



**Village of
Hastings-on-Hudson**

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

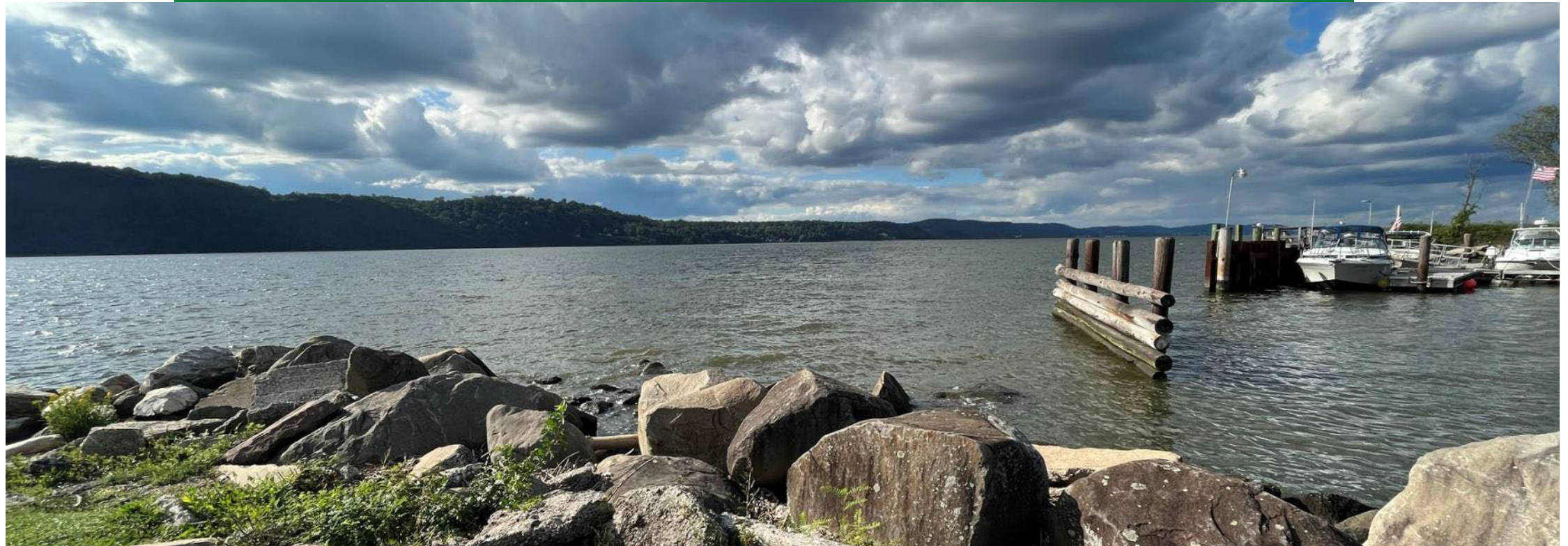
**Committee Meeting
December 6, 2023**

James Harmon Community Center





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AGENDA



- Welcome/Approval of Meeting Summaries
- LWRP Local Consistency (DOS Presentation)
- Project Status Update
- Public Engagement Update
- Update on Draft LWRP
- Update on Draft Comprehensive Plan Preparation
- Committee Tasks
- Next Steps
- Public Comment



APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARIES

- October 4, 2023
- November 1, 2023



LWRP LOCAL CONSISTENCY

Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs in the Coastal Area:
Guidance Manual for Preparing Local Programs



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PROJECT STATUS UPDATE



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



PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Remaining Committee Meetings (Anticipated)

- **December 6th - CPU/LWRP Committee #13**
 - **Purpose:** Review Public Feedback & Comp Plan Recommendation Prioritization Exercise
 - **Materials Submitted:** LWRP Section VI (State/Federal Actions); Draft Comprehensive Plan submitted end of December
- **January 3rd - CPU/LWRP Committee #14**
 - **Purpose:** Draft Comprehensive Plan Review
 - **Materials Submitted:** Draft LWRP Section IV (Proposed Land & Water Projects)
- **February 7th - CPU/LWRP Committee #15**
 - **Purpose:** Discuss additional revisions to Comp Plan & schedule Comp Plan Public Hearing
 - **Materials Submitted:** 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

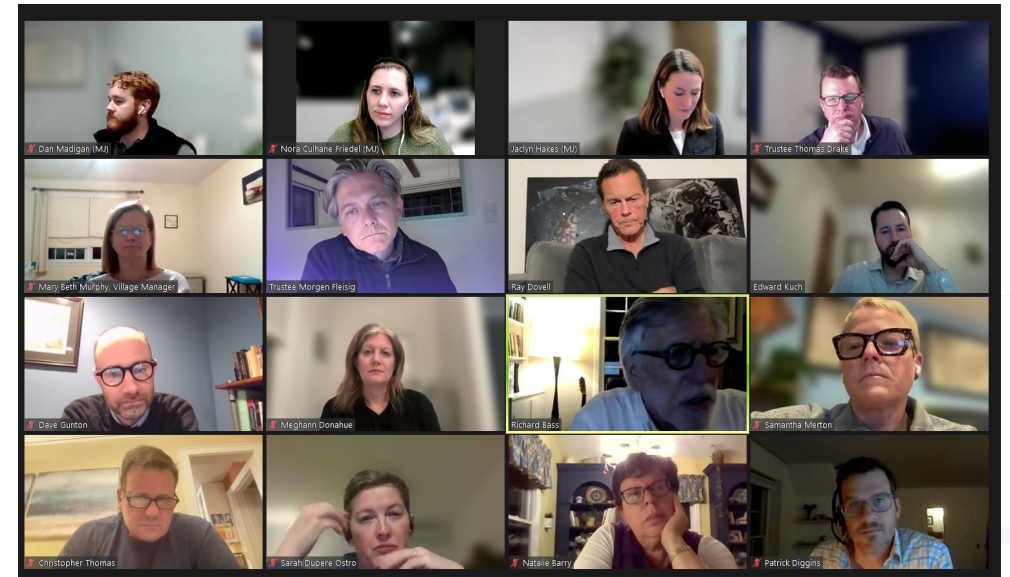




PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Public Engagement #3

- November 1, 2023
- LWRP:
 - Potential Projects
- Comprehensive Plan:
 - Vision & Goals
 - Preliminary Recommendations
- Virtual Format via Zoom
 - Approximately 48 attendees
 - Recorded and posted to project website after
 - Committee debrief immediately following





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 early-December
- **Section VII: Local Commitment and Consultation With Other Affected Federal, State, Regional, and Local Agencies**
 - To be submitted mid-December



DRAFT LWRP SECTION UPDATE

Harbor Management Plan

- Harbor Management plans are to be developed with the participation of the public and federal, State and local governments and agencies.
- The Department of State provides information, technical, and financial assistance to municipalities for the development of Harbor Management Plans (HMPs) as components of their Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs (LWRPs).





DRAFT LWRP-HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

Harbor Management Plan's (HMP)...

- must consider regional needs and, as applicable, the competing needs of commercial shipping and recreational boating, commercial and recreational fishing and shellfishing, aquaculture, waste management, mineral extraction, dredging, public access, recreation, habitat and other natural resource protection, water quality, open space needs, aesthetic values, common law riparian or littoral rights and the public interest in underwater lands
- **must cover all surface waters within or adjacent to a municipality**
- provide a rational basis for the allocation and use of space within a harbor or nearshore area
- effectively zone surface water areas and underwater lands for **specific uses** or a range of specific uses in order to **avoid conflicts** or **improve conditions** within harbor or nearshore areas



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Harbor Management Plan

The harbor management plan must identify appropriate techniques to address issues described in the summary of issues and to implement the harbor management plan and map. These techniques may include:

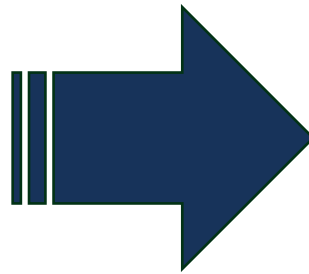
- Local Laws or Ordinances
 - The adoption of local laws or ordinances that implement the harbor management plan map by regulating vessels, structures, and uses within the harbor management area...
- Procedural Actions
 - Procedural actions are actions that change how activities in harbor areas are managed, create special districts, or establish responsibilities to manage activities in harbor areas...



DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OUTLINE

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
- History & Placemaking
- Sustainability & Resiliency
- Recreation
- Housing
- Connectivity, Mobility & Access
- Economic Vitality
- Governance
- Waterfront
- Implementation
- Appendices



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6. Recreation Hastings-on-Hudson

GOAL:

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

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.



Pocket Parks are small, urban, or semi-urban green spaces that range in size and are designed for localized recreation and community engagement.

These compact spaces typically optimize underutilized or undeveloped land in densely populated settings to provide aesthetically appealing and accessible environments within communities.

The Village of Hastings also has a few pocket parks.

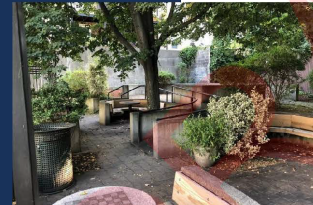
These intimate recreational areas provide opportunities for relaxation, socialization, and outdoor activities, contributing to the community's physical and mental well-being. Pocket parks also often serve as aesthetic focal points, improving the visual appeal of neighborhoods and potentially increasing property. Additionally, these compact green spaces promote a sense of community pride and connectivity, fostering a strong local identity within the village.

Villard Pocket Park

Villard Pocket Park is located on the southeast corner of Broadway and Villard Avenue intersection. The park has bench seating and a green space with tree cover for passive recreation. Villard Pocket Park also offers a view of the Palisades to the west.

Senior Citizens Vest Pocket Park

Located just south of the Warburton Avenue and Division Street intersection on Warburton Avenue, is the Senior Citizens Vest Pocket Park. The park is gated and offers a stationary bike for exercise, bench seating and chess tables.



https://www.hastingsgov.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif7561/stiles/gallery_full/public/galleries/vestpocketpark.jpg?tok=Vyom0008

VFW Plaza

VFW Plaza is a pocket park located on the east side of Warburton Avenue at the eastern terminus of Spring Street. The Park provides an ADA accessible ramp to a landing with benches. The Park offers a green space for passive recreation and cross access to Whitman Street.



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and limited access to the waterfront in general. Hastings has a unique opportunity to utilize the largely undeveloped waterfront to cater to expressed recreational needs of the community.

Recommendations

The following recommendations color-coded in green satisfy at least one of the smart growth principles.

R1. Update the current parks master plan.

Recently there has been a profound impact on recreational spaces across the globe. Many public parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities faced closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Social distancing led to altered usage patterns with increased emphasis on outdoor recreational spaces and activities. Updating the master parks plan to improve access for all abilities, ages, and expressed needs of the community (perhaps expanding access for seniors and those with mobility challenges) and increasing active recreational opportunities will enhance the recreational experience in Hastings for residents and visitors.

R2. Conduct a Village wide trail improvement and access study.

A study identifying areas for improvement will help ensure that trails are well-maintained and accessible which will encourage physical activity and outdoor engagement. Well-maintained and attractive trails can draw visitors and provide a surge in tourism, which in turn can have a positive economic impact. Ensuring that trail systems in the Village are adequate can help support the needs of the aging community and can help satisfy the overall encouraged expansion and enhancement of recreational opportunities.

R3. Prepare a waterfront redevelopment and park management plan.

The community has expressed that they value and support the expansion of recreational opportunities in

the Village. Preparing a plan to redevelop the waterfront with park management aspects will provide a foundation and direction for the waterfront's future and will help the community generate a consensus on the waterfront's use(s).

R4. Develop a waterside promenade plan highlighting riverfront access and connectivity and landscaping elements.

Access to Hastings' waterfront is an untapped resource that remains a concern for the community. Developing a plan that effectively connects the waterfront to the Village at large will ensure that residents and visitors utilize the waterfront and enjoy the panoramic views of the Hudson River and Palisades.

R5. Promote and potentially expand existing artistic and cultural attractions.

Hastings has numerous cultural and artistic attractions that reflect the Village's history and transformation. Expanding upon and promoting the existing attractions that reflect the spirit and culture within the Village provides community identity, educational opportunities, enhanced quality of life, economic impact, and cultural tourism. This also adds a layer of richness to the community that transcends the local economy by creating a culturally vibrant and artistic environment.

R6. Explore opportunities for water-dependent recreational activities.

The community has long expressed interest in utilizing the waterfront. The community survey data shows that recreational opportunities and the waterfront are highly valued. Respondents also indicated that they engage in water-dependent uses. Providing more water-dependent recreational opportunities will have a profound impact on the future use(s) of the waterfront, enhance quality of life among residents and even visitors, and will generate economic revenue.



COMMITTEE TASKS



- Comprehensive Plan:
 - Share additional comments and/or thoughts on recommendations or framework
- LWRP:
 - Review Section VI – State/Federal Actions
 - Review Section VII – Local Consultation



NEXT STEPS



- Continued preparation of LWRP sections
- Continued preparation of Draft Comprehensive Plan
- Committee Feedback
- Upcoming Committee Meetings
 - January 3, 2024



PUBLIC COMMENT

