



**Village of
Hastings-on-Hudson**

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

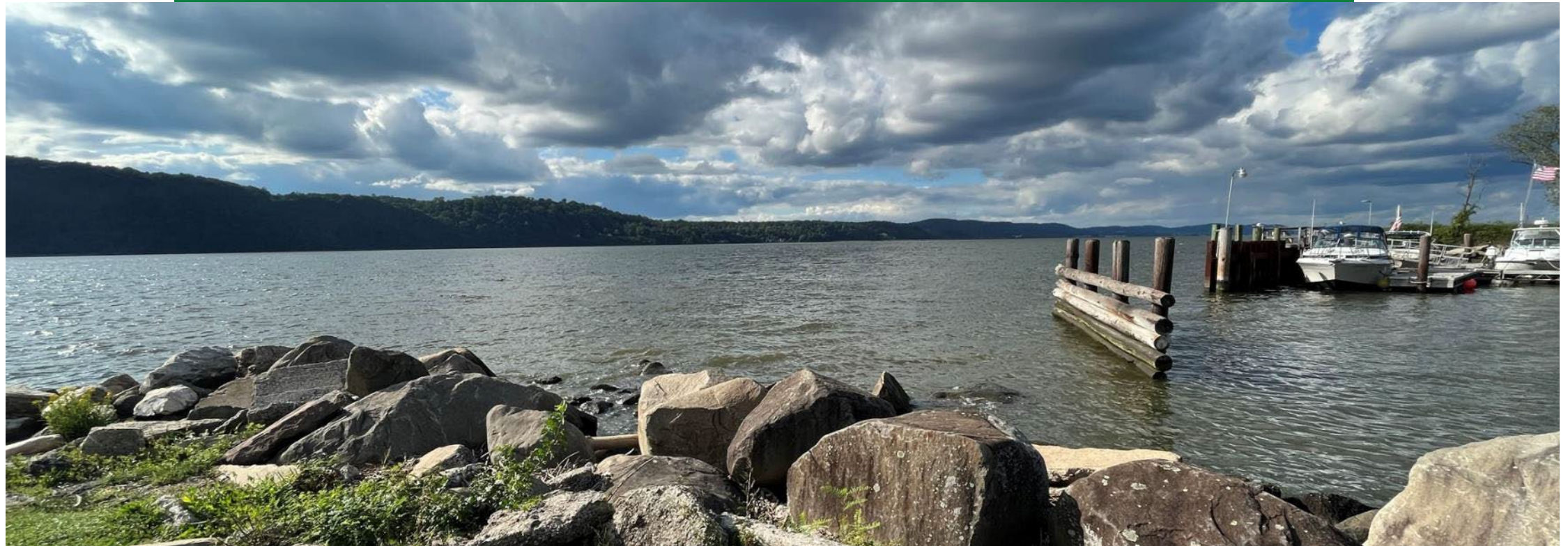
**Committee Meeting
January 3, 2024**

James Harmon Community Center





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AGENDA



- Welcome/Approval of Meeting Summary
- Project Status Update
- Review of Draft Comprehensive Plan Update
- Committee Tasks
- Next Steps
- Public Comment



APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARIES

- December 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)

- **January 3rd - CPU/LWRP Committee #14**
 - **Purpose:** Draft Comprehensive Plan Review
 - **Materials Submitted:** Draft LWRP Section VII (Local Commitment)
- **February 7th - CPU/LWRP Committee #15**
 - **Purpose:** Discuss additional revisions to Comp Plan & schedule Comp Plan Public Hearing
 - **Materials Submitted:** Section IV(Proposed Land & Water Uses & Projects; Draft LWRP Harbor Management Plan
- **March 6th - 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
 - **Materials Submitted:** Revised Draft Comprehensive Plan
- **April 3rd - CPU/LWRP Committee** (If needed)



PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Remaining **Committee** Public Engagement (Anticipated)

- **Public Engagement #4 - TBD**
 - Late Winter/Early Spring 2024
 - Draft Comprehensive Plan for public viewing
 - Committee Public Hearing on Draft Comprehensive Plan





DRAFT LWRP SECTION UPDATE

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

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



DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OUTLINE

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History and Placemaking

Overview

- Discusses elements of placemaking
- Catalogues and describes historical assets in the Village

Challenges and Opportunities

- Identify potential activity nodes to deploy placemaking efforts and invite people to spend time
- Enhance spaces between activity nodes to increase connectivity
- Utilize the Village Arts Commission to expand exhibitions and events in public spaces

Recommendations

4. History and Placemaking Hastings-on-Hudson

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

History and Placemaking Overview

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson offers a variety of historical resources that demonstrate how it transformed from a modest 17th-century rural village to a modern New York City suburb. Construction of many of these resources was done in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, during a period of tremendous development and population increase. These historical resources include a range of public institutions, residences, districts, and industrial relics. These sites are protected from potential adverse impacts of government projects and eligible for grants, loans, and historic tax credits. These historical resources are crucial to the Village as they help to strengthen the relationship and connections between its residents and these sites.

Incorporating the Village's historical assets into placemaking efforts creates an atmosphere that enhances public spaces by preserving and commemorating Hastings' heritage. The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is strongly connected to its neighborhoods, scenic assets, historic resources, local businesses, and community organizations. Together these Village assets create a warm and inviting ethos that welcomes residents and visitors and Hastings can encourage placemaking efforts that enhance these desirable assets.



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Housing

Overview

- Identifies the existing housing stock in terms of affordability
- Discusses affordable housing efforts in the Village

Challenges and Opportunities

- Housing stock remains limited
- Increasing housing costs may present a barrier for younger age cohorts looking to relocate to the Village
- Potential to enhance vibrancy and inclusivity by increase socioeconomic diversity
- Concentrate mixed-use development with affordable housing within the downtown area, near the Metro-North Station

Recommendations



5. Housing Hastings-on-Hudson

GOAL:

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

Housing Overview

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is a desirable place to live because of its distinct location, unique neighborhoods and history, and its mix of suburban and urban development. Hastings is predominantly suburban; however, the downtown area and the Metro-North Railroad Station makes for a distinctive sense of place.

The housing stock in the Village is mostly single-family housing units. About 60% of all units are single family homes. The next largest category of housing in the Village is 20-or-more units, which makes up about 16% of Hastings' housing stock. The remaining housing units are mainly comprised of 2-to-5-unit structures.

In 2010, the Decennial Census Data recorded 3,270 housing units within the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson. This is an approximate 3% decrease to the surveyed 2021 amount of 3,165 housing units. Even the previous Village Comprehensive Plan explained that there were few opportunities for new development on vacant parcels. The majority of homes (45.4%) in Hastings-on-Hudson were constructed in 1939 or earlier. As of the 2021 ACS data, approximately 34 housing units or 1.1% of units were built between 2010 and 2019.¹



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Economic Vitality

Overview

- Hasting’s residents are primary drivers of local economy
- Residents experiencing increased tax costs
- Community Development Block Program

Challenges and Opportunities

- Residents identified high taxes, lack of economic diversity in downtown area and affordable housing as an issue
- Utilizing the waterfront to draw in visitors
- Supporting a maker economy

Recommendations

The top five U.S. Box Office movies filmed in Hastings-on-Hudson are *It's Complicated* (2009), *The Girl on the Train* (2016), *8MM* (1999), *The Hustler* (1961), and *I Think We're Alone Now* (2018).

Popular TV shows that have been filmed in Hastings-on-Hudson include *The Leftovers* (2014), *The Crowded Room* (2022), *Divorce* (2019), and *Modern Love* (2018).

in property tax, Hastings’ residents have experienced an increased tax burden which may present a barrier for people looking to relocate to the Village.

Many of the prime businesses within the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson are retail and dining establishments located along Warburton Avenue, Spring Street, and Main Street. The Village prides itself in that most of the businesses within its boundaries are small and/or locally owned. Due to the Village’s historic and scenic charm, Hastings has drawn in the Film and Television Production industry throughout the years. The Village’s downtown Pre-World War II architecture makes an attractive spot for filming.



Figure xx. From Mayor

The downtown area remains the center of economic and civic activity, there are several underutilized spaces that present opportunities for redevelopment and economic expansion. The Village contains a few vacant parcels. Many are scattered throughout Hastings, however there is a large cluster of vacant space just south of the downtown area and along the waterfront.

Several businesses located within the Village participate in "Destination Hastings Downtown Dollar\$", an e-gift card that can be spent at all participating retailers and restaurants¹. This e-gift card helps incentivize the community to shop locally and support businesses Downtown. The e-gift card was produced in part of the Destination



Figure xx. From Mayor



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Sustainability and Resiliency

Overview

- Briefly identifies climatic challenges facing the area and flooding vulnerability
- Introduces Climate Smart Task Force efforts and other Village initiatives to reduce impacts on the natural environment

Climate Smart Communities

- Introduces NYS CSC program
- Describes CSC TF actions in more detail

Challenges and Opportunities

- Understand how vulnerable areas in the Village may be impacted by climate change
- Identify locations to implement strategies for green infrastructure

Recommendations

7. Sustainability and Resiliency
Hastings-on-Hudson

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

Sustainability and Resiliency Overview

Sustainability is a broad concept that generally refers to a community's ability to endure over the long term. For the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, this pertains to practices and approaches that will meet the needs of the present without compromising the future generation's ability to meet their needs. Sustainability is often described in three dimensions: environmental, economic, and social, and balancing these dimensions is crucial for achieving a sustainable and resilient community.

Resilience refers to a community's ability to withstand adversity, disruptions, or shocks and swiftly recover from setbacks. Building resilience often involves a combination of proactive planning, resource management, social support, and adaptive strategies. Resilience is a valuable quality for communities, especially in navigating the ever-increasing complexities resulting from climate change.

Planting on Farragut Parkway. Photo submitted from community survey.

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Recreation

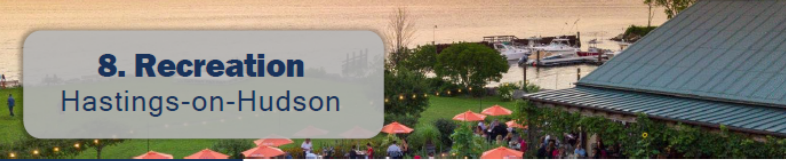
Overview

- Highlights the Parks and Recreation Department
- Identifies recreational opportunities Village wide

Challenges and Opportunities

- Utilizing the waterfront
- Resident support for recreational opportunities
- Aging population
- Preparing plans to gain funding opportunities

Recommendations




8. Recreation
Hastings-on-Hudson

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

Recreation Overview

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson offers a diverse array of recreational opportunities for its residents and visitors. The Parks and Recreation Department of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson oversees roughly 140 acres of developed parkland and recreational amenities, along with an additional 30 acres of undeveloped park space. Their primary objective is to provide year-round recreational options that are accessible to all residents of Hastings-on-Hudson, aligning with their expressed needs and preferences. The department prioritizes the promotion of lifelong leisure skills through education, serving as a catalyst and facilitator for community-centered recreational programs. Recreation in the Village includes a variety of parks, play lots, pocket parks, trailways, and community services. Currently, long range planning for the Village's parks and recreational resources is guided by the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson's Long-Range Plan for Strategic Management of Parks and Recreation Assets, which was prepared by the Parks and Recreation Commission November 2016.



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Connectivity, Mobility and Access

Overview

- Briefly introduces the Department of Public Works responsibilities
- Discusses roadways, walkability, bicycling, public transit, and recent planning projects

Challenges and Opportunities

- Expanding connectivity and access to reach downtown area and the waterfront
- Connectivity, mobility and access for the aging population

Recommendations

9. Connectivity, Mobility and Access Hastings-on-Hudson

GOAL:
**Strengthen
Hastings-on-
Hudson's
mobility, access,
and multi-modal
connectivity.**

Connectivity, Mobility and Access Overview

Transportation and mobility are not just about moving vehicles but moving and connecting people. An efficient and effective transportation system provides for a variety of travel options, by car, on foot, by bus or by bike and travel routes. While this section focuses on transportation and mobility, it is important to acknowledge that the effectiveness of transportation options is directly correlated with land use. For example, a compact, mixed-use neighborhood can more efficiently support reaching destinations on foot, bike, and public transit than a suburban-style residential neighborhood.

The Village Department of Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of Village owned property including streets, parking lots, public buildings, and street lights. The Department is responsible for cleaning and snow, ice, and leaf removal operations, and for keeping in repair approximately 32 miles of village-owned streets. Cleaning and snow removal for County and state roads within the village are provided under contract. Warburton Avenue and Farragut Avenue are county-owned, while parts of Broadway and Farragut Parkway are owned by the state.



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The Waterfront

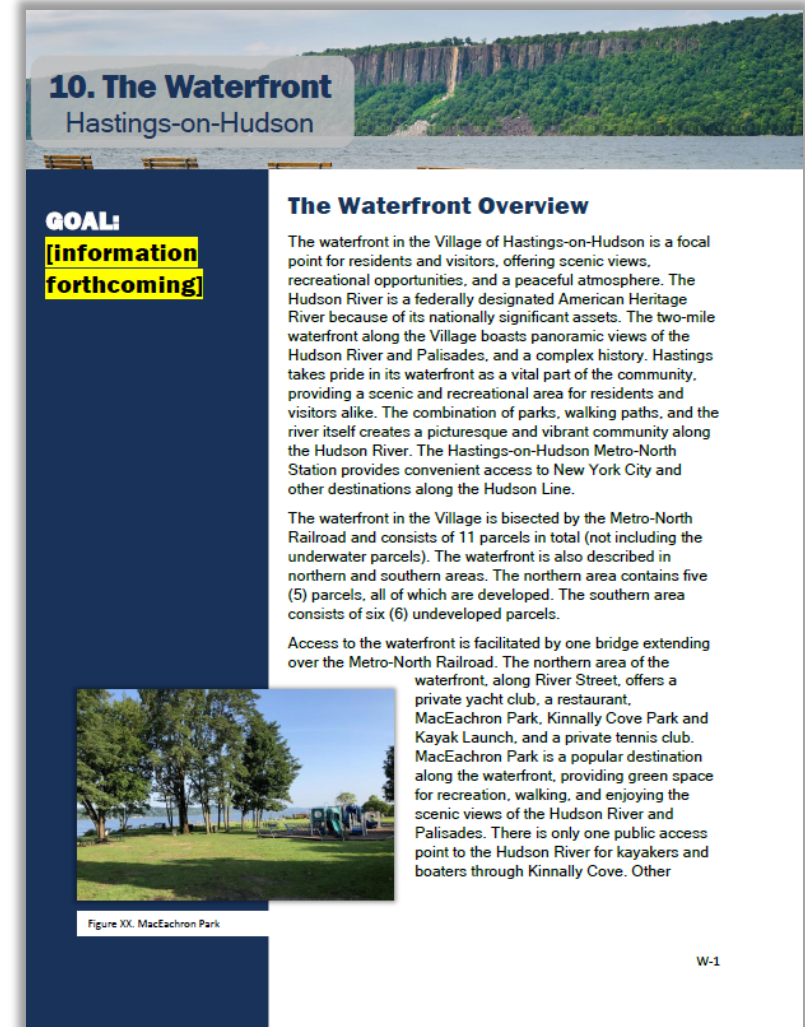
Overview

- Introduces the waterfront, its parcels, and accessibility
- Describes the waterfront's industrial history, current state, and remediation status

Challenges and Opportunities

- Zoning of the waterfront
- Private ownership and coordinating remediation efforts
- Pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular access
- Water quality

Recommendations

This is a preview of a page from the draft comprehensive plan update, titled "10. The Waterfront Hastings-on-Hudson". The page features a header image of a waterfront with a cliffside. Below the header, there is a "GOAL:" section with a yellow box containing the text "[information forthcoming]". The main content is titled "The Waterfront Overview" and contains several paragraphs of text describing the waterfront's location, history, and recreational opportunities. A small inset image shows a park area with trees and a playground. The page number "W-1" is located in the bottom right corner.

10. The Waterfront
Hastings-on-Hudson

GOAL:
[information forthcoming]

The Waterfront Overview

The waterfront in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is a focal point for residents and visitors, offering scenic views, recreational opportunities, and a peaceful atmosphere. The Hudson River is a federally designated American Heritage River because of its nationally significant assets. The two-mile waterfront along the Village boasts panoramic views of the Hudson River and Palisades, and a complex history. Hastings takes pride in its waterfront as a vital part of the community, providing a scenic and recreational area for residents and visitors alike. The combination of parks, walking paths, and the river itself creates a picturesque and vibrant community along the Hudson River. The Hastings-on-Hudson Metro-North Station provides convenient access to New York City and other destinations along the Hudson Line.

The waterfront in the Village is bisected by the Metro-North Railroad and consists of 11 parcels in total (not including the underwater parcels). The waterfront is also described in northern and southern areas. The northern area contains five (5) parcels, all of which are developed. The southern area consists of six (6) undeveloped parcels.

Access to the waterfront is facilitated by one bridge extending over the Metro-North Railroad. The northern area of the waterfront, along River Street, offers a private yacht club, a restaurant, MacEachron Park, Kinnally Cove Park and Kayak Launch, and a private tennis club. MacEachron Park is a popular destination along the waterfront, providing green space for recreation, walking, and enjoying the scenic views of the Hudson River and Palisades. There is only one public access point to the Hudson River for kayakers and boaters through Kinnally Cove. Other

Figure XX. MacEachron Park

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Governance


Overview

- Introduces local government operations in the Village
- Describes boards and committees

Challenges and Opportunities

- Identifies land use and zoning in the Village
- Discusses infrastructure, stormwater, public utilities, community services, and local government efficiency

Recommendations



11. Governance
Hastings-on-Hudson

GOAL
Promote fiscal responsibility, enhance governmental efficiencies, and ensure equity and transparency in decision making.

Governance Overview

Villages are local government units responsible for addressing and providing the practical needs of their citizens. Those needs include a variety of functions, such as highway maintenance, police services, recreational services, land use development permitting, property assessment, and providing sewer, water, and storm drainage infrastructure to protect public health. The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson aspires to provide these services efficiently to meet the community's needs.

Local government functions in Hastings-on-Hudson are carried out and directed from Hastings-on-Hudson Municipal Building located at 7 Maple Avenue. The Municipal Building is open to the public for assistance with a variety of needs and functions. The Municipal Building also houses the Village Justice Court, Fire Department, and Police Department.

Infrastructure for stormwater, wastewater, and drinking water supply is critical for a community's collective health and well-being. This infrastructure is also directly related to the pattern of development and types of land uses that occur within a community and imposes a maintenance cost on the Village and future generations. The following includes an overview of the Village's existing infrastructure for stormwater, wastewater, and drinking water supply, identification of challenges for now and in the future and recent upgrades that have been undertaken by the Village. This section also discusses the infrastructure supporting




Figure 1 Photo from MI

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Implementation

Overview

- Identifies parties involved in the Comprehensive Plan update process
- Briefly describes why implementation is important

Implementation Recommendations

- Review zoning ordinance to ensure consistency with the comprehensive plan
- Establish Comp Plan Oversight Committee
- Review the Comprehensive Plan every 5 years

Prioritization of Recommended Actions

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson						
Draft Implementation Table						
The following Implementation Table represents the prioritization of recommendations based on the input from community members and members of the CPU. Each recommendation has been categorized in terms of a short, mid or long-term goal to give guidance to Village staff as to which recommendations to implement in the near-term versus the long-term. Recommendations highlighted in RED are a high priority intended to be implemented in the short-term or 0-2 year timeframe. Recommendations highlighted in BLUE are a medium priority intended to be implemented in the mid-term or 2-5 year timeframe. Recommendations with no highlight are longer term recommendations. In addition to a timeframe for implementation, the table also includes an identification of the recommendation lead to assist in implementation. Potential funding sources are also listed to support implementation.						
4	History & Placemaking					
Recommended Action	Timeframe (Years)			Potential Lead and Partners	Potential Funding/Technical Resources	Status
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5	Housing					
Recommended Action	Timeframe (Years)			Potential Lead and Partners	Potential Funding/Technical Resources	Status
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R3.						
R4.						



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Outstanding Items:

- Acknowledgements page (with DOS attribution)
- Additional graphics/icons
- Completion of implementation table





COMMITTEE TASKS



- Draft Comprehensive Plan **by 1/26**:
 - Provide feedback on DRAFT Comprehensive Plan – email MJ
 - Complete Prioritization Exercise - online
- LWRP:
 - Review Section VII – Local Consultation



NEXT STEPS



- Continued preparation of LWRP sections
- Revisions to Draft Comprehensive Plan
- Committee Feedback
- Upcoming Committee Meetings
 - February 7, 2024



PUBLIC COMMENT

