Community Meeting #1
January 29, 2019
Agenda

7:00 – 7:10   Welcome & Project Introduction
7:10 – 7:15   Planning Process & Schedule
7:15 – 7:25   Project Background
    • 1988 LWRP
    • 2008 Draft LWRI Update
7:25 – 7:35   What is an LWRP?
    • Benefits
    • Misconceptions
7:35 – 7:45   LWRP Proposed Boundary
7:45 – 8:00   Realizing a Waterfront Vision
8:00 – 8:05   Next Steps
8:05 – 8:30   Questions and Discussion
Planning Process & Schedule
LWRP Planning Process

Planning Process

Task 5. Subcontract Preparation and Execution
Task 6. Project Kick-off Meeting (Including a Boundary discussion)
Task 7. Preparation of a Community Outreach Process and Plan
Task 8. Draft Section I - Waterfront Revitalization Area Boundary
Task 9. Draft Section II - Inventory & Analysis
Task 10. First Public Information Meeting
Task 11. Draft Section III – Local Waterfront Revitalization Policies
Task 12. Draft Section IV - Proposed Land & Water Uses and Proposed Projects
Task 13: Second Public Information Meeting
Task 14: Draft Section V - Techniques for Local Implementation of the Program
Task 15: Draft Section VI - Actions and Programs Likely to Affect Implementation of LWRP
Task 16: Draft Section VII - Local Commitment and Consultation
Task 17: SEQRA
Task 18: Complete Draft LWRP
Task 19: Third Public Information Meeting
Task 20: Final LWRP

Where are we now?

Where do we Want to go?

How do we get there?
# Project Schedule

We anticipate a 10 months process to complete the project.

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Background Documents

1988 LWRP
2008 Draft LWRI Update
Existing LWRP

- Finalized in 1988
- Is the adopted LWRP today
- Was prepared alongside Towns of Webster and Penfield
  - Webster approved in 1998
  - Penfield approved in 1991
  - Update approved in 2015
2008 Draft LWRP Update: Documents

- Started in 2008 as a joint update with Webster and Penfield
  - Draft Section I - Waterfront Revitalization Area Boundary
    - Minor modification from 1988 boundary
  - Draft Section II - Inventory & Analysis
  - Draft Section III – Local Waterfront Revitalization Policies
    - In 13 policy structure
What is an LWRP?
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)

- The Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act offers local governments the opportunity to participate in the State's Coastal Management Program (CMP) on a voluntary basis by preparing and adopting a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP).

- A Local Waterfront Revitalization Program is a locally prepared land and water use plan for a community’s developed, natural, public, and working waterfronts. It provides a comprehensive framework within which a community’s vision for its waterfront can be formalized. Working in partnership with the Department of State, a community reaches consensus on the future of its waterfront, establishes local policies and outlines the implementation techniques it will use to achieve its vision.
Benefits of LWRP

- **Local, state and federal actions are required to be consistent** with the approved LWRP to the maximum extent practicable. This “consistency” provision is a strong tool that helps ensure all government levels work in unison to build a stronger economy and a healthier environment. This can provide peace-of-mind for property owners.

- A LWRP reflects *community consensus*. As such, it can significantly increase a community’s ability to attract appropriate development that will respect its unique cultural and natural characteristics.

- A LWRP establishes a long-term partnership among local government, community based organizations, and the State, providing a source of *technical assistance* to prepare and implement a Local Program.

- A LWRP presents a unified vision; it therefore increases a community’s chances to obtain public and private funding for projects. Funding for both the development and implementation of Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs is available through grants from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF LWRP), among other sources.
What does it mean for me?

- Does not directly impact if not within boundary
- Actions within the LWRP boundary require “consistency review.”
  - construction or any other activities that may affect natural, manmade or other resources in the waterfront area or the environment by changing the use, appearance or condition of any resource or structure, that:
    - (i) are directly undertaken by an agency; or
    - (ii) involve funding by an agency; or
    - (iii) require one or more new or modified approvals, permits, or review from an agency or agencies;
- “Minor actions” are not applicable
  - Including but not limited to “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, except for structures in areas designated by the Coastal Erosion Hazard Area (CEHA) law”
  - Most residential improvements fall within this category
    - E.g. repairs, decks, additions, etc.
LWRP Proposed Boundary
LWRP Boundary
(Existing and Proposed)
Realizing A Waterfront Vision
A water-enhanced use is a use or activity which does not require a location adjacent to the water but whose location on the waterfront adds to the public use and enjoyment of the water’s edge. Water-enhanced uses are primarily recreational, cultural, retail or entertainment. A waterfront restaurant is a good example.
Water-dependent Uses

- A water dependent use is an activity which can only be conducted on, in, over or adjacent to a water body because such activity requires direct access to that water body, and which involves, as an integral part of such activity, the use of the water.
Public Access to the Water

- A key ingredient in all waterfront planning is maintaining and, when practicable, improving public access to the water.
- Access can happen in many ways but boils down to:
  - Physical access
  - Visual access
Marina

Funding Sources: City of Rochester, DOS, DOT, EFC, USFWS
Waterfront Trails

Funding Sources: City, Town, DOS
Promenades

Funding Sources: City of Rochester, DOS
Waterfront Master Planning

Funding Sources: City of Geneva, DOS
Blueway Trail Plans

- Raquette River - 17 communities, 174 miles
- Black River - 37 communities, 114 miles
- Oswegatchie River - 19 communities, 112 miles
  - Regional tourism development/marketing
  - Access enhancements
  - Hamlet revitalization
Lake Public Access

Funding Sources: City of Geneva, DOS
Waterfront Revitalization

- 1986 – Original LWRP (Village)
- 2003 – Site remediation/feasibility study
- 2007 - Concept Master Plan
- 2008-09 – Riverwalk & Frink Park improvements
- 2011 – Utilities/hotel construction
- 2012 - Waterfront Pavilion done
- 2013 – LWRP revised
- 2014 – Hotel opened

Funding Sources: DOS, OPD, DEC, HCR, ESD, Northern Border Commission, Private
Downtown Revitalization

Revitalize historic downtown

- Attract new businesses
- Encourage tourism
- Enhance streetscapes
- Improve waterfront connections

Funding Sources: Village Rouses Point, DOS, OPRHP
Opera House Renovations

Funding Sources: Village of Clayton, DOS, OPRHP, Private Donations
Water Quality Projects

Compromised Road Undercutting

Funding Sources: DOS, DEC
Tourism & Branding

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Funding Sources: City Jamestown, DOS
Kayak Launch

Funding Sources: City of North Tonawanda, DOS
Next Steps

- Boundary (Section 1)
- Inventory and analysis (Section 2)
- Community meeting #2 - Following
  - Draft policies (Section 3)
  - Proposed land and water uses (Section 4)
- Check Town’s website for updates
Questions and Discussion

Two Stations with Boundary Map at Each