



Village of Saranac Lake

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Update

MEETING SUMMARY

Purpose: Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) – Meeting #6
Date and Time: Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 5:00 PM
Location: Via Zoom
Attendees: See Attached

Agenda Item	Discussion	Key Decisions & Outcomes
Welcome & Schedule Update	<p>Sarah Starke (MJ) welcomed everyone to the sixth Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) meeting.</p> <p>Sarah Starke (MJ) provided an overview of the meeting agenda, as well as a schedule update on the LWRP process:</p> <p>Winter/Spring 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft LWRP in process• State, WAC review materials <p>Spring 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft LWRP submitted• Project wrap up <p>Summer/Fall 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final LWRP	N/A
LWRP Update	<p>Sarah Starke (MJ) outlined the topic headings of each LWRP section:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. LWRP Revitalization Area Boundary2. Inventory and Analysis3. Local Waterfront Revitalization Policies4. Proposed Land & Water Uses and Proposed Projects5. Techniques for Local Implementation6. Federal and State Actions and Programs Likely to Affect Implementation	N/A

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<p>LWRP Update (Cont'd)</p>	<p>7. Local Commitment and Consultation</p> <p>Sarah Starke (MJ) noted that Sections 1-5 have been submitted to DOS and Village staff for review. Ms. Starke then provided a more detailed explanation of each section's contents:</p> <p><u>Section I</u> Identifies the Proposed WRA Boundary (narrative) Boundary Mapping</p> <p>NB: While the WRA is coterminous with the Village boundary, the Village boundary has changed since the existing LWRP was adopted. Parcels which have been added to the Village will be incorporated in the WRA for the LWRP Update.</p> <p><u>Section II</u> Analysis of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographics/Land Use/Zoning • Natural Resources/Flooding • Transportation • Parks & Recreation • Economic Development/Public Services • Inventory Mapping <p>Analysis supports proposed projects Future elements: Risk Assessment</p> <p><u>Section III</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies the 44 State Coastal Policies and explanations • Policy statements remain as written, but can be refined by adding supplemental language specific to the community • Example – Policy #21 (Recreation) 	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>LWRP Update (Cont'd)</p>	<p><i>“Within the Village of Saranac Lake WRA, water-related recreation will be encouraged and facilitate in the shorefront areas of Lake Colby, Lake Flower, and the Saranac River”</i></p> <p>NB: For the purposes of review, supplemental language in this section will be highlighted to emphasize where community-specific details have been added.</p> <p><u>Section IV</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a Land & Water Use plan • Identifies proposed LWRP Projects • Each project includes an accompanying project profile • Future element: Proposed Land & Water Uses <p><u>Section V</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies existing legislation that supports the 44 policies and LWRP • Identifies local management structure and & Local Consistency Review • Identifies financial resources (local, regional, State) • Future element: Potential improvements to local legislation outside of the LWRP <p><u>Section VI</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language comes from DOS • Must be included as-is in LWRP <p>NB: Consultant Team preparing in April</p> <p><u>Section VII</u> Description of local input received throughout the process including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAC Meetings • Stakeholder Meetings • Public Meetings 	<p>N/A</p>



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<p>LWRP Update (Cont'd)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey <p>NB: Consultant Team preparing in April</p>	
<p>Public Engagement Update</p>	<p>Jesse McCaughey (MJ) provided an update on Public Engagement efforts:</p> <p><u>Public Meeting #2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held December 15, 2022 Goal: Present LWRP Projects to the public In-person at Harrietstown Town Hall Open-house format, sharing proposed projects information on boards arranged around auditorium Use of stickers to indicate support for projects Online questionnaire cards available Written comment cards available <p><u>Highlights of Input Received</u></p> <p>All proposed projects garnered public support</p> <p>Themes from additional comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritize walking connections Make infrastructure/designs accommodating and welcoming to all ages and physical abilities – consider “sensory garden” in park, as well as a new bandshell in Riverside Park Concerns about shoreline erosion and noise on Lake Flower 	<p>WAC members express support for new bandshell and restrooms as project components in Riverside Park. Sensory Garden to be identified as potential future amenity within Village, but no site specified.</p>

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	<p><u>Proposed Projects Questionnaire</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launched on December 15, 2023 (concurrently with Open House)• Accessible via QR Code on card• Open through January 15th, 2023• 25 total questions• 61 responses received• Purpose: Gauge support for each project• Response options: Love it; Like it; Just OK; Not a fan• Open-ended prompt for other ideas <p><u>Questionnaire Response Highlights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects receiving the strongest support (>85% Love/Like it)• River Street Connections – Bike/Ped• WWTP Improvement Feasibility Study• Water Infrastructure Improvements on NY-86• Establish Working Group with DOT• Prescott Park Improvements• Partnerships with State Agencies for Water Quality <p><u>Open-Ended Feedback Highlights</u></p> <p>26 individual responses submitted</p> <p>Key Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for cycling infrastructure (bike lanes and mountain bike trails)• Suggested enhancements to the public sphere (public art, tree planting, street lights, etc.)• Support for park enhancements (especially increased accessibility)• Parking concerns (enhanced attractions will potentially require more parking)	



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WAC Review of LWRP Sections	Sarah Starke (MJ) introduced the task of reviewing sections of the LWRP. WAC members were asked to identify one or more of the submitted sections (1-5) to provide feedback on. WAC members present at the meeting identified their interest in reviewing particular sections. Ms. Starke indicated that MJ would distribute a sign-up sheet, State guidance, and draft LWRP sections for review.	MJ will send WAC members a link to a shared document file containing a sign-up sheet, draft sections for review, and pertinent State guidance
Next Steps	Sarah Starke (MJ) presented the next steps for the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WAC Review of LWRP Sections• MJ Continued Development of LWRP Sections• Complete Draft LWRP• WAC #7 - TBD	Village staff will conduct the final public meeting in the LWRP process.

This meeting summary conveys our understanding of the items discussed and agreements reached at this meeting. Please forward any additions, corrections and/or questions to my attention.

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cc: Consultant Team, Waterfront Advisory Committee, Village Planning & Zoning Department, Project File

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ATTENDANCE

Name	Affiliation
Jamie Konkoski, Chair	Community Development Director, Village of Saranac Lake, WAC Chair
Jason Smith	Adirondack Lakes & Trails, WAC member
Zoe Smith	Paul Smith's College, WAC member
Jeremy Evans	Franklin County IDA, WAC member
Becca Halter	Climate Smart Communities
Carolyn Koestner	Climate Smart Communities
Nina Schoch	Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation
Rick Weber	Village of Saranac Lake Development Board
Jesse McCaughey	MJ Engineering
Sarah Starke	MJ Engineering
Kate Black	NYS Department of State