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I. Introduction

The Common Council formed the Southern Waterfront Redevelopment Task Force in the spring of 2021 to advise on the future of the DeLaval site. The Task Force was given two assignments. First, the Common Council asked the Task Force to explore opening the site to the public in the short term, since the site is currently fenced off and not available to the citizens of the City. Second, the Common Council asked the Task Force to recommend long-term uses of the site in the event that the originally-planned commercial project does not materialize.

In accordance with the resolution, both the Common Council and the Mayor nominated members for the Task Force, and the Task Force was inaugurated upon appointment of 11 members on April 5, 2021. The Mayor designated the City Administrator as a Technical Advisor to the Task Force.

The Task force met 9 times between April and September 2021. The meetings were all open to the public, including those that were held virtually as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. They featured presentations by experts in waterfront development, panels representing the arts and tourism communities, public comment, and open discussion among Task Force members.

On June 8, 2021, the Task Force unanimously adopted its “Recommendations for Immediate Public Access to DeLaval Site.” The recommendations outlined a reasoned plan to safely open the bulk of the site to public access, install a trail along the waterfront, and improve access to the public parking lot. These measures would allow the site to be used by individuals or for organized events.

This report contains the Task Force’s findings and long-term recommendations. Based on a study of best practices, public input, and analysis of the site and the city’s needs, the Task Force has developed a set of guiding principles to steer the future development of the site.

II. Background

A. Site location

The DeLaval site, owned by the City of Poughkeepsie, is an approximately 14-acre parcel that stretches southward along the Hudson River from the end of Rinaldi Boulevard and Fox Street. Located between the railroad tracks and the riverbank, it affords spectacular views across the River to the Esopus Lloyd Scenic Area of Statewide Significance, as well as upriver to the Mid-Hudson Bridge and Walkway Over the Hudson and beyond, and many miles downriver to the Hudson Highlands.

The site forms the southern end of the City's waterfront. Additional land within the City limits South of DeLaval includes oil storage and its port facilities, a former elevator factory, a former construction company and a former oil storage facility. Uses along the waterfront include housing, parks, a Children's Museum, restaurants and a catering facility. There is a continuous sidewalk or trail along much of the waterfront, with plans to complete gaps in the trail. Immediately to the north of the DeLaval site is the Shadows restaurant and Grandview event venue. To the northeast and east lie the Water Club and Hudson Pointe housing complexes, and additional multifamily housing lies within one-quarter mile to the north. Also to the east is the ever-growing Vassar Hospital medical complex.

B. Site history

The DeLaval site takes its name from the former owner and occupant of the site, the DeLaval Separator Company, which manufactured milk separating machines on the site from the 1890s to the 1960s. Prior to the DeLaval company, the site was used for shipbuilding and freight storage. The waterfront area, generally opposite Pine Street, was known as "Lower Landing" to distinguish it from Upper Landing at the Fallkill Creek and Union Landing at what is now Kaal Rock Park. The City took possession of the DeLaval site in 1968 as a park. For many years, people would use the site for fishing and walking, including enjoyment of the expansive river views. In 1987, the city held its tricentennial celebration on the site. This event led to the birth of Riverfest, a festival that drew between 50,000 and 70,000 people from 1987 to 1992. In 1994, an event called Summerfest was held on the site.

The site was significantly contaminated with petroleum, heavy metals and semi-volatile organic compounds from years of use by the DeLaval Separator Company. As a result, it was considered a Brownfield site, and required a substantial cleanup according to standards set by the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Remediation was conducted in 2008-2012. Ultimately the City expended approximately \$17.5 million toward the cleanup, of which \$9.3 million was reimbursed by the DEC.

C. Original redevelopment planning

In June 2001 the City released a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for redevelopment of the DeLaval and the PURA-14 parcels. On September 10, 2001 the City designated the companies run by Joseph Bonura, Sr. (hereafter, along with all related companies "JM Development") as the developer, based on a concept submitted by JM Development. In 2003-2004, the City conducted an environmental review which resulted in the selection of a preferred plan for the commercial and recreational improvements on three sites – the DeLaval site, PURA-14, and the former sewage treatment plant (STP) – all at the end of Rinaldi Blvd. These included among other things, a restaurant/catering facility, a hotel, retail, offices, a non-motorized boat launch, a large boat dock, a marina, a sculpture garden, and restrooms. Most of the recreational amenities were to be located on the DeLaval site, along with retail and office buildings.

The DeLaval site was considered parkland, and to use it for the proposed mixture of public and private uses required state parkland alienation permission. In 2004, the state enacted legislation (L. 2004 ch. 335) authorizing the City to convey part of the site to the City of Poughkeepsie Industrial Development Agency (IDA) for eventual lease to a developer, subject to restrictions described below.

In the years between 2005 and the present, JM Development redeveloped the STP and PURA-14 parcels. On the STP parcel along the River, JM Development constructed Shadows, a restaurant, and Grandview, an event venue. JM Development also developed the Shadows Marina. On the PURA-14 parcel, JM Development constructed the Water Club, a luxury residential complex with 136 apartments. Most of the public facilities, including the riverfront trail, large boat dock and non-motorized boat launch have not yet been realized.

The City undertook remediation of the DeLaval site between 2008-2012. During the remediation, JM Development installed underground utilities and graded the DeLaval site to facilitate the eventual construction of its project. After remediation was complete, the City and DEC executed an environmental easement which allows the use of the site for “commercial” or “industrial” uses in accordance with certain engineering controls. Residential development is prohibited.

In light of changing economic and market conditions, JM Development has not moved forward with the agreed project but has instead sought to change the content of the project. The Common Council grew concerned about the lack of progress and adopted a resolution in October 2020 providing JM a timeline to move forward. Litigation ensued between JM Development, the City, the Common Council and the City’s Industrial Development Agency. At this time, it is unclear whether JM Development’s project will move forward.

The Council created this task force recognizing that twenty years had passed since the JM Development proposal emerged, and whether the City moves forward with JM or changes plans, the Council would benefit from updated input on the best uses of the site.

D. Legal context

1. Zoning

The DeLaval site is in the City’s Waterfront (“W”) zone, which is specially addressed to development along the River such as the DeLaval parcel. The W zone allows, among other things, marinas and parks and refreshment, retail stores no greater than 8,000 square feet per floor, museums and galleries, arts and crafts studios or studios for teaching or practicing performing arts, hotels, theaters, except adult motion-picture or mini-theater, restaurants, commercial recreation, including tennis, skating rinks, dance halls, billiard parlors, bowling alleys, swimming pools, health clubs, and golf, tennis or swim club. The zoning also allows, by special permit, buildings with mixed uses, residential development subject to the requirements of the Urban Density Residence District R-6 (Section 19-3.17), business and professional

offices as the upstairs part of a mixed-use development, and fast-food restaurants as part of a mixed-use development.

The code generally allows a height of 60 feet in most of the W zone but this is shortened to 35 feet where a higher structure would adversely affect views from the following: public parks, the Poughkeepsie Railroad Station, Kaal Rock, the Mid-Hudson Bridge, Vassar Brothers Hospital, DeLaval, and the steps of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. It is likely that construction on the DeLaval site would be subject to the 35-foot limit.

2. Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

Under state law, municipalities have authority to enact local waterfront revitalization plans to implement the state's coastal zone policies within their jurisdiction. The City's 1998 Local Waterfront Revitalization Program ("LWRP") specifically targets underused and vacant waterfront land, especially city owned property such as DeLaval. Among the policies, which are implemented by Waterfront Advisory Commission review of the project, are:

- Improvement of the economic base of the City, concentrating on recreational, commercial and entertainment activities that serve City and County residents, and develop tourism potential
- Public access to the river's edge and recreational opportunities
- Mixed uses
- Landscaping to improve visual attractiveness
- Use by a variety of age groups and economic levels
- Preservation of vistas of the River and the far shore (a Scenic Area of Statewide Significance)
- Linkage with other Riverfront sites

For the DeLaval site the LWRP specifically explains:

The DeLaval site is particularly well-suited to water enhanced uses [It] could support a variety of complementary public and private uses which would provide significant economic benefits to the City, as well as increase waterfront access and recreation. Water enhanced uses such as restaurants, conference facilities, entertainment venues and shops and water dependent uses such as a marina and walkway along the river would provide complementary tourist-related activities.

Given the size of the DeLaval site and its length of shoreline, not all of the shoreline is necessary for water dependent uses. In developing the site plan, some uses may be located over the water provided an adequate area remains for future marina development, and all navigational and environmental effects are addressed.

The LWRP also details the how the City's goal of protecting important views should be incorporated into a DeLaval redevelopment plan:

With respect to the DeLaval site, there are significant views of the river and opposite shoreline from various spots on the property. Protection of these views is important but should not be interpreted to mean development on any or all of this site is prohibited. This policy should be interpreted so as to encourage a development plan that provides opportunity for public access at various places on the site to the shoreline to enjoy the views and placement of buildings and other structures to minimize view obstruction without unnecessarily restricting development options. Not every portion of the riverfront has to be accessible to the public nor does every single view have to be preserved from every vantage point.

. . . . The view from Rinaldi Boulevard and Pine Street and from the foreshore of the DeLaval property . . . is of local significance because of the panoramic vistas of the River and west bank.

Any development on DeLaval should be evaluated in terms of potential impact upon these important viewsheds.

3. Parkland Alienation Law

As noted above, a state parkland alienation law authorizes the City to transfer the DeLaval parcel to the IDA for eventual lease to a developer, but also places restrictions on such transfer. It requires the City to retain in its own ownership 2.42 acres on the site's riverfront for the purpose of a public promenade (the "Waterfront Land"). Of the remaining 11 acres that may be conveyed, the Parkland Alienation Law requires at least 3.6 acres to be open and available to the public.

The Parkland Alienation Law lists certain uses for the site. The introduction to the law specifies that the law "authorize[d] the City of Poughkeepsie intent to discontinue and convey certain lands for waterfront parkland and commercial development." This statement was echoed by memoranda from both the Senate bill sponsor and counsel for the state Office of Parks and Recreation which specified that the bill would allow the City to lease the land for parkland activity, mixed open space, recreational and commercial development, including a kayak/canoe launch, interpretative garden, transient marina, fishing stations, public restrooms, large boat mooring facility and commercial buildings and spaces for restaurants retail shops, office space and parking. The memos further describe the project in the same terms contemplated by the parties in JM Development's response to the RFP and authorized in the 2004 findings statement.

4. Remediation and DEC environmental easement

The City granted DEC an environmental easement on the DeLaval site in October 2013. DEC issued a Certificate of Completion for the cleanup in January, 2014.

The environmental easement that the City granted the state explicitly restricted development of the site to commercial and industrial uses under DEC cleanup rules. This restriction reflects the DEC Brownfield regulations, which restrict the available uses of a site based on the cleanup and cap. Per DEC regulations, “Commercial use includes passive recreational uses, which are public uses with limited potential for soil contact.” 6 NYCRR § 375-1.8(g)(2)(3). The easement specifically disallows residential development.

The site is currently subject to a Site Management Plan which prescribes monitoring requirements and governs future development of the site.

5. SEQRA Review

As noted above, the Common Council completed an original DEIS in 2003, a Findings Statement in 2004, and a Supplemental DEIS and Findings Statement in 2005 due to the parkland alienation law. The original EIS and Findings Statement provide useful guidance on the City’s expectations for the redevelopment of DeLaval, from that time to the present.

The project was expected to be a mix of commercial and recreational uses for the DeLaval property. The “preferred concept plan” that emerged in the 2004 FEIS showed three buildings on the DeLaval site, each with retail/restaurant on the first floor and office space on the second. Space would be reserved for a potential museum. The outdoor public amenities would include a non-motorized boat launch, a large boat dock, historical interpretive area, restrooms, and a marina.

The Supplemental DEIS documents the required parkland exchange to compensate for alienation of parkland. This includes preserving parkland along the City’s waterfront and creating a Greenway Trail connection through DeLaval and the Hudson Pointe site to connect southward to Prospect Street.

If future development diverges from what was already authorized through SEQR, an updated or new environmental review would be required.

III. Best practices

The Task Force hosted presenters to share best practices in waterfront development and public space design.

A. Scenic Hudson

Jeff Anzevino, AICP, from Scenic Hudson presented “Revitalizing Hudson Riverfronts: The Poughkeepsie Experience.” One key recommendation was to establish a continuous public greenway along the riverfront. This open space allows for public access and recreation while preserving habitat and accommodating flooding. A step-wise approach calls for different treatments in developed and natural areas. In built areas, a minimum 75-foot wide public

access greenway is recommended with a minimum 16-foot wide multi-use path. In park areas, a minimum 100-foot wide greenway is recommended with a minimum 10-foot wide multi-use path.

Other best practices from Scenic Hudson's presentation include:

- Focus on water-dependent and water-enhanced uses.
- Connect the waterfront to business districts, neighborhoods, historic sites, parks and schools, through both physical and programmatic connections.
- Protect natural resources, including using vegetated shoreline treatments.
- Protect scenic resources.

B. Project for Public Spaces

Elena Madison from Project for Public Spaces presented "Creating Great Waterfronts with Placemaking." Her recommendations included:

- Create a shared community vision for the waterfront.
- Make public access the primary objective. Avoid private/exclusive feeling for waterfront.
- Integrate environmental and human needs.
- Draw users by creating multiple attractions. Aim to have 10 things to do in a place.
- Take advantage of the water's edge to accommodate water-related uses (e.g. boats) and public amenities.
- Ideas for attractions include playground, outdoor dining, carousel, sports court.
- Incorporate amenities like seating and shade trees.
- Incorporate programming like music and yoga.
- Use flexible design to accommodate temporary uses (e.g. food trucks).
- Use linear parks and trails to connect destinations within waterfront and connect waterfront to city.
- Optimize public access.
- Encourage activity by strategic placement of waterfront amenities with respect to residential development.
- Design and program buildings to engage the public spaces.

IV. Public input

Public input has been a very important priority in crafting the Task Force's long-term recommendations for the Southern Waterfront. The Task Force initiated a survey of public opinion and was able to obtain a representative sample of 442 responses. The demographic breakdown of the survey and its results are appended to this report. Below is a summary of the main points of the public input.

Results of this survey are referenced throughout this report, along with quotes from survey respondents.

A. Survey results

- It is clear that the public overwhelmingly wants access to the waterfront.
 - In response to the question, “What excites you most about the future of Poughkeepsie’s southern waterfront?”
 - 69.5% of respondents chose “expanded access to the waterfront.”

- What is also very clear is what the public does NOT want as part of the redevelopment of the site.
 - In response to the question “Which features or amenities would you **NOT** like to see,”
 - 74.7% of respondents chose “office space”
 - 65.8% chose “housing/apartments”
 - 59.7% chose “hotel/bed and breakfast.”

 - In response to the question “What features or amenities would you **like** to see,” the **least selected** choices were:
 - 1.8% chose “office space”
 - 4.5% chose “grocery”
 - 5.9% chose “hotel/bed and breakfast”
 - 7.5% chose “housing/apartments”

- The public wants multiple amenities on the Southern Waterfront.
 - In response the question “Which features or amenities would you **like** to see as part of the redevelopment of this site”
 - 74% chose “walking/biking paths”
 - 61.3% chose “outdoor event space”
 - 54.1% chose “restaurants/eateries”
 - 50.2% chose “open space.”

 - In response to the question, “What cultural activities do you seek out”
 - 74% chose “concerts/musical performances”
 - 52.7% chose “food festivals”
 - 47.1% chose “craft fairs/ markets.”

 - In response to the question, “Which features or amenities would you **NOT** want to see as part of redevelopment of the site?” the **least selected** answers were:
 - 0.5% chose “walking/biking paths”
 - 4.1% chose “public art”
 - 5.7% chose “educational facility and/or displays”

B. Other Public Comments

Several of the questions on the questionnaire included space for “other” comments by respondents. Almost 200 respondents added their own comments at the end of the survey.

The comments appended to specific questions typically reiterated what the data has already indicated. One exception was the mention of examples of waterfronts that have been developed in a way that they approved of, including Peekskill, Beacon, the Brooklyn Bridge park and others along the Hudson River.

The overwhelming majority of comments at the end of the survey also reflected the questionnaire data already reviewed. Many comments thanked the Task Force for its work and made recommendations for specific amenities on the southern waterfront -- everything from kids’ playgrounds and splash pools, Riverfest-type festivals, food trucks, beautiful flowers, trees and benches, inexpensive coffee bars, and multi-generational activities, to continuous green space connecting the Southern Waterfront to Marist College along the river.

A number of comments repeated the desire to avoid building housing or offices on the site, while a handful advocated building low-income apartments.

Almost everyone commented on the unique beauty of the site and its green space, and the fact that its redevelopment could enhance the City of Poughkeepsie.

V. Findings & Conclusions

A. Prioritize public space and public access as paramount.

Residents desire public space at the Southern Waterfront.

When the DeLaval site was a park, its prime location along the waterfront drew people for celebrations and everyday recreation.

Today’s residents share that desire. When survey respondents were asked what excited them about the future of the Southern Waterfront, the top answer was “expanded public access to waterfront.” This was followed by “improved quality of life for city residents” and “expanded open space on the river.” The top choices of amenities reflected this interest, with walking/biking paths leading the list.

One typical survey response read:

“I would love to see unlimited public access to this site: walking trails; community-focused, small-scale retail; playgrounds and small-scale recreational facilities; shade trees and attractive, sustainable plantings; access to the river.”

Nearly half the site must be maintained as public space.

The 2001-2005 planning for redevelopment of the Southern Waterfront recognized the value of the waterfront site, concentrating public space and recreational amenities on the DeLaval parcel, with most of the commercial development on the STP and PURA-14 parcels.

The alienation bill allowing for some private development on the DeLaval site requires that 2.4 acres along the waterfront is retained by the City as parkland, and of the acreage that may be leased for development, 3.6 acres must be open to the public like parkland, leaving 7.8 that may be developed with private facilities. In other words, nearly half of the land must be maintained as public space, including the waterfront land.

Future use of the site should prioritize public access.

Because public space is such a fundamental part of the site, site planning should prioritize public space first, with any private development designed to complement public enjoyment.

Best practice for waterfront development calls for maintaining public access to the waterfront and organizing space to maximize public access and minimize a sense of exclusivity on the site. If private development takes place on the site, complementary uses would be those that are accessible to the public such as affordable restaurants and eateries, an event venue, or an educational or cultural facility. Although these might be privately-owned enterprises, they would be open to the public and would enhance residents' use and enjoyment of the waterfront.

These types of uses scored high in the survey. Outdoor event space was the second most popular option (after trails) with 61% of respondents choosing it. Restaurant/cafe and public market space also scored high, with an aquarium and museum/gallery not far behind.

Exclusive uses should be avoided.

The public's dislike of certain uses came across clearly in the survey and public comment. 75% of survey respondents listed office space among their least preferred uses for the Southern Waterfront. Housing and a hotel were the other least preferred uses. The comments expand on the community's feelings, explaining that people do not want the waterfront to be "exclusive" or reserved for only a select group of people who live or work there. Instead, they want the waterfront to be open to all.

Typical survey responses included:

"The Poughkeepsie waterfront should be an open public space for residents of Dutchess and visitors to enjoy. It should not be housing or hotel space accessible to only a select few."

"Please no more luxury housing! Keep the waterfront public and accessible to all residents of Poughkeepsie."

Amenities should be accessible to all residents of Poughkeepsie regardless of socioeconomic status.

Access means more than being physically open to the public. True accessibility requires that activities and goods are affordable for members of the community regardless of socioeconomic status.

One survey respondent expressed an interest in:

“INEXPENSIVE places to eat and drink, not just fancy restaurants. . . Food trucks would be great.”

Others wished for places to barbecue or bring a picnic, or to grab an inexpensive cup of coffee. Residents asked for low-cost and free options for enjoying the waterfront, such as a walking trail, exercise trail, and pavilion space with picnic tables.

To make any commercial development on the site accessible and welcoming to our diverse residents and visitors, any plan for commercial establishments should consider economic access as well.

Buildings should not detract from natural beauty and vistas.

If buildings are constructed on the DeLaval site, the location and size of buildings should be carefully considered, so as to visually enhance rather than detract from or compromise the park-like atmosphere of the site. Large areas of asphalt parking should especially be avoided. The height of any structures should be strictly limited in order to avoid dominating the site or interfering with sight lines of the river. Furthermore, the sweeping view of the Hudson and Highlands from Rinaldi Blvd. should be preserved.

Survey respondents wrote:

“I don’t want to see the Waterfront so developed that you can no longer see the beauty of the River!”

“Buildings which house the attractions (commercial and cultural) must be designed and placed in a manner that does not discourage and in fact encourages visitors to spend their time and money at the site.”

Design should consider views from all angles, including above. Green roofs should be considered for environmental and aesthetic value, and utilities should be well screened.

B. Realize the site’s potential as a destination landmark.

DeLaval’s size and location offer potential to create a landmark.

The resolution creating the Task Force cited the City’s priority to “take maximum advantage of the former DeLaval site’s riverfront location and sizable area, to realize a landmark for the

benefit of the City, its residents and visitors.” The concept of creating a landmark destination arose repeatedly during Task Force discussions.

The DeLaval site is the last undeveloped parcel on the City’s waterfront, and spans a vast 14 acres. Its location at the southern terminus of the waterfront, and the end of Rinaldi Blvd., calls for a substantial destination. The site offers the potential to become a landmark that meets residents’ goals and attracts visitors to the City.

During one Task Force meeting, a panel of artists spoke about arts options for the site and the City. One described the DeLaval site as a blank canvas. The artists recognized the value of such a large site with picturesque views and suggested options for performances, murals and art installations.

Landmark destinations define cities and attract visitors.

Cities the world over benefit from landmark destinations as a focal point to create a sense of place and attract tourists. The Eiffel Tower, the London Eye or the Bean in Chicago are just a few examples. Closer to home, the Task Force recognized the draw of waterfront destinations from Domino Park in Brooklyn, to Long Dock Park in Beacon, to the Rondout waterfront in Kingston.

With the Walkway-Over-the-Hudson anchoring the northern end of Poughkeepsie’s waterfront, the DeLaval site offers an opportunity for a landmark at the southern end. Together, they could establish Poughkeepsie’s waterfront as a major Hudson Valley destination.

Site planning should prioritize creation of a publicly-accessible landmark destination.

If the City seeks a public-private partnership to develop the DeLaval site, it should devote the bulk of the site to create a landmark. Uses that do not contribute to this vision, like office and apartment uses and their associated parking, can whittle away the space, leaving too little space for a true destination.

C. Frame economic benefits holistically.

Creating a destination generates economic benefit.

Harnessing the economic power of the DeLaval site can take multiple forms. Direct payments to the City through a land lease or PILOT for commercial development is one option. On the other hand, creating a destination that draws tourists could create ripple effects of economic benefit through the City.

The American Planning Association cites four ways that parks support tourism:

1. Parks provide sites for special events and festivals that attract tourists.
2. Parks provide sites for sports tournaments, which can be major sources of tourism and economic benefits, especially for smaller cities.
3. Large urban parks with zoos, memorials, museums, cultural and heritage artifacts, and historical sites can attract tourists.

4. Parks with landscape planting and design that are recognized as “living works of art” can be tourist attractions.

Tourism in Dutchess County generates over \$600 million in spending annually, according to Think Dutchess. For example, the Dutchess County Fairground attracts tourists and promotes local businesses not only through the County Fair but also the Sheep and Wool Festival, Food and Wine Festival, and the Country Living Fair. In Poughkeepsie, the Walkway Over the Hudson attracts 500,000 visitors annually, supporting local businesses and making the City a more desirable place to live.

Arts and culture enhance business and tourism.

According to research compiled by Americans for the Arts, “More than two-thirds (68 percent) of American adult travelers included a cultural, arts, heritage, or historic activity or event while on a trip of 50 miles or more, one-way, in 2012.” When non-local attendees of arts events were asked the purpose of their visit, “[m]ore than two-thirds (68.9 percent) indicated that the primary purpose of their visit was to ‘attend this arts event,’ demonstrating the power of the arts to attract visitors to the community.”

Dia:Beacon demonstrates how an arts destination can drive tourism and provide income to other businesses and the City itself. Here in Poughkeepsie, the Poughkeepsie Journal reports that the Bardavon’s audiences generate nearly \$3 million in local spending annually.

Investing in the Southern Waterfront as a center of arts and recreation has potential to create a substantial boon to the local economy.

Consider diversified investment.

If private investment is desired to develop the site, the City should consider entertaining proposals to develop smaller portions of the site. Projects by multiple entities or developers could be pieced together to create a vibrant destination, with the potential to increase economic and community benefits over a single-developer approach.

Support local businesses.

Another model would be public management of the site with leases to pop-up food stands, food trucks, or small retail stores. This could provide an opportunity for small businesses to get started or established local businesses to expand, creating direct benefits to local businesses in addition to the ripple effects of drawing visitors to the site who then patronize other businesses in Poughkeepsie.

D. Invest in recreational assets.

The focus for the DeLaval site should be provision of amenities that support and enhance access and use of the site by residents and visitors of all ages. A professional design team should be retained to ensure amenities are aesthetically and functionally laid out.

1. Multi-use path

One feature that has long been planned for the DeLaval site is a waterfront path or walkway. The City is fortunate to have public ownership of most of the waterfront, and plans to ultimately offer a continuous public path along the entire waterfront. The survey showed that 3 of 4 respondents wanted walking/biking paths as one of their preferred amenities for the Southern Waterfront, making it the most popular option.

The original plans for the DeLaval waterfront included two bulkhead areas and riprap along the remainder of the shoreline, which have now been installed. The City obtained grants to install a concrete sidewalk along the waterfront with benches, lighting, and other amenities, but this work has not proceeded because of the delay in the site redevelopment.

In its Immediate Access recommendations, the Task Force recommended installing a stone dust walkway along the shoreline as part of the near-term opening of the site. Any railing that is needed at the water's edge at the bulkhead should be low (e.g. no more than 24 inches above the top of the bulkhead) and should offer as much transparency as possible to minimize obstructing the view from the land to the river. Examples that were discussed include cable railing or rope between posts.

Recognizing best practices for ecological design, shoreline treatments and landscaping should favor native plants. Crushed stone or wood chips could be used to create a natural path which could meander into other areas of the property including movement through indigenous vegetation as well as gardens that could enhance the space. Plantings that provide seeds, berries and food for migrating birds and small animals is optimal. Also the use of fairly maintenance free gardening practices keep weeding minimal.

2. Water access

Water access was a top desire of many survey respondents. 30% of respondents chose fishing piers as one of their preferred amenities, making it one of the higher scoring options. Riverboat cruises and swimming were close behind. A kayak launch was not listed as a choice but was written in by multiple respondents.

In response to the survey question asking which water-based activity residents would like to do more of, kayaking came in first with 50% of the vote, with river cruising next at 42%.

One respondent expressed a desire for:

“An easy, friendly space for non-motorized water activities (swimming, kayaking, fishing)”

In the 2001-2005 plans for the site, public amenities planned for the DeLaval parcel included a large (deep-water) boat dock, a non-motorized boat (kayak) launch, and fishing stations. It appears these options are still desirable for the site.

All along the shore of the Hudson, fishing is popular. The riprap areas at this site could be used for fishing. Adding concrete stairs to the water's edge might provide a closer option for casting. It may be useful to add piers built out into the river to accommodate areas for fishing and sitting.



3. Performance and event space

A multi-use performance and event space could enable the site to host the performing arts, cultural and community events that residents desire.

When asked what cultural activities they sought out in the survey, 74% of respondents chose concerts and musical performances, the highest scoring option. Other high scoring choices were food festivals and craft fairs.

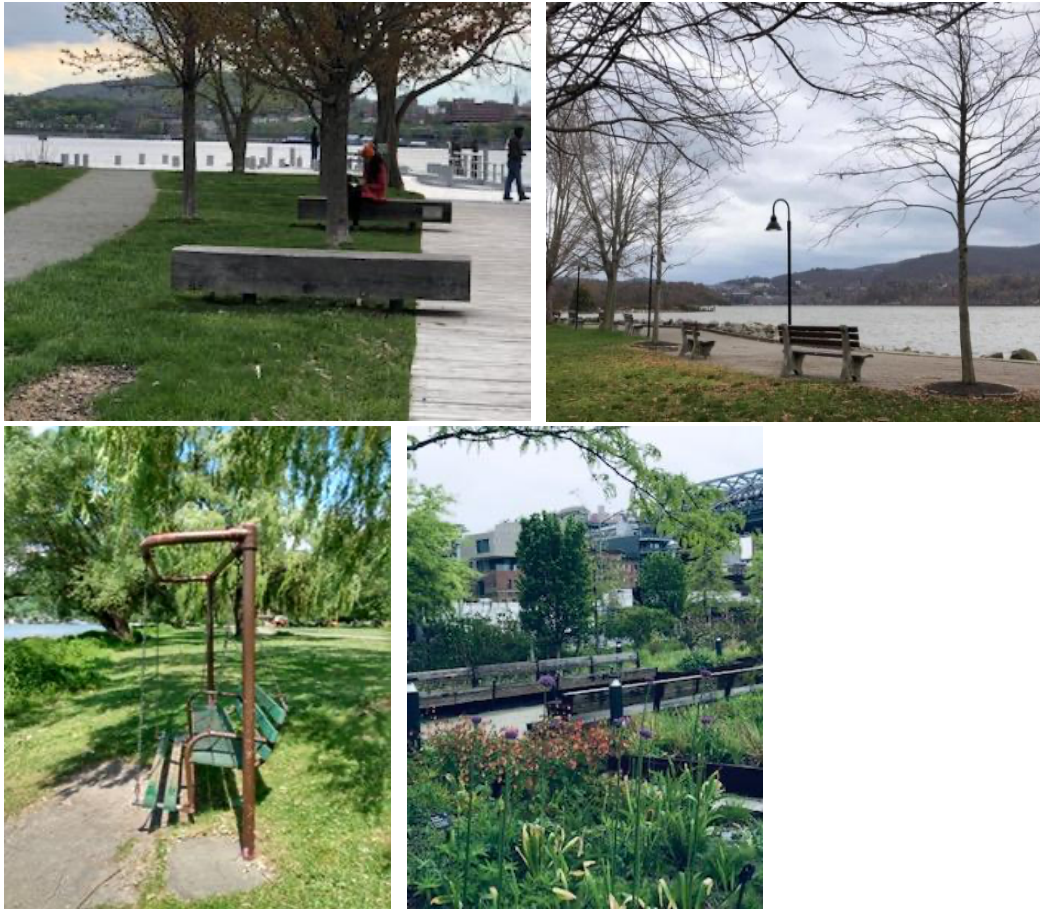
As the Project for Public Spaces presentation pointed out, it can be useful to create space that can be reconfigured for multiple uses. The same open field that hosts a food truck festival can be set up with a stage for a concert or a tent for a craft fair.



4. Seating and nature viewing

Seating at any park area is vital to enjoyment of the views and the peace offered by just relaxing. Many types of seating could be incorporated into this terrain. Near the river, benches could be installed every few feet. Materials can be varied as can be design. Ideally picnic benches would be available for people to enjoy a snack or a meal.

The southern portion of the Delaval property has a great deal of vegetation and is conducive to accommodating birds of all types. Having a raised viewing area to that portion of the property could lend itself to birdwatching and also the ability to see directly downriver, enhancing the incredible views.



Providing covered areas gives a useful value-added aspect to the space. Gazebos, rustic pavilions, and raised, covered concrete patios can give cover as well as a place to have art installations, music, festivals, popup events, or food-centric events.



5. Public art

Placing sculptures throughout the property and gardens adds visual interest, artistic movement and beautification. They can be a significant draw to the space.

One survey respondent wrote:

“The Peekskill waterfront with its public walkway through outdoor modern sculptures is such a great example of integrating public art into a natural landscape and amplifying its beauty. It would be wonderful to see something similar here.”



The history of the Hudson River as well as the history of the actual Delaval site could easily be conveyed with a giant, artistic mural placed along the railroad retaining wall. The installation could be under the guidance of our local arts community using area talent, and students to devise and implement a lasting tribute. Below is a photo of a huge mural along the Wisconsin River in Stevens Point, WI, celebrating their founders and the logging industry which brought about the settlement of that area.



6. Sports and recreation facilities

In order to draw residents as well as tourists to the site, it must provide a variety of attractions that appeal to and interest different groups of people. Creating areas for sports is an important component. A “sport” field that can accommodate different sporting activities, bocci lanes, beach volleyball, and basketball are all sporting activities that will bring multi-generational groups to the site. The waterfront walkway would also provide exercise. A dog park, while not providing exercise for people, will bring others eager to exercise their pets and at the same time enjoy the beauty of the river.

It is important to note that these activities and others can be separated from one another and from other areas of the site by space and with gardens, trees and landscaping. This enables people to enjoy their chosen activities at the site without interfering with other types of activities and the enjoyment provided by them.

7. Children’s playground or splash pad

While not conventional “sports,” activities that provide children with exercise are important. A playground with climbing structures and other innovative activities will attract families and parents to the site. A splash pad is an especially attractive feature that can be used by children of all ages.

As one survey respondent wrote:

“I would love to see the waterfront family friendly. Somewhere young kids could come and play, maybe water spouts playground? If families come, it's a safe place.”

Families in our city are always looking for safe, free places to bring their children, and a creative children’s playspace would fit these needs. Using natural landscape features and allowing children to explore and create, and integrate our beautiful river into their stories, would be ideal. The Grasshopper Grove at the Hudson Highlands Museum is one such regional playspace, where children can imagine and play safely outdoors.



E. Develop a robust plan with partners to manage and program the site.

In addition to physical facilities, active programming on the site is important to maximize its benefit. A wide variety of programs could be offered, again with the goal of bringing people with different interests to the site. We recommend that the city increase funding and resources for the Division of Parks and Recreation to manage and improve the parks. Poughkeepsie should have robust programming to highlight our incredible river for residents and families, such as summer camps, regular outdoor events, after-school options, and training programs.

1. Large-scale events

The site's large size makes it an ideal place to host many types of events for residents and visitors. Along with other activities, these could include:

- Concerts
- Theater
- Cultural festivals
- Food-related events
- Sports tournaments (including water sports like swimming and rowing)
- Craft fairs

Recommended practice is to maintain flexible space, including one or more moveable platform stages, that can be set up for different types of events. A large area of the site could be dedicated to a multi-use field that could be configured for various events.

2. Everyday programming

Other uses that could be programmed on a more regular basis might include children's programs, yoga and exercise classes, educational programs - especially those exploring the history, biology, or geology of the Hudson estuary itself and of the city of Poughkeepsie, sports leagues, school field trips, and more. Attractive informational signs throughout the site would also enhance the "learning" experience for all age groups.

3. Vendors

The site could offer an opportunity for entrepreneurs and small businesses selling food or other items desired by park users. Coffee shops, cafes, or the like would offer economic benefit while making the Southern Waterfront especially inviting. Survey respondents noted that they desire "inexpensive" and "affordable" places to eat and drink near the water. Mentioned also were food trucks and picnicking areas.

F. Connect the waterfront to the city.

Any successful use or development of the DeLaval site will require improving "public access." In what follows we offer two sets of suggestions along those lines. The first are suggestions dealing with "mode" – that is, with how people physically access the site. The second are suggestions that deal primarily with "information" – that is, with how people know that there is something to be physically accessed.

As one survey respondent wrote:

"To further improve accessibility to the wider community, the area should feature improved pedestrian and cycling connections to the rest of the city and frequent bus service, since a significant number of city residents do not have access to a car."

1. Mode

a. Cars/Personal Automobiles

Currently the site can be accessed directly by car via Rinaldi Blvd and Pine Street. For those driving to the site, the biggest obstacle may be parking. Currently there is one sizable public parking lot on the site. This lot – which also provides overflow parking for the neighboring Shadows over the Hudson – offers a total of 102 parking spaces. As a point of comparison Waryas Park has a total of 115 parking spaces.

Among survey respondents a handful mentioned “lack of adequate parking” as one of the reasons people do not use the waterfront. In terms of gauging how much additional parking may be needed, there are a number of places to look. In Poughkeepsie’s 2015 Waterfront Redevelopment Strategy Report parking recommendations were tied with both land use and square footage. In their plan, Retail (80,000 ft²) was allotted 200 parking spaces (1 space per every 400ft²); Office (10,000ft²) was allotted 32 parking spaces (1 space per 312 ft²); and a Hotel (80 rooms) was allotted 50 spaces. In 2017, and as part of the Kevin Dwarka Innovation District consultation, a proposed revision to the parking requirements for the Waterfront District was advanced: Retail (1 space per every 350 ft²) Residential (.5 spaces per dwelling unit) Restaurant (1 space per every 250 ft²)

Recommendations:

If commercial uses are introduced on the site, our recommendation is to hew to the parking requirements outlined by the 2015 Waterfront Redevelopment Strategy Report.

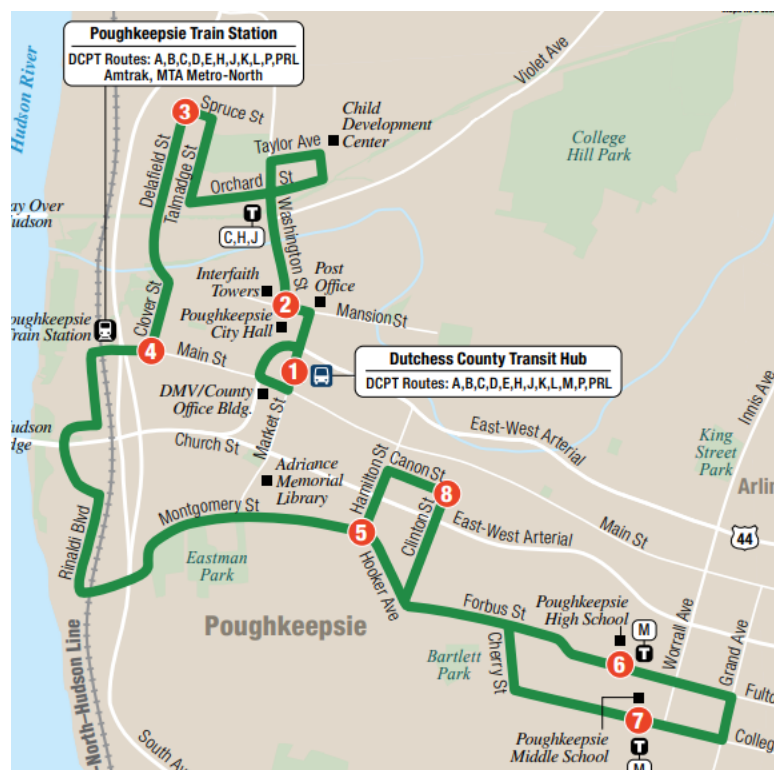
If maintained as parkland, our recommendation is to both limit parking so as not to exceed the number of parking spaces available at Waryas Park and to consolidate parking so as not to interfere with the natural beauty of the site.

b. Public Transit

Currently the DeLaval site is served by the Dutchess County Public Transit’s (DCPT) “Route P” – a bus that serves what DCPT calls “Poughkeepsie’s Westside.” Route P runs from 6:30am to 7:30 pm on Weekdays and from 8:15 am to 6:15 on Saturday. There is no Sunday service. The bus route operates at 1-hour headways. Major stops along the route include: Market Street’s Bus Hub, The Post Office on Mansion Street, the Walkway over the Hudson, Spruce Street Public Housing, Dongan Square, the Poughkeepsie Train Station, the Rinaldi entrance for Kaal Rock Park, Lincoln Soccer Field, Soldiers Fountain, Poughkeepsie Middle School, and Poughkeepsie High School.

Recommendations:

In addition to connecting the DeLaval site with the train station and the Walkway-Over-the-Hudson, the bus route also connects the DeLaval site directly to the Poughkeepsie Middle and High Schools and eventually to the Youth Center planned at the site of the old YMCA. In taking advantage of Route P’s potential benefits for connecting different parts of the waterfront with key assets in the city, Council members might consider it as one possibility for a “fare-free line”—building off of the success of the “Beacon Circulator.” A bus connecting the waterfront parks, the Walkway-Over-the-Hudson, local historic sites and parks, and the main street business district could enhance tourism, especially if operated on weekends.



As one survey respondent noted, it would be great to have:

“a trolley that takes people to the Walkway and around Poughkeepsie to eating places, the Bardavon, and other destinations”

c. Biking and Walking

With multiple housing complexes within a half-mile radius of the Southern Waterfront, many residents have an opportunity to walk or bike to the site. Walking and biking should be encouraged as economically accessible, healthy, environmentally friendly, and because they reduce the need for parking at the site.

The DeLaval site is accessible by bicycle via both Rinaldi Blvd. and Pine Street, neither of which has protected or painted bike lanes. The grade and visibility for bikers approaching the site from Pine Street may pose a challenge for some bikers. There are, however, places to lock up bikes at the current location. Bicycles can also be transported by train and bus making the DeLaval site a base from which to launch a bike tour of the City or a leisurely ride on the miles of existing rail trails on both sides of the Hudson River, connected by the Walkway-Over-the-Hudson.

Pedestrian access to the DeLaval site is available from Rinaldi Blvd. and Pine Street as well as from Kaal Rock. With respect to the latter, the pedestrian walk that begins at Kaal Rock and extends south along the shore line ends at the DeLaval site.

Recommendations:

Investigate opportunities to provide safer bicycle and pedestrian access on the city streets leading to the Southern Waterfront.

Conduct a traffic study of the Rinaldi Blvd. and Pine Street intersection to enhance safety and traffic calming and explore the use of a roundabout or other mechanisms.

2. Information

Signage is key in any public space. The City should promote the area with signage placed throughout the city, including alongside already existing signs that delineate historic areas and recreational areas within the city. It is particularly important for the City to provide information in other areas of the City that highlight the attractions of the site and that provide directions to it.

At the site, signage could be incorporated to define the historic value of the space, the hours of operation, upcoming events, facts pertaining to the views at hand. Signs could be utilized to lead guests to restrooms, gardens and displays. Ideally signs could direct people to public transportation such as the train station, bus stop and nearby highway and hospital.

The southern waterfront is within walking distance of several riverside and inland parks, the Soldiers Memorial Fountain, Adriance Library, The Walkway-Over-the-Hudson and the Poughkeepsie Bridge with the Bridge Music installation. Adequate signage could direct people to many areas they may miss if they are new to the city or the area.



G. Integrate planning for the City's entire waterfront

The desires the public expressed through the public outreach process are not limited to the Southern Waterfront but represent a vision for programming and public amenities along the City's waterfront generally. Planning for the Southern Waterfront should be integrated with planning for Waryas and Kaal Rock Parks, with programs and amenities located where they are best suited. For example, a kayak launch is a high priority amenity which may be better located at Kaal Rock Park because of the shoreline topography.

H. Consider environmental sustainability

As the climate changes, water levels are rising and storms are becoming more intense. Site design should account for predicted future water levels. The site can be designed for greater sustainability by, for example, use of renewable energy, maximizing permeable surfaces and minimizing pavement; managing stormwater with green infrastructure; incorporating native trees and plants; and establishing a living shoreline.

The Climate Adaptive Design Studio, which is currently underway in the city in partnership with Cornell and NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation, should incorporate the taskforce recommendations to ensure that climate change and sea level rise are part of the planning process for the southern waterfront.

I. Investigate funding to build and maintain public amenities from multiple sources.

Options to fund construction, maintenance and programming of the site may come from multiple sources.

- **Grants:** The City has secured three state grants totaling \$1.3 million to construct waterfront amenities. If the DeLaval site is maintained as a public facility, additional grants could be sought to landscape the site and install additional amenities. For example, the Department of State offers grants to implement Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs, and the Hudson River Estuary Program offers water-access grants. Other grants should be sought for arts, recreation or environment-enhancing projects.
- **Conservancy or Friends group:** Some public spaces are funded by a conservancy or “friends” organization that raise money for maintenance and upgrades to the site. There may be value in starting with basic amenities and letting the site develop organically over time, with the support of local donors.
- **Revenue from events and rentals:** A public space could host revenue-generating events or could be rented out for events. Renting concession spaces could also provide revenue.
- **Public-private partnership:** A partnership with a private developer is another option, provided any development meets public access goals.
- **Recreation fees:** The City may want to consider instituting a recreation fee for residential development. Funds could be used for capital improvements to parks and recreation facilities. The fee should be calibrated to avoid discouraging development.

VI. Recommendations

Based on the findings above, the Task Force makes the following recommendations:

1. The best use for the site is a public space with amenities for both residents and visitors to enjoy. The benefits of improving quality of life for residents, attracting tourists, and supporting local businesses make public space a desirable option.
2. If the City decides to pursue a public-private partnership for the development of the site, public access should remain the primary goal, and site planning should adhere to the principles below.
3. The following principles should drive the design of the site, whether it is public or public-private:
 - a. Prioritize public space and public access as paramount.
 - Public space should drive the design of the site.
 - Commercial uses should enhance public use and access. Affordable restaurants, event space and museum/cultural uses are desirable. Exclusive uses like housing and offices are not.
 - Private uses should reinforce the public-access spirit of the site and be integrated into the overall park-like atmosphere of the site.
 - Amenities should be accessible and appropriate to the broad socioeconomic diversity of the city's population.
 - Structures should not detract from the natural beauty of the site or interfere with scenic vistas, including views of the river from Rinaldi Blvd. and surrounding properties.
 - b. Realize the site's potential as a destination landmark.
 - The DeLaval site's size and location offer the potential to become a landmark destination.
 - c. Frame economic benefits holistically.
 - A public space that hosts events, draws tourists and improves residents' quality of life creates economic benefits to the City.
 - Benefits to local businesses should be considered.
 - d. Invest in recreational assets. Amenities may include:
 - Multi-use path
 - Water access, including boat dock, kayak launch, swimming and fishing facilities
 - Performance and event space

- Seating and nature viewing
 - Public art
 - Sports and recreation facilities
 - Children's playground or splash pad
 - Clean and safe restrooms
- e. Develop a robust plan with partners to manage and program the site.
- Active programming is important to maximize the site's benefit.
 - Programming may include large-scale events, everyday programming and vendors.
- f. Connect the waterfront to the city.
- Diversifying transportation options reduces the need for parking at the site.
 - Bus access should be improved, especially on weekends. A free bus should be investigated to connect the waterfront parks, the Walkway-Over-the-Hudson, and other destinations.
 - Bicycle and pedestrian access should be improved.
 - Information is needed to foster connection with the site, in addition to transportation connections.
- g. Integrate planning for the City's entire waterfront.
- Amenities and programming can be integrated into Waryas and Kaal Rock Parks as well.
- h. Consider environmental sustainability.
- The site should be adaptable to climate change and minimize environmental impacts.
- i. Investigate funding to build and maintain public amenities from multiple sources.
- Ideas include grant funding for public spaces; a conservancy or friends group; revenue generating activities on the site; and a public-private partnership approach.

The Task Force hopes that this report and the findings and recommendations it contains will be useful to the City in coming years. In particular, if the previously-planned development does not proceed, the principles articulated above can guide the City in releasing a Request for Proposals or Request for Expressions of Interest to design and develop the site. The report can also be used to guide the Planning Board and Waterfront Advisory Committee in their decisions and can inform the Common Council's appropriation of funds for the waterfront.

VII. Appendices

APPENDIX A

Revitalizing Hudson Riverfronts: *The Poughkeepsie Experience*

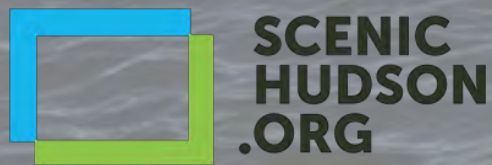


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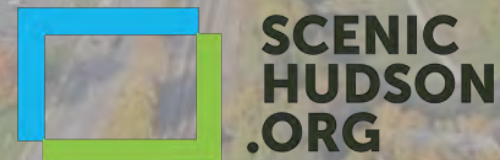
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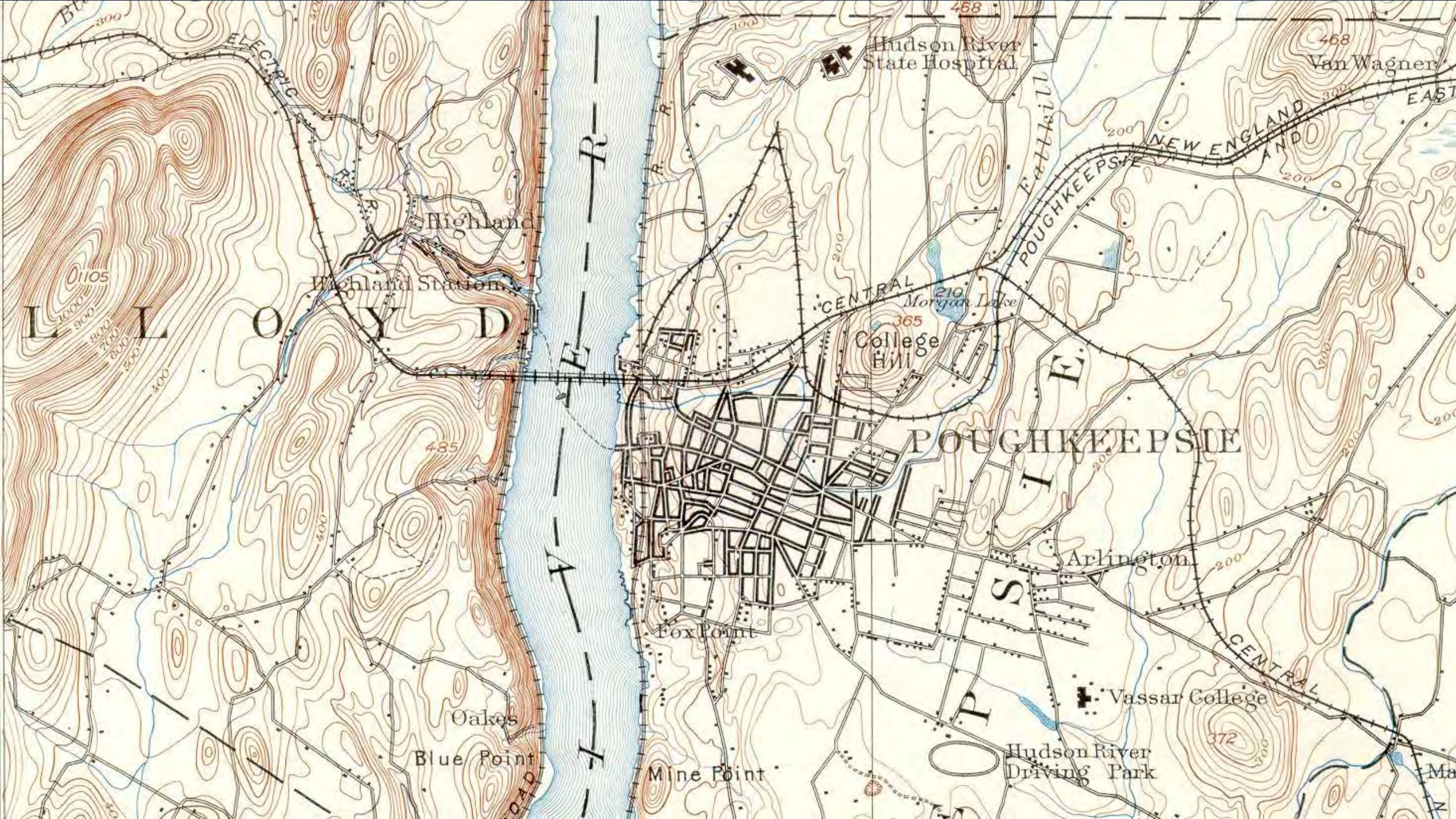
Revitalizing Hudson Riverfronts:

Illustrated Conservation and Development Strategies
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- I. Promote Development in Areas with Existing Infrastructure
 - II. Encourage Water-Dependent and Water-Enhanced Uses
 - III. Connect People to the River
 - IV. Protect Natural Resources
 - V. Protect Scenic Resources
 - VI. Promote Good Urban Planning & Sustainable Design
- Climate Change and Sea Level Rise





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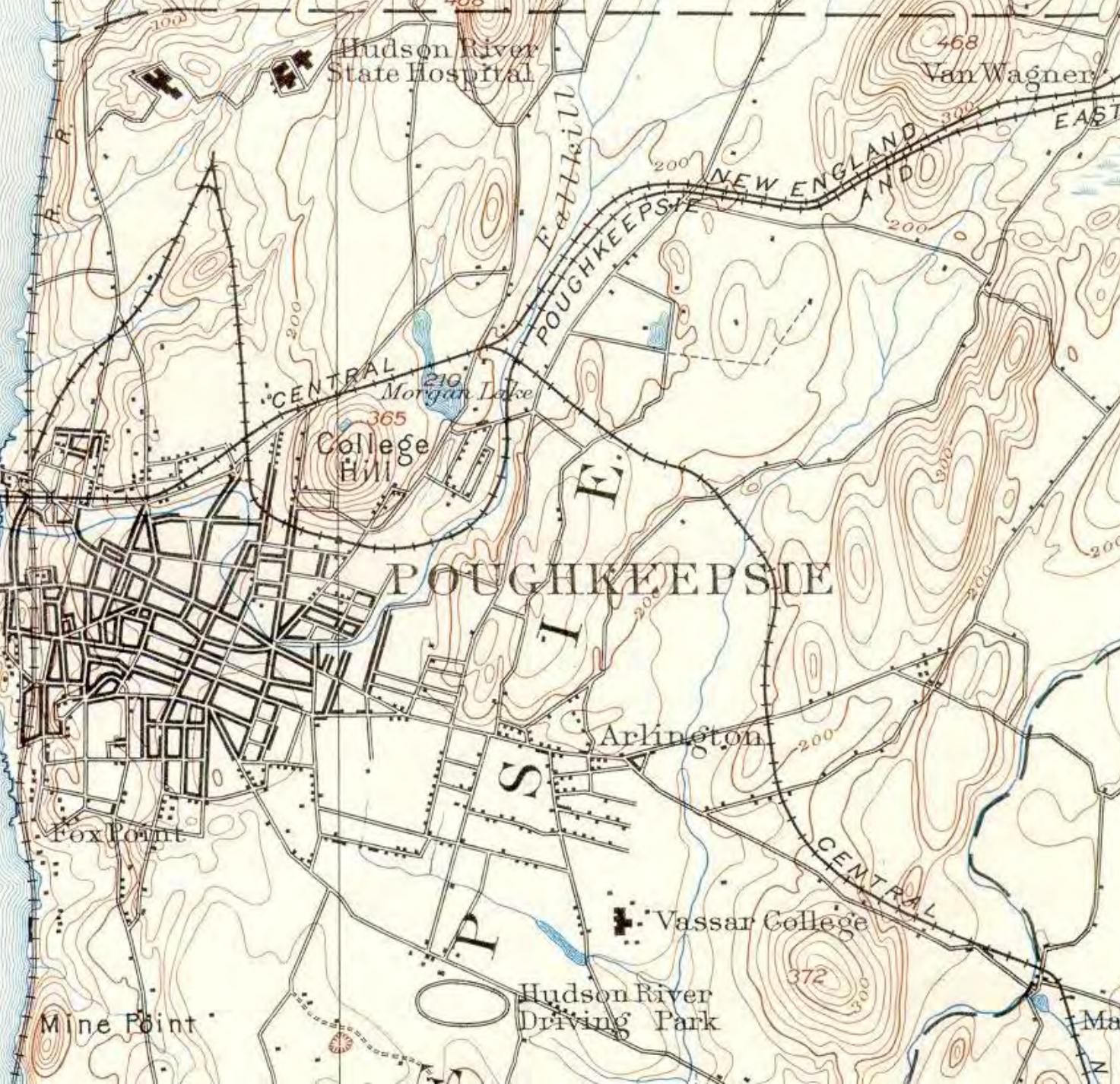
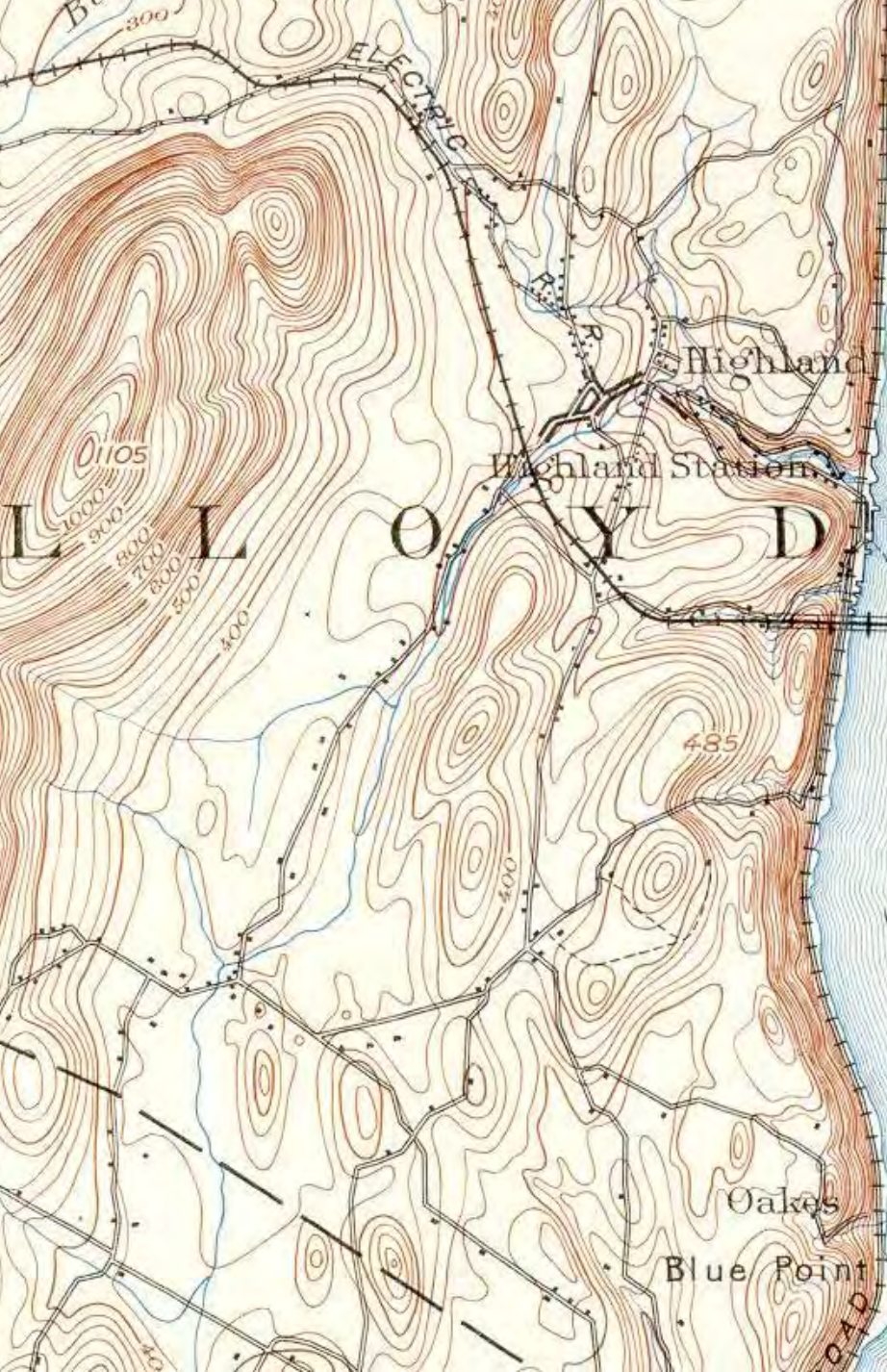
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THE NEW HUDSON RIVER CANTILEVER BRIDGE AT POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.
COMPLIMENTS OF ADRIANCE, PLATT & CO., NEW YORK.

Poughkeepsie Population 1900-2020

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% +/-</u>
1900	24,029	
1910	29,936	+16.3
1920	35,000	+25.3
1930	34,288	-2.0
1940	40,478	+18.1
1950	41,023	+1.3%
1960	38,330	-6.6%
1970	32,029	-16.4%
1980	29,757	-7.1%
1990	28,844	-3.1%
2000	29,871	+3.6%
2010	32,736	+9.6%
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1) Promote Riverfront Development in Areas with Existing Infrastructure

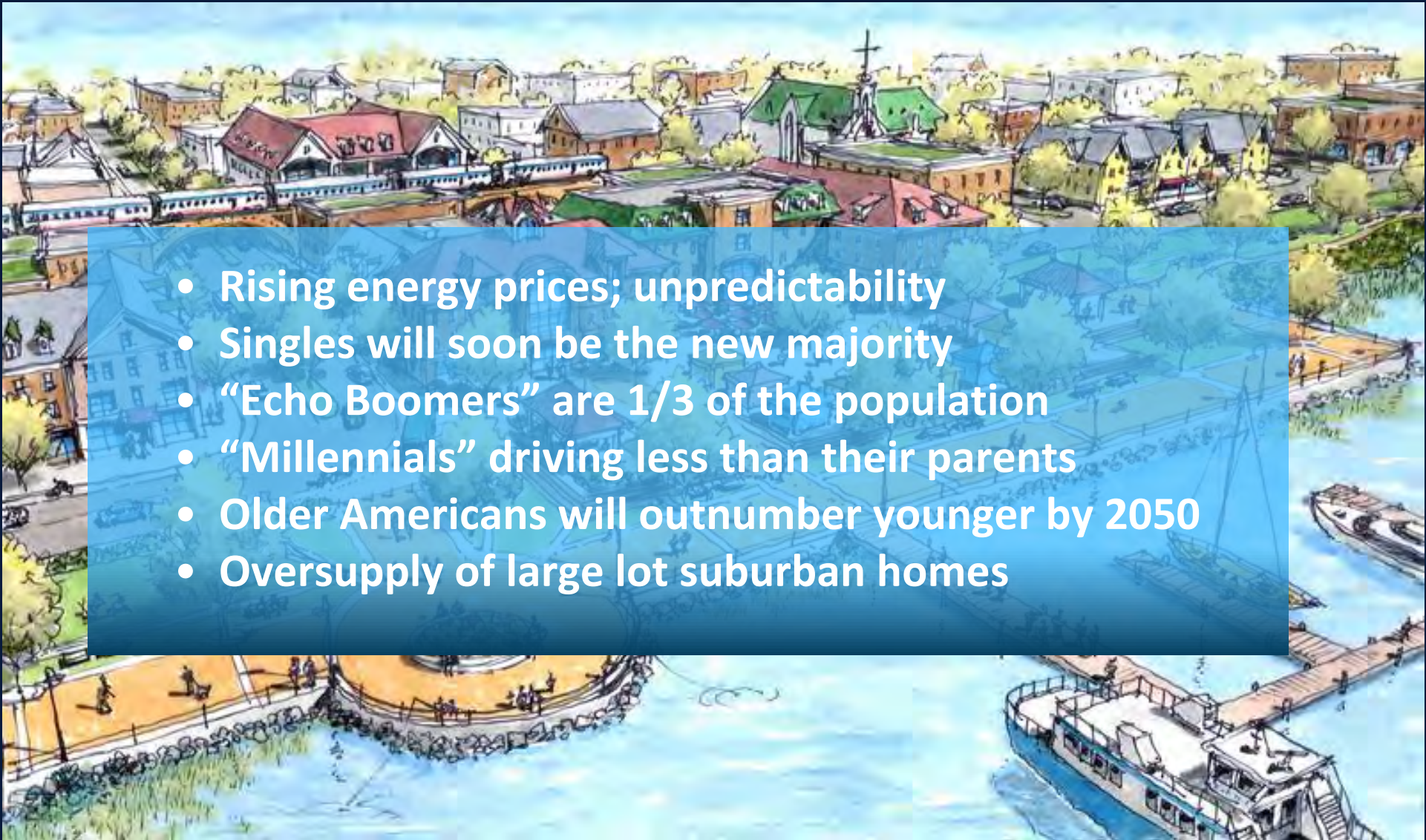


1) Promote Riverfront Development in Areas with Existing Infrastructure



1. Takes advantage of existing infrastructure
2. Close to existing services.
3. Provides opportunities to reuse historic building stock
4. Encourages walking, bicycling, & a healthful lifestyle
5. Protects open space and farmland
6. Helps mitigate against a warming planet

1) Promote Riverfront Development in Areas with Existing Infrastructure



- Rising energy prices; unpredictability
- Singles will soon be the new majority
- “Echo Boomers” are 1/3 of the population
- “Millennials” driving less than their parents
- Older Americans will outnumber younger by 2050
- Oversupply of large lot suburban homes



But riverfronts are susceptible to frequent inundation

Establish a continuous riverfront greenway

100/100 Rule

Where possible, maintain 100-foot minimum setback or avoid development in 100-year floodplain, whichever is greater

Benefits:

- Provides place for rising water to go
- Open space
 - Public access
 - Recreation
 - Habitat protection

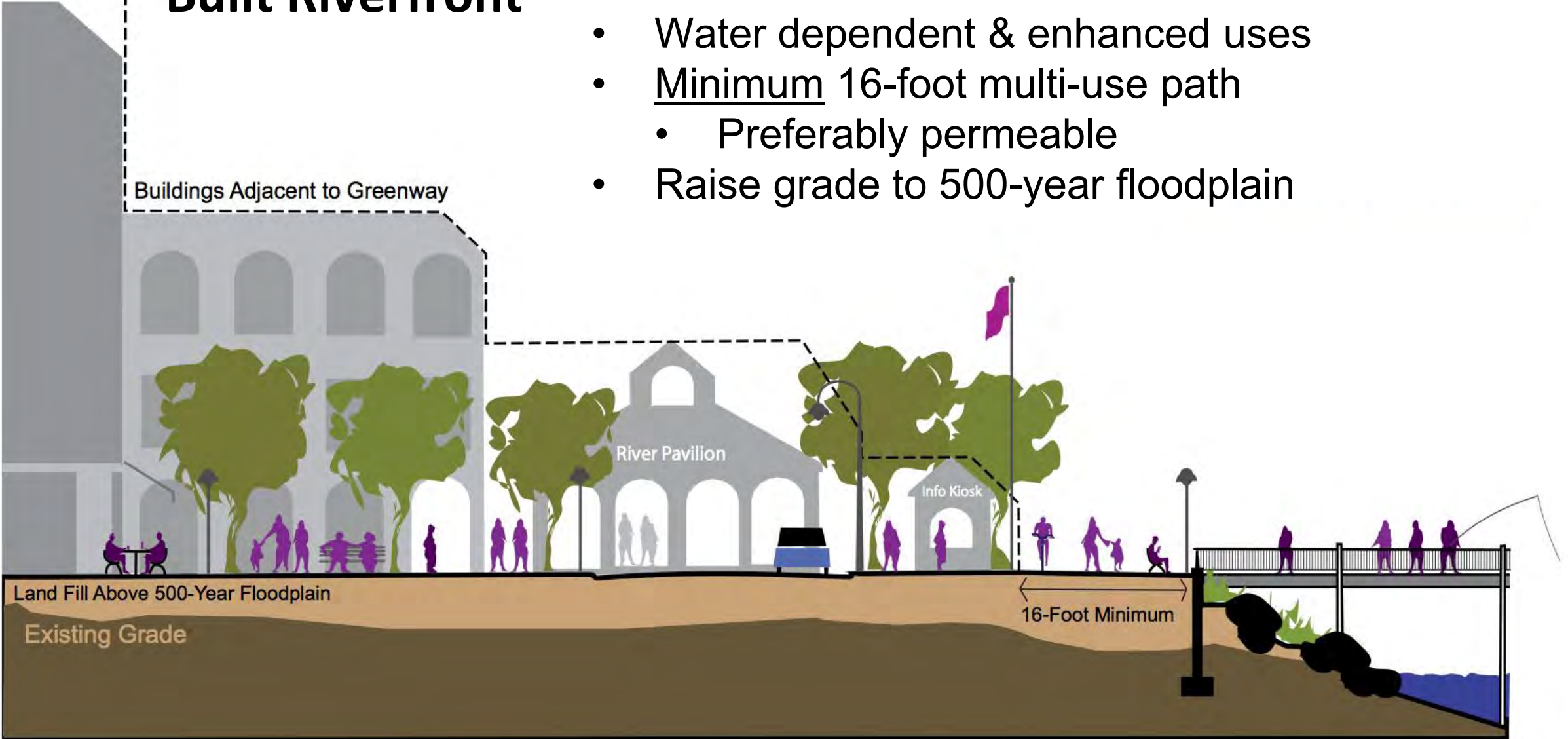


Maximum Height (variable)

Greenway: Built Riverfront

Maintain 75-foot minimum setback

- Public Access
- Water dependent & enhanced uses
- Minimum 16-foot multi-use path
 - Preferably permeable
- Raise grade to 500-year floodplain



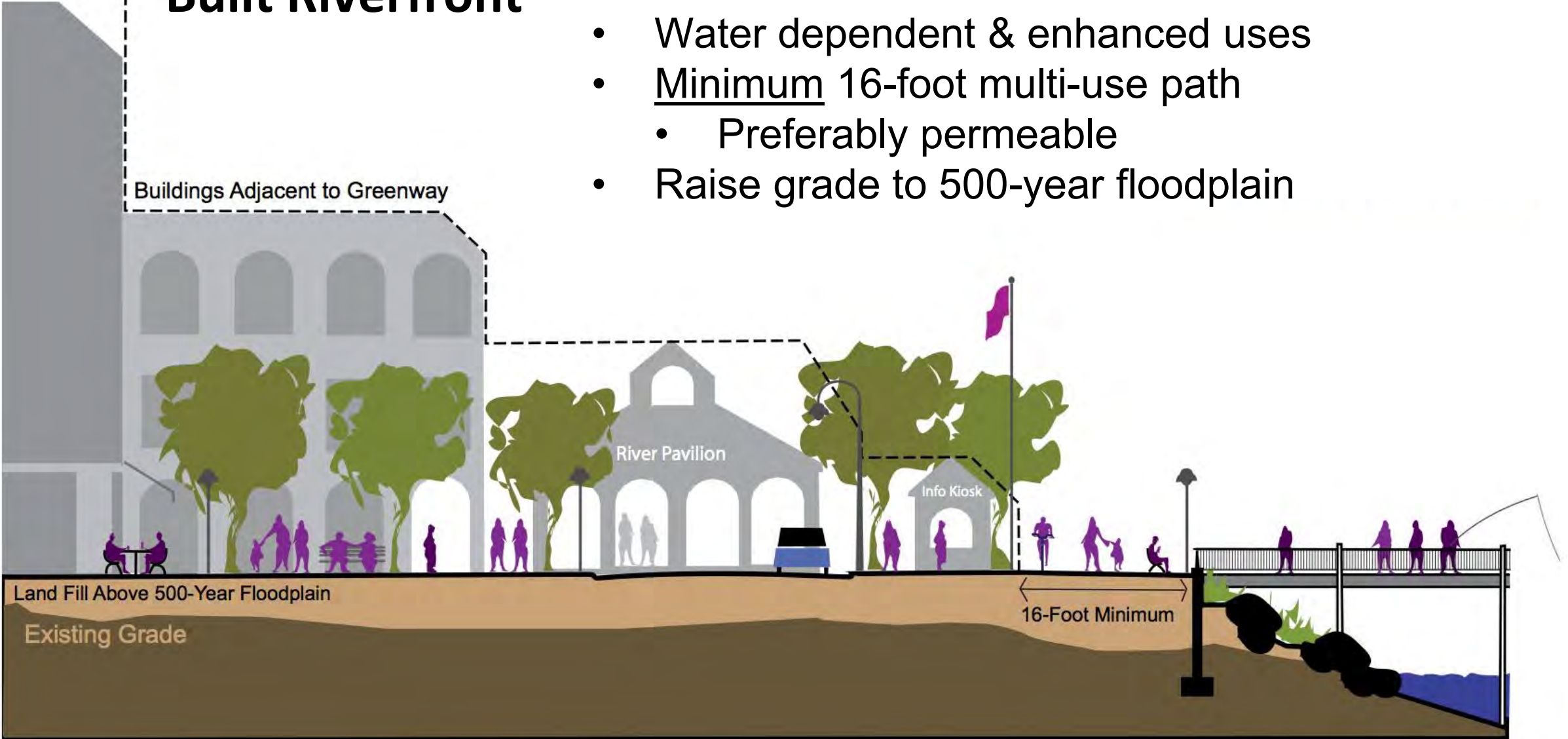
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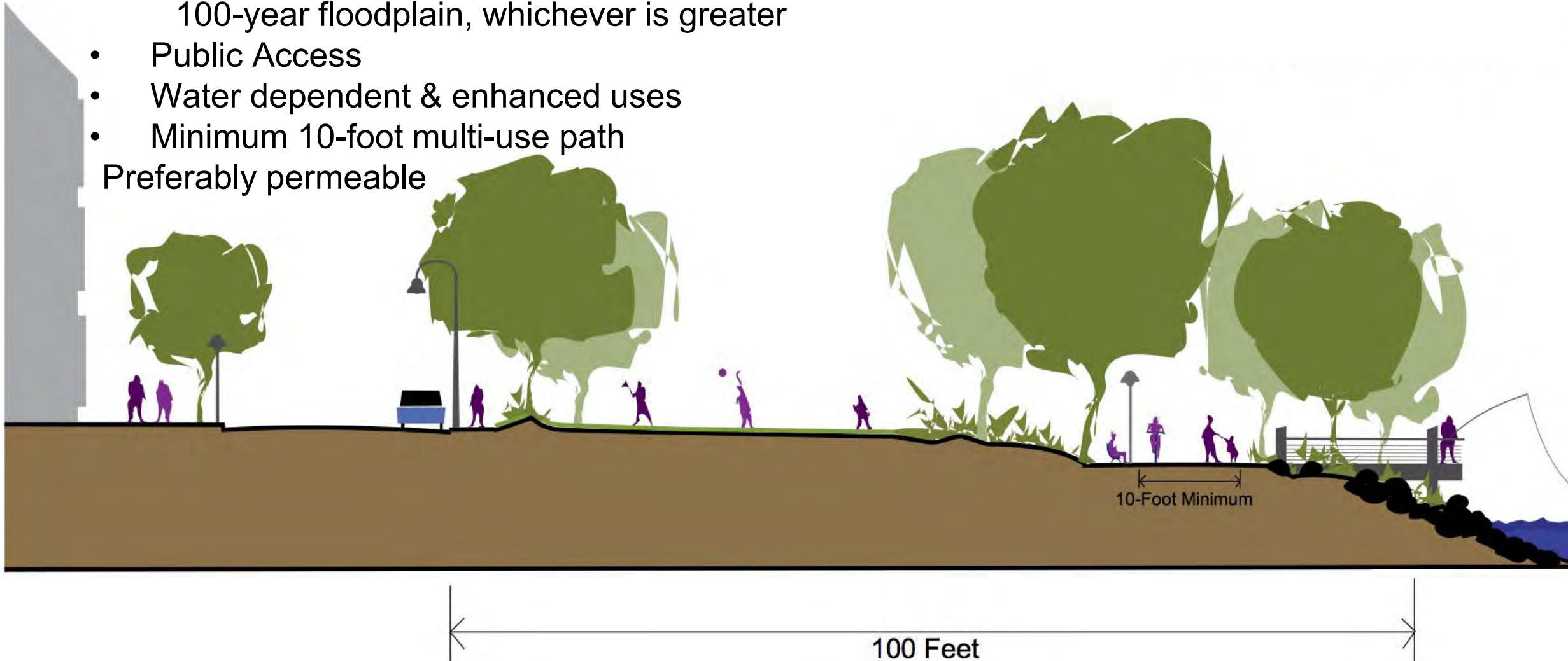
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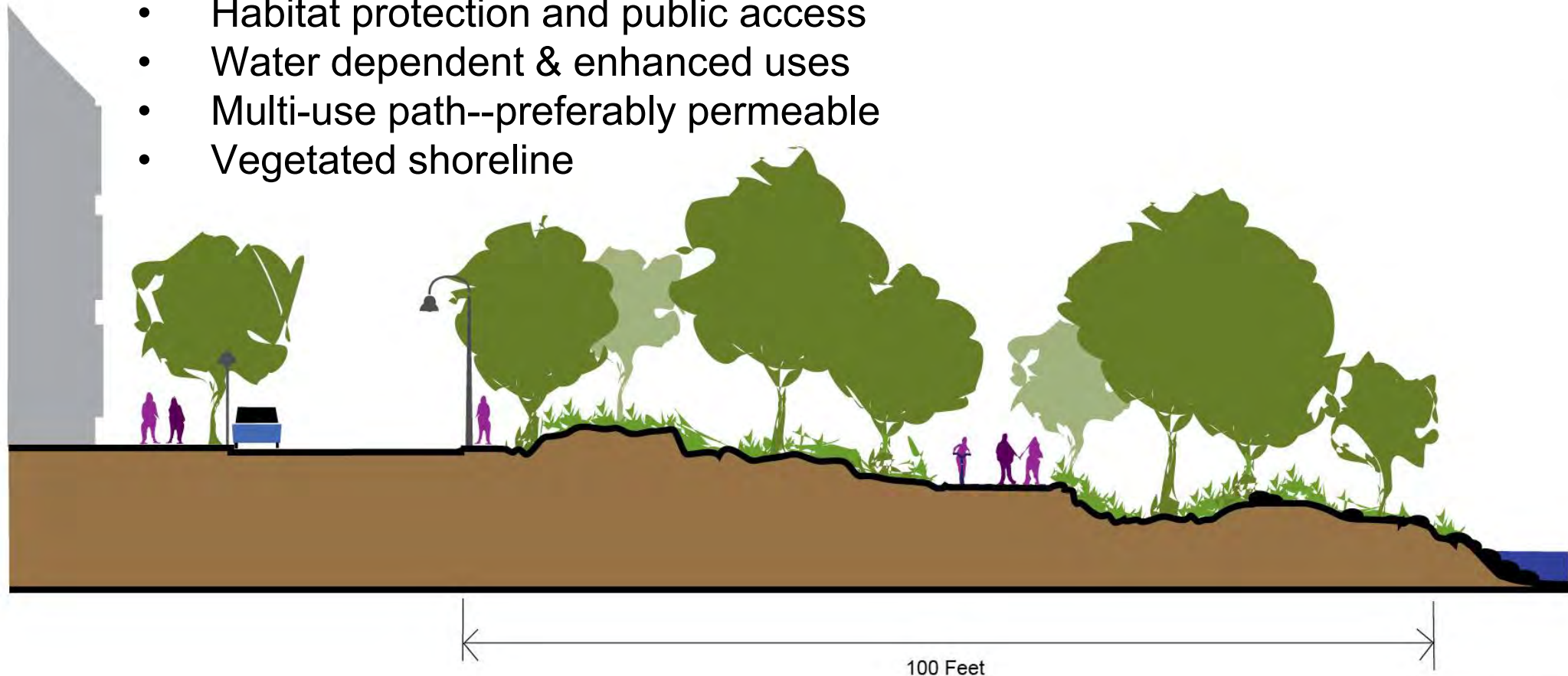
Greenway: Community Parks and Greenways

- 100/100 Rule
 - Maintain 100-foot minimum setback or avoid 100-year floodplain, whichever is greater
- Public Access
- Water dependent & enhanced uses
- Minimum 10-foot multi-use path
Preferably permeable



Greenway: Natural Areas

- 100/100 Rule
 - Maintain 100-foot minimum setback or avoid 100-year floodplain, whichever is greater
- Habitat protection and public access
- Water dependent & enhanced uses
- Multi-use path--preferably permeable
- Vegetated shoreline



2) Encourage Water-dependent & Water-enhanced Uses



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3) Connecting People to the River—and Beyond





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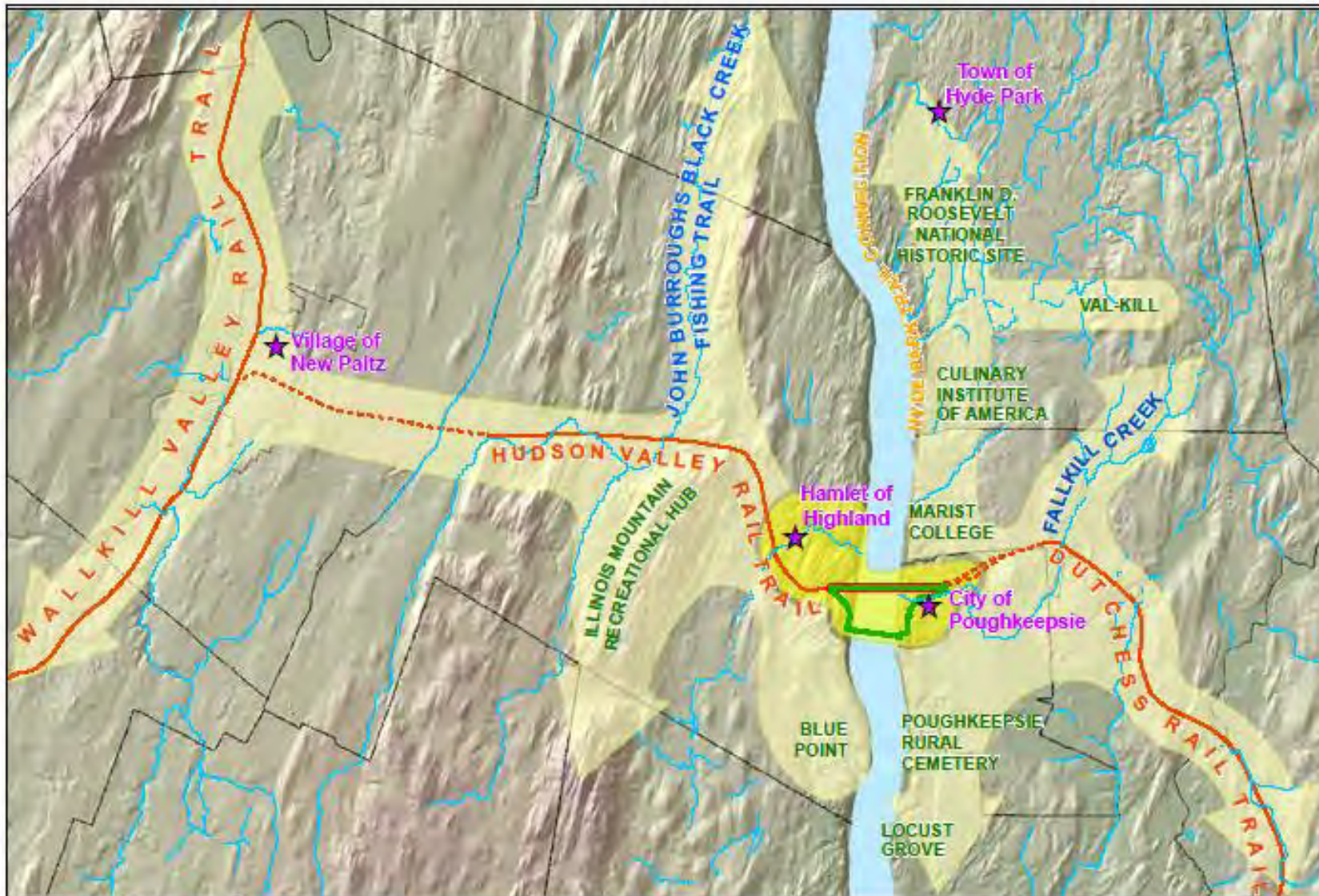
- Business Districts
- Neighborhoods
- Historic Sites
- Parks
- Educational Institutions
- Other communities
- Cross-river connections
- Your ideas matter

What kinds of connections?

WAYS TO CONNECT: physically, visually, & otherwise

- Walkways both to and along the river
- Trolleys
- Boat docks, launches, and tours
- View corridors
- Festivals, art, education, history
- Your ideas matter





Walkway Gateway Map

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Ulster County
Dutchess County

Planning Area

Rail Trails



Inner Core



Broader Regional Context



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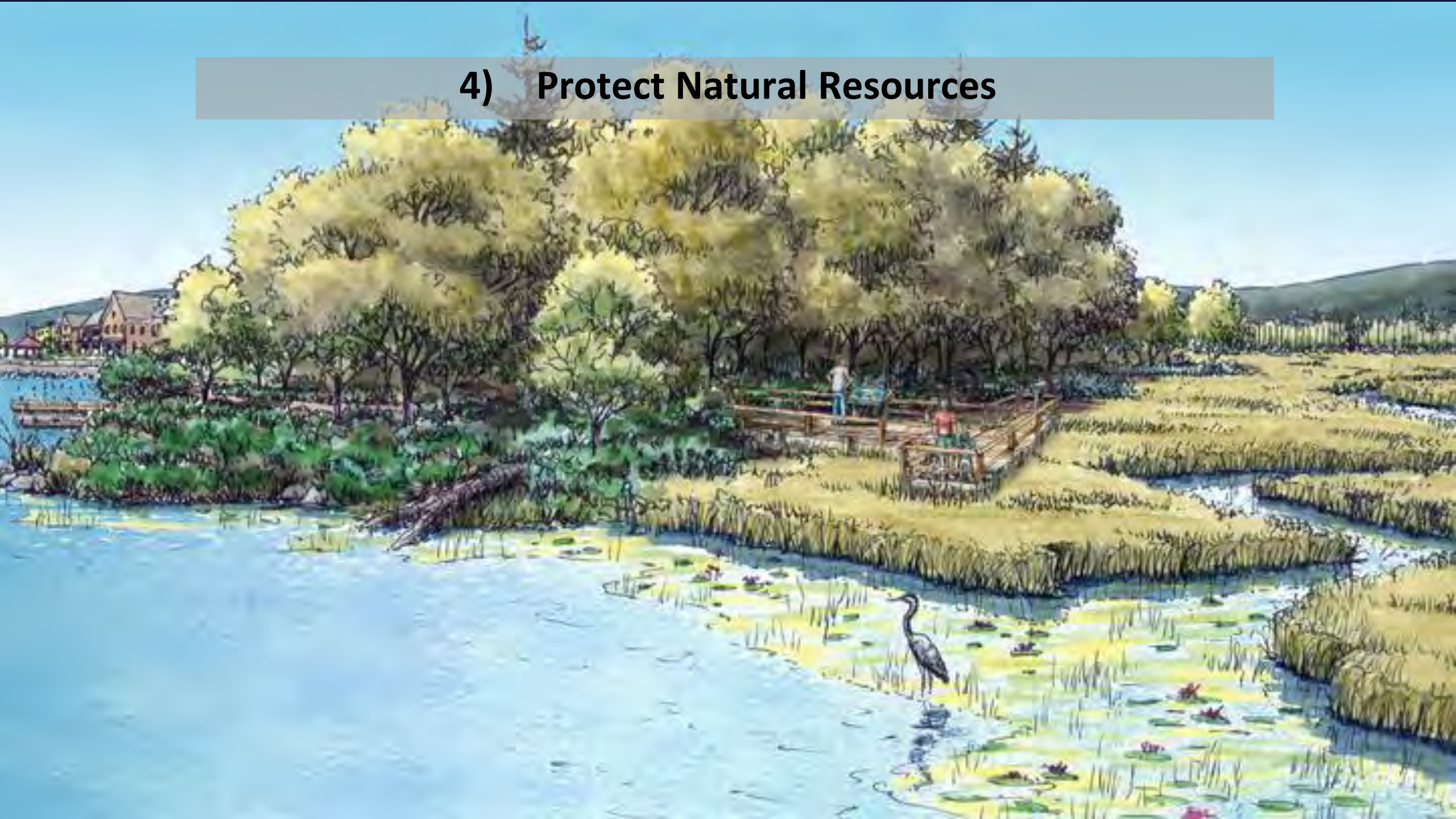


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4) Protect Natural Resources





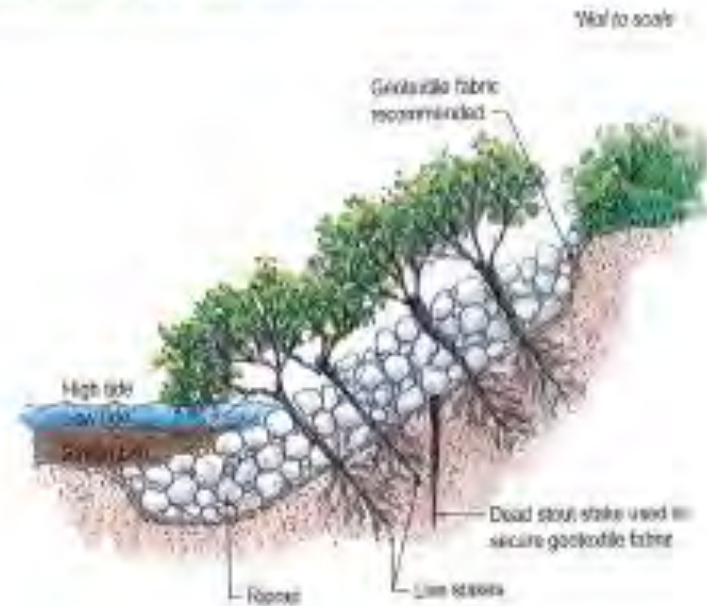
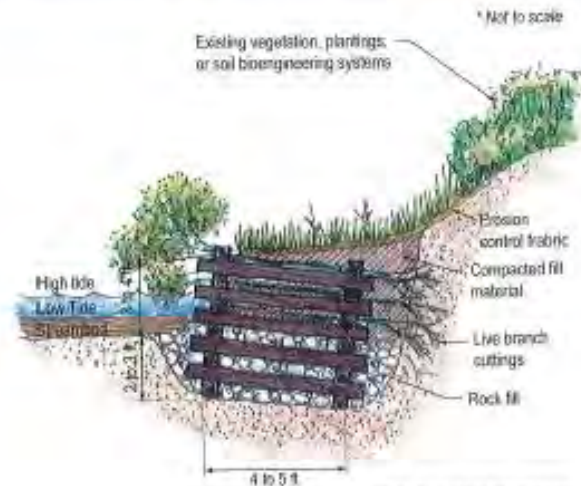
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Live crib wall: A box-like arrangement of interlocking logs, timbers, precast concrete, or plastic structural members. The crib is filled with layers of backfill and live cuttings that root inside the crib and beyond into the slope.



Joint planting: Riprap with live stakes lashed into the joints between the rocks.



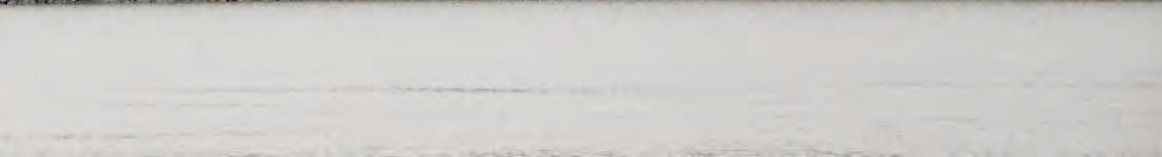
5) Protect Scenic Resources





Protect Scenic Resources

- Orient buildings perpendicular to the river
- Natural building materials
- Earth tone colors
- Don't break the ridgeline
- Site building on the toe of the slope—not the top
- Maintain views of public viewsheds
- Maintain views down street ends



6) Promote Good Urban Planning & Sustainable Design





Good Urban Planning Sustainable Design

- Transit-Oriented Development
- Mixed use
- Respect architectural traditions
- Infill development
- Remediate and reuse brownfields
- Adaptive reuse
- Protect historic buildings
- New development holds the streetline
- Appropriate scale
- Green buildings
- Green stormwater infrastructure and management



Coastal defense: Solutions that protect existing critical infrastructure - including sea walls, rip rap, levies and hardened shorelines



Strategic accommodation: Solutions that permit flooding - including raised infrastructure, adaptive design strategies and compatible land uses



Managed relocation: Solutions that allow for inundation and flooding while promoting the migration of tidal wetlands and other important natural resources



**Adaptation:
Defense**



**Adaptation:
Accommodate**



**Adaptation:
Relocate**



NYSDEC Sea Level Rise Projections

	Low	Low-Medium	Medium	High-Medium	High
2020s	2"	4"	6"	8"	10"
2050s	8"	11"	16"	21"	30"
2080s	13"	18"	29"	39"	58"
2100	15"	22"	36"	50"	75"

Revitalizing Hudson Riverfronts:

Illustrated Conservation and Development Strategies
for Creating Healthy, Prosperous Communities

Illustrated Conservation and Development Strategies for Creating Healthy, Prosperous Communities

- I. Promote Development in Areas with Existing Infrastructure
 - II. Encourage Water-Dependent and Water-Enhanced Uses
 - III. Connect People to the River
 - IV. Protect Natural Resources
 - V. Protect Scenic Resources
 - VI. Promote Good Urban Planning & Sustainable Design
- Climate Change and Sea Level Rise





Questions?

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APPENDIX B

Creating Great Waterfronts with Placemaking

Elena Madison, Director of Projects

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Spaces

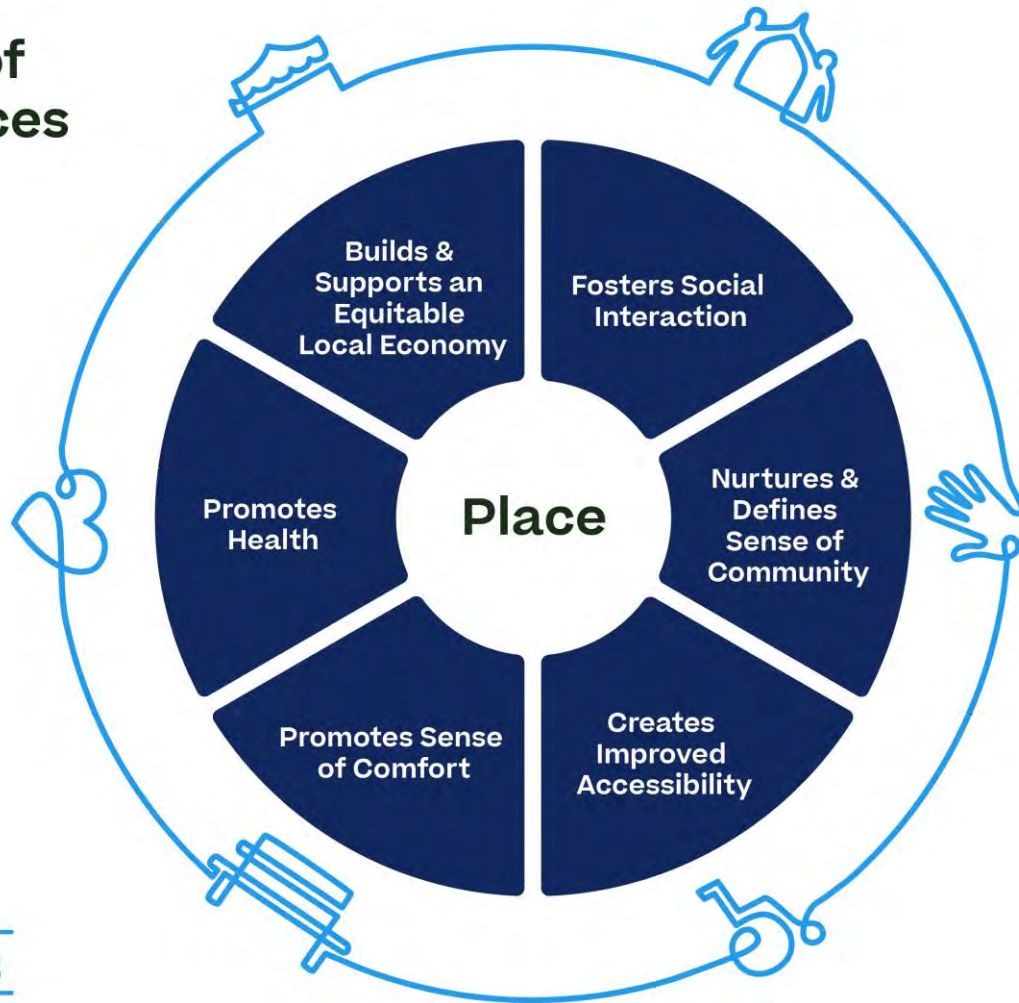


What is Placemaking?

Placemaking is a collaborative process that brings people together to create the great public spaces at the heart of their communities.



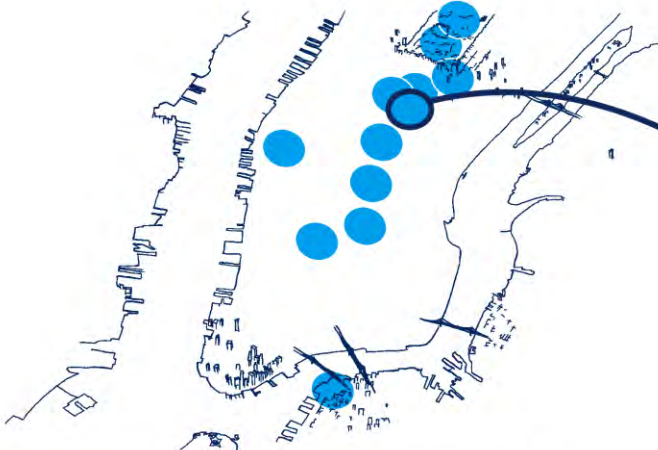
Benefits of Great Places



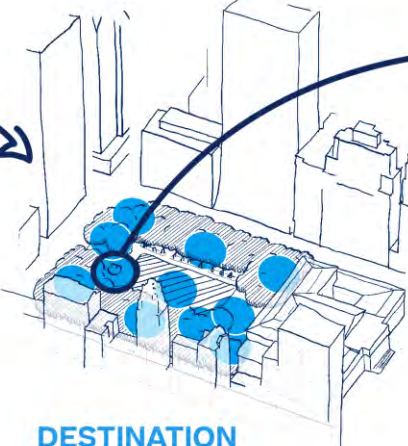
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Power of 10+

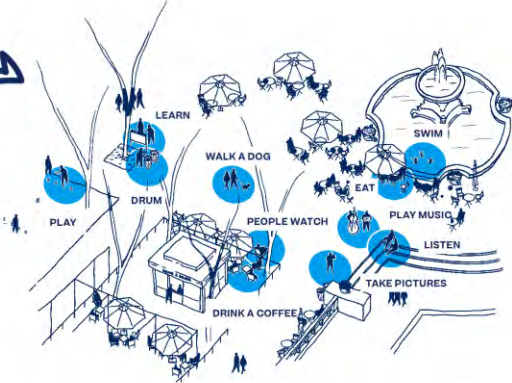
How Cities Transform Through Placemaking



CITY/REGION
10+ major destinations



DESTINATION
10+ places in each



PLACE
10+ things to do
(layered to create synergy)



Qualities of Great Waterfronts

Access and Linkages





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Uses at the Water's Edge







Active Edge Uses





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Attractions & Destinations













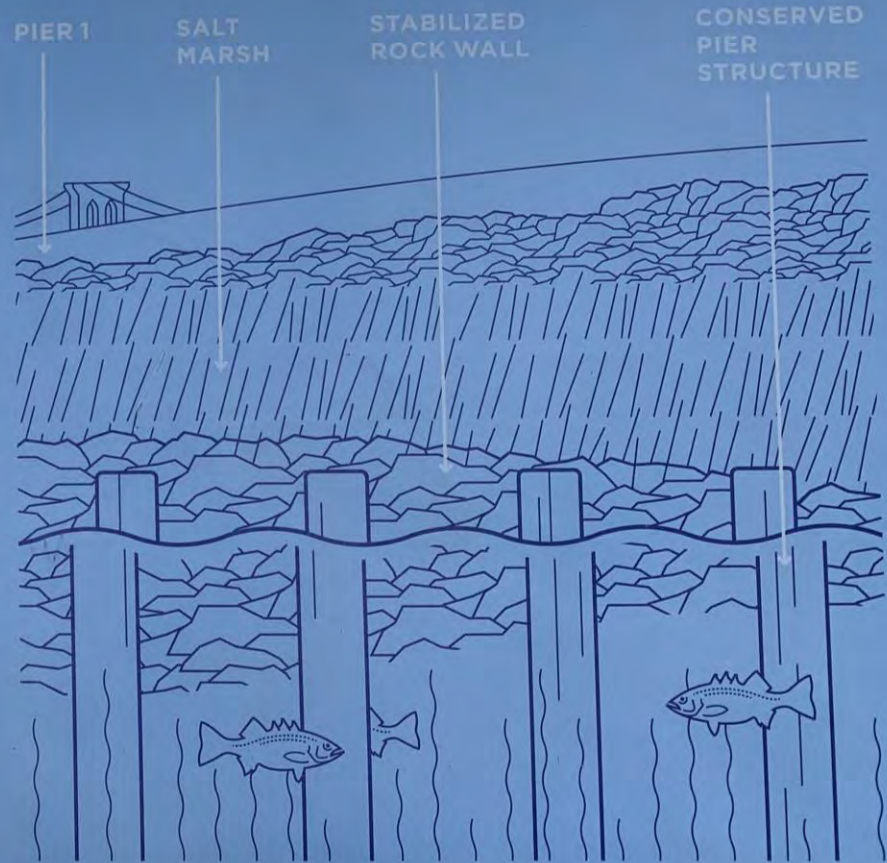
Environmental Benefits Integrated with Human Needs





DESIGN IN THE PARK

The various shoreline conditions found in the park increase ecological diversity and act as a protective buffer during storms and major floods. A constructed version of a natural coastal environment, **THE SALT MARSH** creates a dynamic tidal ecosystem. Its changing tides and fluctuating water levels help establish a viable shallow-water habitat for fish, birds, and other aquatic life.





Identity & Image







Amenities







Programming





Flexible Design





Parks
on TAP

Traveling
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Garden



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Seasonal Strategies



Triangulation

1. Iconic Clock
2. Waterfront Promenade
3. Flexible open space
4. Public Art
5. Information
6. Promenade
7. Banners Adverting Local EventS
8. Vendors
9. Marina
10. Sidewalk cafes





Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper -
Develop Interim Uses





















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The background is a dark blue color with light blue line-art illustrations. On the left and right sides, there are stylized outlines of buildings and structures. At the top and bottom, there are wavy lines representing water or waves. The overall style is modern and graphic.

Steps to Creating Great Waterfronts

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1. Make public goals the primary objective
 2. Create a shared community vision for the waterfront
 3. Create multiple destinations: Use the Power of Ten
 4. Use linear parks and trails to connect destinations
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5. Optimize public access

6. Encourage activity by strategically placing residential development

7. Design and program buildings to engage the public spaces

8. Develop short-term interim uses





Thank you!

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APPENDIX C



POUGHKEEPSIE SOUTHERN WATERFRONT SURVEY RESULTS

June 30, 2021

**Prepared by the survey subcommittee of the Southern Waterfront
Site Redevelopment Task Force**

- Pages 2:** Survey background and distribution
- Pages 3-6:** Numeric results
- Pages 7- 33:** Charts and visual representation of results
- Page 34- 50:** "Other Comments" from survey respondents
- Page 51- 69:** Copy of blank surveys (English and Spanish)

Survey background and distribution

This survey was developed by a subcommittee of the Southern Waterfront Redevelopment Task Force (SWRTF). The subcommittee began the process of developing the survey in late April. Survey questions were designed to capture at least three types of information: Poughkeepsie and local residents' familiarity with the DeLaval site; the nature of residents' current use of the Poughkeepsie waterfront; and the type of development and kinds of activities and uses to which residents believed the DeLaval site ought to play host. The subcommittee shared a sample draft of the survey with the broader SWRTF on May 2nd. After soliciting feedback at the May 6th public meeting, survey collection began immediately. Given the abridged timeline and the subcommittee's limited resources, the survey was both developed and distributed as a "Google form." A Spanish translation of the survey was developed by Patricia Ferrer Medina -- current chair of Marist's Department of Modern Languages and Culture.

The survey -- both the English and Spanish language version -- was advertised on the SWRTF website, as well as through the online newsletter The Poughkeepsie Buzz. Members of the subcommittee also advertised the survey by way of Facebook and through the use of personal emails/instant messages to both individuals and local organizations. Starting May 17th Task Force member Evan Menist distributed flyers with a "QR code link" to the survey in Poughkeepsie's 1st ward. Kafui Attoh promoted the survey on *Radiorevolucion* on May 21st. With the assistance of Task Force member Barbara Best, paper copies of the survey were distributed at the Public Library, at the Family Partnership Center and through personal contacts. With the help of Natasha Cherry, paper copies were distributed at Poughkeepsie High School and Poughkeepsie Middle School. Council member Yvonne Flowers was instrumental in helping with survey distribution at Poughkeepsie's Juneteenth event in Mansion Square Park on June 19th. Task Force members Sarah Brannen and Lia Harris also collected surveys using a tablet at Waryas Park on June 11th. On June 8th Task Force member Kafui Attoh provided a brief progress report to the entire Task Force in relation to the survey. In doing so, he raised several concerns regarding the demographic profile of survey respondents as compared to that of Poughkeepsie more generally. The Task Force took those concerns seriously and thus in the interest of increasing outreach to underrepresented communities, the Task Force agreed to extend survey collection for an additional two weeks. Based on this decision, survey collection officially ended on June 25th.

Based on the above efforts, the SWRTF succeeded in collecting a total of 442 completed surveys between May 6th and June 25th. Over 182 survey respondents accessed the survey via Facebook and social media. 68 survey respondents accessed the survey via the city website and/or The Poughkeepsie Buzz newsletter. 81 survey respondents accessed the survey through personal email contacts and listservs. Just under 20 survey respondents filled out the Spanish language survey. Of the surveys collected 97 were paper copies, the remainder were collected digitally.

How often do you currently visit the Poughkeepsie waterfront?	Raw count	% of total respondents
Frequently (multiple times a week)	145	32.8%
Sometimes (once or twice a month)	183	41.4%
Rarely (once or twice a year)	105	23.8%
Never	9	2.0%
Total	442	

What are the reasons that you think some residents might not use the waterfront? (Choose top two)

Other	54	12.2%
Hard to get to/lack of transportation	74	16.7%
Not part of their routine	99	22.4%
Feels unwelcoming or unfamiliar	114	25.8%
Perceived as unsafe	123	27.8%
Not enough places to eat or drink	129	29.2%
Don't know which parts are public and private	145	32.8%
Nothing interesting to do/not enough activities or amenities	244	55.2%

Have you ever been to the site on the southern waterfront? (see photo above-- at the end of Rinaldi Blvd)

Yes	285	64.5%
No	157	35.5%

What excites you most about the future of Poughkeepsie's southern waterfront? (choose two)

More housing	26	5.9%
Other	31	7.0%
Enhanced options for tourism	110	24.9%
Added economic benefit	169	38.2%
Expanded open space on the river	196	44.3%
Improved quality of life for city residents	214	48.4%
Expanded public access to waterfront	307	69.5%

Which features or amenities would you like to see as part of the redevelopment of this site? (Choose your top six)

Office Space	8	1.8%
Grocery	20	4.5%
Hotel/Bed and Breakfast	26	5.9%
Housing/Apartments	33	7.5%
Sports facilities	43	9.7%
Multipurpose indoor event space	53	12.0%
Other	55	12.4%
Ice Rink/Skating Rink	76	17.2%
Dog park	79	17.9%
Retail /Shopping	82	18.6%
Recreational boat docks	92	20.8%
Educational facility and/or displays	93	21.0%
Museum/gallery space	101	22.9%
Swimming/ river pool	112	25.3%
Aquarium	121	27.4%
River boat cruises	126	28.5%
Fishing piers	132	29.9%
Public art	153	34.6%
A playground for youth	186	42.1%

Public market space	188	42.5%
Open Space	222	50.2%
Restaurants/cafes/eateries	239	54.1%
Outdoor event space (amphitheater/stage for music and theater)	271	61.3%
Walking/Biking paths	327	74.0%

Which features or amenities would you NOT like to see as part of the redevelopment of this site?

(Choose your top six)

Walking/Biking paths	2	0.5%
Public art	18	4.1%
Other	28	6.3%
Educational facility and/or displays	25	5.7%
Outdoor event space (amphitheater/stage for music and theater)	29	6.6%
A playground for youth	29	6.6%
Museum/gallery space	36	8.1%
Open Space	37	8.4%
Public market space	38	8.6%
Fishing piers	50	11.3%
Restaurants/cafes/eateries	51	11.5%
Aquarium	65	14.7%
River boat cruises	73	16.5%
Swimming pool	71	16.1%
Recreational boat docks	86	19.5%
Dog park	99	22.4%
Multipurpose indoor event space	113	25.6%
Ice Rink/Skating Rink	112	25.3%
Sports facilities	136	30.8%
Retail /Shopping	175	39.6%
Grocery	190	43.0%
Hotel/Bed and Breakfast	264	59.7%
Housing/Apartments	291	65.8%
Office Space	330	74.7%

Have you ever been on a boat or a kayak on the river?

Yes	338	76.5%
No	104	23.5%

Which water-based activities would you like to do more of?

Kayaking	222	50.2%
River cruising	185	41.9%
Swimming	143	32.4%
Sailing	130	29.4%
Fishing	117	26.5%
Rowing	112	25.3%
Motorized boating	87	19.7%
Jet skiing	71	16.1%
None	47	10.6%
other	24	5.4%
Water skiing	22	5.0%

What cultural activities do you seek out? (Choose top four)

Concerts, musicals and other musical performances	327	74.0%
Plays/Theater	182	41.2%

Dance performances	107	24.2%
Museums	155	35.1%
Comedic performances	84	19.0%
Holiday themed shows or festivals	117	26.5%
History tours	121	27.4%
Garden or nature themed sites	187	42.3%
Educational lectures/events	119	26.9%
Craft fairs and markets	208	47.1%
Youth oriented events	139	31.4%
Food festivals	233	52.7%
None	7	1.6%
other	11	2.5%

Have you ever touched the river?

Yes	378	85.5%
No	64	14.5%

What is your swimming level?

I don't know how to swim	28	6.3%
I am a beginner and have limited confidence in the water	57	12.9%
I swim moderately well	256	57.9%
I am an advanced swimmer	101	22.9%

What sports and recreational activities do you enjoy?

Unsorted/Non-numeric

Where do you live?

City of Poughkeepsie	277	62.7%
Town of Poughkeepsie	91	20.6%
Elsewhere in Dutchess County	51	11.5%
Outside of Dutchess County	23	5.2%

What is your Gender?

Female	218	49.3%
Male	132	29.9%
Non-binary	2	0.5%
No answer	90	20.4%

What is your age? (optional)

0-9	0
10-19	5
20-29	45
30-39	77
40-49	60
50-59	56
60-69	62
70-79	41
80-89	3
90-99	0
Unspecified	92

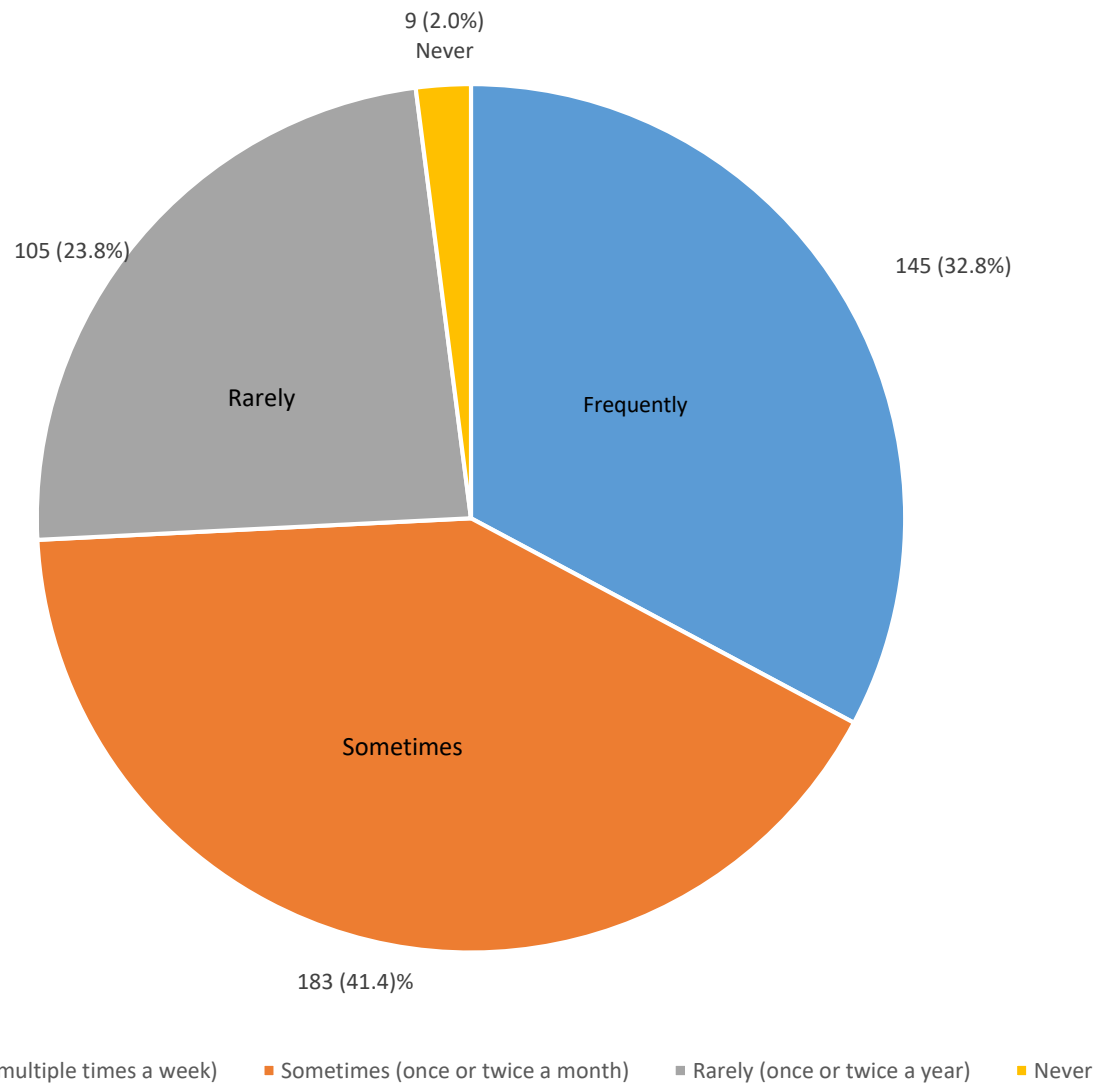
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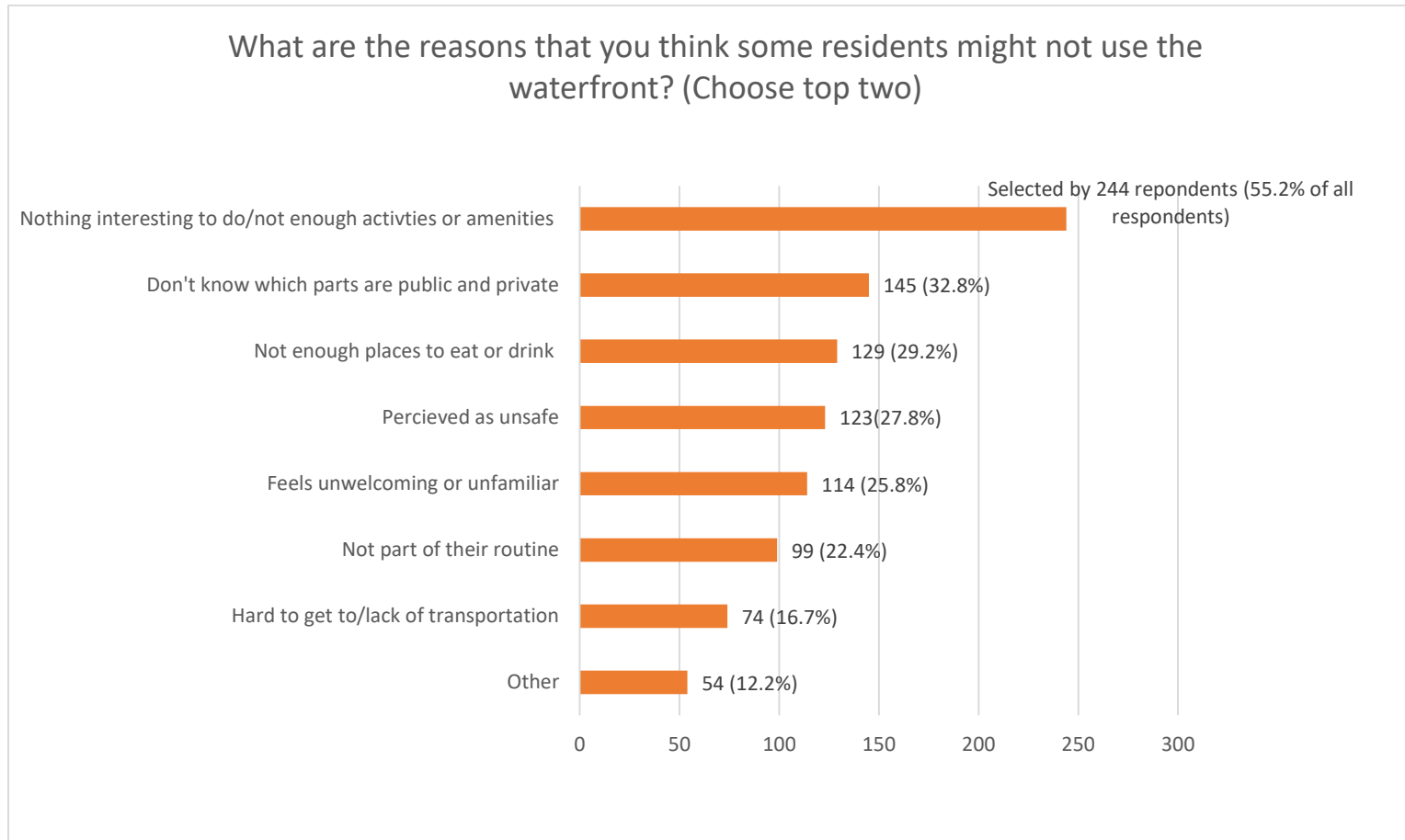
Yes	39	8.8%
No	328	74.2%
No answer	75	17.0%

Race/Ethnicity? (optional)

American Indian or Alaskan native	5	1.1%
Asian	5	1.1%
Black or African American	58	13.1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0.2%
White	264	59.7%
Multiracial/other	17	3.8%
No answer	92	20.8%

How often do you currently visit the Poughkeepsie waterfront?



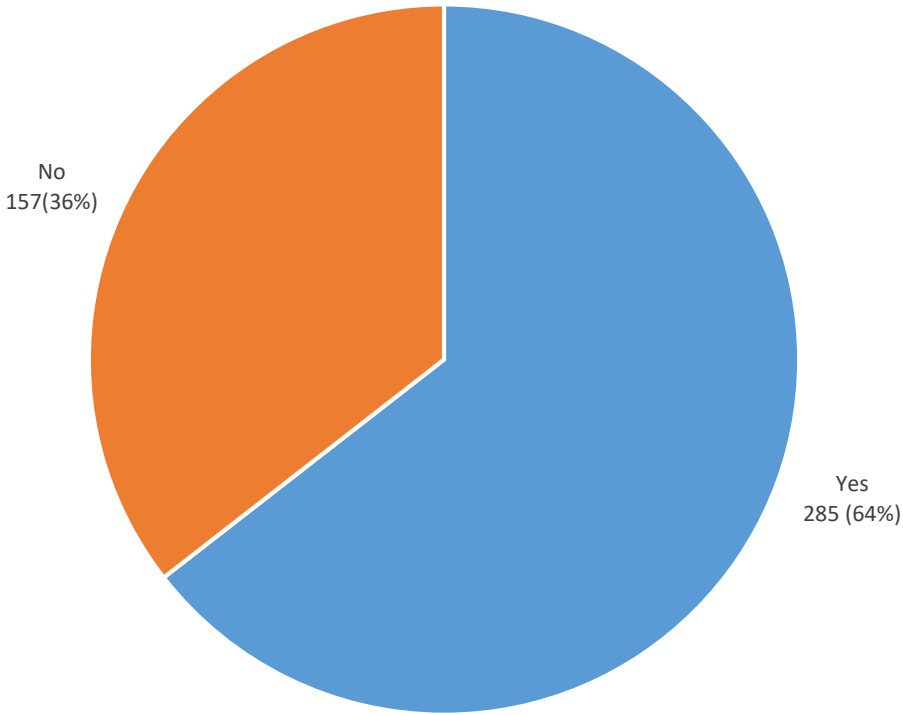


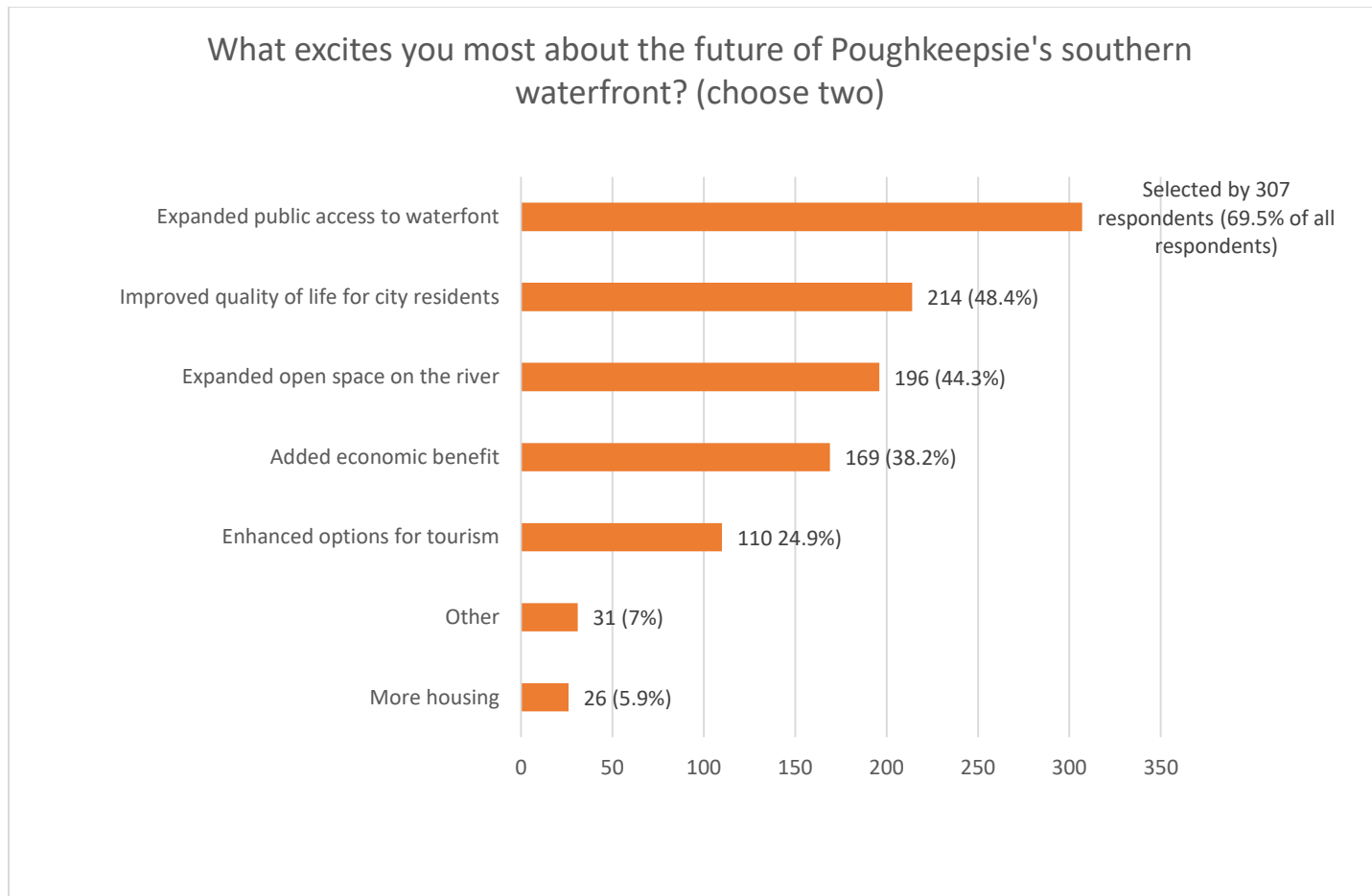
*** Comments made under "Other" category**

- I'm not sure what is intended with this question
- They don't know what's there
- Unaware of beauty(x2)
- Busy with other activities
- I think the perception that the waterfront is not used is wrong. Tons of people use the space all summer. BBQ, gatherings with family. We need -more public access
- Parking is awful
- Don't live in Poughkeepsie

- I don't want to see the Waterfront so developed that you can no longer see the beauty of the River! There is so much of it already developed with Condos and Apartments Only the people that can afford the view will get the benefit. Let some of the beautiful view of the river let alone!
- Doesn't offer anything unique, not relaxing.
- They take it for granted
- Lack of outdoor spaces that aren't crowded (i.e. walkway and parks)
- The property is locked preventing public access
- Not interested
- This particular site is locked preventing public access
- Generally "speaking", people don't appreciate fresh air, nature, water "organicness"
- Waryas Park needs INEXPENSIVE places to eat and drink, not just fancy restaurants. Same goes for any new space. Food trucks would be great.
- Need more/better maintenance
- Parking problems
- Access restricted by a chain link gate
- Pot smokers
- I am not sure what is intended with this question, a lot of residents visit the waterfront, it should be public access for
- Fenced off, barren land, PLEASE plant trees
- Fence with lock does not allow people to access this area
- seems to lack adequate free parking to encourage many people to visit
- There's only one park, overloaded w/cans and people that should tell you we need more park space. Of course Kaal Rock but unless patrol is beefed up, drugs, alcohol and music are not what I'm looking for in a waterfront.
- Poorly maintained and run down in general plus no coherent focus; reads like a hodge podge of aborted or failed "visions" by various players over many years
- Parking
- Not accessible
- Waterfront is not public anymore, the little that is, is crowded and rude
- sometimes not enough parking
- access
- sometimes crowded and hard to get a good spot to sit and BBQ
- parking
- no parking
- bathrooms needed
- Sometimes not enough parking
- no knowledge
- and seems to be unattended
- the pandemic

Have you ever been to the site on the southern waterfront (see photo above-- at the end of Rinaldi Blvd)?





*Comments made under "Other" category

-Not to sell it to a buyer

-One of my biggest regrets about Poughkeepsie is the fragmented and inaccessibility of the waterfront spaces to residents. I wish I could walk along the water for more than one block! I wish I could picnic in more spaces. I wish there was swimming access. I wish I could put in a kayak in more spaces

-Connect bike and walking path to Marist

-Not excited about it, you shouldn't destroy the whole waterfront

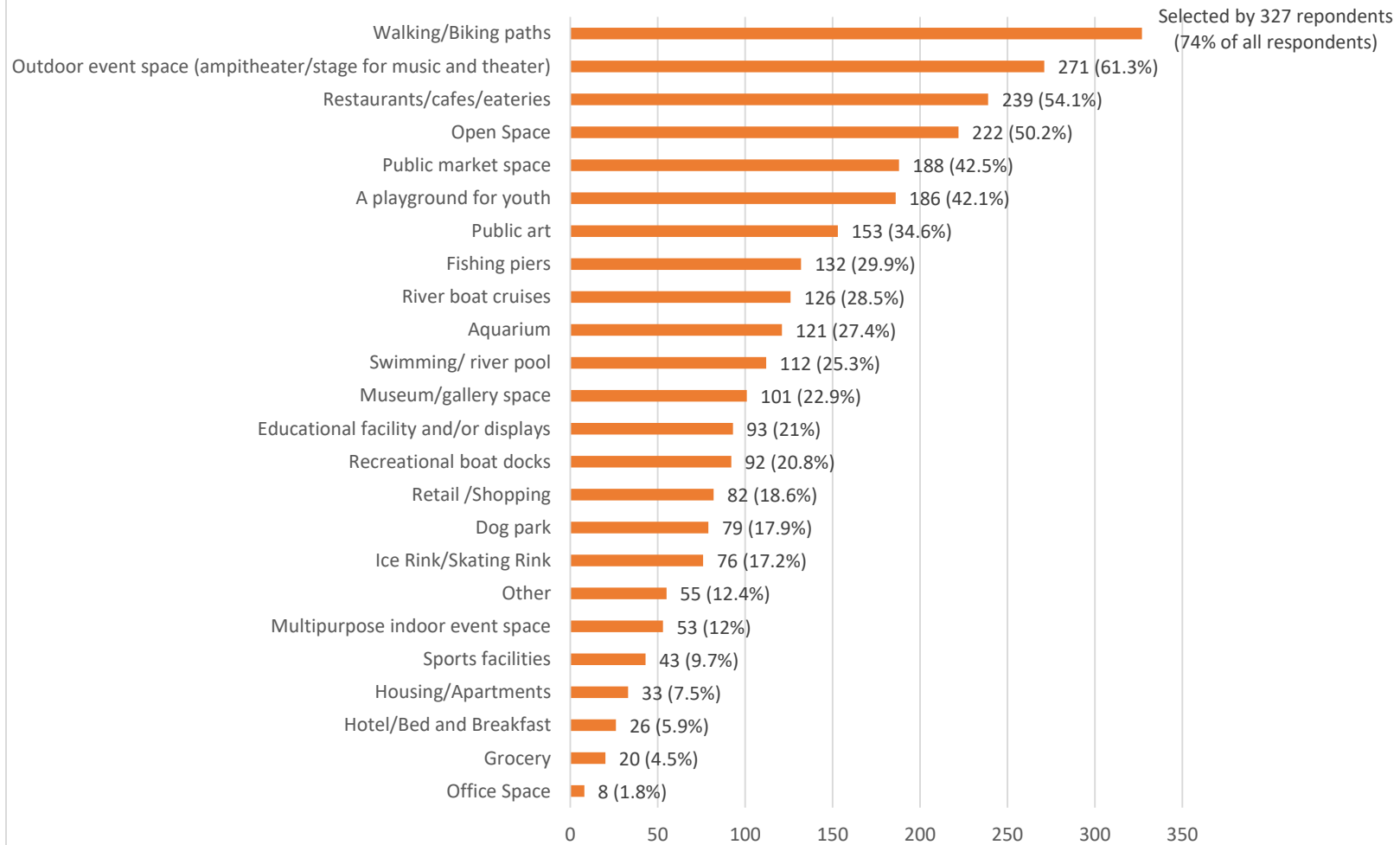
-Landscaped parkland

-Connecting the waterfront parks from Marist to the Southern most property

-½ to 1/3 wildlife bird sanctuary with benches, picnic areas to sit and watch the birds and enjoy the area. A place to relax with stores for food nearby

- The success of the Walkway
- Need more greenspace
- Appreciation for nature, history, water
- There is a large opportunity for the city of Poughkeepsie to capitalize And create income from this property while proving the citizens of the city with recreation, educational, and economic opportunities.
- potential recreational opportunities
- recreational options
- <https://hudsonvalleypost.com/riverfront-amphitheater-coming-to-the-hudson-valley/>
- Hudson riverfront greenspace
- creating a sense of vibrancy of life on this vacant property
- The view can be beautiful for some people, and it is good for seeing the 4th of July fireworks on the river and other viewing purposes
- More greenspace for residents of CoP
- More areas for people to relax
- I do not want any more open space, The Trees and wooded areas make it better
- don't know
- Boat building training in trades

Which features or amenities would you like to see as part of the redevelopment of this site? (Choose your top six)



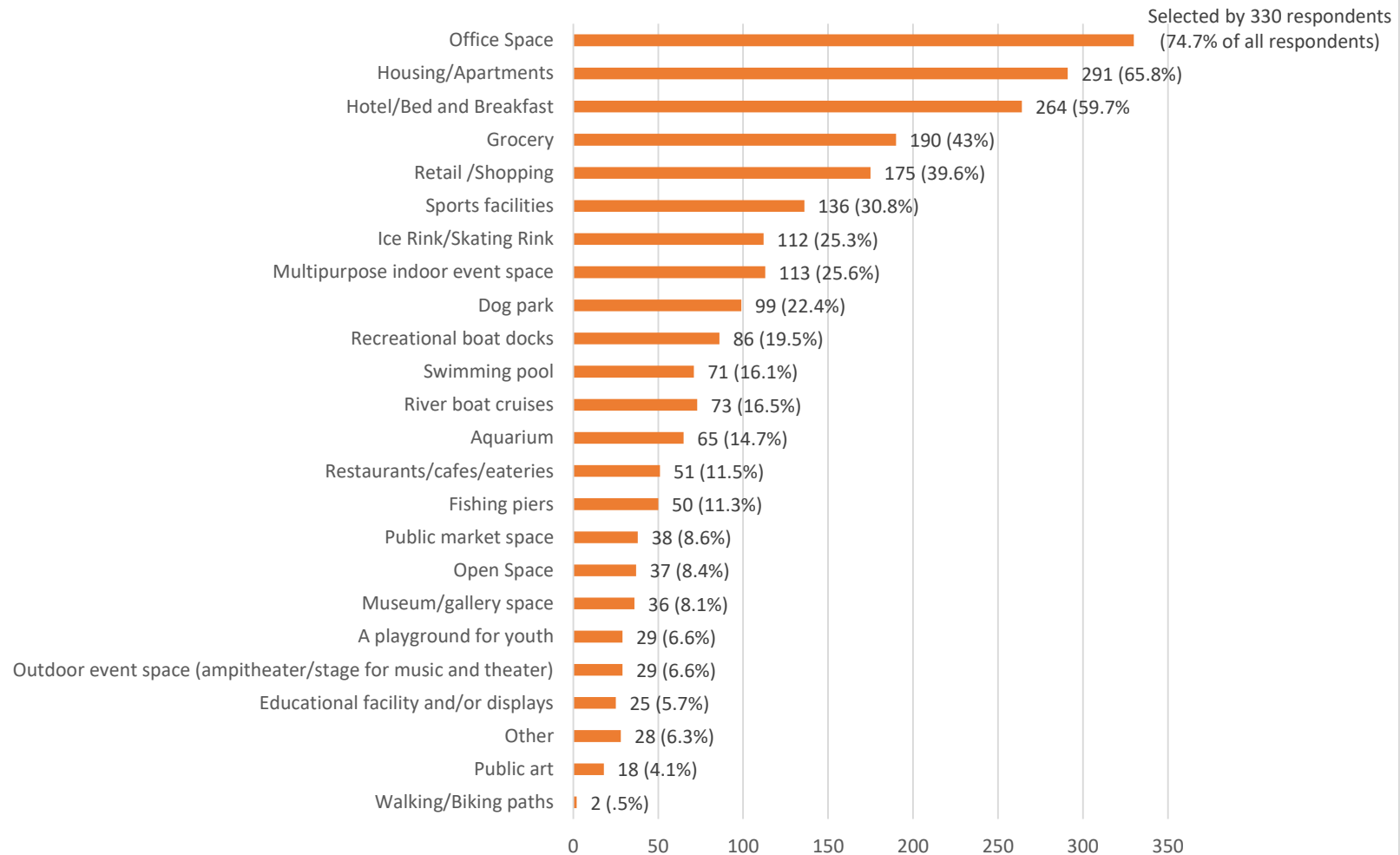
* Comments made under "Other" category

-Public art that creates a sense of place, some sitting, some gathering areas

-Affordable housing

- An easy, friendly space for non-motorized water activities (swimming, kayaking, fishing)
- All of this is needed
- Children's museum
- Rock climbing wall
- 1/2 to 3/4 wildlife sanctuary that has designed walking paths but closed off during breeding and chick season so not to disturb the wildlife. If designed by wildlife experts it would be a beautiful place to walk, enjoy nature and a safe space for wildlife to live. The 1/4 a place to meet, benches, tables, exercise etc.
- Low income housing
- a trolley that takes people to the Walkway and around Poughkeepsie to eating places, the Bardavon, and other destinations
- trees and lawn and perhaps a few benches, picnic tables, and large waste cans
- Beach
- Public intermittent grounded level fountain kids to run through and viewing, a public games area (bean bag thro, etc.
- Bike and kayak rentals
- <https://hudsonvalleypost.com/riverfront-amphitheater-coming-to-the-hudson-valley/>
- Benches, trees
- Scenic Hudson Nature Park e.g. Long Dock Park- Beacon (but better:)
- Public access to beautiful, environmentally protected area, as Beacon's waterfront
- ecological restoration of shoreline
- Something similar to Brooklyn bridge Park, maybe?
- You've already taken away our river front by putting in apartment after apartment. The people don't need more housing, restaurants on the water front left
- Boat building school
- Affordable housing
- Kayak launch
- The Peekskill waterfront with its public walkway through outdoor modern sculptures is such a great example of integrating public art into a natural landscape and amplifying its beauty. It would be wonderful to see something similar here.
- Food trucks
- public boating ramp
- There's enough of most of the above and only one waterfront, please don't take it away
- Environmental information
- Any kind of business that will bring money for the city of Poughkeepsie
- Sprinklers water pad. There's no sprinklers in the Poughkeepsie city
- Recreational boat dock will attract people to the area
- good bathrooms accessible
- kid's activities
- Sprinklers water pad. There's no sprinklers in Poughkeepsie city
- Any kind of business that will bring money for the city of Poughkeepsie
- Good bathrooms handicap accessible
- Roller skating
- Recreational boat docks will attract people to the area
- Fish not safe to eat "stripers" stripe based bass –PCB contaminated, 7 acres 60 foot deep coal tar river heavily polluted not yet safe to swim PCB sewage

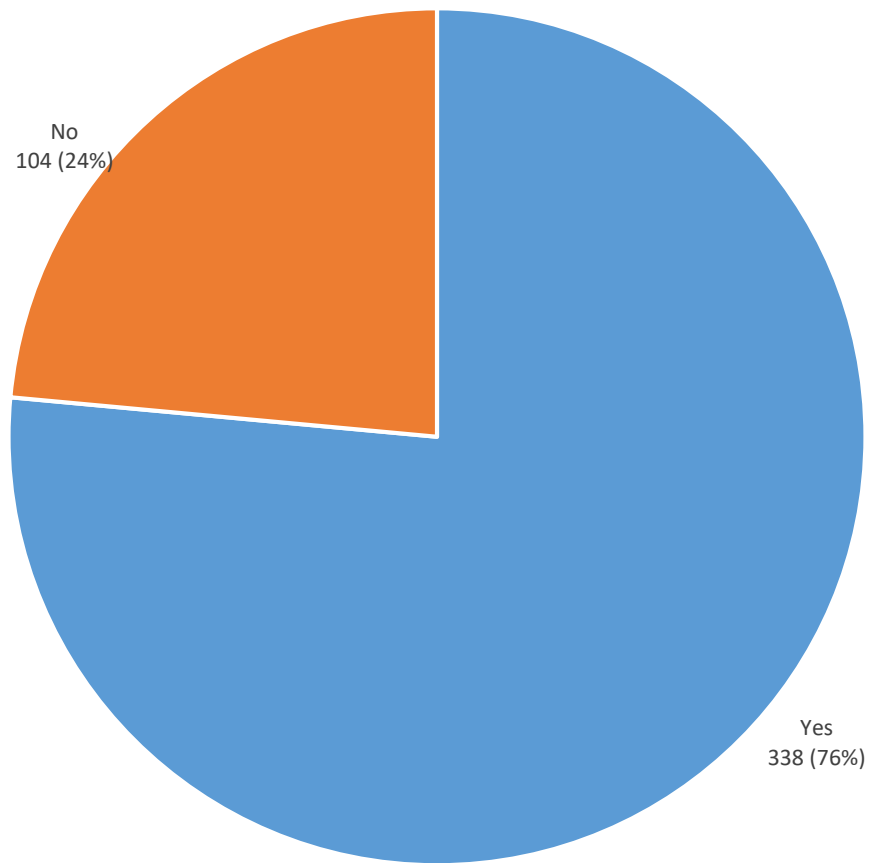
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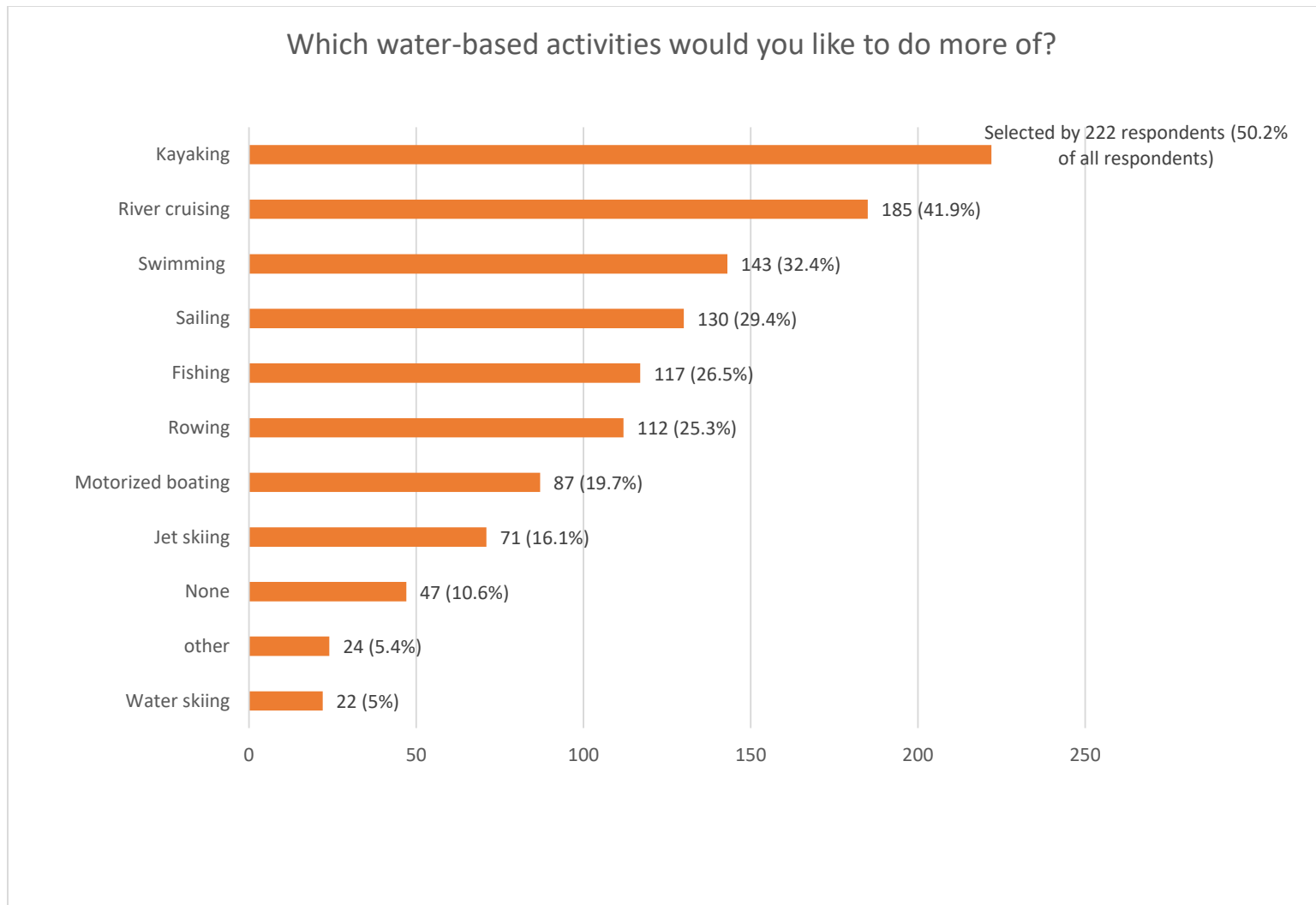


Comments made under "Other" category

- Private exclusionary anything
- Luxury housing
- I would like to see all of this because it would attract more family like environment to
- I want it all. Let something happen
- I have no strong feelings about what shouldn't be there as long as the things that SHOULD be there have enough space
- 6 is too little to choose from this list
- I wouldn't mind seeing any of these
- This shouldn't be a place where people need to spend money
- Heavy industrial
- Banquet facility
- Gated private community
- Pretty open
- How the city is locking the gate to Kaal Rock park. Why because it attract the criminal element
- Poughkeepsie needs a naturally beautiful botanical green space
- Absolutely no housing
- Surface parking lots, other structure's whose primary purpose is parking
- No private hotel residential only access
- Motorboat launch
- no electricity
- non-given

Have you ever been on a boat or a kayak on the river?



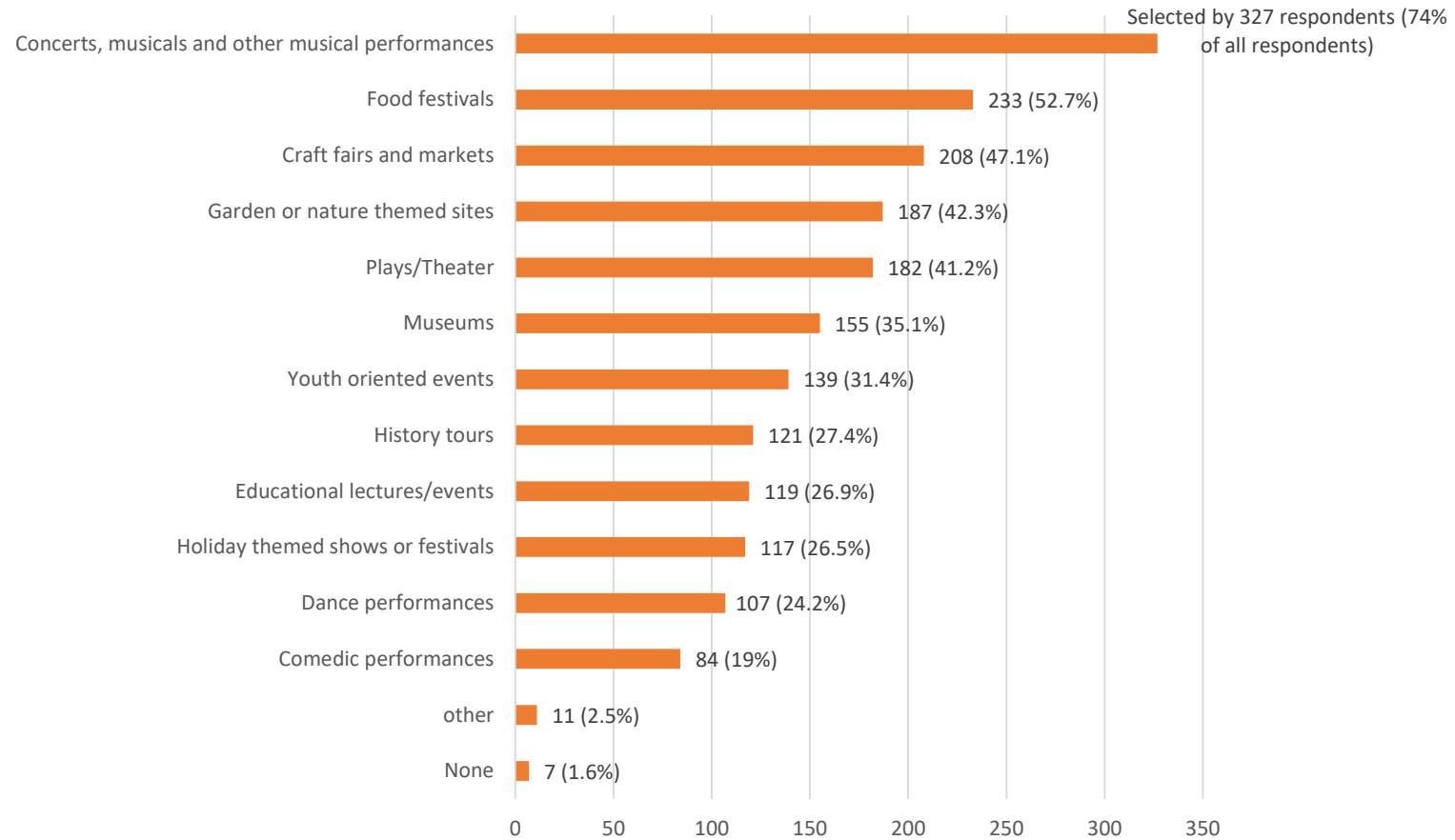


Comments made under "Other" category

- Tubing
- Water pad
- Walking
- I hate Jet skis!! Loud intrusive yuck

- Paddle boarding
- Please non-motorized water activities
- canoeing
- Non-motorized area with other area for motorized and river cruising, jet skis etc
- I think the current is too harsh for rowing
- canoeing
- Jet ski free zone
- This is a massive and tidal water body with significant commercial shipping lanes and a heritage of industrial pollution that is still being addressed; most “activities” above should not be attempted by the average person who has average water skills; the river should be approached with humility and full respect for its power; it should not be seen as a toy to play on or with for our entertainment; it should be seen as mighty, humbling and beautiful
- clearwater boat visits and activities
- walking, enjoying, gazing, sunsets, peaceful contemplation, you know watch the river flow..
- bicycle, walk, farmers market, all outdoors noting in a building, it's a waterfront

What cultural activities do you seek out? (Choose top four)

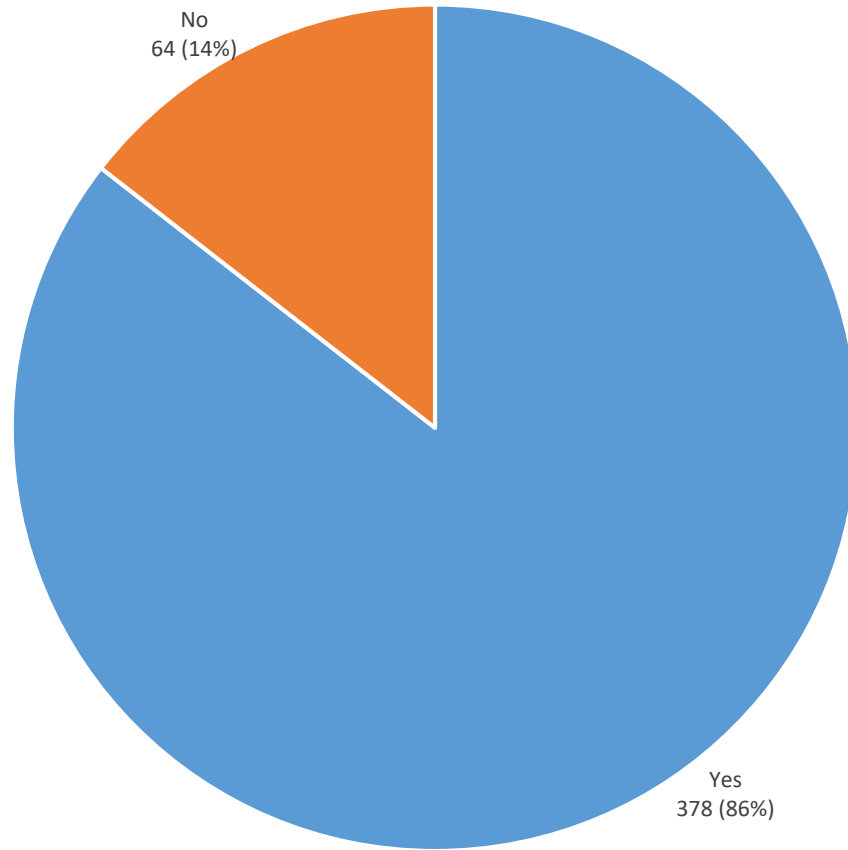


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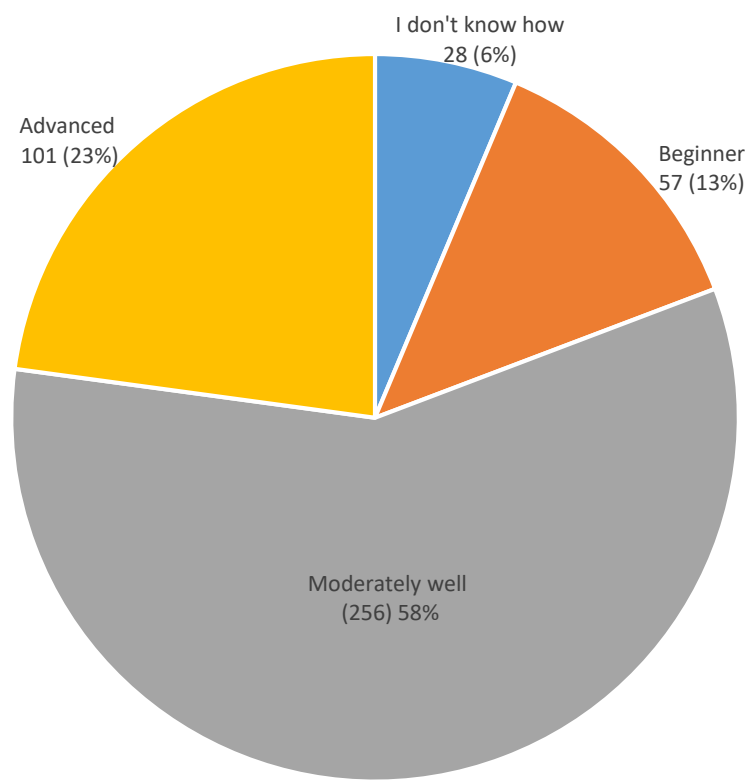
- Car shows
- all of this
- art

- quiet space for reading
- River History/Poughkeepsie
- Ethnic festivals
- Outdoor events akin to "Shakespear in the Park"
- ethnic festivals and street fairs, art galleries

Have you ever touched the river?

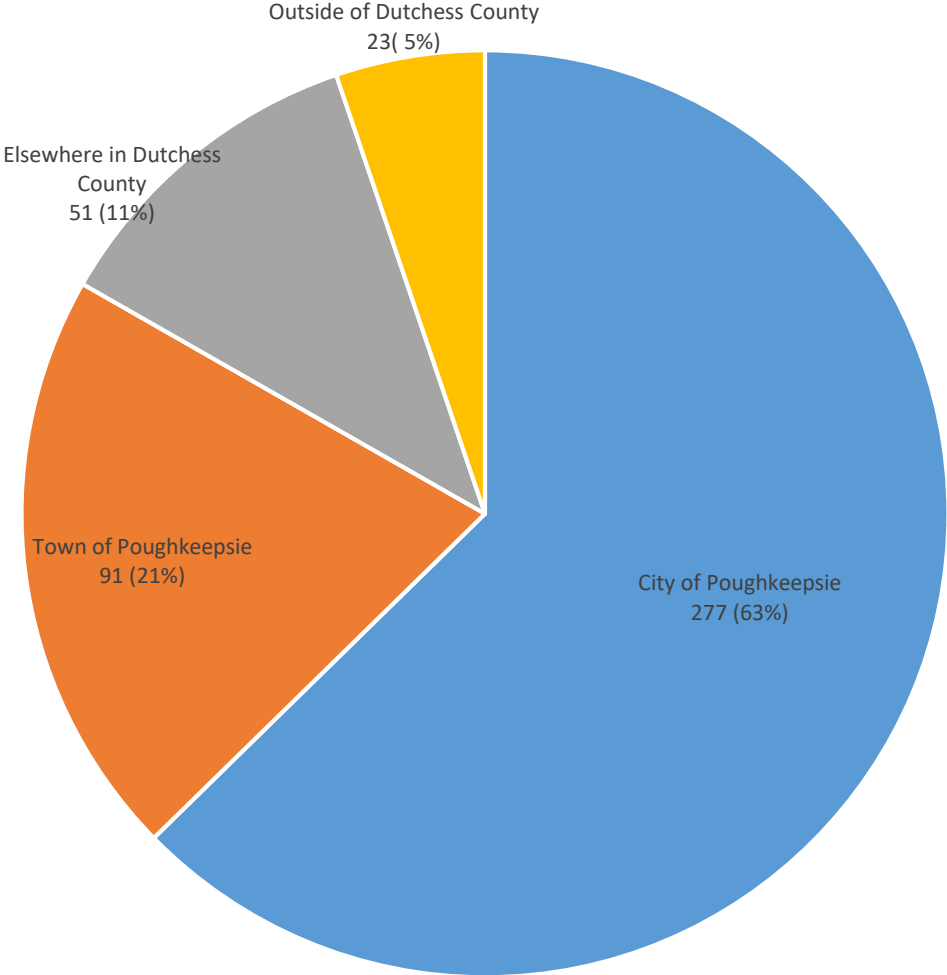


What is your swimming level?

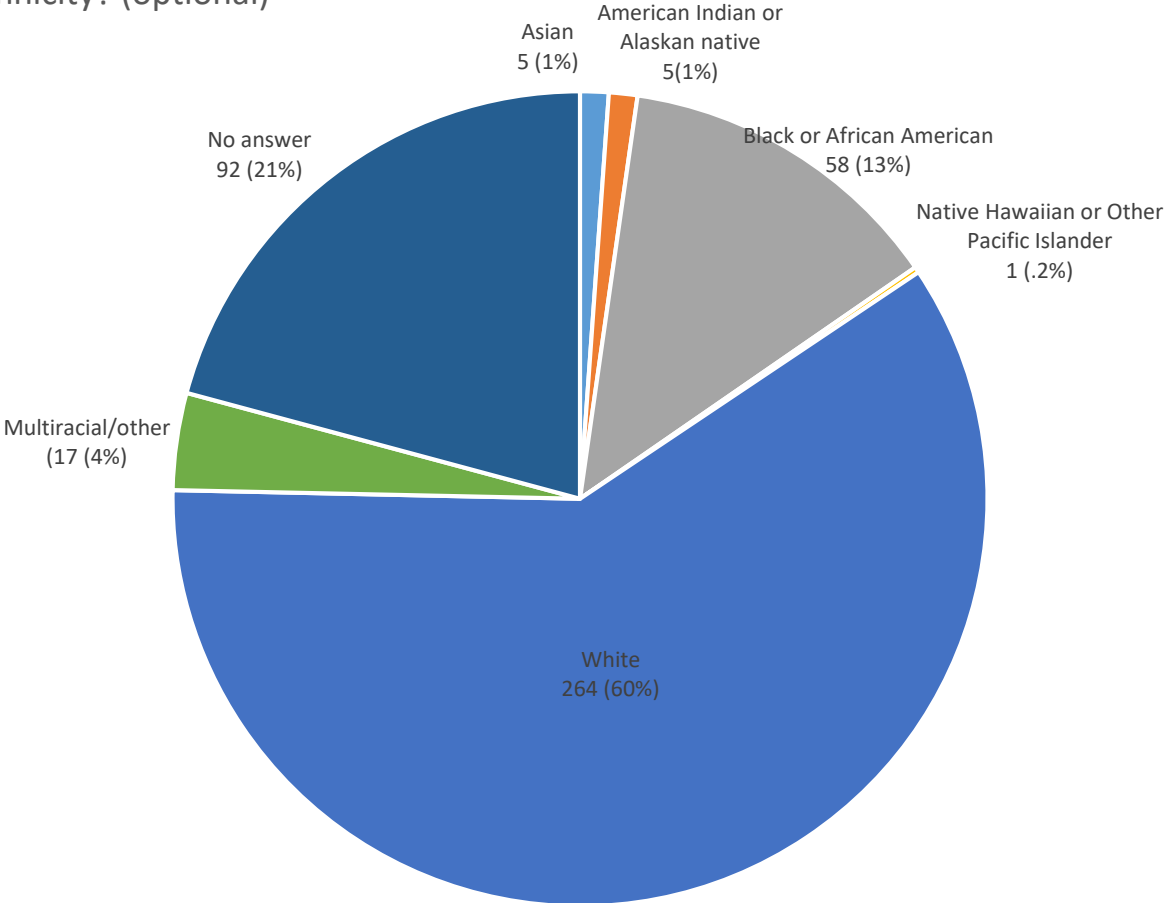


- I don't know how to swim
- I am a beginner and have limited confidence in the water
- I swim moderately well
- I am an advanced swimmer

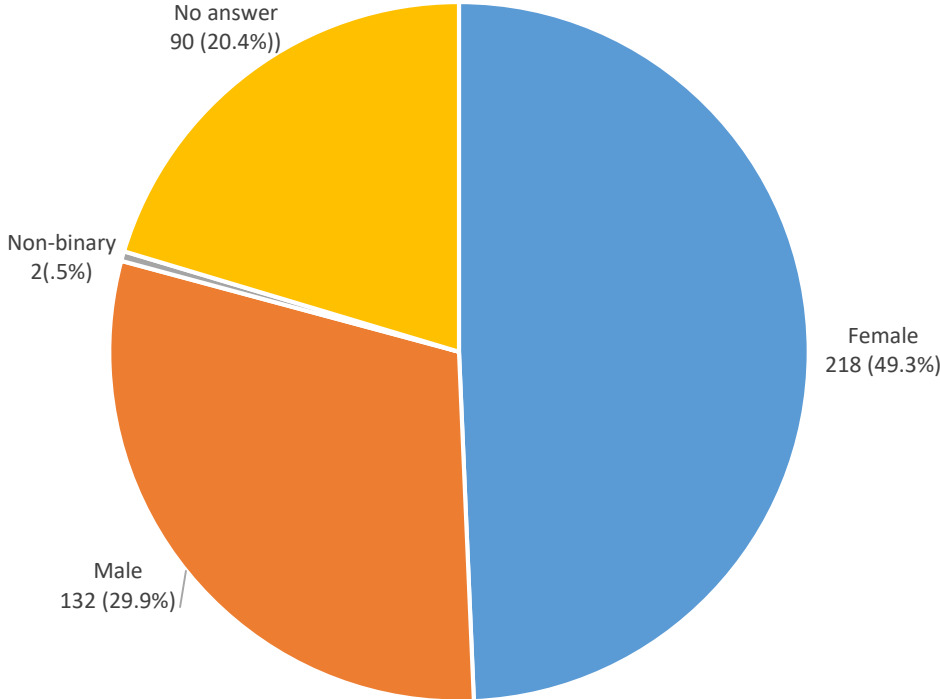
Where do you live?



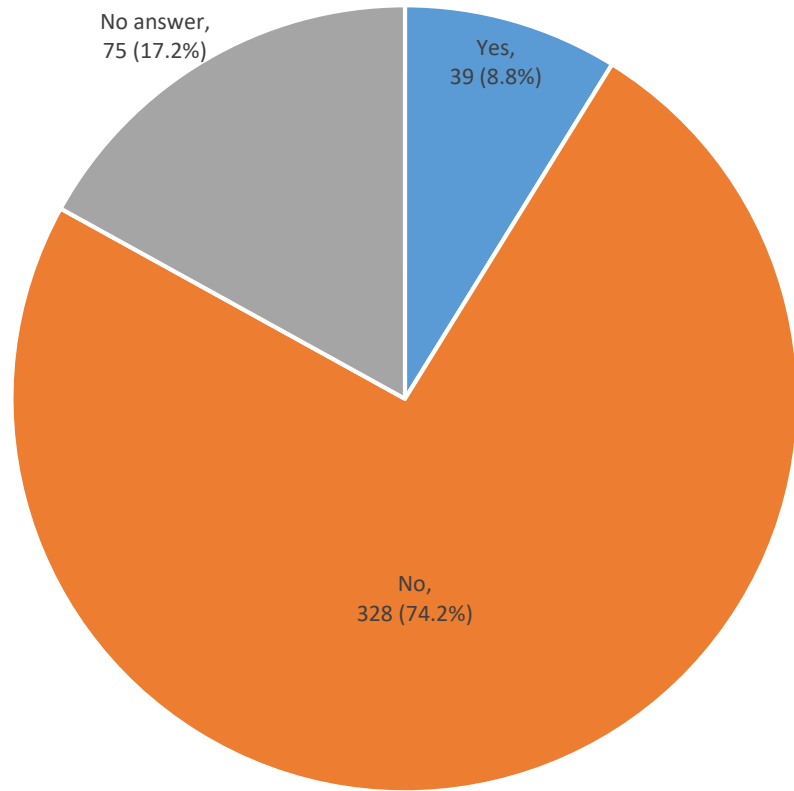
Race/Ethnicity? (optional)

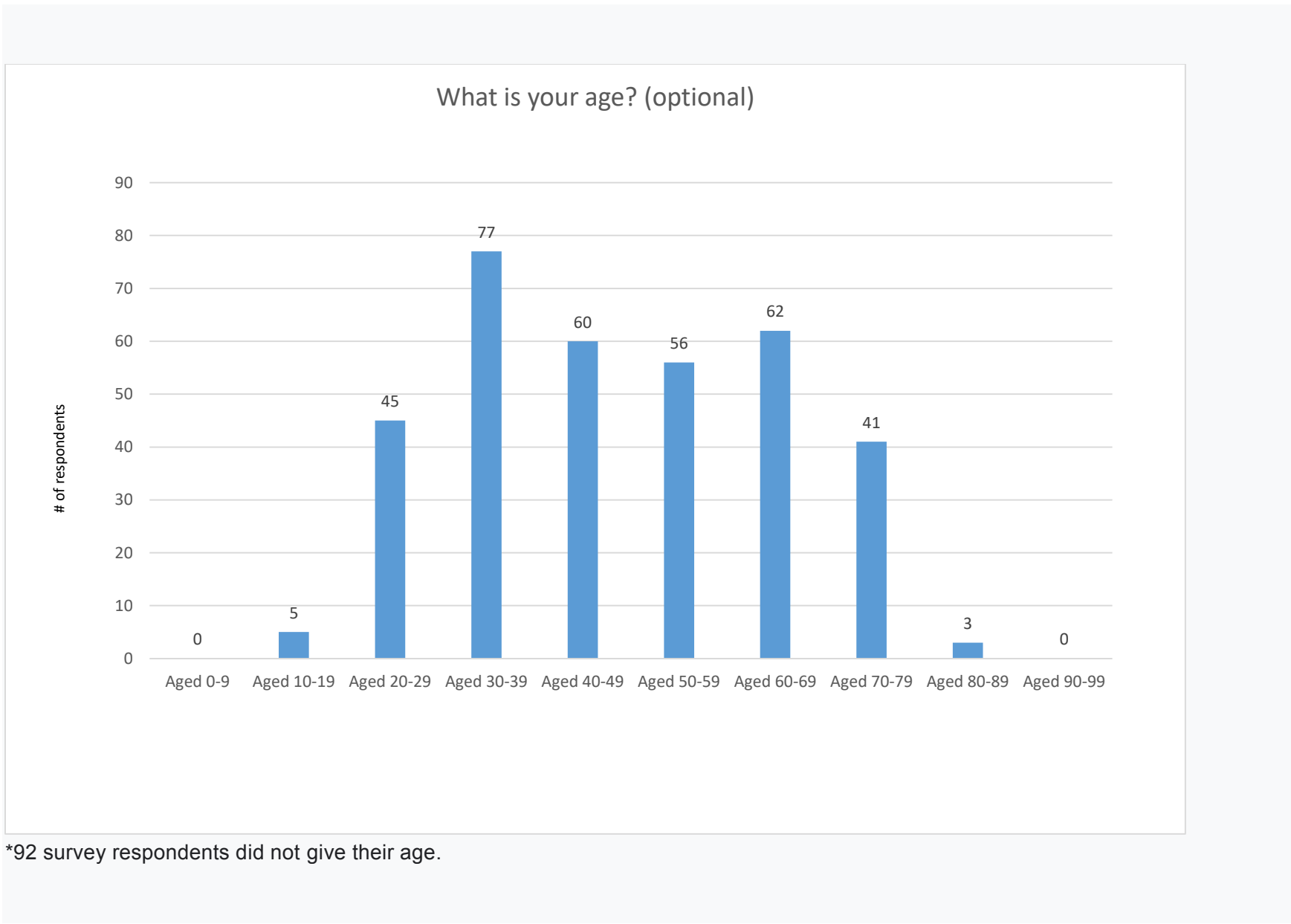


What is your Gender?



Are you Hispanic/Latino? (optional)





*92 survey respondents did not give their age.

What sports and recreational activities do you enjoy? (Unsorted/Non-numeric)

biking, walking, hiking, yoga	Fishing, walking	Sailing, swimming, dancing	Running, biking, walking, frisbee,
bicycling, hiking	Hiking, running, climbing.	Walking/hiking	Art , basketball. Crafts , water sports
Hiking, nature walks, walking my dogs, seeing wildlife, live music	Tennis, hiking, biking	Basketball, soccer, dance	Baseball
kayaking, hiking, bicycling	Hiking outdoor activities	Biking, Running, Hockey	Basketball
Kayaking biking	None specifically	Hiking, skiing, kayaking	Running
Walking	Hiking, Baseball, Tennis	walking swimming	Bicycle
walking	Running	Hiking/walking	Soccer/table tennis
Hiking and bike riding	Walking, Hiking, Fishing, Biking	Cycling	Walking
Cycling, fishing, walking, sunbathing	Bowling	Walking	Biking, walking
Walking	Golf, nature walks, reading, gardening	Kayack, paddle boarding, crew, hiking, biking	Walking dancing bicycle
Boating, hiking	Skiing, walking, cycling	team sports; family centered events; music venues;	Basketball
walking	Swimming and yoga	Walking, running, kayaking, yoga, HIIT	Running, Biking, Swimming
Walking on the rail trail, hiking, cycling	Photography, fishing, cycling	Most team sports	Biking, kayaking, running, Walking, hiking, biking, kayaking, boating, swimming, reading.
Hiking, Kayaking, Swimming	Arts & Culinary	Hiking	Tennis, running, hiking
Living	Football	Walking, hiking, running	Jogging, tennis, hiking
Hiking camping swimming running	walking, canoeing	Nature watching	Hiking, Biking.
Many river sports, swimming, soccer	Golf	Golf, kayaking	Cycling, soccer
Hiking	Exercising	Walking, hiking, running	Boating, sporting and concert events
see above	Bicycling, hockey	Ice hockey	Swimming
Basketball	Baseball, soccer, frisbee, walking, hiking	Golf	walking, yoga, running, gardening
Kayaking	Hiking, Rock Climbing	baseball, walking, hiking	walking, cycling
Walking, biking, swimming	Hockey	Hiking, cycling, fishing	hiking, swimming
Swimming, hiking, boating	Sup, kayaking, biking, walking	Pilates; dance, yoga	walking, cycling
Biking, Tennis, Swimming	Hiking, biking, dance, local history tours, mini golf	Tennis, Golf, Basketball	hiking, gardening
Skateboarding, running, biking, walking, yoga, roller skating	Hiking, biking, dance, local history tours, mini golf	Walking	

Skiing, running, bicycling, golf, kayaking, sailing	Running Tennis, swimming, kayaking, baseball, hiking, walking, gardening, biking	Hiking, biking.	walking, hiking, swimming
Pickleball		Rollerblading, bike riding	swimming, basketball, tennis
Fishing and boating activities	Biking and hiking walking, biking, gardening flying drones	Hiking, swimming, golf, kayaking	Hiking
Hiking, walking, just being outdoors		Very open question!	walking, sailing, hiking
kayaking, hiking, site seeing	Boat ride	Walking, indoor swimming, biking	Rowing, biking, hiking, tennis
tennis, kayaking, hiking	Walking	All Baseball, lacrosse, tennis, biking walking	Rowing, running
triathlon	Golf Walking. Fishing, skating.		Hiking running
walking, gardening	Boating Swimming, hiking, biking, frisbee ... enjoying being outside no matter the activity/sport	Volleyball	walking, swimming
frisbee, golf		Running, tennis, swimming, hiking	Biking, some sailing, racket sports
Swimming, kayaking, canoeing	Going to food/music events	Hiking, walking, biking	walking
Kayaking.	Fitness	Walking	road biking, hiking, walking cycling, kayaking, canoeing, golf, frisbee, fishing, waling-jogging, festivals cycling, kayaking, canoeing, mini-golf, fishing, walking
Walking, hiking, gardening	Any and all	yoga, walking, jogging rowing, kayaking, drumming, just sitting near the river and watching	
Rowing	walking, yoga, biking		
biking, running, swimming, volleyball	Walking	Anything outdoors, food and music	soccer, tennis, hiking
Swimming, fishing	Generally All	biking, swimming	swimming and paddle boardng
Walking by the river	Biking and walking	Rowing	hiking, biing
skiing	Baseball	Biking and eating	anything outdoors
baseball,	Football, baseball	Running, biking, roller blading	ice skating
Walking pedaling, basketbal, swimming, yoga, stretching, tai-chi, etc.	Water aerobics, walking	Bicycling	swimming, walks, dance
walk	Tennis; soccer; skiing; canoeing	Basketball	volleyball badmitton
Hiking, kayaking, lots of outdoor stuff!	Biking	Basketball 🏀	at my age, walking
Kayaking, swimming, hiking	Biking, hiking	Fitness	Golf
Walking/hiking, kayaking and swimming	Running biking, hiking, jogging, little gardening, cooking	Nature	swimming and exercise classes, walking
Running, walking, bicycling, swimming Running/hiking/swimming (being in water)	Badminton	not anymore	Biking and hiking
	n/a	None	Biking, kayaking
		None	Running, cycling

biking, outdoor gym Biking, Hiking, Swimming, Rollerskating, Hoola Hooping, Dancing	biking, hiking Hiking, fishing, swimming	None Pickleball, biking, walking	Bicycling kayaking sight seeing walking
hiking, biking, walking, swimming, tennis Walking	N/a Volleyball, boating, bicycling, softball	Walking, gardening, traveling to beautiful and historic sites Tennis, running, ultimate frisbee, basketball, hiking	hiking, kayaking, Walking ,tennis
Biking, hiking, baseball, tennis tennis, boating, walking, biking Walking	Hiking, swimming, fishing Tubing, biking, shopping, dining Walking. Swimming	Walking bike riding Swimming, Hiking, Tennis jogging, biking bicycle, flea markets, farm markets, walking, kite flying. anything outdoors in a lovely setting.	Golf softball dragon boating Hiking, walking with my dog, biking. Walking, cycling, kayak, sailing, ice skating
Biking, hiking, swimming, walking by the river Biking & walking	Hiking and walking Hiking and walking	walking, hiking walking, hiking	Hiking bicycling, hiking, kayaking
I am not able to participate in sports. walking, swimming walking, biking, dancing	Picnicking I the Park. walking Swimming, biking, walking, etc	Running, biking,boating Golf Outdoor activities	Seimming, kayaking, sailing, hiking Seimming, kayaking, sailing, hiking Walking; basketball Biking, running, dog walking, rowing, fishing.
Walking; other forms of exercise Tae kwan Do	boating Hiking, rowing Kayaking, Swimming, Biking, Gardening, Enjoying undeveloped riverfront	Walk, bike, bowl, ping pong tennis, kayak, swimming	Many Kayak, swimming, SUP, nature walks, food truck events
Walking, biking, picnics Sailing, walking, hiking swimming, kayaking, sailing, walking, painting reading	Sailing kayaking- tennis	Running, walking. hiking, skiing, swimming, gardening baseball, walking	Hiking, biking, soccer Walk hike golf sail and baseball
basketball swimming and karate dancing, boating	Tennis Hiking, Biking, Photography, Rowing Soccer squash	Running, biking Boating, hiking Tennis You can play sports anywhere; Sports don't belong on our most rarified scenic vistas	cycling, walking, rowing rowing, kayaking, swimming hiking, running, biking, reading, playing music, walking my dog Hiking, Biking, Kayaking, Racquet Sports
fishing, hiking, boating, bird watching Fishing, volleyball, boating, hiking, relaxing in nature skiing, fishing, walking	Golf, Boating, Hiking hiking, tennis, boating Swimming, swings, walking, biking, hiking	Walking/hiking Rowing, Biking, Hiking, Skiing	Rowing walking, biking, rowing, reading
Running, Boxing, Tennis, Soccer Walking	Swimming kayaking basketball	Tennis N/a	Baseball, tennis, badminton, swimming. Hiking, walking

golf	Swimming education and affordable housing	Gardening, yoga, walking	All sports love parks for kids to play Pretty much anything outdoors--biking, kayaking, hiking, etc. Cooking, fishing, sitting by the water, reading, and gardening.
Biking, hiking, kayaking skiing		Auto racing	
Biking Baseball, Badminton, Volleyball, bicycling, walking, hiking, gardening,	kayaking	mostly all	
Baseball	Soccer, kayaking, hiking, biking	non given basketball, swimming, bowling, biking, running	Soccer, hiking, biking
Running, biking, paddleball and baseball. fishing, walking, sun bathing , reading at river	swimming, walking, reading	Tennis	yoga
Biking, hiking, yoga,	soccer, basketball and lax	Basketball	Swimming, roller skating
walking Weight training, hiking, football, basketball, baseball	kayaking	fishing festival, all kinds music	swimming, hiking, biking, physical fitness
biking, hiking	bike and walk	football, soccer, basketball	Walking, bike riding, golfing, volleyball
Hiking, kayaking, bird watching	football	fishing, biking, hiking	sailing
Art Kayaking, walking, hiking, camping, biking	all sports	hiking, biking, fishing	swimming, yoga
Rowing. Skiing	football	jet skiing	hiking
Walking	baseball	n/a	walking and watching football
Rowing, hiking, yoga	all	walking	Hiking, baseball, soccer
tennis	n/a	games singing	dancing
Rowing	all	n/a	Biking, hiking, picnicing
rowing, running, walking, biking Hockey, soccer, swimming, golf/mini golf baseball, football	walk, go to the museum	n/a	softball, volleyball, basketball
All	soccer	hiking, kayaking	Football, baseball, soccer, paintball
Rowing, sailing, hiking, biking	basketball, swimming, baseball	N/a	swimming, walk, bike ride
Running, biking	run and hike	n/a	n/a
N/a	football, basketball	basketball roller skating, volleyball, bowling, museums, concerts	bieng in nature
Just being outdoors	swimming, handball, tennis	Hiking, music	biking, kayaking, jet skis
Basketball, tennis	exercise	Walking trails	n/a
Walking	n/a	soccer	Volleyball
	tennis	Futbol	sailing, rowing
	handball, volleyball, tennis	Caminar	Volleyball
	boating	Futbol, bicicletear, pasear a mi perro	Boat cruises along river
	all		swim, rowing

All sports and dancing	n/a basketball, soccer, racquetball,swimming, singing, dancing	Montar bicicletas	walking and cycling
Racquetball	movies, food, festivals	Pesca	exercise power boating
many I do enjoy water sports. I like to run /cardio activities	food, festivals	volleyball, basketball	tennis pickleball
Swimming, biking, hiking	seeing the ecosystem	swimming, boating, jetski	soccer, baseball,basketball football, baseball, basketball, bike riding, jogging
biking, walking	n/a	running	swimming
bicycling, and motorcycle riding.		walking, ice hockey	none

OTHER COMMENTS

-The River front is an opportunity for the city to enhance itself by attracting people that then also take advantage of the cities amenities. A collection of 9 restaurants and bars will only bring disruptive crowds and keep people in a single location rather than encouraging development of the entire city. Newburgh is a perfect example. The bars and restaurants on the waterfront in no way benefit the rest of the city. Thank you for giving us this opportunity. The residents at Hudson Pointe cannot determine the opportunities at the waterfront for the rest of the City.

-If anything is going to take place on this piece of land, money will be needed in order to create it. I think the various groups that are interested in developing this land should be looking at ways to finance the endeavors. I also think it's important to get a very clear and distinct plan in place so there is a goal. Right now there seem to be a lot of groups going in a lot of different directions. That will only impede the development on the waterfront.

-A multi-generational activity area. This area for non-motorized boating, a northern waterfront for motorboats, jet-skis, river cruising. Fishing in an authorized area to keep swimmers, kayakers, safe from hooks and fishing wire.

-take down that gate

-Please no more housing/private businesses along the already limited waterfront.

-A southern waterfront development has the potential to bring many of our residents and those of the region to the river. The trick is to balance its commercial viability with recreation, education and open public space. Buildings which house the attractions (commercial and cultural) must be designed and placed in a manner that does not discourage and in fact encourages visitors to spend their time and money at the site. Good luck in your deliberations and thank you for your efforts.

-The Poughkeepsie waterfront should be an open public space for residents of Dutchess and visitors to enjoy. I should not be housing or hotel space accessible to only a select few.

-Have benches where we can sit

-No

-Whatever is planned must be affordable and accessible to all City residents, but there is also no reason to avoid attractions that would bring people from outside of Poughkeepsie to the area.

-I live own and live in a townhouse on Rinaldi, so this will impact me significantly.

-Irish, English, Polish. (Thank you)

-Hooray for moving forward! Look forward to enjoying the space.

-Banora has had more then enough time to develop the water front . His persistent attempts to create self serving ideas such as apartments are not what the city needs.

-We have a beautiful waterfront looking across at park/undeveloped cliffs. We also have a train station right on the water, which could attract visitors from other towns. It should be preserved with public access for all to enjoy and not overrun by private money making interests. Businesses should be limited and should be contributing to the local economy if invited to be a part of this public use space. Food and light outdoor recreation will help it be a lively destination for residents and visitors. I do not want to see private condos/housing take over our space.

-Alongside Walkway Over the Hudson, another cultural attraction could do wonders to make Poughkeepsie a destination and a more desirable place to live.

-The site MUST be safe and well monitored by police. It should be closed at night to avoid nefarious activities. If not implemented correctly, this will hurt the waterfront and the city. Safety and Security are paramount.

-There is too many hotels & motels being made in Poughkeepsie right now

-It's a great view of the river I don't want to see it obstructed...

-https://hudsonvalleypost.com/riverfront-amphitheater-coming-to-the-hudson-valley/?fbclid=IwAR3V6ufJ8cuW6G_ypMcQUte2xN4GJrZNYinI3XI4GNs2-yUes8-Q0DZnCA

-good looking on results

-Kids activities please!

-I'll believe that the City Council will do something beneficial when it actually happens.

-Thank your to all for your hard work. This beautiful property must be saved in a thoughtful way.

-Please pursue natural tree dense landscaping which help make a long term investment to create a public space in harmony with nature.

-If we build up the waterfront it should be for both tourists and those who live in the area. DC residents are not going to stay in hotels in their area and if we make more housing (apts houses etc) then only a select few will be able to utilize that space.

-Effort should be made to create affordable housing, libraries, education

-Ground floor is for fun stuff: shops restaurants etc, above that put office or living space. Put a nice restaurant on top for the view. Otherwise, why go there?

-Don't block the view of the current condos there.

-Give this property back to the youth and people of Poughkeepsie. Develop positive activities and enhancements.

-Please, no more condos/luxury apts at waterfront - One Dutchess is one abomination too many. Public access is key.

-something for everyone to enjoy would be great on this land, just NO HOUSING that would serve but a few

-Would LOVE to see a connected waterfront promenade from DeLaval to Boat House

-I believe an aquarium, cafes, walking paths, amphitheater while educating the people that come regarding the history of Poughkeepsie. Also, a feeling of safety would be a huge draw as well. A place where one can ride a bike or visit a new attraction then have a meal would be an amazing addition to the city especially with the colleges in Poughkeepsie.

-The waterfront is such a valuable resource. Very happy that you're working on using it to improve the local community. Would love to see it transformed into a usable space for tourism and public life.

-Thank you, this was fun

-I live in a waterfront property and want to see this lot utilized with consideration that people live here. If you wouldn't like to live next door to the options being considered then don't approve them to be next door to us. I have concerns about increased traffic on Rinaldi & Pine and crime if the area isn't properly patrolled.

-As a close neighbor to the proposed river front area, I'd like to see average people from the neighborhood included in decision-making process.

-This should be a public space, not developed into housing or commercial.

-Make Poughkeepsie proud of his Riverfront the lack of security and unclean streets are noticeably where are the nice restaurants and bars no where to walk seat and enjoy the views is sad the only restaurant next to the water is closed ..

-public space for the working/underfunded public

-Lets stop talking about developing the waterfront and get going already.

-We must make the city more attractive for tourist our water front looks very trashy and unclean no parking access if we bring nice places to eat and walk to enjoy the view Poughkeepsie will be a better place to live .

-This space should generate revenue for the city, it would be a waste of the last remaining useful property on the waterfront if it does not do so. With the new medical center this city has the ability to become a magnet for residents and tourists if this is done properly. The city should not cave to the greedy motivation of one individual or organization.

-I would love to see the waterfront family friendly. Somewhere young kids could come and play, maybe water spouts playground? If families come, it's a safe place.

-Can't wait to see what's done.

-Look at the Hudson River in Manhattan.. multiple urban solutions to attend the necessity of a community... our waterfront is unacceptable unclean and boring place to be ..what a wasted space and view..

-I would hate to see the kind of commercialization that brings ugly loud noise and oil/gas spills to the river; and I would be opposed to commercial enterprises that keep people away from the river - it should be accessible to everyone, especially children, with good educational opportunities so they can see what a beautiful resource lives in their neighborhood

-The river along Poughkeepsie belongs to the Residents of this part of Dutchess County. It should be developed to enhance experiences for them. Residential/commercial development is overtaking our natural heritage. Enough is enough.

-Please make this a beautiful asset to Dutchess County.

-Thank you to all the volunteers of this important task force. Your vision will be critical to the proper utilization of this amazing site. Your contribution to our community is notable.

-I think our governing powers ignore the current extensive use of the waterfront by communities of color.

-I want to see the waterfront used in a way that respects and cultivates natural beauty, builds community health and enrichment, and prevents private development that would remove the waterfront from comfortable public use

-Please do not make this space expensive townhouses or business space! The river and riverfront spaces are precious and rare, and the more we can treat them as such, the more we can all enjoy them and learn from them.

-Please no more luxury housing! Keep the waterfront public and accessible to all residents of Poughkeepsie.

-Really think it is important to preserve as much of the natural shore line as possible as when Henry Hudson first discovered the river sailing to it's headwaters

-We love the Waterfront and go several times a week to enjoy the skatepark. I would love to see better lighting & garbage cleaned up throughout the area and ESPECIALLY the parking lot. Public bathrooms.

-The view is lovely don't change it.

-Please use the space to bring people together in the same way that the Walkway does! The Walkway is the ONLY space in Poughkeepsie where you see a cross section of all the residents of the City/Town. I love that. We need more of that, in my opinion.

-I'd like to see more Fire Department presence on the river and water front. All the new construction, boating, crew teams and people swimming in the water makes me nervous we will lose more civilians each year.

-I would love to see unlimited public access to this site: walking trails; community-focused, small-scale retail; playgrounds and small-scale recreational facilities; shade trees and attractive, sustainable plantings; access to the river.

-We need free opportunities and open spaces!

-NO DOG PARKS. Boardwalk style waterfront would be nice.

-At this point, anything is better than nothing.

-Being able to enjoy the beautiful Hudson River is very important for all people

-It would be great for all people to enjoy the Hudson River beauty.

-retired city of poughkeepsie and would like to see waterfont developed to benefit all!!!

-Thanks for asking

-We need affordable housing in Poughkeepsie, not more luxury development. We're in a full-fledged housing crisis and the idea of building more housing that is not accessible to working people who live in the City of Poughkeepsie is obscene.

-Thank you for your committee's work on this vital issue. Waterfront decisions need to maximise public input in the process and public access in the result (decisions)!

-This seems like a very leading survey and I hope to God that you guys can get out of the way and I actually let something happen sometime in the near future.

-The Poughkeepsie waterfront lacks restaurants and shopping. I would be sad to see more housing added as there is plenty of space already designated as such. Our area needs a safe walkable waterfront with shops and restaurants!

-Mixed Use. Restaurant/River Access/Playground/Open Air Public Venue/

-This parcel would most beneficially serve the City if we pursue economic development while providing ample community space, especially if we seek out industries that are modern and have strong future economic forecasts. Surrounding counties and cities are seeking out opportunities in the e-gaming community, which is a multi-billion dollar industry, as well as businesses looking to expand in NY due to the legalization of marijuana. With the increase of retail vendors in the region, if we were to attract those types of industries, the city and region would have tremendous economic benefit.

-i grew up in Poughkeepsie and visit often. I would love to see this space stay public and natural!

-I love developed water fronts

-More affordable housing most important

-It would be great to attract tourism to our town. We also need to create more restaurants, bars, and different amenities for us citizens of Poughkeepsie and tourists alike to enjoy. Poughkeepsie has an enormous potential to become one of the most interesting Hudson River's cities.

-Still amazed that this remains an under developed resource.

-The river belongs to everyone... we don't want condos on the river, we want eco-friendly public space that everyone can share and use!!!! I live on the Hudson River and I believe we should take care of it and make it available for everyone, not just the rich.

-Good luck with this survey, thanks for soliciting community feedback!

-Keep on tax rolls.

-We own a condo at Hudson Pointe

-Please don't destroy all the Waterfronts

-Don't let great be the enemy of good. Get the fence down and people onto the space. Look at the history of evolution of usage at the Brooklyn Bridge Park — they had flea markets and food stalls before they made landscaped like it is now.

-Would love to have more waterfront space that is open and available and "lightly developed" for citizens rather than more housing to block river access

-This property is a little off the beaten path. I think its best application would be for mixed uses: open space including walking and bike paths, housing, entertainment/restaurants, and office space. Devoting this prime space to only one use is shortsighted.

-We need active uses to bring people to the waterfront, not just open space. Cafes/restaurants would be great, along with active recreation, education, etc

-No luxury housing! No luxury stores! Please don't ruin the waterfront. It should be free to access for walking and have lots of room for nature. Stop paving over everything!

-Any development of the waterfront should meet existing community needs and incorporate public access. definitely against luxury development but really affordable housing would be great.

-You have an opportunity to build an area that can be used by nature and humans. We have enough money making locations and loads of empty stores, & malls that need to be filled before building more. We need a place where nature can have a safe space and humans can enjoy the space with them and we can experience the beauty of the wild life. Walking trails and maybe guide tours pointing out the various birds and other wild that live in the sanctuary. And a place people can sit by the river, exercise, paint, meet,

have a picnic lunch, etc. A beautiful tranquil place to go and share with nature. There's Enough empty buildings, fill what we have before building more and end up destroying a beautiful spot which we don't have enough of with commercialism.

-Would love to see waterfront developed with restaurants/shops etc

-Developers are the worst. Please don't let them decide.

-None

-Need to have access-our best feature is being eaten up by out of towners.

-We already have two children's playgrounds and a children's museum, so we don't need more. We need a place where there can be cultural gatherings and fairs and open public events for adults. We already have a farmer's market spot, but it would be fun to have at least one or two affordable cafes where people can meet up and get coffee and tea and sit near the water. In my opinion, we need to connect the Walkway and Waryas Park and Kaal Rock and the Southern Waterfront so we can have access to all of them easily.

-We must develop attractions for the community to prevent crime and keep kids off the streets. Investing in the community helps everyone. A rising tide raises all ships.

-no

-We need to open up the riverfront

-Looking forward to community events on the river

-No more housing...we need more green space for residents & to attract tourists

-school teacher -- young people, families, older people need places to relax and unwind, enjoy nature

-The Hudson River is for everyone to enjoy, and the development of the southern waterfront should be designed as a destination that will attract tourists and residents with unique attractions year-round. Think of the beauty and features of Central Park, Lincoln Center, Washington Square Park in Manhattan. Thank you for your work on this project

-I'd like to see some sort of "holistic natural, organic etc" interactive setting which includes but is not limited to an emphasis on the intrinsic beauty of nature and history (i.e, Henry Hudson , raw materials "natural activities (less technology artificiality) educationally interactive stuff. Poughkeepsie is an under-appreciated city but an historically significant location -- tree city USA, beautiful old architecture, underused/appreciated parks, too much litter, ignorance etc. In my humble opinion

:)

I would like to see things that would attract tourists and local people for Recreation, education, And entertainment.

-I think this unused piece of land has been an eyesore and a waste of prime land for years. I would love to see a waterfront park like in Peekskill or Tarrytown in the space.

-Preserve this open space for public use, or it's gone forever. No more cheap, ugly "luxury housing".

-Thanks for developing this area. Very well needed!

-Fix the roads all through the city. If you want to develop this area make sure there's enough parking and its well lit at night.

-The single most important thing is that this remain a PUBLIC space, open and welcoming to all.

-The Waterfront should be a place for all city residents to use and enjoy. It should also offer amenities and services residents need. It should also be an economic catalyst to provide revenue to the City and ease the economic burden on existing homeowners.

-Bring back riverfest

-I would like to see this be developed into a space that is open to the public and gives us access to and enjoyment of the river. There is so little access in this area because of the train tracks and private ownership.

-Please allow people to see the full river view from that site, rather than just across to the other side as from Waryas Park. If housing is built it must be housing that is affordable to people who work in Poughkeepsie who are being forced to leave by runaway rent. No more luxury/upscale development and business ventures I have always felt very strongly about that site, the public must have access to that riverview. Lived in the city of Pough. 25 years and still work there.

-Happy this info is being collected and analyzed!

-Let Bonura build his plan. Council needs to get the hell out of the way of the only guy who has actually invested \$ here, and has done so for decades

-Please don't build anything that will block the view of the mountains

-My race is the human race

-Use the property that will bring Revenue to the city of poughkeepsie

-Do not block the water access to people by creating apartment buildings, or town houses.

-Water pad would be great for poughkeepsie city kids the nearest sprinklers are Bowdoin and a lot don't have access there.

-What happened to the plans to develop the area into markets, aquarium, swimming area, restaurants.

-Can't wait to see what the decision will be

-Good luck

-Nice to see this happening in Poughkeepsie. It has so much potential

-Hoping for more space and safe activities for younger population and kids

-Please make the riverfront accesible to everyone

-whatever goes there please let it be useful for Poughkeepsie residents and also hire Poughkeepsie people to work there.

-when are we going to see any of this happen? Will it benefit our lives soon?

-Attract younger people! Activities for young and old would be wonderful!

-Anything that is constructed should be handicapped accessible

-Please no housing buildings our schools can't handle more children.

-Do something for the young people. make the river handicapped accessible

-Thankyou

-none

-We need more activities for our youth. More things to do at the river. It's so empty and boring.

-We need kid oriented things!

-The low economy population matters

-excited to see this

-access to the greatest river in the world is paramount to the revitalization of Poughkeepsie

-The river belongs to the community it should be revitalized to serve the needs of the area fun and affordable

-Thank you for the survey

-Thanks for including me in the survey! Happy Juneteenth!

-The city needs more kid(teen) friendly activities!

-we need more biking trails

-We definitely need to preserve the open space for public enjoyment: community festivals, boat building, teaching safe rowing, sailing, kayaking... public access does not mean more restaurants more "mixed use development" when the might Hudson rivers rises (as it will) we'll have no riverfron where it exists now... we need to protect the shade nursery off shore there too...our drinking H2O is the Hudson River. I'm very concerned about the toxicity (PCB radiation Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant) coal tars, PFAS, PFOS salt (salt line comes up to POK where there's drought or to much H2O taken by businessses (brewery, saki, etc)

-shuttles would be helpful if parking is limited

-hope this makes a difference

-Let's create a public area for everyone to enjoy the river. Additional housing on the river limits public access or feeling of bieng welcomed.

-no

I have two children who love being at the river as well

-Please- NO housing there. This should be public parkland

-I am a lifetime resident here in downtown Poughkeepsie, lived here all my life, my home, rental property , and business are all here, I've always known this is a great city with lots to offer!! We are so excited that everyone else is catching up.

-I would like to see beautiful plants and flowers as I walk or sit by the river

-Please do not build any more apartments or condos.

-It would be really nice to see a more accessible waterfront similar to Beacon (Long Dock Park), Newburgh or Peekskill.

- Poughkeepsie's waterfront has POTENTIAL! Thanks for taking on the task of making it larger and better for all our citizens.
- Definitely do not need anymore hotels or shopping centers, we have plenty in the area. City needs more green space with trees and gardens, recreational activities for the people who live here.
- I would like to see food truck events, and it would be great if Kaal Rock, Waryas and this area were all connected
- No PILOT or giveaways, make more free parking, tie it in with walkway activities (boardwalk on Kaal rock)
- Love to see things for locals and also hope to connect that area to kaal rock and Waryas park
- Let's move to get the area fixed up!!!!
- One additional feature that may be considered is a walking bridge over route 9 from the Vassar Medical Campus, to allow patients, visitors, employees, and residents of the neighborhood easy access to the site. To further improve accessibility to the wider community, the area should feature improved pedestrian and cycling connections to the rest of the city and frequent bus service, since a significant number of city residents do not have access to a car.
- It would be lovely to have another public access to the river
- Thank you for being open to feedback. Please keep as much of this river site as green as possible. I don't visit the water front in the evening's for safety reasons.
- PLEASE ! I have owned a home in the City of Poughkeepsie for 45 years, paid my taxes and am civic minded. For 45 years I have been advocating for more open spaces for the public use along the River front...But instead, River views and access have been systematically blocked by development, while other Cities have enhanced their River front properties. Now I have to go to other Cities and Towns to enjoy more waterfront and natural environments. For once, PLEASE DONT TAKE AWAY beautiful River views. Do the right thing for our environment and our future !
- Expand and maintain public parkland on the waterfront.

-I would like The southern waterfront to connect to the other parks on the river.

-It's admittedly difficult to balance development and nature. I would love to visit the waterfront more if it was easy to access (without having to pay for parking) and there were just enough people around to enjoy people watching and feel like I'm somewhere interesting, without so many people that it feels crowded and noisy. Perhaps an area for a few food trucks with enough picnic tables to seat everyone? Regular acoustic performances such as singer-songwriters and jazz ensembles with no amplified music would also suit the setting. Keep away the group activities and mega-playgrounds, please! Something that attracts mature adults and families without bands of teenagers!

-Post results of poll to participants. Thanks

-Thanks for conducting this survey and for trying to develop the land in the best interest of the people. We really appreciate the work you are doing to thoughtfully develop this waterfront area into something wonderful!

-Seeing as how there are all ready a lot of apartments/housing on the river, I think that this space should be used people to enjoy the river, and maybe add a recreational space for kids to learn about the river and its founders. And adding entertainment such as a theater or performance stages or something along those lines would be nice, but unfortunately some of the people and staff of the Grand View would not like that. It would cause unnecessary tension and even though it would be on property they do not own, we still have to be aware of people who work there.

-I believe we need more free river access

-Please let us enjoy the wee bit of river we the taxpayers can see. We are already looking like Yonkers on the Hudson from the train.

-This looks like a great opportunity to expand public access to the waterfront! Excited to watch this space develop into something beautiful.

Please, no condos.

-It's long overdue to develop the waterfront..Hopefully it will be all season activities there unlike the skate park

-It seems like an incredible opportunity for the community, so I look forward to learning more soon.

-The very limited waterfront space that Poughkeepsie has is too valuable to be given over to some building developer!

-Would be really nice to extend the river walkway

-I grew up in city of Poughkeepsie. The Hudson River has always been part of my life, whether it is enjoying the view and having a picnic by the river or walking along the shoreline. This access should be for all , since the Hudson is the cord that unites all of us who live in this area.

-No

-Thank you for taking care of this important and beautiful space. We used to live in Beacon and love the Beacon waterfront for its beauty and environmentally protected design and care. Please involve Scenic Hudson in the planning and stewardship for Poughkeepsie's waterfront - it will be an important, welcome and wonderful part of a thriving Poughkeepsie!

-Pubs, eateries that don't just target younger adults and not as welcoming to those of us who are young seniors

-so appreciate this effort!

-I hope that intentional outreach is being done to get input from Black residents of the city. Any development should be done with the intention of benefiting and including residents of color in the city, rather than with the intention of attracting tourists. To not do so is to perpetuate gentrification.

-It would be nice to have a top notch tennis area around the city, not these trashy ones

-Bring back events like Riverfest. No more apartments or office space. This area should be for the public.

-This is wasted space that should be used to bring tourism and businesses to the city

-Thank you for getting local input!

-I would like to see this development happen in the near future. Too much time has gone by waiting for would be developers with private interests. With the number of apartment complexes and the huge development happening at the Hudson Valley Psychiatric Center we don't need another set of retail stores. We need space for weekly events (farmers markets or flea markets) where products from the Hudson Valley can be highlighted like the Smorgsbord that used to happen in Kingston. Poughkeepsie would have been a better venue for that monthly event due to rail access. It was really a great event and beautiful on river, but hard to access without a car. I'm worried that the condo owners above are too concerned about their priorities over what is good for the city.

-Mainly filling out this survey to ask you to please not build more over priced condos that will continue to gentrify Poughkeepsie. Poughkeepsie residents deserve more access to the river over private companies making money off of Brooklynites. Respect the people of Poughkeepsie and give them more parks and green spaces!

-You did give an option to How often do I visit waterfront that is acceptable. There is no waterfront to visit. I would be in a park, bike lane, etc. at least 4 times a week. But we have to go elsewhere to get waterfront. GIVE US SOME WATER FRONT. no more buildings, corporate greed, develop main street for people to get off the train.

-Green space, park space, play space!

Poughkeepsie Southern Waterfront Survey

On March 1st, the Poughkeepsie Common Council created a task force to explore the redevelopment of a publicly-owned, 13-acre site on Poughkeepsie's southern waterfront at the end of Rinaldi Blvd. The land would nearly double the amount of riverfront space in our city. The task force is seeking public input in order to provide recommendations to the Council and Mayor about the use of this land. Thank you for taking a few minutes to answer this survey. Your feedback will ensure that the redevelopment of the site reflects the needs of the Poughkeepsie community.

* Required

1. Email *

This is Poughkeepsie's southern waterfront site. What do you want to see here?



2. How often do you currently visit the Poughkeepsie waterfront? *

Mark only one oval.

- Frequently (multiple times a week)
- Sometimes (once or twice a month)
- Rarely (once or twice a year)
- Never

3. What are the reasons that you think some residents might not use the waterfront? (Choose top two.) *

Check all that apply.

- Nothing interesting to do/not enough activities or amenities
- Hard to get to/lack of transportation
- Feels unwelcoming or unfamiliar
- Not enough places to eat or drink
- Not a part of their routine
- Percieved as unsafe
- Don't know which parts are public and private

Other: _____

4. Have you ever been to this site on the southern waterfront (See photo above- at the end of Rindaldi Blvd)? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

5. What excites you most about the future of Poughkeepsie's southern waterfront? (choose two) *

Check all that apply.

- Expanded public access to waterfront
- Improved quality of life for city residents
- Added economic benefits to community
- Enhanced options for tourism
- More housing
- Expanded open space on the river

Other: _____

6. Which features or amenities would you like to see as part of the redevelopment of this site? (Choose your top six) *

Check all that apply.

- Open space
- Public market space
- Outdoor event space (amphitheater/stage for music and theater)
- River boat cruises
- Multipurpose indoor event space
- Walking/biking paths
- Fishing piers
- Recreational boat docks
- A playground for youth
- Sports facilities
- Ice Rink/ Skating Rink
- Swimming/river pool
- Office space
- Retail/shopping
- Restaurants/cafes/eateries
- Grocery
- Housing/Apartments
- Hotel/Bed and Breakfast
- Aquarium
- Public art
- Educational facility and/or displays
- Museum/gallery space
- Dog park

Other: _____

7. Which features or amenities would you NOT like to see as part of the redevelopment of this site? (Choose six least desirable.) *

Check all that apply.

- Open space
- Public market space
- Outdoor event space (amphitheater/stage for music and theater)
- River boat cruises
- Multipurpose indoor event space
- Walking/biking paths
- Fishing piers
- Recreational boat docks
- A playground for youth
- Sports facilities
- Ice Rink/ Skating Rink
- Swimming/river pool
- Office space
- Retail/shopping
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- Grocery
- Housing/Apartments
- Hotel/Bed and Breakfast
- Aquarium
- Public art
- Museum/gallery space
- Educational facility/displays
- Dog park

Other: _____

8. Have you ever been on a boat or a kayak on the river? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

9. Which water based activities would you like to do more of? *

Check all that apply.

Rowing

Kayaking

Motorized boating

River cruising

Sailing

Fishing

Jet skiing

Water skiing

Swimming

None

Other: _____

10. What cultural activities do you seek out? (Choose top four) *

Check all that apply.

- Concerts, musicals, and other musical performances
- Plays/Theater
- Dance performances
- Museums
- Comedic performances
- Holiday themed shows or festivals
- History tours
- Garden or nature themed sites
- Educational lectures/events
- Craft fairs and markets
- Youth oriented events
- Food festivals
- None

Other: _____

11. Have you ever touched the river? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

12. What is your swimming level? *

Mark only one oval.

- I don't know how to swim
- I am a beginner and have limited confidence in the water
- I swim moderately well
- I am an advanced/avid swimmer

13. What sports and recreational activities do you enjoy? *

14. Where do you live? *

Mark only one oval.

- City of Poughkeepsie
- Town of Poughkeepsie
- Elsewhere in Dutchess County
- Outside of Dutchess County

15. What is your age? (optional)

16. What is your gender? (optional)

17. Are you Hispanic or Latino? (optional)

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

18. Race/Ethnicity (optional)

Check all that apply.

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

19. Any other comments?

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Encuesta sobre el desarrollo de la zona costera sur en Poughkeepsie

El primero de marzo, el ayuntamiento de Poughkeepsie formó un comité con el propósito de explorar el desarrollo de 13 acres de propiedad pública en la parte sur de la zona costera del río al final del bulevar Rinaldi. Este terreno casi doblaría el espacio de zona costera en nuestra ciudad. El comité busca sugerencias del público para ofrecer recomendaciones sobre el uso de este terreno al ayuntamiento y al alcalde. Gracias por dedicar unos pocos minutos de su tiempo para contestar esta encuesta. Su feedback asegurará que el desarrollo de este terreno refleje las necesidades de la comunidad de Poughkeepsie.

* Required

1. Email *

Ésta es la zona costera sur de Poughkeepsie ¿Qué le gustaría ver aquí?



2. ¿Con qué frecuencia visita la zona costera en Poughkeepsie? *

Mark only one oval.

- Con mucha frecuencia (dos veces por semana)
- A veces (una vez por mes)
- Casi nunca (una vez por año)
- Nunca

3. ¿Por qué razones la gente no usa la zona costera en Poughkeepsie? *

Mark only one oval.

- No hay nada que hacer
- No hay acceso fácil
- Es incómoda
- No hay sitios para comer o beber
- No es parte de su rutina
- No se siente segura
- No se sabe qué partes son públicas y cuáles son privadas
- Other: _____

4. ¿Alguna vez ha visitado este lugar? Vea la foto de la zona costera sur más arriba. *

Mark only one oval.

- Sí
- No

5. ¿Qué es lo que más le entusiasma del futuro de la zona costera sur de Poughkeepsie? *

Mark only one oval.

- Acceso público más amplio a la costa del río
- Mejor calidad de vida para los residentes de la ciudad
- Beneficios económicos adicionales a la comunidad
- Más opciones para el turismo
- Más vivienda
- Más espacio abierto a la costa del río

6. ¿Qué recursos o comodidades deberían formar parte del desarrollo de la zona costera sur en Poughkeepsie? Elija los seis que prefiere.

Check all that apply.

- Espacio abierto
- Mercado al aire libre
- Anfiteatro o espacio para eventos al aire libre
- Cruceros por el río
- Espacio para eventos adentro
- Senderos para caminar/ciclar
- Muelle de pesca
- Muelle público para embarcaciones
- Patio de recreo infantil
- Facilidades deportivas
- Pista de hielo/ patinaje
- Natación en el río
- Espacio de oficina
- Tiendas y comercio minorista
- Restaurantes/café
- Súpermercados/tiendas de comestibles
- Espacio para vivienda como casas y apartamentos
- Hotel/ Bed and Breakfast
- Acuario
- Arte público
- Facilidades o exhibiciones educativas
- Museo o galería de arte
- Parque para perros

Other: _____

7. ¿Qué recursos o comodidades NO deben formar parte del desarrollo de la zona costera sur en Poughkeepsie? Elija seis que no le gustaría ver allí. *

Check all that apply.

- Espacio abierto
- Mercado al aire libre
- Anfiteatro o espacio para eventos al aire libre
- Cruceros por el río
- Espacio para eventos adentro
- Senderos para caminar/ciclar
- Muelle de pesca
- Muelle público para embarcaciones
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- Arte público
- Facilidades o exhibiciones educativas
- Museo o galería de arte
- Parque para perros

Other: _____

8. ¿Alguna vez ha estado en una embarcación, bote, o kayak en el río? *

Mark only one oval.

Sí

No

9. ¿En qué actividades acuáticas le gustaría participar más frecuentemente?

Check all that apply.

Remo

Kayak

Paseo en barco de motor

Cruceros de río

Paseo en barco de vela

Pesca

Motociclismo acuático

Esquí acuático

Natación

Ninguna

Other: _____

10. ¿En qué actividades culturales busca participar? Elija cuatro. *

Check all that apply.

- Conciertos, musicales, y otros espectáculos
- Teatro
- Shows de baile
- Museos
- Show de comedia
- Festivales o espectáculos de temporadas festivas
- Tours de historia
- Jardines
- Conferencias educativas
- Mercados y ferias de artesanías
- Eventos para la juventud
- Festivales de comida

Other: _____

11. ¿Alguna vez ha tocado el río? *

Mark only one oval.

- Sí
- No

12. ¿Cuál es su nivel de natación? *

Mark only one oval.

- No sé cómo nadar
- Soy novato y no tengo mucha confianza cuando estoy en el agua
- Puedo nadar bastante bien
- Soy nadador experto

13. ¿Qué deportes o pasatiempos le gustan? *

14. ¿Dónde vive? *

Mark only one oval.

- Poughkeepsie (la ciudad)
- Poughkeepsie (el pueblo)
- Condado de Dutchess
- Fuera del Condado de Dutchess

15. ¿Que edad tiene? (opcional)

16. ¿Cuál es su género? (opcional)

17. ¿Se considera usted Latino/Hispano? (opcional)

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

18. Raza/ etnia (opcional)

Check all that apply.

- Amerindio o nativo de Alaska
- Asiático
- Negro o afroamericano
- Nativo de Hawaii o islas del Pacífico
- Blanco

Other: _____

19. ¿Algo más?

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