



TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

MEETING SUMMARY

Purpose: Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group (LWRAG) Meeting #9
Date and Time: June 12, 2017 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Location: Town Hall, Room 100-B, 445 Delaware Avenue
Attendees: See Attachment A

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
Public Meeting #2 Summary/ Feedback	<p>Ms. Gaynor (MJ) provided a brief summary of public meeting #2 and the feedback received. The meeting was held on April 25, 2017 at the Town of Bethlehem Town Hall from 6PM to 8PM. Over 40 residents, property owners, and other stakeholders participated in the meeting.</p> <p>The following activity stations were provided for participants of the public workshop:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. About the Project 2. NYS Coastal Policies 3. Proposed Land Uses 4. Proposed Projects 5. Henry Hudson Park Master Plan Update <p>Additionally, a formal presentation outlining the project and the intentions of the meeting was given. A blank easel pad was also provided for meeting participants to share other ideas they have for the proposed Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA).</p> <p>Some of the public comments discussed included the request of some residents for expansion of sewer and water services, specifically to the Van Wies Point area. The previous Town Draft LWRP included discussion of possible service expansion to the study area. Other comments noted the fact that expansion of infrastructure would encourage more development.</p>	N/A

	<p>It was noted that for all proposed project and land uses, it is important to balance preserving existing conditions versus what is desired in the future. All public comments were documented and included as part of the Public Meeting #2 summary, which is posted on the project website.</p>	
<p>Confirm Proposed Land Uses</p>	<p>The proposed land uses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Residential ▪ Industrial ▪ Rural Mixed Use ▪ Low Density Residential/Open Space ▪ Agricultural/Natural Resource ▪ Commercial Mixed Use ▪ Rural Commercial Mixed Use ▪ Commercial Light Industrial Mixed Use <p>There was discussion by the LWRAG of the issue of the request by some residents in the study area for an expansion of sewer and water infrastructure; how best to address that topic with the proposed projects list and how to address development pressure that would be a result of expanded infrastructure.</p> <p>It was noted that the proposed land uses map could be updated to expand the proposed Rural Commercial Mixed Use area. There was discussion of the Wheeler Road Residential Hamlet (RH) zone area that allows commercial uses could be where the Rural Commercial Mixed Use area could expand to. More information would be needed on the feasibility of expanding services for sewer and water. MJ noted that Section 4 of the LWRP, which includes the project list, would include a feasibility study for infrastructure expansion. A feasibility study recommendation does not mean a service expansion will be made.</p>	<p>MJ to adjust proposed land use map per direction from LWRAG regarding the proposed Rural Commercial Mixed Use land use.</p>
<p>Confirm Proposed Projects</p>	<p>A working draft list of the proposed projects was discussed. See Attachment B for a working draft of the proposed projects list.</p> <p>The working draft of the proposed projects list was compiled based on the number of priority dots a particular project received at Public Meeting #2. Each project falls under a specific topic area. The following list of topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Natural and Environmental Resources and Water Quality ▪ Resiliency ▪ Zoning and Land Use ▪ Infrastructure ▪ Waterfront Revitalization Partners ▪ Historical, Cultural, and Scenic Resources ▪ Open Space, Public Access, Recreation, and Tourism ▪ Economic Development 	<p>MJ to refine project list and combine similar projects per direction by the LWRAG.</p> <p>MJ to revise potential project lead lists to be reviewed by Town staff and LWRAG.</p>

	The working draft list contains broader project headers with supporting projects underneath. It was noted that several projects, such as the resiliency projects, could be refined and/or combined.	
Next Steps	LWRAG Meeting #10 to be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Town Hall.	MJ to continue to work on Draft LWRP.

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.

Submitted by:
 Kristen Gaynor
 Planner

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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Peter Thomas	Committee	
Joan Garrilek	Area of Parks & Recreation	
Mureen Cunningham	Hudson River Watershed Alliance	
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#	ID	PROPOSED PROJECT/RECOMMENDATION	DOT COUNT	TOPIC AREA	POTENTIAL PROJECT LEAD
1	A	Continue to protect water quality of the Hudson River and tributaries (stormwater regulations, non-point source pollution, etc.) a. Implement MS4 stormwater regulations in accordance with NYSDEC requirements b. Update zoning to include a XX foot stream buffer that limits clearing, grading and development that could impact water quality. c. Conduct a green infrastructure evaluation to determine best areas of the WRA to implement green infrastructure techniques.	13	Natural and Environmental Resources and Water Quality	a. Town: Planning/Engineering b. Town: Planning c. Town: Planning/Engineering
2	B	Plan for the impact of projected sea-level rise on improvements along waterfront a. See Henry Hudson Park Recommendations b. See Project U – Educational Opportunities to businesses about resiliency best practices c. Conduct evaluation of public assets at risk and identify techniques to improve resiliency d. Modify site plan requirements to include resiliency practices for areas projected to experience sea level rise	11	Resiliency	a. Town: Planning/Engineering/Recreation
3	C	Continue to expand voluntary land conservation initiatives in the southern portion of the waterfront area (such as conservation easements, acquisitions, and programming) through educational opportunities and outreach. a. Complete and implement Open Space Plan	10	Zoning and Land Use	a. Town: Conservation Easement Review Board
4	D	Perform corridor study for the NYS Route 144/River Road corridor to assess improvements related to speed reduction, safe crossings, and access for bikes and pedestrians	8	Infrastructure	a. Town: Planning/Engineering
4	E	Partner with state and federal agencies to implement recommendations related to NYS Route 144/River Road (NYSDOT, NYSDEC, etc.) (See Project D)	8	Waterfront Revitalization Partners	a. Town: Planning/Engineering
5	F	Protect and restore fish and wildlife habitats a. Design and construct an educational kiosk providing information about invasive plant species and recommendations to reduce impact.	7	Natural and Environmental Resources and Water Quality	a. Town/Community project (boy scouts, school project, etc)
5	G	Develop a heritage and nature-based tourism strategy with regional partners b. Prepare a Heritage and Nature Based Tourism Strategy	7	Historic, Cultural, and Scenic Resources	a. Town: Planning/Historical Society
6	H	Explore options for developing a riverfront trail along the length of the Hudson River a. Conduct a Riverfront Trail Feasibility Study	6	Open Space, Public Access, Recreation, and Tourism	a. Town: Planning/Engineering
6	I	Establish new business activities where appropriate a. Continue the IDA-sponsored business roundtable discussions b. Continue IDA-managed incentives and small business support c. Continue to manage and update the available commercial and industrial properties listing on the IDA website d. Conduct market analysis with focus on WRA to identify regional trends and businesses that could be supported within the WRA.	6	Economic Development	a. Town: Planning/IDA
6	J	Coordinate with neighboring communities on riverfront development initiatives a. Conduct an annual or bi-annual riverfront communities roundtable to discuss similar and shared issues/opportunities	6	Waterfront Revitalization Partners	a. Town: Planning
7	K	Develop a scenic overlay district to preserve and improve viewing opportunities of the Taconic Mountains and the Hudson River b. Designate key scenic views and corridors	5	Historic, Cultural, and Scenic Resources	a. Town: Planning
7	L	Provide safe bike and pedestrian connections to the waterfront (possible route: Wemple Road to Weisheit Road to Clapper Road) a. Implement the Bicycle Network and include safe crossings at key locations. This should be coordinated with the River Road Transportation Corridor Study	5	Open Space, Public Access, Recreation, and Tourism	a. Town: Planning/Engineering
7	M	Partner with Scenic Hudson to enhance public access to the Baker Farm Site a. Establish a Baker Farm Site Enhancement Plan to identify steps to improve public access and connect to the proposed Riverfront Trail.	5	Open Space, Public Access, Recreation, and Tourism	a. Scenic Hudson/Town
8	N	Evaluate opportunities to reduce wastewater treatment plant odors and upgrade existing plant a. Identify funding to design and implement the 2012 Sewer Master Plan	3	Infrastructure	a. Town: Engineering

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8	O	Develop a multi-use path along NYS Route 144/River Road a. Conduct a feasibility study for a multi-use path on River Road	3	Open Space, Public Access, Recreation, and Tourism	a. Town: Planning/Engineering
8	P	Partner with property owners along waterfront to enhance public access (Moh-He-Con-Nuck Nature Preserve, Glenmont Job Corps Facility, etc.) a. Include with the Riverfront Trail feasibility Study	3	Open Space, Public Access, Recreation, and Tourism	a. Town: Conservation Easement Review Board
8	Q	Support growth of existing businesses and industry (see I)	3	Economic Development	a. Town: Planning/IDA
8	R	Enhance resiliency of public infrastructure (elevate mechanicals, flood-proof buildings, etc.) a. Create plan to approach enhanced resiliency including identification of specific suggests for each public asset that may be at risk within the WRA.	3	Resiliency	a. Town: Planning with Various
9	S	Create a self-guided history tour including a brochure with key destinations and historical information.	2	Historic, Cultural, and Scenic Resources	a. Historical Society
9	T	Enhance marine-based commercial and industrial activities in the northern portion of the waterfront area a. Continue IDA efforts to attract, retain and grown marine-based businesses	2	Economic Development	a. Town: Planning/IDA
9	U	Provide education opportunities to private businesses along the waterfront to build resiliency a. Develop educational brochure about sea level rise and resiliency b. Hold periodic educational forums or include resiliency educational component with regularly scheduled forums	2	Resiliency	a. Town: Planning/IDA b. Town: Planning/IDA
9	V	Partner with neighboring municipalities to designate portion of NYS Route 144/River Road as a NYS Scenic Byway	2	Waterfront Revitalization Partners	a. Town Board
10	W	Establish gateways for the waterfront area (provide signage, landscaping, informational kiosks, etc.)	1	Open Space, Public Access, Recreation, and Tourism	a. Town: Planning/Engineering
11	X	Develop design guidelines for rural roadways (such as Clapper Road and Weisheit Road)	0	Zoning and Land Use	a. Town: Planning
11	Y	Update zoning to reflect LWRP recommendations	0	Zoning and Land Use	a. Town: Planning

Others to discuss:

- a. Henry Hudson Park Recommendations (See separate document)
- b. Infrastructure improvements (sewer):
 - a. Evaluate the feasibility of extending public sewer to neighborhoods currently on individual septic systems.
 - b. Fund and Implement improvements at the Clapper Road Water Treatment Plan