

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE & HENRY HUDSON PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

OPEN HOUSE/PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2
APRIL 25, 2017



AGENDA

1. Welcome / Introductions
2. LWRP Program Overview
3. Project Overview
4. Project Scope / Process
5. Schedule
6. Open House Stations
8. Next Steps



PROJECT TEAM



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- Town of Bethlehem
- NYS Department of State (DOS)
- Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group (LWRAG)
- MJ Engineering / PLACE Alliance Consultant Team



LWRAG MEMBERS

LWRAG members include:

| Name | Affiliation |
|--------------------|---|
| Ann Morin | Glenmont Job Corps |
| Charlotte Buchanan | Van Wies Point Resident |
| David VanLuven | Town Board |
| Jeff Anzevino | Scenic Hudson |
| Joan Gavrilik | Friend of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation |
| Joann Dawson | Former Town Board Member |
| John Clarkson | Town Supervisor |
| John Sherman | Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy |
| John Smolinsky | Planning Board Chairman |
| Lisa Evans | Waterfront Resident |
| Mark Poole | Innovative Surface Solutions |
| Maureen Cunningham | Hudson River Watershed Alliance/Town Resident |
| Nan Lanahan | Parks and Recreation |
| Nava Tabak | Scenic Hudson |
| Peter Thomas | Friends of the Rail Trail |
| Sam Messina | Former Town Supervisor |
| William Clancy | PSEG |



LWRP PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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- Local Waterfront Revitalization Program* (**LWRP**)
- **Voluntary program** established to implement the NYS Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Area and Inland Waterways Act and participate in the NYS Coastal Management Program
- Intended to **guide the future of waterfront communities** regarding land use, growth, economic development, and environmental conservation



* Department of State program identified in NYS Executive Law Article 42



LWRP PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Reflects **Community Consensus** and Aligns with Local Plans and Programs
- Provides Clear Direction for **Appropriate Future Development**
- Step by Step **Process for Implementation**
- Establishes Long-Term **Partnerships**
- Requires **consistency review**: Any State/Federal permitting, funding or direct actions must be consistent with approved LWRP to extent practicable



PROJECT OVERVIEW



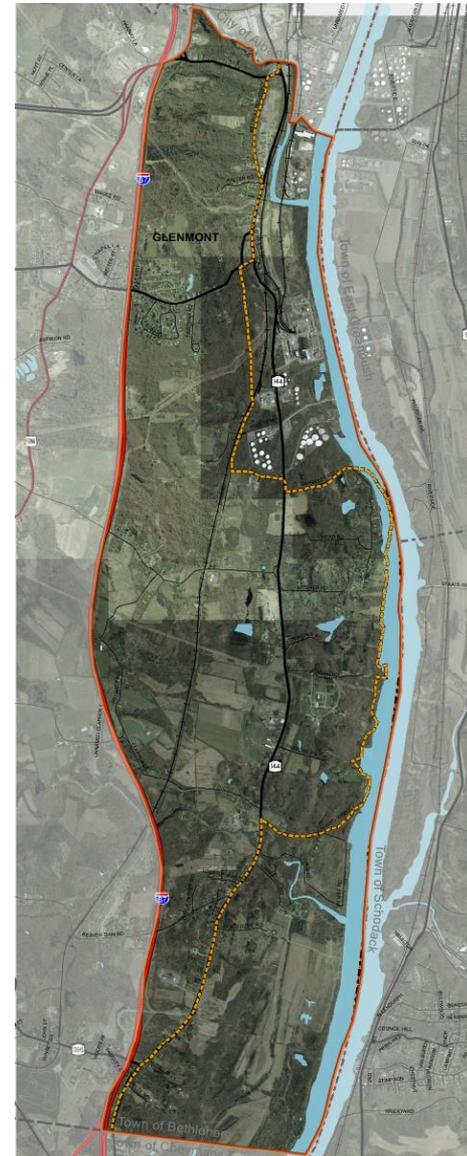
PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Update to 2010 LWRP draft
- Community Engagement
- Result is a document including:
 - Existing Conditions Evaluation
 - Mapping
 - Opportunities/Needs Identification
 - Projects/Recommendations
 - Implementation Steps



PROJECT GOALS

1. Encourage New Economic Activity
2. Improve Public Access
3. Increase Recreational Use of River
4. Protect and Restore Natural Resources
5. Address Climate Change
6. Evaluate Water Level in Relation to Development
7. Support Sustainability and Resiliency



DRAFT WATERFRONT VISION

*Bethlehem celebrates and promotes the unique and diverse **character of its historic 10-mile waterfront** on the Hudson River. Actions in this area are governed by a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program -- the result of bold planning -- which addresses promoting **sustainable economic growth**, preserving the diverse character and **ecological resources** of this area, improving public awareness and **access to the waterfront**, enhancing related **public recreational opportunities**, and building long-term **resiliency**.*

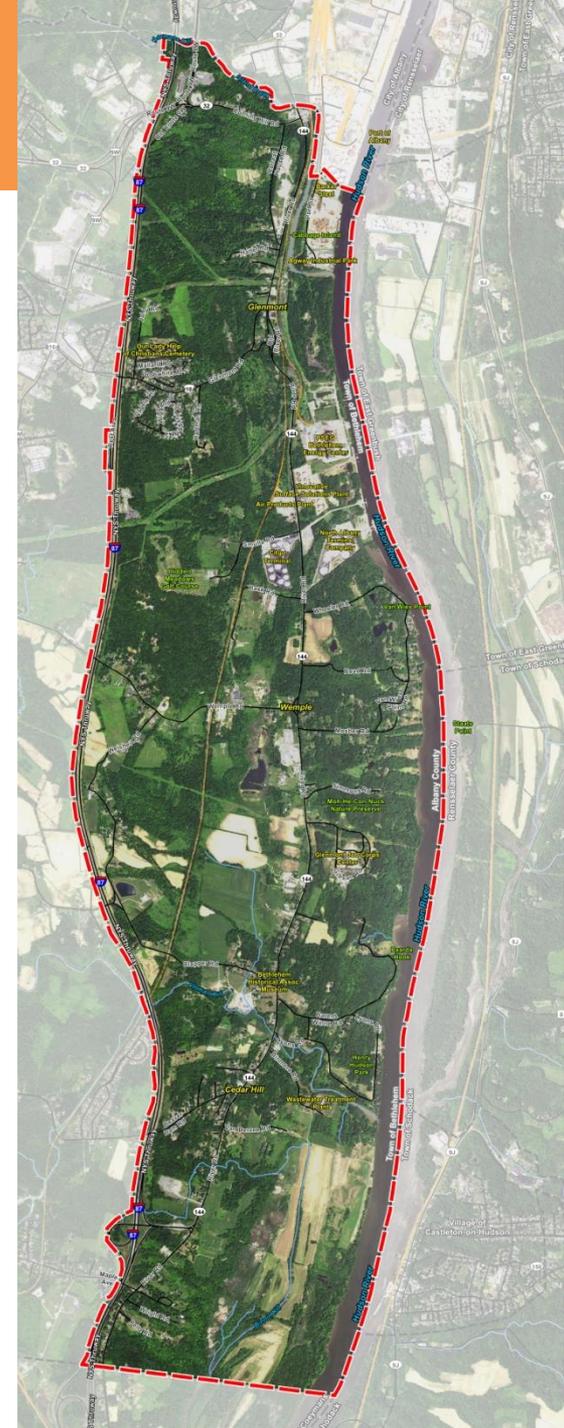


PROJECT STUDY AREA

- Proposed Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA)



- Approval of the LWRP by the Secretary of State also means that the proposed WRA will become the new coastal area boundary triggering the need for consistency review



PROJECT STUDY AREA

- Bound by municipal boundaries to north (Albany) and south (Coeymans)
- Bound by Hudson River to east
- Bound by I-87 (NYS Thruway) to west
- Includes Hudson River tributaries, floodplains and key roads providing opportunities to connect to the waterfront
- Includes all land and water uses of significant impact to the waterfront

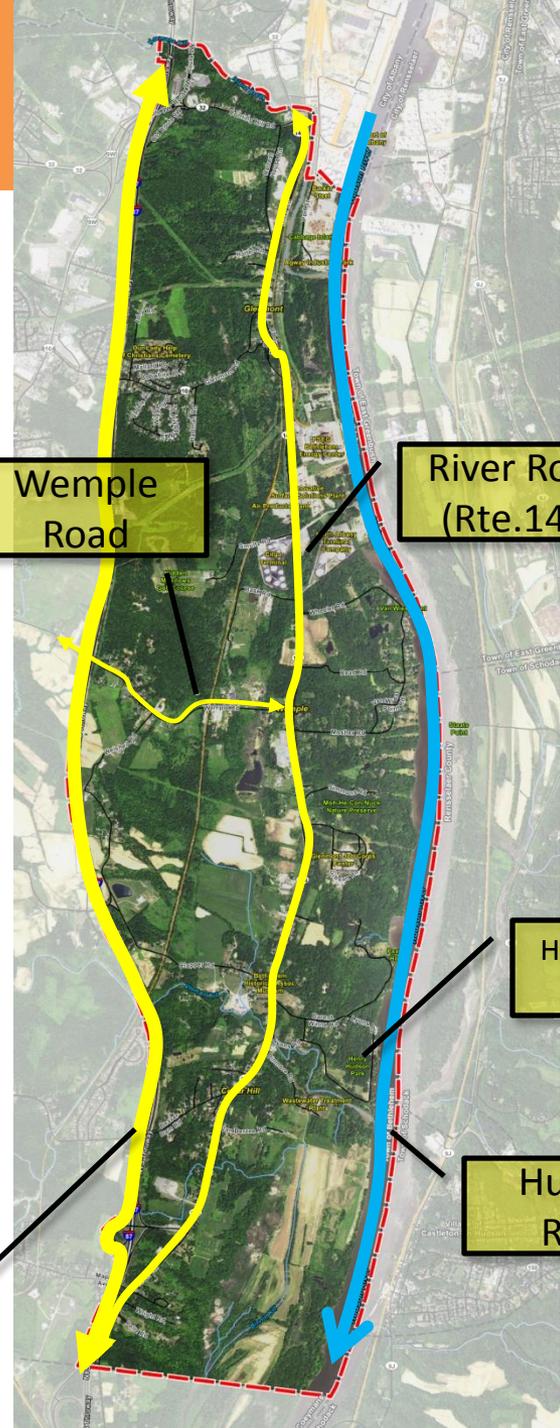
Interstate 87
(Thruway)

Wemple
Road

River Road
(Rte.144)

Henry Hudson
Park

Hudson
River



PROJECT SCOPE



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Scope Tasks:

6. Project Meeting
7. Community Outreach
8. Define Boundary
9. Inventory and Analysis
10. Public Meeting #1
11. Coastal Policies
12. Proposed Uses and Projects
13. Public Meeting #2
14. Local Implementation Techniques
15. Public Meeting #3
16. Federal-State Actions and Programs
17. Local Commitment
18. SEQRA Compliance
19. Draft LWRP
20. Final Public Hearing/Meeting
21. Final LWRP
22. Henry Hudson Master Plan Update

Note: Tasks 1-5 are Town Administrative Tasks



SCHEDULE



ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

Anticipated Task Schedule

| Task # | Task | Completion Date |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 6 | Project Meeting | June 2016* |
| 7 | Community Outreach Plan | June 2016 |
| 8 | Define WRA Boundary | July 2016* |
| 9 | Inventory and Analysis | September 2016* |
| 10 | First Public Meeting | October 2016 |
| 11 | Coastal Policies | January 2017* |
| 12 | Proposed Uses and Projects | March 2017* |
| 13 | Second Public Meeting | April 2017 |
| 14 | Implementation Techniques | May 2017* |

*Up to 10 LWRAG meetings are proposed during the process.



ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

| Task # | Task | Completion Date |
|--------|--|---|
| 15 | Third Public Meeting | To Be Scheduled |
| 16 | Federal and State Actions and Programs | August 2017 |
| 17 | Local Commitment | September 2017 |
| 18 | SEQRA Compliance | September 2017 |
| 19 | Draft LWRP | July 2017* – Sept. 2017 (60-day review period) |
| 20 | Final Public Hearing/Meeting | September 2017* |
| 21 | Final LWRP Amendment | October 2017* |
| 22 | Henry Hudson Master Plan Update | July 2017* |



OPEN HOUSE STATIONS



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- Station 1: About The Project
- Station 2: New York State Coastal Policies
- **Station 3: Proposed Land Uses**
- **Station 4: Proposed Projects and Recommendations**
- **Station 5: Henry Hudson Park Master Plan Update**



STATION 1 : ABOUT THE PROJECT

- Find out about the LWRP, understand why the Town of Bethlehem is participating and learn what the outcome will be.

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

STATION 1: ABOUT THE PROJECT

Find out about the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, understand why the Town of Bethlehem is participating, and learn what the outcome will be.

BACKGROUND

The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is administered by the New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) and includes the creation of a planning document and a program to implement the planning document. The Town of Bethlehem began preparing an LWRP draft in 2006. This project will update the existing draft.

In 2013, the Town's Comprehensive Plan Assessment Committee recommended the Town update the draft LWRP and provide a list of goals and objectives to be reflected in the update. As a result, the Town Board established a Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group to aid the Project Team with the LWRP Update. This Advisory Group consists of Town residents, stakeholders, business owners, and Town officials.

PURPOSE

The LWRP Update is intended to guide the future of the Town of Bethlehem waterfront regarding land use, growth, economic development, and environmental conservation, and identify a detailed process for implementation. The LWRP will serve as a guide for decision making when evaluating policies, programs, and projects within the riverfront areas.



OUTCOME

An approved LWRP reflects community consensus, provides a clear direction for appropriate future development, and establishes long-term partnerships between the Town, community-based organizations, and the State. The LWRP also identifies funding opportunities to implement recommendations identified. Any State permitting, funding, and direct actions, to the extent practicable, must be consistent with an approved LWRP. Similarly, within the federally defined coastal area boundary, federal agency activities are also required to be consistent with an approved LWRP. This consistency provision ensures a collective vision for a stronger economy and a healthier environment.

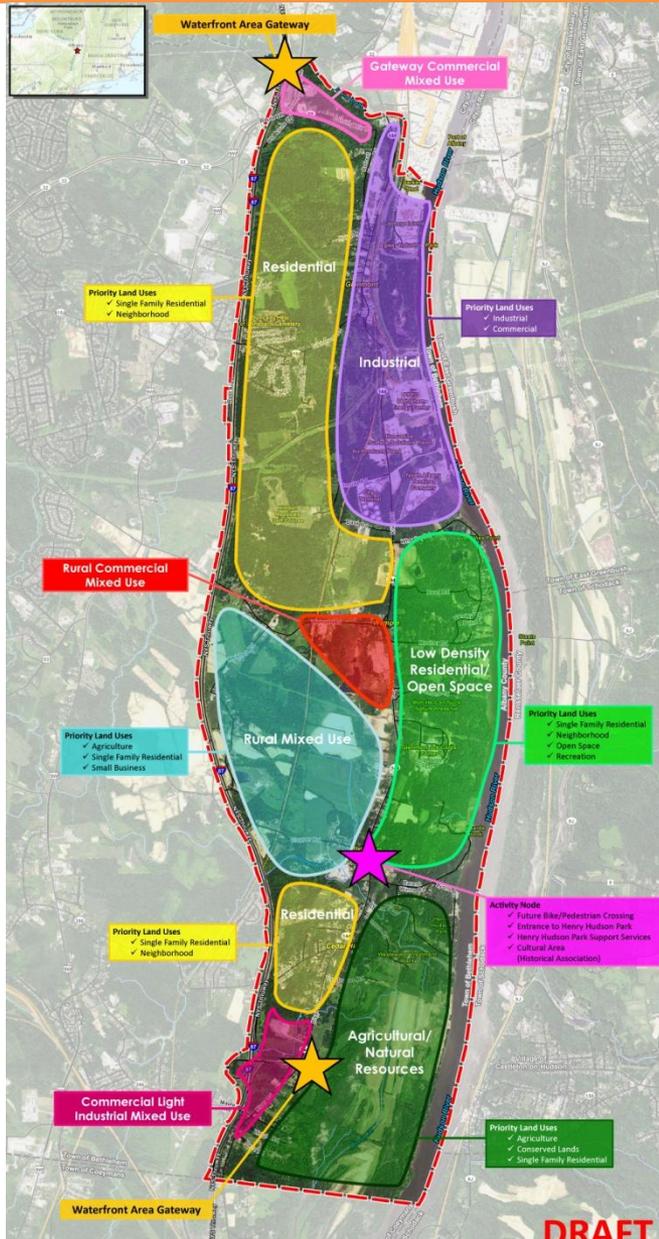


STATION 2 : NYS COASTAL POLICIES

- Learn about the Coastal Management Program, as administered by the New York State Department of State (NYSDOS)
- This program provides a means for improving coordination between each level of government (local, state, and federal), in part by spelling out **44 policy statements**
- Agencies are required to take into account the interrelationships that exist in the coastal area as a whole and this is known as a consistency review.



STATION 3: PROPOSED LAND USES



STATION 4: PROPOSED PROJECTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Sets direction for the Town to implement LWRP
- Identify partners/stakeholders
- Connect to:
 - Coastal Policies
 - Inventory and Analysis Needs / Opportunities



STATION 4: PROPOSED PROJECTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Topic Areas:
 - ✓ Zoning and Land Use
 - ✓ Infrastructure
 - ✓ Economic Development
 - ✓ Resiliency
 - ✓ Natural, Environmental Resources / Water Quality
 - ✓ Historic, Cultural, Scenic Resources
 - ✓ Open Space, Public Access, Recreation



STATION 5: HENRY HUDSON PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- Existing Conditions
- Walk and Talk Charrette
- Public Comment
- Advisory Group Input



STATION 5: HENRY HUDSON PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- **Key Design Considerations**
 - Accommodate Existing Uses
 - Accommodate users of all ages and abilities
 - Improve park functionality and traffic/parking safety
 - Shoreline stabilization
 - Encourage recreation, physical activity, and exploration of nature
 - Maintain passive nature of Henry Hudson Park
 - Design resilience for flooding conditions



NEXT STEPS



NEXT STEPS

- Summarize Public Input
- LWRAG Meeting #9
- Refine Proposed Land Uses
- Refine Proposed Projects and Recommendations
- Public Workshop #3 – TBD



THANK YOU!

For more information visit:

[http://www.townofbethlehem.org/746/
Local-Waterfront-Revitalization-Advisory](http://www.townofbethlehem.org/746/Local-Waterfront-Revitalization-Advisory)

or email comments to:

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