable. The Town is currently developing a Town-wide Open Space Plan.</i> ▪ Consider privacy protection for existing residential development. <i>LWRAG deemed no longer applicable. The Town zoning code addresses privacy related issues in buffer requirements, etc.</i> ▪ Develop adaptive re-use incentives. <i>LWRAG deemed not applicable to properties within the proposed WRA.</i> <p><u>Infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manage, maintain, and reinvest in public infrastructure. <i>LWRAG deemed not applicable. The Town is managing, maintaining, and reinvesting in public infrastructure, as appropriate</i> ▪ Relocate existing sewer plant. <i>LWRAG deemed this would not be financially viable, but that other projects and recommendations related to the sewer plant might address issues.</i> <p><u>Natural and Environmental Resources and Water Quality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider improving industrial design policies with performance standards. <i>LWRAG deemed this not applicable. Industrial design is to follow existing Town zoning code and regulations.</i> ▪ Support potential expansion of bio-reserve. <i>LWRAG deemed this not applicable. The bio-reserve is currently fully functioning.</i> 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider establishing a green district. <i>LWRAG deemed that other projects and recommendations are addressing “green” approaches.</i> ▪ Pursue creation of a bird and/or butterfly sanctuary. <i>LWRAG deemed this not applicable. The very nature of Moh-He-Con-Nuck Nature Preserve and conserved lands, for example, already provides bird/butterfly habitat.</i> ▪ Develop native planting requirements. <i>LWRAG deemed this not applicable. Planting requirements already identified in Town zoning code requirements.</i> ▪ Establish an ecological education center. <i>LWRAG deemed this not applicable with the proposed WRA. An educational center exists at Five Rivers.</i> ▪ Improve shoreline stabilization. <i>LWRAG agreed this should be moved to the Henry Hudson Park Master Plan recommendations.</i> <p><u>Historic, Cultural, and Scenic Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support the development of a cultural center, cultural museum, or settler’s museum. <i>LWRAG deemed this not applicable within the proposed WRA. A museum already exists at the Bethlehem Historical Association (1003 River Road).</i> <p><u>Open Space, Public Access, Recreation, and Tourism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support the development of a waterfront restaurant. <i>LWRAG agreed this should be modified to reflect support services, not specifically a restaurant, to support visitors of Henry Hudson Park. Additionally, this project was moved to the Henry Hudson Park recommendations list.</i> ▪ Create an underwater viewing station. <i>LWRAG deemed this not applicable.</i> ▪ Create an outdoor performance space. <i>LWRAG agreed this should be moved to the Henry Hudson Park Master Plan because the park pavilion could serve as an outdoor performance space.</i> 	
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	<p>Given meeting time constraints, the following categories were modified based on general feedback received by the LWRAG during LWRAG meeting #8. The LWRAG is to review the remaining proposed projects and recommendations and provide any comments to MJ within one (1) week.</p> <p><u>Economic Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider mixed use/retail-based development. <i>LWRAG deemed this no longer applicable because this is addressed in existing zoning.</i> ▪ Create a farming support center. <i>LWRAG deemed this not applicable.</i> ▪ Plan for redevelopment of the Bohl excavation site. <i>LWRAG deemed this no longer applicable.</i> <p><u>Resiliency</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider resiliency improvements along Van Weis Point shoreline. <i>LWRAG deemed this not applicable as other proposed recommendations regarding resiliency would address this.</i> <p><u>Waterfront Revitalization Partners</u> No projects removed/changed.</p>	<p>LWRAG to finish reviewing the draft list of proposed projects and recommendations and provide any comments to MJ.</p>
<p>Preparation for Public Meeting #2</p>	<p>Ms. Hakes described the format of Public Workshop #2. The meeting will be an open house format with the option to have a brief 20-minute presentation. Facilitated stations will be set up around the Town Hall auditorium to gain public input about proposed land uses and proposed projects and recommendations. There will also be a station dedicated specifically to the Henry Hudson Park Master Plan.</p> <p>The LWRAG agreed with the open house format, noting that a formal presentation at some point would be beneficial to attendees. In addition, the LWRAG requested that a presentation be set up on a loop at its own station. This presentation will contain background information about the project and what the purpose of Public Workshop #2. A participant guide will also be developed describing each station.</p>	<p>MJ to provide public meeting announcement handout to Town and LWRAG.</p>

<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Public Workshop #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tuesday, April 25, 2017 ▪ 6PM – 8 PM ▪ Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue 	<p>MJ to develop public meeting display boards, looping presentation, formal presentation, and participant guide for public meeting.</p>
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This meeting summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and agreements reached at this meeting. Please forward any additions, corrections and/or questions to my attention.

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cc: Town of Bethlehem Planning Division Staff, Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group (LWRAG), New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) Representative, File

For additional project information, please visit the following link:
<http://www.townofbethlehem.org/746/Local-Waterfront-Revitalization-Advisory>



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