

Meeting #3
May 5, 2022, 5:00 pm Via Zoom

VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE

LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WAC) MEETING #3





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Welcome /
Schedule Update

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Public
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Update

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Draft LWRP
Vision &
Discussion



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Initial Project
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WELCOME / SCHEDULE UPDATE



PROJECT TASK	DEC 2021	JAN 2022	FEB 2022	MAR 2022	APR 2022	MAY 2022	JUN 2022	JUL 2022	AUG 2022	SEP 2022	OCT 2022	NOV 2022	DEC 2022	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023
COMMITTEE MEETINGS	△		△			△		△		△		△		△		
TASK 6: PROJECT MEETING	⬠															
TASK 7: COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLAN				◇	◻				◇							
TASK 8: SECTION I - WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION AREA BOUNDARY																
TASK 9: SECTION II - INVENTORY & ANALYSIS																
TASK 10: FIRST PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING					●											
TASK 11: SECTION III - LWRP PROGRAM POLICIES																
TASK 12: SECTION IV - PROPOSED LAND/WATER USES & PROJECTS						⬠										
TASK 13: SECOND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING									●							
TASK 14: SECTION V - TECHNIQUES FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION																
TASK 15: SECTION VI - FEDERAL/STATE ACTIONS AFFECTING IMPLEMENTATION																
TASK 16: SECTION VII - LOCAL COMMITMENT & CONSULTATION																
TASK 17: SEQRA COMPLIANCE																
TASK 18: DRAFT LWRP (INCLUDES DOS LEGAL REVIEW & 60-DAY REVIEW)																

*Schedule is subject to change.

SYMBOL	ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY
●	Public Meeting (Web-Based)
△	Waterfront Committee Meeting (Web-Based)
△	Waterfront Committee Meeting (In-Person)

SYMBOL	ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY
◻	Stakeholder Group Meeting(Web-Based)
◇	Village Board Update (Web-Based)
⬠	Site Visit

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE



[Public Engagement]

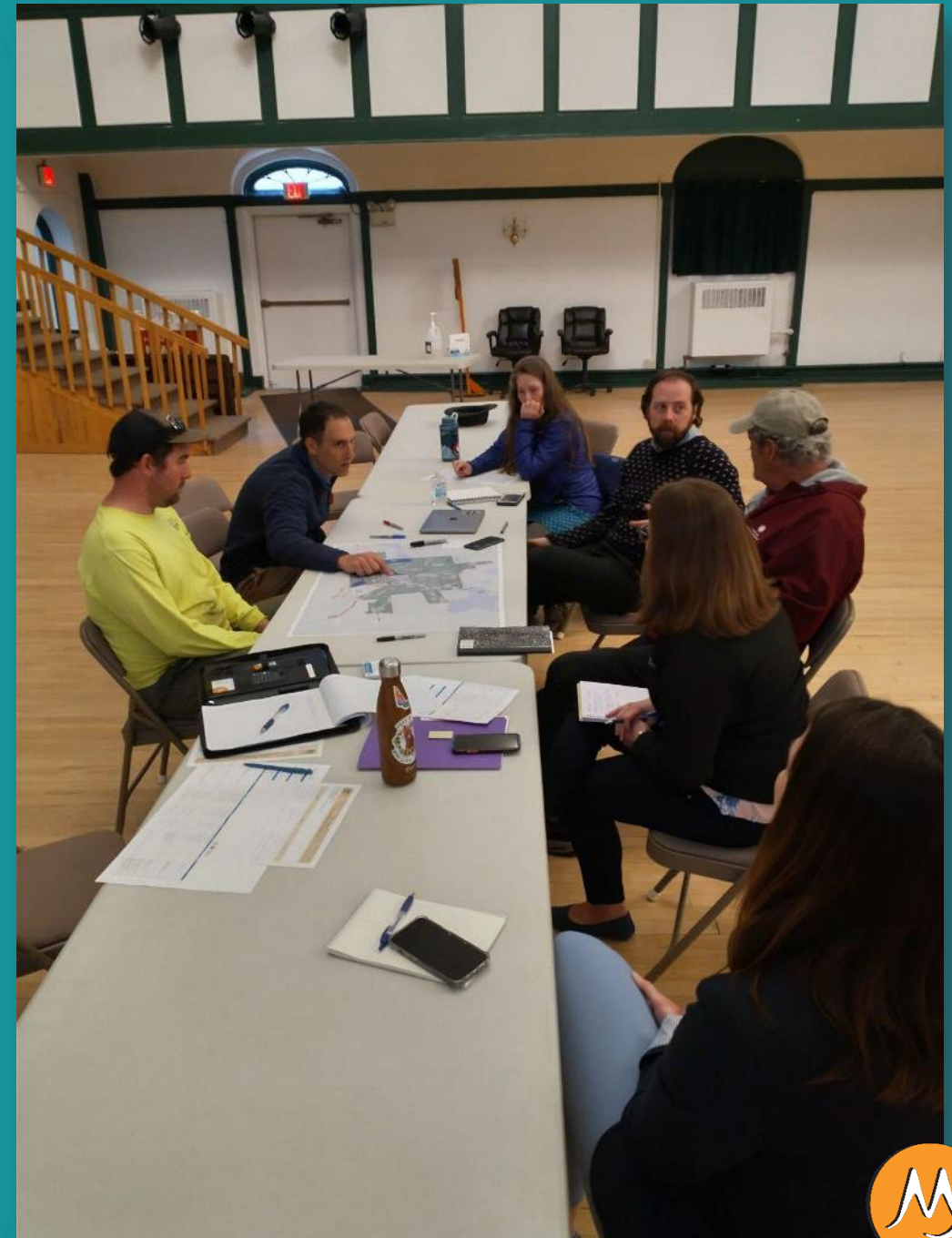
- Stakeholder Group Meeting Highlights
- Public Engagement # 1 Highlights
- Waterfront Survey Update



[Public Engagement]

Stakeholder Group Meetings

- Small Group Discussions
- April 26, 2022
- Stakeholder Groups:
 - Local & Regional Partners
 - Environment, Sustainability & Recreation
 - Business & Economic Development
 - Arts, History & Community



[Public Engagement]

Stakeholder Meeting Highlights:

- Water Access
 - Limited crossings to Lake Flower
 - ADA, Bike/Ped Access to Lake Colby
- Access to/from Rail Trail
 - Safe connections to Downtown
 - Potential for connections to other trails
- River Street Corridor
 - Improvements to Bike/Ped infrastructure
 - Streetscape improvements



[Public Engagement]

Stakeholder Meeting Highlights:

- Activate the Waterfront
 - Lake Flower → Waterfront Destination (host food trucks, “Instagram” view scape)
 - Art/Interpretation Path
 - Native Plantings
- Public Restrooms
- Utilities Infrastructure
 - Need for Water improvements on 86 (coordinate with DOT roadwork)
 - Potential upgrades to Wastewater plant



[Public Engagement]

Public Workshop #1

- In-Person and Virtual Opportunities
 - Open House April 26, 5:00 - 6:30 PM
 - Virtual April 28, 5:00 – 6:30 PM
- Project Overview, WRA Boundary, Inventory Mapping
- Opportunities, Challenges and Visioning Exercises
- Launched Waterfront Survey



VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Update

Public Open House #1 – April 26 & 28, 2022

Come share your ideas about the Saranac Lake Waterfront!

The Village of Saranac Lake has begun the process of updating its Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Update (LWRP). An LWRP is a comprehensive land and water use program that expresses a long-term vision for the waterfront.

A Public Open House is being held to introduce the program, provide an overview of existing conditions and learn about needs and opportunities from the community. An in-person and virtual meeting option is available. The in-person meeting will be held concurrently with a workshop on the redesign of Baldwin Park on April 26, 2022. The public will have an opportunity to provide feedback through a series of stations in the auditorium. A virtual option will be held separately via Zoom on April 28. The information gathered from these activities will help to inform the preparation of the LWRP and shape the vision of the waterfront.

Visit the [Projects](http://www.saranaclakeny.gov) page of www.saranaclakeny.gov for more information or scan the QR code below on with your mobile device to register for the virtual option.



SCAN ME

In Person Tuesday, April 26, 2022 5:00 – 6:30 PM at Town Hall	Virtual Thursday, April 28, 2022 5:00 – 6:30 PM, Via Zoom* *Pre-registration required saranaclakeny.gov
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[Public Engagement]

Public Workshop #1

- In-Person Open House (April 26)
 - Town Hall
 - Concurrent with Baldwin Park Event
 - Project Information Boards
 - Feedback through idea boards, Mapping
- Virtual Event via Zoom (April 28)
 - Feedback through Facilitated Breakout Discussions



 **Village of Saranac Lake**
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Update
Public Open House # 1 | April 26, 2022

The Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) welcomes you to the Village of Saranac Lake Public Open House for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Update. Share your ideas and help shape the future of the waterfront area in the Village.

Please provide input at one or more of the activity stations. If you have any questions about an activity, just ask a member of the project team.

PARTICIPANT GUIDE FOR ACTIVITY STATIONS

Welcome Table – Please sign in and pick up a participant guide.

Station #1 – About the LWRP Update: Learn about the LWRP process.

Station #2 – Waterfront Revitalization Area: Review the waterfront revitalization area boundary.

Station #3 – Existing Conditions: Discover the current waterfront conditions and resources.

Station #4 – Opportunities & Assets: Share your ideas about assets and opportunities to enhance or improve the waterfront.

Station #5 – Challenges: Identify needs or challenges you see in the Saranac Lake waterfront.

Station #6 – What's Your Vision? Participate in an interactive vision exercise and identify on the provided map where you would like to see improvements.

Station #7 – Take the Survey: Take the online waterfront survey live!

Station #8 – Kids Tables: This is a place for kids to be creative and share their ideas.

For more information, visit the Projects page of the Village of Saranac Lake website at www.saranac.lakony.gov

Questions or comments? Email to: saranac.lakewrp@gmail.com

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[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

*Information provided by NYSDOT

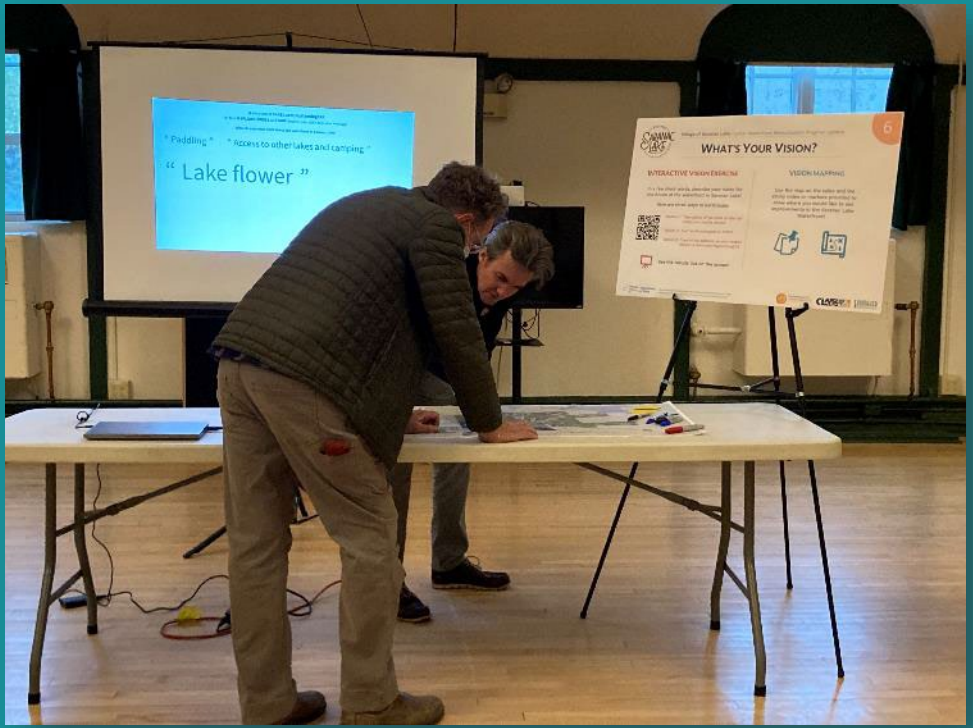


[Public Engagement]

Public Workshop #1 Highlights

Key Assets:

- Lake Flower Waterfront
- Lake Colby Beach
- Saranac River
- Community Spirit
- Rail Trail
- Safe Community
- Environmental Focus



[Public Engagement]

Public Workshop #1 Highlights

Opportunities :

- Lake Flower Walking Path
- Improve Canoe Put In/Take Out, racks
- Rental Facilities
- Intentioned Seating Space
- Fishing access
- Water Quality- native planting along buffer
- Connectivity to Rail Trail, Comm. Assets
- Affordable/free rec opportunities
- Public Restrooms
- Additional docking

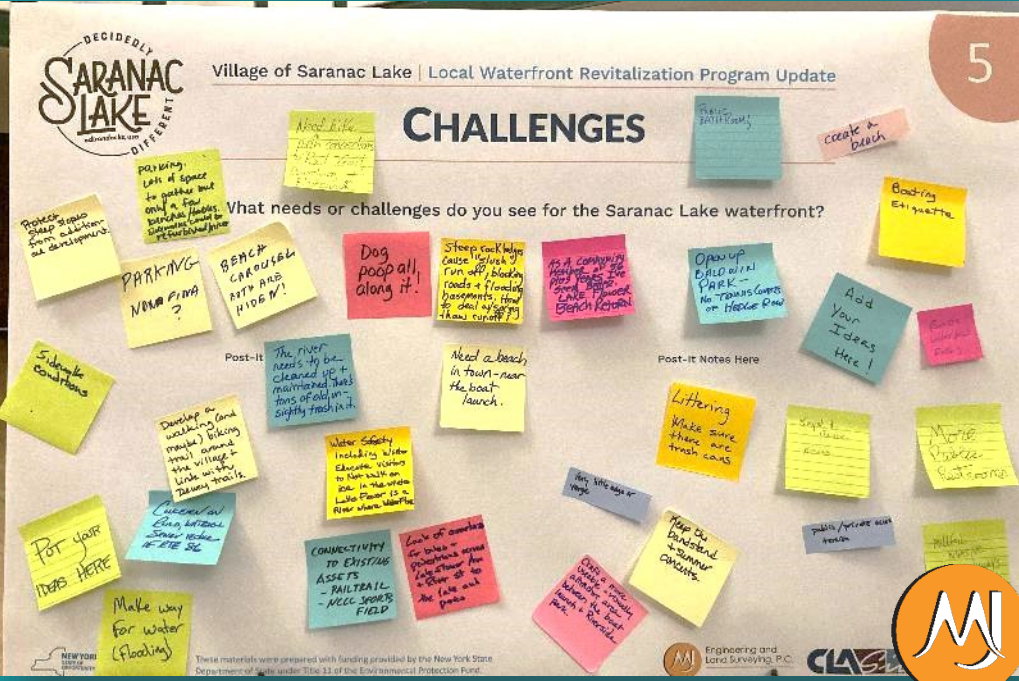


[Public Engagement]

Public Workshop #1 Highlights

Challenges & Needs:

- Safe connections across River Street
- Sidewalk Improvements (Kiwassa Rd)
- Bike lanes
- Bike/ped improvements to Lake Colby Beach
- Flooding/Erosion
- Beach on Lake Flower
- Additional Parking
- Balance economy, recreation & environment
- Better use of waterfront properties
- Littering
- Housing and impact of short-term rentals



Public Engagement

Public Workshop #1 Highlights

Visioning:

- Waterfront as Destination (walking path and interpretation, canoe/kayak facilities, for all ages, incomes & abilities)
- Improved Public Parks & Spaces
- Safe, Connected Bike & Pedestrian Facilities, trails (Riverwalk, Rail Trail, Dewey)
- Beautification through landscaping, native plantings, street trees
- Flooding & Erosion Protection
- More eateries, businesses along waterfront



[Public Engagement]

Waterfront Survey

- Launched on April 27, 2022
- LIVE through Friday May 27, 2022
- Online through Survey Monkey
- 15 Questions
- Understand Community Needs, Vision and Priorities for the Waterfront
- Gather Photos from the Community
- 27 Responses so far!



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Village of Saranac Lake
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Update
WATERFRONT SURVEY

Share your input and be part of the Saranac Lake LWRP Update!

To take the survey, scan the QR card on the back or go to this link:
www.SaranacLakeNY.gov

For more information visit the Project page at www.saranaclakeNY.gov



Scan the QR code to access the survey on your mobile device



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DRAFT LWRP Vision & Discussion



[Draft LWRP Vision]

LWRP Vision Overview

- The LWRP expresses a vision for the WRA and provides the means to achieve that vision
- A vision is a desired future
- Draft Vision incorporates WAC, Stakeholder and Public feedback.



[Draft LWRP Vision]

Draft Vision

“The Saranac Lake waterfront will be a destination, providing water access and amenities for all ages, abilities and income levels. Saranac Lake will leverage its unique location by improving public spaces, supporting water-based and water-dependent uses, and enhancing bicycle, pedestrian and blueway connections throughout the Village and region. The waterfront area will maintain a balance of development and resource protection through the implementation of green infrastructure techniques and best management practices.”



INITIAL PROJECT DISCUSSION

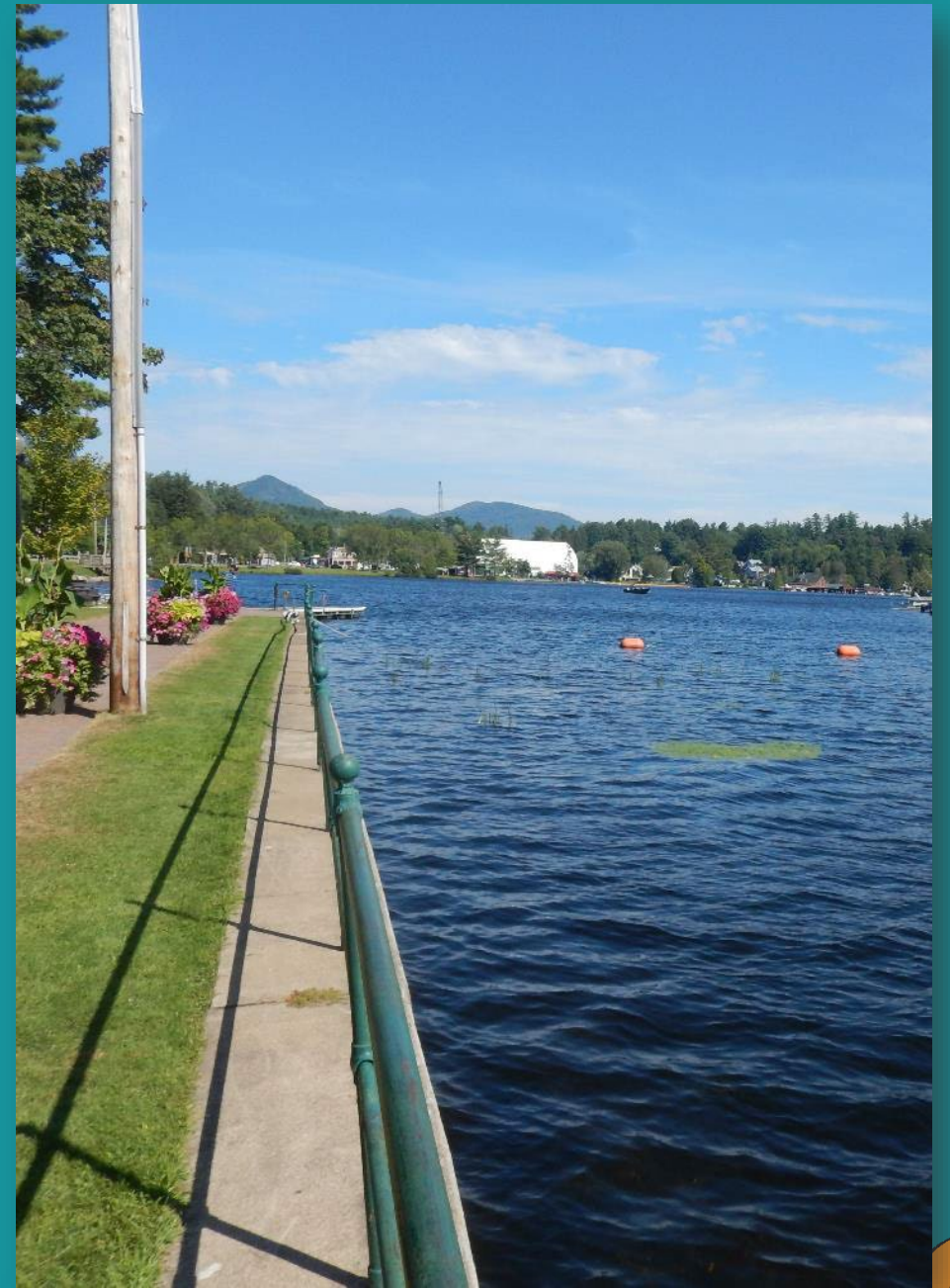


[Initial Projects]

Key Project Categories

(From WAC, Stakeholder and Public Input)

- Water Quality & Resiliency
- Connections
- Waterfront Access, Amenities & Improvements
- Education, Art & Interpretation
- Infrastructure



NEXT STEPS



[Next Steps]

- MJ Team to Provide Stakeholder, Public Meeting Summaries
- Online Survey – LIVE through May 27
- Schedule WAC Meeting #4
- Public Workshop #2 – TBD
- Continue Inventory and Analysis
- Develop Draft Projects List



THANK YOU!

