

**Villages of Kinderhook and Valatie
Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan**

Waterfront Revitalization Meeting #7 Summary

Meeting Date: Monday, February 3, 2025, 6pm

Location: Conference Call

Consultants and DOS: Bob Murphy, Jr., AICP, Managing Community Planner, Barton & Loguidice (B&L)
Amy Dellio, NYS DOS

Recording Link: [Kinderhook-Valatie LWRP WAC Mtg #7 2.3.2025](#)

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Attendees:

- Kevin Mohahan, Kinderhook (V) Trustee
- Bill Laraway, Valatie (V)
- Patrick Rodgers, Valatie (V) Trustee

Absent:

- Thomas Mueller, Village of Kinderhook
- Randall Schmit, Village of Kinderhook
- Anthony Dvarkas, Village of Kinderhook
- Dorene Weir, Village of Kinderhook Trustee
- Larry Eleby, Village of Valatie, Trustee/Deputy Mayor
- Renee Shur, Village of Kinderhook
- Bob Gibson, Village of Kinderhook
- Nate Becker, Village of Valatie
- Anne Schaefer, Village of Valatie
- Steve Matheke, Village of Valatie

This was the seventh meeting of the Village of Kinderhook and Valatie Local Waterfront Advisory Committee (“Committee”) since the Villages’ contract with Barton & Loguidice (“B&L”) was finalized.

The purpose of this meeting was to update the Committee on the status of the project and updated timeline in addition to mapping out the process to the third and final public workshop.

Introduction

Mr. Murphy kicked off the meeting at 6:05pm. The agenda for the presentation was as follows:

- Committee Business & Project Timeline
- Draft Document Status Update
- PIM #3 Scheduling and Promotion
- Next Steps

The meeting began with an acknowledgment of the quiet period for the project and the desire of the team to reach complete draft document status soon. There was a brief discussion about Village elections

coming up in March although the outcome of the elections is not expected to effect the LWRP. The date of the March elections is March 18.

In general the proposed timeline call for PIM #3 in late winter (March 2025) which will allow for a completed “preliminary plan” document to be ready for DOS review in Spring 2025. Allowing for a 3-6 month DOS review timeline, we’d expect comments back in Fall 2025 that would allow the project to be adopted and finalized by the end of 2025.

Committee Business & Project Timeline

Following an overview of the timeline, the Committee reviewed the summary of feedback from PIM #2. There were no comments on timeline or the PIM #2 summary.

Draft LWRP Sections Update

Mr. Murphy reviewed the contents of the LWRP document. Comments from DOS have been received and incorporated for Sections I and II. Now the focus will be on finalizing draft Sections III, IV, V, VI, and VII. Mr. Murphy and Ms. Dellio discussed submitting these Sections following the PIM #3. There were no other comments on the Draft LWRP Sections status.

PIM #3 Scheduling & Promotion

Mr. Murphy introduced the idea of holding PIM #3 in late March and working backward from there for schedule and operations tasks. This was broadly agreed upon by the Committee, targeting the week of March 24. Kinderhook Memorial Library was chosen as the location for PIM #3 after the first two PIMs were held at the Glynn Municipal Center in Valatie.

Mr. Murphy will coordinate with Renee Shur and Patrick Rodgers on:

- Availability of the Library space
- Online posting of promotional material
- Making the promotional flyer available at public events
 - o Skating event to be held on Feb 14
 - o Valatie Village Board Meeting on Feb 11
 - o Kinderhook Village Board Meeting on Feb 12

B&L will make use of the mailing list established from PIMs #1 and #2 as well.

Next Steps

- **B&L Team and Committee**
 - o B&L to finalize PIM #2 Summary and post on project website by Feb 5
 - o B&L to draft Committee Mtg #7 Summary and distribute to Committee by Feb 7
 - o B&L to distribute Section 4 – list of proposed projects to Committee by Feb 7
 - Committee to comment and prioritize proposed project (H, M, L) by Feb 17
 - o B&L / Renee to coordinate with Kinderhook Memorial Library on availability
 - B&L to issue promotional flyer by Feb 11
 - o Karen Strong to develop PIM #3 Messaging Memo by Feb 21

- **Next Meeting**

- Committee Mtg #8 (Conference Call) - March 4, 2025, 6pm
 - Link invitation to follow
- PIM #3 – Week of March 24, TBD

Bill Laraway mentioned a consideration that a parcel of land agency to the Route 9H overpass is for sale and could benefit waterfront access at this area with the two Villages meet. However, the parcel in question is outside the Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA) and outside the two Villages, so including it in the proposed projects list will be difficult to justify. Patrick Rodgers also mentioned a similar parcel for sale just to the south of the Pachaquack Preserve, but also outside the WRA limits. The Committee agreed that the idea of acquiring the land at these two locations should be supported in the LWRP document. Mr. Laraway provided a map of the Route 9H overpass parcel in question via email.

Ms. Dellio added that she'll set up a call to discuss Sections 1-3 with B&L in the near future as well as with Nicole Heeder (Kinderhook (V)) about reimbursement submission processes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

This project was prepared with funding provided by the New York State Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

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Tonight's Agenda

- COMMITTEE BUSINESS & PROJECT TIMELINE
- DOCUMENT UPDATE
- PUBLIC MEETING #3 SCHEDULING
- NEXT STEPS

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Project Timeline & Committee Business

Project Schedule


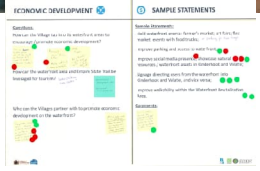
DOS Review and Comment

- WINTER 2022 — Project Kick-Off Meeting (SC Meeting #1)
- SPRING 2023 — Community Outreach Plan & Draft Inventory
- FALL 2023 — Draft Vision & Goal Framework & PIM #1
- SPRING / SUMMER 2024 — Draft Actions and LWRP Policies & PIM #2
- WINTER 2025 — PIM #3 / Community Open House
- SPRING 2025 — Preliminary Plan
- SUMMER 2025 — SEQR & NYS DOS Referral
- FALL 2025 — Village Board Public Hearing & Final Plan

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PIM #2 – June 24, 2024

- 25 attendees, food provided
- 6 topic stations
 - Community Development
 - Environmental Sustainability
 - Recreation
 - Infrastructure Improvements
 - Trails & Walkways
 - Community Design
- Attendees were encouraged to read the data and answer the questions on each poster
- Recording can be found on: www.kinderhookvalatielwrp.com

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PIM #2 – Comment

Community Development
Proposed Actions:

- Continue to establish regular communication channels with business owners ●
- Continue to support economic development and tourism initiatives such as festivals, sporting events, concerts, fishing, and guided tours ●●●

Comments:

- Start boating at Route 66 Chatham and end of Stuyvesant Falls damn. Figure out bypass for dams & Valatie Falls
- Funding is critical – multi-year support
- Differentiate between economic development focus between 2 villages. Especially in the final report
- Coordinate with Town of Kinderhook / Villages for comprehensive flood mitigation / weed & water flooding management

Environmental Sustainability
Proposed Actions:

- Plan for healthy natural areas by developing long-term strategies that address the stresses to them ●●
- Preserve and enhance natural areas by implementing long-term strategies for healthy ecosystems ●●●●

Comments:

- Remove dead tree in the creek
- Is there a solution for knot weed?
- KLC dam is one of the sources of invasive weed species in Kinderhook Creek? We should discuss these issues / remediation efforts
- Take a comprehensive approach to invasive plant management including parks and AHET
- Planting trees and shrubs to replace dead vegetation
- Action on invasives can have a positive effect on the whole region

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PIM #2 – Comment

Recreation
Proposed Actions:

- Create formal creek access points and designated areas for various activities such as swimming, fishing, and kayaking (and canoeing & tubing) ●●
- Water level gauge for safer kayak access ●
- Picnicking or barbecuing amenities at the Hudson Street Landing Site ●●●

Comments:

- it would be great if the dam on the Valatie Kill was fixed, and Wild's Pond filled. Access to that would be a terrific resource
- bridge in Valatie over Valatie Kill has a hidden scenic view. This is a natural tourist attraction that could be revealed ●●●●
- include Kinderhook Lake in any water flow related actions
- Hudson Street Landing is well on the way. Private property owners & access
- Additional public use of the creek area would need public toilets (composting ones?)
- Water level gauge is very important

Infrastructure Improvements
Proposed Actions:

- Improve pedestrian access to waterfront sites by developing multi-use trails that connect the central business districts to the creek ●●●●
- Collaborate with NYS DOT on truck traffic mitigation and boat launch construction ●

Comments:

- Consider elderly boaters
- Consider zoning and site planning for future mixed-use commercial / residential developments
- KLC: coordination with Tok on dam maintenance to preserve / protect down stream flooding
- Improve pedestrian access to Pachaquack from Main Street and Diamond Street in Valatie

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PIM #2 – Comment

Trails & Walkways
Proposed Actions:

- Expand kayak launch sites, fishing platforms, scenic overlooks, and playgrounds ●
- Promote biking through signage, trail maintenance, trail connectivity to and from the Electric Trail, and events ●
- Invest in the studies and mapping needed for trails in Mill's Park and the Vly
- Export opportunities to connect downtown Valatie to Pachaquack to the north and River Street Park to the west via pedestrian bridges ●
- Create or enhance the AHET connections with public parks and creek access sites, including wayfinding and interpretive signage ●●●
- Establish a mountain bike trail at River Street Park (an informal one already exists) ●

Comments:

- Viewing overlook / boardwalk type area along the rear of buildings on Main Street along Creek with bridge to small island near dams and to Pachaquack
- Biking is critical as recreation and to promote visitors to our community

Community Design Guidelines
Proposed Actions:

- Implement a bicycle and pedestrian safety plan that generates a community identity ●●●
- Better wayfinding signage that directs people toward the Central Business Districts and the waterfront ●●
- Better wayfinding / information signage regarding recreational activities such as kayaking, mountain biking, hiking, and swimming ●●●●
- Community design guideline changes – a cohesive aesthetic between the 2 villages ●

Comments:

- No proposed actions related to issue of housing affordability
- Main St. Valatie has already had a tragic fatality and several pedestrian car accidents – need to be addressed
- Extend Eichyush Road sidewalk to rail trail for pedestrian safety
- Include historic context in proposed action
- Emphasize bike safety, safe lanes, reduction in speeds for cars

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Draft Document Update

DRAFT PLAN APPROACH

- Section I – Waterfront Revitalization Boundary
 - Overview of study area
- Section II – Inventory & Analysis
 - Looks at existing conditions, demographics, etc.
- Section III – Local Waterfront Revitalization Policies
 - 44 policies, plus sub-policies
- Section IV – Proposed Land and Water Uses & Proposed Projects

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DRAFT PLAN APPROACH

- Bulk of content in Sections II and IV
- Section V
 - Review of Ordinances for impact on Implementation
- Section VI
 - Cross-reference to State and Federal Programs for regulatory consistency
- Section VII
 - Public engagement summary

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Sections I & II Update

- WAC comments received on Section I, Section II, and on the Draft Market Analysis
- Drafts remain in review with DOS at this time, but comments forthcoming

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PIM #3 Scheduling and Promotion

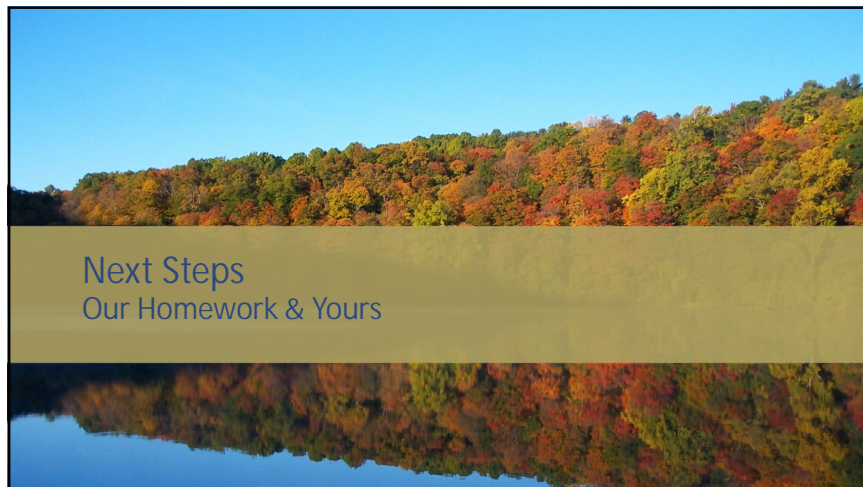
Public Info Meeting #3

- Hybrid Recording + Proposed Actions Gallery
- Where?
- When? **March 2025**
 - How will we promote it?
 - How do we want to collect feedback?



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Next Steps

B&L and Steering Committee

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- B&L to draft summary notes for Committee Mtg #7 (tonight): **Feb 7**
- B&L to Distribute Proposed Project List: **Feb 7**
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 - Also need Committee to prioritize each action (H, M, L)
- B&L develop promotional flyer: **Feb 14**
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Next Committee Meeting

- PIM #3 – **(Late) March __**
- Steering Committee Conference Call – **(Early) March __**

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