



# TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

## LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

### MEETING SUMMARY

**Purpose:** LWRP Update – Public Workshop #3  
**Date and Time:** October 24, 2017, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar  
**Attendees:** See Attachment A

Agenda Item	Discussion
<p><b>Overview</b></p>	<p>On Tuesday, October 24, 2017, the Town of Bethlehem held the third public workshop/open house for the Town of Bethlehem Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Update and the Henry Hudson Park Master Plan Update. The workshop was held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Town Hall at 445 Delaware Avenue. Approximately 20 residents, property owners, and other stakeholders participated in the event (see <b>Attachment A</b> for sign-in sheets).</p> <p>The public workshop included a series of activity stations that introduced the project and gathered feedback on refined proposed projects/recommendations as well as implementation techniques. A formal presentation outlining the project and the intentions of the meeting was given.</p> <p>Public Workshop/Open House: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm            Formal Presentation: 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm</p>
<p><b>Open House Activity Stations</b></p>	<p><u>Activity Station 1: About the Project</u>            This station provided information about the LWRP Update. The board displayed at this station provided an overview of the program as well as its intended purpose and outcome. Additionally, an aerial map of the proposed Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA) and a looping project presentation was provided.</p> <p><u>Activity Station 2: New York State Coastal Policies</u>            This station provided information about the New York State’s State Coastal Policies. The New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) administers the Coastal Management Program. This program provides a means for improving coordination between each level of government (local, state, federal), in part by spelling out 44 coastal policy statements. This approach ensures that future actions in the coastal area will not interfere with the State’s long-term commitment to achieve the most beneficial use of coastal resources for society.</p>

	<p>Each of the 44 statements promotes the beneficial use of coastal resources, prevents their impairment, or deals with major activities that substantially affect numerous resources. In all cases, State agency actions are required to be consistent with the approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) upon approval by the Secretary of State. The approval of the LWRP also means that the proposed Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA) will become the new coastal area boundary, hence the need for consistency review. The 44 coastal policy statements were listed on two presentation boards at this station for review by meeting participants.</p> <p><u>Activity Station 3: Proposed Projects and Recommendations</u> This station allowed meeting participants to review the refined projects and share their input in a blank comment area.</p> <p>Each proposed project and recommendation was categorized into one of the following eight (8) topic areas in no particular order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Zoning and Land Use</li> <li>▪ Infrastructure</li> <li>▪ Natural and Environmental Resources and Water Quality</li> <li>▪ Historic, Cultural, and Scenic Resources</li> <li>▪ Open Space, Public Access, Recreation, and Tourism</li> <li>▪ Economic Development</li> <li>▪ Resiliency</li> <li>▪ Waterfront Revitalization Partners</li> </ul> <p>Similar to the proposed land uses, each proposed project and recommendation was developed by taking into consideration the following resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2010 LWRP Proposed Projects and Recommendations</li> <li>▪ LWRP Vision Statement</li> <li>▪ LWRP Project Goals</li> <li>▪ LWRP Existing Conditions Inventory and Analysis</li> <li>▪ Local Waterfront Revitalization Advisory Group (LWRAG) Comment</li> <li>▪ Public Comment from previous public meetings</li> </ul> <p><u>Activity Station 5: Henry Hudson Park Master Plan</u> This station allowed meeting participants to weigh in on the draft Henry Hudson Park Master Plan update and the associated recommendations.</p>
<p><b>Station 3: Proposed Projects/ Recommendations Comments</b></p>	<p>The following written comments were received regarding the proposed projects and recommendations:</p> <p><b><u>Economic Development</u></b></p> <p><u>Project:</u> Continue to Support Growth of Existing Businesses and Industry in the WRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>No Comments</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Project:</u> Conduct a Market Analysis Focused on the WRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Good Step</i></li> </ul>

### **Infrastructure**

Project: Improve the NYS Route 144/River Road Corridor by Reducing Speed Limits, Enhancing Pedestrian Crossings & Creating a Safer Environment for Bicyclists:

- *Very important*
- *144 bad for bicycles*
- *Great emphasis on bicycling*

Project: Reduce Odors Emitting from the Wastewater Treatment Plant:  
*Probably most important*

- *Look for biological/green solutions that are being used elsewhere*

Project: Conduct a Feasibility Study to Evaluation Expansion of Sewer and/or Water Infrastructure to the Van Weis Point Neighborhood:

- *Great idea to reed septic out of area*
- *Yes, Yes, Yes*
- *Needed for residents + environment*

### **Natural and Environmental Resources and Water Quality**

Project: Continue to Implement MS4 Stormwater Regulations & Expand Water Quality Treatment Practices on Land Disturbance Less Than 1 Acre:

- *No Comments*

Project: Coordinate Existing Stream Buffer & Flood Zone Disturbance Regulations:

- *Do this town-wide*

Project: Conduct A Green Infrastructure Evaluation to Determine Best areas to Implement Green Infrastructure:

- *Need to do this town-wide*

Project: Design and Construct and Educational Kiosk Providing Information about Invasive Species at Henry Hudson Park:

- *Kiosk should include more info on Hudson River Protection, history, etc.*
- *Agree*

### **Historic, Cultural, and Scenic Resources**

Project: Develop a Heritage and Nature-Based Tourism Strategy Focused on the Hudson River with Regional Partners and Neighboring Communities:

- *Great idea*
- *Ditto*

- *Awesome. A Kayaking tour and access would be great.*
- *A signed Blue Trail w/ Landings*

Project: Develop a Scenic Overlay District Along Areas of Wimple, Weisheit and Clapper Roads to Preserve and Improve Viewing Opportunities of the Taconic Mountains:

- *Great idea*

Project: Create a Self Guided History Tour:

- *I remember a Bethlehem Historical Society brochure that did this-very informative.*
- *Like this one too*

**Open Space, Public Access, Recreation, and Tourism**

Project: Develop a Riverfront Trail Along the Hudson River Connecting Key Waterfront Destinations:

- *A riverfront trail would be a game-changer*
- *Would be Awesome*

Project: Implement the Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Along Wemple, Weisheit and Clapper Roads to Improve Connections to the Waterfront Area:

- *Definitely needed*
- *Safe bike routes connecting other parts of town to the river with a restaurant on the Hudson*

Project: Develop a Baker Farm Site Enhancement Plan to Identify Steps to Improve Public Access and Connect to the Proposed Riverfront Trail:

- *Exciting possibility*
- *Great resource for trails, etc.*

Project: Complete and Implement the Town-Wide Open Space Plan:

- *Very Important*

Project: Develop a Multi-use Path Along NYS Route 144/River Road:

- *Good for safety of bicyclists +walkers, few as they may now be*

Project: Establish Gateways for the Waterfront Area (Provide Signage, Landscaping, Informational Kiosks, Etc.):

- *Good idea*

Project: Implement Henry Hudson Park Master Plan (Multiple Projects):

- *Must do*

	<p><b><u>Resiliency</u></b></p> <p><u>Project:</u> Create Educational Brochures for Waterfront Businesses and Property Owners to Build Resiliency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Comments</li> </ul> <p><u>Project:</u> Create a 'Building Community Resiliency Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TNC and Hudson River Watershed Alliance are doing DOS- Community resilience building workshops- FYI</li> <li>▪ Coordinate other projects w/ resiliency considerations</li> </ul> <p><u>Project:</u> Apply to FEMA'S Community Rating System Program Under the National Flood Insurance Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important as climate is changing</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Zoning and Land Use</u></b></p> <p><u>Project:</u> Project: Develop Design Guidelines For Rural Roadways (Such as Clapper and Weisheit Roads):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yes, need to keep rural nature</li> <li>▪ This would be a concrete tool for the town</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Waterfront Revitalization Partners</u></b></p> <p><u>Project:</u> Encourage Regional Entities to Conduct and Annual or Bi-Annual Riverfront Community Roundtable to Discuss Similar and Shared Issues/Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Get the Hudson River Watershed Alliance to help</li> <li>▪ Makes a lot of sense</li> <li>▪ Great opportunities for all regional committees/towns, etc, if we work together achieve common goals at lower costs + better results</li> </ul>
<p><b>Presentation</b></p>	<p>A formal presentation followed by Q&amp;A took place midway through the open house.</p> <p>The presentation included a welcome introduction by John Clarkson, Town Supervisor. Project Manager, Jaclyn Hakes from MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. (MJ) introduced the advisory committee and project team. Ms. Hakes led an overview of the LWRP program, project goals, scope, process, schedule, and next steps. Town Planning Director, Rob Leslie, lead an overview of the proposed projects and proposed implementation techniques.</p> <p>Attendees were encouraged to visit the activity stations after the presentation to provide input and shared their ideas. See <b>Attachment B</b> for the meeting presentation.</p>

	Following the presentation, participants were provided the opportunity to ask questions.
<b>Comment Card Comments</b>	<p>In addition to gathering input via maps and station boards, meeting participants had the opportunity to provide input on written comment cards. The following written comments were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Great job! I'd like to see exploration of a bike path leading to a restaurant on the Hudson. Another suggestion is a small ferry in the summer taking propel from Henry Hudson Park across the Hudson to Castleton/Schodack. Thanks!</i></li> </ul>
<b>Next Steps</b>	<p>Next steps for the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Summarize Public Input</li> <li>▪ Schedule LWRAG Meeting #11</li> <li>▪ Refine Proposed Projects and Recommendations</li> <li>▪ Refine implementation techniques</li> <li>▪ Submit Draft LWRP to NYSDOS for review</li> <li>▪ Public Workshop #4 - date to be determined</li> </ul>

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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For additional project information, please visit the following link:

<http://www.townofbethlehem.org/746/Local-Waterfront-Revitalization-Advisory>

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