

VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP #1

APRIL 28, 2022, 5:00 PM VIA ZOOM





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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



[Introductions]

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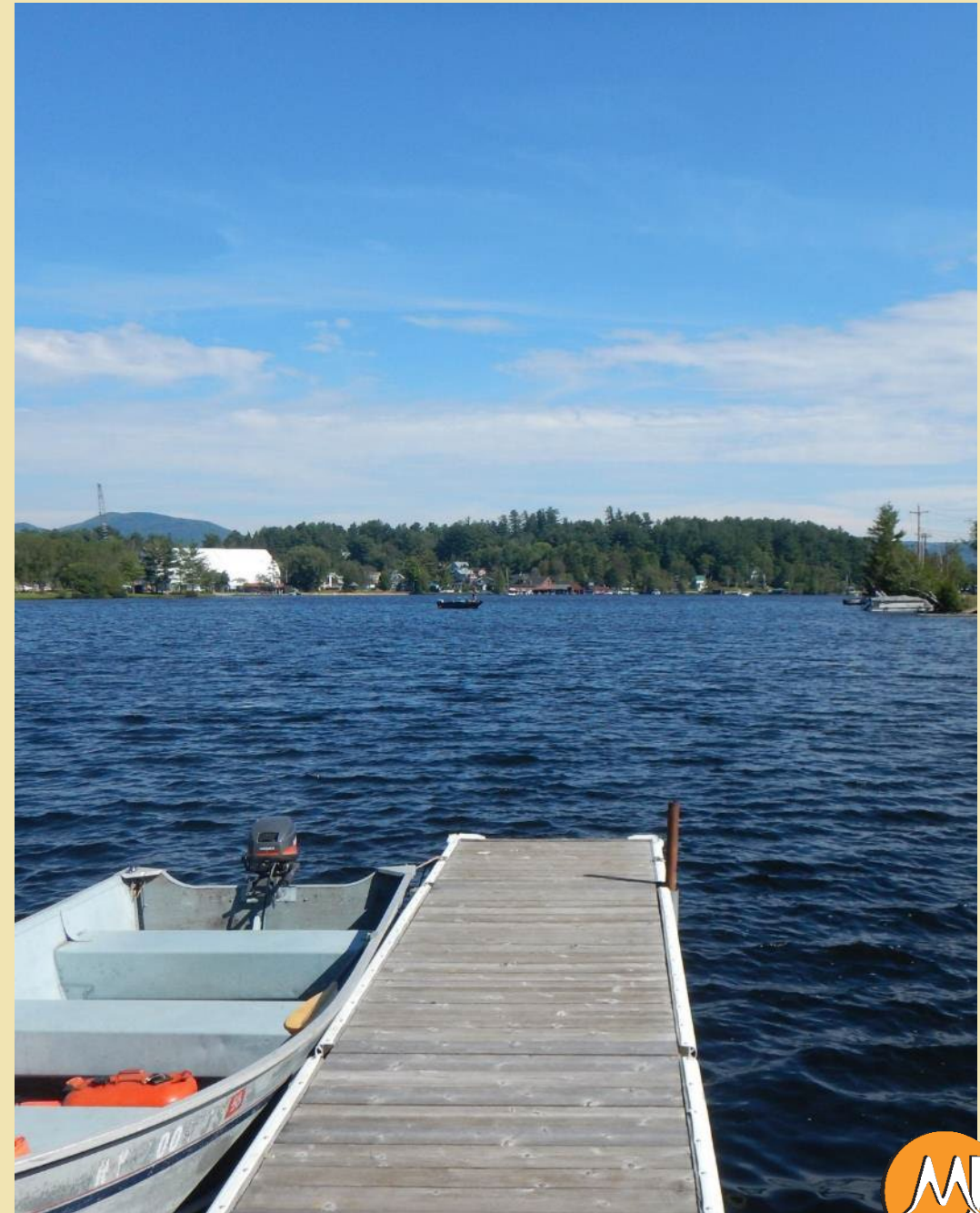
MJ Team



Waterfront

Advisory

Committee



[Waterfront Advisory Committee]

Name	Affiliation
Jamie Konkoski	Community Development Director, Village of Saranac Lake
Ashley Milne	Harrietstown Council Member
Becca Halter	Climate Smart Taskforce
Emmett Smith	Northern Power & Light
Jason Smith	Adirondack Outfitters
Jeremy Evans	Franklin County IDA
Nina Schoch	Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation
Zoe Smith	Paul Smith's College



[Participant Poll]

Getting to know you...



[Zoom Meeting Overview]

- Presentation
- Breakout Group Discussions
- We will break to address questions at the end of the meeting

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[Agenda]

1
Welcome/Workshop
Overview

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Overview of the
LWRP

3
Existing
Conditions

4
Breakout Room
Discussion

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Next Steps

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Live Q&A



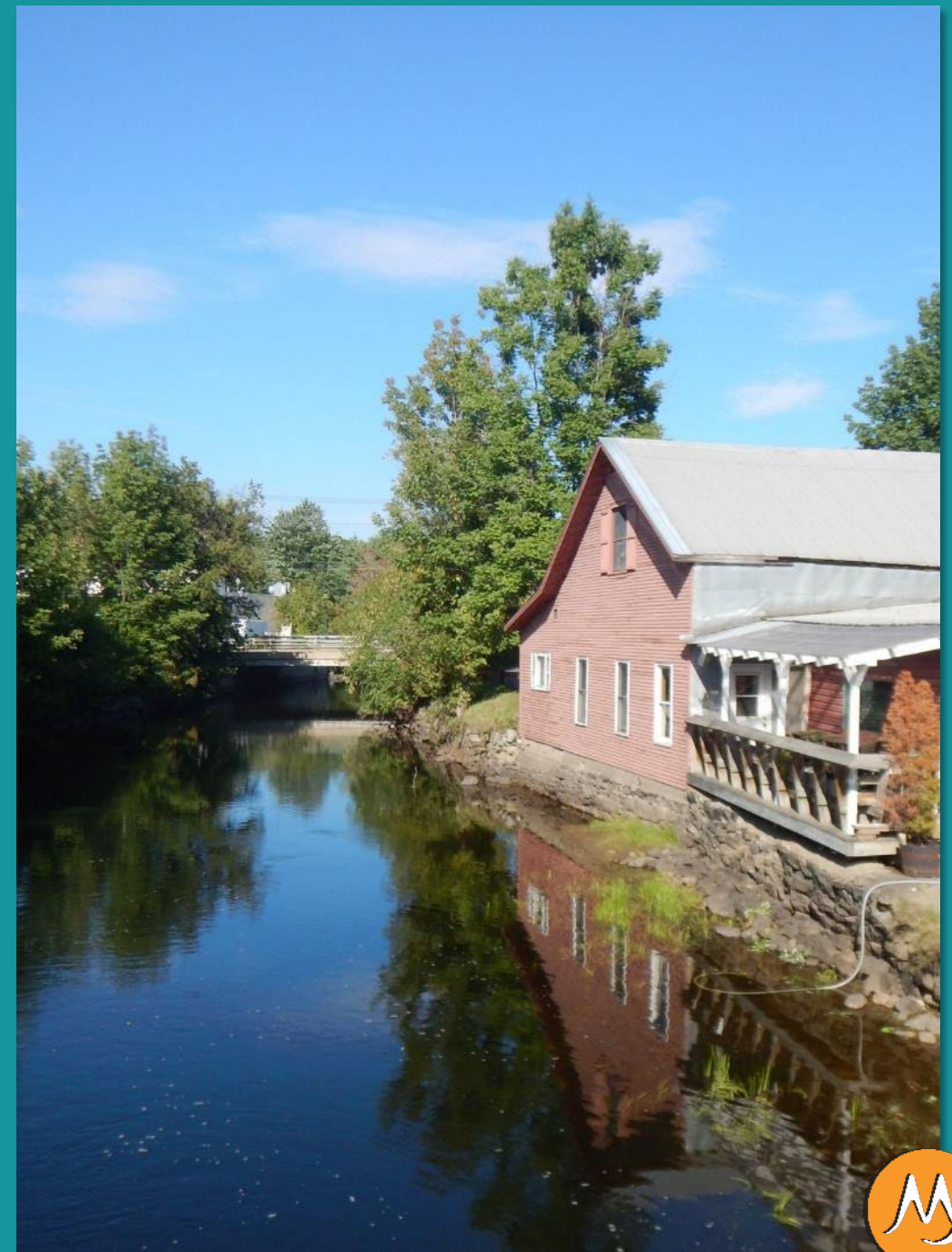


LWRP OVERVIEW



[LWRP Overview]

- What is an LWRP?
- Benefits of an LWRP
- LWRP Planning Process
- Implementing the LWRP



[LWRP Overview*]

What is an LWRP?

- Land and water use plan
- Strategy to implement the program
- Addresses:
 - Development
 - Waterfront Access
 - Protecting Natural & Cultural Resources
 - Erosion and Flooding

**Information provided by NYSDOS*



[LWRP Overview*]

LWRP Benefits

- Attract appropriate development
- Protect waterfront and other valued resources
- Eligibility for further funding
- Establishes consensus
- Creates long-term partnerships (among Community-based organizations and state agencies)
- Provides a comprehensive framework for decision-making

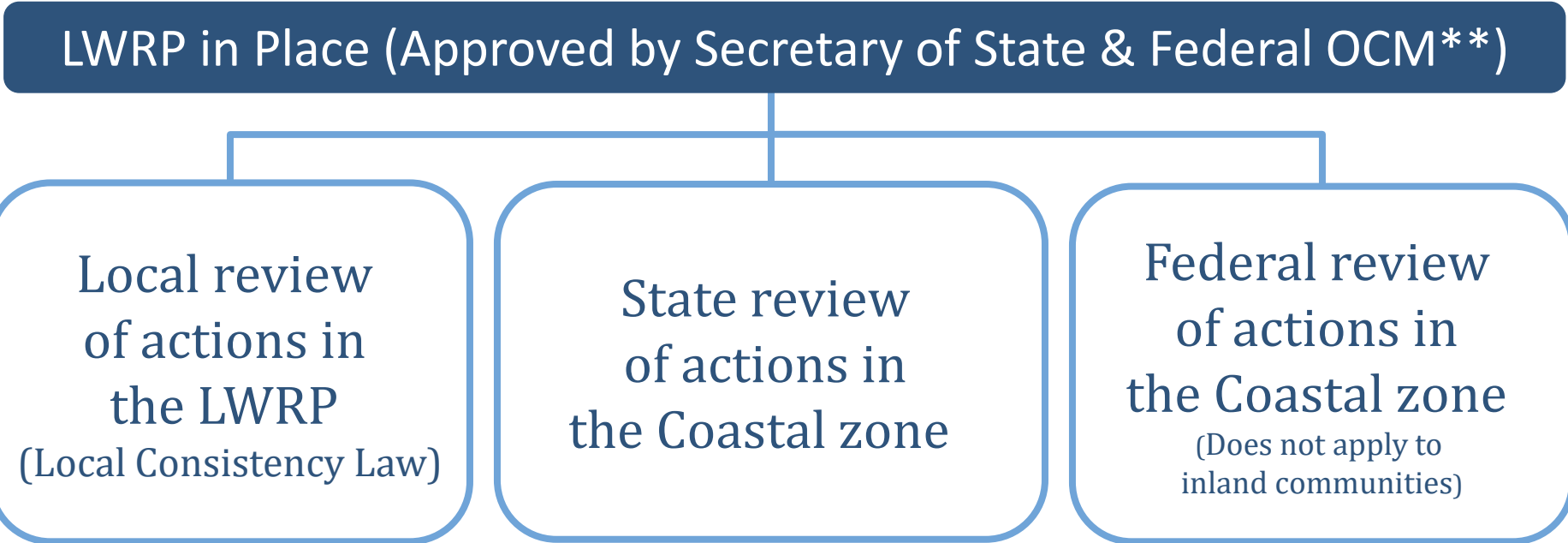
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[LWRP Overview*]

LWRP Benefits

- Actions by state agencies (permits, funding) must be consistent with your LWRP.



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**Office of Coastal Management



[LWRP Planning Process*]

- Form Waterfront Advisory Committee
- Develop Vision, Goals & Objectives
- Review Previous Planning
- Inventory & Analysis of Local Resources
- Draft and Review Required Sections
- Village “Acceptance” of Draft

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[LWRP Planning Process*]

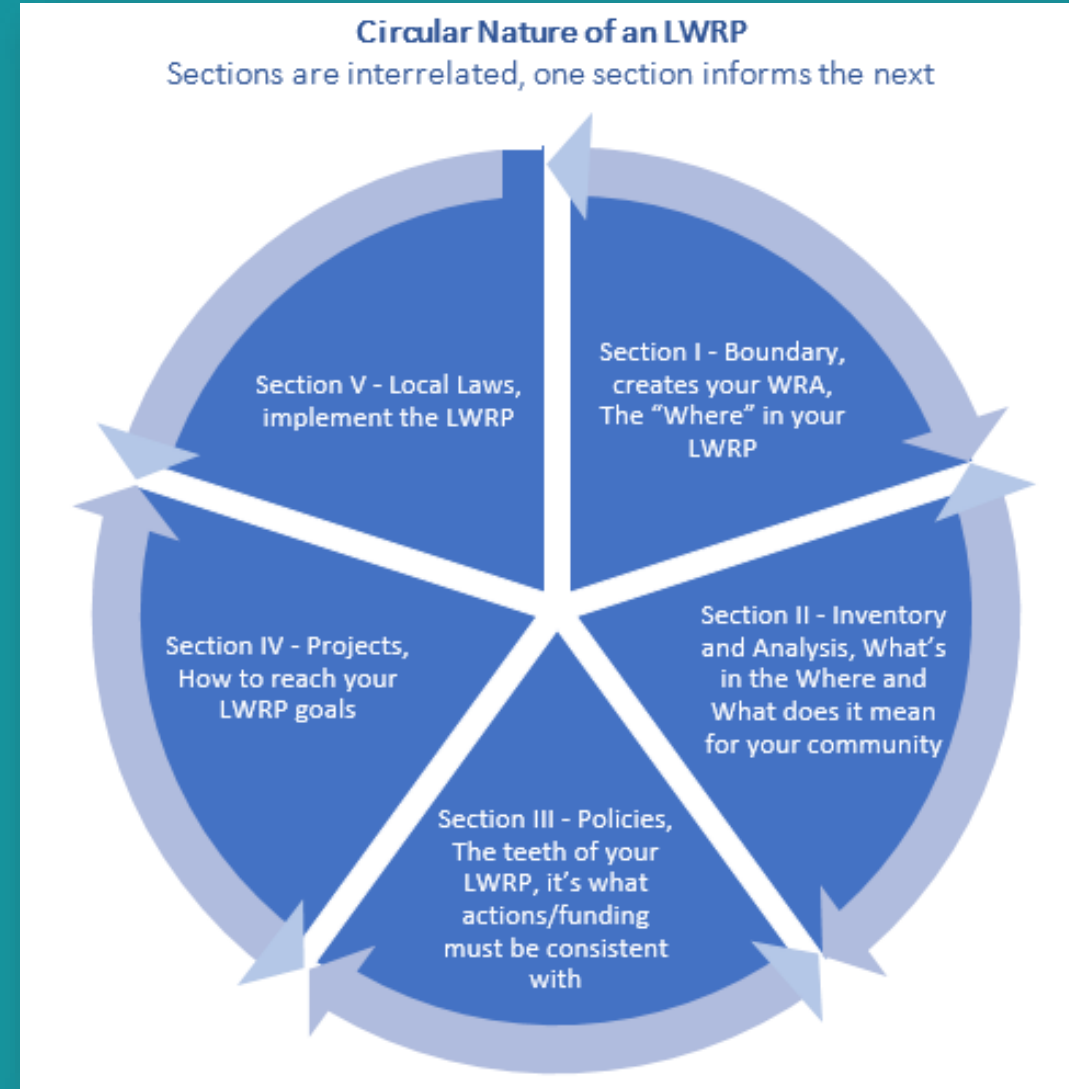
- 60-Day Review
- Incorporation of Public Comments
- Local Adoption of LWRP & Local Laws
- DOS Final Legal Review
- NYS Secretary of State Approval



[LWRP Required Elements*]

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

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[Implementing the LWRP*]

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



[Project Schedule]



[WRA Boundary]

- 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



[WRA Boundary]

What it means to be within 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





EXISTING CONDITIONS



[Preliminary Inventory Mapping]

Study Area (Waterfront Revitalization Area)

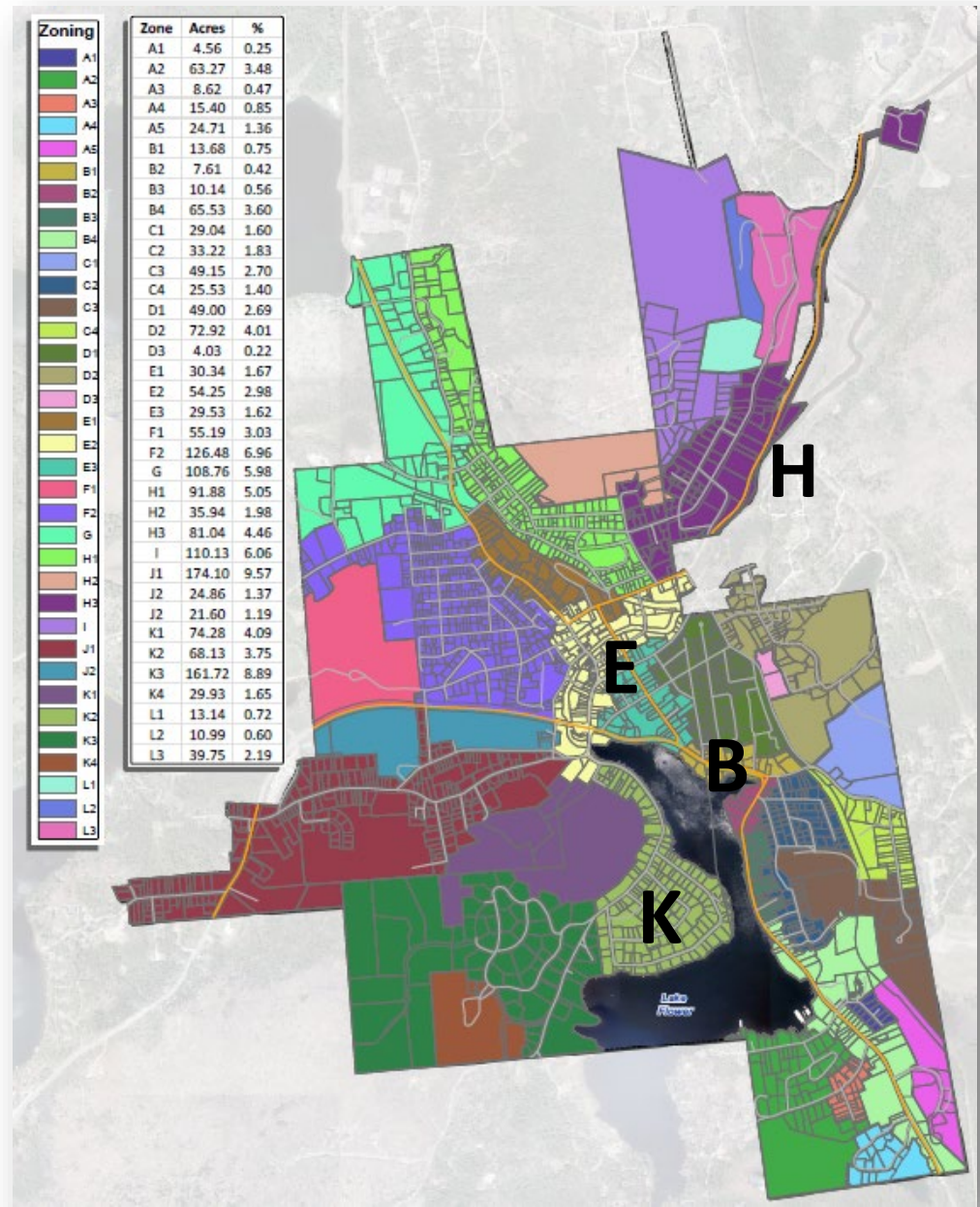
- Village of Saranac Lake Municipal Boundary
- Village Covers Over 2000 Acres
- Within Essex & Franklin County
- Within the Towns of St. Elba, Saranac Lake and Harrietstown
- Major Routes include
 - Route 3/River Street
 - Route 86/Lake Flower Ave/Broadway



[Preliminary Inventory Mapping]

Existing Zoning

- 35 Zoning Districts
- Majority of Waterfront within:
 - Downtown Commercial (E2, E3)
 - Commercial Gateway (B1, B2, B3, B4)
 - Single Family Residential (K2)
- Saranac River (E2, H3)
 - Downtown Commercial (E2)
 - Residential (H3)



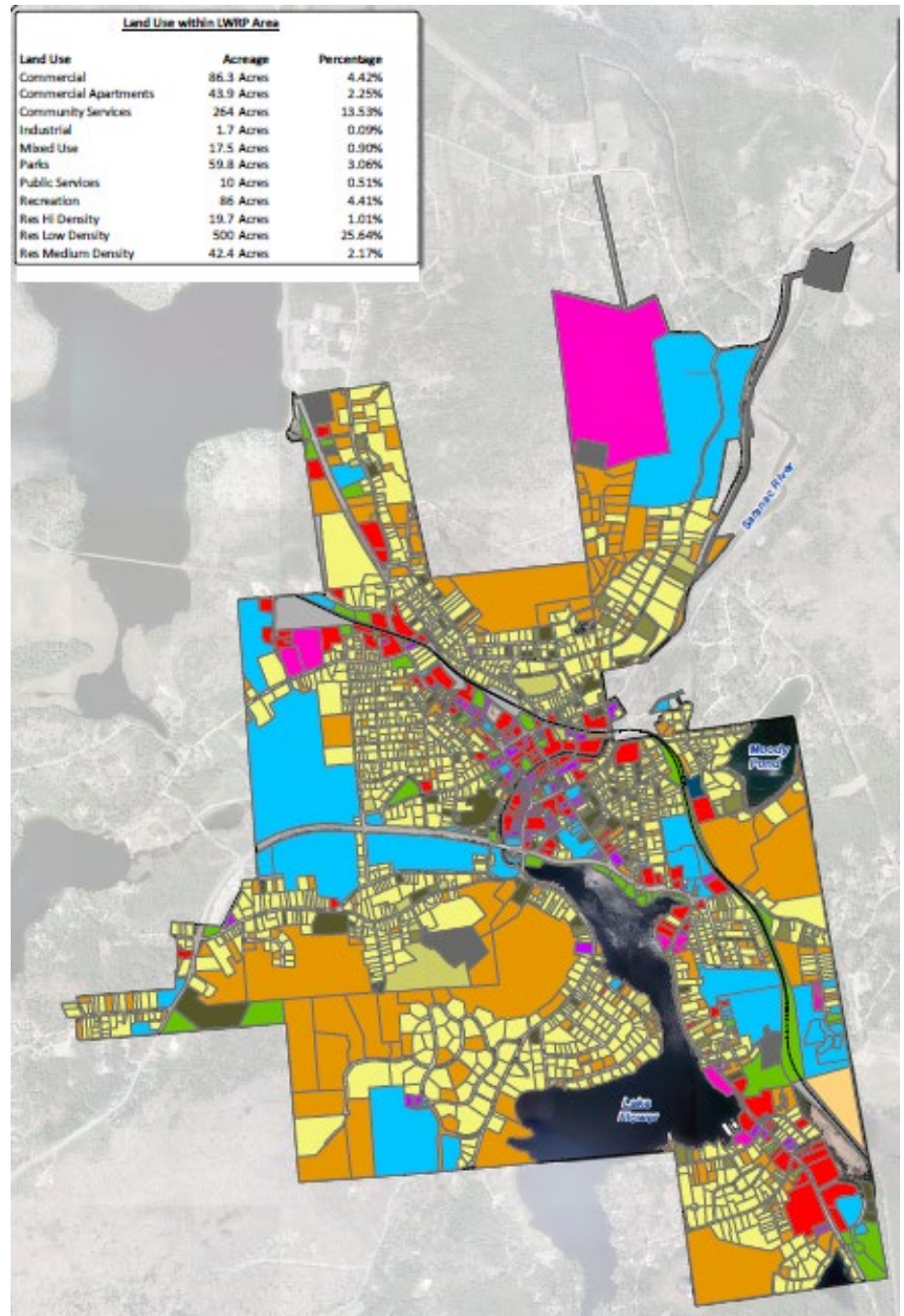
[Preliminary Inventory Mapping]

Existing Land Uses

- Primarily Residential
- Community Services
- Vacant Lands
- Commercial
- Recreation

Legend

- LWRP Project Area
- Railroad
- Commercial
- Community Services
- Industrial
- Mixed Use
- Parks
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Res Low Density
- Res Medium Density
- Res Hi Density
- Commercial Apartments
- Transportation
- Utility
- Vacant



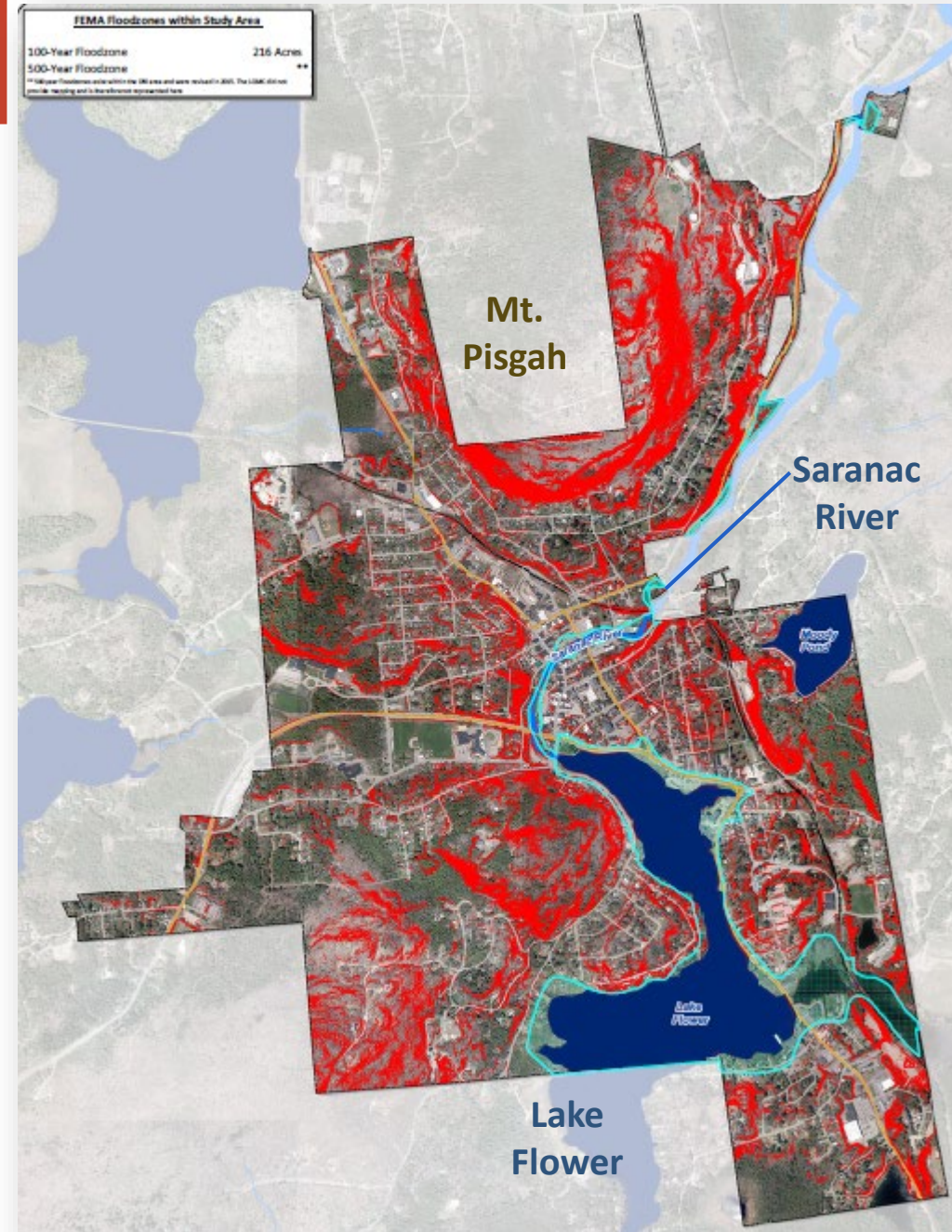
[Preliminary Inventory Mapping]

Sensitive Environmental Features

- Steep Slopes:
 - Mount Pisgah
 - West Side of Lake Flower
- 100-year Flood Zone (216 Acres)
- Federal Wetlands:
 - Lake Flower
 - Saranac River

Legend

-  Steep Slopes (>15%)
-  100 year Floodzone
- NWI Wetlands**
 -  Riverine Area
 -  Lake Flower





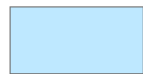



[Preliminary Inventory Mapping]

Parks, Trails and Conserved Lands

- Key Parks:
 - Riverside, Riverfront, Prescott
 - State Boat Launch
 - Baldwin Park
 - Lake Colby Beach
- Mt. Pisgah Ski Center
- Saranac Lake Civic Center
- Riverwalk

Legend

-  LWRP Boundary
-  Public Parks
-  Private Parks
-  Indoor Recreation
-  Outdoor Recreation
-  Riverwalk



[Preliminary Inventory Mapping]

Community and Historic Resources

- Historic Districts:
 - NY Central Railroad
 - Berkley Square
 - Church Street
 - Highland Park
 - Cottage Row
- Over 50 Historic Sites
 - Cure Cottages

Legend

- ✱ Historic Buildings
- ▨ Historic Districts



BREAKOUT GROUP DISCUSSIONS



[Breakout Groups]

Purpose

- Gather input on opportunities, challenges and vision for the Saranac Lake Waterfront

Format

- Facilitated Discussion
- Report back



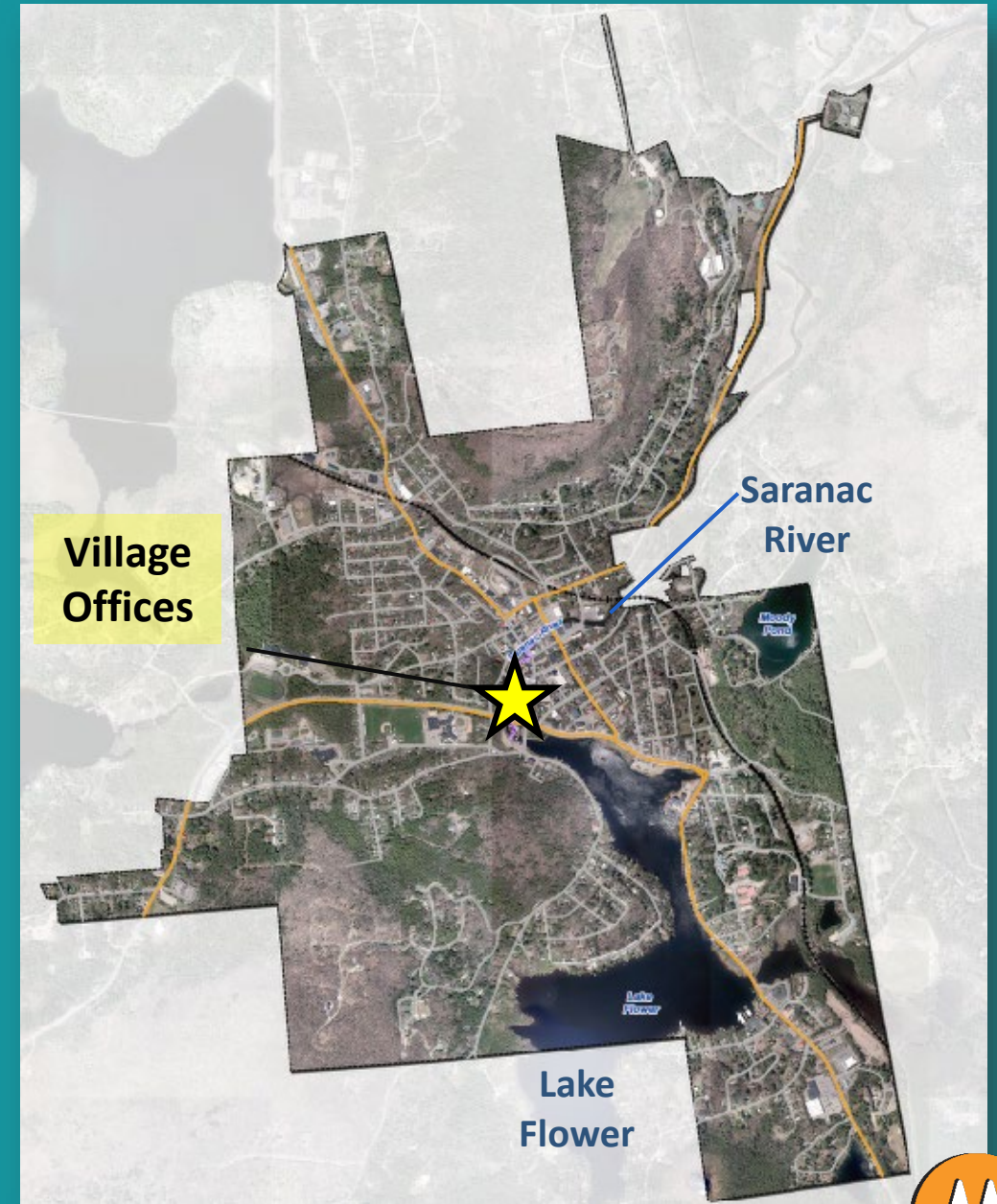
[Breakout Groups]

Opportunities

- What are some assets within the Village of Saranac Lake?
- What are some possible opportunities to enhance or improve the waterfront?

Challenges

- What needs or challenges do you see for the Saranac lake waterfront?



[Breakout Groups]

Vision

- What is your vision for the future of the waterfront in Saranac Lake?
- Identify areas you would like to see improvements.



[Breakout Groups]

Breakout Group “How To”

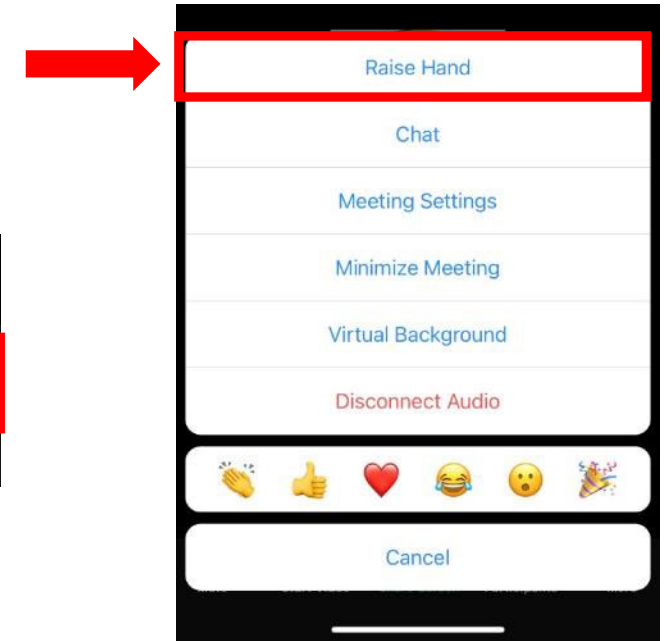
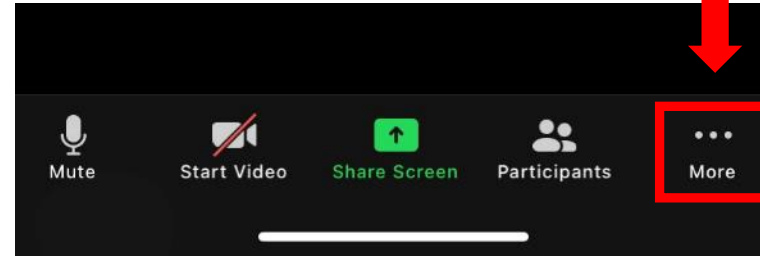
- Host will randomly assign participants to virtual breakout rooms
- Facilitators will ask participants prompt questions
- To speak, use “Raise Hand” function
- Participants can provide comments in “Chat” function
- After breakout discussions, host will rejoin everyone to main group for report back



[Breakout Groups]

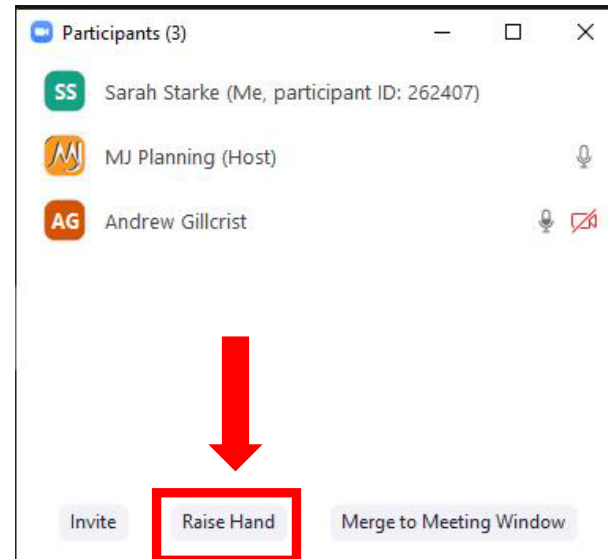
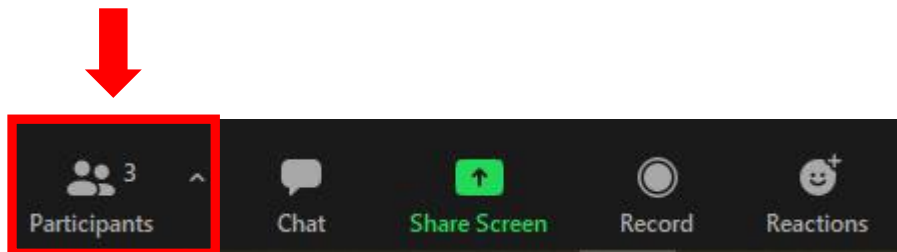
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2. Select “Raise Hand” from menu



“Raise Hand” by Computer

1. Click on “Participants”
2. On bottom right of participant list click “Raise Hand”
3. Or press Alt + Y on your keyboard



“Raise Hand” by Telephone

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BREAKOUT GROUP REPORT BACK



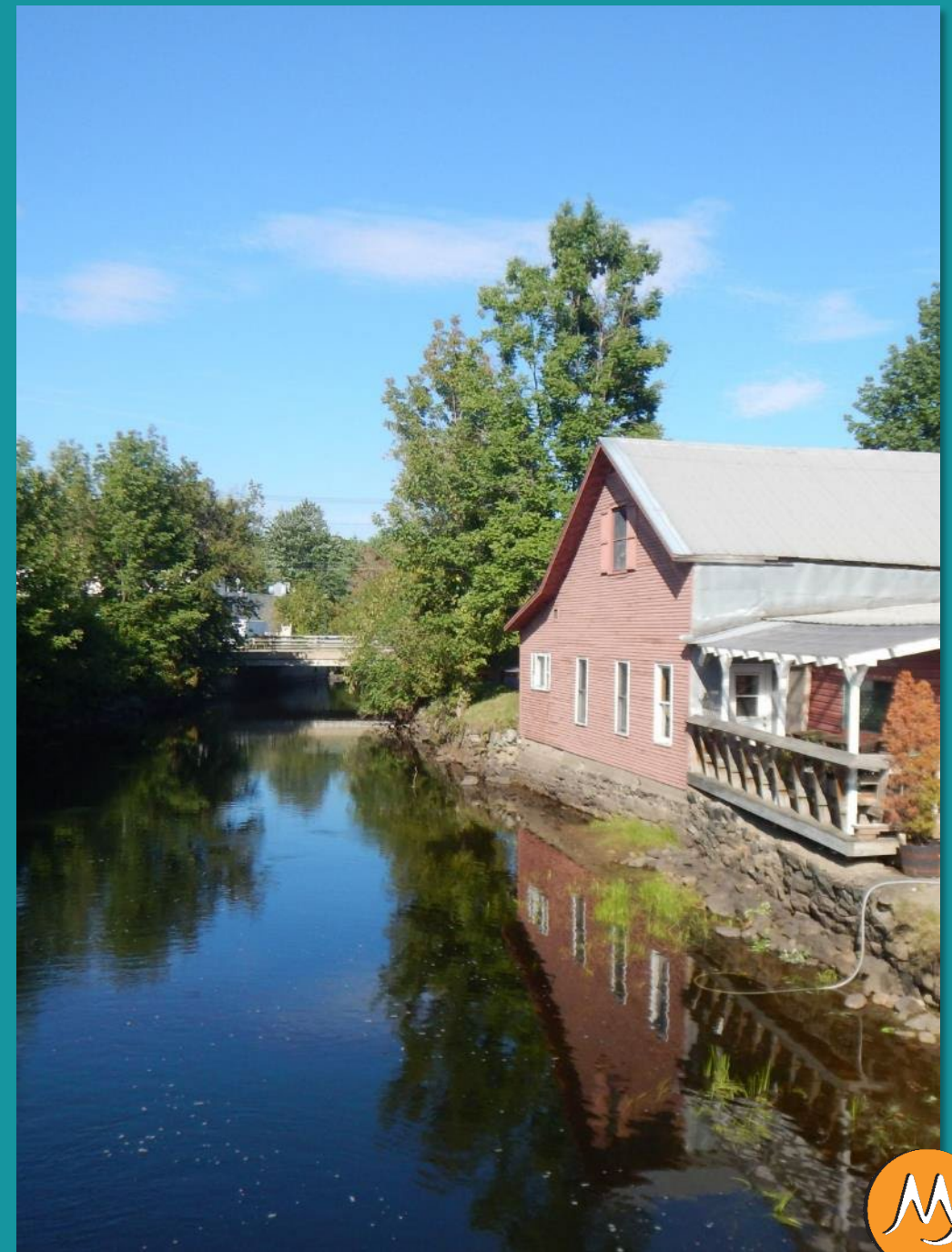
NEXT STEPS



[Next Steps]

Providing Additional Comments

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[Next Steps]

- WAC Meeting #3
 - Review public input
 - Discuss Vision
 - Initiate projects discussion
- Waterfront Survey Closes May 27, 2022
- Public Meeting # 2 – TBD Summer 2022



Q&A



[Q & A “How To”]

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