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## VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

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# ABOUT THE LWRP UPDATE

## [Overview]

The Village of Saranac Lake has begun the process of updating its Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) to guide appropriate development and investment. The LWRP will express the Village’s vision for its waterfront areas and outline a program for achieving that vision. The LWRP will promote public access to recreational opportunities, identify sustainable approaches to mitigate climate changes impacts, stimulate economic development, and plan connections to and between recreational amenities and downtown. This process is supported with funding provided by the New York State Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

The primary waterfront issues to be addressed by the Village in the LWRP have been preliminarily identified as increasing and improving access to water resources; stimulating economic development in downtown Saranac Lake; protecting and enhancing natural resources; and improving pedestrian safety to and from waterfront areas. The Village’s LWRP will identify potential projects and actions that will articulate a vision for their waterfront areas.

This effort is a community-driven planning effort to ensure community-supported implementation. To support this approach, there will be consistent communication with the Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC), the public, and various stakeholders throughout the process.

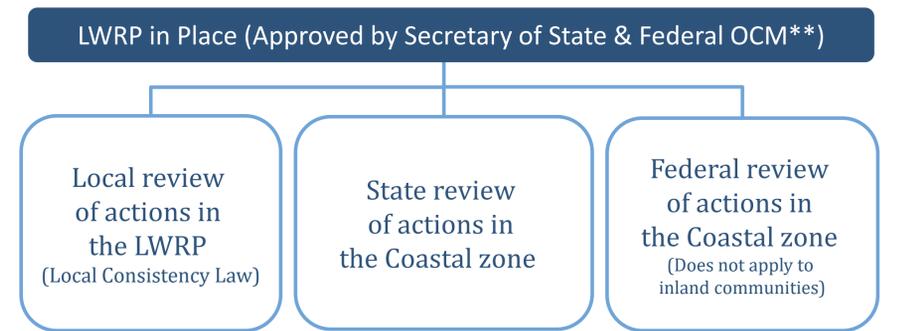
## [Who’s Involved]

- Village of Saranac Lake
- Saranac Lake Waterfront Advisory Committee
- New York State Department of State
- LWRP Consultant Team:
  - MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.
  - CLA Site
  - Shumaker Engineering
- The Saranac Lake community!



## [LWRP Benefits]

- Protect waterfront and other valued resources
- Attract appropriate development
- Eligibility for further funding
- Establishes consensus
- Creates long-term partnerships (among Community-based organizations and state agencies)
- Provides a comprehensive framework for decision-making
- Actions by state agencies (permits, funding) must be consistent with your LWRP



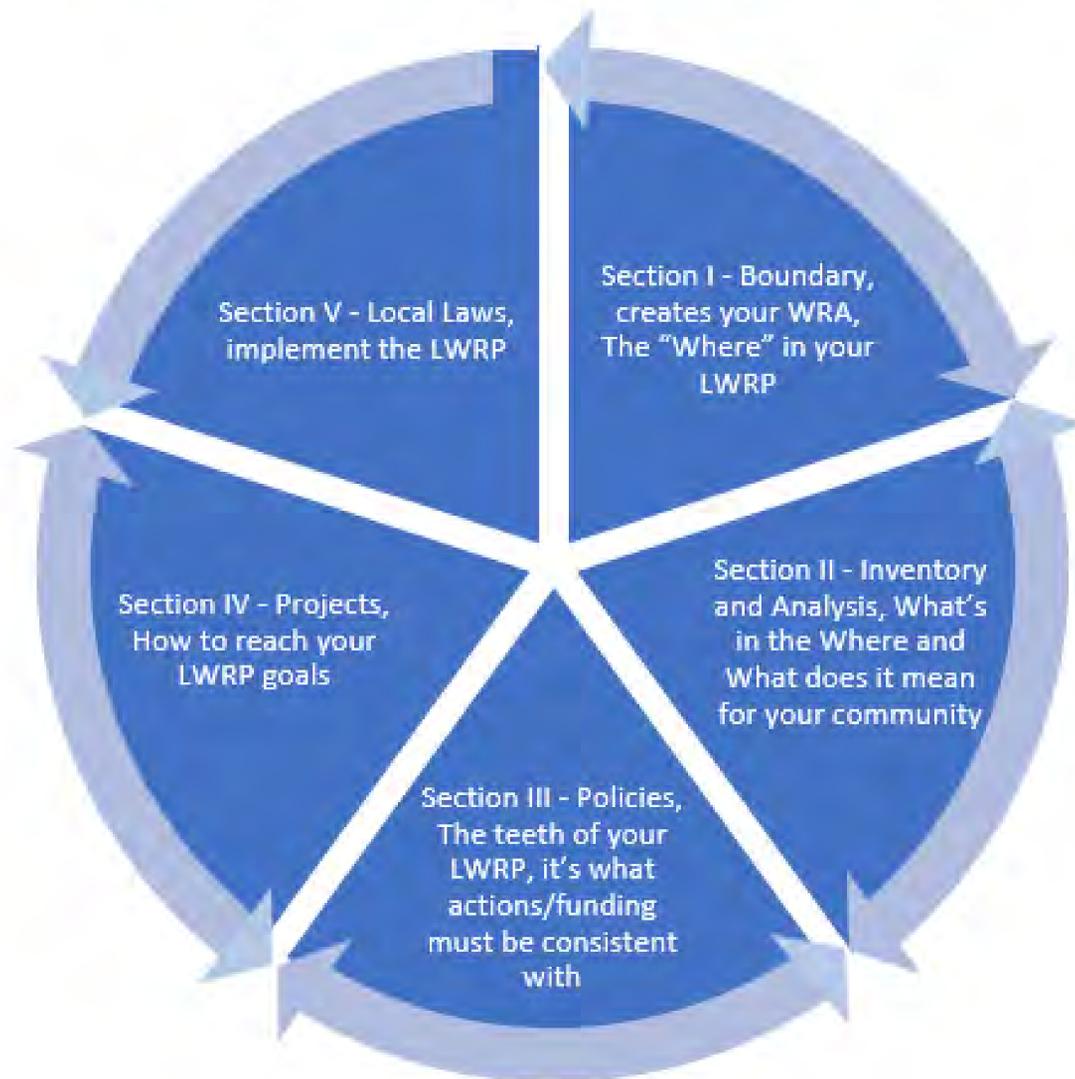
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## Circular Nature of an LWRP

Sections are interrelated, one section informs the next



## [LWRP Required Elements\*]

- I. LWRP Revitalization Area Boundary
- II. Inventory & Analysis
- III. Local Waterfront Revitalization Policies
- IV. Proposed Land and Water Uses & Proposed Projects
- V. Techniques for Local Implementation
- VI. State Actions & Programs Likely to Affect Implementation
- VII. Local Commitment & Consultation
- VIII. Compliance with SEQRA

*\*Information provided by NYSDOS*



# ABOUT THE LWRP UPDATE

## [Process]

**PLAN** - LWRPs begin with a planning process that centers on developing a vision for the future of the waterfront. The planning process will be a consensus-driven effort which includes a robust public engagement component to gather input from residents, visitors, business owners, property owners, and other stakeholders in the community. Your participation in this process is vital!

**EXECUTE** - LWRPs are approved on multiple levels of government through local adoption and Secretary of State approval.

**IMPLEMENT** - Once an LWRP is approved and in place, municipalities are eligible for implementation funds through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program to begin to implement identified and prioritized projects.

## [Implementing the LWRP]

- Capital projects
- Apply for grants
- Local land use controls
- Ongoing process
- Updating the LWRP
- Consistency review of local actions

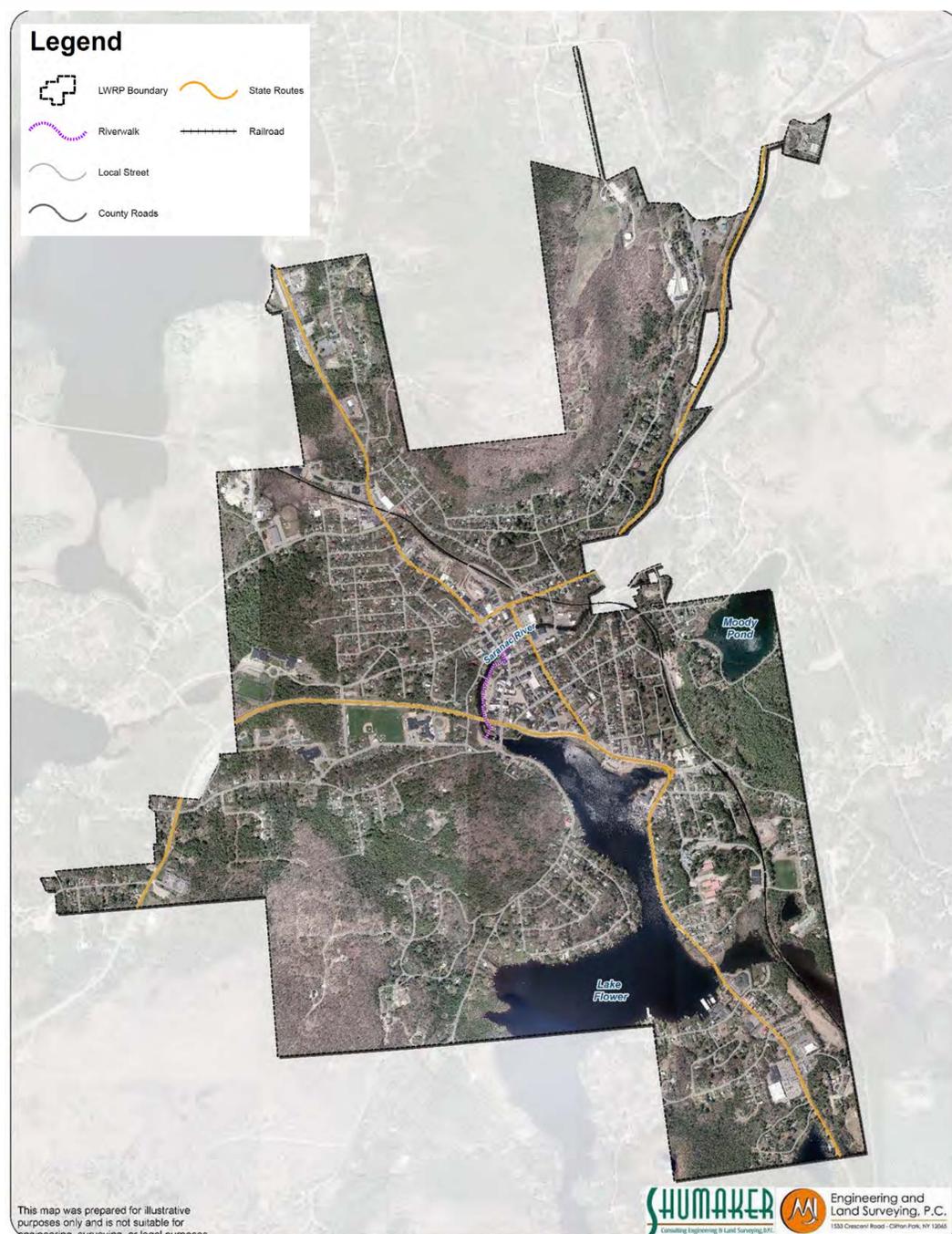
- For more information about the project, visit the LWRP Project page at [www.saranaclakeny.gov](http://www.saranaclakeny.gov)
- For more information about the LWRP program, please visit the NYS DOS website <https://dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program>.



Following the adoption of the 2004 LWRP, improvements were made to Riverside and Prescott Parks utilizing LWRP funding. Additional improvements to Village parks could be recommended through the LWRP Update.



# WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION AREA



## [What is a WRA?]

- The Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA) is the area of focus for the LWRP.
- Current (original) WRA Boundary is the Village of Saranac Lake Municipal Boundary

## [What it means to be in the WRA]

- Funding Opportunities for proposed projects within WRA
- Actions to be determined may be subject to Local Waterfront Consistency Review Law, which will be an outcome of the LWRP effort



# PROPOSED PROJECTS

One component of the LWRP Update is the identification of proposed projects to advance the LWRP. The proposed projects are described below and on the following boards. These projects are organized into five project categories: “Water Quality & Resiliency”, “Waterfront Access & Amenities”, “Connections”, “Infrastructure”, and “Education, Art & Interpretation”. These projects will serve to further the community's vision for the waterfront. These projects are based on input received from the Village, WAC, and public input through the online waterfront survey and Public Meeting #1. These projects are continuing to be refined. Inclusion of these projects within the LWRP can allow Saranac Lake to seek future funding for implementation. **Please read through each of the proposed projects and identify if you support a project by placing a sticker in the support column!**

|                            | Project Name                                      | Project Description  | Photo  | Support              |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------|
| Water Quality & Resiliency | Green Infrastructure Feasibility & Assessment     | Conduct feasibility study to identify appropriate and cost-effective applications of green infrastructure within the Village.      |  | [Place Sticker Here] |
|                            | Flood Zone Mapping Update                         | Assessment and update of 100- and 500-year flood zone maps to reflect current risk levels.   | N/A  | [Place Sticker Here] |
|                            | Partnerships with State Agencies on Water Quality | Establish ongoing partnerships with State agencies to address issues involving fish stocking, boat decontamination, and road sand. | N/A  | [Place Sticker Here] |



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|                            | Project Name   | Project Description   | Photo   | Support              |
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| Water Quality & Resiliency | Expand Urban Tree Canopy                             | Feasibility study to expand urban tree canopy including evaluating appropriate locations for additional trees and maintenance of existing trees.  |   | [Place Sticker Here] |
|                            | Development of Shoreline Protection Program          | Program to include conditions assessment, invasive species inventory and riparian buffer assessment. Partnerships to plant native/salt tolerant plants, monitor invasive species, and provide landowner education on the importance of native plants. |  | [Place Sticker Here] |
|                            | Zoning Update to Incorporate Sustainability Elements | Carry out updates to existing zoning code to incorporate best practices in sustainability, green infrastructure and water quality.  | N/A   | [Place Sticker Here] |

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Waterfront Access & Amenities

| Project Name                       | Project Description  | Photo | Support                     |
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| <p>Riverside Park Improvements</p> | <p>Park improvements to implement the Parks Vision Plan. Accessible amenities and seating, new bandshell, enhance lake-edge vegetation, relocate seasonal restroom facilities, and additional landscape enhancements.</p>  |       | <p>[Place Sticker Here]</p> |
| <p>Prescott Park Improvements</p>  | <p>Park improvements to implement the Parks Vision Plan. Enhanced area for Ice Palace, canoe/kayak launch, enhanced lakeside vegetation, and fishing access. Activate space to create seasonal kids programming space.</p> |       | <p>[Place Sticker Here]</p> |

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Waterfront Access & Amenities

| Project Name   | Project Description  | Photo | Support                     |
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| <p>Riverfront Park Improvements</p>                            | <p>Park improvements to implement the Parks Vision Plan. Addition of shorefront trail/boardwalk, kayak launch, fishing access, enhanced lakeside vegetation. Activate space to create seasonal kids programming space.</p>                         |       | <p>[Place Sticker Here]</p> |
| <p>Lake Colby Beach/<br/>William Wallace Park Improvements</p> | <p>Park improvements to implement the Parks Vision Plan. Improve beach area, new year-round accessible pavilion and bathrooms, children's play area, kayak rental/storage racks, removal of north entrance and conversion to pedestrian trail.</p> |       | <p>[Place Sticker Here]</p> |



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| Waterfront Access & Amenities       | Project Name  | Project Description   | Photo  | Support                     |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------|
|                                     | <p>Riverwalk Extension</p>  | <p>Completion of the Saranac Lake Riverwalk extension. While this project was funded through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, identification within the LWRP can allow the Village to seek additional funding.</p> |  | <p>[Place Sticker Here]</p> |
| <p>Saranac Lake Whitewater Park</p> | <p>Construction of a whitewater canoe/kayak park on the Raquette River below the East Hydro-Station. While this project was funded through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, identification within the LWRP can allow the Village to seek additional funding.</p> |    | <p>[Place Sticker Here]</p>  |                             |



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|                                | <p>Baldwin Park Improvements</p>  | <p>Baldwin Park improvements including a boardwalk, pavilion, kayak launch, interpretation and enhanced wetland plantings.</p> |  | <p>[Place Sticker Here]</p> |
| <p>Kids Recreation Program</p> | <p>Initiate program to provide free or low-cost water safety courses and recreational equipment rentals for young residents and visitors.</p> | <p>N/A</p>   | <p>[Place Sticker Here]</p>  |                             |

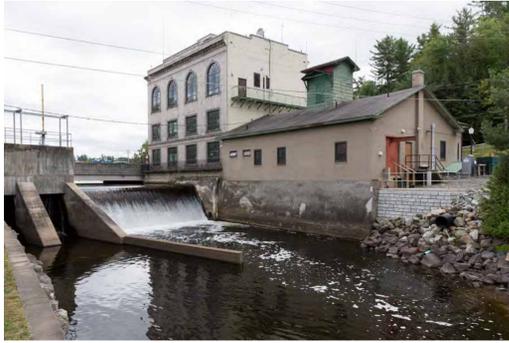


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| Connections |  | River Street Corridor Connections & Bike/Pedestrian Improvements      | Enhancements to bicycle infrastructure including dedicated one lane bike paths on River Street from Lake Flower Ave to Main Street. Improvements to Lake Flower Ave/River Street intersection for safe pedestrian crossing. |       | [Place Sticker Here] |
|             |  | Pedestrian Connections to Riverwalk through Dorsey Street Parking Lot | Pedestrian Connections to Riverwalk through Dorsey Street Parking Lot   |       | [Place Sticker Here] |
|             |  | Lake Colby Beach Connection to Rail Trail Feasibility Study           | Initiate study to assess the feasibility of replacing/relocating the below-grade pedestrian pathway leading to Lake Colby Beach along Broadway/NY-86 with a connection to the rail trail.                                   |       | [Place Sticker Here] |
|             |  | Establish Working Group with NYSDOT for Future Improvements           | Initiate an ongoing Working Group with key members of NYSDOT staff and Village representatives for future improvements.   | N/A   | [Place Sticker Here] |



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| Infrastructure |  | Dam Improvement/ Modernization Study            | Identify long-term needs for continued safe operation. Modernize controls as well as gates/turbines. Ensure resiliency.  |   | [Place Sticker Here] |
|                |  | Hydro Point Park Bridge & Walkway Stabilization | Reinforce structural elements for resilience, improve stormwater drainage and evaluate potential to reconfigure parking area to accommodate additional spaces. |  | [Place Sticker Here] |
|                |  | Water Infrastructure Improvements on NY-86      | Replace aging water lines to increase resiliency. Coordinate with NYS DOT during roadwork to minimize disruptions on NY-86.                                    | N/A   | [Place Sticker Here] |
|                |  | Wastewater Plant Improvement Feasibility        | Assess feasibility of alternative energy generation such as methane capture or solar panel installation at wastewater treatment plant.                         | N/A   | [Place Sticker Here] |



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| Education, Art & Interpretation  | Project Name   | Project Description   | Photo  | Support                     |
|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------|
|  | <p>Lake Flower Art, Education &amp; Interpretation</p>   | <p>Rotating interpretative displays on Lake Flower Trail, addition of public art at Prescott and Riverfront Park, refresh Riverwalk murals and inventory/modernize existing information kiosks.</p> |  | <p>[Place Sticker Here]</p> |
| <p>Programming Partnerships for Educating Visitors &amp; Residents</p> | <p>Establish ongoing partnerships with regional organizations to address invasive species/ pollution/ water quality and provide free/low-cost boater safety courses.</p> | <p>N/A</p>  | <p>[Place Sticker Here]</p>  |                             |



# OTHER THOUGHTS

Do you have any additional thoughts about proposed projects or other potential project ideas?

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