



**Village of  
Hastings-on-Hudson**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
UPDATE &  
LOCAL WATERFRONT  
REVITALIZATION  
PROGRAM**

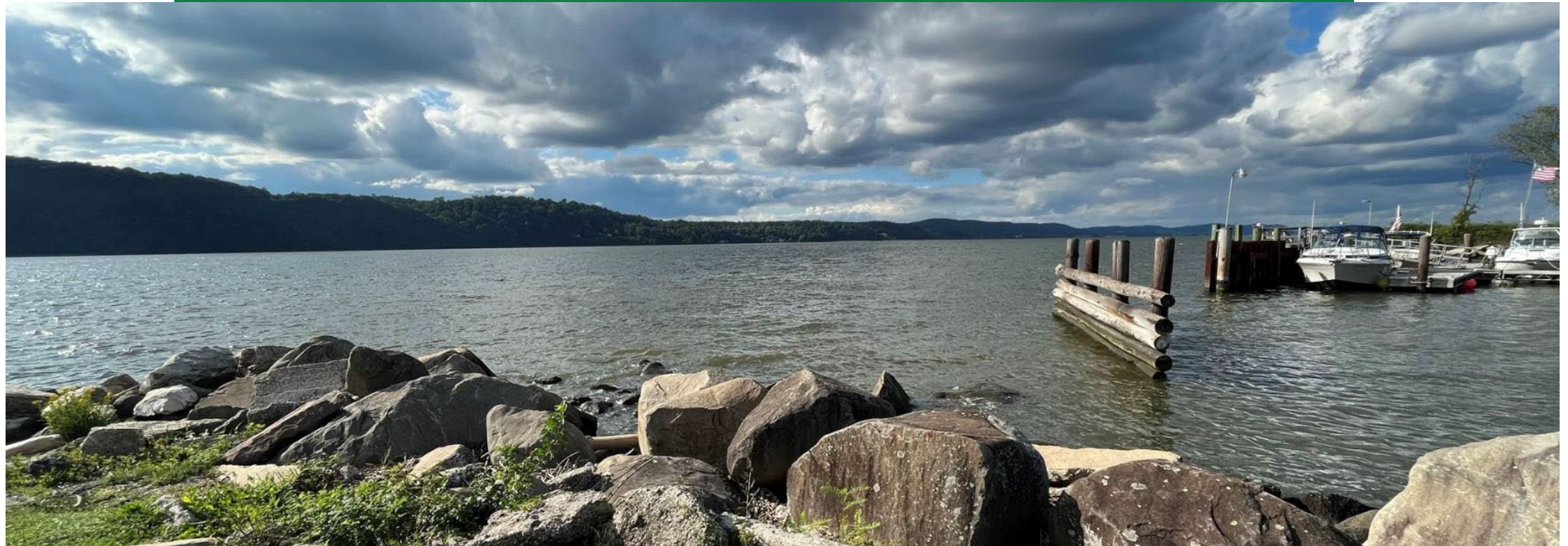
**Committee Meeting  
October 4, 2023**

**James Harmon Community Center**





# WELCOME





**Office of Planning  
and Development**

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# AGENDA



- Welcome/Approval of Meeting Summary
- Project Status Update
- Update on Draft LWRP Sections
- Continued - Preliminary Comprehensive Plan Recommendations
- Public Engagement Update
- Subcommittee Tasks
- Next Steps
- Public Comment



# APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

- September 6, 2023



# PROJECT STATUS UPDATE



\*CPU Meetings – Comprehensive Plan focus every other month/LWRP focus every other month



# PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

## Remaining Committee Meetings (Anticipated)

- **October 4<sup>th</sup> – CPU/LWRP Committee #11**
  - **Purpose:** Discuss Preliminary Recommendations
  - **Materials Submitted:** Draft LWRP Sections II (Existing conditions) & V (Techniques for Implementation) submitted mid-October
- **November 1<sup>st</sup> - CPU/LWRP Committee #12**
  - To coincide with Public Meeting #3
  - **Purpose:** Public Meeting #3 debrief (virtual)
  - **Materials Submitted:** Draft LWRP Sections VI (State/Federal Actions) & VII (Local Consultation) submitted mid-November; Draft Comprehensive Plan Chapter (sample chapter)
- **December 6<sup>th</sup> - CPU/LWRP Committee #13**
  - **Purpose:** Review Public Feedback & Comp Plan Recommendation Prioritization Exercise
  - **Materials Submitted:** Draft Comprehensive Plan submitted mid-December

- **January 3<sup>rd</sup> - CPU/LWRP Committee #14**
  - **Purpose:** Draft Comprehensive Plan Review
  - **Materials Submitted:** Draft LWRP Section IV (Proposed Land & Water Projects) submitted for review
- **February 7<sup>th</sup> - CPU/LWRP Committee #15**
  - **Purpose:** Discuss additional revisions to Comp Plan & schedule Comp Plan Public Hearing
- **March 6<sup>th</sup> - CPU/LWRP Committee #16**
  - **Purpose:** Consider revisions to Comp Plan & Consider forwarding draft Comp Plan to Village Board of Trustees
  - Receive comments from Draft LWRP sections
- **April 3<sup>rd</sup> - CPU/LWRP Committee** (If needed)







# DRAFT LWRP SECTION UPDATE

- ✓ **Section I: Waterfront Revitalization Area and Harbor Management Area Boundaries**
  - Draft Provided/Revisions In Progress
- ✓ **Section II: Inventory and Analysis**
  - Draft Provided/Revisions In Progress
- ✓ **Section III: Local Waterfront Revitalization Policies**
  - Draft Provided/Revisions In Progress
- ✓ **Section IV: Proposed Land and Water Uses and Proposed Projects**
  - Draft in progress – To be submitted January

- ✓ **Section V: Techniques for Local Implementation of the Program**
  - Draft in progress – To be Submitted mid-October
- **Section VI: State and Federal Actions and Programs Likely to Affect Implementation**
  - Language provided by State – to be submitted mid-November
- **Section VII: Local Commitment and Consultation With Other Affected Federal, State, Regional, and Local Agencies**
  - To be submitted mid-November



# PROJECT APPROACH

Understanding  
Where You Are

## THE EXISTING STATE



Data Collection & Analysis  
What has been accomplished?

Where Do You  
Want To Be?

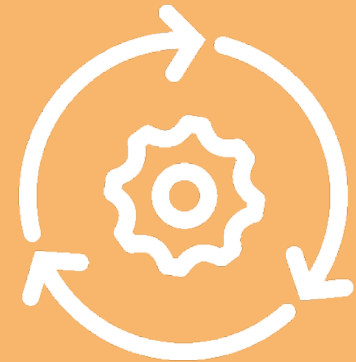
## THE DESIRED STATE



Identifying a Shared Vision  
for the Village

How Do You  
Get There?

## IMPLEMENTATION



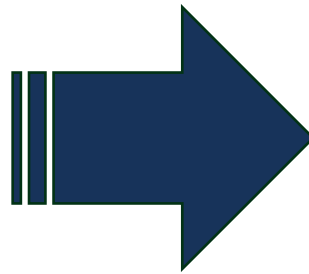
Reality-Based Series of  
Implementation Steps



# PRELIMINARY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

## 2011 Comprehensive Plan – Document Organization

- Introduction
- Village Overview
- The Downtown
- Large Tracts
- Circulation
- Environmental Sustainability
- Sustainable Infrastructure
- Quality of Life
- Implementation
- Appendices



## Comprehensive Plan Update – Document Organization (Draft)

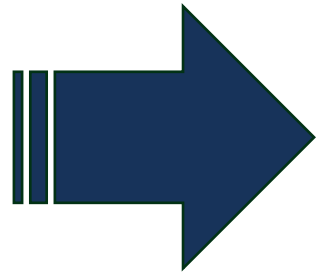
- Introduction
- Village Overview
- Vision, Goals & Smart Growth Principles
- Sustainability & Resiliency
- Recreation
- Connectivity & Economic Success
- Housing
- Mobility & Access
- History & Placemaking
- Implementation
- Appendices



# PRELIMINARY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

## Draft Goals Focused on Following Topics:

- Sustainability & Resiliency
- Recreation
- Connectivity & Economic Success
- Housing
- Mobility & Access
- History & Placemaking



## Preliminary Recommendations:

- Identified for each goal
- Preliminary only to show direction of action to support goal
- Intent to share with public as a 'check-in' regarding direction of Comprehensive Plan
- Additional recommendations, context to support in Comprehensive Plan document



# PRELIMINARY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

## Sustainability and Resiliency

**DRAFT**

**Focus on the Village's environmental sustainability efforts by adopting Climate Smart Community actions to ensure long term resiliency and natural ecosystem restoration**

- \*Consider developing a local wetland preservation law
- \*Conduct a feasibility study identifying Village parking areas (including rail commuter lots) as candidates for green Infrastructure elements implementation
- \*Establish long term educational partnerships with environmental groups focused on the waterfront
- Support and attract sustainable commercial and residential development along the waterfront
- \*Prepare a study evaluating potential flood hazard mitigation areas and strategies
- Consider implementing a Green Development Zone
- **Develop Net-Zero/Nature Positive policies for future development**
- **\*Undertake study of storm sewers and green infrastructure approaches to manage stormwater**
- **Investigate retroactive requirements for buildings to retain stormwater on property**

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# PRELIMINARY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

## Recreation

**DRAFT**

Enhance Village parks, recreational opportunities, and public access along the Hudson River and Saw Mill River

- \*Conduct a Village wide trail improvement and access study
- \*Update the current parks master plan **including expansion of outdoor sporting activities**
- \*Prepare a waterfront redevelopment and park management plan
- Promote and potentially expand existing artistic and cultural attractions
- Explore opportunities for water-dependent recreational activities
- \*Develop a waterside promenade plan highlighting riverfront access and connectivity and landscaping elements

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# PRELIMINARY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

## Connectivity and Economic *Vitality*

**DRAFT**

**Foster and preserve a strong economic environment with an interconnected, walkable downtown that offers a mix of uses and amenities**

- \*Consider revising the Villages zoning code to promote mixed use development in commercial areas
- Prepare a soft sites study identifying underbuilt areas and potential locations for rezoning
- \*Support commercial business incubation and adaptive reuse of existing building stock
- Conduct a study identifying potential areas suitable for both commercial development and high-density residential development
- \*Develop a streetscape plan with desired downtown streetscape aesthetic and implementation strategies
- **Prepare waterfront redevelopment plan**
- **Foster communication among landlords, business owners and Village to mitigate turnover and vacant commercial spaces and identify incentives**

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# PRELIMINARY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

## Housing

**DRAFT**

Diversify housing opportunities to provide a range of housing types for all ages and income levels

- **\*Develop new housing unit targets that are responsive to population trends in both the Village and Westchester County**
- **Revise the view preservation ordinance to adopt more objective criteria and limit its applicability to selected areas**
- **\*Conduct a study on opportunities to expand multi-family zones and provide more lenient variances from single-family restrictions**
- **Review and modify ADU ordinance to fast-track the approval process for ADUs**
- **Conduct a study on how changes to parking regulations, including minimum parking requirements, can facilitate development of affordable units**

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# PRELIMINARY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

## Mobility and Access

**DRAFT**

Strengthen Hasting-on-Hudson's mobility, access, and multi-modal connectivity

- **Update** the complete streets policy (2014)
- Consider reviewing zoning districts to expand cross-access parking opportunities
- \*Develop a complete streets master plan **(including sidewalks)**
- \*Continue supporting circulation improvements identified in previous comprehensive plan
- \*Prepare a study evaluating multi-modal connectivity performance

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# PRELIMINARY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

## History and Placemaking

**DRAFT**

*Celebrate art, culture and heritage by embracing placemaking efforts that enhance public spaces, access, and quality of life for residents*

- \*Promote adaptive reuse of existing building stock **to welcome makers space/studios with an emphasis on innovation and fine arts**
- Update streetscape on main routes and important thoroughfares
- \*Identify **locations** for well-connected public space that supports gathering, cultural performances, and farmers markets

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# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

**PROJECT OVERVIEW – COMP PLAN**

Comprehensive Planning Process

Understanding Where You Are → Where Do You Want To Be? → How Do You Get There?

**THE EXISTING STATE**  
Data Collection & Analysis  
What has been accomplished?

**THE DESIRED STATE**  
Identifying a Shared Vision for the Village

**IMPLEMENTATION**

**Polls**

**Poll #2**  
Poll | 1 question | 62 of 76 (81%) participated

1. How did you hear about the Virtual Public Workshop? Select all that apply. (Multiple Choice) \*

62/62 (100%) answered

Village Email List	(51/62) 82%
Social Media	(15/62) 24%
Flyer	(2/62) 3%
Village Website	(9/62) 15%
Project Website	(4/62) 6%
Local News	(7/62) 11%
Word of Mouth	(13/62) 21%

## Public Engagement #3

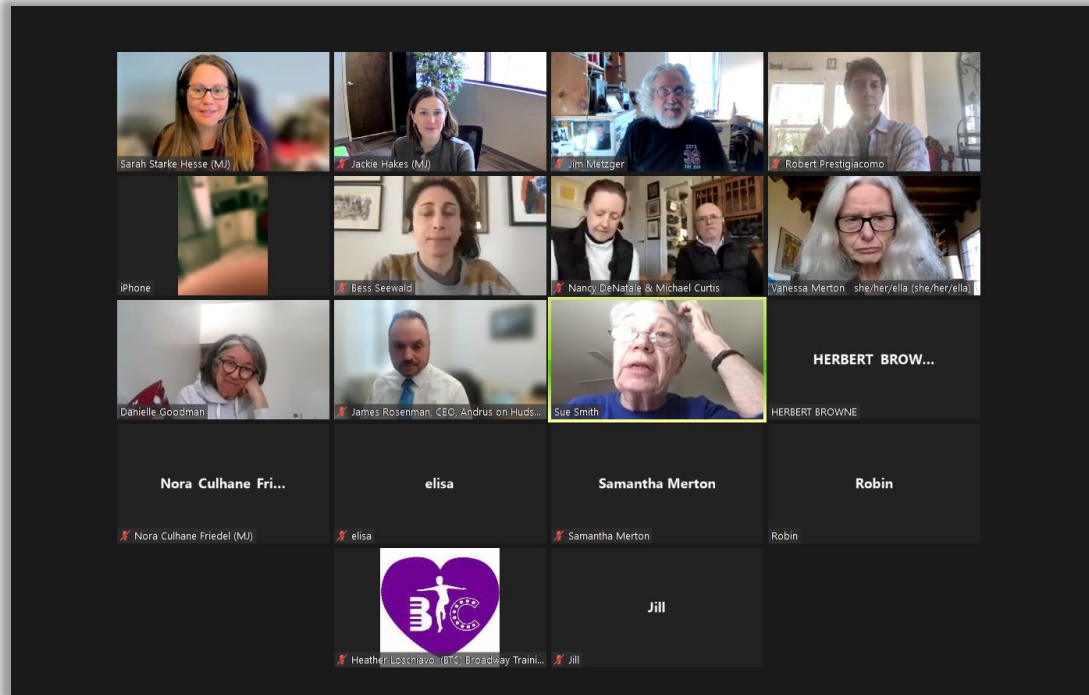
- November 1, 2023 (proposed)
- LWRP:
  - Potential Projects
- Comprehensive Plan:
  - Vision & Goals
  - Preliminary Recommendations
- Virtual Format via Zoom
  - Evening meeting
  - Interactive with polling
  - Recorded and posted to project website after



# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

## Waterfront Focus Group Meetings

- Several conducted
  - Businesses & property owners along waterfront (west of tracks)
- Additional meetings scheduled/in progress
- Virtual Format via Zoom





# SUBCOMMITTEE TASKS



- Comprehensive Plan:
  - Share additional comments and/or thoughts on recommendations, framework
- LWRP:
  - Review revised Section II
  - Review Section V
- Assist to publicize Public Engagement #3



# NEXT STEPS



- Public Engagement #3
  - November 1, 2023 (proposed)
- Continued preparation of LWRP sections
- Committee Tasks & Feedback
- Upcoming Committee Meetings
  - November 1, 2023 (following Public Meeting; virtual)
  - December 6, 2023 @ 7:00 pm



# PUBLIC COMMENT

